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FAMILY FLEES FIRE: A family fled a burning house on the Queens Road/Karaka Street corner in Elgin this morning. Firefighters say they got out in time thanks to the early warning provided by smoke alarms. One family member was taken to Gisborne Hospital for a check-up. Firefighters estimated the house was 70 percent damaged while the rest of the property was severely smoke-damaged.
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Picture by Paul Rickard



‘REVOLUTION’ IN WOOD PROCESSING

Gisborne plant a world-first

by Andrew Ashton

GISBORNE is the centre of a potential \$200 million “revolution” in wood processing and New Zealand house-building after the official opening of a world-first technology plant.

Economic and Regional Development Minister and Forestry Minister Stuart Nash was in Gisborne yesterday to open Wood Engineering Technology’s Optimised Engineered Lumber (OEL) production line.

The plant is the only one of its type in the world. It produces Wood Engineering Technology’s breakthrough product OEL, which is one of only seven engineered lumber products ever commercialised.

Mr Nash also turned the first sod on the company’s second production line, construction of which will start

in six months and will take about 20 months to complete.

“This is fantastic,” Mr Nash told The Herald.

“We are building more houses than any other government ever. We have a lot more we need to build and we have a new wood-first policy that says any new build that is built for the state sector or by the state sector must be built out of wood.

“This is really strong wood. It has a structural integrity that is probably better than concrete and steel.

“This is really important in terms of driving the sort of homes we want to build. They will be working with Kainga Ora, no doubt, and other contractors because if you are building for the government it has to be built out of wood, and this fits the spec.”

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HOOPS AND DREAMS

Basketball stars here for Elgin School hoops opening

TIPS FROM THE TOP: Tall Black international and New Zealand Breakers player Tom Abercrombie at the opening of two new basketball hoops at Elgin School yesterday. Abercrombie has made well over 100 appearances for his country and is one of only three players to have played for the Breakers in all four of their Australian National Basketball League championship wins. Shooting for the stars is Rangitui Walker. Picture by Liam Clayton

by Jack Malcolm

TALL Black Tom Abercrombie and Tall Fern Charlis Leger-Walker were in Gisborne yesterday to open two new basketball hoops at Elgin School.

The hoops are part of Basketball New Zealand's Hoops for Schools programme and have been installed in Gisborne in association with Turanga Health.

Elgin School principal Janet Collier-Poi said they were "very fortunate" to receive the new hoops, which she believed would help promote an active and healthy lifestyle for the students.

"I think it's going to make a huge difference primarily with their behaviour (in school). It's going to create opportunity for the tamariki and the other members of our school community."

Also attending the opening were members of the Gisborne Basketball Academy squad and students from Manutuke, Waikirikiriri and Te Wharau schools.

The students completed drills run by New Zealand Breakers star and four-time National Basketball League winner Abercrombie and Washington State University rising star Leger-Walker, the youngest player ever (16 years, 202 days old) to play for the Tall Ferns.

They then had lunch provided by Turanga Health and in the afternoon, learned about home gardening from Enable Grow.

Along with the new hoops, the school also has a new playground scheduled to open next week. Ms Collier-Poi said funding from a raft of community

groups and trusts helped lower the cost of the playground to the school.

Elgin is the second Gisborne school to receive a state-of-the-art hoop. Cobham School opened theirs in October last year.

Following on from the visit by Abercrombie and Leger-Walker, Basketball New Zealand director of coach development Natu Taufale is in Gisborne over the weekend to run workshops for local coaches.

As of yesterday, 20 coaches had already signed up for the sessions which will focus on secondary school and representative basketball.

"We can't coach them (children) like you did 20 years ago... we've got to improve the quality for the participants," Mr Taufale said.

"Our goal is knowing all kids are going to play different sports, and to love sport for life. It is such a unique connector and is going to help them through life. There are a lot of transferrable skills.

Basketball is the second most popular sport for secondary school-aged children, with 24,212 participants last year, according to New Zealand Secondary School Sports census results.

Of the seven biggest sports in school — football, netball, rugby, volleyball, hockey, cricket and basketball — it is one of only two to experience growth in the last five years.

With a 4 percent increase in its player base, basketball is on track to become the most popular secondary school sport, overtaking netball, which has had a 14 percent decrease over the same time period.



SKILLS SESSION: Tall Fern and Washington State University freshman Charlis Leger-Walker shows young basketballers how it's done at the opening of two new hoops at Elgin School yesterday. Leger-Walker had an outstanding season with Washington, culminating in her being named the Pac-12 conference's freshman player of the year and being named on ESPN's list of the top 25 women's college basketballers for next year. Picture by Liam Clayton

LOOKING AHEAD



FOCUS ON THE LAND

- The Beef and Lamb New Zealand 'Roadshow' comes to Gisborne next Wednesday — George Tatham and Sam McIvor in attendance.
- Prices and comment from today's weekly sheep sale at Matawhero, with around 1000 head on offer.
- Fieldays winds up tomorrow and the Mystery Creek site has been packed since the iconic event got under way on Wednesday.

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GIVING BACK National Volunteer Week, June 20-26

by Murray Robertson

A LONG-TIME volunteer firefighter says being part of a brigade is like being part of a family.

National Volunteer Week runs from June 20 to 26 and among the more than one million New Zealanders who volunteer for an organisation is Doris Hill — a Fire and Emergency NZ volunteer station officer for the past 20 years.

FENZ has 11,500 volunteers like Doris throughout the country.

“I always wanted to drive a big red fire truck and more than 20 years ago I took the first step,” Doris says.

“I joined the Juken NZ industrial brigade at Matawhero and then the Gisborne volunteer fire brigade.

“You have to work your way up to become a qualified brigade driver and it felt like a big achievement when, after five years in the brigade, I got behind the wheel.

“I’m now a station officer and still get lots of surprised looks from people when I tell them ‘yes, I do drive the fire truck’.

“But of course it’s about more than that. It’s about doing something for my community and giving back.”

- 21.5 percent of New Zealanders do volunteer work.
- The value of formal volunteering is estimated at \$4 billion a year.
- New Zealanders contribute around 159 million hours of formal volunteer labour each year to organisations.
- 49.8 percent of people 15 years of age or older report having performed formal and/or informal volunteer work.
- Of people who volunteer, 28.2 percent volunteerED through an organisation and 36.5 volunteerED directly.
- This year’s theme for National Volunteer Week is “Recognise, Connect, Reimagine”.

— For more on volunteering, including stories of people who mahi aroha (work for love), go to nationalvolunteerweek.nz

As well as being a volunteer, she has installed smoke alarms in some of the more remote areas in the community near the school where she works and presented fire safety programmes (Maui-tinei-ahi) at schools.

“Sometimes I need to leave occasions suddenly, or cannot make an event, but my whanau understand my commitment to the brigade and community.

“When you’re part of the brigade, you’re part of a family.”

Doris’s son Tama is also a volunteer firefighter.

“I was so proud when he said he

wanted to see his mother’s work.

“I love that being part of the brigade is something we can share and do together.

The pair recently completed the Firefighter Sky Tower Stair Challenge together, climbing the 1100-plus steps of the Auckland landmark in full kit.

“Having Tama with me at the top of the 51 flights of stairs is something I’ll never forget.

“If you’re thinking about becoming a volunteer firefighter, or volunteering in a support role, I say go for it.

“I did and I have not looked back.



BE IN IT: Gisborne volunteer firefighter Station Officer Doris Hill (left) encourages people interested in becoming a firefighting volunteer, or doing volunteer work in general, to go for it. She is pictured with firefighters (from left) Gary Graham, Rob Graham and Robin Sneddon. The group were collecting money for the Firefighter Sky Tower Stair Challenge in May and Ebony Krufft was happy to donate to the cause. Picture by Paul Rickard

It’s given me skills and confidence I never knew I had.”

Any sort of voluntary work is valuable, she says.

“In any field it all counts because

at the end of the day you are serving your community.

“It doesn’t matter when, where or what you volunteer to do, just be in it as a volunteer.”

New plant a ‘game-changer’

Ready for Phase 2

FROM PAGE 1

Mr Nash said the development of the second line and the company’s plans for more plants here would help raise the region’s wealth.

“These guys pay fantastic money. These are high-skilled jobs. You are getting \$500 per hour of output — that is massive productivity and it’s happening here in Gisborne.”

Mr Nash said the Government had provided about \$10m in concessionary loans and had also worked closely with the company to make sure this could happen for several years.

“To see it in full production mode is just fantastic. This is a revolution.”

Wood Engineering Technology (WET) Tony Johnston said the structural lumber produced would be solely for the domestic market.

“Today was a celebration that we have got this one to a fully-operational level. It’s servicing customers and it’s doing what we wanted it to do.

“Probably what’s more significant is what we’ve learned from this plant. . . . and now we have the funds available and made a number of decisions on how to significantly enhance the process. We are ready now to start implementing that second phase.

“This second line will be just over two times the capacity. It will be about 50 metres longer but it will do all the same things — just in a more efficient way.”

The company raised \$30m



BREAKING NEW GROUND: Rongowhaka pou tikanga Taharakau Stewart and Economic Development Minister Stuart Nash turn the first sod at the new Wood Engineering Technology processing plant at Matawhero. “To see it in full production mode is just fantastic. This is a revolution.”

Picture by Liam Clayton

through a combination of the Provincial Growth Fund and private investors to build the new line.

“This second line will need about 20 technically qualified, highly-paid people working here.”

Two more plants, each with two production lines, were also planned for Gisborne through a \$200m expansion plan.

“We haven’t got that funded at

this stage but like all these sorts of projects it will attract funding as people see its usefulness, its utility and its profitability,” Mr Johnston said.

When completed, the Gisborne location will have six production lines producing up to 140,000 cubic meters of OEL — enough for more than 11,000 houses — and employing more than 130 people.

WET chairman Angus

Fletcher said the Gisborne plan was “the biggest development in wood processing in over 30 years”.

“But more importantly, OEL is helping New Zealand address its biggest challenges — climate change, productivity, regional development and the need for higher-density housing.

“Our disruptive technology turns unprocessed logs that would have otherwise been sent

overseas into an innovative, high-value product. And it does it in a fully automated, artificially intelligent, robotic factory in less than 12 hours while creating skilled, higher-paid jobs in our regions — New Zealand innovation at its best.”

Mr Fletcher said the Gisborne operation — run by WET Gisborne Limited, a joint venture between WET and Trust Tairāwhiti — had been 16 years in development.

“We would not be here today without the support of our partners and funders. Specifically, I must thank the Government’s Provincial Growth Fund, Technology NZ, Callaghan Innovation, Scion and Trust Tairāwhiti.”

WET Gisborne Limited (WGL) chairman John Rae said the development was a “game-changer” for the regional economy and forest owners.

He also praised regional economic development agency Trust Tairāwhiti (formerly Activate Tairāwhiti) for having “the cojones” to invest about \$20m over the years, following an initial \$4.7m investment in 2016, which established the Gisborne plant at the Prime Wood Cluster Centre of Excellence at Matawhero.

Trust Tairāwhiti economic development general manager Richard Searle said: “Trust Tairāwhiti is pleased to have invested alongside Wood Engineering Technology to continue to drive increased processing of our logs in the region to create further high-value jobs and build our economic resilience to the fluctuations of international log markets.”

WGL is the entity which operates the Gisborne plants. WET is a shareholder in WGL, along with Trust Tairāwhiti.

FAMILY NOTICES

Deaths

Deaths

ATKINS, Taina Diana. — Passed peacefully, surrounded by her whanau, on Thursday 17 June 2021, aged 85 years. Beloved wife of the late Kodak Atkins. Dearly loved mother and mother-in-law of Haripa and Glen, Boy (dec), Claude and Donna, Michael and Joanne, Tom and Liz, Sonia and Bruce, Maxcine and Chris, Vernon and Barb, Candy and Puri, Henry St Peterzel Katae (dec). Much-loved Nanny D to all her moko and great-moko.

A service will be held at Evans Chapel, 1pm, Friday 18 June. Mum will then be taken to lie overnight at Mihaia Church, Uawa.

Saturday 19 June, we will take Mum to Te Rawheoro Marae at 9am, where a funeral service will be held at 12noon, followed by her interment at Poututara Urupa, Factory Road, Uawa.

FINDSON, Meril Eve. — 4.11.1949 - 15.6.2021. After a long battle. Dearly loved wife of Kevin (Schneider). Mother of Karl, and grandmother of Britney. Sister of Geoffrey (dec) and Alison Hutchins, Gail and John (dec) Taylor, and Denise Hutchins. Loved Aunt to all her nieces and nephews and their families.

Meril's funeral service will be held at Evans Chapel, Ormond Road at 1.30pm on Saturday 19th June followed by private cremation. In lieu of flowers, it was Meril's wish that donations be made to Dialysis Tairawhiti Fund (SDU) and may be sent C/- PO Box 877, Gisborne 4040.

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

SMITH, Cynthia Ann (Cindy). — 30.6.1953 - 17.6.2021. Loved wife of Paul. Loved Mum to Akuhata, Damien and Diana. Grandma to Zarian, Trent and Xavier. Mum-in-law to Roberta, Michelle and Tai. Daughter of the late Bill and Charlotte Ribbon. Sister to Sandra, Roger (dec), Carol, Edward, Morice, Tumanako, Charlie (dec), Raewyn, Trixie and Wiremu. Treasured aunty and friend to many.

Mum will be at 3 Newton St until Monday morning, then her service at 11am at home, followed by a private cremation.

STEWART, Donald Oliphant. — Returned Serviceman No. 817974, Trooper. 10.2.1928 - 17.6.2021.

Passed away peacefully, at Kiri Te Kanawa Rest Home. Loved son of the late Edward Oliphant Stewart and Elizabeth Bartlett. Beloved husband of the late Isabel Percival Stewart (nee Smith). Beloved father of Kathleen (dec), Kingi, Buffy, Charlie, Lionel, Joy, Aroha, Judy, Josephine, John, and Edward.

Loved Grandpa of many moko, mokopuna, and mokomokomoko.

Everyone is welcome to come and pay their respects on Saturday 19th June from 3pm to 6pm at Evans Chapel, Ormond Road.

The funeral service will be held at Evans Chapel, Ormond Road at 11am on Sunday 20th June. Donald will then travel to Rangiwhao Marae and then to his final resting place at Taruheru Lawn Cemetery.

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WRITING SPARK WINNERS: Back, from left, Clayton Taylor-Nelson (pen name Teiranaahi), Moana Hoogland, Holly Flyger, Henarata Kohere-Pishief, Barney Crawford. Front, from left, Elise Brooke (pen name Sheilasmith), Taranga Kent, Phyllis McGann (pen name Philomena), Regina De Wolf-Ngarimu (pen name R de Wolf). Picture by Liam Clayton

All ages share their writing dreams

by Matai O'Connor

A competition set up by Gisborne author Regina De Wolf-Ngarimu was a chance for local writers to connect and share.

The competition called The Writing Spark was an idea for a writing prompt that started through people's generosity, Regina said.

"I didn't really have any expectations but it grew legs and developed a life of its own," she said.

The prompt was shared with schools and through community groups.

The prizegiving was fantastic, Regina said.

"It was a relaxed mingling of some of our local writing tribe, with appreciation of the work of these talented individuals."

Regina says it was tough choosing prizewinners.

"It was so successful that we will be doing it again next year.

"I was chuffed to receive work from ages 11 to over 70. This captured the stories of our past we don't want to lose and the views of our rangatahi who will write the future," she said.

Published and unpublished authors were represented in the submissions. "I think

everyone who received an award who isn't yet published, could be," she said.

It was not only about giving out prizes to the winners but also to meet each other and korero about writing and creativity.

"We talked about things like copywriting, retaining ownership of rights, creating a brand and image. Also getting to know one another better by sharing contacts and supporting each other because we are a creative community," Regina said.

Moana Hoogland won the under-18 short story, Holly Flyger won under-18 creative writing, Henarata Pishief won under-18 poem and Marni Hale won junior writer.

Philomena McGann won with her poem. Taranga Kent also won with a poem about love. Teira Naahi won with his three line poem. Elise Brooke won with her romance short story and Barney Crawford won the heart award for his short story.

Prizes included Witi Ihimaera books, Maui Studio posters from Taiki El, book vouchers and Taranga Kent received a signed copy of the book Maori Peoples of New Zealand. Regina made certificates for each of the winners that carried a special message for each of them.

"There is a strong creative community in Tairawhiti," Regina said.

Elise Brooke, who uses the penname Sheila Smith, has published two books. She has a passion for creative writing and has written fiction, nonfiction and poetry.

She was happy about winning the prize and loves the creative crew she has found through Regina and enjoys talking to them and getting advice from them.

Moana learnt about the writing spark competition after attending Regina's book launch for Guardians of our Ancestors

A competition like this helps Moana get her name out there and meet other writers and creatives.

"No matter how old you are or how good you are at writing, just write," Moana said.

Taranga Kent saw the writing spark as a chance to push herself to write something new and get it out there. She first met Regina at the Tairawhiti Writers Hub and from there got talking.

"She is so supportive of me and others. I read a poem to her and she told me it would be worth publishing. It's good to get support from other writers," Taranga said.

Smoke alarms alert family to house fire

FROM PAGE 1
by Murray Robertson

A FIVE bedroom home in Elgin this morning was extensively damaged by fire this morning.

The family who lived there have lost most of their household possessions.

Fire and Emergency NZ sent two appliances to the property at the corner of Queens Road and Karaka Street at around 9.20am after receiving multiple 111 calls.

"The family were alerted to the fire by smoke alarms and managed to get out safely," said Senior Station Officer Peter

Carroll.

One member of the family was taken to Gisborne Hospital by St John ambulance for a checkup.

"The house was well involved in fire when we arrived."

The fire spread very quickly through the privately-owned residence.

"It appears to have started in the kitchen area somehow and the flames have gone straight up the hallway," SSO Carroll said.

"The people who lived there

were at the other end of the house when it started.

"Fortunately the working smoke alarms in the home alerted them.

"They were able to get their elderly grandmother and everyone else out safely."

The flames had broken through the roof in a couple of places.

"What's not been gutted by the fire has been badly smoke damaged."

SSO Carroll estimated about

‘This fire again illustrates the value of having working smoke alarms in the home’

—SSO Peter Carroll

Awards for excellence

GISBORNE'S top businesses will battle it out tonight at the Westpac Tairawhiti Business Excellence Awards 2021.

The awards gala dinner is at Farmers Air Showgrounds Event Centre, when seven category winners will be crowned, along with a supreme winner.

Television personality and raconteur Jeremy Corbett will emcee the event.

A sell-out crowd of 350 is expected. Twenty-three finalists are in the mix to take out category trophies and impress the judging panel — Whaimutu Dewes, Doug Jones, Shannon Dowsing, Matt Logan, Alice Pettigrew, Barbara Clarke, Matt Long, Catherine Chrisp and Richard Harding.

Heavy rain watch

A HEAVY rain watch has been issued for Gisborne, north of Tolaga Bay. The MetService has advised from 5pm tomorrow through to noon on Sunday there will be heavy periods of rain that could reach "warning amounts".

Alert after shellfish toxin found

THE Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has issued a warning to the public against collecting shellfish in parts of Hawke's Bay due to high toxin levels detected in shellfish samples from Pania Reef.

The warning extends from the Mohaka River mouth to the top of Cape Kidnappers.

"Routine tests on shellfish samples taken from this region have shown levels of Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP) toxins above the safe limit of 0.8 mg/kg," an MPI spokesman said.

"Anyone eating shellfish from this area is potentially at risk of illness."

It applies to mussels, oysters, tuatua, pipi, toheroa, cockles, scallops, catseyes, and kina. All other bivalve shellfish should not be eaten.

Cooking shellfish does not remove the toxin.

Paua, crab, and crayfish may still be eaten if the gut has been completely removed prior to cooking, as toxins accumulate in the gut.

"Monitoring of toxin levels will continue and any changes will be communicated accordingly."

"There are no commercial shellfish farms in the affected region."

The same warning was issued last year and the danger zone was eventually extended to include Mahia and just south of Gisborne.

CELEBRATING MATARIKI



MATARIKI signals the start of the Maori New Year and is a time of renewal and celebration in Aotearoa that begins with the rising of the Matariki star cluster.

To celebrate Matariki, Te Runanganui o Turanganui a Kiwa (TROTAK) is holding three pop-up events around Gisborne with a tamariki focus.

And with the help of East Coast Music Ltd, TROTAK has organised a concert at Te Wananga o Aotearoa Whirikoka campus.

All the pop-up events start at 3.30. The first is on Monday at Atkinson Street Reserve. The second is on

June 28 at Waikirikiri Reserve and the third is on June 29 at London Street Reserve.

If the weather is bad, the events will be cancelled.

The Matariki concert at the Whirikoka campus will be on Saturday July 3. The day starts at 9am and goes until 5.30pm.

New Zealand musicians Katchafire, Tama Waipara, Tyna and The Witchdoctor, Tipene, Supreme Brother Sound and Raiha Moetara will be performing throughout the day.

"Matariki 2021 is about celebrating all of us in Turanganui-a-kiwa, the

past, present and future," said TROTAK project manager Athena Emmerson-Kapa.

It was a chance to "build leaders with our own whanau and our communities and celebrate their growth that has passed and that is to come", she said.

"Some exciting new opportunities are coming to Turanganui a kiwa."

The concert is supported by Trust Tairawhiti, Gisborne District Council, Turanga Fm, E Tu Whanau, Barnados and Auahi Kore.

It is a smokefree, alcohol free and drug free whanau event.

STARS OUT: An astrophoto of the Matariki star cluster.

Picture by Stephen Chadwick

BRINGING BACK NATURE

Minister erred in tarakihi catch limit decision: Judge

THE Minister of Fisheries must rethink catch limits for the East Coast's dwindling tarakihi fish stock following Forest and Bird's successful High Court challenge to levels set in 2019.

In a decision released this week, Justice Cheryl Gwyn confirmed Fisheries Minister Stuart Nash put the commercial interests of the fishing industry ahead of legal obligations for sustainability, and inappropriately factored into his decision a voluntary industry fishing plan.

The Minister's 2019 decision on catch limit could prevail meanwhile but he must take into account the findings of her judgement when revisiting the issue this year.

Forest & Bird chief executive Kevin Hague said the organisation's win was, "a victory for everyone who wants to bring back healthy ecosystems and end inappropriate decision-making that favours commercial fishing industry interests at the expense of nature".

"People talk about how much more fish there used to be in the sea around New Zealand.

"The over-exploitation of the tarakihi fishery is an example of what needs to change to bring back nature."

"The Government must now use a scientific, legal approach to managing fish stocks, rather than relying on voluntary plans and uncertain outcomes offered by the industry," Mr Hague said.

Tarakihi — a much prized eating fish — has been fished down to just 15 percent of its natural population on the entire east coast of New Zealand, Mr Hague said.

"This is a critically low level. There is a clear Government policy that any fish stocks that are overfished to this extent must be rebuilt, and in the case of tarakihi, this should happen within a maximum of 10 years."

Mr Nash made an undertaking in 2018



VICTORY FOR TARAKIHI RECOVERY: Tarakihi fish displayed for sale at the Auckland Fish Market. Forest & Bird has won a legal decision confirming tarakihi catch limit decisions must put sustainability before the commercial interests of the fishing industry. NZ Herald file picture

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to do that when he cut the commercial catch limit by 20 percent. But in September 2019, he only cut the catch limit by a further 10 percent — a level that could achieve, at best, a 20-year rebuild period, Mr Hague said.

That decision prompted Forest & Bird to seek a judicial review, the respondents to which were the Minister of Fisheries,

Fisheries Inshore New Zealand Limited, and Te Ohu Kai Moana Trustee Limited.

Forest & Bird essentially contended the commercial catch limit did not meet the legal requirements under the Fisheries Act for New Zealand's East Coast tarakihi population.

It also questioned the Minister's reliance on a voluntary industry rebuild

plan provided by the fishing industry.

The plan suggests monitoring and verifying catch limits with cameras on board vessels, implementing measures to catch slightly larger fish and avoiding fishing in areas where there were juvenile tarakihi.

But it should not have been allowed to replace an appropriate catch limit, Mr Hague said.

"There is no way to determine what impact the industry plan will have because the plan is voluntary.

"Fisheries NZ's own advice was they weren't sure whether the industry rebuild plan would deliver an accelerated rate of rebuild," Mr Hague said.

"The Fisheries Act is far from perfect, and it needs a significant overhaul to bring fisheries management into the 21st century, but even under the current system, fish stocks should be managed sustainably," Mr Hague said.

In court, Forest & Bird challenged the Minister's decisions on the basis of error of law, failure to have regard to a relevant consideration, reliance on an irrelevant consideration and unreasonableness.

Ruling in the organisation's favour, Justice Gwyn said: "I find that the Minister did make an error in law in that he did not make an assessment of the period of the rebuild appropriate to the East Coast tarakihi, as required by s 13(2)(b)(ii) of the Act before applying social, cultural and economic factors to the determination of the way and rate of rebuild.

"The guidance on probability in the Harvest Strategy Standard and the Harvest Strategy Standard operational guidelines was a mandatory consideration . . . the Minister failed to have regard to this relevant consideration when making the 2019 decision."

Covid vaccine plan for Group 4 announced

WELLINGTON — Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has given details about the vaccine roll-out plan for the general population who so far have not been eligible — Group 4.

In a press conference yesterday afternoon, Ardern said the vaccine plan started by protecting those at greatest risk.

“We are currently at 107 percent of target,” she says, “but need to be careful of not getting too ahead of ourselves”.

She said the next five weeks would focus on the over 65 age group.

“From the end of July, the bulk of the vaccines will arrive but we still won’t get all the supply at once, with four weeks notice of the size of the vaccine delivery. It will be weekly.”

The roll-out needed to be staggered in the most practical

way possible, she said.

The general population vaccine roll-out would be in age cohorts, and once an age was announced, those people would be able to book a vaccine.

“This is starting with (ages) 60 and over from the July 28. On August 11, the 55s and over will be invited to book a vaccine.”

There was no cut off once your age band has been announced, she said.

“When it’s your time, you’ll receive an invite by phone, email. You’ll be able to choose a location that suits and you’ll be asked to book both vaccine dates within three weeks of one another.”

If people did not receive an invitation, a national campaign would inform people of the dates for each age group, Ardern said.

“From the end of July, you will

be able to visit Book My Vaccine to register your details — this will be important for people who are unsure their details are correct.”

Mass vaccination events would also take place in certain communities. “We will keep making improvements to the system as we go,” Ardern said.

