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DEMOLITION UNDER WAY

OUT WITH THE OLD . . . The project to rebuild Midway Surf Life Saving Club has started as the old makes way for the new. Contractors have started the demolition of the 56-year-old clubhouse, paving the way for the construction of the new multimillion-dollar Midway Surf Rescue Community Hub. Project spokesperson Anna Roberts said the club was thrilled to finally be at the demolition stage and hoped to see construction start around mid-October.

Picture by Liam Clayton

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Facility progress concerns

MoH queries delay, 'lack of clarity' around new mental health and addictions building

by Alice Angeloni

A PROJECT MANAGER is now in place for Gisborne's new acute mental health and addictions facility – two years after the government committed up to \$20 million for the project.

Documents released under the Official Information Act show the Ministry of Health raised "some concern" about the crown-funded project in April, including its lack of a project manager.

The April update on the Ministry's Health Capital Envelope said concerns also stemmed from the availability of the project's senior responsible officer and a "lack of clarity"

around responsibilities, key deliverables and timeframes in the lead consultant/architect's proposed contract scope.

Hauora Tairāwhiti district health board said it had "purposely" delayed appointing a project manager because the role wasn't needed until the design and build phase.

A project manager was appointed in July 2021 — at least eight months after DHB chief executive Jim Green told The Gisborne Herald they were working on the detailed design and drawings for the building.

Ministry of Health deputy director-general of infrastructure Karen Mitchell said a project manager hadn't been appointed in April as "originally planned", but they were now "comfortable" that the right resources and plans were in place.

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FROM THE MAUNGA TO THE AWA



MOUNT HIKURANGI



WAIMATA RIVER



**KIA KAHA
TE REO MĀORI**

The Māori word for river is “awa” and for mountain is “maunga”. Here are a list of other Māori words from the natural world.

- Au** – current
- Awa** – river
- Maunga** – mountain; puke is hill (also hiwi)
- Moana** – sea, or large inland ‘sea’, e.g. Taupō
- Mānia** – plain, stretch of land
- Pae** – ridge, range
- Papa** – flat
- Roto** – lake; inside
- Wai** – water
- Whanga** – harbour, bay
- Motu** – island
- Repo** – swamp
- Manga** – stream, creek
- One** – sand, earth at the beach
- Wai-hirere** – waterfall
- Ngaru** – wave (in water)
- Tomo** – cave or hole in ground
- Ngahere** – forest
- Arawhata** – bridge
- Koraha** – desert
- Awa-awa** – valley
- Pari** – cliff
- Āhua o te rangi** – climate
- Waipuke** – flood
- Whakahukapapa** – freeze
- Mākūkū** – damp
- Hukapapa** – frost; huka – snow
- Pāhekeheke** – slippery
- Hukarere** – sleet
- Āniwaniwa** – rainbow
- Ngātata** – landslide. Titiro ki te ngātata: Look at the landslide.
- Patapata ua** – raindrop. Kua heke te patapata ua: The rain is falling.
- Makariri** – cold. Kei te makariri au: I am cold.

Te Tairāwhiti plays its part in Māori Magic Moment

by Akula Sharma

MORE than one million New Zealanders signed up for today’s Te Taura Whiri Te Reo Māori (Māori Language Commission) digital Māori Language Moment.

Around 820 of those were from Tairāwhiti.

Māori Language Moment encouraged people to get together at noon today and “take a moment for te Reo Māori, whether it be using Māori words in a conversation, singing a song or performing a Māori-related skit — and recording it digitally to send to the Commission.

Māori Language Commission chief executive Ngahiwi Apanui said Māori Language Moment was started last year to gather the nation together and say “we value our indigenous language”.

“We also mark the moment the (Maori language) petition was presented to Parliament in 1972 (supporting the teaching of Māori language and culture in schools). This is about coming together to reflect on our past, acknowledge where we are now and prepare for our shared future.”

Mr Apanui said this year’s Māori Language Moment was dedicated to Auckland residents who were the most affected by the Covid-19 Delta outbreak and had to remain in Alert Level 4 lockdown for at least another week.

Mr Apanui said the language was still endangered but “winning it back wasn’t a sprint, it was a marathon”.

“Beating Covid is also about the long game, it’s about endurance. Kia kaha Tāmaki! Kia kaha Aotearoa!”

Mr Apanui said they wanted to set the world record for people speaking and

celebrating an endangered, indigenous language all at the same time.

“Last year more than one million people joined us for our Māori Language Moment. This year we want to see two million of us gathered together.”

“In spite of Covid-19, the momentum behind te reo this year has been massive. The total number of people who have pledged to celebrate te reo since the Commission began the online campaign a year ago now stands at 1.07 million.

Māori Language Commissioner Professor Rawinia Higgins — in a tribute to Aucklanders as well as essential workers and volunteers across Aotearoa — said New Zealanders were showing the rest of the world what kind of people they were.

“He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata. He tangata. He tangata.

“What is the most important thing in

the world? It is people. It is people. It is people.”

The Māori Language Moment was recognised globally last year as a leading initiative. It won eight golds at the annual United Nations-endorsed International Public Relations Association Golden World Awards in London.

In February, Professor Higgins was elected to the UN Global Taskforce for the Decade of Indigenous Languages that starts next year.

The Commission encouraged all supporters of te reo Māori to celebrate the language in some way from wherever they were at midday.

The video of the Māori Language Moment 2021 will be available to view online on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tewikiotereomāori and Youtube at www.youtube.com/reomāori

LOOKING AHEAD



FOCUS ON THE LAND

- Turihau Angus prepares for their Spring bull sale Wednesday week, with 25 yearlings and nine two-year-olds up for grabs.
- The weekly AgriHQ report for the week beginning September 13.
- Young people interested in a beekeeping career encouraged to apply for the annual Ron Mossop Youth Scholarship.

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LAYING THE GROUNDWORK



WORK on the region's new pool complex at Churchill Park resumed in the middle of last week after a three-week delay due to the Covid-19 lockdown.

"Led by design and build company Apollo Projects Ltd, the team say they were glad to be back on the new Kiwa Pools site," a Gisborne District Council spokeswoman said.

"Having already completed ground testing, contractors have now started ground remediation work.

"Contractors have demolished the

Churchill Park campground kitchen and toilets with useful items from the buildings repurposed."

The cabin block has been shifted and is being used as a site office.

The \$46 million project will include a 50-metre-by-20-metre multi-use pool with movable floor, leisure and toddler pool, learn-to-swim/hydrotherapy pool, indoor change rooms, administration and office facilities, pool plant, service areas, carpark and associated landscaping.

Picture by Liam Clayton

'A considered and expedient' manner

FROM PAGE 1

Government ministers approved the \$18.8m business case for the inpatient facility in August last year.

It followed former Health Minister Dr David Clark's announcement in the 2019 Wellbeing Budget that Hauora Tairāwhiti's eight-bed facility Te Whare Awhiora would be replaced.

Dr Clark said Te Whare Awhiora was "not fit for purpose", particularly the seclusion rooms and outdoor areas.

The new facility, which is in the design phase, will have 11 beds, three of which will be high dependency beds. There will be no seclusion rooms.

It will be located at Gisborne Hospital in front of the corporate building and is expected to open in early 2024.

Mr Green said they were developing a model of care for the facility based on the Whāriki vision for mental health and addictions services in Tairāwhiti, which came out of extensive engagement with the community.

This would inform the concept design and detailed design.

This vision for care would be coupled with architectural and cultural input to create a building that was designed to enable care and recovery for Tairāwhiti people and their families and whānau.

"The building will be both beautiful and functional, to enhance the care and healing," Mr Green said.

He would not give more details around the Ministry's

concerns, saying that it was discussed with the Health Infrastructure Unit (HIU) at that time and had been resolved.

"The purpose of the partnership between the HIU and Hauora Tairāwhiti for this project is to meld the expertise of each party to the successful delivery of the project.

"The dialogue from the HIU reflects that effort to ensure the project advances in a considered and expedient manner."

Following agreement with the Minister of Health, the programme is now being escalated to provide even more support so that DHB project teams have the resourcing and advice they need to deliver their projects in good timeframes

Ministry of Health staff visited the DHB in regards to the project in May, July and August, and there was regular phone, email and video contact, Mr Green said.

Ms Mitchell, of the Ministry, said the Mental Health Infrastructure Programme (MHIP) was established in early 2021 to provide additional support for DHBs facing similar issues when improving their mental health

facilities.

"Following agreement with the Minister of Health, the programme is now being escalated to provide even more support so that DHB project teams have the resourcing and advice they need to deliver their projects in good timeframes.

"The Minister has informed the DHB that to accelerate the development of this project, the DHB will be required to work closely with the Ministry Health Infrastructure Unit moving forward."

This facility was one of 16 mental health infrastructure projects around the country.

Weekend jobs shot in the arm for dosage stats

A TOTAL of 14,814 people in the Gisborne district are fully immunised from Covid-19, latest data shows.

Hauora Tairāwhiti vaccinated another 2446 people over the weekend, bringing the total number of doses administered in the district (as of yesterday) to 41,300 — 26,486 having received their first dose and 14,814 both doses.

"The latest coverage data for those domiciled within Tairāwhiti for the period to September 12 shows 63 percent of the population (aged 12 and over) has now received at least one dose," a Hauora Tairāwhiti spokeswoman said.

"At this time, 35.4 percent of the 12 and over population have had two doses and 28 percent have received only the first dose."

For Maori, 25.4 percent have had both doses, 25 percent the first dose only, and 50.4 percent having had at least one dose.

