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LOOKING AHEAD

TOMORROW

• Weekender: Sir Henare Ngata honoured for achievements in accounting
Covid jabs closer to home for Coasties next week

NGATI POU HAUORA rolls out its vaccination clinics across the East Coast next week.

The first is on Monday at the Matawaka clinic from 9am to 12.30pm, then 2pm to 5.30pm that afternoon.

"Getting vaccinated is one of the most important things we can do to protect ourselves, our whanau and our community from Covid-19," a Ngati Pou Hauora spokesperson said.

"Antearsa is now offering vaccinations to 12-15-year-olds accompanied by a parent.

"Walk-ins will be welcome at all the clinics," the spokesperson said.

"People can also call for an appointment on (06) 864-6803 or call any of the rural clinics directly."

The Matawaka clinic number is (06) 864-4801. On Tuesday the clinic will be in Uawa — (06) 862-6650.

On Wednesday, the vaccination team will be in Ruatoki — (06) 864-8116.

On Thursday, they will be at the Tokomaru Senior Citizens premises — (06) 864-6803. On Friday, a small vaccination clinic will be held at Te Puia Springs Hotel — (06) 864-6803.

The information has been made available on the Hauora social media sites.

Poutama aiming for 500 in a day

by Wynsley Wrigley

FEEL THE FLOW:
The temporary roundabout at the city end of Peel Street Bridge has been working well and will become permanent depending on the cost of fixing traffic lights damaged by a car crash (pictured left) last month.

Pictures by Liam Clayton

TRAFFIC lights do not excite people as much as they once did.

Several councillors suggested that at yesterday's full Gisborne District Council meeting that the traffic lights at the Palmerston Road-Peel Street intersection, being repaired after a motor accident, should not return.

Councillor Larry Foster said traffic flow had never been better since the creation of the temporary roundabout.

Traffic flow was "unbelievable", even during the Farmers' Market.

The staff report before councillors discussed the worse case scenario for the cost of repairs was $50,000.

The temporary roundabout would remain in place for at least another two months, it said.

If the cost bellout to be above $100,000, the council would be at a "tipping point" as to whether to go into a "small drains roundabout" with raised tables for pedestrians, or to repair the traffic signals.

Councilman George Provan said one set of operating traffic lights on the Gladstone Road-Peel Street intersection.

Asked if Gisborne needed two sets of traffic lights for those trying to pass their driving licence test, council director of lifelines David Whaitiri said he had never been able to ascertain if that was correct.

"The Gladstone Road-Peel Street traffic lights were Gisborne's first traffic lights and were installed in May 1964, accompanied by much public fanfare and fascination."

"We have people using the traffic lights and as motorists negotiated the lights we checked with their boss, we were told they hadn't been at work for a week."

"They were issued with infringement notices."

"Inspectors Abramah said the mobile Covid patrols have been running about 28 checkpoints a day this week."

"Our checkpoints are telling us the majority of our community are on roads for essential work, or essential reasons."

"Very few people have been turned around for non-essential travel."

THE Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) has granted dispensation for the resumption of log cartage out of the region's skid sites to Eastland Port.

The work will resume on Monday.

Eastland Wood Council, Trust Tairawhiti and Te Runanganui-a-Ngati Porou made a combined call for MBIE to allow the transport of processed wood currently sitting on skid sites to the port.

Approval came through last night.

"If Tairawhiti hadn't been able to recommission traffic of logs to Eastland Port from skid sites and storage sites nearby, there wouldn't have been enough wood to load the number of ships waiting in the bay," Wood Council chief executive Philip Hope said.

"This would have been a huge financial burden on our industry.""Getting the green light from MBIE is great news for our region."

The port storage areas will reopen to logs from the skid sites at 5am on Monday.

"We are currently working out how that can be done health-and-safety-wise to abide by the Level 4 requirements," Mr Hope said.

"The huge wood stocks at the Dunstan Road sites have all been cleared and this initiative has prevented significant demurrage costs for our industry, which has taken a real hammering in recent months, Mr Hope said.

Demurrage is a charge payable to the owner of a chartered ship on failure to load or discharge the ship within the time agreed.

The log ship IVS Thanda has been alongside the wharf loading since Wednesday night and should complete her load of around 30,000 tonnes later today.

The partially-loaded Bunam Dynasty will then come back into port to finish off with a third load of 11,000 tonnes.

Seven log ships remain at anchor in Gisborne.

"Trust Tairawhiti strongly supported this request as the regional economic development agency and as part of our role in the regional ETDG leadership structure," said Trust Tairawhiti chief executive Gavin Murphy.

"Joint chair of Rau Tipu Rau Ora regional leadership and Te Runanganui a Ngati Porou chairman Selwyn Parata also fully supported the move.

"As well as Trust Tairawhiti, the runanganui, the wood council approached Mayor Rhetette Stoltz, East Coast MP Kiri Allan and Hauraki-Rawhiti MP Meka Whaitiri for their support."

On the road again

Government gives log cartage the green light from Monday

by Murray Robertson

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The Ngati Porou Hauora communications adviser Di Akurangi said that had been confirmed by primary industries to provide greater surveillance by fisheries staff on beaches after incidents of divers found drowning for seafood.

"Another diver was found in the water at Wharepongo," he said. "They were all warned as well."

"We are seeing these scenarios pop up and we've asked MPI for more support."

"Another scenario (from) the Coast to help keep an eye on it."

Outdoor activities that put the people involved at risk and the emergency services involved are not allowed under Alert Level 4.

Diving is one of those activities. The Ministry of Primary Industries issued four infringement notices yesterday for breaches of the lockdown requirements.

"The warnings we have been giving out don't seem to be working for some members of our community," Inspectors Abramah said.

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**Rain warning**

THE MetService has issued a Heavy Rain Warning for Taiparamu north of Tokomaru Bay. The warning covers the period from 4am Saturday to 4am Sunday. The area can expect 100mm to 130mm of rain to accumulate over the people caught in it, from 15mm to 25mm per hour expected, especially overnight tomorrow.

**FASHION STATEMENT:** Gisborne hockey umpire Amber Church came home earlier this week after a wonderful time at the Olympic Games in Tokyo, and two weeks in managed isolation in Auckland. “We tried to brighten the day of those around us by isolation by having a daily outfit theme.” Amber created this ensemble, complete with hair decoration, out of paper bags. “I’m not sure if it brightened their day or not, but it definitely got them talking, and it was followed by friends around the world.” Full story about Amber’s Tokyo experience on the back page.

**Checking Mahia and the lake**

Police have been keeping tabs on people coming and going from Mahia since the country went into Alert Level 4. Travel breaches were discovered early in the lockdown as people went to holiday homes at Mahia. Two large groups of people were found in two holiday homes at Mahia and they were sent home. “Since then Mahia has been very quiet,” police said. Police worked with the Ministry for Primary Industries over the weekend after some people were found diving and fishing on the peninsula. “Police spoke to them, educating them about the rules under Covid-19 Alert Level 4.”

Police said overall they had been impressed with the local community’s behaviour at Mahia. “We thank the community for its support and also local iwi Rongomaiwahine, who have kept in close contact with us and helped spread the word about staying home in their bubble.”

“On Tuesday we had 100 percent compliance at our checkpoint. Everyone had a legitimate reason for being away from home.” Police will continue regular checkpoints in the area. Police have also been conducting checks on the Lake Waikaremoana Road to ensure people coming and going from the lake are doing so for the right reasons. The Herald understands people have been turned back, including some from Gisborne.

**‘Sleight of hand’**

FROM PAGE 1

Crl Larry Foster said he was not committed to supporting Three Waters but new information left him more open to reform when he had previously been staunchly resistant to change. Crl Shannon Dewing said he wanted to see a level of service statement from Three Waters.

Removing wastewater from the bay would become quicker and a greater level of service. “That is the million dollar question,” Ms Thatcher Swann said.

The council faced recruitment difficulties. Amalgamation (under Three Waters) would bring benefit of scale, she said. Other “intended outcomes” included more jobs, higher-paid jobs, transfer of talent, better procurement of goods and services and a greater level of service. Crl Sandra Faulkner asked if the $28.4m was new funding.

Ms Thatcher Swann said some of the new entity’s funding would come indirectly from the council’s balance sheet. Crl Faulkner described such funding as “sleight of hand”.