“Ultimately, this is about whanau — it’s about looking after each other and keeping each other safe.”

The Director-General of Health, Dr Ashley Bloomfield, said it had been just over four months since the first person was vaccinated in New Zealand.

On some days, up to 70,000 doses a day would be delivered, Dr Bloomfield said.

He said the new ultra-cold freezers could hold 4 million vaccine doses at any one time.

On any given day, there were currently 80-150 vaccine sites, Dr Bloomfield said, and the Government was scaling that up to 800 sites at the peak of the programme.

Dr Bloomfield said there had been positive feedback about the Book My Vaccine system and people who needed to change the booking date for their vaccine would be able to do this online.

“Based on the delivery and supply of the vaccine, we’re working on it taking until the end of the year for everyone to be vaccinated,” Ardern said.

She says the Government were confident the roll-out dates would match the supply which was why there was not more specificity.

— RNZ

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BRIEFS

Operation Trojan Shield: man arrested in Raglan

HAMILTON — More than 30 people have so far been arrested in New Zealand in connection with Operation Trojan Shield, in which an FBI-run encrypted app allowed police to monitor discussions of drug shipments and other crimes.

Police said a 50-year-old man who had warrants out for his arrest was found in Raglan last night.

He was due to appear in the Hamilton District Court today on a range of offences. — RNZ

Suspicious fire in Hastings

HASTINGS — The occupants of a Hastings house were able to escape a suspicious fire yesterday evening.

Emergency services were called to Townsend Road in St Leonards at about 7.30pm.

Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) said the blaze was contained to the exterior of the property, but was being treated as suspicious.

A FENZ spokesman confirmed there were people in the property at the time of the fire. There were no injuries.

Police were also called to the scene.

A police spokeswoman said officers spoke with the occupants of the property involved, with the circumstances still yet to be determined.

Two fire trucks spent an hour and 15 minutes at the scene of the fire.

The blaze follows a house fire in Dannevirke earlier this month that left a family of four suffering from smoke inhalation.

Two boys were taken to hospital after a fire ravaged their home on Albert Street on June 6. — NZME

Quad bike-tractor collision

PAENGAROA — One person has been critically injured this morning after an incident involving a quad bike and tractor on a work site in Paengaroa.

Police were called to the incident on Maungarangi Road about 7.55am.

A St John spokesman said one person with critical injuries was taken to Tauranga Hospital.

WorkSafe had been notified about the incident. — Bay of Plenty Times

Drug deals via social media

WELLINGTON — Drug deals set up over social media are increasingly ending in assault or robbery, police say.

Wellington District Police Detective Senior Sergeant Haley Ryan said there had been at least 10 instances in the past six months.

Both buyers and sellers were being victimised.

While the sale and purchase of drugs was illegal, robbery and assault were still crimes, Det Sen Sgt Ryan said.

“Just because someone has committed a crime, it doesn’t mean police won’t investigate when a crime, such as an assault and robbery, has happened to them in turn.

“The theft of a prohibited substance is still theft and that accompanied by persons being assaulted or threatened are serious matters.

“Police will investigate any reports that someone has been victimised as such.”

She said Wellington District Police had noticed the use of Discord and other similar social media apps featuring commonly in the complaints.

Police wanted everyone in the community to feel safe and advised people to take extreme caution when arranging to meet people they did not know or in places they were not familiar with.

— The New Zealand Herald

Two hurt in Canterbury crash

CHRISTCHURCH — Two people were seriously injured this morning in a collision in North Canterbury. Emergency services were called to the scene at the intersection of Lineside and Bramleys Roads at 7.15am.

A St John spokesman said two people had been seriously injured.

One person was transported to Christchurch Hospital by helicopter and the other person was taken to hospital by ambulance.

Lineside Road was closed to traffic for about three hours and was reopened at 10.15am.

— The New Zealand Herald

Gang funeral procession

AUCKLAND — A funeral procession involving a large number of gang members on motorcycles was expected to run through a number of suburbs throughout Auckland today.

Friends and family of Taranaki Fuimaono were gathering this morning to farewell the 43-year-old, who had links to the Head Hunters gang.

More than 300 mourners were at the funeral being held at St Joseph’s Catholic Church in Grey Lynn. — The New Zealand Herald

‘A RISK TO KIWI LIVES’

Border reopenings without herd immunity risk Covid-19 deaths — expert

CHRISTCHURCH — A data-modelling expert has warned that reopening the border with less than 70 percent of the public vaccinated risks overwhelming hospitals and Covid-related deaths.

University of Canterbury professor, Michael Plank, told Morning Report that the risk could be mitigated with a phased reopening of New Zealand’s borders, involving testing requirements and self-isolation — especially for those coming from higher-risk regions.

But he said that 80-to-90 percent was the ballpark figure the Government’s vaccination programme would need to reach to achieve a herd-immunity threshold.

Recent figures show four-out-of-five Kiwis were planning on getting a Covid jab. That figure was up on previous projections, but still not enough to get 90 percent of the population vaccinated, which was thought to be the optimum percentage required to achieve herd immunity.

Prof Plank said it was encouraging to see that more people were intending to get the vaccine. But if only 60 to 70 percent vaccination was reached and the country opened up at the end of the year, he said there would be the potential for deaths and an overwhelmed health service.

“Until we can get really high levels of vaccine coverage, there is still the potential for significant numbers of hospitalisations and,



Professor Michael Plank

absolutely for people to die as well,” he warned.

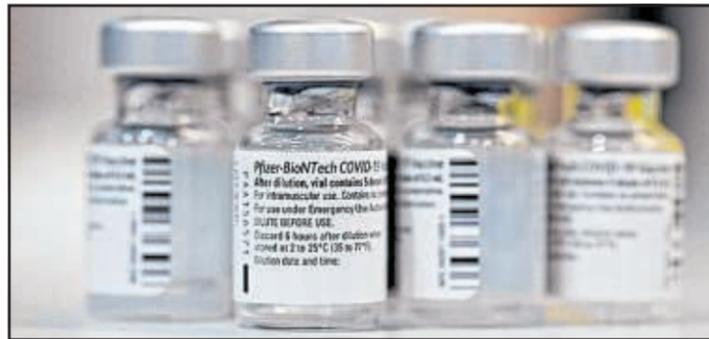
Risks could be mitigated with a considered, rolling approach to reopening borders, he said.

“The key point here is it’s not just going to be a switch that we flick and the borders suddenly open.

“It will be a gradual relaxation of those border restrictions and there’s quite a lot of levers the Government can pull at the border, like testing requirements, requiring people to prove they have been vaccinated and self-isolation periods, and these restrictions can be different for different countries, so we can open up more to low-risk countries.

“That will be a phased approach and I think we’ll see border restrictions relaxed over a period of time.”

New Zealand’s success in stamping out (community cases of) Covid-19 had conversely meant its vaccination rates would need to be higher than countries like the UK and US. In



GETTING VACCINATED YOUR CHOICE: Vaccinations rates by the end of the year will ultimately be determined by who wants to receive the jab. AFP picture

those countries, waves of the virus had caused human devastation, but had also led to varying degrees of natural herd immunity.

New variants like Delta had added further complexity to the situation.

“There’s still uncertainty about what that threshold is, particularly with new variants coming out,” Prof Plank said.

“More transmissible variants now means we need more people to be vaccinated (but) we don’t have an exact number. The more people we can get vaccinated, the more people we can get to that threshold.

“If you look at what’s happening in the UK now, they’re experiencing another wave with the new Delta variant and they’re having to delay their (border) reopening. They’re not in a lockdown but they still have quite a lot of restrictions (in place).”

The Government’s roll-out plan here for the majority

of the population that make up Group 4 means people in older age bands get the Pfizer vaccine first, ending with the under-35s in October.

The Pfizer vaccine had not been approved for under-16s yet, and Medsafe was currently looking at the data. Prof Plank said this group remained a concern because of its potential to spread the virus. “It is important to vaccinate that (age) group because, although they are at lower risk of getting severely ill from Covid, we know they can spread it to other groups and that includes people who can’t get the vaccine, maybe for medical reasons.

“And also low-risk isn’t no risk and in fact we have seen significant rates of health complications in younger age groups, including things like long Covid.” — RNZ

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NZ-Victoria bubble pause extended to June 22

WELLINGTON — New Zealand’s quarantine-free travel pause with Victoria has been extended by five days. The suspension was due to end yesterday.

However, on Wednesday, Victoria reported three new locally-acquired Covid-19 cases.

Covid-19 Response Minister Chris Hipkins described the short extension as “prudent” and in line with the Government’s

precautionary approach.

Hipkins said the risk to public health in NZ continued to decrease, and public health officials considered it unlikely there was further widespread community transmission in Victoria.

Hipkins said officials would keep a close watch on developments in Victoria, but they were expecting to be able to lift the bubble pause in five days’ time — at 11.59pm on

Tuesday, June 22.

There were now 100 cases associated with the outbreak in the greater Melbourne area, and they were spread across clusters.

The most recent report of a case being infectious in the community was on June 8, until another case was announced just this week of a nurse who might have worked a hospital shift while infectious.

Hipkins acknowledged a

further extension to the pause on quarantine-free travel continued to inconvenience those whose travel plans had been disrupted.

New Zealand citizens, permanent residents, those with humanitarian exemptions and critical workers were still eligible to return to New Zealand on “green flights”, providing they test negative for Covid within three-days of departure. — RNZ

PM prepares to get immunised

Ardern says she is pleased with NZ's roll-out

WELLINGTON — Despite about only 7.7 percent of the population being fully vaccinated against Covid-19, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has said she is pleased with progress of the immunisation programme.

There are over 340,000 people in the country who are fully vaccinated, and some time next week, it is expected that the millionth dose will be administered.

"I am pleased with that progress," Ardern — who will get her own vaccination today — told RNZ's Morning Report.

Yesterday, she said the country was at "107 percent of target" as she revealed details for the vaccine roll-out to Group 4.

The vaccine is currently being delivered to Group 3 - people who are at risk of getting very sick from Covid-19. They must be aged 65 or above and meet other criteria like having an underlying health condition.

In South Auckland, half of those over 65 have not been vaccinated yet, despite being eligible.

Ardern would not answer directly when asked if she was satisfied with that outcome.

Instead, she said: "I want everyone who is eligible to be vaccinated. But I'm not going to give those who may not have come forward yet a hard time."

Group 3 covers about 1.7 million people, and only 34,000 have been fully vaccinated.

"It is a large group of people. There was no sense I think, that we were going to complete that group within a week of opening up eligibility. We are expecting that we will roll through with that group through the course of July as well."

New Zealand has previously been ranked the second slowest Covid-19 vaccine roll-out in the OECD.

Recently, the OECD said "The pace of vaccination needs to accelerate to reduce the risk of new outbreaks and pave the way for full border reopening in 2022".

Responding to criticism of a slow roll-out in New Zealand, Ardern said: "We are one of very few countries who have opted to use Pfizer as the vaccine that we will use predominantly for all of our population. Not many countries are doing that. That will mean we have different delivery schedules.

"However, most countries, many, many countries, are looking to complete their vaccine roll-out in a similar timeframe. It is when you finish that matters, because when you finish (vaccinating the country), you start seeing those



Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern

opportunities."

No-one should make the assumption that border reopenings would mean all restrictions were lifted and NZ could automatically return to pre-Covid-19 life, Ardern said.

"Looking around the world at the moment, everyone has some form of requirement — whether it is pre-departure testing or vaccination certificates. What a good, solid vaccine roll-out will mean is we can start changing up some of

the restrictions.

"We may start looking, for instance, to some low-risk countries and say we might not have the same requirements for quarantine for you that we otherwise might have. So, that gives us more options while still maintaining the freedom that we have."

As for the level of vaccination that we might be able to begin at, Ardern said: "We have asked that question of a group of experts we have pulled together, led by Professor David Skegg, because that is the exact question we have been asking ourselves — 'At what point will we have enough people vaccinated that we can feel comfortable changing up some of our systems'."

"They (the group of experts) are working on that for us, so once we have some answers, we will be shortly making that public."

We have the contact details of about 90 percent of New Zealanders through health providers. And what we are telling people is that we will be using a national booking system called 'Book My Vaccine'. So people, when they become eligible, will receive an email, a text, a call — or however they usually communicate with their health provider, they will get notice.

"That then gives them the ability to go online and book their vaccination."

Those who were not so readily contactable could go online and enter their details into the system so they could be contacted. There was no cut-off date for vaccinations for those who were available, Ardern said.

When the programme moved on to another group, the group or groups before them were still eligible.

"We do want to keep those numbers up, we do want to reach all those eligible. A measure of success for me is going to be whether we have vaccinated as many New Zealanders as possible by the end of the year.

"Yes, I want everyone who is eligible to be reached as quickly as possible."

— RNZ



BUBBLE OPENED BUT CHALLENGES REMAIN: Many Cook Island businesses have been experiencing a boom since the travel bubble opened, but major labour shortages have been a serious hurdle for some businesses. RNZ picture by Nate McKinnon

Mixed start to travel bubble for Cook Islands businesses

by Adam Jacobson, RNZ

ARORANGI, Rarotonga — Many Cook Islands businesses are experiencing a boom one month since the travel bubble with New Zealand opened; however, major labour shortages are presenting a serious challenge for some.

Anchorage Restaurant and Bar owner Tony Bullivant said the travel bubble saved his business, which was forced to close for more than a year because of the Covid pandemic.

Quarantine-free travel began on May 18, with a fully-booked flight from Auckland Airport to Rarotonga.

Mr Bullivant said things were picking up now, despite a slow start. "We closed for 13 months. To come back into operation and restart again was a bit of a major challenge because it was like starting from new because we had nothing left . . .

"Every day, it's getting better and better, with more flights and more people. So I reckon in the next three months, we should be at a nice 75 percent of what we were."

The Cook Islands Tourism Association president, Liana Scott, said businesses were doing better than expected and she had high hopes that the Cook Islands economy would be back on its feet within two years.

"We weren't really sure how the industry was going to handle the numbers or what sort of numbers were going to come through. I know that at the hotel I manage — the Muri Beach Club Hotel — we've definitely grown by about 15 percent in the past month."

Opposition Democratic Party leader Tina Browne was erring on the side of caution, however, saying it was too soon to tell.

"I think it's too early to make that judgement because at the end of this month, the government will be withdrawing the wage

subsidy that it has been providing and which will mean that we'll see then whether people will have money to service their loans," Ms Browne said.

Mr Bullivant said labour shortages were definitely a challenge, particularly with some locals leaving for New Zealand.

"I lost three key members of my staff — my head chef, my sous chef and my shift supervisor. To replace those guys is a major challenge, and this is now a real hurdle for everyone here in the industry."

Ms Scott agreed, saying the loss of workers was a problem. "The issue we're having at the moment is staffing — we did lose some staff to New Zealand. You know, to the fruit picking industry, the meat works and those sorts of industries," she said.

"We lost a considerable amount of the younger working population to New Zealand."

The Cook Islands' government was also in talks with Australia about expanding the travel bubble.

Ms Scott said this could not come soon enough. "It makes sense for the Cook Islands not to have all their eggs in one destination — New Zealand.

"We really need to ensure there are other opportunities out there, just in the event that there is a case in New Zealand and the borders close . . . If that happened, then at least we would still have some revenue coming in from Australia."

While those in business were excited about an expanded bubble, others in the community had their doubts, Mr Bullivant said.

"That's just because of their lockdowns, and you know, the stuff that has gone down in Victoria . . . I suppose a lot of people are going 'oh, do we really need an Australian bubble?'"

— RNZ



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EXHAUSTED WORKERS: One Wellington Free Ambulance worker says they want better conditions and more hands on deck, not a change to shifts. Picture supplied

System overhaul

WorkSafe recommends fix to ambulance service

by Eva Corlett, RNZ

WELLINGTON — WorkSafe has issued Wellington Free Ambulance with a “fix-it” notice over worker fatigue and is recommending it takes a look at how shifts are rostered.

But workers say while they are dealing with exhaustion and emotional strain, shifts are not the problem — a massive shortfall in staffing is.

A Wellington Free Ambulance worker, who RNZ will call Rachel, is worried for her workmates.

Everyone was getting “slammed”, she said, and the days were gruelling, tiring and emotionally draining.

Most workers are on an eight-day roster — two day shifts, two night shifts at 11 to 12 hours each and then three-and-a-half days rest.

While there had been a slight increase in staffing in the past few years, it had not been enough to keep up with growing demand for services, she said.

“The amount of work that everyone is doing has gone up and up and up, there is less time between cases to restock vehicles or get paperwork done.

“It is draining when there is no time to mentally process the awful stuff people have to see.

“People aren’t getting their mandated breaks, people are worn out and it is to the point of being dangerous.”

Rachel said the organisation had been pushing for an overhaul of the shift system for some time.

That proposed system would have 10-hour shifts staggered across five days with different start times, and would require workers in the outer edges of the city to travel further into the city for work.

Rachel was worried that it would be worse for workers and she was concerned that the WorkSafe notice played into management’s demand for a rostering system that most workers did not want.

Instead, workers wanted better conditions and more hands on deck, she said.

“It doesn’t matter how long your shift is or what pattern your shift is, if you are absolutely flogged during the course of your shift then you are going to be exhausted.

“There’s not enough people to do the work that’s expected. What is needed is increased

resources across the board so that you’re going to benefit patients and fatigued staff at the same time.”

The exhaustion and lack of time to process distressing situations had a big impact on workers’ mental health, she said.

That could be dangerous for staff and patients alike, Amalgamated Workers Union regional secretary Rob Popata said.

“(Paramedics) never come around to your house for good news, so if they turn up, we want them at peak. If they are not getting the breaks and the rest that they need . . . it is literally life and death decisions they make,” he said.

The WorkSafe improvement notice explicitly recommends creating a shift-work system that reduces the risk of fatigue and ensures that levels of exhaustion are managed.

But Popata reiterated, as Rachel said, it was a staffing problem, not shifts. He said if shifts were a problem then similar rosters for other health workers would also need to change.

“If they are saying that the shifts we’re doing are currently unsafe then I guess they are going to have real issues with doctors and with St John Ambulance that are 90 percent of the industry.”

Popata shared the worry that management would use the notice to push forward their own rostering agenda, which he believed was an attempt to cut costs.

Wellington Free Ambulance acting chief executive Sarah Lewis acknowledged the workload for staff had increased over the years and was unsustainable.

She said the organisation kept a close eye on how shifts were being managed. She could not rule out implementing a new system, nor using the notice to further a change in shifts.

“We are aware that a number of staff are happy with the current shift patterns, however, it is our obligation to monitor fatigue across our organisation.”

Wellington Free Ambulance would create a fatigue risk management policy to meet the WorkSafe improvement notice, she said.

WorkSafe, Wellington Free Ambulance and the Union will meet today to discuss the notice.

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Shadbolt reveals health diagnosis ‘affecting ability to defend himself’

INVERCARGILL — Invercargill mayor Sir Tim Shadbolt has revealed he is battling a health condition he believes is affecting his ability to defend himself.

Two weeks ago, Shadbolt said he was having several doctor visits to clear theories surrounding his health.

Speculation has swirled on the back of a recent driver’s licence suspension, and a critical independent report highlighted short term memory deficits late last year.

Shadbolt has now revealed he has been diagnosed with muscle tension dysphonia.

The common voice disorder occurs when muscles around the larynx become tight and prevent the voice box from working efficiently.

He said he had tubes put down his throat to confirm the diagnosis and was keen to keep on top of the condition considering his voice was his “main form of defence”.

Despite revealing the condition, he remained tight-lipped on what else was covered in the doctor visits.

He originally did not rule out making the medical reports public at the time he was awaiting further results.

Asked two weeks ago if memory issues were something he hoped to clear up with the doctor visits, Shadbolt replied “it could be”.

He has consistently disputed any suggestion his health was affecting his ability to do the job.

“I challenged the councillors when this (my health) was raised. Maybe

six to 18 months ago.

“They said you’re too weak to be the mayor.

“I said I’d challenge any councillor over 70 to a 100m sprint, a 30m swim, and we’ll see who comes out the fittest.”

Shadbolt said nobody took him up on the offer.

The mayor’s health was highlighted



HEALTH CONCERNS: Invercargill mayor Tim Shadbolt has revealed he has been diagnosed with muscle tension dysphonia, a common voice disorder. NZ Herald file picture

in the Thomson Report last year which stated many interviewees had noticed a decline in his capabilities.

“Many interviewees reported a range of obvious concerns including short-term memory deficits, confusion, and the need to be closely managed by both council staff and senior councillors in order to chair a council meeting,” it said.

Concerns about his performance have continued in the wake of the report.

Shadbolt also opened up further on his relationship with his deputy Nobby Clark, which has soured in recent times.

Last month, Shadbolt labelled Clark “Brutus” after he said he should front up over his licence being suspended.

Clark said communication between the pair was limited but he had spoken to him for about an hour on Tuesday.

Asked if they were still talking, Shadbolt said there was still some communication. — RNZ

Repeat drink-driver gets home detention

DUNEDIN — A recidivist drink-driver who caused a fatal crash has been caught driving while disqualified for the 12th time.

Dean Anthony Martin, who turned 62 yesterday, brought a bag to the Dunedin District Court yesterday in preparation for incarceration but got a birthday reprieve when Judge David Robinson opted not to send him to prison.

The defendant, who has 32 driving convictions, was sentenced to six months’ home detention and will be banned from driving until August next year.

Martin was jailed for three-and-a-half years after a drunken crash near Waikouaiti in 2006 that claimed the life of 33-year-old Kellie-Rachel Smillie.

It was not the catalyst for the defendant to clean up his act.

He drove while disqualified in 2011 and was so drunk when he crashed in 2016 that when police asked him to nominate a lawyer he requested “Donald Trump”.

Martin was similarly intoxicated in 2019 when he crashed into a Dunedin liquor store.

His most recent crime, the court heard, came on March 31.

The Palmerston resident was stopped by police in Waikouaiti on his way to Dunedin and told them he thought his disqualification had ended.

Martin’s story, though, changed when it came to yesterday’s sentencing.

He said he had missed the bus and decided to drive to a Ministry of Social Development appointment through which he was trying to access additional funding.

Counsel Liam Collins said his client, who had collapsed at a previous hearing, was struggling with his recently diagnosed diabetes.

He stressed there had been no driving fault or alcohol involved in the incident.

Collins urged the judge to impose community detention, arguing home detention would be a severe imposition on Martin since his family all lived overseas and he lived alone.

However, Judge Robinson was unwayed.

Probation was sceptical of Martin’s remorse and assessed him as a medium risk of reoffending. — Otago Daily Times

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AMBULANCE A NO SHOW

by Molly Houseman,
Otago Daily Times

BALCLUTHA — A Balclutha man was left frozen and in severe pain waiting for an ambulance which never came.

It is the latest southern ambulance delay story to emerge as the wait continues to learn whether the \$83 million over four years for road ambulance services announced in this year's Budget will help alleviate the situation.

Questioned about the situation, the Minister of Health Andrew Little acknowledged St John did not always meet its targets.

It is the latest southern ambulance delay story to emerge as the wait continues to learn whether the \$83m over four years for road ambulance services announced in this year's Budget will help alleviate the situation.

Little pointed to the additional funding provided to ambulance services, but did not respond to a question asking if it was sustainable for St John to continue operating with its current resources.

St John coastal Otago territory manager, Doug Third, said he

could not yet confirm what the extra funding would mean for the organisation, but he would be able to comment further on the matter at the end of the month.

Meanwhile, Bruce Keith said he continued to think about the day he waited anxiously for an ambulance after suffering a seizure at his Balclutha home in February.

His body had essentially "frozen" and he became stuck in the doorway of his shed.

His wife, Beverly, called for an ambulance and further follow-up calls were made by other family members at their house at the time.

After nearly an hour and the situation becoming desperate, the Keiths were still not given a time as to when an ambulance might arrive.

Mr Third said the Balclutha ambulance had been committed to a higher priority incident, and when Keith's case was upgraded in priority, there was no ambulance available.

It was a painful wait for Mr Keith, who said he did not know how he was going to survive when his younger brother came to tell him an ambulance was still not coming.

"I was frozen and I was thinking, 'I don't know how long I can stand here before maybe passing out,'" Mr Keith said. "The pain was enormous."

He thought about that moment "almost daily" and the memory was "awful", he said.

Eventually, Mrs Keith decided



WAITED FOR AN AMBULANCE THAT NEVER CAME: Balclutha residents Beverly and Bruce Keith. Mr Keith suffered a seizure at his Balclutha home and was left in severe pain, 'frozen' . . . and waiting.

Picture by John Cosgrove

to call the couple's doctor's practice for help.

The practice sent a nurse with a wheelchair.

They wheeled Keith down the main street of Balclutha to the hospital.

"It was really quite horrible seeing them try to get him into the wheelchair — they just told him 'this is going to hurt,'" Mrs Keith said.

"It was a pretty horrific time."

Mrs Keith's frustration at the situation escalated this week when she overheard a conversation in a hospital where a paramedic was telling an elderly person that if an

ambulance could not make it, the fire brigade could attend.

However, Mrs Keith said she had specifically asked the call-taker for the fire brigade when the ambulance for her husband was delayed, but was told that could not happen.

Mr Third said St John ambulances had a co-response agreement with Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Fenz) for life-threatening incidents.

However, Keith's incident "did not meet the criteria for Fenz co-response", he said.

Third confirmed St John received a call from the Keiths' address at 4.32pm that day.

"The caller was advised by the call handler that it did not appear that the patient was in immediate danger and was advised that an ambulance had not been dispatched at that stage and a nurse or paramedic would contact them within 10 to 30 minutes after reviewing the case.

"The Balclutha ambulance was committed to a higher priority incident outside the township."

Keith's incident was upgraded in priority at 5.01pm, but no ambulance was available to respond at that time, he said.

About 45 minutes later, St John was advised by the caller that the ambulance was no longer needed and that Mr Keith had been taken to a local medical centre by private transport.

Mr Third said St John would be "bolstering" its resources with a rapid response vehicle, crewed by an intensive care paramedic who would respond to immediately life-threatening calls.

He also pointed to the additional funding in the Budget for the organisation, but could not yet say how that would be used.

"We are now in the process of establishing what this means for St John, working with the Ministry of Health and ACC."

St John would be able to make further comment on the extra funding following a discussion with its board at the end of the month, Third said.