For Pasifika, 35 percent have had both doses, 36 percent the

first dose only, and 71 percent have had at least one dose.

All vaccination clinics are open to whānau 12 years and older. Children 12 and over must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver to receive the vaccine.

Vaccination clinics are running this week at the following locations —

Te Tini o Porou Clinic (corner of Huxley and Tyndall roads): Monday to Friday, 2pm to 7.30pm. This clinic is open to all walk-ins, an appointment is not required.

Community Vaccination Clinic (295 Palmerston Road): Reopened yesterday and is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am to 5pm; Thursday, 10am to 6pm; Friday, 9am to 5pm; Saturday, 9am to 3pm.

Ngati Porou Hauora rural East Coast clinics: Open from 10.30am to 2pm and from 3pm to 6.30pm at Uawa today; Ruatoria on Wednesday; Tokomaru Bay on Thursday; Te Puia Springs on Friday.

Blown away . . . strongest wind of the year so far

YESTERDAY was one of the windiest September days in the past 30 years, according to the national weather archive kept by the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research.

Strong north-west winds buffeted Gisborne for much of yesterday,

reaching over 81 kilometres an hour at Gisborne Airport.

It was the strongest wind of the year so far, the previous highest being a near-78kmh gust on August 9.

Records show September is often a windy month, with the onset of

what are popularly known as the equinoxials — strong north-west winds around the time of the spring equinox.

Yesterday's gale-force wind was boosted by the compression effect of coming off the hills to the north and west of Gisborne, and was

strongest near the coast.

The Gisborne District Council gauge at Pouawa recorded a gust of 118.5kmh at 11am.

Obtaining data this morning has been made difficult because of yet another cyber attack disrupting a number of organisations' websites,

including MetService.

Websites refuse to load or simply show a blank page.

The district's outlook for the next five days is for colder conditions and rain, contrary to some predictions of a warm, dry spring.

— RH

Strong wind fans burnoff

A BURNOFF of greenwaste on a farm property in Lake Road at Patutahi spread into a large area of gorse and blackberry late yesterday afternoon, fanned by the strong winds.

Fire and Emergency NZ sent appliances from the city, Patutahi, and Rural Fire to the scene at around 5pm.

"The fire crews stood by and assessed the situation and it was decided to hand it over to the landowners, who used heavy machinery on site to put a fire break around it," a rural fire spokesman said.

"A digger was used to work over the area of burning hillside vegetation and the fire was left to burn out overnight."

Rural Fire maintained a watch on the fire until around 9pm last night.

"The fire site was monitored again this morning by Rural Fire and the landowners," he said. The fire did not threaten any property.

"Even though we are still in an open fire season, people need to be aware of the wind conditions when lighting fires in the open."

Gang HQ fire inquiry ongoing

THE fire that destroyed the long-established Mongrel Mob headquarters in Wairoa on Sunday night remains under police investigation with no definite cause yet determined.

Fire ripped through the large tin shed in Kaimoana Road on the outskirts of the town at around 6pm.

Police and a specialist fire investigator from Dannevirke began a scene examination yesterday but police said strong winds made it too dangerous for a full examination of the burnt-out building.

Police have indicated an electrical fault may have been involved. The site remains secured as the police investigation continues.

Severe weather watch

METSERVICE has issued a severe weather watch for another bout of heavy rain for the Gisborne region at the end of the week.

The area concerned is the top of East Cape, north of Ruatoria.

MetService says periods of heavy rain, which may approach warning criteria, are possible for that area from 3am on Thursday to 1am Friday. The watch notice also says another period of heavy southerly rain is likely for Gisborne during Friday morning and afternoon. — RH



BACKLOG CLEARED: The log vessel Whistler was loading this morning before sailing later today. The familiar sight of ships anchored off the coast over the past two months has come to an end with Eastland Port clearing the backlog of shipping. Picture by Liam Clayton

Port activities back to normal as backlog cleared

by Murray Robertson

AFTER two months of delays Eastland Port has finally been able to clear the backlog of ships that at one stage saw more than 12 log ships at anchor off Gisborne waiting to load.

The backlog started to build up in early July.

"Business at the port is back to normal and the backlog of ships has been cleared," the port announced this morning.

Just two ships were waiting in the Bay this morning and one berthed at wharf 8.

"That's a stark contrast to early July when there were over a dozen ships anchored in the bay," a port spokesperson said.

Since early July, 26 ships have been loaded

and sent on their way.

"The port will be keeping the new initiatives introduced during this period, as those initiatives have considerably improved ship throughput and load rates.

"This will be particularly important as the port goes down to a single berth while Wharf 7 is rebuilt, which is scheduled to commence this summer."

Pleased about extra week for consultation

by Murray Robertson

FEDERATED Farmers has welcomed the district council's decision to extend the consultation period for the representation review.

They intend to keep pushing for rural people to have their say about the review.

The consultation period has been extended by one week to Friday, September 24, to provide more time for people to make submissions on what general and Maori wards will look like for the 2022 and 2025 elections.

"Covid has thrown a spanner in the works for everything and we did not believe our request for an extension was

asking too much," Federated Farmers provincial president Toby Williams said.

"With advice from our policy staff that there was no legislative reason preventing an extension being granted, we continued to hold hope the council would change their mind and we are grateful the GDC has extended this part of the consultation process.

"We had hoped the extension would coincide with a move to Alert Level 1," Mr Williams said. "However, this now seems unlikely.

"We have had to change tack and utilise our networks to encourage people to get involved and support the retention of dedicated rural wards.

"With the extension we intend to keep pushing our message and drumming up support.

"It would have been great to get out into the community but given the current guidelines we do not believe we can and keep everyone safe."

Mr Williams said the extension also coincided with the discovery of some issues with NZ Post getting surveys out to some rural residents.

"The extension has meant that with the help of councillor Pat Seymour we have been able to get the surveys redelivered and people will have a little more time to get them filled in and returned."

CORRECTION

The Gisborne Herald was supplied incorrect information about an upcoming Civil Court hearing relating to convicted tax fraudster John Bracken's \$12.5 million worth of restrained assets.

The hearing date of September 28 is not to determine the issue of forfeiture for all those assets but only whether a quad bike should be sold.

Like other vehicles the Crown has already been granted leave to sell from the pool, the bike is at risk of depreciation and is accruing significant storage costs.

If sold, the proceeds will go back into the main asset pool.

A hearing to determine forfeiture of all assets is yet to be scheduled by the court.

Auckland 'doing the hard yards' says Mayor

MAYOR Rehette Stoltz asks Tairāwhiti residents to "keep up the good work and follow Delta Level 2 regulations closely."

The mayor was speaking after Government yesterday decided to make no changes to Covid-19 alerts levels.

Tairāwhiti and all other parts of the country outside Auckland remain at Level 2 in a decision anticipated by Covid experts.

"It is great to see people around our region wearing their masks, scanning and observing social distancing when out and about," said the mayor.

"Aucklanders are currently doing the hard yards, but we also have a very

important role to play. Keep up the good work.

"Kia kaha, Team Tairāwhiti."

Auckland remains at Level 4 but the Government has made an in-principle decision to move the city to Alert Level 3 at 11.59pm next Tuesday, after five weeks in Level 4 lockdown.

The Government will confirm this decision next Monday.

The rest of the country will stay in Alert Level 2 until at least that point as well,

Canterbury University Covid-19 modelling expert Professor Michael Plank said the rest of New Zealand would likely move to Alert Level 1 once Auckland

started going down the alert levels.

ALERT LEVEL 2 REQUIREMENTS

■ There are no restrictions on who can be included in your household bubble.

■ You can go to work, and all businesses and services can open but legally must follow public health rules.

■ Early learning services, schools, kura and tertiary education facilities are open to everyone.

■ Even if you have been vaccinated, you still need to follow the rules to keep everyone safe.

■ Wear a face covering.

■ You are encouraged to wear a face

covering when you cannot maintain physical distance from others.

■ If you are around people you do not know, it is a good idea to wear a mask. Face coverings stop droplets spreading when someone speaks, laughs, coughs or sneezes. They are a way to protect ourselves and each other.

■ In some situations, you must wear a face covering if you are aged 12 or over — on public transport, inside retail businesses and public venues.

■ Keep track of where you have been.

■ Use the NZ Covid tracer app if you can. This helps with rapid contact tracing if it is required.

Fish & Game hook two regional councillors

by Avneesh Vincent

TAIRAWHITI will now have two councillors representing the region and overseeing the effective management of the district's sports fish and game resources.

Fish & Game elections are held every three years across 12 regions to select up to 12 councillors.

The eastern region, which includes, Gisborne, Wairoa and parts of the Bay of Plenty, had two candidates elected.

Murray Ferris, who has been a Fish & Game councillor for 15 years, won his sixth term.

"We get a lot of phone calls from people who have questions and want to know more information about fish and game management. If they want advice then I am more than happy to help," he said.

Mr Ferris said it was rewarding to guide people who did not have the benefit of experience.

While operational work that involves day-to-day activities is managed by the regional staff, which consists of specialists in areas such as fish, ducks and wetlands, Fish & Game councillors do more of the policy work.

"We are more the guardians of the statutes and our mandates are to look after game bird and trout," Mr Ferris said.

While not much has changed over the years there have been some challenges.

"One of the biggies for us is falling hunting and fishing licence sales. It seems people are not as engaged by the outdoors as they used to be.

"As all our funding comes from licence sales it is challenging to keep putting the cost of licences up to cover fallen sales, to show that we can still function," he said.