Crl Kerry Worrnop said claims Three Waters would boost gross domestic product (GDP) and employment were a complete farce. The money was being taken away from the community who, if able to retain the money, would have boosted GDP and employment.

The Government was “looking for every lever to hang their reforms on”, she said. The Government intends to make further Three Water decisions after September 30. Three Waters is an opt-in proposal for all councils.

**FAMILY NOTICES**

**Deaths**

LEAF (nee O’Brien), Georgina Colleen (Georgie), (Born Saturday, 16th October 1948). On Wed- nesday, 25th August 2021, aged 72. Wife of the late William McMath Leaf (1938-1990), adored mum of Ben-amon and Steve, sister of the late Gail, William and Lillian. Georgie is survived by her dear Constance (Connie), Myrtie, Hina (Honey) and brother Thomas (Joe), daughter of the late Ella O’Brien (nee Thompson) (1919, 2016) and Harry O’Brien (1918-2001). A gifted communicator, Dux of St. Joseph’s artist, pianist, nurse, schoolteacher and mental health advocate. Aunty Dudo to her niece and nephews. We thank her caregiver Ronald Bunton for bringing Mum great happiness in later life. Peter and Bae Boyd for their kindness and wise counsel, and all the staff at the Kiri Te Kanawa Retirement Village for their tender care towards Mum. We will always be remembered for her warmth and compassion to all, her tolerance of, patience with, and support of her youngest son most especially.

**PLEASE HAVE FAMILY NOTICES IN BY 9AM DAY OF PUBLICATION**

**Two call-outs for firefighters**

by Murray Robertson

Firefighters were called to two fires in the city yesterday, one in Pickering Street in Kaiti late morning and the other in the afternoon to the railway line near Munro Street. The Pickering Street episode at around 11.30am involved some wooden pallets alongside an iron fence. “The pallets were set alight when some dried vegetation nearby caught fire accidentally,” said Station Officer Chris Grimson.

“The crew had the fire out pretty quickly with a hose reel and there was no damage to the fence.” The Munro street fire involved a heap of dumped household waste, mattresses and speakers, that was somehow ignited.

“The crew again used a hose reel to put it out,” SO Grimson said.

“There was no damage caused.”
**Meat back on shelves**

A MEAT shortage at Countdown earlier this week has been resolved, a Countdown spokesperson says.

Giclée shoppers on Tuesday were faced with bare shelves in the meat section, with just miniced meat available at 9.30am.

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**Foodbank open but ring first**

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**Help to protect korora**

Ms Saunders, who is also a teacher at the school, said the idea for the project could be traced back three years when the school’s office administrator had discovered she had penguins under her house that had probably been nesting there for some time.

“One of the classes decided to make some penguin boxes to try to bring out the penguins from her house. They made up more boxes back in 2018.

“We did have one family who we didn’t really follow up on that, so we thought we should see how it is going, hence the survey,” she said.

Ms Saunders said the school was using research done by its senior students for the project. The research involved understanding the korora habitat and threats they face. This information would be used for creating the sign.

“We had a person say they used to have penguins nest under their house or nest in the dunes in front of their house but one day a little dog came along and chased them and they haven’t been back since,” she said.

While people have reported sightings of dead penguins over the years, it wasn’t clear if they were attacked by dogs or were caught up in a storm. 

Ms Saunders said one family who reported finding one this year and it was missing a flipper, so that would indicate to us may be an attack from a dog or seal,” Ms Saunders said.

Korora are common in Aotearoa but their population has been declining in areas not protected from predators. Dogs are likely to be their greatest threat.
AUCKLAND — As New Zealanders wait to hear if a nationwide Alert Level 4 lockdown continues beyond midnight on Friday, our latest modelling shows that the Delta outbreak is spreading much faster than last August’s outbreak, when around 400 had been infected before it was detected.

Daily case numbers have continued to edge lower for the past few days as reported yesterday, bringing the total to 277 cases. This rise is to be expected as contact tracers cast a wider net than before to work their way towards the edges of the fast-moving Delta clusters.

We now know that several superspreading events occurred before the outbreak was picked up, with a large number of people becoming infected at a church service on August 14. Incorporating data from contact tracing and testing makes it likely there were upwards of 200 people infected before New Zealand went into strict lockdown on August 23.

Given the scale of this outbreak, it’s likely that at least 600 people will need several more weeks at Alert Level 4 to stamp out community transmission.

The Delta virus has started to reduce transmission immediately but the long times between being infected and getting a test means it takes time for the effect to filter through to reported case numbers.

Cases reported today are telling us about transmission seven to ten days ago. But we expect to see daily case numbers starting to level off over the next week.

Director-General of Health Ashley Bloomfield explained that the case of the Delta variant is like dealing with a virus that is 30 times better at using control measures or immunity. Delta’s R number is estimated to be around 8.5, up from 3.0, twice that of the original strain.

As a result, we will have to stay in lockdown for several more weeks at Alert Level 4 in Auckland. Delta will allow us to gauge what impact is having an obvious impact.

Auckland — Pasifika now lead the way in those who have been fully vaccinated among those aged 40 and older.

The community has been targeted by abusive messages after it was revealed that a church service just days before lockdown had spawned a large sub-cluster of Covid-19 cases.

The latest data — which tracked the period until Tuesday when the eligibility age was still 40 years — shows just over 57 percent of Pasifika over 60 are fully vaccinated and 31 percent of those aged 40 to 59 years. That was higher than any other ethnicity for those age groups.

While Pasifika still lagged behind other groups in first doses administered, almost three-quarters of those aged over 60 and half of those aged between 40 and 59 had got their first vaccine.

We are now vaccinating around 1 percent of the population every day. But full protection from the vaccine only kicks in several weeks after the second dose.

Our vaccination programme is helping, but it won’t be fast enough to control this outbreak unless it is combined with an effective lockdown.

Once our vaccine coverage is higher, we will have a much better chance of having an outbreak like this. But at the moment, our only option to bring major outbreaks under control is lockdown.

If we don’t use Alert Level 4 to eliminate the outbreak we will need a prolonged lockdown like New South Wales currently has, or our hospitals will be rapidly overrun. Our best option is to throw everything we have at this outbreak in the coming weeks.

There is every reason to be optimistic we can eliminate this outbreak. The swift move to Alert Level 4 after the first positive test has undoubtedly prevented the outbreak from growing far bigger.

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One hundred people, including New Zealanders and Australians, were on the flight. It was not clear at the time The Gisborne Herald went to press this morning how many of those people were destined for New Zealand.

So far, 276 New Zealand nationals and permanent residents, their families and other visa holders had been evacuated.

There were no New Zealand Defence Force personnel in Kabul and no New Zealand evacuees at the airport at the time of the explosions.

Ardern described the attacks as “appalling” and said the country’s thoughts were with all of those in Afghanistan who had been killed or injured.

“We strongly condemn what is a despicable attack on many innocent families and individuals who were simply seeking safety from the incredibly difficult and fragile situation in Afghanistan,” she said in a statement.

Ardern said the window for evacuating people “has now closed” with the attack.

There was an ongoing and very high threat of a terrorist attack in Kabul, she said, and New Zealand was ending further flights into the city.

She said they had hoped to come joint forces had for evacuating people would have been longer.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) remained in close contact with New Zealand citizens and permanent residents in Afghanistan who had previously registered on SafeTravel or who had otherwise made contact.

Yesterday, all those known to have been in Afghanistan were advised by MFAT of the “ongoing and very high threat of terrorist attack” and warned not to go to Hamid Karzai International Airport and to leave the airport if they were nearby.

So far, there had been no requests for assistance from New Zealanders or other visa holders in Afghanistan related to the explosion.

Defence Force personnel who undertook the mission.

It had not yet been confirmed that NZDF personnel who have been directly caught up in the blast.

“It’s been a rather tricky situation in Afghanistan and myself, the prime minister and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Nanaia Mahuta, have been keeping close contact with the people on the ground,” he said.

He said there was a lot of work to be done to process the evacuees.

Cabinet would in time turn its attention to those who were not able to be evacuated, and the Government was working on trying to figure out how many New Zealanders were in that group, Henare said.