'Pests are destroying native ecosystems ability to store carbon': Forest and Bird

WELLINGTON — Native habitats are increasingly unable to store carbon because introduced pests are chewing through forests, shrublands and tussocklands, new research says.

For the first time, Forest and Bird research has linked the habits of browsing pests to carbon emissions.

Released today, the report — Protecting our Natural Ecosystems' Carbon — warns pests have a devastating effect on the environment and its ability to store carbon.

"The possums, deer, wallabies, goats, pigs, chamois and tahr that were released into the wild have been chomping their way through native forests, shrublands, and tussocklands," said Forest and Bird chief executive, Kevin Hague.

"This has destroyed the natural ability of native ecosystems to be the best carbon sinks on land."

Mr Hague said that native ecosystems could naturally store huge amounts of carbon, but they could not if they were being munched on.

The numbers of deer, goat and possums were

out of control — and it could topple carbon-holding forests, he said.

"When native forests collapse, huge volumes of carbon dioxide are released as trees die and rot," Mr Hague said.

"Our largest forest type is presently bleeding 3.4 million tonnes of CO2 every year," he said.

"Impacts are multiplied if more than one invasive species of browser is present. They are killing our native habitats and causing native forests, shrublands and tussocklands to release carbon instead of sequester it.

"By eating seedlings and killing young trees these introduced pest animals also consume future generations of forest, and our future carbon sinks."

Natural carbon sinks could be restored, and native plants and wildlife protected, but action was needed now, Mr Hague said.

Increased control, coordination and research into reducing browsing pests, as well as restoring the carbon sequestration of native ecosystems would help, he said. — RNZ



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Struggling to fill vacancies

by Laurel Stowell,
Whanganui Chronicle

WHANGANUI — Recruitment agencies in Whanganui say they have jobs they can fill immediately if only they could find workers.

Graeme Musson of OCC, a labour hire and services company, said the business had 16 jobs it could have filled on Monday. They were in manufacturing, food processing, building, labouring, packing and warehousing.

Even businesses like Affco's Imlay meatworks, where jobs are usually handed between families over generations, are advertising for staff. So are fast food businesses.

Burger King duty manager Kadee Lethaby said its vacancy sign had been taken down, but people could walk in with a CV any time.

Most of New Zealand is in the same growth situation.

Musson has been in the recruitment business for 17 years, and has never seen personpower run so short. He knows of one manufacturer with machines lying idle because it cannot get staff to work them.

OCC has 30 people on its books, and 24 were out working as of June 17. At

the same time it had 16 jobs it couldn't fill. Another Whanganui agency was in a similar position, with 15 to 30 jobs available.

Employers were realising they had to make their jobs attractive in order to keep staff, Musson said.

He knows of a Whanganui business that has installed a soft serve ice-cream machine for staff.

Another has Pizza Fridays, and another gives full and part-time staff a sports afternoon on full wages.

The employers are also offering people flexible working hours and other benefits.

"You just have to think outside the square," OCC staff member Craig McClelland said.

It was hard for Musson to predict how the job market

would change in a global pandemic. He now sees people who can't travel spending money

on other things, which has increased work in manufacturing and assembly.

"It was slow to take off with the business people but when they started taking off, the orders started to rack up and suddenly there were no people."

Without migrant workers



LABOUR SHORTAGE: Job vacancy signs are a usual sight in Whanganui at the moment. Whanganui Chronicle picture

in New Zealand, people who used to do casual work were able to move into full-time work. People who were in full-time work but didn't like the management were able to move to other full-time work.

"People don't leave work because of the job. They leave because of the boss," Musson said.

The Government has increased the minimum wage to \$20 an hour, with an extra 8 percent paid for casual work. Benefit rates have also risen.

"That doesn't help it one bit. We get people who come in here, who are on a benefit, and get a job. They come back and say they don't want it, they don't like it."

In the Whanganui district there were 1707 people on the

unemployment benefit in May, down from 1923 in January.

Whanganui & Partners business strategic lead Tim Easton confirmed that most of the city's labour intensive industries were in need of people.

It was a follow-on effect from restrictions on immigration, he said, and being in a Covid-19 growth period.

"We are just trying to manage that. The main thing that we as an economic development agency would want is for businesses to forward plan their staff needs."

Training took time, he said, and businesses should also be taking advantage of the Government schemes available.

Repeat flasher barred from coastal area

DUNEDIN — A man who obscenely exposed himself in St Clair, Dunedin, for the second time in two years has been barred from visiting the coastal hot spot for the next nine months.

That was the length of 47-year-old Luke Kay's sentence of supervision imposed in the Dunedin District Court yesterday.

Judge David Robinson said the rehabilitative measure was aimed at helping the defendant, who had a documented mental health background, come to grips with "something of a chronic issue".

Early on January 27, Kay drove to the Esplanade carpark.

Another motorist was there enjoying the sea air before the defendant soured the experience.

Kay made eye contact with the victim and walked around the carpark "peering into vehicles still with his shorts below his buttocks".

Court documents stated the defendant's T-shirt was also "tucked up", increasing the amount of skin on show.

After doing the rounds of the stationary vehicles, he approached the victim's car and remained about 2m away, genitals on display.

Two years earlier the defendant had put on a similarly lewd exhibition.

On that occasion, Kay committed the public indecencies while watching two women in a nearby car.

Police arrived to find him relieved of his lower layers. He told them he was "airing himself out".

Kay, who has another flashing conviction from 1994, was banned from using alcohol and non-prescription drugs for the duration of his sentence, and was ordered to undertake any programmes as directed.

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ACC's odd new WFH policy a pain in the neck

WELLINGTON — Chiropractors are already busting at the seams from a surge in bookings from punters who have cricked their neck or strained their back by slouching on the couch with their laptop over the past 12 months or so — which of course has seen a surge in working from home. Now they could see yet more business, and from an unlikely source: ACC staff.

The state insurer's official working-from-home checklist includes a monitor at eye level, a keyboard and mouse, and ergonomic chair - the sort of setup that chiropractors recommend to avoid neck and back strains, which, of course, can spark ACC claims.

Yet under a new policy being phased in by August, ACC will only supply laptops for those of its 3700 staff who take up a new option to work up to two days a week from home and with them the temptation to slouch on the couch. It's up to staff to buy their own monitor, keyboard and mouse.

Staff need the extra gear. ACC has registered a spike in home injury claims and chiropractor Sam Baktash tells The NZ Herald that laptop-only use is the single biggest cause of a jump in patients with neck, lower-back and headache problems.

But if they do shell out, Inland Revenue says it's not tax-deductible. In most cases, you can only claim for home office expenses if you're self-employed or have a side-hustle. Working for an

employer means it has to come out of their pocket or, if they're too tight, yours.

IRD says it's optional whether an employer provides a special allowance to cover some or all of your home office expenses. But what about the broader law?

Chapman Tripp employment law expert Vonda Engels notes the Health and Safety at Work Act says employers have to take steps to "ensure an employee's safety so far as is reasonably practicable", whether a staffer is working in the office, from home, or on the road.

But does the definition of "safety" extend to good ergonomics? "That's a grey area," Engels says.

With Crown agencies WorkSafe and the Employment Relations Authority both backlogged with working-from-home-related claims, it could only be a matter of time before we get a precedent-setting decision that helps to define how the law should be interpreted. But in the meantime, lawyers like Engels can only offer their opinions over who is responsible for home office costs.

Chiropractor Sam Baktash says slouching to view a laptop screen is the biggest issue behind a jump in patients with neck cricks, lower back pain and headaches.

The senior associate says organisations that offer an ergonomic workplace, with work-from-home as an option, are probably in the strongest position, to suggest staff pick up some or all of the tab and take their own responsibility for ailments that result from cutting corners.

Those who close branch offices or otherwise make working-from-home compulsory are probably in the weakest position and would face a "fairly heavy expectation" to pick up most costs and ensure an ergonomic work environment at home.

Specialist employment lawyer Jennifer Mills says the possibility of pre-existing conditions add another layer of murk, under current employment and OSH laws.

"The key question is whether the provision of a laptop without accessories is safe and won't trigger or exacerbate any occupational overuse syndromes. This will be a question of fact in every case, and it will be incumbent on an employer in these circumstances to determine whether an employee has an underlying condition which may be exacerbated.

"If the working space from home is set up in a way which triggers or exacerbates an employee's overuse syndrome, then an employer could be liable under the Employment Relations Act and/or the Health and Safety at Work Act."

Get ahead of the play Engels anticipates a test case outcome could well lead to a tightening of the law — "particularly for well-resourced organisations like ACC". (The state insurer has around \$47 billion salted away.)

She recommends to make sure that the next IT upgrade includes as much wireless gear as possible so it's easy for staff to take home a headset, keyboard, mouse and other peripherals.

Another option is subsidising gear. Datacom NZ managing director Justin Gray says his company is offering its 3000 local staff discounted hardware.

Engels also recommends companies limit their liability and encourage good practices by offering ergonomic assessments of employees' various efforts to set up a home office.

ACC data suggests anecdotal accounts from chiropractors about working from home being a pain in the neck are correct. Although it has no discrete category for home office ACC says the cost of work-related injuries that happened in the home climbed by \$12m to \$125m in the lockdown-hit 2020, versus 2019. — NZ Herald

GDP result shatters expectations

Interest rates tipped to rise sooner

by Liam Dann, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — The economy is running hot.

It's so hot that economists are moving forward their expectations for interest rate hikes as inflation risk grows.

Essentially the economy has burned off recession fears and faces a new set of challenges as parts of the economy boom.

For businesses trying to hire staff and keep up with customer demand this will come as no surprise.

But GDP data for the first quarter of the year has confirmed what we all expected — and then exceeded those expectations by some margin.

The quarterly growth figure of 1.6 percent was double that of the most optimistic market economists.

While the grim second quarter of 2020 still leaves average annual growth in negative territory, on year-on-year measures we are 2.4 percent ahead of where we started as the pandemic hit.

The strength of the numbers already has economists forecasting the Reserve Bank may have to bring forward interest rate hikes.

The central bank, which had a fall of 0.6 percent in its forecasts, had signalled rate hikes from the middle of next year.

ANZ yesterday moved its pick to next February. ASB had been expecting hikes in May but yesterday said the economic strength now skewed the risk to an earlier move.

While the Reserve Bank's forecast now looks overly cautious, most market economists had anticipated that strong consumer spending through the summer would keep growth in positive territory.

It did, but other sectors also outperformed expectations.

"Households spent more on accommodation, eating out, and

purchasing big-ticket items such as furniture, audiovisual equipment, and motor vehicles, StatsNZ said.

Construction bounced back sharply to record 6.6 percent growth — after a fall of 8.4 percent in the December 2020 quarter.

"Construction services, heavy and civil engineering construction, and residential building construction all contributed strongly," StatsNZ said.

"The construction industry has returned to near-record levels of activity with historically high volumes of residential building work contributing to overall activity."

The solid rise in activity meant that New Zealand easily avoided a second technical recession, said Ben Udy at Capital Economics in Sydney.

"We expect GDP to continue its rebound over the rest of 2021".

Once we move through the seasonal impact of the international tourist season (or lack of it), strong trade figures are expected to add momentum to the recovery.

KiwiBank chief economist Jarrod Kerr called the result remarkable.

"You'd be forgiven for thinking that [1.6 percent] was the annual rate. Nope. The annual rate was 2.4 percent — compared to consensus expectations of 0.9 percent," he said.

"The report was stronger than expected — pretty much across the board. And the economy has confidently returned to pre-Covid levels."

ANZ's Sharon Zollner and Miles Workman were more circumspect, emphasising that some serious structural issues are lurking beneath the topline economic results.

But they recognised that growth figures showed "the recovery in domestic demand has been nothing short of spectacular".

Comparing GDP

For the first three months of 2021

Country	Quarterly % change in GDP (Mar 2021 quarter)	Change from previous year
New Zealand	1.6	2.4
Australia	1.8	1.1
Canada	1.4	0.3
Euro area (19 countries)	-0.3	-1.3
European Union (27 countries)	-0.1	-1.2
Japan	-1	-1.5
OECD - total	0.3	-0.8
United Kingdom	-1.5	-6.1
United States	1.6	0.4

Herald Network graphic

They are now forecasting that the Reserve Bank will have to move to lift interest rates as soon as February.

The view that the track for rate hikes is creeping forward was reflected in the kiwi dollar which rose almost half a cent on the news.

Almost no one — even those who deemed New Zealand's hardline pandemic response crucial for public safety — anticipated that the economy would withstand it so well.

We can now draw a line across the first financial year of the pandemic.

The recessionary fears of soaring unemployment and economic stagnation

have proved unfounded.

The Government and Reserve Bank did what was required. We survived and we thrived.

New Zealand faces a new set of challenges as the world moves into recovery mode.

As ANZ's Zollner notes, New Zealand has still suffered a big negative income shock. "A hangover awaits, somewhere down the track," she says.

"But for now, with inflation pressures building, unless the picture changes, the RBNZ will need to flip from one potential regret to the other, rather sooner than they are currently forecasting".

SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — The New Zealand sharemarket staged a muted reaction to news of a big jump in GDP over the first quarter, with stocks ending with a slightly weaker tone but off their lows after a light session.

The S&P/NZX50 Index ended at 12,541.20, down 40.40 points or 0.32 percent. Stats NZ earlier said gross domestic product had jumped by 1.6 percent over the March quarter, against market expectations of a 0.5 percent lift.

Domestic demand in the economy was much stronger than most economists expected.

Just a few months ago many economists expected to see a contraction and the Reserve Bank had pencilled in a 0.6 percent decline.

In response, ASB economists expect the Reserve Bank to start normalising interest rates in May 2022, "but risks are now very firmly skewed to an earlier move".

David Price, director of institutional equities at Forsyth Barr, said there was barely a reaction — up or down — on the news, which was unusual given wholesale interest rates had shifted higher after the release, and as banks

brought forward their interest rate predictions.

Higher growth was likely to mean higher inflation and therefore higher interest rates, which would typically put downward pressure on local stocks, given its high proportion of yield-sensitive, dividend-paying companies.

A case in point was Meridian Energy — regarded as a bond substitute — which bucked the trend to end 3c higher at \$5.32.

Shares in fuel company Z Energy, which have languished over the last month or so, ended 4c higher at \$2.58 after the company's annual meeting, where it reiterated its 2022 full-year guidance of Ebitdaf of \$270 million to \$310m.

Z Energy has signed in-principle heads of

agreement with its part-owned Refining NZ for an import terminal that will see Z exit the crude oil supply chain. The company's resulting release of \$150m in cash would enable debt repayment and would support future dividends.

A2 Milk, after a strong run, ended 6c down at \$6.35 as the company remains well below last year's peak of \$21.51 after the collapse of the unofficial daigou trade into China.

Among the other movements, Auckland International Airport fell by 6c to \$7.47, Contact Energy shed 14c to \$8.15, Ebos lost 30c to \$33.00 and Chorus dropped 10c to \$6.16.

On the upside, Fisher & Paykel Healthcare rallied by 42c to \$30.90. — NZ Herald

EDITORIAL

Divisive wards move disingenuous

by Clive Bibby



I FEEL for those who have taken the time to make submissions during the council's representation review process.

It concerns me that the council could have succeeded in hoodwinking the public into thinking that anybody was listening — especially those submitters who might be partially supportive of Maori wards but object to the way it has been handled. It didn't need to happen this way.

Despite attempts by some of this community's most influential citizens to justify the council's contemptuous treatment of its own people, it is clear that this misguided move will do great damage to otherwise healthy interracial relationships.

You can't force people to accept laws that are nakedly divisive when our recent history is one of acknowledgement of injustices, followed by significant progress with reconciliation and compensation. Why not build on that?

Most people know there is still more work to be done and are prepared to accept policies that are seen to be fair in that restoration process — even the introduction of programmes that include

a bit of affirmative action.

Unfortunately these gerrymandered policies would be better placed in those societies ruled by a small group of ideologues who claim to know what is best for the rest. They have no place in a modern New Zealand that prides itself as the world leader (in fact, light years ahead of any other comparable country) with its treatment of minority groups.

There is a better way and it shouldn't require a "stale, pale, male" like myself to point out the options that are available to our local authority.

If the council governance and executive were smart, they could easily implement a policy that recognises the council's responsibility to all its citizens and have it endorsed by the tried-and-proven democratic process that is the basis of our communal and peaceful coexistence.

Put simply, offering ratepayers a number of options including different formula that would each achieve the same objective: "enabling Maori a greater say in the council decisions that affect them, and us all".

Presuming that this process would be readily endorsed by the community of eligible voters via the normal voting process, one must assume that the will of the people would result in the most popular version becoming the policy of choice.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, this new-found vehicle

may not require the introduction of race-based representation at the council table at all.

Council already appoints Maori representatives to various committees, some of them with full voting rights — so any suggestion that the current system isn't working for Maori must be examined as a reflection on the abilities of those appointees who are responsible for putting the Maori view.

However, I suspect some sections of Maoridom (the most vocal) would not accept a continuation of the current system because actually, the need for Maori to be heard more often isn't the real objective of this disastrous legislation.

More likely it is a naked grab for power and the "voice at the council table" is really a red herring which will fool nobody.

Finally, I want to appeal to all those people of goodwill in this community, irrespective of race or social standing, to rise up and express their abhorrence of these undemocratic manoeuvres. We should demand that the council has a rethink about the best ways of introducing programmes that will ensure the freedoms and interests of all citizens are protected.

We are our brother's keeper, but we need to be inside the tent pissing out — rather than the other way round. That way we can all take responsibility for one another together.

General rollout also prioritises by age

The national plan for rolling out the Covid-19 vaccine to the general population was announced yesterday and it continues to be based on prioritisation by vulnerability to severe effects from the disease.

People aged 60 and over will be eligible from July 28, those aged 55 and over from August 11, people 45 and over should be able to book from mid-to-late August, and 35 and over will be eligible about a month later. The vaccination programme will likely open to everyone 16 and over in October, by which time the bulk of our vaccine doses are expected to have been supplied.

There is likely to be prioritisation within the age brackets for people who are immunocompromised, and more vulnerable populations such as Maori and Pacific Islanders will get earlier access via plans in some areas, like ours, to vaccinate entire populations.

A nationwide booking system will also open soon. It will include invitations, after which people will be able to book online — choosing the date, time and location of their two jabs. People who are concerned they haven't had an invitation will be able to book by phone. More information on the Book My Vaccine system will be released next week.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern is getting her first dose today and this morning told RNZ she was pleased with progress; 340,000 people nationwide are now fully vaccinated and the millionth dose is expected to be administered next week.

In announcing the rollout plan yesterday, she said they were at "107 percent of target" — for a level of coverage that is very low by international standards, but factors in our reliance on one type of vaccine and its delivery schedule, as well as our elimination strategy compared to most other nations where the pandemic either is or has been running rampant.

Group 3 vaccinations under way now have a long way to go, with just 34,000 of about 1.7 million eligible people having had their two required doses so far. This group includes people who are 65 and over, have an underlying health condition, are disabled or care for someone who is disabled, are pregnant, or are incarcerated.

The latest numbers for Tairāwhiti show 3066 people have now had both doses, and 8654 doses have been administered in total — so a further 2522 people have had their first dose only, as of yesterday.

Vaccinations are taking place at 295 Palmerston Road and require appointments, which can be made by calling 0800 675 432 or emailing covidvaccinations@tdh.org.nz

LETTERS TO EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

Wash'nGo, how much dough?

Wake up . . .

Re: Loyalty to the cause . . . OAN, Infowars, Fox and Newsmax are "in the pit" with Trump and have lost touch with all reality. Wake up and know when you are being manipulated Patrick.

LARA MEYER

Now is the time for the new Gisborne Holdings Limited (GHL) chairman Dave Mullooly to inform Gisborne District Council ratepayers just how much this new vehicle wash cost to build.

A figure of around \$500,000 was disclosed publicly prior to being built but the final cost

has been withheld even to Gisborne District councillors I believe, on the grounds of commercial sensitivity.

Have another council-linked project cost overrun to match the million-dollar toilet down on the wharf?

I am sure the proprietors of the other, privately-owned

vehicle washes in the city area — Mobil Kaiti, Z Energy, Caltex Gladstone Road and BP Kaiti (formerly owned by Mr Mullooly) — will be interested in how much their new competitor Wash'nGo has cost.

TREVOR MILLS

On rail electrification, KiwiRail's loco dinosaurs

Re: Hard to get us out of cars, June 17 letter.

Electrification of what's left of the New Zealand rail network will only be financially justified on less than 35 percent of the track kilometres. For the remainder there are just too many kilometres to cover and not enough population or commerce to carry to warrant the cost of electrification.

(It costs approximately \$NZ1.4 million per kilometre track length to electrify.) And unfortunately the heavy-oil diesel motive power will shortly become unsustainable, not only on environmental grounds but also on the cost of that imported fuel and the high maintenance costs those locomotives attract.

KiwiRail ordering more highly-polluting, dirty-diesel, Chinese-built locomotives

is certainly not blue-sky thinking.

The future, certainly in respect of passenger services, is hydrogen motive power. In addition to the UK and USA, Germany, France, Austria, Italy, Spain and Denmark are either running daily services of HMUs or are conducting pre-service trials. Even Russia has announced that it will start to develop mainline locomotives powered by electrochemical hydrogen fuel cells together with lithium-ion batteries.

Questions therefore must be asked of the KiwiRail board over it living in the dark ages and spending taxpayer dollars on more dirty-diesel motive power for Aotearoa.

There are also questions over whether the CRRC Dalian DL class locos manufactured in Chinese

workshops might use forced labour in part.

Why is the Labour Government and Waka Kotahi/NZTA permitting these climate-corrosive loco dinosaurs to belch their exhaust toxins, and potential slavery credentials, through our communities and landscapes for the next 30-plus years?

Are KiwiRail, Labour and NZTA paying only lip service to good "corporate governance"? Has "integrity" been shipped offshore?

RICHARD, Gisborne

The lines that could and should be electrified are:

Hamilton-Tauranga (and possibly to Kawerau.)

Te Rapa-Pukekohe (electrification Papakura-Pukekohe is already in hand).

Upper Hutt to Masterton (hybrid

trains are suggested, but they will be diesel-powered past Upper Hutt).

The above section of track has about 10 trains each way a day Monday to Friday including two log trains as well as passenger services. Recent news items reported trains suspended until diesel fumes cleared from the Rimutaka Tunnel. In fact, this has been an ongoing problem over several years.

The final section would be Waikanae-Palmerston North. This brings two overhead voltages into play, but can be overcome by dual voltage trains. Very common in Europe since at least the 1940s.

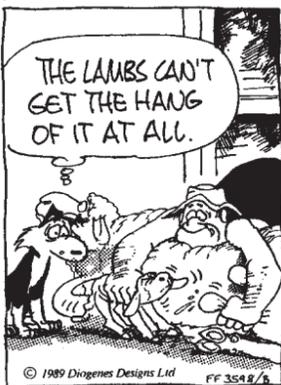
The rebuild of the 20 class 30 electric locomotives at Hutt workshops could have included retrofitting them to operate that way, but, once again, joined-up thinking was missing.

Penny-pinching by Government/KiwiRail, or just nobody even thought of it?

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BRIEFS

Brief, global internet outages blamed on software bug

BOSTON — A software bug at a major network provider briefly knocked dozens of financial institutions, airlines and other companies across the globe offline during peak business hours in Asia.

Akamai, which runs one of the internet's main content-delivery systems, said the outage on Thursday was not caused by a cyberattack, but rather a software bug on a service that protects customers against denial-of-service attacks.

Many of the 500 affected Akamai customers had their traffic rerouted in minutes, but it took more than four hours to fully restore the system, the Massachusetts company said. Akamai operates mirrors of customer websites in 135 countries — known as edge servers — designed to speed access to them.

The Hong Kong Stock Exchange and the four largest US airlines were among those impacted. Akamai does not name its customers, but says they include more than 300 of the world's banks, more than 30 airlines, more than 200 national government agencies and 825 retailers. — AP

St Louis couple plead guilty

ST. LOUIS — A St Louis couple who gained notoriety for pointing guns at social justice demonstrators last year pleaded guilty on Thursday to misdemeanor charges and agreed to give up the weapons they used during the confrontation.

Patricia McCloskey pleaded guilty to misdemeanor harassment and was fined \$2000. Her husband, Mark McCloskey, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor fourth-degree assault and was fined \$750.

When several hundred demonstrators marched past their home in June of 2020, the couple waved weapons at them. They claimed the protesters were trespassing and that they feared for their safety. The McCloskeys, both of them lawyers in their 60s, wore blue blazers and spoke calmly in answering questions from Judge David Mason during Thursday's hearing. Mason asked Mark McCloskey if he acknowledged that his actions put people at risk of personal injury. He replied, "I sure did your honour."

Mark McCloskey, who announced in May that he was running for a US Senate seat in Missouri, was unapologetic after the hearing. — AP

Inquiry slams security faults before Manchester bombing

LONDON — A public inquiry into a mass attack at a 2017 Ariana Grande concert in northwest England concluded on Thursday that "serious shortcomings" by venue operators, security staff and police helped a suicide bomber who killed 22 people carry out his "evil intentions".

Retired judge John Saunders, who is leading the ongoing inquiry, said Salman Abedi should have been identified as a threat by those in charge of security at Manchester Arena "and a disruptive intervention undertaken".

"Had that occurred, I consider it likely that Salman Abedi would still have detonated his device, but the loss of life and injury is highly likely to have been less," Saunders said.

Abedi, 22, set off a knapsack bomb in the arena's foyer at the end of the May 22, 2017 concert, as fans — including thousands of children and young people — were leaving the pop star's show. He died in the explosion. His younger brother Hashem Abedi was convicted last year of helping plan and carry out the attack.

Saunders recounted missed opportunities to stop Abedi, citing failures by arena operator SMG, security company Showsec and British Transport Police, the agency responsible for patrolling the area in the city of Manchester.

He said authorities showed a reluctance to believe an attack could happen, even though Britain and other European countries had experienced multiple deadly attacks in the previous months and years.

"I have concluded that there were serious shortcomings in the security provided by those organisations which had responsibility for it, and also failings and mistakes made by some individuals," Saunders said.

He said one of the biggest missed



opportunities came when Christopher Wild, who was waiting to pick up his partner's daughter from the concert, became suspicious when he saw Abedi loitering in a CCTV blind spot on a mezzanine above the arena foyer with a large knapsack. Wild said he raised concerns with a security steward, but was "fobbed off".

The judge said it was "distressing" that "no effective steps were taken" to act on Wild's concerns.