Fish & Game are involved in projects such as banding programmes where



COMMUNITY DRIVEN: Murray Ferris, above left, is pleased to have been elected for his sixth term as a Fish & Game councillor. Mark Sceats, above right, is a newcomer to the role but is keen to represent this region's anglers and shooters.

Pictures supplied

ducks are tagged to keep a track of their population.

They also run a breeding programme in Rotorua and oversee wetland developments.

Observing such programmes involves substantial costs every year.

"One of the things to look forward to is the big review of Fish & Game and we will be working our way through that. It's something that we are quite excited about," Mr Ferris said.

The review process began last year

and will be presented to the Minister of Conservation Kiri Allan. The objective of the review is to find out whether Fish & Game is fit for the purpose.

The second Fish & Game councillor elected for the region was Mark Sceats, who stood for the first time.

"What I will be doing is gathering information and working out what I'm going to do from there, but my aim is to represent the anglers and shooters of the Gisborne area," he said.

Although he is a "newbie on the

block", Mr Sceats says he is ready to take guidance from those with more experience.

"I'll be another voice for the Gisborne region."

Nominations for the 12 regional Fish and Game Councils closed on August 26, and candidates have now had their eligibility confirmed by electionz.com.

All election results will be announced on October 12, and the newly elected councillors will take office shortly after that.

Exploring farming alternatives

by Avneesh Vincent

A TE Tairawhiti research project exploring different land-use preferences shows that Maori landowners overwhelmingly value native forest carbon farming over other land uses.

"The research explores how native forest carbon farming could be used as a land development option for Maori land on the East Coast," former Victoria University student Dr Leo Mercer said.

"Especially when compared with other dominating land use options, namely forestry, sheep and beef farming."

A particular emphasis was placed on the applicability and feasibility of native forest carbon farming within Aotearoa's Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS).

"My first focus was looking at what the opportunities, barriers and risks are for Maori landowners entering the ETS scheme with native forests," he said.

Dr Mercer said a lot of Maori land has limitations such as land alienation and policies, which have limited the ability to easily develop the land.

For example, in the context of

carbon farming, to enter into the ETS is a complicated process.

It is difficult to prove whether the land fits the bracket of eligibility for applications, ie whether it is pre or post 1990.

Even if eligibility is determined, the Ministry for Primary Industries will cross-check, which is a lengthy process and involves significant costs if landowners use forestry consultants.

There is also the case where MPI carry out checks for identity verification for multiple-owned

Maori blocks and other complex documentation.

"Besides these barriers there are a lot of Maori landowners who are not aware of the

opportunities from the ETS, so they don't enter even if they are eligible," he said.

Dr Mercer said through the research he found that such measures were a "big roadblock" and could slow the process, resulting in people giving up.

For the study Dr Mercer used a transformative research approach that was rooted in the spirit of kaupapa Maori research.

"There has been a long history in academia around generally Pakeha researchers coming in from outside the

region and doing research with Maori communities. Then they take that knowledge but they don't contribute back to the community," he said.

While there is an academic tradition to stay objective and not get involved in the research, a transformative research prioritises "choosing and contributing" to a research topic that transforms the livelihood or the outcome for research participants.

"I was able to hitch my wagon to an existing transformative process and document a part of it," Dr Mercer said.

The second focus of the thesis was an investigation into how native forest carbon farming was viewed in comparison to other land uses.

While the Waiapu catchment was focused on as it is a highly erodible catchment in Tairawhiti, the results of the investigation would have a wider implication for the East Coast.

Dr Mercer said the research that first started in 2017 and ended in 2020 involved several interviews with different stakeholders including focus groups.

"The focus groups were largely held around Ruatoria. There was a two-day hui and wananga (workshop) around forestry so I did part of my research during the hui," he said.

Two models were used in the study.



RESEARCHER: Dr Leo Mercer says about 90 percent of Maori land in Tairawhiti has limitations, which restrict land use options.

Picture supplied

The first model was a steep land model. It involved land use options that would be suitable for steep, rugged terrain that included exotic forestry, sheep and beef farming, native forestry, hunting and tourism.

The second model was a flat land model that occupied "much less" Maori land that was flat and versatile. This land can be used for a variety of purposes.

"It was also important to look at other uses of land as well. That is where we did medicinal cannabis and hemp, perennial horticulture, kumara and maize cropping," he said.

Dr Mercer said it was interesting to note that other land uses like horticulture and so forth came to be more preferred than the current land uses like sheep and beef farming.

"This paints a picture that Maori landowners are keen to move towards a more viable and dynamic land use management regime and not just the status quo that has dominated in the past few decades," he said.

The key takeaway, Dr Mercer said, was that Maori landowners are getting "fed-up" with the existing land uses and see native carbon farming as a land use option that provides more socio-cultural (reconnection with whenua) and environmental benefits (erosion control).

Dr Mercer also presented his research at the Reclaiming the Whenua online event last week.

"I was approached by Manu Caddie who was important in the whole research process . . . and was one of the reasons I chose to do research on the East Coast," he said.

Mr Caddie, who is a co-founder of Hikurangi Bioactives Limited Partnership, said he helped Dr Mercer meet different landowners from different parts of the rohe (region).

"I think it is good to partner with researchers who can help the region understand the issues and opportunities and risks that things like carbon farming present," Mr Caddie said.

Covid cases rise to 33 after dip

WELLINGTON — There were 33 new community cases of Covid-19 reported yesterday, the Ministry of Health confirmed.

In a statement, the ministry said there were also three new cases in managed isolation facilities.

All the new cases are in Auckland, bringing the total number of community cases in the current outbreak to 955.

The ministry said 32 of yesterday's cases were epidemiologically linked.

The one case yet to be linked was a

person who presented to Middlemore Hospital on Saturday. There were seven others in their household.

All seven were included in yesterday's 33.

There were eight epidemiologically linked sub-clusters. The two largest subclusters were the Mangere church group — 381 and the Birkdale social network cluster — 76. There were nine epidemiologically unlinked sub-clusters, the ministry said.

In hospital, there were 21 cases —

four in North Shore, seven in Auckland and 10 in Middlemore. There were also four cases in ICU or HDU.

That brought the total of cases since the pandemic began to 3593.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said surveillance testing of healthcare workers and essential workers had also not identified any transmission.

"It's also clear there is not widespread transmission of the virus in Auckland."

— Radio NZ

BRIEFS



Emergency Services arrive at Parliament after a suspicious parcel was sent to the Beehive.

'No intention to use lockdowns forever'

WELLINGTON — There is no intention for the lockdown system to be used forever, says Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, as Aucklanders face their 28th day at Alert Level 4.

She told The AM Show that officials did not intend to continue to use the lockdown system in the long-term fight against Covid.

She pointed out that New Zealand had had fewer days where people had been given stay-at-home orders than most of the countries we compared ourselves to.

The key to stopping using lockdowns was to make sure everyone was vaccinated. "We used them in the past because we didn't have that tool."

Despite saying we need as many people vaccinated as possible, Ardern would not put an exact figure on just how many people need to be vaccinated before lockdowns were no longer needed.

Speaking on TV1's Breakfast programme this morning, Ardern said those mystery cases did not have to be linked before Auckland came out of Level 4.

Health officials continue to try to figure out how a "handful" of Covid cases were linked to the current outbreak. All the other cases were now genomically linked, she said.

People in seven key suburbs urged to get tested

However, people in a number of key suburbs around Auckland are being urged to go and get a Covid test — even if you do not have symptoms.

The suburbs are: Mt Eden, Massey, Mangere, Favona, Otara, Papatoetoe and Manurewa.

Officials say extra testing is required in those areas because of links to mystery cases or clusters that may have unexpected cases.

Anyone anywhere in the city who develops flu-like symptoms is urged to get a Covid test immediately. But people in those specific suburbs are encouraged to get a test even without symptoms so authorities can get a better picture of the current Covid situation.

Many of the people affected by the current outbreak have been linked to those suburbs in the last few weeks and as a result, many of the current locations of interest on the Ministry of Health's website, are businesses, supermarkets, petrol stations and companies in those areas.

Ardern told Breakfast if more suburbs needed surveillance testing, people would be notified this week.

Clusters will also be tightly managed to ensure contacts of cases were not causing other cases.

The Prime Minister reiterated the need for people to stay home to limit risk. She says one person should also be the sole person to go out shopping for each household. Ideally, that person will be vaccinated.



Auckland is still in Level 4 for another week, at least.

NZ Herald picture

She also called for people in the city to go and get vaccinated as early as today, if possible.

"If you're already booked, but it's not until October, then rebook. Try to get it done this week," she said.

"Our plan is not to continue to use lockdowns," she told the programme.

There are 220,000 vaccination spots in Auckland this week and the Government wants to use every one of them, she says.

The country is in lockdown at the moment because not enough people are vaccinated to stop an outbreak, says Ardern. People were 30 times less likely to need to be hospitalised if they are vaccinated.

"Our goal is to continue to be world leading both in our freedoms and looking after people's health and wellbeing."

She finished off by saying that New Zealand needed to be better than those countries sitting around the 70 percent vaccination mark if we want to move away from using restrictions.

Officials 'cautiously optimistic' about next week

Director general of health, Dr Ashley Bloomfield, says the number of people with the virus needs to come down before Auckland can drop alert levels.

The "key" numbers, however, were the people who had caught the virus, but whose connection to the current outbreak had not been established.

Despite those unlinked cases continuing to pop up, Bloomfield says officials were still confident and "cautiously optimistic" that Auckland would come down to Alert Level 3 in a week.

But it was important for people to remember that this had been a very big outbreak. This was Delta.