“That’s the number that we’re working on at the moment, so as we’ve processed the people that have been evacuated, we’re trying to match those numbers up with the list of names that we do have.”

He said he was confident the prime minister would be able to announce those figures soon, and also they could not yet give an estimate on how many of the evacuees were expected to come to New Zealand. — RNZ

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Vaccine roll-out is a ‘Lada’: Bridges

AUCKLAND — For the first time in 25 years a bilingual song has been included in the APRA Silver Scrolls top five finalists — and it is believed a record number of Maori artists are finalists.

Widely considered the most prestigious accolade in New Zealand music, the APRA Silver Scroll Awards recognise outstanding achievement in the craft of songwriting, with fellow songwriters and APRA members voting on winners.

The top five this year are Troy Kingi, Maisey Rika, Taine Harmer, Anthonie Tonnon and the Beths’ Elizabeth Stokes.

Maisey Rika’s song Hiwa-i-te-rangi has been chosen as well as Harmer’s, Turangawaewae, which features other nominees Rika and Kingi.

The last time a bilingual song was included in the top five was Tahi by Moana and the Moahunters in 1994.

Maori winners of the Silver Scrolls in past included Marlon Williams in 2018 for Nobody Gets What They Want Anymore, and the Nielsen brothers of Unknown Mortal Orchestra for their track Multi

Israel, which has been used as something of a testing ground for the world’s first mRNA vaccine, is going all-in. After starting third doses for over-65s, scientists there said the rate of death dropped remarkably. They couldn’t attribute it entirely to the booster shot, but said it was promising, Israel has secured early access to the Pfizer jab by paying a premium and supplying the company with detailed data.

The World Health Organisation on the other hand has recommended against them, saying even if they do help, it’s a waste of resources when billions of people around the world haven’t even had their first dose yet.

“Booster jabs — these guys are not buying them at the moment while other countries are,” said Bridges. “We will look back on that next year as unforgivable. We accept we’re in lockdown, that’s the way it is given the slowdown, but you know, let’s get on with the job now — including getting those booster jabs.”

Parker said the experts were clear that it’s still too early to know whether they would be needed.

NZ’s total Pfizer order of 10 million doses will be enough to start a booster campaign if required, since not everyone in the team of 5 million will be eligible for, or even want, a vaccine. — Newshub
Heavily rain on way for parts of the country

by Selinda Feek, The New Zealand Herald

AUCKLAND — A low weather system, currently smothering western and northern areas of the South Island, is expected to hang around the country for 12-14 hours, bringing up to 150mm of rain in certain areas.

At the time of going to press this morning, the Nelson-Marlborough region had already been lashed with 70mm of rain — over a 12-hour period — and it was expected to hang around for another 12 hours.

MetService meteorologist Tom Adams said, “I guess ‘slow moving’ are the key words here,” Adams said. “Somewhat fortunately for much of the North Island, we’ve had a slow-moving ridge of high pressure. Unfortunately though, as that has slowly, slowly moved across from New Zealand, we now have a slow-moving spell of bad weather, which is a low pressure system, on the way. “It is (currently) sitting out the Tasman and it will take a while to cross the country. “It’s probably not going to cross our shores until Monday or Tuesday of next week, and we’ll probably not get completely clear of it until the latter half of next week or so.”

The system had been hammering the western and northern areas of the South Island since yesterday, but given its slow-moving nature, it was only today that it was expected to hit the North Island.

There could be rainfall rates of 15mm to 25mm per hour. Having that amount of rain, (not just) the accumulated amount over 24 hours but also 25mm an hour, has the potential to cause surface damage and slips.”

About 70mm had fallen on Takaka Hill, while another 47mm had fallen around the hills of Third House, in 12 hours.

The low weather system was entwined in a northerly flow, so the temperatures would remain mild but it was the reason why the upper South Island was in the firing line.

Taranaki would feel the brunt of it next, followed by the upper North Island, including Auckland, Coromandel and Bay of Plenty tomorrow before it was expected to settle around Hawke’s Bay and Gisborne on Sunday.

It’s quite a broad feature, but the centre of the front would be around the Cook Strait by midnight tonight and then move across to western North Island through Saturday and eastern North Island on Sunday,” Mr Adams said. As the system settled on Hawke’s Bay and Gisborne on Sunday, it would still mean rain for surrounding areas.

There was also a risk of thunderstorms to certain areas, he said.

Gisborne’s Essential Businesses

During the lockdown period some Gisborne business are still operating including:

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- C & G Plumbing Ltd
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- Eastland Network 24/7 faults line 0800 206 207
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- Eastland Vets
- Electrinet Ltd
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- Forbes Appliances
- Gillies Electrical 2017
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- Gisborne Office Products
- Gisborne Taxi
- Gizzy Waste
- Halirite Plumbing and Gasfitting Ltd
- Judds Limited Water
- Larsens
- M.E Jukes
- Ocean Beach Motor Lodge
- PGG Wrightsons & Fruit Feed Supplies
- Power Farming
- Simpson Automotive
- Taste One
- Teal Motor Lodge
- Terry Taylor Drainage
- The Tyre General
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- Vet Ert
- Wally’s Glass
- Water 2U Limited
- Wolter Plumbing
- Zephyr Waimea

If your business should be added to this list please email andy.searle@gisborneherald.co.nz
Buying up homes in lockdown
Homebuyers parting with millions in virtual auctions

by Zoe Hunter, NZ Herald

MOUNT MAUNGANUI — Cashed-up homebuyers have been shellisting out millions of dollars for top-end homes during the current Alert Level 4 Covid lockdown as the market shifts to online auctions.

Unlike the last lockdown, pent-up buyer interest has meant significant demand for property selling under the hammer as auctioneers livestream from their lounges.

Simon Anderson, the managing director of Realty Group Ltd, which operates Eves and Bayleys, said his team had had some "exceptional" auctions over the past few days.

Two Mount Maunganui properties had sold for $2.4m and $1.5m, respectively, and a Katikati property had sold for $1.3m over the past few days.

"Last time, there was the fear of the unknown — it went very different scenario to last time. It is a totally different experience," Mr Anderson said.

"There was a lot of pent-up buyer interest, and that interest has continued." Until the nation could move to Level 3, the challenge would be in listing new properties for auction, he said.

"This time, there is a lot of pent-up buyer interest, and that interest has continued."

Ms Duncan said bidding registrations had been lodged “right across the board”, with first-home buyers successfully purchasing under the hammer this week, as well as there having been a “harry of investors” returning to the market.

“Plan B.”

Mr Jones said the company is a hard ask to do auctions if you haven’t been there.

“A lot of people would still prefer to be there in person so that they can see their competition, but this is a great plan B.”

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AUCKLAND — Air NZ chief executive Greg Foran told RNZ Checkpoint that he thought the airline’s best July its domestic arm has ever had, despite the challenges for the year so far.

“I think you can understand why it’s just so difficult to pronounce,” Foran said, and noted that trans-Tasman and Rarotonga flights were going strong until the lockdown began.

"Domestic was very strong. July was the best July that we have ever had," Foran said. "We’re in a completely different area here we’re in a completely different area.

He said Air NZ has not drawn more from its $1.15 billion government rescue package for February.

“We have got over a billion dollars’ worth of liquidity thanks to the Crown loan, and we will just have to see how it plays out.”

The company reported a $283 million loss for the year ended June, reduced from last year’s loss of $454 million, and their revenue had dropped nearly in half to $2.52 billion from $4.84bn.

Passenger numbers were down more than a third on the previous year with most on domestic service.

Overall government support to the airline was $448m for the year through various subsidies and other support schemes.

Foran said Air NZ has been rehearsing for a situation where Auckland may still be at Level 4, and that he would say he’s thinking so in further submissions to the Commerce Commission.

At the gathering on August 11, which predated the current Covid-19 lockdown, Quin also told the group that the company will delay announcing what it calls its "range review" into centralising buying across its three main banners: New World, Pak’nSave, and Four Square stores.

The company had initially set a deadline of about $5 million per week.

Regarding a crew member for the airline cut-off for making submissions on the commission’s draft report.

And he added that even snubbed suppliers can complain to the commission, "by the end of September".

He didn’t respond to a question about the delay in announcing the review.

The grocery sector is a duopoly, controlled by Foodstuffs North Island, Foodstuffs South Island and Woolworths New Zealand, whose banners include Countdown and Fresh Choice.