Lawyer Neil Hudgell, who represents the families of two victims, said there had been "an inexcusable catalogue of failings at every level".

Britain's interior minister, Home Secretary Priti Patel, said the government was considering introducing a measure giving public places a legal

duty to take steps to protect against terrorist attacks. The idea has been called "Martyn's Law" after a campaign by the mother of Martyn Hett, who died in the concert attack.

"After this report we are one step closer to ensuring that a difference can be made," said Hett's mother, Figen Murray. "Now the recommendations have to be acted upon by the government, so that all venues have security and that no other families have to go through what we have."

Saunders' findings came in the first of three planned reports into the bombing by the inquiry, which has been hearing evidence in Manchester since September. The others will look at the emergency response and whether the attack could have been prevented. — AP

DELTA STRAIN 'PROBLEMATIC'

SYDNEY — Sydney is "in trouble" and restrictions need to be brought in "quickly" after it was revealed a limousine driver was found to have the Delta strain of Covid-19, a leading epidemiologist says.

The coronavirus outbreak in Sydney's eastern suburbs grew to three cases on Thursday after a woman in her 70s tested positive.

A limousine driver aged in his 60s was found to be carrying the Delta strain, and police are investigating whether he breached quarantine protocols.

The driver's passengers included international flight crews.

UNSW epidemiologist Prof Mary-Louise McLaws said now was the time for restrictions and vigilance after the linked cases grew to three.

"We're in trouble, now we know the strain is Delta," she said.

"The restrictions need to be strictly and quickly because this virus has learned how to be highly infectious and doesn't need a lot to spread."

Victoria's outbreak in May began from the Delta strain first identified in India.

"It's up to 70 percent more infectious than other strains, so it's problematic," McLaws said.

The Covid-19 case detected in Sydney's eastern suburbs on Wednesday afternoon still has no defined source, though NSW chief health officer Kerry Chant confirmed the man was found to have the strain which matched "perfectly" with a sequence from the US.

The man's wife also tested positive for Covid-19, as did a woman in her 70s who visited one of the exposure sites.



SYDNEY TESTING: A health worker registers a resident at a Covid-19 drive-through testing site at Bondi Beach in Sydney on Thursday.

NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian yesterday urged people living in the eastern suburbs to modify their behaviour, but has stopped short of adding restrictions to gatherings or mandating masks.

"Unless you absolutely have to attend a large gathering, unless you absolutely need to engage in activity of a social nature in the next few days, we ask everybody to refrain from that," she said.

"Assume that everybody you're in

contact with has the virus, and assume you have the virus yourself, and that's the best advice we can give you as the next few days unfold."

McLaws said the strictness of restrictions would depend on an analysis by the government of hotspot numbers, spread and testing.

"The wastewater treatment plants will provide samples to see if there's been a spread of the virus which hasn't been there before and then of course testing

will work together to define restriction responses," she said.

If the virus spread through younger people, the community would be at a higher risk, she said.

"The 29 to 30-year-olds carry the burden of infection because they have bigger social networks. So if it gets into that age group that isn't too vaccinated — it will spread even faster. And we don't have nearly enough people outside that age group vaccinated."

"In fact, the NSW vaccine coverage is less than the world average," she said.

The Premier has previously expressed while lockdown was always an option, it is not one she wants to take again for the state.

She told the ABC's 7:30 last July: "That is no way to live and that is no way to be able to instill confidence to businesses to keep employing people."

However, she was forced to move to a lockdown in December due to the growing number of high-risk exposure sites like pubs and clubs in the northern beaches cluster, which resulted in 150 cases.

Professor McLaws's research has found the government can control the situation with strong contact tracing if there are less than 60 cases per week in a seven to 14 week period.

"Once it gets higher than that, I believe you go into what I term as an 'amber phase', which is on a knife-edge. And then 100 and over should trigger a lockdown as it will take a long time to get it under control," she said.

Currently, NSW restrictions include mandatory mask-wearing while at an airport or on a plane. — ABC

Ceasefire shaky

Airstrikes on Gaza after incendiary balloon attacks

JERUSALEM — Israel launched airstrikes on the Gaza Strip late on Thursday for a second time since a shaky ceasefire ended last month's 11-day war after activists mobilised by the territory's militant Hamas rulers launched incendiary balloons into Israel for a third straight day.

There were no immediate reports of casualties from the strikes, which were reported by local media and could be heard from Gaza City. Israel also carried out airstrikes early on Wednesday, targeting what it said were Hamas facilities, without killing or wounding anyone.

Earlier, Israeli police used stun grenades and a water cannon spraying skunk water to disperse Palestinian protesters from Damascus Gate in east Jerusalem, the epicentre of weeks of protests and clashes with police in the run-up to the Gaza war.

After the crowds were dispersed, Palestinians could be seen throwing rocks and water bottles at ultra-Orthodox Jews walking in the area.

Calls had circulated for protesters to gather at Damascus Gate in response to a rally held there by Jewish ultra-nationalists on Tuesday in which dozens of Israelis had chanted "Death to Arabs" and "May your village burn". The police had forcibly cleared the square and provided security for that rally, part of a parade to celebrate Israel's conquest of east Jerusalem.

In a separate incident, a Palestinian teenager died on Thursday after being shot by Israeli troops in the occupied West Bank during a protest against a settlement outpost, the fourth demonstrator to be killed since the outpost was established last month.

The Israeli military said on Wednesday that a soldier stationed near the wildcat outpost in the West Bank saw a group of Palestinians approaching, and that one "hurled a suspicious object at him, which exploded adjacent to the soldier". The army said that the soldier fired in the air, then shot the Palestinian who threw the object.

The Palestinian Health Ministry said on Thursday that Ahmad Shamsa, 15, died of a gunshot wound sustained a day earlier.

Settlers established the outpost, which they refer to as Eviatar, near the northern West Bank town of Nablus last month and say it is now home to dozens of families. Palestinians say it is built



MOURNING DEATH OF TEENAGE BROTHER: Palestinian Batoul Shamsa, 10, cries during the funeral, on Thursday, of her brother Ahmad Shamsa, 15, in the West Bank village of Beta, near Nablus. The Palestinian health ministry said that Shamsa was shot by Israeli troops in the West Bank a day earlier. AP picture

on private land and fear it will grow and merge with other large settlements nearby.

Nearly 500,000 Jewish settlers live in some 130 settlements across the occupied West Bank. The Palestinians and much of the international community view the settlements as a violation of international law and a major obstacle to peace.

Israeli authorities have evacuated the outpost on several occasions. They appear reluctant to do so this time because it would embarrass Prime Minister Naftali Bennett and other right-wing members of the fragile government sworn in over the weekend.

Palestinians from the nearby village of Beita have held several protests in which demonstrators have hurled stones and Israeli troops have fired tear gas and live ammunition. Four Palestinians have been killed since mid-May, including Shamsa and another teenager.

The Israeli military also shot and killed a Palestinian woman on Wednesday, saying she had tried to ram her car into a group of soldiers guarding a West Bank construction site.

In a statement, the army said soldiers fired at the woman in Hizmeh, just north

of Jerusalem, after she exited the car and pulled out a knife. The statement did not say how close the woman was to the soldiers, and the army did not release any photos or video of the incident.

The family of Mai Afaneh insisted she had no reason or ability to carry out an attack.

In recent years, Israel has seen a series of shootings, stabbings and car ramming attacks against Israeli soldiers and civilians in the occupied West Bank. Most have been carried out by Palestinians with no apparent links to organised militant groups.

Palestinians and Israeli human rights groups say the soldiers often use excessive force and could have stopped some assailants without killing them. In some cases, they say that innocent people have been identified as attackers and shot.

The Palestinians seek the West Bank, where the Palestinian Authority exerts limited self-rule in population centres, as part of a future state along with the Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem. Israel captured all three territories in the 1967 war and says Jerusalem is indivisible. There have been no substantive peace talks in more than a decade. — AP

BRIEFS

US Supreme Court upholds affordable healthcare law

WASHINGTON — The US Supreme Court has upheld the law which aims to provide affordable health insurance for all Americans, dismissing a legal challenge from Texas and 17 other Republican-governed states.

This is the third time since 2010 that the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the signature policy of former president Barack Obama, has survived a challenge.

The law gave millions of low-income Americans access to medical insurance. It bans insurers from denying coverage due to pre-existing conditions.

The justices ruled by a 7-2 majority that the challengers did not have the legal basis to sue, and as such did not address the question of whether a key provision in the law was unconstitutional.

The legal challenge was backed by former president Donald Trump, who promised to have the act repealed when he was elected in 2016.

Republicans tried and failed to overturn the law in Congress when they controlled both houses and in the courts on numerous occasions.

Earlier this month, the White House said a record 31 million Americans were now covered by healthcare under the ACA, which is popularly known as Obamacare. — BBC

Newspaper execs arrested

HONG KONG — The Hong Kong police yesterday arrested five executives at an embattled pro-democracy newspaper on suspicion of colluding with foreign powers to violate the Chinese territory's sweeping national security law.

The police said they had arrested five people of a media company on suspicion of "collusion with a foreign country or with external elements to endanger national security".

The five executives work for Apple Daily, a pro-democracy newspaper or its parent company, Next Digital, the newspaper reported.

Apple Daily said that Ryan Law, its editor-in-chief, was among those arrested.

Next Digital's founder, Jimmy Lai, is serving a prison sentence for illegal assembly and is facing charges under the national security law. — NZ Herald

US asylum rules

WASHINGTON — The United States government has put an end to two Trump administration policies that made it harder for Central American immigrants fleeing violence to qualify for asylum.

Attorney-General Merrick Garland said yesterday immigration judges should no longer follow the Trump-era rules that made it difficult for immigrants who faced domestic or gang violence to win asylum in the United States. — NZ Herald

Junta burns village

MYANMAR — Government troops in Myanmar have burned most of a village in the country's central heartland, a resident said yesterday, confirming reports by independent media and on social networks.

The action appeared to be an attempt to suppress resistance against the ruling military junta.

The attack is the latest example of how violence has become endemic in much of Myanmar in recent months as the junta tries to subdue an incipient nationwide insurrection. — NZ Herald

Women sue Pornhub

LOS ANGELES — More than 30 women are suing the company which owns the streaming site Pornhub, alleging exploitation over the use of explicit videos of them.

The women say the videos were uploaded to Pornhub without their consent and have lodged a civil suit in California. The California lawsuit accuses Mindgeek of running a "criminal enterprise".

In a statement, Pornhub called the allegations "utterly absurd, completely reckless and categorically false".

Pornhub is free to use but users can pay a monthly fee for higher-quality video streams and extra content. Its content is mostly uploaded by its own community and publicly viewable. However, the company has said every video uploaded is reviewed by human moderators.

The BBC's US partner CBS says Pornhub does not require its users to verify the identity or age of those featured in its videos — nor, according to CBS, does it seek to confirm the consent of people who appear in videos posted to the site. — BBC

Kim warns of 'tense' food situation

NORTH KOREA — North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has formally acknowledged that his country is facing food shortages.

Addressing a meeting of senior leaders, Kim said: "The people's food situation is now getting tense."

He said the agricultural sector had failed to meet its grain targets due to typhoons last year, which caused flooding.

There are reports that food prices have spiked, with NK News reporting that a kilogram of bananas costs \$US45 (£32).

North Korea has closed its borders to contain the spread of Covid-19. Trade with China has plummeted as a result. North Korea relies on China for food, fertiliser and fuel.

North Korea is also struggling under international sanctions, imposed because of its nuclear programmes.



FOOD SHORTAGE: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un speaks during a Workers' Party meeting in Pyongyang, North Korea. Kim warned about possible food shortages and called for his people to brace for extended Covid-19 restrictions. AP picture

The authoritarian leader of the single-party state talked about the food situation at the ruling Workers'

Party central committee which started this week in the capital Pyongyang. — BBC

During the meeting, Kim said that national industrial output had grown by a quarter compared to the same period last year.

Officials were expected to discuss relations with the US and South Korea during the event, but no details have been released yet.

In April, Kim made a rare admission of looming hardship, calling on officials to "wage another, more difficult 'Arduous March' in order to relieve our people of the difficulty, even a little".

The Arduous March is a term used by North Korea officials to refer to the country's struggle during the 1990's famine, when the fall of the Soviet Union left North Korea without crucial aid.

The total number of North Koreans who starved to death at the time is not known, but estimates range up to three million. — BBC

AMERICANS REJOICE

Juneteenth commemorates freedom from slavery

WASHINGTON — Black Americans rejoiced on Thursday after President Joe Biden made Juneteenth a federal holiday, but some said that, while they appreciated the recognition at a time of racial reckoning in America, more is needed to change policies that disadvantage too many of their brethren.

"It's great, but it's not enough," said Gwen Grant, president and chief executive of the Urban League of Kansas City. Grant said she was delighted by the quick vote this week by Congress to make Juneteenth a national holiday because "it's been a long time coming".

But she added that "we need Congress to protect voting rights, and that needs to happen right now so we don't regress any further. That is the most important thing Congress can be addressing at this time".

At a jubilant White House bill-signing ceremony, Biden agreed that more than a commemoration of the events of June 19, 1865, is needed. That's when Union soldiers brought the news of freedom to enslaved Black people in Galveston, Texas — some two-and-a-half years after President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation had freed slaves in Southern states.

"This day doesn't just celebrate the past. It calls for action today," Biden said before he established Juneteenth National Independence Day. His audience included scores of members of Congress and Opal Lee, a 94-year-old Texas woman who campaigned for the holiday.

Biden singled out voting rights as an area for action.

Republican-led states have enacted or are considering legislation that activists argue would curtail the right to vote, particularly for people of colour. Legislation to address voting rights issues, and institute policing reforms demanded after the killing of George Floyd and other unarmed Black men, remains stalled in the Congress that acted swiftly on the



SIGNING: President Joe Biden speaks with Opal Lee after he signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, in the East Room of the White House, on Thursday. AP picture

Juneteenth bill.

Other people want the federal government to make reparations or financial payments to the descendants of slaves in an attempt to compensate for those wrongs. Meanwhile, efforts are afoot across the country to limit what school districts teach about the history of slavery in America.

Community organiser Kimberly Holmes-Ross, who helped make her hometown of Evanston, Illinois, the first US city to pay reparations, said she was happy about the new federal holiday because it would lead more people to learn about Juneteenth.

But she would have liked Congress to act on anti-lynching legislation or voter protections first.

"I am not super stoked only because all of the other things that are still going on," said Holmes-Ross, 57. "You haven't addressed what we really need to talk about."

Peniel Joseph, an expert on race at the University of Texas in Austin, said the US had never had a holiday or a national commemoration of the end of slavery. Many Black Americans had long celebrated Juneteenth.

"Juneteenth is important symbolically, and we need the substance to follow, but Black people historically have always tried to do multiple things at the same time," Joseph said.

Most federal workers will observe the holiday on Friday (local time). Several

states and the District of Columbia announced that government offices would be closed on Friday.

Juneteenth is the 12th federal holiday, including Inauguration Day once every four years. It's also the first federal holiday since the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was added in 1983.

Before June 19 became a federal holiday, it was observed in the vast majority of states and the District of Columbia. Texas was first to make Juneteenth a holiday in 1980.

Most white Americans had not heard of Juneteenth before the summer of 2020 and the protests that stirred the nation's conscience after Floyd's killing by a Minneapolis police officer, said Matthew Delmont, who teaches history at Dartmouth College.

He said the new federal holiday "hopefully provides a moment on the calendar every year when all Americans can spend time thinking seriously about the history of our country".

The Senate passed the bill earlier this week by unanimous agreement. But in the House, 14 Republicans voted against it, including Chip Roy of Texas. Roy said Juneteenth deserves to be commemorated, but he objected to the use of "independence" in the holiday's name.

"This name needlessly divides our nation on a matter that should instead bring us together by creating a separate Independence Day based on the colour of one's skin," he said in a statement.

Added Paul Gosar, who also voted against the bill: "We have one Independence Day, and it applies equally to all people of all races."

The sentiment was different in Texas, the first state to make Juneteenth a holiday.

"I'm happy as pink," said Doug Matthew, 70, who has helped coordinate the community's Juneteenth celebrations since Texas made it a holiday. — AP

Students sue Atlanta police

ATLANTA — Atlanta police had no justification for pulling two students from their car and hitting them with stun guns while they were stuck in traffic caused by protests over George Floyd's death, a lawsuit announced on Thursday claims.

The federal lawsuit by Taniyah Pilgrim and Messiah Young — students at historically Black colleges in Atlanta — accuses police of assault and false arrest and says one officer dangerously escalated the confrontation by falsely claiming the pair had a gun. Attorneys said the suit was filed on Thursday.

"Accountability is what relieves pain and brings peace, and unfortunately there has been no accountability," Mawuli Mel Davis, an attorney for Young, said.

The suit names the city, nine officers and Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms as defendants. The mayor's office said it had not been served with the lawsuit and could not comment.

Video of the May 2020 confrontation — shared widely online — shows officers shouting at Pilgrim and Young, firing Tasers at them and dragging them from the car. The pair can be heard screaming and asking what they did wrong.

They were heading home on May 30 during a curfew declared hours earlier by Bottoms when an officer instructed Young, 23, to leave the area, according to the suit. Young — unaware of the curfew — moved forward a few yards to comply with the officer, but was again stuck in traffic, the suit says.

He had been filming police confronting someone else on the side of the street, and the suit claims the officer retaliated by going after him and Pilgrim, 21.

Police swarmed the vehicle, and one officer repeatedly shouted that they had a gun, though he had no reason to believe that, according to the suit. The suit claims another officer responded by pulling out and aiming his gun at Young and dragging him violently out of the vehicle and slamming him to the ground.

Young was punched repeatedly and suffered a deep laceration to his arm that required 13 stitches, according to his attorneys.

Another officer said concern about a gun led him to hit Pilgrim with a stun gun, according to the suit.

"There was no gun. There was no weapon," attorney L Chris Stewart, who represents Pilgrim, said. "Yet he screamed multiple times from a distance, 'He's got a gun,' which could have gotten these kids killed."

Attorneys played video of the encounter at a news conference announcing the suit. Young turned his head away from the screen, and Pilgrim dabbed tears from her eyes.

Bottoms and then-Police chief Erika Shields decided two officers had used excessive force and must be fired immediately, though those decisions were overturned earlier this year.

Prosecutors have filed criminal charges against six officers in the incident.

Young and Pilgrim said they have had



ATTACKED: Messiah Young speaks during a news conference accompanied by attorney L Chris Stewart, right, who represents plaintiff Taniyah Pilgrim, background centre, in Atlanta on Thursday. Young and Pilgrim were pulled from their car on May 30, 2020 by Atlanta police and are suing the city and officers for excessive force. Atlanta police had no justification for pulling the two students from their car and hitting them with stun guns while they were stuck in traffic caused by protests over George Floyd's death, the lawsuit announced on Thursday claims. AP picture

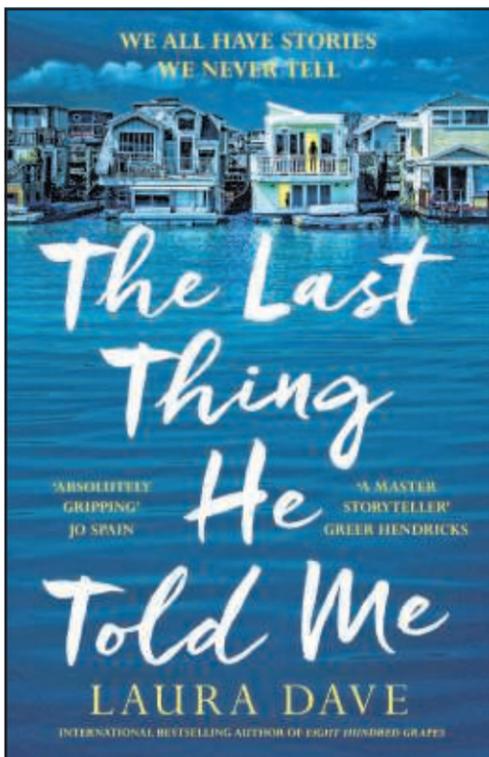
trouble moving on with their lives.

"Everyday, I'm reminded of something from that night," Young said.

Pilgrim said she experiences anxiety

and nightmares.

"It's like life took a total turn for something that we didn't ask to be involved with," she said. — AP



A TANGLED WEB OF LIES

THE LAST THING HE TOLD ME
by Laura Dave
published by Profile Books

In Laura Dave's latest novel, *The Last Thing He Told Me*, Hannah's husband, Owen, disappears, leaving behind a note instructing her to protect his 16-year-old daughter and Hannah's stepdaughter, Bailey. That's it.

Hannah is processing what that means when the other shoe drops: Owen and his business are under investigation by the FBI.

Hannah and Owen are newly married and she's new to the whole stepmum thing, and one thing that's certain is that she's the last person Bailey wants to be around.

As Hannah questions her husband's true identity and who she can trust, she must be the parent that Bailey maybe does not want but who she certainly needs. This becomes harder to do as Hannah realises there is more to her husband's life than she knew.

Dave, whose previous books include *Hello*, *Sunshine* and *Eight Hundred Grapes*, writes about women adapting to some change in their lives but suspense is a new genre for her and it works.

Set aside some time because this one is a page-turner with a mystery you will want to get to the bottom of quickly. You can almost imagine the race against time that Hannah is under with a Jack Bauer-esque "24" clock ticking away.

Reese Witherspoon and Julia Roberts like the book, too, and are turning it into a series with Roberts playing the role of Hannah. — Alicia Rancilio, AP

The ordinary made extraordinary

WHEREABOUTS
by Jhumpa Lahiri
published by Bloomsbury

Pulitzer Prize winner Jhumpa Lahiri is back with what is sure to be one of the more unique "novels" of the year.

Readers can debate in book clubs whether it is a novel in the traditional sense, but it sure is novel in the original sense.

Written in Italian and then translated by the author into English, *Whereabouts* features an anonymous first-person narrator who reveals tiny slices of her life in the course of 46 very short chapters with names like "At the Station" and "On My Couch" and "In My Head".

Readers will be challenged to piece together a plot, but we do learn that she's a single professor somewhere in Italy, her father died when she was just a teen, and by the end she's pondering a change of scenery from the place in which she is so thoroughly immersed throughout the book.

Beyond that, there's not much action in the story, which focuses instead on observations of everyday life, both in the various spaces the narrator inhabits and her inner monologue.

She has a writer's eye for detail,

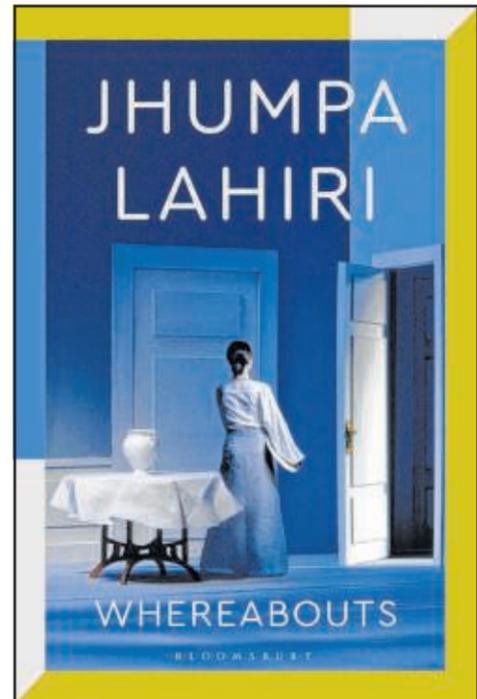
capturing a garden painted on to the walls of a museum.

"The trees, with their thin branches, seem to bend as if from the soft breeze that courses through the landscape. This semblance of a breeze is what makes the painted nature tremble . . ."

She's also keenly self-aware.

"Solitude: It's become my trade . . . And yet it plagues me, it weighs on me in spite of my knowing it so well."

Each chapter floats by quickly, and this reader had trouble making it coalesce into a satisfying whole. Still, the prose is sparse and lyrical and the journey is enjoyable, wandering through an anonymous life, seeing things through one



person's eyes.

At one point the narrator becomes as voyeuristic as her readers, following a stranger on the street and asking herself, "What's her face like? Has she always lived here, like me?"

"Is she going to ring the bell of a friend of hers? A lover? Is she going to stop to drink some fruit juice or have a gelato?"

We never find out, of course, just as we must imagine a new life for our narrator after

the final page. Some literary critics will love this "novel novel" even as some readers scratch their heads. Kudos to Lahiri for stretching the form and creating something that feels fresh. — Rob Merrill, AP

Masterful memoir and more

SPEAK, OKINAWA
by Elizabeth Miki Brina
published by Granta

Elizabeth Miki Brina's *Speak, Okinawa* is a masterful memoir in which Brina examines the complex relationship she has with her interracial parents.

Brina's father, white and American, met her mother, who is from the Japanese island of Okinawa, while he was stationed there on a US military base. The two settled in the United States, where Brina's mother spent decades feeling lonely and out of place.

Brina grew up feeling close to her father and resenting her mother. Desperate to feel wholly American, she pushed her mother away, embarrassed of her accent and overall inability to truly assimilate.

In this investigation of her

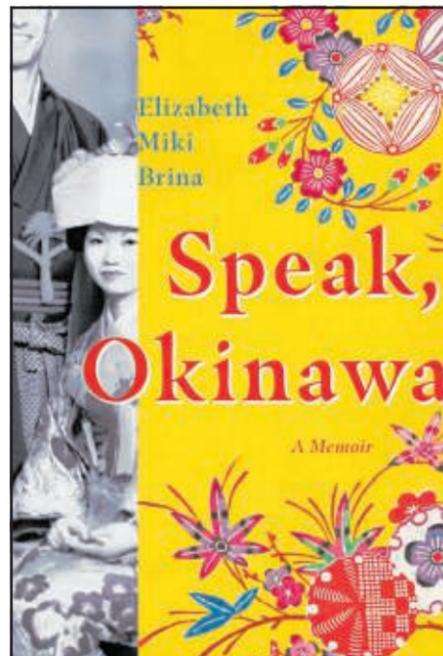
childhood, Brina begins to see things differently. She looks at life from her mother's perspective, and starts to understand the depth of her pain, pain she endured from leaving behind all she knew and loved, and also the pain of calling occupied land home.

Speak, Okinawa is both a meditation on Brina's own family as well as a powerful history of the United States occupation of Okinawa, where it maintains a massive military presence to this day.