Bloomfield reiterated how a high vaccination rate in the community was necessary. Mobile vaccination vans are

also now being organised to help vaccinate people at their own homes.

"The key to our next steps is to get a high vaccination rate," he said.

'We are really chasing our tails now' — immunologist

Immunologist Graham Le Gros was less optimistic about the situation, saying New Zealand could not survive without Auckland working — and that was concerning.

Speaking to Three's AM Show today, he said: "We really need to get you guys vaccinated 100 percent."

The virus had shape-shifted, going underground, he says.

"We are really chasing our tails now."

Le Gros says the Delta variant could infect mice, cats and even domestic animals — with the exception of dogs.

People only need to look at what is happening overseas to see how much the virus has changed, he says.

"We can't escape the virus. It's changing so much."

Speaking about lockdowns, Le Gros described them as exhausting and that no society can go through multiple lockdowns.

"Major societal pressures are under way and economic pressures — and when you do your modelling, you've got to put that into the model too."

"At which point do you start worrying about all the cancer death and the other societal induced deaths and all the alcoholism and things like that?"

As an immunologist, he said he understood how infectious diseases interacted with the immune system and what the virus would be doing in six months time.

New Zealand should be trying to get 80 to 90 percent of the population vaccinated. Even having just one jab gives New Zealand a really good shot, he said. — NZ Herald

Suspicious parcel at Beehive

WELLINGTON — The police have confirmed the suspicious parcel which caused alarm at the Beehive yesterday was carrying an "innocuous mineral substance".

A team of police, firefighters, and Defence Force explosives experts were deployed to Parliament after an envelope of white powder was opened by a staff member.

A police spokesperson told RNZ part of the Beehive was cordoned off while the powder was examined.

"It was found to be an innocuous mineral substance and there was no risk to anyone involved."

The area was cleared shortly after midday.

A spokesperson for the Prime Minister earlier said a "suspicious parcel" had been sent to Level 8 of the Beehive, which is where Jacinda Ardern's mail is delivered. — RNZ

Tramper found in Tararua

TARARUA — A tramper stuck in the Tararua Forest Park north of Wellington has been found by a search team.

The Land Search and Rescue team found the experienced tramper just before 3am.

Two teams were sent to the area after the man left the capital on Sunday to complete a circuit along Pinnacle Ridge.

Police had been directing him to the McGregor Bivvy hut for shelter, via a cellphone, while monitoring his position through his personal locator beacon.

They say he is in good spirits and will be lifted out once the weather conditions allow. — RNZ



Truck topples into creek

WELLINGTON — A moving truck has toppled backwards down an embankment on a quiet street in the Wellington suburb of Ngaio.

In incredible images from the scene, the cab of the NZ Van Lines truck can be seen suspended several metres above ground level, with its back door nestled in a creek below.

Police were at the scene on the intersection of Fox St and Awarua St after being called there at about 9.10am today.

The engine was still running more than an hour after the incident.

"A lorry is reported to be down an embankment and in a creek next to the intersection," a spokesperson told Newshub.

"There are no reports of injuries."

It's not yet known how the incident happened nor how the driver safely got out of the cab.

NZ Van Lines confirmed to Newshub it knows about the incident, and its branch manager is at the scene. — Newshub

Oranga Tamariki admits keeping children in hospital longer than needed

AUCKLAND — Oranga Tamariki has admitted that it sometimes asks District Health Boards to keep children at hospitals longer than they are clinically required, while they try to find them a suitable placement.

It goes against the advice of the Children's Minister Kelvin Davis who has told the agency a child in care should only be in hospital for a medical reason.

RNZ revealed in July that a child in state care, who did not require medical treatment and was not unwell, spent more than nine weeks in a Waikato hospital because the agency failed to find them somewhere safe to go.

This was not an isolated incident. Counties Manukau DHB said in a statement children in care sometimes stayed longer than they needed to at its hospitals too.

"There have been occasions where a child has stayed in hospital longer than clinically required, where a place of safety in the community took longer than expected. The longest stay due to this would be five days, in particular if the child was admitted at the end of the week and no placement was secured before the weekend."

Glynis Sandland, a spokesperson for Oranga Tamariki DCE Services for Children and families, said situations like these were very rare, but sometimes necessary.

"In some exceptional circumstances Oranga Tamariki or police may request that a DHB delay a child's discharge from hospital, this is part of a Memorandum of Understanding, between the three agencies and only sought in cases when safety is of serious concern. The request for an extension is to allow for court orders to be sought or a new suitable, safe placement to be arranged," she said.

In an Official Information Request response, Oranga Tamariki told RNZ it was not aware of any concerns about the level of care provided to children in its care that are in hospital.

It said if concerns existed, they were being dealt with at a local level.

"Specific concerns about tamariki while they are in hospital are addressed by social workers, sites, and hospital staff," it said.

"We have hospital liaison social workers in DHBs across the country who support the work of Oranga Tamariki and DHBs."

Children's Minister Kelvin Davis did not want to be interviewed, but said in a statement he had made it clear to Oranga Tamariki that a hospital was not an appropriate place for a child to be unless there was a medical reason.

Children's commissioner Judge Andrew Becroft agreed.

"If we're talking about a matter of hours or overnight, that's another story. I'd be concerned if there were extended stays beyond that which is clinically required," he said.

"Hospitals are for children who need medical treatment. They are not an alternative form of foster care or care generally, and that should not be happening."

Becroft said the agency had assured him that it didn't happen often. — Radio NZ

Flood cleanup begins

WHANGANUI — Residents across Whanganui and Rangitikei are cleaning up this morning, after significant rainfall caused flooding and slips across the region.

In Whanganui, the city recorded 62.8mm of rainfall, making it the country's wettest location on Monday.

Ohakea's weather station had 57.1mm of rain recorded.

A number of evacuations took place on Monday night, as floodwaters came close to entering homes across the region.

Putiki Drive's Kaumatua Flats in Whanganui were evacuated around 9pm, after floodwaters submerged most of the property.

That flooding was caused by the Ngatarua Stream rising rapidly as a result of the heavy rain.

Whanganui Civil Defence manager Tim Crowe said eight houses were evacuated on and around Putiki Drive last night.

"We had about 15 people who were evacuated. Most found places to go, but three had to be accommodated."

Kaumatua Flats resident James Olney had to clear sodden belongings from his car that was flooded.

"The water went right up to the seat, I think it's probably a write-off."

Olney said he tried to get the car out, but by the time he noticed the floodwater, it was too late.

"It just came really quickly. I didn't think it would be that fast."

Whanganui mayor Hamish McDouall said the council would spend time looking at how the rain caused such havoc around the district.

"We've got to look at what happened at the Ngatarua Catchment, which is just a small stream, but it obviously overtopped its banks in Putiki."

In Rangitikei the flooding was



EVACUATIONS: The Kaumatua Flats on Putiki Drive were evacuated last night as wild weather struck Whanganui. Whanganui Chronicle picture

primarily in Marton and Turakina, according to the mayor Andy Watson.

"We had surface flooding on Oakleigh Ave and Grey Street in Marton, and I understand one property was evacuated due to risk of flooding."

Watson said that the council would go away and do some work on what exactly sparked the flooding, particularly in Turakina.

"We are worried about what you could call a flooding pattern. We'll need to go away and have a look at this."

Watson said he was expecting a briefing today.

Franklin Rd in Turakina had knee-deep water and residents were told by Fire and Emergency to prepare for evacuation around 8pm last night.

There were also multiple slips on State

Highway 3 near Ratana last night, with the road reduced to one lane for a time.

A police spokesperson said they received "multiple weather-related calls" last night.

"Police were made aware of reports of flooding at Franklin Road at Turakina, SH1 at Marton, SH3 at Marybank, SH3 at Bulls, SH3 at Waverley, Calico Line at Marton, Duncan St at Whanganui East, and the eastbound lane of Wanganui Road."

"A large slip blocking Vinegar Hill Road was also reported around 11pm, and contractors were called to clear this."

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is urging motorists to take extra care on a number of roads around the region, including State Highway 1 between Bulls and Sanson. — Whanganui Chronicle

Call to change name to 'Aotearoa'

WELLINGTON — The Maori Party are pushing for all place names to be restored to their original Maori name by 2026 and 'Aotearoa' to officially replace 'New Zealand'.

Te Pati Maori co-leaders Rawiri Waititi and Debbie Ngarewa-Packer launched a petition today calling for the name changes, to mark Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori, or Maori Language Week.

"It's well past time that te reo Maori was restored to its rightful place as the first and official language of this country. We are a Polynesian country, we are Aotearoa," Waititi said.

"Our petition calls on Parliament to change New Zealand to Aotearoa and begin a process, alongside whanau, hapu and iwi, to identify and officially restore the original te reo Maori names for all towns, cities and places right across the country by 2026."

"Tangata whenua are sick to death of our ancestral names being mangled, bastardised, and ignored. It's the 21st century — this must change."

Ngarewa-Packer says it is the duty of the Crown to "do all that it can to restore the status of our language" to where it was.

"That means it needs to be accessible in the

most obvious of places — on our televisions, on our radio stations, on road signs and maps and in our education system," she says.

"Name changes over our whenua and the imposition of a colonial agenda in the education system in the early 1900s meant that te reo Maori fluency among our tupuna went from 90 percent in 1910 to 26 percent in 1950."

"In only 40 years, the colonisers managed to successfully strip us of our language and we are still feeling the impacts of this today."

It's not a new policy. During the campaign to return to Parliament after being ousted in 2017, the Maori Party launched its language policy which included changing the official name of the country to Aotearoa, restoring place names and requiring state broadcasters to have basic te reo Maori fluency.