Foodstuffs intends to apply its new centralised buying model to most other product categories, so this first step is being watched closely.

"It is also playing out against the highly charged background of Government scrutiny. Last month the Commerce Commission made a preliminary finding that centralising creates significant benefits for Foodstuffs and achieving a lower price. In practice, centralisation is a thinly veiled way of squeezing more profit for Foodstuffs and achieving a lower price.

"This, I believe, is the first time on heavy volume, rising 20c to $4.04 (2020: $1.11)." — NZ Herald

The best result was produced by manuka honey supplier Comvita, which rose 15c or 4.39 percent to $3.37 after turning a 2020 loss of $9.7m into a 2021 net profit of $9.4m on steady revenue of $191.7m.

Comvita is paying a final dividend of 4c a share on October 7. Genesis Energy reported a 24.3 percent increase in revenue to $3.22bn for the year ending June, but its net profit fell 27.2 percent to $33.5m after paying a total of $50m for carbon credits and a carbon liability after an arbitration ruling.

An easing back to Level 3 soon?

Aucklindricals will be resignment to their fate of lockdown extending for at least two more weeks as the Delta outbreak peaks there, while the rest of us wait for the afternoon Covid briefing today either prepared for a lockdown continuation (with many people acting like that, or hopefully for news of an imminent easing in restrictions.

The Super City is already confirmed as staying at Alert Level 4 until midnight next Tuesday and its residents having to isolate around New Zealand might still be awaiting test results.

The advice will likely be that the virus could still be incubating where those potential case contacts have received negative test results so we’ll stay in Alert Level 4 over the weekend and probably until Tuesday night to see if any or all will test positive.

There could, though, be enough confidence to move parts of the country to Alert Level 2 from Monday, reopening some economic activity and allowing people to return more fully to normal life as they want to go on the cards for this weekend; alert level changes tend to happen more frequently locked-down inhabitants will want clear guidance on the likely length of their home incarceration this time. Two more weeks seems like a minimum, covering two full incubation periods.

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KABUL, Afghanistan — Two suicide bombers and gunmen attacked crowds of Afghans flocking to Kabul’s airport on Thursday, transforming a scene of desperation into one of horror in the waning days of an airlift for those fleeing the Taliban takeover. The attacks killed at least 60 Afghans and 12 US troops, Afghan and US officials said.

The US general overseeing the evacuation vowed the United States would “go after” the perpetrators of the bombings, and warned that more such attacks are expected. US President Joe Biden later echoed those sentiments in an address to the nation in which he spoke directly to those responsible for the attack.

“Those who carried out this attack, as well as anyone else who wishes to harm America, know this: We will not forgive. We will not forget. We will hunt you down and make you pay,” Biden said.

“We have so much to do. It’s within our capacity to do it. We just have to remain steadfast. Steadfast,” continues Biden.

“We will complete our mission and we will continue, after the troops are withdrawn, to define means by which we can find any American who wants to get out of Afghanistan. We will find them and we will get them out.”

Gen Frank McKenzie, head of US Central Command said the attacks would not stop the United States from evacuating Americans and others, and flights out were continuing. He said there was a large amount of security at the airport, and alternative routes were being used to get evacuees in. In addition to the many Afghans, the State Department estimated there were as many as 1000 Americans in Afghanistan who may want help getting out.

Shortly after McKenzie spoke, the Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the killings on its Amaq news channel.

US officials said 11 Marines and one Navy medic were among those who died. McKenzie said another 15 service members were wounded. Officials warned the toll could grow. More than 140 Afghans were wounded, an Afghan official said.

One of the bombers struck people standing knee-deep in a wastewater canal under the sweltering sun, throwing bodies into the fetid water. Those who moments earlier had hoped to get on flights out could be seen carrying the wounded to ambulances in a daze, their own clothes darkened with blood.

The IS affiliate in Afghanistan is far more radical than the Taliban, who recently took control of the country in a lightning blitz and condemned the attack.

Western officials had warned of a major attack, urging people to leave the airport, but that advice went largely unheeded by Afghans desperate to escape the country in the last few days of an American-led evacuation before the US officially ends its 20-year presence on August 31.

Emergency, an Italian charity that operates in Afghanistan, said it had received at least 60 patients wounded in the airport attack, in addition to 10 who were dead when they arrived.

“Surgeons will be working into the night,” said Marco Punton, the charity’s manager in Afghanistan. The wounded overflowed the triage zone into the physiotherapy area and more beds were being added, he said.

The Afghan official who confirmed the overall Afghan toll spoke on condition of anonymity.

Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said one explosion was near an airport entrance and another was a short distance away by a hotel. McKenzie said clearly some failure at the airport allowed a suicide bomber to get so close to the gate.

He said the Taliban has been screening people outside the gates, though there was no indication that the Taliban deliberately allowed Thursday’s attacks to happen. He said the US has asked Taliban commanders to tighten security around the airport’s perimeter.

Adam Khan was waiting nearby when he saw the first explosion outside what’s known as the Abbey Gate. He said several people appeared to have been killed or wounded, including some who were maimed.

The second blast was at or near Baron Hotel, where many people, including Afghans, Britons and Americans, were told to gather in recent days before heading to the airport for evacuation. Additional explosions could be heard later, but Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said some blasts were carried out by US forces to destroy their equipment.

A former Royal Marine who runs an animal shelter in Afghanistan says he and his staff were caught up in the aftermath of the blast near the airport.

“All of a sudden we heard gunshots and our vehicle was targeted. Had our driver not turned around he would have been shot in the head by a man with an AK-47,” Paul “Pen” Farthing told Britain’s Press Association news agency.

Farthing is trying to get staff of his Nowzad charity out of Afghanistan, along with the group’s rescued animals.

He is among thousands trying to flee. Over the last week, the airport has been the scene of some of the most searing images of the chaotic end of America’s longest war and the Taliban’s takeover, as flight after flight took off carrying those who fear a return to the militant’s brutal rule. When the Taliban were last in power, they confined women largely to their homes and widely imposed draconian restrictions.

Already, some countries have ended their evacuations and begun to withdraw their soldiers and diplomats, signaling the beginning of the end of one of history’s largest airlifts. The Taliban have insisted foreign troops must be out by America’s self-imposed deadline of Aug. 31 — and the evacuations must end then, too.

World leaders react to Kabul attacks

Politicians around the world have been speaking out against the deadly bombing of evacuation efforts at Kabul airport.

Nato Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg described the incident as a “horror terrorist attack” and said that evacuating “as many people to safety” as possible remained the priority.

French President Emmanuel Macron issued a statement condemning “with the utmost firmness” the terrorist attacks and offering a “salute to the heroism of those who are on the ground to carry out the evacuation operations”.

Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab vowed the UK “would not let the cowardly acts of terrorists stop us”.

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez said his government sent its “heartfelt solidarity” to those killed in the blasts.

Confirming no Italians were hurt in the incident, Foreign Minister Luigi Di Maio said he “strongly condemns” the attacks and expressed condolences.

The vice-president of the Afghan government ousted by the Taliban said he is co-ordinating resistance to the Islamist group.

“We are geographically confined to the valley, to the Panjshir Valley, but our struggle is for the entirety of Afghanistan,” Amrullah Saleh told the BBC.

He said the Taliban’s grip on the country was not as secure as it is claimed to project, and that freedom in the country was “wounded . . . but it is not dead”.

“They are not going to last long, they are not able to break our will,” Saleh said.

“We will not surrender. Should the Taliban choose to fight, it will be their choice and we are ready.”—AFP/BB/C
The Gisborne East Coast branch of the Cancer Society is a friendly hub offering information and support for anyone who is affected by cancer.

The hub operates under the framework of Te Whare Tapa Wha in providing a holistic approach to overall well-being, and our staff offer an open-door policy which encourages and encompasses the community to contact our centre to receive and seek out information on the many services and resources available.

Many people are unaware of our services or presume that once someone has been diagnosed with cancer that the Cancer Society are automatically informed and will get in touch.

However, this is not the case and we will only make contact if we have been given your permission or you contact us.

If you, or someone you know, is going through or has been through a cancer diagnosis, or if you are just wanting to find out more about any cancer-related information we are only a call away. Our services are free of charge to the community.