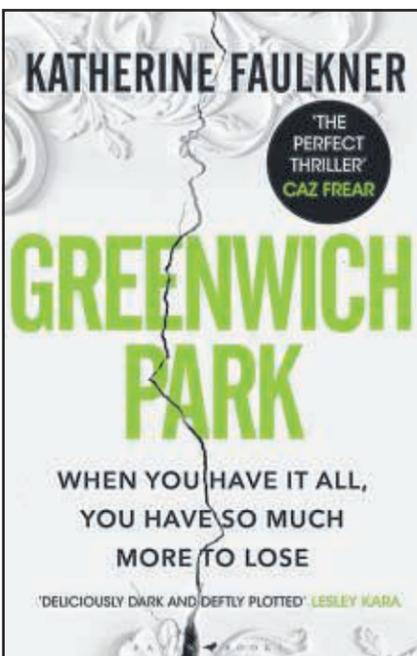
Brina's writing is crisp, captivating and profound. She is vulnerable, raw, and relatable, and her stories will no doubt cause readers to reflect on their relationships with their own parents.

As educational as it is entertaining, *Speak, Okinawa* is well worth the read.

— Molly Sprayregen, AP



Stimulating slow-burner of a psychological thriller



GREENWICH PARK
by Katherine Faulkner
published by Allen & Unwin

Katherine Faulkner's debut draws on her experience as a mother, journalist and Cambridge graduate — and was apparently inspired by being thrust into intimate relationships with strangers as part of her antenatal class (the novel was completed on maternity leave and was written under the auspices of a Faber Academy novel-writing course).

Set among a wealthy group of intermarried Cambridge graduates in one of London's flasher boroughs, this lithe psychological thriller kicks off in that antenatal class where Helen, finally pregnant after years of tragedy, meets a strange new friend, Rachel.

Why is she there alone? Because her husband texts and tells her he's working late. Her brother and his pregnant wife also make excuses — so when Rachel starts a conversation with Helen and, of

all things, offers her a glass of wine, Helen, always polite and never wanting to offend, joins her.

Over the next few weeks the mysterious, extroverted Rachel just happens to be wherever Helen is in Greenwich Park. And Helen's out a lot because her architect husband has begun renovating their multimillion-pound home.

While the story is told mostly by Helen, this benefits from chapters dedicated to the point of view of cynical sister-in-law Serena and hard-nosed journo Katie, who's covering a rape case.

Another rape, which occurred a decade earlier at Cambridge while all were students, which Katie uncovers as part of her research, will have ramifications for all, but it is a slow first half, as Faulkner concentrates on building the relationship between Rachel and Helen and introducing us to the world of privilege Helen and her brothers and their partners belong to.

Just when you think you know where this is heading, Faulkner pivots and delves deeper into the lies and secrets that lie at

the heart of a damaged family, and a much more interesting story emerges.

It is a promising debut but there are some weaknesses. None of these characters are particularly likeable and, despite Rachel making Helen feel like she's standing "on a clifftop path, when the wind is just a little too strong at your back", she's soon a house guest and Helen's busy fetching her clean sheets.

It's a bit of a stretch and Helen's gullibility and her inability to read the danger signs, which are obvious to all around her, is something Faulkner never sells convincingly.

"How do you unmake a friendship?" Helen ponders at one point — and after scant reflection puts it in the too-hard-basket.

However, once the narrative's in play, the second half blooms into an exciting page-turner, complete with the requisite last gasp twist, a classic femme fatale, and a setting that is tailor-made for one of those sleek British miniseries.

— Greg Fleming, NZ Herald

SENZ announced as Awards partner for 2021

HAMILTON — New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) has announced the 2021 New Zealand Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards will be held in Hamilton on Sunday, September 12.

“Following the disruption of COVID last year, which led to the Awards being held as a virtual event, we are looking forward to celebrating our high achievers in person this year,” NZTR chief executive Bernard Saundry said.

“NZTR is welcoming SENZ, the Kiwi

wing of Sports Entertainment Network, as the major partner for 2021.

“We are excited to have SENZ on board for the Awards and, having worked closely with SEN in Australia over the past 12 months, we are looking forward to their impact on the New Zealand market.”

In addition to being available via its app, SENZ has also picked up the radio frequencies previously used by Radio Trackside and is soon to launch across the country.

Sports Entertainment Network chief executive Craig Hutchison said SENZ was proud to partner the Awards.

“SENZ is excited to expand its racing offering and partnering with such a prestigious racing industry event, which recognises the top performers,” he said.

“New Zealand owners, breeders, trainers, jockeys and participants have united to drive the industry forward despite the most difficult circumstances ever encountered on the back of the global pandemic.

“It has been a great year for New Zealand racing, and we can't wait to see who is anointed the SENZ Horse of the Year.”

The Awards recognise the country's top performers, as voted by an independent panel of industry experts, culminating in the prestigious Horse of the Year trophy.

The 2021 event will be held in the Heaphy Room at Claudelands, Hamilton on Sunday, 12 September. Details regarding ticket sales will be released shortly. — NZ Racing Desk

Whangarei races at Ruakaka Saturday

Selections
 Race 1: MACH SCHNELL, HIGHBORN, VISTOCK
 Race 2: ENCANTADOR, BONO, KOOL POWER
 Race 3: EXPRESS DESIRE, PRECIOUS COLOURS, TU MEKE POTAE
 Race 4: WITSABOUTHIM, MONGOLIAN WINGS, WHETU
 Race 5: OHCEEDEE, RIVER RUN, RONCHI
 Race 6: FUNTONIC, VIKING, HASSTOBEYOU
 Race 7: BIG MIKE, MASETTO, RISING RENOWN
 Race 8: BURGUNDY ROSE, MANRICO, CHEVAL PROMETTEUR
 Race 9: EXCITONIC, MAKZABEEL, LANDRY

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 4 6 Bono (3) 58.5 46 L Satherley
 5 9 Cause Celebre (17) 58.5 45 T Thornton
 6 80s Khant Reid (14) 58.5 45 T Moseley
 7 486s2 Kool Power (9) 56.5 52 M Hashizume (a2)

8 730 Thatcher (12) 56.5 50 A Calder
 9 468s Miss Onaki (1) 56.5 48 M McNab
 10 650 Empress Qi (7) 56.5 46 S Collett
 11 0s050 Rising Steps (5) 56.5 46 T Newman (a2)
 12 2060s Istina (18) 56.5 45 E McCall (a3)
 13 0 Reliabelle Deb (11) 56.5 45 D Danis
 14 Thora's Joy (13) 56.5 45 C Grylls

EMERGENCIES:
 15 087s8 Boomer Hill (15) 58.5 45
 16 700 Nacene (8) 56.5 45
 17 090 I'm Alice (10) 56.5 45
 18 5090s Nautical Mile (19) 58.5 45
 19 0s00 Apathee Power (4) 56.5 45
 20 — Straightshooterdeb SCRATCHED

3 Trigg Construction 12.30
 \$10,000, maiden 3yo, 1200m
 1 0s40 Master Khan (4) 57.5 49 D Danis
 2 All About You (9) 57.5 47 S Spratt
 3 Rooftop (1) 57.5 47 T Thornton

1 Atlas Quarries 11.30
 \$10,000, maiden, 1400m
 1 34242 Hit The Road Jack (3) 58.5 54 E Nicholas (a4)
 2 264 Mach Schnell (15) 58.5 51 M Hashizume (a2)
 3 90 Friendly Fire (11) 58.5 45 J Riddell
 4 508s Oceans Of Stanima (14) 58.5 45 E McCall (a3)
 5 22334 Vistock (5) 56.5 54 S Spratt
 6 2507 Allbright (7) 56.5 50 S Collett
 7 3s57 Highborn (6) 56.5 50 (a3)
 8 s9505 Shirazelle (9) 56.5 47 D Danis
 9 — Ginger Berry SCRATCHED
 10 6s6 Pinmoney (13) 56.5 46 A Calder
 11 6 Selva Verde (2) 56.5 46 T Newman (a2)

Jetbet 2 TAB Doubles 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Trebles 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 7-8-9 Quaddies 2-3-4-5, 6-7-8-9 Place6 4-9

4 Tu Meke Potae (16) 57.5 47 E McCall (a3)
 5 8 Go Butch (7) 57.5 46 V Colgan
 6 03s22 Precious Colours (5) 55.5 54 M McNab
 7 2 Express Desire (6) 55.5 52 T Newman (a2)
 8 203s6 Angelina Lauro (15) 55.5 51
 9 3s8 Darc's Flight (3) 55.5 50 S Collett
 10 — Kate-Velour SCRATCHED
 11 Lady Mak (2) 55.5 47 (a3)
 12 0s7 Jaquolee (14) 55.5 46 M Hashizume (a2)
 13 Kantra (11) 55.5 45 C Grylls
 14 Night 'n' Vegas (8) 55.5 45 E Nicholas (a4)

EMERGENCIES:
 15 86s9 Rebel Riot (12) 57.5 45 J Fawcett
 16 087s8 Boomer Hill (10) 57.5 45
 17 80s Khant Reid (13) 57.5 45

4 Marsden Cove Dental 1.10
 \$25,000, 3yo sw+p, 1600m
 1 14s95 Mongolian Wings (9) 58.5 67 C Grylls
 2 1 Whetu (1) 57.5 63 S Weatherley
 3 51 Witsaboutthim (6) 57.5 63 M McNab
 4 0s164 Lapel (5) 57.5 62 L Satherley
 5 s3035 Barracuda (4) 56.5 51 (a3)
 6 58s5 Gregory (8) 56.4 7 S Spratt
 7 7 Be Somebody (7) 56.46 T Newman (a2)
 8 106 Igottdoitmyway (2) 55.5 61 A Calder
 9 766 Straightshooterdeb (10) 54.46 S Collett
 10 6807s Nonaame (3) 54.45 A Goindasamy (a1)

5 Logic Fence 1.47
 \$27,500, rating 74 benchmark, 1600m
 1 23s29 Zelenski (6) 60.5 75 T Newman (a2)
 2 s9886 Ronchi (11) 60.74 M Hashizume (a2)
 3 0s542 Ohceede (7) 58.5 71 J Riddell
 4 0s158 Make Time (1) 58.70 S Spratt
 5 10s20 River Run (12) 56.5 67 M McNab
 6 02519 Trigon Lad (13) 56.5 67 T Thornton
 7 57630 Call Me Evie (2) 56.70 J Fawcett
 8 0s007 Babiche (10) 55.5 69 A Calder
 9 14s05 Queen Constantine (4) 55.5 69 C Grylls

10 62520 Super Gee (8) 55.5 65 A Goindasamy (a1)
 11 1854s Flying Fantasia (9) 54.5 67 (a3)
 12 250s0 Kaareraway (5) 54.65 L Satherley
 13 s8807 Hugh Glass (3) 54.56

6 Telfer Young 2.22
 \$22,500, rating 65 benchmark*, 1200m
 1 247s4 Manchu (13) 60.69 A Goindasamy (a1)
 2 63s93 Viking (5) 59.5 64 (a3)
 3 7945s Bolt From The Blue (7) 59.63 (a3)
 4 313 Funtonic (1) 59.63 J Riddell
 5 1 Paradigm Shift (9) 59.63 M McNab
 6 22185 Brimstone (10) 58.5 62 S Weatherley
 7 6s338 Finn McCool (14) 58.61 M Hashizume (a2)

EMERGENCIES:
 8 — Nitrate SCRATCHED
 9 710s0 Rusavy (4) 58.61 C Barnes
 10 48342 Laurant (11) 57.5 64 C Grylls
 11 — Mini-Miner SCRATCHED
 12 46102 Mini Mystic (3) 56.5 62 E Nicholas (a4)
 13 3s715 Hasstobeyou (6) 56.61 V Colgan
 14 0s30s Joey's Gift (2) 56.61 S Spratt

7 Mwis Lawyers Bream Bay Cup 2.57
 \$32,500, open handicap, 2100m
 1 51204 Big Mike (7) 62.97 E Nicholas (a4)
 2 75149 Major Tom (13) 59.91 T Newman (a2)
 3 00s72 Masetto (9) 57.5 88 E McCall (a3)
 4 0s007 Kaharau (3) 54.5 82 T Moseley
 5 65s95 Steven James (4) 54.79 (a3)
 6 286s4 Double Happy (10) 54.75 C Grylls
 7 s4608 Orakei Overlord (8) 54.74 S Collett
 8 650s0 Final Suggestion (12) 54.73 L Satherley
 9 35216 Rising Renown (6) 54.71 A Calder
 10 38174 Sonofabutcher (5) 54.69 D Danis
 11 35402 Cassio (11) 54.65 M Hashizume (a2)
 12 09423 Rusalka (1) 54.62 T Thornton
 13 s0296 Incy Wincy Spider (2) 54.52 J Fawcett

8 One Tree Point Motel Bream Bay 3.32
 \$32,500, open handicap, 1200m
 1 15661 Manrico (12) 62.87 E McCall (a3)
 2 29026 Monaco (11) 61.85 M Hashizume (a2)
 3 2122s Cheval Prometteur (5) 60.83 J Riddell
 4 72723 New York Jazz (7) 59.81 T Newman (a2)
 5 34254 Mr Universe (3) 58.5 80 C Grylls
 6 12455 Burgundy Rose (8) 57.81 (a4)
 7 2s240 Irish Girl (14) 57.81 S Collett
 8 960s7 Love Squirrels (1) 57.81 V Colgan
 9 33s44 Cyber Attack (4) 57.77 M McNab
 10 4446s Acutus (13) 56.5 76 (a3)
 11 23800 Breezon (2) 54.5 72 S Spratt
 12 0s107 Eva James (10) 54.75 T Thornton
 13 361s0 Pimms 'n' Pearls (6) 54.72 A Goindasamy (a1)

EMERGENCY:
 14 10s36 Gigolo George (9) 54.71 T Moseley

15 — Gin-Gin SCRATCHED
9 Cookson Plumbing 4.07
 \$22,500, rating 65 benchmark*, 1600m
 1 0s414 Excitonic (6) 59.5 64 (a3)
 2 36s76 Makzabeel (15) 59.5 64 A Goindasamy (a1)
 3 14s20 Playsameanpinball (7) 59.5 64 J Riddell
 4 6s203 Bentayga (14) 59.63 M McNab
 5 65096 Castani (2) 59.63 S Weatherley
 6 82s72 Parisian (3) 59.63 B Rogerson (a4)
 7 s6720 Landry (5) 58.5 62 S Collett
 8 0s310 Diamond Girl (8) 57.63 L Satherley
 9 83188 Sympathique (1) 56.5 62 T Newman (a2)
 10 00405 Alaskan Gold (11) 56.5 58 S Spratt
 11 00450 Cate Bianco (4) 56.61 T Thornton
 12 33817 Pipsqueak Rose (10) 56.61 E Nicholas (a4)
 13 24199 Shezawinkle (13) 56.61 E Nicholas (a4)
 14 0s53s Quality Prevails (9) 54.57 J Fawcett
EMERGENCIES:
 15 16080 Red Rushin (12) 56.57
 16 3090s Single Moment (18) 54.55
 17 6000s William Tell (16) 55.55
 18 0647s Shelob (17) 54.49
 19 090 I'm Alice (19) 54.45
 20 — Igottdoitmyway SCRATCHED

Manawatu races at Awapuni Saturday

Selections
 Race 1: PHELAN FOXY, BLACK EYED SUE, MIZZENA
 Race 2: CHIEF SEQUOYAH, BAKELA, EL LUCHADOR
 Race 3: AIGNE, PIERIAN SPRING, WICKLOW
 Race 4: AIGNE, COUNTRY BUMPKIN, SHAMAL
 Race 5: HARTLEY, MAUNA KEA, ROSEWOOD
 Race 6: JUSTASKME, DEERFIELD, IHU
 Race 7: INVISIBLE SPIRIT, EAGLE COUNTY, HYDROEXPRESS
 Race 8: SEMPER MAGICO, MANOLO, IF YOU DANCE

8 s2454 Mizzena (6) 66.59 S Fannin
 9 8s662 Black Eyed Sue (3) 66.50 E Farr
2 Manawatu Itm Awapuni Hurdles 12.45
 \$50,000, open hurdle, 2900m
 1 4s086 Senassy (7) 68.78 D M Parker
 2 s7452 El Luchador (3) 67.5 73 B M Donoghue
 3 6sP03 Magic Cannon (1) 67.72 E Farr
 4 s0424 Bakela (6) 65.5 69 S Fannin
 5 08231 Chief Sequoyah (2) 65.5 69 S O'Malley (a)

6 4s008 Mr Flynn (4) 65.54 R Cole
 7 s8499 Mokele Mbembe (5) 65.50

3 Cody Singer Memorial 1.20
 \$10,000, maiden stp, 3200m
 1 3PFs7 Crackthegoodstuff (1) 68.59 R Cole (2)
 2 96527 Pterian Spring (6) 68.57 E Farr
 3 3s094 Aigne (7) 68.50
 4 s0s90 Itiswhattis (2) 68.50 H McNeill
 5 PPs7P The Fot (5) 68.50 D M Parker (3)
 6 36s79 Wicklow (3) 68.50 S O'Malley (a3)
 7 4s40P Mrs Twinkletoes (4) 66.55 B M Donoghue (3)

1 Paslode NZ Hurdles 12.10
 \$10,000, maiden hurdle, 2800m
 1 s7653 Izmydaad (1) 68.57 H McNeill
 2 00s63 Phelan Foxy (8) 68.57 B M Donoghue (3)
 3 4s008 Mr Flynn (4) 68.54
 4 s75s7 Soiree (5) 68.52 G Walsh
 5 Captains Run (9) 68.50
 6 0s429 He's Ric (2) 68.50 D M Parker (3)
 7 0s000 La Jungles (7) 68.50 J Seiwright (1)

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 Manawatu 1.55
 \$50,000, open stp, 4200m
 1 53s35 Shamal (1) 70.92 B Lammas
 2 s0772 Country Bumpkin (6) 65.74 J Seiwright
 3 8s336 Mr Entusiastic (3) 65.72 E Farr
 4 P0406 Coconut (2) 65.65 B M Donoghue
 5 — Raaj SCRATCHED
 6 6s0P4 Tittletattle (4) 65.55 G Walsh
 7 3s094 Aigne (5) 65.50 S Fannin

5 Ipl Marketing Ltd/Nelson Pine Ind. 2.32
 \$32,500, open handicap, 1600m
 1 355s0 Dez (7) 62.92 S O'Malley (a2)
 2 s4133 Hartley (5) 61.5 91 Ashvin Mudhoo (a3)
 3 097s4 Charlie Horse (3) 59.86 L Hemi
 4 9s046 Mauna Kea (4) 59.86 D Bradley
 5 0s267 Rosewood (8) 57.5 87 H Schofer (a1)
 6 90s01 Happy Star (6) 57.82 L Allpress
 7 99503 Bingwa (2) 54.57 C L O'Beirne (a2)
 8 08703 Carpe Diem (1) 54.57 T Taiaroa (a2)

6 Winstone Wallboards 3.07
 \$32,500, open handicap, 1100m
 1 07165 Deerfield (6) 62.94 S O'Malley (a2)

2 6111s Justaskme (5) 58.86 H Schofer (a1)
 3 05s86 Miss Lizzie (7) 54.79 J Mudhoo (a4)
 4 190s0 Ihu (3) 54.78 T Taiaroa (a2)
 5 s9863 Casquinman (1) 54.75 L Allpress
 6 0s474 Conor O'Ceirin (2) 54.75 M K Hudson
 7 09s40 Cin Cin (4) 54.57 D Hirini

7 Marshall Innovations 3.42
 \$27,500, rating 74 benchmark, 1200m
 1 s778s Koxinga (11) 59.5 73 S O'Malley (a2)
 2 s0815 Diogenes (4) 59.72 Callum Jones (a3)
 3 1450s Invisible Spirit (1) 58.70 C L O'Beirne (a2)
 4 0s553 Rock Island Line (7) 58.70 R Elliot
 5 53615 Ottavio (5) 56.5 67 T Taiaroa (a2)
 6 30310 Hydroexpress (2) 55.68 L Allpress
 7 0700s Ekstrememiss (3) 54.60 D Bradley
 8 107s9 Trosettee (6) 54.60 S J Macnab
 9 — Gin-Gin SCRATCHED
 10 0s005 World Tour (10) 54.56 L Hemi
 11 s2544 Eagle County (9) 54.54 Ashvin Mudhoo (a3)
 12 09s00 Eva Amelia (8) 54.45 D Hirini

8 Redstag Timber Ltd 4.16
 \$22,500, rating 65 benchmark*, 1400m
 1 22233 Semper Magico (18) 60.65 T Taiaroa (a2)
 2 759s9 Atenartin (17) 59.5 64 Ashvin Mudhoo (a3)
 3 0270s Cetus (7) 59.63 T Allan
 4 538s4 Manolo (1) 59.63 L Hemi
 5 0s013 Prince Leo (19) 59.63 D Bradley
 6 s591 Venato (12) 59.63 H Schofer (a1)
 7 15s04 Chillax 'n' Chase (1) 58.5 62 S J Macnab

EMERGENCIES:
 8 — Haka-Boogie SCRATCHED
 9 62077 If You Dance (13) 58.5 62 M K Hudson
 10 25441 Justaskperc (9) 58.5 62 L Kauri (a4)
 11 150s0 Little Uzi (14) 58.61 R Elliot
 12 0s106 Slim (10) 58.61 J Mudhoo (a4)
 13 03104 Kusudia (2) 56.5 62 Callum Jones (a3)
 14 s344s My Zed (15) 56.5 62 F Lazet (a4)
EMERGENCIES:
 15 90s89 Sea Star (5) 58.61 L Allpress
 16 90s29 Dubai's Moko (3) 55.5 60
 17 50s83 Tiro (4) 57.5 60
 18 8840s Full Turbo (16) 57.59
 19 09007 Prince Swing (8) 54.55
 20 0546 Meila Rei (6) 57.5 64

Invercargill harness at Ascot Park Saturday

Selections
 Race 1: RAKAREPLAY, MATAI CHARLOTTE, SAVIOUR TElf
 Race 2: PORT AU PRINCE, CELEBRATING, BETTORS HIGHLIGHT
 Race 3: SPRINGBANK MASON, EMDEEGEE, KING OF THE NORTH
 Race 4: SEVENTH HEAVEN, STUNIN STAR, WONTHAVTIME
 Race 5: MISS MUCHO, BOUDICA, RAKARIPPA
 Race 6: RAKANOTTA, ARLO MAGUIRE, AH MACH
 Race 7: ANDIAMO, JASMINE JACCKA, PORT PEGASUS
 Race 8: MAJOR PUNTER, DREAM OF GLORY, CHUCKLES
 Race 9: FIREFOREFIDDLE, CAST A SHADOW, CALICO HILL

9 0s89 Stilton Lord (Fr) U2 T Robertson
 10 0 Tamarack (Fr) U3 R Mcllwick
2 McKnight & Brown Pace 12.40
 \$7000, 3yo+ r40-r46,r47-r52 w/c. mobile, 2200m
 1 67779 Tad Lincoln (Fr) 1 B Orange
 2 09375 Holy Havoc (Fr) 2
 3 90084 I'm Watching You (Fr) 3 K Larsen
 4 52225 Bettors Highlight (Fr) 4 B Barclay
 5 97625 Von Art (Fr) 5 M Williamson
 6 64253 Northview Peg (Fr) 6 S Tomlinson (J)
 7 25359 Port Au Prince (Fr) 7 P Hunter
 8 38507 Tartan Roxy (Fr) 8 N Williamson
 9 60668 Saint Tropez (Fr) 21 A Beck
 10 4s803 Celebrating (Fr) 22 C Ferguson

3 Whats On Invers Trot 1.05
 \$9000, r40-r75 special handicap stand, 2700m
 1 67D90 Matai Jetstar (Fr) 1 A Milne
 2 74743 Spotlight The Valley (Fr) 2 M Hurrell (J)
 3 74450 Miss Bamboocha (Fr) U1 R Mcllwick
 4 91104 Zoned Scarlett (15) 1 B Orange
 5 41118 Emdeegee (15) 2 M Williamson
 6 007s1 King Cassidy (15) U1 S Tomlinson (J)
 7 16866 King Of The North (15) U2
 8 s3600 Jimmy Carter (15) U3 B Williamson

1 Peninsular Beachfront Resort 12.15
 \$10,000, non-winners 3yo+ mr47 to mr50. mobile, 2200m
 1 70Ps Matai Charlotte (Fr) 1 A Milne
 2 064s6 Cool Idea (Fr) 2 M Hurrell (J)
 3 64242 Rakareplay (Fr) 3 P Hunter
 4 The Big Lebowski (Fr) 4 R Swain
 5 Express Pace (Fr) 5 C Ferguson
 6 7 Saviour Telf (Fr) 6
 7 Livy Desma (Fr) 7 B Barclay
 8 Cherokee Jack (Fr) U1 B Orange

Jetbet 7 TAB Doubles 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Trebles 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 7-8-9 Quaddies 2-3-4-5, 6-7-8-9 Place6 4-9

9 32405 Crusher Collins (15) U4 C Ferguson
 10 91820 Springbank Mason (25) 1 N Williamson
 11 11463 Tweedledee (35) 1 S Otley
4 Lizzy's Cafe Pace 1.32
 \$8000, non-winners 3yo+ mr40 to mr46. mobile, 2200m
 1 70697 Heritage (Fr) 1 M Williamson
 2 — Battle-Axe SCRATCHED
 3 7636s Seventh Heaven (Fr) 2 K Barclay
 4 898s6 Stunin Star (Fr) 3 R Austin
 5 096s6 Sly Tricks (Fr) 4 B Orange
 6 72805 Cautious Galleon (Fr) 5 S Tomlinson (J)
 7 57608 Friendly Eye (Fr) 6 N Williamson
 8 89844 Allittlebitgood (Fr) 7 R Mcllwick
 9 53252 Wonthavtime (Fr) 21 B Barclay
 10 80653 The Naenae Express (Fr) 22 R Swain
 11 s00s0 Mr Jingles (Fr) 23 S O'Reilly (J)

5 Sthern S't'bred Breeders F&M Final 2.07
 \$12,000, 3yo+ r45-r70. mobile, 2200m
 1 46523 Boudica (Fr) 1 E Barron (J)
 2 66204 Art Courage (Fr) 2 S Otley
 3 65576 Rakarippa (Fr) 3 B Orange
 4 80752 Dachy (Fr) 4 N Williamson
 5 07105 Tulsa Jackca (Fr) 5 R Mcllwick
 6 18241 Miss Mucho (Fr) 6 S Tomlinson (J)