But the road to changing the name of New Zealand is rocky.

Could it happen?

Last month National leader Judith Collins

backed MP Stuart Smith's call for a referendum on whether New Zealand should be called Aotearoa. He said despite there not being a public poll on the name 'New Zealand', there should be one on 'Aotearoa'.

"We could probably go to a referendum on it and ask people what they want. People are starting to get, I think, quite tetchy about it," Collins said at the time.

"They're now changing it. The Prime Minister changes the way she talks about it. You barely ever hear her talk about New Zealand these days. I think it is becoming like that by stealth."

But 'Aotearoa' has been on the cover of New Zealand passports since 2009 — when National was in Government. Bank notes also feature 'Aotearoa', since former Prime Minister John Key unveiled them in 2015.

Treaty Negotiations Minister Andrew Little described the referendum proposal as "ridiculous" and Maori Development Minister Willie Jackson said it was "desperate and stupid". — Newshub

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Hangi chef feeds the needy

AUCKLAND — As Tamaki Makaurau contemplates more home cooking for a bit longer, an Aotearoa hangi chef fired up his pit and got to making 1000 hearty meals a week since the city went into lockdown last month.

Hangi master Rewi Spraggon wanted to ease the pressure on food banks and kitchens, serving up the traditional feast to those living under the radar.

"It's the oldest dish in Aotearoa. Everyone should be able to have a good meal, homeless or whatever," Spraggon tells The Hui.

"Whether you're royalty or living under a bridge, it doesn't matter. We put the same aroha into every meal, and the way we cook the kai, that's the way we've been taught, and that's the way I'll teach people."

Spraggon gets up at 5am to begin the hangi process, which takes around six hours. On the menu are seven options, including chicken, pork, kumara, pumpkin, potato, cabbage, and all-important stuffing.

"The beauty of hangi is that it's a community kai and that's why our old people cooked it, because you could feed a lot of people with a small budget, that's why we do it," Spraggon adds.

He estimates he will end up serving around 5000 meals during this lockdown, using his established networks to help fund the initiative.

"I was looking at 700 meals a week, but it has actually gone up to 1000 meals a week. The generosity of people has been great, from sourcing putea from the likes of Minister of Maori Development Willie Jackson, and Associate Minister for Housing with responsibility of addressing homelessness Marama Davidson. We've also got Britomart, Maori-owned business Kauta, and my business that have given



MAKING 1000 MEALS A WEEK: Hangi chef Rewi Spraggon is making 1000 meals a week during Auckland's lockdown to help those struggling. Hangi master, Spraggon, wants to ease the pressure on foodbanks with his mouth-watering hangi.

Picture by The Hui

time," he says.

"There's a lot of good people out there — there's a lot of good producers and suppliers that are giving kai."

But the initiative hasn't been without its hitches, with wild weather causing flash flooding in west Auckland two weeks ago.

"We had probably the biggest storm in 50 years and it washed out our roads. I didn't realise how bad the storm was, and I went out and there was no way you could get out in the morning. The road was flooded in about four places past the window in my truck.

"Luckily it had dropped quite fast, but it's a bit late — once you put down a

hangi you've got to use it. So I managed to get out and drive through a flood that was probably a good 800 metres, sort of guessing where the road was. You know the old story — the hangi must get through."

What surprised Spraggon was seeing firsthand the need out in the community.

"I know the struggles and the hardship, we've just seen it increase and increase. Twenty years ago people were too shy to ask for kai, too whakama, but now it's a different story, families are really depending on food banks."

Nga Whare Waatea in Mangere has set up a food bank and it's one of the places Spraggon drops off his mouth-watering hangi.

"Our usual numbers are roughly about 40 food parcels a day, but we are now distributing about 140 food parcels a day in this lockdown," says Nga Whare Waatea Marae's essential services manager Puhihuia Wade.

Spraggon says the foodbanks are really struggling.

"The food's going as fast as it's coming in, so I want to try to help relieve a little

bit of that pressure."

While his sons have helped him prepare food and deliver within their own bubble, a team of volunteers have also been assisting by packing and distributing the kai. Many of them are well aware of the hardship of sleeping rough.

"A lot of our people have come out of prison — women and male — and a lot of them want to turn their lives around."

The chef has a personal insight into why some people choose to live a life on the street.

"I had a cousin who passed away about four years ago," he said.

Even though he and whanau offered the cousin a place to stay, he didn't accept any offer, Spraggon said.

"Unfortunately it took a heavy toll on him and he died of a heart attack. He was only about 45.

"They're a hidden part of our community that a lot of us don't know of, but the more we can support them, it could change their lives too. Just giving them a bit of a boost in life, a step up is a big thing."

During the lockdown, Spraggon has donated much of his time to the kaupapa.

"Just to shop for 1000 people is pretty much a full day. The cooking is a seven-hour process from setting the pits up, to lighting the fire to burying the kai.

"Once the fire has started, we've got three hours to prep 350 meals, and then get that ready, put it down, then another three hours within that three hours getting ready for the setup. It's ongoing, you never stop. By the time you finish the day, it's a 12-hour day.

"This is the hidden part of our community and it's forgotten, but at the end of the day, they're our whanaunga.

"They whakapapa to the same maunga, the same awa. Just going into these places and looking at these people smiling — it just makes what you are doing really worthwhile.

"I think that's the biggest gratitude for me and my team — watching people enjoy your kai.

"I suppose for me, I guess, it's just more of a driver to actually do more when you actually see it. Just keep the mahi going." — The Hui

Dad, three children missing

OTOROHANGA — A search and rescue operation is under way on a remote west coast beach for an Otorohanga man and his three children.

Detective Senior Sergeant Ross Patterson this morning confirmed they were looking for the 37-year-old father and his children after police were notified that the group hadn't been seen since Saturday.

A search and rescue operation was now under way at Marokopa.

The vehicle used by the man was found at the beach at Kiritehere on Saturday.

Marokopa is in between Awakino and Kawhia Harbours.

Patterson said searches of the coastal area would continue today as will canvassing of the local area with staff going door-to-door in Marokopa and Kiritehere.

"The family's safety is our paramount concern at this stage and that is why search and rescue have been activated," Patterson said. — NZ Herald

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Police 'need a plan' to prevent future border breaches: Boulton

QUEENSTOWN — Queenstown Lakes District Mayor Jim Boulton wants to know what police will be doing to avoid another breach of the lockdown rules and to prevent the potential spread of Covid-19 in the local community.

Mayor Boulton said he was furious after police said an Auckland couple had used their essential-worker status at a boundary checkpoint to get to Hamilton and then they had flown on to their holiday home in Wanaka.

Police called it a "calculated and deliberate flouting of the Alert Level 4 restrictions".

A 26-year-old woman and 35-year-old man were due in court this week after having been charged with breaching the Health Order.

Mayor Boulton told Morning Report yesterday that the act of selfishness had put the town's Covid-free status and economic wellbeing at risk and that he would be consulting with police on the matter.

"I just don't understand the selfishness of some people who think it's OK to do that," he said.

"We're intensely careful about what we do down here to protect not



Queenstown Lakes District Mayor Jim Boulton

only our health but also our livelihoods from the effects of Covid-19, and then a couple of people just casually decide that they will just pop down from Auckland.

"Hopefully they don't have Covid-19. The chances are they don't but that's not the point.

"The point is they have just endangered our community."

Mayor Boulton said it was not the first incident of its kind and he now wanted a plan in place to mitigate the

risk of people slipping across the alert-level borders into the region.

"We had somebody else turn up here last week in a similar circumstance, so if people are really determined to break the rules they'll find a way to break the rules.

"I don't know the details of this particular couple, but it sounds like they were on a pre-determined course to get here.

"It wasn't just a casual decision. They had planned it out.

"Did they give any thought to the folk they were possibly endangering? I think not.

"But my real question today is to the police, about how we can ensure this won't happen again." — RNZ

Court appearance for Akld inmate accused of escaping

by Craig Kapitan, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — An Auckland Prison inmate accused of escaping custody, and then remaining on the run for more than two months before his arrest at the weekend, appeared in court yesterday on new charges.

Te Ariki Poulgrain, 23, was remanded without plea after appearing before Judge Kristin Lumis at the Auckland District Court.

He was arrested on Saturday in Otara.

In addition to the escape charge, he is facing charges of illegally possessing a 12-gauge, double-barrel shotgun and illegally possessing explosives, which were 10 shotgun shells and 25 9mm firearm rounds, which police said they confiscated.

Both of those new charges carried a maximum punishment of four years in



Te Ariki Poulgrain. Picture supplied

prison.

Poulgrain was not at the maximum security prison at the time of his alleged escape on June 30.

Authorities said he had been at a medical facility in Grafton.

CCTV images released to the media at the time showed him leaving the area with handcuffs still on his wrists.

He had been previously described by police as dangerous, with links to the Killer Beez gang.

With the Auckland District Court continuing

to operate under Alert Level 4 lockdown restrictions yesterday, Poulgrain and his lawyer, Anoushka Bloem, appeared before the judge via audio-video link.

His next appearance was scheduled for October 1, at which point he was expected to enter a plea.

Dogs impounded after pack attack

HASTINGS — Three unregistered dogs have been impounded and an investigation has been launched after a pack attack on a pensioner in Flaxmere on Sunday.

Emergency services were called to a property on Crail Avenue on Sunday afternoon after a man in his 70s was attacked by multiple dogs.

Hastings District Council confirmed the man had suffered "crush-type injuries" to his hand in the incident. Three American Bulldog crosses had since been impounded.