A cancer diagnosis is a change that is often unexpected and it takes time for the individual and whānau members to adjust to the news, understand treatment plans and adapt to a new normal.

I liken the services available from the centre to the Circle of Courage model which was originally designed for youth to build resilience, empathy, and adapt to change.

The Circle of Courage has four components —

**Belonging:** Clients and whānau can connect with our team and realise they are not alone in their journey. We are able to offer support and resources that assist people to process and adjust to changes, not only physically and emotionally, but practically as well.

**Mastery:** The Cancer Society offers a range of information, workshops and activities from the centre so clients can remain empowered through knowledge. Networking with others in the community provides clients and whānau the opportunity to learn and share new skills.

**Independence:** We work in a way that encourages clients and whānau to make their own decisions in regards to personal choices and setting goals. This way of thinking empowers clients and whānau to make their own decisions in regards to personal choices and setting goals. This way of thinking encourages clients to focus on the changes they are able to make rather than dwell on factors they cannot change.

**Generosity:** We find that many people come to a stage where they are keen to give back, share stories and support others, whether this be through sharing their own experience, volunteering or helping out at fundraising events. The work we do has a ripple effect in our community and is often returned, particularly when people realise we don’t receive any government funding.

Whānau can come in at any stage of the cycle or complete the circle several times as they adapt to the changes that often come when living with and beyond cancer.

It doesn’t matter whether you are facing a suspicion of cancer, currently having treatment, living beyond cancer yourself or supporting a friend, colleague or family member, the team at our centre are skilled in supporting you as you adjust to what we often phrase as ‘the new normal’.

**SINCE LOCKDOWN**
Throughout New Zealand, the annual Daffodil Day street appeal has been cancelled. However, here in Tairāwhiti, we have had great support from our community for the smaller events that have already taken place in preparation for Daffodil Day.

Fifty-four volunteers have actively participated in the five Daffodil Day events during August.

In total, 355 volunteers have signed up for events including the street appeal which was scheduled for Friday August 27.

We would like to acknowledge and thank those volunteers who support our organisation.

**OUR SERVICES UNDER LEVEL 4:**
- The Tairāwhiti Gisborne – East Coast Cancer Society office will remain closed under New Zealand’s Covid-19 Level 4.
- Staff will be working from home during this time.
- Our essential services of transport to cancer-related medical appointments and supportive care are still available — these services may look different under Level 4.
- All support groups and activities in-centre, such as client massages, or reception volunteer shifts are cancelled.
- We understand that the need for cancer treatment does not stop. We are working hard to continue to provide support for people in our community affected by cancer. If you have an appointment for treatment in the next few days and you have concerns or questions about your transport please call us on 06 867 1795.

Lianne Jenkins, Area manager, Gisborne East Coast Cancer Society
In 2018, funding was received to support men living with a cancer diagnosis, an advisory group was formed and the decision was made to focus the pilot on men diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Sport Gisborne Tairawhiti and the Cancer Society East Coast partnered to co-design a pilot exercise support programme, Proactive Tane.

A fully funded opportunity was devised for men living with prostate cancer to attend a targeted exercise programme, based on the research of Professor Prue Cormie.

After a successful two-year pilot programme it was decided to transition Proactive Tane to a sustainable and community-based programme.

Gym instructor Brian Horwell officially took over the programme in March this year. The programme is run from his owner/operator fitness studio Primal Fitness.

With over 20 years experience working in the fitness industry, Brian has always had a passion for helping people on their fit for life journey.

Proactive Tane is a programme designed for men whose lives has been affected by prostate cancer and it gives them the opportunity to work out together and to strengthen, build and maintain levels of fitness.

The group meet twice a week for an hour-long session completing a fitness circuit designed by Brian. The circuit is “core based”, which Brian explains “strengthens pelvic floor muscles, supports general fitness and flexibility”.

“Weight training is also part of the circuit. It’s about building a strong core based on primal movements.

Fifteen men access and attend the programme as they are able, with about eight to 10 of the group being original members. They are at varying stages of their journey with some recently diagnosed with prostate cancer, others undergoing treatment, and others in remission.

The programme is run under the Te Whare Tapa Wha model. While the Proactive Tane programme is about fitness and strength, it is also about breaking down barriers, with the men supporting and encouraging each other while on their journey of living with prostate cancer.

“Often the only male the guys get to talk to is a doctor,” says Brian. “With this group, they are all going through similar experiences so they can talk about it and support each other through the varying stages. It’s about keeping them moving and proactive in their journey.”

If you would like to find out more about Proactive Tane or would like to join this targeted exercise programme, please contact The Cancer Society on 06 867 1795.

The Cancer Society is also in the process of developing further exercise programmes for men and women and hope to be able to start these soon.
Helen Barbarich has a special association with the Cancer Society. After losing eight of her siblings to cancer and being diagnosed and treated for cancer three times herself, it is her passion to help spread awareness within her own family, her community, and especially for Maori.

Helen first approached the Cancer Society wanting to help and she now supports others with cancer in her role as a volunteer driver.

“I get so much from volunteering. I love people, I love talking to people, I love listening — I'm just me. If I can help people in a small way by being there when they need help, then I will.”

Sharing her own story and experience has been a powerful way to show people they do not have to walk a cancer journey alone.

Helen brings many people into the Cancer Society, introducing them to those who can provide support.

In 2014, she conceived the idea of the first Hikoi for Hope in Motu, an event that went on to become a national initiative.

Helen is currently receiving treatment for lung cancer, and she acknowledges the support of the Cancer Society through her recent diagnosis and treatment.

“I don't know if I could have coped with my last diagnosis without the support of the team at the Cancer Society. They have walked with me, and sat with me, and that's what is getting me through — that, and my beautiful family.”

For Helen, good support includes patience, a lot of hugs, listening to whānau and what they are going through, and how life has changed for them.

“Cancer is something you do need support for — because cancer doesn't just affect the person with cancer, but also their family.”

Her message for others is not to be afraid to ask for help, not only for the person with cancer but for other family members too. Her last diagnosis was hard to accept, but it also demonstrated the love and support that she is surrounded by, and the importance of the volunteering she considers to be her life’s work.

“My ambition is to get back to the things I love, to tell people about my experience, to meet people again, and this time I have more experience to talk about, and that's what's getting me through.”

• Since this article was written, Helen and her family received the happy news that her cancer is responding to treatment.

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Coronavirus surge breaks hospital records amid rising toll on children

KENTUCKY — Kentucky and Texas joined a growing list of states that are seeing record numbers of patients with COVID-19, as officials express deep concern over the Delta variant that’s surging amid low vaccination rates.

In Kentucky, just under 48 percent of the population is vaccinated. In Texas, nearly 47 percent of the population is vaccinated.

The Delta variant now accounts for more than 90% of cases in both states, and hospitalizations are on the rise.

In Kentucky, the state’s health department reported 1,431 new COVID-19 cases on Thursday, bringing the state’s total to 265,769.

In Texas, the state’s health department reported 1,699 new COVID-19 cases on Thursday, bringing the state’s total to 3,449,118.

The surge in cases is causing concern among health officials, who warn that the Delta variant is highly contagious and can spread rapidly among unvaccinated people.

In response, officials are urging residents to get vaccinated and to follow other health guidelines, such as wearing masks and practicing social distancing.

"We need to get the vaccination rates up," said Dr. Joseph Parrott, an infectious disease specialist at the University of Louisville. "We can’t afford to have a lot more people get sick and go to the hospital because of this variant."
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**Waikato races at Te Rapa Saturday**

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I love ewe: Farmer pays heartfelt tribute to aunt

CANBERRA—An Australian farmer couldn’t go to his aunt’s funeral because of pandemic restrictions so he paid his respects with a novel alternative: dozens of sheep arranged in the shape of a love heart.

Drone-shot video of pregnant ewes munching barley in a paddock

Drone-shot video of pregnant ewes munching barley in a paddock while unwittingly expressing Ben Jackson’s affection for his auntie, it certainly seems like this was ongoing when the building in Surfside, Florida, collapsed on June 24. If there’s that amount of corrosion, this should have been fixed,” she said. The images show beams, walls and columns that appear to be overcrowded with steel reinforcement, which suggests potential weaknesses, she explained.