6 Level One Nugget Final 2.42
 \$12,000, 3yo+ r53. mobile, 2200m
 1 07423 The Other Brother (Fr) 1
 2 57231 Arlo Maguire (Fr) 2 M Hurrell (J)
 3 22301 Ah Mach (Fr) 3 N Williamson
 4 00621 Emma Stone (Fr) 4 P Hunter
 5 17570 Wrecking Ball (Fr) 5 A Milne
 6 46124 Onedin Hurrucane (Fr) 6 E Barron (J)
 7 139 Rakanotta (Fr) 7 B Barclay
 8 21660 Ohoka Agent (Fr) 8 B Williamson
 9 62514 Superfast (Fr) 21 B Orange

7 Gold Chip Final Hcp Trot 3.17
 \$12,000, non-winners w/c special handicap stand, 2700m
 1 76755 The Power Broker (Fr) 1 A Armour
 2 9s634 In The Groove (Fr) 2 S Tomlinson (J)
 3 54532 Denn Nee's Sister (Fr) 3 A Beck
 4 53786 Petronelli Gee (Em1) (Fr) 4 A Milne
 5 77473 Kiwi Heir (Em2) (Fr) U1
 6 98559 My Hope (Fr) U2 B Norman
 7 s0714 Mr Olympus (20) 1 M Shirley
 8 72220 Insist The Win (20) 2 B Barclay
 9 63907 It's Summertime (20) 3
 10 390P1 Whangamata (20) 4 R Mcllwick
 11 94241 Jasmine Jackca (20) 5 B Williamson
 12 82132 Port Pegasus (20) 6 B Orange
 13 02331 Zealous Spur (20) 7 M Williamson

14 9s211 Andiamo (20) U1 K Larsen
 15 18983 Ruby Seddon (20) U2 N Williamson
 16 5460P Svelt (20) U3 S Otley
8 Regent Car Court Pace 3.52
 \$9000, 3yo+ r56-r70. mobile, 2200m
 1 1472

New South Wales races at Rosehill Saturday Jetbet 11 TAB doubles 1-2, 4-5, 8-9 Trebles 3-4-5, 7-8-9 Quaddie 2-3-4-5, 6-7-8-9 Place6 4-9

Selections
Race 1: RAGING BULL, ROYALZEL, VERBEK
Race 2: WICKLOW, CRYSTAL PEGASUS, VIREN
Race 3: PATINO RUBY, CAVALIER CHARLES, ANETHOLE
Race 4: LACKEEN, NO COMPROMISE, MONSIEUR SISU
Race 5: FASTCONI, IRISH ANGEL, TORO TORO
Race 6: TYCOONIST, ROYAL BANQUET, COUNT DE RUPEE
Race 7: APPROACH DISCREET, STOCKMAN, PARRY SOUND
Race 8: SAHRA, KATALIN, BELLUCI BABE
Race 9: WAIRERE FALLS, STEELY, GEMMAHRA

1 E Group Security Handicap 1.30

\$125,000, 2yo, 1500m
1 3 Raging Bull h (3) 58 99 S Clipperton
2 4222 Verbek (5) 58 93 J Bowman
3 231 Deficit wh (1) 57.5 99 N Rawiller
4 072 Hundred Proof (6) 57.5 95 J Collett
5 815 Royalzel wb (7) 57.5 95 J Mc Donald
6 611 Zaidy w (2) 57.5 95 J Van Overmeire (a1.5)
7 42 Armour Force b (8) 57 95 K Mc Evoy
8 4214 My Snow Queen w (4) 55 100 T Schiller (a3)

2 Sharp Extensive IT 2.05

\$125,000, 3 & 4yo Benchmark 72, 1800m
1 10s76 Crystal Pegasus wh (4) 59 94 K Mc Evoy
2 11s99 Viren wh (5) 56.5 89 A Adkins
3 s7570 Mr Gee (8) 56 89 S Clipperton
4 33s11 Wicklow cwh (3) 55.5 100 B Avdulla
5 — Olympic Class SCRATCHED

Victoria races at Flemington Saturday

Selections
Race 1: BACK IN THE DAY, SECRET GLAMOUR, BON VIVANT
Race 2: FANCIFUL TOFF, VIVIDREDSKY, SMOKIN' PIERRO
Race 3: MODEAR, EXPRESS PASS, ZORRO'S DREAM
Race 4: DON'T TELL THE BOSS, WITCFUL THINKING, MAXIMAK
Race 5: KURABUI, DEGRAVES, GALAXY RAIDER
Race 6: BENSOLTI, NAMAOKA, REUBER
Race 7: AIDENSFIELD, SNICKERDODDLEDANDY, AWARD WINNER
Race 8: VIRAL, YULONG JANUARY, RUBISAKI
Race 9: BLESS HER, MUNTASEERA, SARTORIAL SPLENDOR

1 Rod Johnson Handicap 1.45

\$125,000, 2yo, 1420m
1 623 Back In The Day (7) 59 90 P Moloney
2 Bon Vivant h (11) 59 84 D Oliver
3 Celestial Fury (4) 59 84 C Newitt
4 5 Claidheamh Mor (6) 59 90 L Currie
5 3 The Silent Sermon (3) 59 94 B Melham
6 Turn It Up Tommy h (1) 59 84 L King (a1.5)
7 1 Somewatt Fabulous w (2) 58.5 98 D Lane
8 1 Secret Glamour wn (5) 58 99 J Allen
9 8s2 Forbidden City (10) 56.5 100 Ms J Kah
10 — Gettic Glory SCRATCHED
11 8s64 Sudden Impacts (9) 55.5 92 L Neindorf (a2)

2 Adam Lindsay Gordon Hcp 2.20

\$135,000, 3yo & up Quality, 2540m
1 6s925 Haky tw (6) 59 96 B Allen
2 0s654 South Pacific w (2) 54.5 97 Ms J Kah

Queensland races at Ipswich Saturday

Selections
Race 1: MILLWARD, DERANI, GOLDEN EIGHTY
Race 2: GETYOURGREYON, MASAFF, PROSPECTUS
Race 3: INCENTIVISE, SCILAGO, BROCCSON
Race 4: RED BLOOM, LUNA MIA, DEVILLAIN
Race 5: SAFFWORK, PALAISIPAN, DZSENIER
Race 6: DESERT LORD, PHANTOM FALCON, READY TO HUMBLE
Race 7: FLASH AAH, IN GOOD HEALTH, SO YOU WIN
Race 8: REALLY DISCREET, AXE, MACEWEN
Race 9: FLEET DOVE, LILLEMOR, KYLEASE

1 Sirromet Bundamba Plate Hcp 1.38

\$75,000, 2yo, 1350m
1 9s205 Golden Eighty (3) 58 94 R Maloney
2 74s41 Derani (6) 57.5 97 Ms S Thornton
3 219 Minto's Paradise w (2) 57.5 100 N Callow
4 s4072 Balmaurice b (4) 57 98 B Thompson
5 1 Hot Profit w (9) 57 97 J Guthmann-Chester
6 s7624 Bayerische (8) 56.5 98 J Orman

Legend: T - Won at track. C - Won at this distance on this course. D - Won at this distance on another course. M - Won in slow or heavy going. B - Beaten favourite at last start. H - Trained on track. N - Won at night. S - Spell of three months. F - Fell. P - Pulled up. L - Lost rider. TV - Featured on Trackside TV.

8 s1554 Total Recall w (1) 56 98 A Adkins
9 31417 Vigorous Flow w (3) 54 98 S Clipperton
10 3s443 Vigor Lasso h (5) 54 98 K Mc Evoy
11 30206 Champagne Vega w (9) 54 94 J Collett
12 09570 Notabadharada w (4) 52 91 B Ryan (a2)

5 The Agency Real Estate 3.50

\$125,000, 3 & 4yo Benchmark 72, 1100m
1 115s1 Nikohli Beagle w (8) 58.5 98 N Rawiller
2 01441 Toro Toro dw (10) 58 98 Matthew Palmer
3 331s1 Irish Angel dwh (12) 57.5 95 J Bowman
4 02141 Osamu dw (9) 59.5 94 Ms L Day (a2)
5 s3221 Fastconi dwh (7) 57 100 J Mc Donald
6 3244s Sally's Day dwh (2) 56.5 94 J Parr
7 2726s Bazooka wh (6) 56 92 S Clipperton
8 s4219 Magic Ruler w (5) 55.5 95 J Collett
9 38s20 Tiny dw (11) 55 100 K Mc Evoy
10 137s1 Escape Artist dw (14) 54.5 96 Ms R King
11 11251 Miss Jay Fox dw (3) 54.5 97 T Clark
12 174s4 No Laughing Matter wb (13) 54 97 J Ford

EMERGENCIES:
13 1s224 Miracle Street wbh (4) 54 96 B Avdulla
14 50s8s Sunborn (1) 52 70 A Adkins

6 Ranvet Handicap 4.25

\$125,000, 3yo & up C,H&Gs Benchmark 78, 1300m
1 80s10 Impasse d (8) 62 94 R Bayliss
2 2s6s0 Bulletin (4) 60.5 83 J Van Overmeire (a1.5)
3 1s218 Count De Rupee tw (10) 59.5 97 B Ryan (a2)
4 6s852 Smart Image tw (1) 58.5 98 T Clark
5 3s331 Zell dh (13) 58 98 T Schiller (a3)
6 149s9 He's A Hotshot c (11) 57.5 94 Ms R King
7 115s7 Royal Banquet dw (7) 57.5 97 N Rawiller

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7 82623 Don't tell the boss wn (6) 54.5 93 Ms A Kelly (a3)
8 136s1 Galgani dw (12) 54 87 L King (a1.5)
9 437s1 Poysed To Rein dw (13) 54 98 Ms J Kah
10 33227 Runaway Girl dwn (7) 54 89 H Coffey
11 000s5 Indiana Lilly dwn (3) 54 85 M Cartwright (a2)
12 1s244 Lindhout (10) 54 88 C Newitt
13 08049 Sky Call d (1) 54 81 B Mertens
14 2s245 Make Mine Hennessy n (2) 54 88 D Thornton

5 The David Bourke 4.05

\$125,000, Benchmark 90, 1620m
1 s3344 Galaxy Raider tw (9) 61.5 88 L Neindorf (a2)
2 380s8 Pancho tdwh (7) 60 88 B Prebble
3 6341s One More Try tdw (4) 59.5 89 L King (a1.5)
4 6s517 Mr Exclusive dw (5) 57.5 90 B Higgins
5 s500s Kinane dw (6) 56 96 D Lane
6 242s5 Think 'n' Fly dwh (2) 55 99 D Oliver
7 124s5 Betcha Flying tw (1) 54.5 91 D Thornton
8 s440s Degraives dw (8) 54 100 W Price (a1.5)
9 11s11 Kurabui dwn (10) 54 100 Ms J Kah
10 112s0 Dalamax dw (3) 54 88 B Mertens
11 546s0 Tinandali d (13) 54 88 M Cartwright (a2)
12 338s4 Starouz dw (12) 54 89 C Newitt
13 760s0 Shakespear's galley h (11) 54 82 P Moloney

6 Sir Henry Bolte Handicap 4.45

\$135,000, 3yo Quality, 2000m
1 s2411 Namaokwa c (6) 60 100 B Allen
2 73222 Reuber (10) 58.5 96 L Currie
3 20612 Literati w (3) 57.5 92 D Thornton
4 4s010 Cakewalk Baby tw (14) 56 96 D Oliver
5 s2133 Sweet Karolina (2) 55.5 94 L King (a)
6 15542 Marcolt b (11) 55 98

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4 Ray White Ipswich 3.23
\$75,000, OMSW, 1350m
1 520s2 At Witz End w (11) 59 87 R Maloney
2 18s29 Colpo Di Tamburo n (7) 59 86 Ms M Wishart (a3)
3 s2547 Fabulon wn (1) 59 86 R Fradd
4 1440s Nothingfortheopress c (13) 58.5 83 N Callow

5 32564 Westlink dw (15) 58.5 91 M R Du Plessis
6 — The Irons SCRATCHED
7 — Bryneich SCRATCHED
8 s30s0 Luna Mia (19) 55.5 98 C Williams
9 34318 Red Bloom tw (9) 55.5 100 L Tarrant
10 32324 Wowers tw (21) 55 92 J Byrne
11 133s7 Divine Diva tw (2) 54.5 90 M Cahill
12 3s206 Purrino tcd (12) 54 92 B Thompson
13 83080 Donandkim (17) 54 83 A Spinks
14 27645 Toujours L'amour tw (8) 54 86 Ms S Thornton

EMERGENCIES:
15 11834 Devillain w (5) 54 88 T Marshall
16 66s51 Triple Arrow wn (3) 54 88 A Allen
17 35711 Buzzer Beater dw (4) 54 87
18 4s878 Brocky cw (20) 54 82
19 2s344 Sister Kathleen cw (16) 54 83 Ms K Cowan (a3)

20 557s1 Svindal (14) 54 84 Ms T Brooker
21 s740s Zofgold dw (18) 54 81
22 73441 Bambalam cw (6) 54 85

5 Schweppes TL Cooney 3.58

\$105,000, 3yo SW, 1350m
1 — Amish Boy SCRATCHED
2 04141 Tumbler Ridge dw (5) 57 98 B Nothdurft
3 08s67 Our Playboy w (10) 57 100 B Thompson
4 06s03 Safework d (1) 57 93 R Fradd
5 43175 Rollinwiththeflow dw (6) 57 89 L Tarrant
6 21111 Cracker Essgee w (8) 57 91 B El-Issa
7 16s94 Batangas Entry (12) 57 89 J Orman
8 9s634 Palladas c (2) 57 99 R Maloney
9 727s8 Better Lad (13) 57 83 L V Cassidy
10 — Fleet Dove SCRATCHED
11 7122s Dzenifer b (3) 55 89 J Byrne
12 111 Palaisipan tcd (7) 55 90 C Williams
13 50s66 Sista Elenore w (4) 55 88 Ms S Thornton

8 6s223 Taksu wb (14) 56.5 97 J Bowman
9 1162s Ashim w (5) 56 93 S Clipperton
10 87423 Stockman dw (1) 54 95 S Clipperton
11 67s56 Matowatake dw (12) 56 97 J Parr
12 6s223 Tycoonist chn (2) 55 100 J Mc Donald

7 XXXX W J McKell Cup 5.05

\$150,000, 3yo & up Quality Listed, 2000m
1 33224 So You Win tw (10) 59 97 N Rawiller
2 s8304 Wu Gok tw (2) 59 98 J Parr
3 44121 Yonkers dwh (8) 59 98 J Bowman
4 0s098 Mr Satchmo dw (4) 55.5 94 J Ford
5 20303 The Lord Mayor cdwh (12) 55.5 94 J Mc Donald

6 83222 Parry Sound w (3) 54.5 97 J Collett
7 06s06 Berdibek w (13) 54 91 B Avdulla
8 76423 Stockman dw (1) 54 95 S Clipperton
9 14s00 Monreal w (9) 54 84 J Van Overmeire (a)
10 17604 Mr Marathon Man dw (14) 53.5 94 Ms R King

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11 s7334 Brutality tw (11) 53 100 Ms K O'Hara
12 1s433 Approach Discreet w (5) 53 97 K Mc Evoy

8 Bowermans Furniture 5.45

\$125,000, 3yo & up F&M Benchmark 78, 1300m
1 s5133 Belluci Babe b (13) 60.5 92 J Parr
2 661s4 Invinciano (11) 60 90 B Avdulla
3 72s66 Lucicello tw (6) 59.5 90 K Mc Evoy
4 2520s Saigon wh (5) 59.5 94 J Ford
5 — Joviality SCRATCHED

7 A.R. Creswick Stakes 5.25

\$140,000, 3yo SW+P Listed, 1200m
1 22121 Curran tdn (11) 59 96 M Cartwright (a)
2 36s02 Free To Move dwn (12) 58 90 C Newitt
3 9s421 Snickerdoodleanddy tw (16) 57 100 Ms J Kah
4 522s2 Pioneer River ch (3) 57 96 B Melham
5 25216 Grand Pope dwn (9) 57 89 R McLeod
6 2s115 Brenlyn's Trooper dw (13) 57 89 J Duffy
7 2s121 Sir Davy (5) 57 94 J Allen
8 2s419 The Cruiser d (1) 57 80 B Mertens
9 65510 Stellar Pauline dw (4) 56 98 D Vendall
10 s1936 Capriccio tw (14) 56 93 H Coffey
11 20s5s Aiden's Field dwh (15) 56 93 J Mott
12 8s311 Award Winner n (10) 56 87 D Oliver
13 257s6 Maha n (8) 55 89 D Thornton
14 s1467 Sweetzou (7) 55 89 M Dee

EMERGENCIES:
15 1262 Rights Of Man bh (2) 57 93 D Lane
16 1 No Quarantine dw (6) 57 86 L Currie

8 Brian Beattie Handicap 6.00

\$125,000, Quality, 1420m
1 s8211 Yulong January cdw (16) 60 96 J Allen
2 2282s Mandala Effect tdwn (13) 59 88 M Dee

9 Jack Styring OAM Sprint 6.32

\$125,000, Quality, 1100m
1 3246s Red Can Man d (10) 58 92 Ms J Kah
2 4337s William Thomas dw (14) 57.5 90 B Melham
3 7277s Banquo th (4) 57 93 D Lane
4 57029 Halvorsen tcdn (13) 56.5 91 L Currie
5 21411 Sartorial Splendor tdwn (5) 56.5 100 M Dee
6 99s74 I Am Someone cw (11) 55 94 L Neindorf (a)
7 124s3 Bless Her dw (1) 54 97 C Newitt
8 85153 Hi Stranger dwn (2) 54 91 D Vendall
9 45s54 The Astrologer dwh (6) 54 96 D Thornton

7 TAB Ipswich Cup 5.17

\$175,000, Quality Listed, 2150m
1 61510 Inverloch w (8) 60.5 96 L V Cassidy
2 33224 So You Win w (5) 58 96 L R Dittman
3 84517 In Good Health w (7) 56.5 100 R Maloney
4 4s419 Laure Me In w (11) 56 93 J Byrne
5 20303 The Lord Mayor w (14) 54.5 91
6 14014 Flash Aah w (1) 54 96 Ms M Wishart (a)
7 21242 Humbolt Current w (4) 54 91 C Williams
8 58810 Victory Eight wn (9) 54 91 Ron Stewart
9 — He Runs Away SCRATCHED
10 01459 Maid Of Ore w (6) 54 94 B El-Issa
11 25422 Happy Go Plucky w (12) 54 91 Ms S Thornton

12 s0807 Picka Plum (3) 54 88 T Marshall
13 84118 Traduce n (2) 54 91 R Fradd
14 s8884 Jumeirah Triangle wn (13) 54 76 A Spinks

6 8373s Helga dw (1) 59 90 Ms L Day (a2)
7 150s1 Katalin dw (8) 59 100 J Mc Donald
8 18Ps9 Brial The Ransom w (4) 57.5 90 T Clark
9 11096 Lunar Tramp dwn (14) 57.5 95 Ms K O'Hara

9 Rosehill Bowling Club 6.25

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1 — Elaborate SCRATCHED
2 s0903 Milk Man w (1) 62 93 T Schiller (a3)
3 959s6 Badoosh tw (5) 59.5 91 S Clipperton
4 254s3 Criminal Code h (18) 59.5 93 J Mc Donald
5 3122s Harpo Marx tw (12) 59.5 87 Ms R King
6 794s7 Accountability tw (2) 58.5 91 T Clark
7 41154 Steely dwh (11) 58.5 92 J Collett
8 52s51 Oscar Zulu tw (13) 58 100 J Bowman
9 4200s Navy Cross w (6) 58 90 N Rawiller
10 282s0 Shuffle Up h (7) 58 89 J Van Overmeire (a1.5)

11 s124s Montabot wb (15) 57 89 J Ford
12 32s32 Wairere Falls dwh (3) 56.5 96 K Mc Evoy
13 s1023 Gemmahra dw (4) 55.5 90 J Parr
14 43397 Liveinthefastlane (16) 54 87 B Ryan (a2)
15 s2211 Tim's Principal w (8) 54.5 91
16 12s75 O'Mudgee w (7) 54 93
17 9s722 Papal Warrior wbh (10) 54 92
18 321s0 Yukon hn (9) 54 89 B Avdulla

9 Jack Styring OAM Sprint 6.32

\$125,000, Quality, 1100m
1 3246s Red Can Man d (10) 58 92 Ms J Kah
2 4337s William Thomas dw (14) 57.5 90 B Melham
3 7277s Banquo th (4) 57 93 D Lane
4 57029 Halvorsen tcdn (13) 56.5 91 L Currie
5 21411 Sartorial Splendor tdwn (5) 56.5 100 M Dee
6 99s74 I Am Someone cw (11) 55 94 L Neindorf (a)
7 124s3 Bless Her dw (1) 54 97 C Newitt
8 85153 Hi Stranger dwn (2) 54 91 D Vendall
9 45s54 The Astrologer dwh (6) 54 96 D Thornton

10 43102 Muntaseera db (7) 54 94 H Coffey
11 11737 Iddiforlove cdwb (12) 54 92 L King (a)
12 9s451 Rock Prophet tdw (8) 54 93 B Mertens
13 406s8 Chicago Cub tw (9) 54 92 F W Kersley
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AGENDA

- Karakia
- Removal and appointment of Trustees for Whakato Marae and Hurimoana Urupa
- Marae development
- General business

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Public Notices

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Nominations are now open for President, Vice President and Committee members (8 positions). Nominations will close on Sunday 4th July 2021 at 5pm. Voting will commence on Monday 5th July 2021 and close Friday 16th July 2021. Annual General Meeting will be held in the RSA Hall, 6 Tuparoa Road, Ruatoria on **Sunday 18th July 2021 at 10am**. Remits for AGM will be accepted up until 5pm 16th July 2021.

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FRIDAY—SATURDAY'S TELEVISION GUIDE

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5pm The Chase Ⓜ
6pm 1 News At 6pm Ⓜ
7pm Seven Sharp Ⓜ
7.30 The Repair Shop PG Ⓜ
8.30 Celebrity Best Home Cook PG Ⓜ
 The remaining eight celebrities cook their ultimate breakfasts; the weakest cooks face the dreaded eliminator.
9.45 Schitt's Creek Ⓜ
 Johnny prepares himself after finding a positive pregnancy test in Alexis's garbage; David and Patrick search for privacy.
10.45 1 News Tonight Ⓜ
11.15 Coroner 16V Ⓜ
 Jenny conducts her first inquest into a police shooting; McAvoy must come to terms with his past and confront the brotherhood of blue.
SATURDAY
12.10 Blindspot 16V Ⓜ
1.10 Te Karere Ⓜ
1.35 Infomercials
6am Te Karere Ⓜ
6.30 Country Calendar Ⓜ
 A young Manawatu woman juggles stock work on the family farm with breaking horses, dog training, tertiary study and working as a district councillor.
7am Fishing And Adventure Ⓜ
7.30 Infomercials
8.30 Religious Programming
9am Roads Less Travelled Ⓜ
 Australian road trip discovering hidden gems that only the locals know about.
9.30 Tagata Pasifika
10am Dinner Date Ⓜ
11am Cash Trapped Ⓜ
Noon The Great British Sewing Bee Ⓜ
 The contestants tackle fly fastenings, patch pockets and made-to-measure silk.
1.05 The Living Room Ⓜ
2pm The Apprentice Aotearoa PG Ⓜ
 Teams must find items around Auckland and buy them for as cheaply as possible in a race against time.
3pm Happy Campers: The Caravan Park Ⓜ
4pm FINAL Eat Well For Less NZ Ⓜ
5pm The Chase Ⓜ

CHOICE

5.30 The Great Food Truck Race PGL
6.30 Salvage Hunters
7.30 Grand Designs NZ
8.30 The Restoration Workshop
9.30 Escape To The Chateau: DIY
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4pm Kai Safari
4.30 Choccywoccydoodah Starstruck
5.30 Antiques Roadshow

BRAVO

5.30 Shark Tank PG
6.30 Celebrity Ghost Stories PG
7.30 MOVIE My Best Friend's Wedding PG Ⓜ 1997
 Romance.
9.40 An Unexpected Killer 16 Ⓜ
10.40 Snapped M Ⓜ
11.35 Deadly Cults M Ⓜ
SATURDAY
12.25 Infomercials
6am Infomercials
10am Judge Jerry Ⓜ
10.30 Hollywood Medium With Tyler Henry PG Ⓜ
11.30 Hollywood Medium With Tyler Henry PG Ⓜ
12.30 50 Ways To Kill Your Mum PG Ⓜ
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2.30 Bewitched PG Ⓜ
4.35 Celebrity Ghost Stories PG Ⓜ
5.30 Undercover Boss PG Ⓜ

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5pm The Big Bang Theory PG Ⓜ
 Sheldon is thrilled when his Meemaw comes to visit, but his excitement quickly fades when she clashes with Amy.
6pm Neighbours Ⓜ
6.30 Home And Away PG Ⓜ
7pm Shortland Street PG Ⓜ
 Marty feels like a jinx; Louis makes a connection; Rani lays a trap.
7.30 The Amazing Race Australia PG Ⓜ
 A final road block forces the teams to walk across a suspended ladder bridge that hangs 80m off the ground above an abyss.
9.45 The Farmer Wants A Wife PG Ⓜ
SATURDAY
12.25 Wellington Paranormal PG Ⓜ
12.50 Shortland Street PG Ⓜ
1.15 Infomercials
2.15 2 Overnight
4.15 The Middle Ⓜ
4.40 Neighbours Ⓜ
5.05 Brain Busters Ⓜ
6am The Adventures Of Paddington Ⓜ
6.10 The Wiggles' World Ⓜ
6.20 Tinpo Ⓜ
6.30 Esme And Roy Ⓜ
6.50 Love Monster Ⓜ
7.05 Scooby Doo! Guess Who Ⓜ
7.30 Beyblade Burst Surge Ⓜ
7.50 Transformers Cyberverse Ⓜ
8.15 Star Wars Rebels PG Ⓜ
8.40 Pokemon Journeys: The Series Ⓜ
9am Monk Kid Ⓜ
9.10 Power Rangers Ninja Steel PG Ⓜ
9.35 The Simpsons Ⓜ
10am Fresh
10.30 Full House Ⓜ
11am The Middle Ⓜ
11.30 The Amazing Race Australia PG Ⓜ
12.55 MasterChef Australia Omnibus Ⓜ