The man was taken to Hawke's Bay Hospital on Sunday and was in a stable condition as of

yesterday afternoon.

Hastings District Council regulatory solutions manager, John Payne, said three unregistered dogs had been impounded by council rangers and were being held, pending an investigation.

"The three dogs, all belonging to the property next door, are currently unregistered," he said.

"One initially escaped and the other two followed. The victim has crush-type injuries to his hand."

He said a decision on whether the dogs would be put down was pending the investigation. — The New Zealand Herald

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Experts call for better ventilation in schools

AUCKLAND — New Zealand schools will need better ventilation to prevent Covid-19 Delta than the poor standard they have put up with for years, public health experts say.

Starship Children's Hospital developmental paediatrician Dr Jin Russell penned a blog post along with epidemiologists from University of Otago including Professors Michael Baker and Nick Wilson, calling on the Ministry of Education to immediately invest in new building standards and resources for improved ventilation in classrooms.

Dr Russell told Morning Report having good ventilation was taken seriously in other countries, and could be as effective as mask use for preventing viral spread.

"This is not a problem that's going to go away and . . . studies say for instance that ventilation is going to be just as effective — in emerging evidence — as masking."

"As you can imagine it's not just Covid-19 we're trying to prevent the transmission of but other viruses . . . as well as helping them think well and learn well."

Schools in the US have ventilation systems, and the UK has recently pledged 300,000 carbon dioxide monitors to alert teachers when ventilation is

VENTILATION STANDARDS NEED IMPROVEMENT: New Zealand has put up with poor classroom ventilation for a long time, says Dr Jin Russell. File picture



needed to improve air quality, she said.

By comparison, a typical Wellington primary school classroom meets the building code ventilation standard for only about 38 percent of the school day.

"There's no silver bullet for this but we're wanting the Ministry of Education to look carefully at what can be done to improve the existing building stock and then making sure that building stock going forwards is going to have high standards for ventilation," Dr Russell said.

"I think in Aotearoa we've just accepted poor building standards for our schools and what we're saying is in this new era with Delta on the scene and possibly other new variants we really need to make an investment now

in improving building standards for our school children."

In Nelson, Waimea College principal Scott Haines said teachers and other staff were acutely aware of the need for good ventilation.

"Ventilation sits right up there alongside hygiene practices, the sanitiser, the physical distancing, the cleaning regime, the contact tracing capability, all that sort of stuff," he said.

"I was speaking to a colleague down in Invercargill just last week when schools came back and a dusting of snow showers came through, and he said it's making their ventilation strategy quite problematic, so certainly recognise that mileage varies across the country in terms of the ability to make that a meaningful strategy, in terms

of Covid prevention."

Haines said although attendance was much higher this time than when students returned after the previous lockdown, mask use by students was fairly low.

"I think our school average for the week last week was 90.5 percent which is just slightly down on usual attendance . . . we've got, I think, only three students self-isolating because of immune-compromised or vulnerabilities in the home.

"My ballpark figure would be between maybe 5 or 10 percent of the student population masked up, but much higher rates with staff."

Dr Russell said it was not fair to be placing the burden of managing schools' ventilation on individual teachers.

"One of the reasons why we said that is because to ventilate a classroom often what teachers are doing currently is just opening windows. We feel like it shouldn't fall on individual teachers to protect students in this way. We should be designing for well-ventilated classrooms with clean air."

"This is very important that the Ministry of Education look at ventilation in schools because we've had poor stock for a long time."

Regardless, there were some steps teachers could take in the

meantime.

"Studies have shown that even if you can open windows just a crack, get some openings, it really does improve ventilation. And if you're in a place in the country where it's cold actually it's easier to ventilate a cold room, you can have even smaller openings to ventilate that room because of the temperature differences between the classroom and the outdoors.

"We're coming into summer soon in Aotearoa and it would be great if we can throw open windows and doors as much as possible to let as much outdoor air in — that's going to be really beneficial and make sure we don't have school closures and we don't have transmission within classrooms."

Haines said Covid-19 and the continued threat of lockdowns was widening the economic divide for families, which was a real concern.

"Those that have the resources and the technology and the bedroom space and the study space and the support at home to progress their learning are able to do so, and those that don't simply are not and the gap grows.

"That's something we're very focused on across the country . . . now that we're all back at school, trying to identify those gaps and how we fill them." — RNZ

Eight 'staff wellbeing' complaints laid against high school

AUCKLAND — Eight fresh complaints have been laid with WorkSafe regarding Te Aroha College.

But the substance of those complaints remains under wraps. WorkSafe is only saying they relate to concerns about staff wellbeing.

Last month The New Zealand Herald reported the health and safety watchdog was making enquiries at the Waikato secondary school after receiving one complaint about the wellbeing of staff. WorkSafe has not launched a formal investigation — it is still only making enquiries.

A spokesman said for privacy reasons WorkSafe could not confirm if the complainants were former or current staff or other individuals.

In response to emailed questions from the Herald, school board chair Teena Cornes said the school had been "engaging proactively with WorkSafe's inquiries".

They were aware of the new complaints and some, but not all, of the relevant details.

Because of Covid-19 restrictions the school had been meeting virtually with WorkSafe, Cornes said.

"We will wait to hear from WorkSafe regarding whether any further meetings are required and whether these will be in person."

Cornes did not answer other questions from The Herald, including whether parents had been made aware of WorkSafe's involvement; whether the board had concerns about the school's culture or staff members' behaviour; or what the school was doing to ensure the wellbeing of staff in the interim.

"Unfortunately, as this is an ongoing matter, it would not be appropriate for us to provide a further response or additional information at this stage," she said. Earlier in August she said safety in the workplace was the board's "top priority". — NZ Herald

'Deeply concerning'

NZ losing migrant rest home staff to Canada, UK due to MIQ unavailability

by Katie Todd, RNZ

WELLINGTON — At least 15 rest homes are turning down new admissions because the migrant nurses they have hired can't enter the country.

They say it is deeply concerning that the Government will not give critical healthcare workers their own managed isolation and quarantine (MIQ) allocation while rooms set aside for critical construction workers have gone largely unused.

Of an estimated 1000 nursing roles to fill across the country, more than 350 positions have been offered to migrant nurses who are stuck overseas.

Avatar Institute training coordinator Louise Cummings said it had secured visas and started browsing for flights but could not get a spot in MIQ.

"The on-flow from this is that we've got rest homes all over New Zealand that are lacking registered nurses. It's a huge problem. I received emails and telephone calls from organisations all over the country that are just desperate for registered nurses," she said.

Cummings said those rest homes were regularly sending out Section 31 notices, which warn the Ministry of Health they have a senior healthcare assistant doing work that would normally be carried out by a registered nurse and it could be a health and safety risk.

At Oceania Healthcare, which runs more than 40 rest homes across the country, general manager of nursing and clinical strategy Frances Hughes said staff were constantly looking at how to change rosters and systems.



LACK OF REGISTERED NURSES: Of an estimated 1000 nursing roles to fill across the country, more than 350 positions have been offered to migrant nurses who are stuck overseas. Picture supplied

She said the workforce was about "50 to 60 percent" migrant workers.

"It may end up that we can't take the admissions we want. We will always ensure that our services are safe and that may mean that we have (fewer) people in our facilities," she said.

Aged Care Association president Simon Wallace knew of at least 15 rest homes that had already stopped taking new admissions.

"That's hundreds of beds where that's currently happening. And that's putting pressure onto the public hospital system, taking up a bed in a public hospital that could be used by someone else," he said.

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) said there were two ways aged-care workers had managed to get into MIQ quickly — by applying on emergency grounds, or by showing their work was time-sensitive.

But the Aged Care Association claimed nurses had been trying those pathways and their applications had been rejected.

It has been asking the Government for either a separate MIQ facility, especially for critical healthcare workers, or a number of rooms set aside.

That kind of special allocation is not unheard of — 60 rooms have been set

aside for critical construction workers since June.

However, according to written questions to Covid-19 Response Minister Chris Hipkins, the Construction Sector Accord used none in the first two months, and only 15 in August, with the spare rooms made available to the general public instead.

Wallace said the clock was ticking for rest homes and for nurses with job offers.

"With a demand for nurses globally there are other countries where they can go to. We're hearing that Canada and the UK, in particular, are countries that they're now going to," he said.

"We're losing those nurses and losing the opportunity to fill those gaps that we so desperately need to fill here in New Zealand."

Wallace said it was breathtaking the pleas had gone unacknowledged, while the Government made sweeping changes to the MIQ booking system.

MBIE said there was a range of factors the Government needed to balance when considering which groups to allocate MIQ spaces to, including its humanitarian, social and economic objectives.

Akld bars, restaurants at 'crisis point'

by Rahul Bhattarai,
The New Zealand Herald

AUCKLAND — An Auckland pub owner is pleading for more support from the Government, saying a lot of hospitality businesses are not going to survive the latest lockdown.

Steve Gillett, who owns popular sports bar and restaurant The Kingslander near Eden Park, has written a letter to Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and his local MP, Melissa Lee, saying hospitality businesses simply could not sustain prolonged periods of lockdown while Level 2 conditions were still too tough to operate in.

While the extra resurgence support payments announced on Friday would help, Gillett, who has owned and operated The Kingslander for 16 years, said those extra payments would still not be enough.

"I consider myself a fair person and never a person that expects

handouts, but as a business owner, I find it increasingly hard to keep my business afloat when the Government aims to cripple our hospitality industry, which has already been put to task over the past 18 months," Gillett said.