“People are saying it’s a bit of an effect across the state border at his farm in Guyra in New South Wales this week. He discovered that if he spelled the names of his favourite musical bands with grain dropped from the back of a truck that the flock would roughly adopt the same shape for several minutes. “It certainly lifted my spirits back in the drought,” Jackson said. “This heart that I’ve done for my auntie, it certainly seems like it’s had a bit of an effect across Australia,” he added, referring to emotional social media responses.

“Maybe we all just need to give ourselves a big virtual hug,” he said. Jackson started experimenting with making shapes with sheep to relieve the monotonous stress of hand-feeding livestock during a devastating drought across most of Australia that broke in the early months of the pandemic. He discovered that if he spelled the names of his favourite musical bands with grain dropped from the back of a truck that the flock would roughly adopt the same shape for several minutes. “It certainly lifted my spirits back in the drought,” Jackson said. “This heart that I’ve done for my auntie, it certainly seems like it’s had a bit of an effect across Australia,” he added, referring to emotional social media responses.

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MAMI — Video released by a team of federal investigators shows more evidence of extensive corrosion and overcrowded concrete reinforcement in a Miami-area condominium that collapsed in June, killing 98 people.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology also announced on Wednesday it will conduct a five-pronged investigation into the Champlain Towers South collapse, which will be led by Judith Mitrani-Reiser. She is a Cuban-born engineer who grew up in Miami.

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Kurdish women on the front line

**DAUGHTERS OF KOBANI**
by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon
published by Allen & Unwin

The world has a way of telling girls and young women what they should want from their lives, and of telling them not to ask for too much. When the world stops speaking for them, you can actually hear what they have to say.

When I first saw this book, the cover image of a female soldier caught my eye. It is great to see strong female protagonists in a male-dominated society, such as that of the Middle East. An array of Roses of Kobani is a story critical to the understanding of the plight of many Middle Eastern women and their fight for liberation.

Gayle Tzemach Lemmon follows the lives of four Kurdish women, driven by a belief in equality and by the horror inflicted by ISIS on their men. Many of these women were part of traditional families, where the father, or the father’s eldest brother, determined their lives.

These women rebelled and became members of the Kurdish Women’s Protection Units. These female warriors displayed bravery, courage, tenacity, and determination, and snipers like Azeema, Rojda, Norwan, and Znarin did an incredible job of commanding and fighting alongside their male counterparts to defend their city and how their actions spread in the fight against ISIS.

As the old adage goes, “men fight wars, women win them”.

These women’s stories are rare examples of courage amid catastrophe. Besides the personal stories of Kurdish women fighting on the front lines, the author provides context for the struggle of Syrian Kurds, tainted by Turkey labelling them terrorists, and who follow Abdullah Ocalan’s view which includes radical notions such as “Kurds cannot be free if the women are not free.”

The story also includes US support for the Kurds. However, the author presented a balanced story.

She did not downplay American adventures in aiding the women’s fight, and how they were abandoned immediately when the Turks started to wage a war after ISIS was defeated.

This was a real book page-turner as the author powerfully told the story of the women who not only took guns to the battlefield but wanted to change the lives of women in their city and show the world that men and women are equal. — Preeti Maheshwari

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**PRISON BREAK**
by Arthur Taylor
published by Allen & Unwin

In October 1974, Arthur Taylor was sent to prison to serve his first lag as an adult.

He was just 18 years old, locked up in the Queensland labour prison of Yeronga, where Taylor’s biography Prison Break, which he wrote with the help of journalist and author Kelly Dennett.

Taylor’s life, when read in black-and-white, is one of mounting involvement in the underworld.

There are some shocking, horror stories in there, as you would expect from someone with more than 150 convictions and the moniker of New Zealand’s most colourful career criminal.

Bank robberies, clever frauds, sieges surrounded by armed police, solitary confinement in the country’s toughest prison, as well as daring prison escapes — there’s enough action for any adrenalin junkie.

Sadly, there are plenty of inmates with similar cup-shots, or far worse. He talks about his interactions with some of them, including some of New Zealand’s most notorious convicted killers like Mark Lundy, Scott Watson and Graeme Burton.

As for Taylor’s own criminal record, Prison Break details every little way of remorse or self-reflection but does give an insight into how he got there.

Taken away from his parents and put into the notorious Rimutaka Prison, Taylor was given the grand crime of school truancy. Taylor has no doubt this traumatic experience set him on the wrong path, like many other young men in the 1960s and 70s.

So who is Arthur Taylor? Colourful character or manipulative career criminal? Victim or offender? Prisoner advocate or a pain in the arse?

Nothing is ever black and white, but Prison Break has explored Taylor’s shades of grey in a very colourful way.

— NZ Herald
Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of the Proprietors of Tikitiki D9 Tikitiki Station set for Saturday, 28th August 2020 at 10am has now been POSTPONED to Saturday the 25th September 2021 at 10am regardless of the lockdown levels.

Should lock down levels permit we will hold the 2021 AGM at one of two venues as was with 2020 AGM. The main venue being BDO Gisborne, 1 Peel Street, Gisborne and the second at Rahui Marae, Tikitiki where they will be connecting via Zoom to the Gisborne hui. Otherwise it will be an AGM virtually via Zoom. To ensure you are sent the Zoom link please send your email in no later than Friday 24th September 2021 by 4PM to mbu@bdo.co.nz.

The Management Committee’s desire to keep owners safe and adhere to the Ministry of Health’s requirements, have asked that if you are unwell or in a high-risk group to attend the AGM virtually via Zoom. Please register your email address at mbu@bdo.co.nz to ensure you are sent the Zoom link no later than Friday 24th September 2021 by 4pm.

Copies of the 2021 Balance Sheet and Accounts will be available to shareholders via email from Friday, 17th September 2021.

Hana Weka
Chairperson
TVNZ 1
5pm The Chase (HLS)  A quiz show where contestants must stay one step ahead of The Chase.
6pm News At 6pm  The latest news, sport, and weather.
7pm Share Sharpe  7.30 The Repair Shop (HLS)  8.30 Great British Sewing Bee (HLS)  It's children's week for the 50 remaining sewers.
8.48 Schitt's Creek (HLS)  Alex and David are planning a trip to inspire a travel blogger.
10.46 1 News Tonight  11.15 Corner  It's Jenny's exhaustion after a mass shooting derails her election chance.

SATURDAY
11.10 Infomercials  11.35 Infomercials  6am Game Changers  6.30 Country Calendar  A family tradition of market gardening branches out into home deliveries to bolster their livelihood.
7am Fishing And The Adventure  7.30 Infomercials  8.30 Religious Programming  9am Paralympic Games (HLS)  Day Three. Coverage from Tokyo.
9.30 Tagata Pasifika  10am Dinner Date  10.30 MasterChef New Zealand  11am Noon Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond The Lobby  11am The Living Room  2pm Sarah Bean's New Life In The Country  Sarah Bean and her family swap London for the country.
3pm 3rd Rock  How The Other Kids Live  Three teenage-year-olds meet for the first time and talk about the big issues facing them today.
6pm The Breakdown  7pm Salvation Hunters Best Brother
8pm Seven Sharp  The latest news, sport, and talk about the big issues facing the country.
9pm The Great British Sewing Bee  9.20 Dance Moms  10.45 Infomercials

TVNZ 2
5pm The Simpsons  The story of how Maggie got into drama class.
6pm Young Sheldon  6.30 Home And Away (HLS)  Ryan and Kirra trying to exist; Tane starts the healing process.
7pm Shortland St  9.30 The Bachelor (HLS)  10.10 Saturday Night Live (HLS)  11.45 Infomercials
9.45 Comedy Stands Alone  Starring Josh Thomas (HLS)

SKY SPORTS 1
5.30 All Blacks v Wales (P)  Game One: 2016.
6pm Paralympics Games (HLS)  7pm All Blacks v Wales (P)  11pm Paralympics Games (HLS)

SKY SPORTS 2
4pm The Vanishing

PRIME
3pm 3rd Rock From The Sun (P)  6pm Night Live At 6pm  7pm Project (P)  7.30 Ocean's 3 (P)  Film of 2007. Danny Ocean rounds up the team for a third robbery after a casino owner doubles-crosses one of the original eleven. George Clooney, Matt Damon, Brad Pitt, Patricia Clarkson.
9.30 Newshub Late
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BRAVO
6.30 Burke's Backyard  7.30 Infomercials

CHOICE
3pm Mystic Series At The Museum (P)  6pm Salvation Hunters Best Brother
7pm Grand Design Series
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SKY 5
5pm Share Sharpe  6pm Paw Stars (P)  6.30 Counting Cars (P)
7pm Border Security (P)  7.50 Prison First And Last (P)  8pm Rooster And Butch (P)
9pm Rosco Rooster And Butch (P)

MORI TV
5pm Piggi Ma  5.05 Takahora  5.10 Discovered
5.30 Kid's Kai Kart (HLS)  5.40 Pottas Pal (P)
5.50 Zuri Paws (P)  6pm Pola (P)
6.10 Haati Paati (P)
7pm The Great Island Food Revolution  8.30 Get On Up (P)  9pm John Legend: The James Brown cover. Challenges of poverty and misuse of power to emerge as one of the most successful musicians of his time.