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THREE

5pm Millionaire Hot Seat Ⓜ
6pm Newshub Live At 6pm
7pm The Project
7.30 MOVIE Fast And Furious MVLSC Ⓜ 2009
 Action. When a crime takes them back to LA, a fugitive former convict re-ignites his feud with an agent, but they must confront a shared enemy.
 Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Michelle Rodriguez.
9.40 GameStop: The Wall Street Hijack PG Ⓜ
 A look at how, in January 2021, amid the global political and pandemic news, a group of young, risk-embracing day traders caused the stock price of struggling video game retailer GameStop to skyrocket in a play that shook the world's financial markets.
10.35 Newshub Late
11.05 Love Island: Australia ML Ⓜ
SATURDAY
12.05 Love Island: Australia M Ⓜ
1am Infomercials
6am Charles Stanley Ⓜ
6.30 Infomercials
9.30 Newshub Nation
10.30 Darren Robertson's Charcoal Kitchen Ⓜ
11am Taste Of Australia With Hayden Quinn Ⓜ
11.30 Married At First Sight NZ PG Ⓜ
1pm Before And After
1.30 Australian Ninja Warrior Ⓜ
3.25 Andy And Ben Eat Australia PG Ⓜ
3.55 Restoration Man PG Ⓜ
5pm Bondi Vet PG Ⓜ

SKY SPORT 1

5pm Rugby Club
5.30 GrassRoots Rugby
6.30 Playmakers: Rugby Stories
7pm Super Rugby Trans-Tasman (HLS)
 Road to the Final.
9.15 Super Rugby Trans-Tasman (RPL) Best Game of the Tournament.
11.15 Rugby Heaven Ⓜ
SATURDAY
12.15 Rugby Club
12.45 LIVE Cycling: French National Championship
 Time Trial Men.
3.45 The Breakdown
4.55 LIVE Currie Cup
 Lions v Pumas. From Mbombela Stadium.
7am Guinness Pro14 Rainbow Cup (RPL) Zebre v Munster.
 From Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi, Parma.
9am Rugby Heaven
10am GrassRoots Rugby
11am Currie Cup (HLS) Lions v Pumas.
11.30 First XV Rugby Revision
Noon LIVE First XV Rugby
 Palmerston North Boys' v Hamilton Boys'.
2pm French Top 14 (RPL)
 Semi-final One: La Rochelle v Racing 92. From the Stade Pierre Mauroy, Lille.
4pm GrassRoots Rugby
5pm Aotearoa Rugby Pod
5.30 Rugby Club

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PRIME

5pm Everybody Loves Raymond PG Ⓜ
5.30 Prime News
6pm Rugby Club
6.30 Pawn Stars PG Ⓜ
7pm The Crowd Goes Wild
7.30 Pawn Stars PGC Ⓜ
8pm Border Security: Australia's Front Line PGC Ⓜ
8.30 NCIS: New Orleans MVC Ⓜ
 When a petty officer is shot by a sniper, the team discovers the killer may not be acting alone.
9.30 Raw PGV
10.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert PG
11.30 The Crowd Goes Wild PG Ⓜ
SATURDAY
12am Infomercials
12.30 Closedown
12.50 LIVE Football: UEFA Euro
 Sweden v Slovakia.
3am Infomercials
5.30 Closedown
6am The Powerpuff Girls Ⓜ
6.25 Henry Danger Ⓜ
6.50 The Loud House Ⓜ
7.15 Nicky, Ricky, Dicky And Dawn Ⓜ
7.40 Justice League PG Ⓜ
8.30 Batman: The Animated Series PGVC Ⓜ
9am Samurai Jack PGV Ⓜ
10am SmackDown PGV Ⓜ
11am Raw PGV Ⓜ
Noon Whose Line Is It Anyway? PGC Ⓜ
1pm NRL Try Time
2pm Rugby League: NRL (RPL)
 Broncos v Rabbitohs.
4pm Judge Judy PG
4.30 Fishy Business PGC Ⓜ
5.30 Prime News

PAY TV

SKY 5

5pm Storage Wars PGL
5.30 Pawn Stars PG
6pm Truck Night In America PGL
7pm Border Security PGC
7.30 Hawaii Five-0 MV
8.30 World's Wildest Weather PGC
9.30 Deadly Drops MLC
10.30 The Cops MV
11.30 Ax Men ML
SATURDAY
12.30 Wheel Of Fortune
1am Jeopardy!
1.25 Border Security PGC
1.50 Deadly Drops MLC
2.40 World's Wildest Weather PGC
3.30 Truck Night In America PGL
4.20 The Cops MV
5.10 Hawaii Five-0 MV
6am Making New Zealand PG
7am Truck Night In America PGL
8am Outback Truckers PGL
8.55 The Simpsons PG
9.20 Rooster And Butch PGC
10.10 A1: Highway Patrol MVLSC
11am NXT PGV
Noon SmackDown MVC
2.05 Pawn Stars PG
3.05 Ax Men ML
4.05 A1: Highway Patrol MVLSC
5.05 Truck Night In America PGL
5.55 Outback Truckers PGL

MAORI TV

5pm Pipi Ma Ⓜ
5.05 Takoha Ⓜ
5.15 He Paki Taonga I A Maui Ⓜ
5.20 Tamariki Haka Ⓜ
5.30 Kid's Kai Kart Ⓜ
5.40 Potae Pai Ⓜ
5.50 Taki Atu Taki Mai Ⓜ
6pm Paia Ⓜ
6.10 Huritua Ⓜ
6.20 Kia Mau Ⓜ
6.30 Te Ao Marama
7.30 Pacific Island Food Revolution
 Three teams battle it out in a Unicef challenge focusing on nutrition in the first 1000 days of a child's life.
8.30 MOVIE The Net M 1995
 Sci-fi. A software engineer becomes embroiled in computer espionage that may cost her, her life.
 Sandra Bullock, Jeremy Northam, Dennis Miller.
10.30 Te Ao Marama
11.30 Closedown
SATURDAY
6.30 Waiata Mai Ⓜ
6.40 Kia Mau Ⓜ
6.50 Huritua Ⓜ
7am Haati Paati Ⓜ
7.10 Tamariki Haka Ⓜ
7.20 Mahi Pai Ⓜ
7.30 He Rourou Ⓜ
7.40 Paia Ⓜ
7.50 ASB Polyfest 2018 Ⓜ
8.20 Te Nutube Ⓜ
8.30 Pukana Ⓜ
9.30 Korero Mai Ⓜ
Noon Sidewalk Karaoke Ⓜ
1pm Haka At Home Ⓜ
2pm Haka Global Ⓜ
2.30 The Ring Inz Ⓜ
3pm Waka Ama Championships Ⓜ
4pm Soul Sessions
4.30 Fresh
5pm The Hui
5.30 Te Waipounamu Ⓜ

MOVIES PREMIERE

5.27 Black Christmas MVLSC
 2019 Horror. Imogen Poots, Cary Elwes.
6.56 The Nomads M 2019
 Drama. Tika Sumpter, Tate Donovan.
8.30 Little Women 2019 Drama.
 Jo March reflects on her life, telling the beloved story of the March sisters – four young women each determined to live life on their own terms. Saoirse Ronan, Emma Watson.
10.45 Survive The Night 16V LSC
 2019 Thriller. Bruce Willis, Chad Michael Murray.
SATURDAY
12.15 Resistance MVLSC 2020
 Drama. Jesse Eisenberg, Clemence Poesy.
2.15 All Nighter 16V LSC 2018
 Comedy. JK Simmons, Emile Hirsch.
3.40 Black Christmas MVLSC
 2019 Horror. Imogen Poots, Cary Elwes.
5.10 The Nomads M 2019 Drama.
6.45 Little Women 2019 Drama.
9am Survive The Night
 16V LSC 2019 Thriller.
10.33 Resistance
 MVLSC 2020 Drama.
12.36 All That We Destroy 16V LSC 2018 Horror.
2.05 The Rest Of Us
 16LS 2019 Drama.
3.28 Gretel And Hansel
 MVLSC 2020 Horror.
4.58 Endings Beginnings
 16LSC 2019 Drama.



Celebrity Best Home Cook 8.30pm on TVNZ 1



Fast and Furious 7.30pm on Three



NCIS: New Orleans 8.30pm on Prime

RNZ NATIONAL

5pm Checkpoint With Lisa Owen. News and current affairs programme.
6.30 Trending Now Highlighting the RNZ stories people are sharing online.
7.06 Nights With Bryan Crump. Entertainment and information.
10pm News At Ten A roundup of today's news and sport.
10.15 Lately With Karyn Hay.
11.04 The Mixtape
SATURDAY
12.04 All Night Programme
6.08 Storytime
7.08 Country Life
8.10 Saturday Morning With Kim Hill.
12.12 Music 101 With Charlotte Ryan.
5pm The World At Five
5.10 Focus On Politics
5.30 Tagata O Te Moana

DISCOVERY

5.40 Outback Opal Hunters PG
6.35 Aussie Salvage Squad PG
7.30 Outback Opal Hunters PG
8.30 Aussie Gold Hunters PG
9.30 Demolition Down Under PG
10.30 Mysteries At The Museum PG
11.25 Naked And Afraid MLC
SATURDAY
12.15 How It's Made PG
12.40 How Do They Do It? PG
1.05 Mysteries At The Museum PG
1.55 Gold Rush PG
2.45 Naked And Afraid MLC
3.35 Moonshiners M
4.25 Deadliest Catch: Bloodline PG
5.15 Outback Opal Hunters PG
6.05 How It's Made PG
6.30 How It's Made PG
6.55 Aussie Gold Hunters PG
7.45 Outback Opal Hunters PG
12.10 Deadliest Catch PG
2pm Aussie Salvage Squad PG
2.55 Aussie Gold Hunters PG
3.50 Bering Sea Gold PG
4.45 Bering Sea Gold PG
5.40 Bering Sea Gold PG

Two wins in two days for champions

RUGBY by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

THE sporting world turned upside down at Cape Runaway on Saturday.

The defending champions of Enterprise Cars Ngati Porou East Coast club rugby, Tokararangi, beat Tihirau Victory Club 14-13 at Te Kura Mana Maori o Whangaparaoa in their Week 4, Round 2 clash for the Jury Harrison Memorial Cup.

Tokararangi (14 competition points in Round 2) followed up their second one-point game against the hitherto unbeaten TVC (16pts) this season with a 26-20 win against Hicks Bay (8pts) at Kawakawa mai Tawhiti on Sunday.

More NPEC club history was made at the weekend, with Ruatoria City (10pts) recording their first-ever win — 19-18 — at Kahuitara. As victors in the Ruatoria derby against Hikurangi (3pts), the away team claimed the Tanara Dunn Kaiwai Memorial Trophy for the first time.

Uawa (10pts), placed third above City on points differential, beat Tokomaru Bay United 65-5 at Uawa Domain to retain the Raroa Shield and Ngai Pewhairangi Cup.

Tokararangi captain and openside flanker Hone

Haerewa — who led the Te Araroa-based club to Rangiora Keelan Memorial Shield glory in 2019 and the Sky Blues of Ngati Porou East Coast to the PJ Sayers Cup against Poverty Bay a fortnight ago — has yet another reason to be over the moon.

"I couldn't be prouder of the way our boys played and how we held things together," Haerewa said.

"At times, it felt as if everything was against us, but we played to the best of our ability and were fortunate enough to come out with the win."

His fellow fetcher, TVC championship-winning skipper Mo Mato, saw the game as a continuation of the great rivalry between last year's finalists.

"It was a top-of-the-table clash with one point between the teams, same as in the first round, but even faster than that game," said Mato, under whom TVC triumphed 13-8 at Te Araroa Domain on April 17.

"Discipline and the ability to convert pressure into points made the difference."

In front of about 300 spectators, the home team opened the scoring with a penalty goal to centre Turete Waenga in the ninth minute. In the 24th minute, TVC first five-eighth Manu Herewini scored the first try of the match — converted by Waenga — for 10-0, and four minutes before the break, the hosts' goal-kicker landed his second penalty goal to give TVC a 13-0 halftime lead.

The Israel Brown-coached visitors knew they could not allow TVC to score next. Haerewa bagged the first Tokararangi try in the 56th minute, which second-five Rapata Haerewa converted to close it to 13-7.

With a quarter of an hour to play, Tokararangi

fullback Mohi Bartlett scored in the right corner. Rapata Haerewa, from the junction of the 22 and the right touch, converted the game's third and last try for 14-13 to the visitors.

And they didn't stop there.

Tokararangi followed up their 14-13 triumph over the NPEC competition leaders TVC with a second win on the road, 26-20, against Hicks Bay.

Hicks Bay are known for their ability to spring an unpleasant surprise on either guests or hosts. They are always there or thereabouts come the semifinals, and they are proud of the application and competitiveness of their forward pack.

Hicks Bay coach Aaron King said this, of last Sunday's clash with Tokararangi: "We were in it right to the end. Our defence, from 1 to 15, was excellent and some of the Tokararangi boys told me afterwards that it was the hardest game they'd played all year."

King senior gave the home team's MVP (most valuable player) award to second-five Te Whetu Waitoa but spoke, too, of his No.8, Anton King, Hicks Bay hooker Harley Roberts and Anton's opposite, Hone Haerewa, as all making big hits in defence.

Haerewa won the toss. In front of 300 hardy souls, the team of the moment (Tokararangi having beaten TVC 24 hours before) played into a slight southerly breeze at Kawakawa mai Tawhiti.

Hicks Bay first-five Pamona Samupo kicked a penalty goal six minutes into the contest, that remaining the score to half-time.

The opening try of the second half, at the 47-minute mark, was a long-range effort from Tokararangi centre Whakarae Henare. With first-five

Rapata Haerewa's conversion, the visitors took a 7-3 lead.

From the restart of play, Tokararangi reserve halfback Mo Kenworthy featured in the lead-up to a try for in-form blindside flanker Richard Green: the score was 14-3 to the visitors, courtesy of another Haerewa conversion.

Samupo, an instinctive player capable of great things, scored and converted his own try for Hicks Bay 10, Tokararangi 14 in the 60th minute.

Kenworthy then scored a try that was converted to give Tokararangi a 21-10 lead.

In the 67th minute, Hicks Bay loosehead prop Angus Kingi-Te Purei dotted down, to draw the home team within striking distance at 21-15.

Reserve right wing Karaitiana Kenworthy then scored a try for TVC to go 26-15 up, minus the conversion and Hicks Bay reserve left wing Rawiri Hoera (a convert from loosehead prop/hooker) scored the last try of the match in the 78th minute. No conversion followed, and Tokararangi won the game 26-20.

What Tokararangi achieved at the weekend speaks to a side capable of banding together in tough situations with a smile. In that, they follow their captain's example, and he's often the toughest hombre on the park.

Week 4 results:
Hikurangi 18 Ruatoria City 19, Tokararangi 14 Tihirau Victory Club 13, Uawa 65 Tokomaru Bay United 5.

Week 3 catch-up game: Hicks Bay 20 Tokararangi 26.

JUNIOR CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

Across: 6. Shoplifter, 8. Elect, 10. Magic, 13. Grandfather, 14. Bossy, 17. Wrote, 19. Unfinished.
Down: 1. Shoe, 2. Spot, 3. Film, 4. Stag, 5. Groceries, 7. Neighbour, 9. Cents, 11. Alter, 12. Off, 15. Safe, 16. Yank, 17. Wash 18. Oven

SUDOKU

SUDOKU is a logic puzzle made up of 81 squares on a 9x9 grid. To solve the puzzle, each row, column and 3x3 grid within the larger grid must end up containing each number from 1 to 9, and each number can only appear once in a row, column or box. A sudoku grid has a single unique solution, which can be reached without using guesswork.

SOLUTION IN NEXT PUBLICATION.

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CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- Fishy fingerprints? (4)
- Play one's own game, not considering one division (3,5)
- Have average intentions? (4)
- Devotee carrying little weight in window manufacture (8)
- Powder that adds spice to the soil? (6,6)
- True, an altered character (6)
- Go into contortions to set down remarks about hothead (6)
- Go out of one's mind in sections (12)
- Entering it may well mean one must be patient (8)
- Completely get her to leave singer (4)
- Met green, suddenly appearing (8)
- Some nasty rookie or raw recruit (4)

DOWN

- Harming reputation of mother when she's getting older (8)
- Confirm animal has escaped (4,3)
- Make pay for assault? (6)
- The whole fraternity find everything ship-shape (3,2,5)
- Some fear guerrillas may want to bandy words (5)
- Former European leader to see about it (4)
- Getting bigger when folding (10)
- My! What a fuss about being rich! (4-2-2)
- To agree completely (7)
- Reach an abstainer in a muddle (6)
- Follow almost unseen in the confusion (5)
- It needs to be a bit more than a foot long (4)

SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLE 11,319

Quick Crossword answers also fit the large grid

QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- Small carpets (4)
- Initial (8)
- Fatigue (4)
- Prudent (8)
- Be pessimistic (4,3,5)
- Captivate (6)
- Easy (6)
- Stock jest (8,4)
- In jerks (8)
- Supply (4)
- Pose (8)
- Tear (4)

DOWN

- Confirmed (8)
- Chaplet (7)
- Twisted (6)
- Calculations (10)
- Notions (5)
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THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

Saturday, June 19, 2021

by Eugenia Last

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Macklemore, 38; Zoe Saldana, 43; Paula Abdul, 59; Phylicia Rashad, 73.

Happy Birthday:

Pay closer attention to the people and things that bring you joy. Take control of your happiness, and make room and time to explore what interests you. Use your intellect to navigate your way through situations that require insight and understanding. Turn this into a productive and eventful year that encourages good health, prosperity and better relationships with loved ones. Your numbers are 4, 13, 17, 23, 32, 36, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19):

Put things in perspective before you address issues with someone you love, and it will help avoid discord. Plans should be geared toward entertainment and encourage better relationships with a friend, relative or lover. Personal gain is apparent. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):

Don't lose sight of your goal. Look over your options, and put your energy where it will do some good. Take the high road if you cannot agree with someone. Be gracious, loving and kind, and move on to other topics. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

Refuse to let anyone talk you into something undesirable. Put your time and effort into learning something new or getting involved in a pastime that will help you explore new avenues. Expand your mind, and associate with people who share your sentiments. 5 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22):

Shed the past and head toward something new and exciting. Explore new territory and strive to incorporate what you learn into your everyday life. Don't miss out because you fear what lies ahead. Concentrate on what makes you happy and healthy. 2 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

Revisit an idea that stimulates your mind. Reach out to people who have something to contribute. Make your dreams come true instead of helping everyone else reach their goals. It's your turn to do your thing and reap the rewards. 4 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Reevaluate your personal and professional situations. Consider what you can do to make your life more manageable and achieve the happiness you crave. Don't let emotional matters spin out of control. Address what's happening, then make adjustments. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Live and learn. Follow through with your plans; set goals that will encourage you to expand your mind and interests. Leave nothing to chance or in other people's hands. Express your feelings, and make things happen. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Get your finances and legal affairs in order. Peace of mind will be beneficial when you want to make a move or head in a new direction. Freedom is being able to take advantage of opportunities without delay. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Don't put too much faith into what others do or say. Follow your heart and the path that intrigues you the most. Build solid relationships with like-minded people. Head in a direction that adds stability and additional prospects to your life. 4 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

Control your emotions, and you'll make better decisions. A partnership will need an adjustment if you want it to run smoothly. Offer an incentive if it will help you get what you want. Play fair, and you'll achieve your objective. 2 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Invest more time and money in something that makes you happy. Explore your options, take on new projects and build a space that gives you the freedom to express yourself. Work alongside someone you love to maintain unity. 5 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):

Be honest regarding your feelings and expectations with someone close to you. If you aren't on the same page, make adjustments to satisfy the needs of everyone residing under the same roof. Transparency is the best policy. 3 stars

Birthday Baby:

You are playful, disciplined and curious. You are wise and flexible.

STAR RATINGS

FIVE STARS: Nothing can stop you now. Go for the gold.
FOUR STARS: You can pretty much do as you please. It's a good time to start new projects.
THREE STARS: If you focus your efforts, you will reach your goals.
TWO STARS: You can accomplish a lot, but don't rely on others for help.
ONE STAR: It's best to avoid conflicts. Work behind the scenes or read a good book.

United up against ‘wounded’ Port Hill

FOOTBALL by John Gillies

A WOUNDED tiger is to be avoided in every circumstance, but wounded football teams are a different matter.

They can't always be avoided. When a meeting is inevitable, be on your guard for surprises, collect three points with as little fuss as possible, and drive home safely.

Port Hill, sitting fourth in football's Pacific Premiership, last week lost 1-0 away to Napier Marist Seconds, who sit two places below them with not quite half their points.

You could say Port Hill are hurting . . . wounded even.

Heavy Equipment Services Gisborne United play them in Napier tomorrow.

Gisborne United player-coach Kieran Venema sounds calm, but wary.

"They'll be looking to bounce back," he says.

"We've just got to keep winning. I think the boys will be up for this one. We can't

take them lightly."

Gisborne United are top of the table, with eight wins and a draw from their nine games. They are the only unbeaten team in the league.

Maycenvale are second, one point behind, on 24. Their last league game of the season is against United in Gisborne on July 10.

United have one more game after that, also in Gisborne, against Western Rangers on July 17.

Gisborne United have a game in hand on every team bar bottom-of-the-table Western Rangers. With eight teams in the league, it is a 14-game competition. That means the other contenders have only four games to overtake the competition leaders.

At home games, United also have the incentive of retaining the Challenge Cup they have held since they took it off Eskview in Hawke's Bay on May 5, 2018.

The cup goes on the line at every home league game of the holders.

So, how dangerous are tomorrow's opponents, Port Hill, at their home ground, Marewa Park?

For a start, let's recall that Port Hill are the defending champions. Last season they beat Gisborne Thistle for the title by one goal scored (points and goal difference were even). The team that restricted Thistle to a 3-1 victory when they needed a 4-1 result? Gisborne United.

Port Hill decided they were not ready for the step up a division, so declined promotion, and Thistle went up instead.

Port Hill lost six of that league-winning team, and coach Jimmy Calder set about the rebuild.

While they haven't set the competition alight this season, Port Hill have had some good results — their six victories have included a 2-0 home win against third-placed Napier City Rovers Reserves and a 3-2 away win against fifth-placed Taradale. Two of their four losses have been by one goal and two have been by

two goals.

They're not the team they were last year, but results indicate they've never thrown in the towel this season.

United won the April 24 game against them in Gisborne, 3-1. That match had its ill-tempered moments, and the coaches have a balancing act to perform tomorrow: to motivate their players to play with spirit, but not to do anything stupid.

United have made a point of improving their discipline this season, and it's paid dividends. Players are getting into less trouble with referees and they've retained their competitive edge. That's a win all round.

Venema expects to have a full squad at his disposal. I reckon he'll need them. Port Hill will want to show last week was an aberration, that they're not the defending champions for nothing, and their season still has plenty to offer . . . maybe a win against the league leaders. Watch out for that tiger.

Everyone in to deliver a win

Long, proud history of rivalry to make thrilling games

RUGBY by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

IT IS one of the biggest games in a Gisborne Boys' High School first 15 player's rugby life.

Since June 17, 1995, the rivalry between GBHS and Rotorua has built and been the grittiest measure of those schools' sporting health.

And while battle in the modern era was first joined with Gisborne's 11-3 win in defence of the Moascar Cup here 26 years ago, the story of GBHS and Rotorua Boys' High School is more than that of Raukura's 23 wins to Gisborne's 16 in the last quarter-century. It's more than the one 11-all draw, and more than Tom Cairns's 2006 side being the only team ever to beat RBHS three times in a season.

The story of GBHS versus RBHS is one of fast, hard rugby every year, and men of the quality of former Rotorua and GBHS first 15 assistant coach, the late Craig Callaghan, an old boy and prefect of RBHS who played at openside flanker for their first 15. His son, Perenu, a GBHS prefect, played rugby and basketball for Gisborne Boys' High.

Craig Callaghan, whose whakairo (traditional Maori carving) programme won the Prime Minister's Excellence Award for transformative teaching and learning in 2015, preceded current GBHS first 15 head coach Ryan Tapsell as the Head of Maori at GBHS.

Tapsell followed the man whose drop goal sealed the fate of Raukura at the Rectory in 1995 — Mark Jefferson — as GBHS' head coach, and while current Moascar Cup holders RBHS will not defend the Ranfurly Shield of New Zealand first 15 rugby against GBHS here tomorrow, neither hosts nor visitors could put a price on the Craig Callaghan Memorial Trophy.

It was first presented at the Rectory in 2019. Raukura seized the day 57-5, and GBHS have yet to raise the taonga (treasure) in triumph.

"Craig was a great role model. He had a wealth of knowledge and gave great advice, in school, work, family, rugby and life," said Tapsell, whose crew know they had the measure of Napier BHS, 27-20 victors here last Saturday.

"The important thing for us is to remain focused. We can't have lapses, especially when we have the advantage."

Gisborne's line-out worked well against Palmerston North in their Super 8 opener three weeks ago, and in S8 Game 2 it was serviceable, but NBHS tested Gisborne at scrum-time, although at no stage did GBHS captain tighthead prop Nathaniel Hauiti give an inch.

"We know that we have to scrummage well and we're confident that we can execute on the little things," said Hauiti.

"We'll be ready to go on Saturday."

RBHS captain openside flanker Brooke Mitchell played in the great escape of August 1, 2020 (Rotorua held Gisborne off 20-19) and played on Rectory No.1 at under-15 level two years ago. One of the GBHS try-scorers in their u15s' 29-15 win — Gisborne's only win in the four-game fixture that day — was John Horua, who will line up against Tapsell's unit at second-five for Raukura tomorrow.

Mitchell knows that Gisborne Boys' High will be no



SURE STEP: Uetaha Wanoa of Gisborne Boys' High School tries to escape the tackle of a Napier defender last weekend. The first 15 match against Rotorua Boys' High coming up on home turf will be tough, and both sides are relishing the prospect.

Picture by Paul Rickard

pushover on home soil.

He said: "Our boys are looking forward to this: we can't wait to get out there because we know we're in for a battle. GBHS always get up for us, so this should be good."