"I respect the decisions around the wage subsidies and resurgence support payments and, thankfully, I have received them to keep my business afloat.

"But with a business that has a capacity of holding close to 400 people and with a function room that caters for over 100 people, the 50-person cap is not even going to cover our running costs.

"Expectations from our landlord is that we will be back and trading at Level 2, but with capacity levels slashed to 50 people, we can't possibly turn over the sales to cover our expenses — let alone reach our break-even figures.

"What's the point of trading at a loss? We have already drained our hard-earned savings of the

pre-lockdown (period). We are hemorrhaging cash weekly as rates, insurance, power, subscriptions and licensing are ongoing."

He said he had paid \$47,000 of GST and PAYE at the end of last month, and then he had had no income for more than three weeks.

And even when Auckland could move down to Level 2, no one knew how long that might be for, he added.

Business advocate Phil O'Reilly said yesterday that the Government needed to sort out more help for Auckland businesses urgently.

"To use a sporting analogy, for a business person, a big lockdown is like getting kicked in the shin," he told the Mike Hosking show on Newstalk ZB.

Auckland businesses had been kicked in the shin five times.

O'Reilly said the Delta variant had changed everything, so it did not make sense for Government support for business to be at the

same level as last year.

"I just don't understand that. So businesses are once again left holding on out there, particularly those small cafes and entertainment centres that are so important to the vibrancy of Auckland City."

On Friday, the Restaurant Association and Hospitality New Zealand met with Finance Minister Grant Robertson to discuss further targeted financial support.

Hospitality New Zealand chief executive Julie White said a crisis was looming and the extra resurgence payments that were announced on Friday would not be enough to save many businesses.

"I am holding my breath with a heavy heart.

"We are devastated, the ministers were really empathetic but they didn't recognise the gravity of the situation. We are literally asking for three months' support to change people's lives and livelihoods," she said.

What to expect from latest GDP figures

Latest figures expected to show strength of economy prior to lockdown

WELLINGTON — The latest GDP figures out this week are expected to show the strength of the economy as it headed back into lockdown.

The consensus view is that the economy grew by more than 1 percent in the three months to June, after growing by 1.6 percent in previous quarter.

The annual growth rate is expected to be inflated somewhat, given that the economy contracted by more than 10 percent in the second quarter of last year.

The Westpac Bank was forecasting growth of 1.7 percent in the June quarter.

Its acting chief economist Michael Gordon said the latest data is expected to reveal the strength of the housing market and consumer demand.

"We'll also see, I think, to some degree, the impact of the trans-tasman bubble.

"As short-lived as that was, it does seem to have given a

boost to areas like air travel and retail spending, and hospitality also looked pretty strong for that June quarter period," he said.

Gordon said it was tempting to say that the GDP numbers were old news because of the lag in time before they were released, and there was a common belief that the lockdowns had changed everything in the meantime.

"But what we have learned about the lockdowns is that they don't change everything.

"As we loosen restrictions, activity can bounce back quite quickly. So if that proves to be the case this time, then before too long, we're going to be back to having the same conversations that we were having before the lockdown."

I think these June numbers will give us a sample of that, he said.

"We're looking at an economy that was running at a much higher level of activity than anyone really dared to



forecast a month ago, and running up against capacity constraints."

Early signs showed that the economic hit of the latest Covid restrictions had not been as severe as what was seen during the first Alert Level 4 lockdown early last year.

Electronic card transactions, new job listings and freight movements had all retreated in August, following the

reintroduction of restrictions.

However, the decline had not been as sharp when compared to the April lockdown of last year.

Gordon said Westpac's early forecast was for a 6 percent contraction in the economy for the September quarter.

"It will be a really chunky-looking drop for the quarter itself, but then that should be followed by a quick rebound in activity." — RNZ

SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — The sharemarket took a spurt on the Government announcement that Auckland will stay in lockdown — and it can look forward to a new property fund listing next month.

The S&P/NZX 50 Index climbed in late afternoon trading yesterday and closed at 13,170.89, up 106.5 points or 0.82 percent, after reaching an intraday low of 13,034.71.

There were 86 gainers and 55 decliners across the whole market on volume of 71.15 million share transactions worth \$258.21 million.

Trading was dominated by six Smartshares exchange-traded funds. A total of 11.45m units worth \$35m changed hands in the S&P/ASX fund; 7.42m and \$22.21m in Total World; 5.26m and \$18.65m in the NZ Top 50; 3.54m and \$17.24m in Australian Mid Cap; 2.6m and \$11.68m in US 500; and 1.85m worth \$11.21m in

the Australian Top 20.

Greg Smith, head of research with Fat Prophets, said the market turned around and seems quite comfortable with "Auckland's stay-at-homeness".

He said it has been lapping up the lockdowns. "I guess it's quite ironic. A longer lockdown may have a short-term economic impact and push out the Reserve Bank's decision to raise the official cash rate — but a rise in interest rates will happen at some point as inflation gets hotter."

Food prices increased 0.3 percent in August and 2.4 percent annually. Smith said the June quarter gross domestic product figure, out later this week, will show a stellar performance but "we all know there will be a contraction in the September quarter".

Fabric Property, specialising in office

space, will list on the NZX on October 6 after announcing an initial public offer of \$250m-\$290m at \$1.20-\$1.30 a share. Fabric will take the listings tally to 186 stocks on the NZX.

Already-listed Stride Property is demerging its wholly-owned Fabric fund, and after the IPO will retain a cornerstone shareholding of 25-32 percent. Stride shareholders will hold about 25 percent in Fabric.

Stride was up 5c or 1.92 percent to \$2.66, and other property companies benefited, with Goodman Property Trust rising 7c or 2.81 percent to \$2.56, and Kiwi Property gaining 2.5c or 2.18 percent to \$1.17.

Auckland International Airport rose 13c to \$7.43 after news that Sydney Airport has received an improved third takeover bid at A\$8.75 (\$9.04) share, valued at A\$23.6.

Covid beneficiaries Freightways rose 25c or 1.99 percent to \$12.81; and Mainfreight climbed \$1.25 to \$95.25.

Financial Markets Authority announces new CEO

WELLINGTON — The Financial Markets Authority (FMA) has announced a new chief executive.

Samantha Barrass will replace Rob Everett, who is stepping down from the top job in October.

Everett has been with the organisation for seven years.

Barrass had most recently worked in the United Kingdom, establishing its Business Banking Resolution Service.

She had also held a number of positions in the country's Financial Conduct Authority, Solicitors Regulatory Authority and Investment Banking Association. Between 2014 and 2019, she was the head of Gibraltar's financial regulator between 2014 and 2019.

FMA chair Mark Todd said Barrass had a strong connection to New Zealand and would bring deep international regulatory experience and leadership skills to the role.

"Ms Barrass has had a very successful career to date, operating in a number of complex and challenging environments.

"Her knowledge and experience of the insurance and banking industries will be particularly relevant for the increased role the FMA is to play in those areas," he said.

Barrass studied in New Zealand before beginning her career as an economist at the Reserve Bank. She then moved to the United Kingdom to attend the London School of Economics.

She said the FMA was at an important juncture to support and enhance the economy and financial health of the country.

"It's a privilege to have the opportunity to build on the great work done by Rob Everett and the team.

"I'm very excited to be returning home to lead the FMA in this next phase and working with all to safeguard and foster a financial sector that everyone has a stake in," she said.

Barrass would be based in Wellington, while her three children would remain in the UK to complete their university education.

Mark Todd said Barrass was expected to take up her new role in January 2022, subject to Covid-19 practicalities.

The FMA's general counsel, Liam Mason, would serve as acting chief executive in the months prior to her arrival.

Everett, meanwhile, said earlier this year that he had enjoyed his time at the FMA and was proud that the organisation was seen as a high-performing organisation that punched above its weight.

— RNZ

Meridian Energy was up 8.5c to \$5.19; Ebos Group rose 50c to \$34.50; a2 Milk picked up 7c to \$5.78; Briscoe Group gained 11c to \$7; Infratil lifted 17.5c or 2.3 percent to \$7.775; SkyCity Entertainment collected 6c or 1.83 percent to \$3.34; and Tourism Holdings was also up 6c or 2.56 percent to \$2.40. Pushpay Holdings rose 6c or 3.26 percent to \$1.90; Vista Group was up 5c or 2.1 percent to \$2.43; DGL Group gained 15c or 5.36 percent to \$2.95; Fonterra Shareholders' Fund increased 6c to \$3.74; and Harmony picked up 5c or 2.56 percent to \$2.

Port of Tauranga rose 15c or 2.11 percent to \$7.25, but fellow port firms slipped — Marsden Maritime Holdings 14c or 2.11 percent to \$6.50, and South Port NZ by 10c to \$9.40. Apple exporter Scales Corporation rose 10c (1.98 percent) to \$5.15.

Market leader Fisher & Paykel Healthcare was down 11c to \$32.69; Synlait Milk declined 4c to \$3.06 and Eroad fell 20c to \$5.80. — NZ Herald

EDITORIAL

Lockdown fatigue being recognised

Our biggest city is now officially enduring the country's longest Level 4 lockdown with yesterday's extension through to midnight next Tuesday taking it to five weeks, two days longer than the nationwide lockdown of March/April last year.

It is Auckland's fifth lockdown and many of its 1.6 million inhabitants are deeply frustrated at the ongoing disruption to their lives. It was no wonder the Prime Minister yesterday stressed the pain being caused by the lockdown and how we should all be grateful for Aucklanders bearing the brunt of Covid-19 impacts on behalf of the rest of the country.