MOVIES PREMIERE
6.05 The Glenns MELOD.2001 Dana, Julianne Vanderbilt,
8.30 Killers Over The Line 2021 Dana. When a renowned crime novelist is found dead at his estate just after his 85th birthday, Detective Blanc investigates. Daniel Craig, Chris Evans.
10.30 Honest Thief: Witt, Liam Neeson,2020

SATURDAY
12.15 How They Do It  12.40 How They Do It
1.05 Expedition After Dark
1.30 The Kid Detective 3.05 Expedition After Dark
4.05 The Flies 188.2019. Honek, Stig, Arne, Roan, Emile, Roan.
5.24 The Changeling  5.24 The Changeling
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MUSIC VIDEO DISCOVERY
4.05 God Rest Ye Righteous: White Water
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England netball team to compete in Christchurch

The Silver Ferns will host world number-three ranked England in New Zealand next month in a three-test series, with all matches to be played at Christchurch Arena to minimise additional travel risk for all involved.

Matches are scheduled for Monday, 20th, Wednesday, 22nd and Friday, 24th September, as Netball New Zealand continues to work with the Government as concerns the evolving COVID-19 outbreak and alert levels. England players boarded a fight yesterday morning, and will go into managed quarantine upon arrival in Christchurch.

Following the series, England areengaging to extend their tour across the Tasman in a series against the Australian Diamonds, Netball New Zealand, England Netball and Netball Australia have been working closely with their respective governments since the beginning of the year around MIQ prospects and logistics.

ATHLETICS

LAUSANNE — Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce has clocked the third-fastest time of 100 metres in history to earn a place in the all-time top 10 list for the first time.

The Olympic champion and three-time world champion Elene Thompson-Herath at the Athletics meeting.

Fraser-Pryce surged clear of the blocks and was timed at 10.80 seconds at Thursday’s Diamond League meeting, with Thompson-Herath 0.44 back. A cooling tailwind at 1.7 metres per second was within the legal limit.

The 34-year-old Fraser-Pryce took 0.03 off the personal best she set in Jamaica in May, 14 years after winning her second Olympic title in the 100.

“It’s been a long season but for me I never give up, working hard and still committed to the task,” she said.

Both she and her big rival have improved their times since Thompson-Herath retains her Olympic title in a blazing 10.18, while Fraser-Pryce took silver in 10.74.


Fraser-Pryce is also having the fastest season of her career, four years after giving birth to a son.

“I am happy that I was able to still show up and show women that it’s definitely possible to come back from having a family, and come back,” she said.

A packed stadium of 12,000 spectators saw the first six races of the season contested in 10.80 seconds. Olympic bronze medallist Dina Asher-Smith was again third, 0.94 behind her compatriot.

Her next flick was for shocks with Olympic champions Selomon Barenge, Armand Duplantis, Steven Gardiner, Emmanuel Korir, Hanelle Patzand and Karsten Warholm. All have beaten, although Ryan Crouser extended his winning streak to 21 meetings as he again blew away his competition on the day. Australia’s top Olympian left a little short in their competition with a high jump silver medallist Nicola McDermott, 6.80m for a jump, 0.44m below Russian world champion, 2016 Olympic champion Maria Lasitskaya.

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Captain another ton, England take secure lead

CRICKET
LEEDS — Continuing the best form of his life, England captain Joe Root has scored his third century of the series against India to move his team into a prime position to win the third test at Headingley.

Root struck 121 — adding to knocks of 109 and 180 earlier in the series — and three other three-figure test scores in 2021 as England reached 8-423 at the end of Thursday’s second day.

Their massive lead of 345 — and counting — puts them in an overwhelmingly strong position to win theTest.

No previous test captain has ever scored three centuries in a calendar year, with Root’s total now 1,398 from 21 innings and an average of 69.30.

“There’s so much you can learn as a young player from Joe Root,” said England opener Haseeb Hameed, who weighed in with 68.

“He’s of the highest class but, for me, what stands out is the simplicity of his game. He plays like he has so much time, he’s so diligent and also the mental side of things, to turn up and perform in every innings says how hungry he is.”

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NEW Zealand's greatest Paralympian Sophie Pascoe, who claimed her 16th medal last night in Tokyo, says her latest achievement was "expected".

Pascoe took out silver in the women's S5 100m breaststroke, with Ireland's Ellen Keane narrowly beating the 28-year-old Kiwi to take gold.

While Pascoe was disappointed not to win her first event of the Games, she revealed after the race that she wasn’t even going to enter the 100m breaststroke.

She revealed "to make it on the podium in her least favourite event in Tokyo — and she came very close to taking out the top prize.

Pascoe said she was ecstatic. Originally she wasn’t even going to enter the 100m breaststroke.

“It was a last-minute entry,” she said.

“The reasoning behind it was to get myself into race mode before my four favourite events, which are coming up in the next two days.

Pascoe recorded first from the water in the final and was in the lead after the first 50 metres, but was soon caught by Keane, a breaststroke specialist.

The Irishwoman ultimately pipped Pascoe to claim gold with a time of 1:19.93 at the Tokyo Aquatic Centre.

“I came in ranked third, breaststroke is not my favourite event, it’s Ellen’s favourite,” Pascoe said.

“All power to her, she got me in that last 10 metres. That’s where it really hurt and I gave it absolutely everything. I was thinking that in the final, it obviously wasn’t just enough to get the gold.

“I’m stoked to get a silver medal at the Paralympics in Tokyo that I never thought I was going to get, despite entering an unexpected race and an unexpected result so I am super, super stoked.

Pascoe will now prepare for a busy week ahead, with her next four races coming on consecutive days.

The Kiwi’s build-up for these Games has been severely hampered and she couldn’t have imagined an achievement after fighting off doubts about her fitness and safety after a serious accident sustained in April.

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Sophie Pascoe, who claimed her 16th Paralympic highlights from Tokyo yesterday — Day 2

• Sophie Pascoe starts her Tokyo 2020 campaign in spectacular fashion
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THE New Zealand Paralympic Team woke to another hot today day in Japan, 33 degrees and overcast, as Day 2 of competition got underway at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. After a great start by the team yesterday, with a Para Swimming and bronze medal ride-off for the Para cyclists, the stage was set for New Zealand’s first medal.

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PARA SWIMMING

New Zealand’s most decorated Paralympian, 9x time gold medalist Sophie Pascoe, got her Tokyo 2020 campaign underway in spectacular fashion today, winning silver in the Women's 100m Breaststroke SB8.

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Four years later in London she continued her world class performances winning three gold and three silver medals. In her third Paralympic Games, Rio 2016, she went on to win three gold and two silver medals. Tokyo 2020 will be Pascoe’s fourth Games.

WHEELCHAIR RUGBY

The Wheel Blacks were back on court late in the evening New Zealand time, taking on world number 4, Great Britain, in their second match in Pool B.

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WHAT’S ON TOMORROW – DAY 3:

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The National Championships bring together the best surfers in New Zealand and with the World Surf League Regional Qualifying Series events in February, the very best Kite talent will be available to attend.

“The Nationals is the type of event where we wouldn’t be surprised if a number of participants from 1997 make their way back to Westport with fond memories and take part, most likely in the senior divisions now,” said Surfing New Zealand’s Ben Kinnings.