Rotorua have made four changes to the line-up that started against Tauranga Boys' College, and five positional changes. Hooker Sione Tupa has moved to loosehead prop for Tiaki Hutana, and Taine Kolose is the new rake. Lock Bailey Carmichael is in for Tiaki Ngarimu; vice-captain Tamakaimoana Wharearere has moved from the blindside flank to No.8 for Fakalelei Palelei; and William Florence is the new blindside flanker. Horua has moved out one spot from second-five to centre for Te Hamana Te Aute. Liliano Sabatini comes into the team at second-five. Jericho Yorke has moved from the right-wing to the left — replacing Bless Perese-Elliot — for Waisaki Salabiau.

Gisborne Boys' have made only one change, with Paraina Davies coming in at centre for Uetaha Wanoa. The hosts are settled in selection and patterns of play.

And while the switch — Carlos Hihi from first-five to fullback for King Maxwell — was a successful one for GBHS v NBHS, No.8 Nik Patumaka and Josh Whyte at second-five are just two of a number of others who have had their moments in the last month. Left-wing Izaiah Fox runs and right-wing Siopo Fakahokotau need more touches.

The GBHS forwards need to carry well: all of their strongest performances were hard-earned up front.

RBHS and TBC have consistently been the strongest first 15s in the Bay of Plenty for close to 30 years, and RBHS have made history in the Super 8 era with powerhouse rugby.

Gisborne's big men need to step up tomorrow. They need to be organised, react and adjust quickly at kick-off and restarts — strong in the air. Flankers Ben Phelps and Dylan Bronlund, around the fringes, could help tip the balance and get GBHS their first Super 8 win v Rotorua since the 31-20 victory here in 2013.

GBHS second 15 captain second-five Xavier Henare-Brown and his crew are in the mood to play fast, hard rugby despite opening their Super 8 campaign with two losses, to PNBHS (25-8 victors) and Napier (27-0 victors).

GBHS 2nd 15 coach Mark Jefferson said: "RBHS is always a massive challenge. We made errors under pressure last week which we hope to resolve. There are lots of learnings for these young guys at this level!"

The Duane Hihi-coached GBHS u15s are looking forward to their second run at home, having beaten Palmerston North 15-13 on the back of a try to reserve lock Cody Tarei.

The second 15, u15s and u14s are well-worth watching: the second 15 has excellent flankers in Noah Torrance-Cribb and Braith Ingram, u15s first-five Wade Perrett is a lively, skilful playmaker and u14s centre Jayden De Thier is — as with the other Year 9-11 players mentioned — a product of that great GBHS rugby initiative, The Courage Cup.

On Rectory No.1, Heartland referee Damien MacPherson, Royce Maynard and Les Thomas will control the first 15 game from 12.30pm. Thomas will blow the whistle for the under 15s on R1 at 9.30am, Miah Nikora will be on R1 for the second 15s come 11am. Terry Reeves will referee the u14s on R2 at

9.30am.

GBHS 1st 15: Zeke Collier, Matariki Kaa, Nathaniel Hauiti (c), Maitu Anderson, Max Briant (v), Dylan Bronlund, Ben Phelps, Nik Patumaka, Kyran Russell, King Maxwell, Izaiah Fox, Josh Whyte, Paraina Davies, Siopo Fakahokotau, Carlos Hihi. R: Reweti Ropiha, Paul Tovio, Charlie Mathias, Karlos Howe, Uetaha Wanoa, Taimana Teneti, Puna Hihi, Hayze Nepia.

RBHS 1st 15: Sione Tupou, Taine Kolose, Ethan Jonas, Bailey Carmichael, Liam Kalan, William Florence, Brooke Mitchell (c), Tamakaimoana Wharearere (v), Ngakete George, Kees Van Der Heyden, Jericho Yorke, Liliano Sabatini, John Horua, Waisaki Salabiau, Tome Poona. R: Tiaki Hutana, Tuatai Curtis, Tiaki Ngarimu, Hamm Troy, Te Hamana Te Aute, Jai Tamati, Bless Perese-Elliot.

GBHS 2nd 15: Hayze Nepia, Paul Tovio, Tupuhi Gardner, Joe Kemp, Daniel Tamanui, Noah Torrance-Cribb, Braith Ingram, Reuben Whatiri, Kauri Christie, Kaiiao Tangira, Lachie Falloon, Xavier Henare-Brown (c), Silas Brown, Dante Kirkpatrick, Hawaiiki Tu Nepe. R: Josiah Keiaho, Dass Latu, Lathaniel Niwa-Karakia, Kaia Gate, Cohen Loffler.

RBHS 2nd 15: Poutama Mackey-Te Rangi Pumamao, Rimoni Apo, Lio Sagato, Max Hutchings, Jaden Marra (c), Taumanu Walker, Troy Hamm, Duval Robinson, Calan Wiremu, Maloni Kunawave, Malakai Cama (v), Maitu Hepi-Ritete, Image Te Pania, Riley Korzelius, Kody Betham. R: Sairusi Ravidu, Leeshaye Orono-Te Huia, Todd Storey, Takakopiri Wharearere, Ryan Elliott, Hohepa Kokiri.

GBHS u15s: Malosi Luafalealo, Tyrese Nikola, Whetu McGhee, Eugene Paul (v), Zion Birch, Will Rouse, Maia Campbell, Luke Bidois, Liam Beattie (c), Wade Perrett, Tyrese Thomas, Kelan Bryant, Api Kirkpatrick, Timuaki Stewart, Torence Kennedy. R: Bekko Page, Simone Falefoou, Cody Tarei, Karlos Howe, Kalani Ensor, Sol O'Connor, Puna Hihi.

RBHS u15s: Noah Beckham, Wheronui Peri, Lahni-Che Parete-Kereopa, Tauwhare Monaghan, Jason Doreen, Turiohaku Rakuraku-White, Marrick Purcell (c), Jet Te Aho, Wiremu Brailey, Te Kahurangi Kiel, Tavita Pomale, Leon Edmonds (v), Kael Merriman, Decoder Waiti, Josiah Graham. R: Dayton Brooking, Jarod Breen, Titoko Rogers, Jakob Constable, Troy Edwardson.

GBHS u14s: Tomasi Mataele, Mano Tavake, Kane Soto, Rawiri Jones, Kyan Ayton, Frazor Wainohu, Lykhin Poihipi (c), Te Marangai Lamont-Milner, James Hamblyn, Phoenix Pardoe-Crosby (v), Jaxon Mackey, Manaia Reeves, Jayden De Thier, Christian Hihi-Taare, Kahurangi Leach-Waihi. R: Jaiah Garrett-Kora, Oakley Brown-Terekia, Tahu Mackey, Sam Gaddum, Logan Bruce, Maxwell Kennedy, Impala Waipere, Sonny Tairakena.

RBHS u14s: Jasper Dobson, Toria Koopu, Cody Renata, Hunter Weaver (c), Charles Butler, Kaydis Hallett, Oscar Gibson (v), AJ Smally-Huch, Kraig Tuhaka, Tukotahi Richards-Te Whau (v), Luke Rakuraku, Zinadarne Taumata-Niania-Taputoro, Charles Butler, Arthur Pep Chisholm, Jacksyn Hill, Toby Hurihanganui. R: Manaia Christiansen, Harlym McCabe, Dante Hansen, Te Whetuki Hohepa-Barrett, Kenneth Ingram, Kallum Kiel, Finlay Gibson.

Showdown for top teams

Standard of play takes off as semis fast approaching

RUGBY by Jack Malcolm

WITH less than a month of premier grade rugby left for 2021, some fans have only two more chances to see their favourite team in action.

Larsawn Ngatapa host East Coast Vets YMP at Patutahi, while Contract Consultants HSOB and GT Shearing Waikohu face off at the Oval.

Teams are now fighting for their semi-finals pairing, with Ngatapa, YMP, OBM and Waikohu all confirmed to make it to the knockout stages.

Ngatapa's game against YMP is a big test for the team, who are looking to continue their upward momentum after their win over HSOB last weekend.

The last time the two teams faced, YMP were the better, winning 38-10. But that was six weeks ago, and the level of play across the board has significantly improved since then.

All the teams are playing some of the best rugby they have in the last few years. Quick ball and skilful backs to capitalise on the forward momentum of their big forward packs have made for some exciting rugby.

YMP have been at the forefront of this improvement. With one of the most star-studded backlines in the competition, they are hard to beat when they can service their backs with clean ball.

The weather forecast for tomorrow calls for rain, which will suit the big Ngatapa forward pack that they have become known for.

Ngatapa coach Stephen Hickey said his team had been training well in preparation for the game



MAKING WAY: Ngatapa prop Campbell Chrisp bulldozes through the HSOB defence earlier this season. This weekend Ngatapa will be tested against YMP, as both teams have their sights on the semis.

Picture by Paul Rickard

this weekend.

"The biggest thing with these guys (YMP) is making our first up tackles. Once they get going, they bubble away. We have to nullify them for 80 minutes."

He expects a battle up front, with both teams having big bodies in the forwards.

"We're dying to keep improving and have a bit of fun . . . It's the last chance for our guys to play in front of a home crowd this

season."

YMP coach Brian Leach said he expects a tough challenge from Ngatapa, who have a "never say die" attitude.

"We're still tracking good . . . I expect to be battling them up front in the forwards."

"We need to get our playmakers to guide our team around the paddock; the forwards did too much last week."

Leach said his back three of

fullback Andrew Tautevalu and wings Aaron McLelland and Te Peehi Farlie want the ball more often. With how dangerous they are on attack, the team should be giving them as much ball as they can, he said.

YMP will welcome Prop Siaosi Kafalava and loose forward Niko Lauti this weekend, as both players return from injury. Lauti, who was thought to be out for the season with a suspected

dislocated hip, is a massive part of the YMP forward pack and will be a welcome addition to the squad this weekend.

Although HSOB have been eliminated from playoff contention, Waikohu should not underestimate them.

HSOB have struggled this year to get consistent and regular numbers, and have suffered on the park as a result. The team have had to resort to sending the call out over social media for players in recent weeks, but they are a proud club and will always fight to the bitter end.

Their games have been close at times, but lapses in concentration allow the floodgates to open and they struggle to answer back to adversity.

HSOB coach Danny Boyle said they have had good numbers at training this week, with several of the players who stepped in to cover last weekend still available.

"We want to front up for our last two games and then have a look at where we need to go as a club in terms of rugby."

Conversely, Waikohu have looked fantastic this season. Their defence has been a source of pride for the team, and they have allowed the fewest points so far this season, with just 90 scored against them over their first six games.

Waikohu have strengths across the park, as every player on their team has the potential to play a game-changing role.

They will be hoping that they can use their muscle up front to capitalise with their backs this weekend.

Close contests shaping up in premier grade

NETBALL by Murray Robertson

CLOSE contests can be expected in the premier grade netball in the YMCA tomorrow as the lower seeded teams come up against each other in the premier grade.

Gillies Electrical Girls High School senior A take on Tapuae from Wairoa in the first game at 9am.

"Both of those teams will be on a high ahead of the game tomorrow," said netball commentator Sherrill Beale.

"Last week Tapuae recorded their first win since being promoted to premier grade and Girls High drew with higher seeded Whangara Old Girls."

Tapuae now sit two points above the students on the points table.

"This is the first game between those two teams."

"The students' confidence has increased since the beginning of the season and last week they gave a good display of their links working throughout the court," Beale said.

"In their last game Tapuae showed they were able to use a variety of options to work the ball through to their shooters.

"I am expecting this to be a close game."

At 10.30am tomorrow Horouta Gold and Claydens Waikohu 3 do battle.

"It was a competitive game when these two teams met in the challenge round and Horouta Gold managed to sneak through by a goal," Beale said.

"Horouta have had two bonus point losses this round."

"Waikohu 3 on the other hand have lost to top-of-the-table teams."

"Both teams will believe they have a chance to take this win and I am expecting another close game."

In Wednesday night's excitement in the 'Y' the top four sides produced outstanding entertainment.

The teams lower down the ladder will do the same tomorrow for their fans.

The points table currently has YMP on top on 16, then HSOB on 13, Waikohu 1 on 12, WOG 11, Tapuae 4, Horouta and Girls High 2, and Claydens Waikohu 3 nil.

Victoria Domain will be pumping again tomorrow with games from 9am through to 2.45pm, involving senior, secondary, intermediate and Year 5 and 6 grades.

SIMON SHUKER'S CODE-CRACKER Extra 1161

EACH number in our Code-Cracker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 26 represents P, so fill in P every time the figure 26 appears. You have one letter in the control grid to start you off. Enter it in the appropriate squares in the main grid and solve the starter word. Fill in other squares in the main and control grids with the found letters and look for the next word. Follow the word trail through the puzzle to its completion. Visit www.codecracker.co.nz

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Gisborne dominates championship

JUDO by Jack Malcolm

GISBORNE Judo Club were the big winners at the Waikato Bays Area Championship, winning seven golds as part of their 18-medal haul over the Queen's Birthday weekend.

Judo club head coach Jason King said they usually do well at the event, which is typically a big tournament that attracts dojos from the upper and lower North Island and competitors from the South Island.

The club sent 24 athletes to compete in the first major competition for them since Covid-19 put a halt on competition over a year ago.

King said several judoka impressed him, particularly Liam Nicol in the U28kg boys and Harvey Parkin in the U32kg boys. Both won gold medals in their division in their first time competing at an out-of-town competition.

Zara Kirkpatrick in the U36kg senior girls and Cahsyn Brown in the U36kg junior girls were also impressive. Brown was right on the border of two weight categories and had to fight girls who were a lot bigger than her, said King. Kirkpatrick, a former national champion at the junior level, showed maturity in her step up into the senior age-grade (11-14 years old) this year.

King said judo is a great sport for young children to learn discipline and skills they can take into their adult life.

"You start to understand a little, and you want to get better and excel. There's a lot of goals in judo."

"Parents have said 'what have you done to my kid, they're better at home and at school,' and all I say is that I teach judo."

ON THE MATS: Gisborne judoka were smiling after their impressive performance over the Queen's Birthday weekend. The winners, back (from left): Sensei Jason King, Luca Alexander, Shae Abbott-Ragget, (Behind) John MacKay, Miro O'Neill, Lucas Nicol, Gary MacKenzie, Johan Jacobs, Sydnee Andrews, Tim Brew. (Middle): Coen Brown, Tahī O'Neill, Cameron Alexander, Alex Mackay, Shelby Kirkpatrick, Cleo Parkin, Allie Jones-Boyd, Isla Jacobs (Front): Cahsyn Brown, Mitchell Spriggs, Liam Nicol, Harvey Parkin, Amelia Gibb, Macy Jacobs, Zara Kirkpatrick

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Results —

U28kg junior boys: Liam Nicol, gold.
 U32kg junior boys, Harvey Parkin, gold.
 U40kg junior boys, Mitchell Spriggs, silver.
 Open junior boys, Miro O'Neill, bronze.
 U28kg junior girls, Macy Jobs, silver.
 U36kg junior girls, Cahsyn Brown, gold.

U36kg senior boys, Lucas Nicol, bronze.
 U40kg senior boys, Coen Brown, silver;
 Cameron Alexander, bronze.
 U36kg senior girls, Zara Kirkpatrick, gold.
 U44kg senior girls, Alex Mackay, silver.
 U52kg senior girls, Cleo Parkin, gold;
 Allie Jones-Boyd, silver.

O78kg senior women, Sydnee Andrews, gold.
 Open senior women, Sydnee Andrews, gold.
 Open male veterans (50-59 years-old), John Mackay, silver.
 U73kg senior men, Sean Wills, bronze.
 U100kg senior men, Tim Brew, gold.

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WEATHER FOR TOMORROW

18 Jun, 2021

Legend:
 high low H L
 Fronts: warm, cold, stationary, occluded
 WIND km/h: less than 30, 30 to 59, 60 or more
 SWELL m: e.g. S 1m

MIDNIGHT TONIGHT

NOON TOMORROW

GISBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT

	Saturday Jun 19	Sunday Jun 20
Hicks Bay	H 12:42am 1:11pm L 7:02am 7:21pm	H 1:35am 2:11pm L 7:57am 8:19pm
Waipiro Bay	H 12:29am 12:58pm L 6:37am 6:56pm	H 1:22am 1:58pm L 7:32am 7:54pm
Tolaga Bay	H 12:17am 12:46pm L 6:25am 6:44pm	H 1:10am 1:46pm L 7:20am 7:42pm
Gisborne	H 12:04am 12:32pm L 6:22am 6:41pm	H 12:55am 1:28pm L 7:13am 7:37pm
Wairoa	H 12:15pm L 6:06am 6:27pm	H 12:38am 1:08pm L 6:57am 7:23pm

SUN-MOON-MAORI FISHING GUIDE

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Rise 7:25 am Set 4:53 pm	Rise 7:25 am Set 4:53 pm
Set 12:23 am Rise 1:02 pm	Set 1:31 am Rise 1:30 pm
Best at 6:47 am 7:11 pm	Best at 7:35 am 8:00 pm

NZ SITUATION

A weak trough affects central New Zealand today, while a front moves on to the far north tonight. A complex low then approaches New Zealand from the Tasman Sea this weekend, moving onto the North Island late Sunday, bringing a strong east to southeast flow across central New Zealand. The low then continues to slowly move eastward on Monday.

NZ TOMORROW

Auckland	showers	18
Hamilton	showers	16
Tauranga	rain	16
Rotorua	rain	13
Taupo	showers	11
Napier	showers	14
New Plymouth	showers	14
Palmerston North	showers	13
Wellington	showers	12
Christchurch	drizzle	9
Queenstown	fine	9
Dunedin	drizzle	10

GISBORNE READINGS

Taken at the Airport, for the 24 hours to 9am, Friday 18 Jun 2021

SUNSHINE hours	7.3
To date for June	66.9
Average for June	122.0
To date this year	-
To date last year	1157.6
WIND km/h	
Max gust on Thu 17 Jun	NW 43
RAINFALL mm	
24 hours to 9am, Fri 18 Jun	0.0
To date for June	21.4
Average for June	111.0
To date this year	384.9
To date last year	282.8
EVAPOTRANSPIRATION mm	
Daily average for past week	0.9
TEMPERATURE °C	
Maximum	18.0
Minimum	4.0
Grass minimum	-1.6
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE	
At 9am 18 Jun (hPa)	1016.7
At 9am 18 Jun (inches)	30.02

TODAY IN HISTORY

2011 — A landslide in Ohope near Whakatane claimed the life of a teenager. Police confirmed that the body of a 17-year old male was pulled out of the house hit by a slip. Roads in Whakatane were flooded after heavy rain earlier in the day, as a front brought strong gales and heavy rain.

For the latest weather info including Weather Warnings visit metSERVICE.com

GISBORNE CITY

TOMORROW Cloudy. Periods of rain from afternoon. Easterlies.	morning min 5 max 15	SUNDAY Rain, possibly heavy, clearing late. N, strong along the coast.	morning min 11 max 17	MONDAY One or two early showers, then rain. Southerlies, possibly strong.	morning min 8 max 16
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GISBORNE REGION

Cloudy. Periods of rain from afternoon. Northeasterlies.	Rain, possibly heavy, clearing late. Northerlies, strong along the coast.	One or two early showers, then rain. Winds becoming southerly, possibly strong.	TUESDAY Rain, clearing later in the day but remaining cloudy. Southerlies easing.
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Eriksen to have 'heart starter' implant

FOOTBALL

COPENHAGEN — Christian Eriksen is to be fitted with a defibrillator implant, the national team doctor has confirmed on the day that fans and players paid an emotional tribute to the Danish midfielder.

"Various heart examinations were conducted with Christian. It was then decided that he should receive an ICD (implantable cardioverter defibrillator)," team doctor Morten Boesen said in the statement on Thursday.

"The decision is necessary after ventricular fibrillation led to a heart attack."

Players from Denmark and Belgium stopped their Euro match in the 10th minute later in the day in honour of the midfielder, who wears the squad number 10.

All players and the 25,000 fans in the Parken Stadium applauded and chanted Eriksen's name.

The Danish players had done their warm-up in shirts with the number 10 on the back and fans unveiled a banner saying "All of Denmark is with you, Christian".

Denmark lost 2-1 but scored after just two minutes and played well in the first half.

"Christian wrote in our WhatsApp group. He wrote that we were unbelievable," forward Martin Braithwaite said after the game.

Eriksen, 29, is being treated in a hospital only a few hundred metres from the stadium after he suffered the cardiac arrest during Saturday's game with Finland and had to be revived on the pitch.

The ICD device is to help regulate

Eriksen's heart rhythm through electrical pulses.

Receiving the ICD won't necessarily mean that Inter Milan's Eriksen has to end his career, as athletes including Netherlands defender Daley Blind and German pole vaulter Katharina Bauer are continuing in their sport with the medical device.

One of the doctors performing emergency treatment on Eriksen, Jens Kleinfeld, said that after several minutes of cardiopulmonary resuscitation a defibrillator was used on Eriksen and the electrical shock released once.

"The player opened his eyes around 30 seconds later and I could talk to him," Kleinfeld said. "It was a very touching moment because the success rate in such medical emergencies is much lower in the day-to-day business."

Kleinfeld said he was 99 percent sure

in the stadium that Eriksen would arrive safely in hospital and his condition would remain stable.

"It is normally a 'short circuit' that triggers ventricular fibrillation with a medically checked professional athlete. The electrical shock then gives the decisive impulse that the heart beats again," Kleinfeld said.

Denmark captain Simon Kjaer called the incident "a shock which will forever be a part of me — and a part of all of us."

Kjaer had led the first response when Eriksen collapsed, clearing his airways and putting him in a sideways position before medics arrived.

The captain received a lot of praise for his exemplary behaviour which also included organising a human shield of Denmark players around Eriksen to protect him from television cameras and fans. — PA

Kohli has mixed feelings about one-off test final

CRICKET by Rory Dollard, PA

LONDON — India captain Virat Kohli has chosen the eve of the inaugural World Test Championship final to pour cold water on the concept, suggesting a one-off winner holds little value "for people who really understand the game".

Kohli's side will begin their showpiece clash against New Zealand at the Ageas Bowl today, with the winner becoming the sport's first world "test champions" as well as banking £1.16 million (\$NZ2.3m) in prize money.

It is the culmination of a two-year qualification process, but the idea itself has been doing the rounds for much longer, having been dreamed up as a way to boost the relevance and the buzz around the traditional five-day format.

Kohli, who brings A-list glamour and the small matter of 127 million Instagram followers in his wake, is just the kind of frontman the International Cricket Council would have hoped for, but his pre-match appearance was a curiously low-key venture.

Rather than fan the flames of the event, he instead appeared to undermine the very nature of the winner-take-all shootout.

"If you're talking about test cricket and deciding who is the best team in the world on one game over a period of five days, that is not the reality of the truth," he said.

"It is not going to reflect anything for people who really understand the game and who know exactly what has gone on over the past four or five years and how the teams have fared.

"If you win this game, cricket does not stop for us; if you lose this game, cricket does not stop for us.



VALUE QUESTIONED: Indian captain Virat Kohli has mixed feelings about the value of a one-off test championship final. AP picture

"For me, this is another test match that has to be played. I think these things are very exciting from the outside . . . it sort of becomes 'do or die'.

"For us as a team, we have been on a quest for excellence for a while now and we will continue to be on that path regardless of what happens in this game."

Kohli's side have undoubtedly been the form team in red-ball cricket for an extended period of time and finished top of a WTC table eventually settled on points average after fixture disruption caused by Covid-19.

And yet they have also been usurped by the Black Caps in the ICC's world rankings, making the idea of a head-to-head settler on neutral soil an attractive proposition, even among those who do understand the game.

In mere population terms, it represents a clear David-versus-

Goliath match-up, with over 1.3 billion Indians and just under 5 million Kiwis, and the financial power of the cricketing boards is similarly skewed.

But Kohli took issue with the oft-repeated notion that New Zealand come in as the "nice guys" of world cricket.

"I really don't understand this term that was just used — I don't think any other team has 'bad guys' in their team," he said.

"We get along very well off the field but when you step across the line, it's business at the end of the day and you need to deal with it accordingly.

"It's pretty serious stuff out there; it's not something that is fun and games and played in a very-low-voltage environment.

"This is a huge game, a huge test match and we are certainly looking forward to the opportunity we have been waiting for for a few years now."

India name two spinners, three seamers for final

CRICKET

INDIA have named spinners Ravindra Jadeja and Ravichandran Ashwin in a five-man bowling attack for the inaugural World Test Championship final against New Zealand, which starts today.

The pitch at the Hampshire Bowl stadium on the outskirts of Southampton should assist spinners but rain started to fall on Thursday afternoon and more is forecast over the course of the match, prompting speculation India might field only one slow bowler.

However, at the pre-match captains' news conferences, India captain Virat Kohli said the weather forecast would have no bearing on the team selection, which was announced shortly afterwards.

"We are quite clear in terms of what we want to do," he said.

"The forecast is something we are not focused on. Regardless of what we do we have our bases covered. We won't bother about what the weather holds."

New Zealand captain Kane Williamson was more cautious about his final selection.

The New Zealanders reclaimed the world No.1 ranking from India after beating England 1-0 in their recent two-test series and there's been speculation they could field four pacemen along with left-arm spinner Ajaz Patel with Kyle Jamieson filling the all-rounder's spot at seven.

"We haven't finalised our team yet," Williamson said.

"But we will have a closer look at the surface and have a few more conversations before we do that. We just want to leave the finalising of the team until slightly later."

If Jamieson is promoted, all-rounder Colin de Grandhomme will miss out.

Patel took 4-59 in New Zealand's eight-wicket victory over England.



KANE WILLIAMSON

Williamson said New Zealand were excited at qualifying for the final but rejected their tag as match favourites after their series win against England, which followed a 2-0 series victory over India in New Zealand last year.

"We're much more concerned with the cricket we want to play and we are also realistic," he said.

"We know that India are an incredibly strong side and all around the world, and rightly so, are recognised as the best team."

Kohli said his team also knew exactly how they wanted to play.

"This is a huge game, it's a huge test match and we are certainly looking forward to the opportunity. We've been waiting for a few years now."

India have gone with seamers Jasprit Bumrah, Ishant Sharma and Mohammed Shami ahead of Umesh Yadav and Mohammed Siraj.

Rishabh Pant will keep wicket, keeping Wriddhiman Saha out of the side, while Hanuma Vihari also misses out.

India team: Rohit Sharma, Shubman Gill, Cheteshwar Pujara, Virat Kohli (captain), Ajinkya Rahane, Rishabh Pant (wicketkeeper), Ravindra Jadeja, Ravichandran Ashwin, Jasprit Bumrah, Ishant Sharma, Mohammed Shami. — AAP