When the event was last held at Westport in 1997, the event was won by Auckland’s Andrew Robinson and Tararua’s Heather Dent.

It was a young local surfer, Jai Earnshaw, who stormed to victory in the Under 18 Boys Division. Earnshaw went on to take part, most likely in the senior divisions now.

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Gisborne’s Saffi Vette, who won her first national title, will be back to see her home town again. This year, she, Finn Vette, Riccardo Christie and Daniel Procter will fly the flag for Gisborne in Westport next year.

For every surfer who has entered the event, the opportunity to host the event in the South Island again.

We are always excited to have the event down here and we want to get behind Buller Boardriders as much as possible. It’s great for the community,” she said.

“Westport is a great part of Aotearoa and it will be fantastic bringing the surfing community into the region after some particularly tough times with recent flooding and the lack of international tourists with the border closed.

“West Coast hospitality truly rules.”

Gisborne Boardriders will defend the title, which will be hotly contested by several leading clubs from Raglan, Auckland, Mount Maunganui, Christchurch, Dunedin and the hometown Buller Boardriders. Also up for grabs at the National Surfing Championships is the Peter Byers Overall Performance of the Event Award.

Organisers expect to receive more than 250 entries for the event. A total of 29 divisions will be contested including the premier Open Men and Women, as well as additional divisions comprising age groups from under 14 boys and girls through to over 60s for males and females and longboard, stand up paddleboard, bodyboard and kneelboard disciplines.

Winners of the major divisions for the past five years

**Open Men**
- 2017 – Billy Stairmand (Rag)
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**Open Women**
- 2017 – Elia Williams (WGM)
- 2016 – Riaha Enser (Mnt)
- 2015 – Aimée Brown (G Bar)
- 2020 – Ava Henderson (Chch)
- 2021 – Saffi Vette (Gis)

**Under 18 Boys Division**
- 2017 – Jonas Tawhuru (Mnt)
- 2016 – Conor McConnell (Chch)
- 2015 – Caleb Cutmore (Rag)
- 2020 – Jack Lee (Whakatane)
- 2021 – Finn Vette (Gis)

**Under 18 Girls Division**
- 2017 – Saffi Vette (Gis)
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- 2015 – Saffi Vette (Gis)
- 2020 – Ava Henderson (Chch)
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**Longboard**
- 2017 – Laura Kibblewhite (Auck)
- 2016 – Zen Wallis (Pia)
- 2015 – Aida Andrews (Tara)
- 2019 – Ambrose Molielli (Chch)
- 2021 – Daniel Procter (Gis)

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Memories to treasure

OLYMPICS by Murray Robertson

THE Tokyo Olympic Games will always be special to Gisborne hockey umpire Amber Church.

And her fondest memories are of the people with whom she mingled.

The Gisborne Intermediate School teacher returned to Gisborne on Monday after completing two weeks in quarantine, along with other members of the New Zealand Olympic team.

“IT was certainly great to get home because Gisborne is a great place and I’m proud to be from here,” she said.

“No matter where I go I feel the support of the community, and particularly the likes of (principal) Glen Udall and the staff and students at Gisborne Intermediate, Jo Cumming and of course my partner Craig Christophers and our families.”

Amber said that while hockey was the platform that got her there, and the tournament and games would always be something she would value and respect, it was the people that she would treasure the most.

“We had an incredible group of 51 people there in the hockey tournament — 28 umpires and 23 technical officials, five of whom were from New Zealand.

“Most of them I had met before and was good friends with.

“Every one of us had worked so hard and had our own battles to overcome to be there.

“In other Olympics you’re able to go off to other sports and take in all that the Olympic Games has to offer, but the nature of this COVID-impacted tournament meant that we were allowed to be in only two places — in the hotel or at the pitch — so we were forced to spend a lot of time together.

“We bonded as a group, supporting each other on and off the pitch, and were there for each other’s highs and lows. We may have arrived as friends but we left as family.”

“Amber said there were many highlights.

“The whole experience was absolutely amazing and something that will always stick with me for many years to come.

“Every day before breakfast we completed a Covid test and filled in a health questionnaire on a tracking app, so I had 23 Covid tests in total while I was in Tokyo.

“I might be a pro at them now.”

Amber said it was great to be in the Olympics volunteers did their best to make sure they had what they needed and that they had an experience to remember.

“The waves you got from the public, the messages written on building windows, the displays set up in gardens and parks, the origami sprinkled everywhere for you to take, all made you feel like you were valued and welcomed.

“The support I received from back home was humbling as well. Gisborne people are proud of their own.

“I made sure to watch Tayler Reid and Alicia Hoskin when they were competing and I knew there would be people doing the same for me when I umpired.

“She umpired the first match of the women’s Olympic competition — Netherlands versus India.

“Being able to be part of the group that got to compete after such a long wait was pretty exciting,” she said.

“The last pool match I umpired was India versus South Africa, which ended with India winning 4-3. The game was end to end in blistering temperatures (40 degrees).

“There were four video referrals in the first minute of the match, making the first quarter of the match last more than 26 minutes, when it’s usually between 15 and 18 minutes.”

“Amber also umpired two of the playoff matches, Argentina versus Germany, and the India-Argentina semifinal.

“To be involved in games that have such an impact beyond the game itself is humbling.”

“Amber was reserve umpire for the gold medal match Netherlands versus Argentina.

“‘That was a huge honour,” she said.

“The hockey officials stayed at the Shinagawa Prince Hotel, a 20-minute drive from the hockey stadium.

“Officials from some of the other sports were also based there — tennis, gymnastics and triathlon to name a few.

“All the hockey officials were on the same floor and all had their own rooms, just in case someone got sick and their roommate was exposed as well. Fortunately, no one from the hockey crew became ill.”

“Amber said all the Japanese people they met were incredibly welcoming.

“On the way to the pitch we’d see people in their cars, on their bikes or walking down the street and they’d smile and wave at us, excited to see people involved in the Olympics Games so close.”

“Amber said it was great to be in the stands to see New Zealand take the lead for an international match and to be able to do that at the Olympics was “next level”.

“‘There were players in the two Kiwi hockey teams I’ve umpired or been around for years now, and it was great to be able to see them competing on the biggest sporting stage in the world,” she said.

“While their final results might not have been what they were hoping for, sitting in the stands and witnessing their efforts it was clear they left everything out on the pitch each time they played, and they did their absolute best to get to the next round.

“Unfortunately not everyone makes it through and at this Olympics, it was New Zealand who missed out.

“I’m not sure if it brightened their day or not but it definitely got them talking and it was followed by friends around the world.”

“In summary, she said many people had contributed to her journey and helped make her participation at her second Olympic games a reality.

“The support that I have had throughout the past five years has meant the world to me,” she said.

“Thank you everyone.”

ATHLETICS: New Zealand women’s 4x400m relay team finished in seventh place in the Olympic Games.

THE women’s 4x400m relay team will have to settle for seventh place in their Olympic Games after finishing in the time on Friday.

“The support of back home was really heartwarming. I think there’s a lot of things we’ve taken for granted and I’m thankful to be here and represent my country.”

“We were all very excited to be in Tokyo and represent New Zealand on the biggest stage.”

“The women’s 4x400m relay team qualified for the final after finishing third in their heat earlier in the week.”

“The team, comprised of Taryn Jolliffe, Brigid Petersen, Morgan Grundy and Grace Wiltshire, were aiming to compete in the final and secure a top-eight finish to advance to the final on Saturday.

“Unfortunately, they fell short in the final and will have to settle for seventh place in the time. “There were a lot of emotions running through the team, but we’re still proud of what we achieved.”

“After a long and challenging journey, the team made it to Tokyo, where they faced the daunting task of representing New Zealand on the big stage.

“Despite the disappointment of not qualifying for the final, the team showed resilience and determination throughout the competition. They continued to support each other and inspire one another to perform their best.”

“Their hard work and dedication paid off as they secured a top-eight finish in the heats, solidifying their place in the final.

“Unfortunately, the team fell short in the final, finishing seventh. However, they should be proud of their achievements and the sacrifices they made to get to this point.”

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SURFING INSIDE CRICKET

DIRECTING PLAY: Amber Church signals during the Olympic games women’s hockey tournament quarterfinal match between Argentina and Germany.

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