The Government has also softened criteria for Auckland moving down to Level 3, saying there could still be unlinked community Covid cases, and signalling an "in principle" decision that it will do so on Wednesday next week. There was no such signal for the rest of the country's Level 2 setting — Level 1 will no doubt require certainty the outbreak is fully contained.

For this week the focus has shifted from tracking down sources of transmission that link 17 mystery cases over the past fortnight to the outbreak, to surveillance testing in the seven Auckland suburbs where these cases suggest there could be unidentified spread. There is also a redoubled vaccination push, made possible by additional vaccine supply from Spain and Denmark.

High testing numbers in those suburbs this week is crucial for not only ensuring we do extinguish this outbreak, but also holding to the nation's elimination strategy — which only has a limited remaining shelf life, but is saving lives and protecting our health system until such time as every eligible New Zealander has had the opportunity to be vaccinated against Covid-19.

It was stating the obvious, but Jacinda Ardern told the AM Show this morning there was no intention to use lockdowns in the long term. For that public statement now we can possibly thank immunologist Graham Le Gros, director of the Malaghan Institute, who essentially pleaded yesterday for an end to "exhausting" lockdowns. Covid-19 was changing too much and we "can't escape the virus", he said. Instead there should be an all-out drive to get the first dose of vaccine into all unvaccinated Aucklanders by the end of this week.

"Major societal pressures are under way, and economic pressures . . . At which point do you start worrying about all the cancer deaths and the other socially-induced deaths and all the alcoholism and things like that?" asked Professor Le Gros.

Disinfect column responses

Re: Let free speech sunlight disinfect Covid misinformation, September 11 column.

Nobody is silencing vaccine hesitant people. It's perfectly normal to feel nervous or to have questions. The biggest concern are the grifters, who use freedom of speech as a shield to spread misinformation (to build their social media following, either for status or money, it doesn't matter), and cause death or severe illness. If people are genuine in their concerns there are plenty of reliable sources of information and access to their own practice nurses or GPs. Unless you're informing people with factual information on public health matters . . . free speech is a flimsy argument.

It seems Aimee has not digested what Jonathan Ayling is actually saying and continues her uncalculated attack on one and all that do not agree with her. Instead she assumes to know what each and every one is thinking/feeling and lumps them all together as in her previous columns — going so far as to use particularly nasty comments like "grifters", how lovely! — and certainly not the use of "reason and evidence" that Jonathan called for. I would add empathy to the list of how to convince people to your cause. Aimee, if you are the face of the "new" left wing all I can say is God help us!

Empathy? How about some empathy for all the people who've lost family members to the Q/anti-vax cult. How about some empathy for people whose family members have died of Covid-19 because they were convinced by grifters not to vaccinate, or the poor souls with long Covid. How about some empathy for the doctors and nurses who've fought a viral war on the ground only to be called "traitors, murderers, shills", while the bodies of the unvaccinated pile up.

I love how right wingers get all wounded when a lefty gets in on the free speech action. As for attacks, since I began using free speech to voice my opinion I have been verbally abused and stalked by anti-vaxxers, publicly doxxed, harassed (they've even targeted my family). So I'm not sure who is shutting who down?

Aimee, as per Jonathan Ayling's editor@gisborneherald.co.nz

- The maximum length for letters is 350 words.
- Anyone can write a column, 600 words maximum, but a photo is required.
- Always include full name and contact details.
- If you use a nom de plume, there is a higher bar for acceptability.
- Letters may be edited for clarity, length or legal reasons.

timely essay on free speech — please try to use reason and evidence. Your non-factual assertion of people losing family members to a "the Q/Anti-vax cult" — (gee, two left-wing conspiracies for the price of one!) — lacks any proof and is yet another instance of left-wing ravings. Typically, left-wing ideologues invent a 'monster' theory, throw anyone they disagree with into it and then think that proves those people are less deserving of respect or consideration and must be dealt with harshly. Is the left-wing turning fascist? It certainly seems like it!

Aw Tim. Clearly you're hanging out in all the wrong places.

I totally agree, well written Jonathan. Some of the bullying and shaming things I have seen on social media (and in the media) are just disgusting.

Comments like unvaccinated people should be denied treatment, that they are idiots, that they deserve to die, it's just unbelievable. These comments come from well known people in the community and the health profession.

No one should be bullied or shamed either way. It is no one's business if they have had the job or why they have made the choice they have.

This whole debacle is definitely showing people's true colours. They are shining bright for all to see.

Hi Stacey, you make an interesting point. There has been discussion around this. The thing about an overwhelmed health system is that unfortunately awful decisions have to be made. There are plenty of stories from overseas where the medical staff have to choose to save the most likely to survive, because there are not enough resources or staff to save everyone. From what I'm reading and hearing from medical professionals, they're putting very scarce resources towards the patients who are vaccinated because they're more likely to survive. This is not a discriminatory decision, but a life-saving one. If you came across a car accident, which person would you attend to first?

Spare a thought for the people who have to make those decisions, based on other's decisions to not vaccinate.

Rhythm and Vines . . . I hope for the sake of Tairāwhiti that this potential superspreader event will be cancelled.

Of course, if everyone has been

Abusers need to grow up

Re: Awful that Asians face intensified racism here, September 6 letter.

Thanks for your words Samantha. I am at the point, I am getting pissed off waiting for those who verbally abuse Asians to grow up in the 21st Century and get a life. They must be the most miserable beings that they have to abuse someone to make themselves feel "good".

I posted on Facebook that I had some racist remarks about my kind and queue jumping when I shopped at New World supermarket, Lunn Avenue from a Pakeha woman and her male companion. I suggested she extend the use of hand sanitiser to the orifice called her mouth. I also made a complaint to security but I haven't heard anything from

that supermarket from the message I left on their social media page and given that there has been a terrorist attack on seven people at the Countdown Lynn mall, one has to wonder what measures they have in place for general public safety and if they have pulled the knives from their shelves.

I am from Gisborne but have lived in Auckland for a while. My grandfather paid a poll tax and set up the fresh produce market gardens around Makaraka and Matawhero for the Louie family. The story is in Sons of the Soil, a book written about all of the Chinese market gardeners and their contribution to NZ's economy.

Survival-bent attendance

The COP 26 meeting in Glasgow does not offer Zoom facilities. It is a crucial meeting, as climate urgency and awareness have both escalated since the last one, and there are no more years to spare. As well as individual and national action, global cooperation is essential. The pledges made in Paris need to be vastly strengthened.

To send one representative, with support, is the very least Aotearoa can do. James Shaw is the best-qualified politician for the job. Every day he has to make some compromises in Parliament,

although making it clear what his real desires are. One return flight to Scotland is a small compromise for a potentially huge payoff. It is not hell-bent, as Richard Whitley describes it, but survival-bent.

Perhaps it's a sign of the times. In echoing the whining leader of Act, Richard betrays a hate-the-Greens-but-want-them-to-be-even-greener syndrome. If not mere political carping, it must be an unconscious desire for some real green solutions to the current crisis — oops, crises.

Right idea, wrong tree

With the right mix of trees we can maintain our current and future living standards.

While as a country we have the right idea, we have the wrong tree.

God save us from some brainwashed, over-educated fools and their ideas. What a nightmare.

Pines are prone to fire, which is a very real danger to humans (just follow the international news). Also, all the stored carbon is released in a fire — so we're worse off than when we started.

Carbon credits are a minor bonus with respect to the real

issue.

No.1 is that farmers produce food for us and the world, and have done for many years. Let's keep that as No.1.

Some over-educated nuts seem to think trees should be No.1, only because of their carbon storage and getting paid carbon credits for them. OK — until some fool or the weather starts a fire.

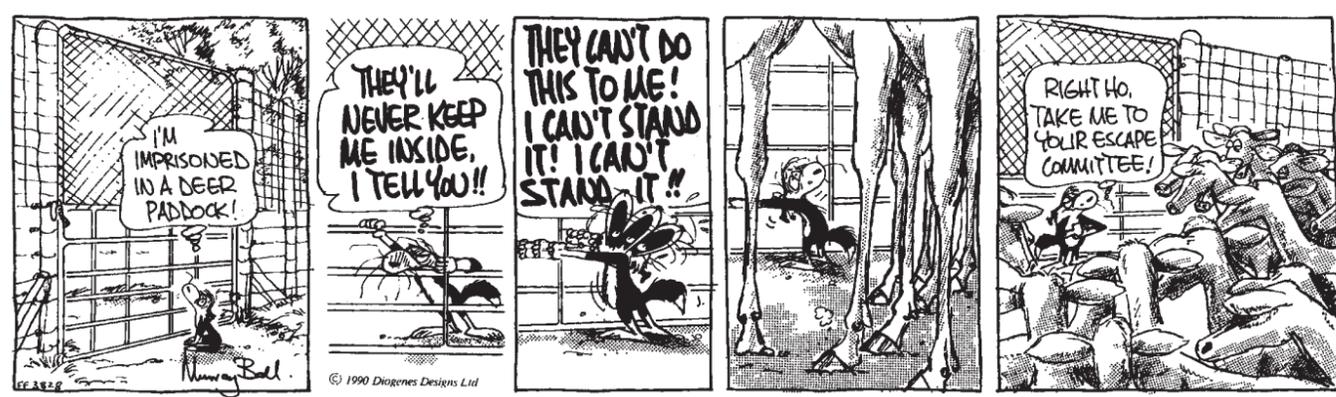
Poplar, willow and most natives are next to no risk at all with regard to fire.

Our future is in your hands. Don't stuff it up.

Only if they're all vaccinated

Of course, if everyone has been

vaccinated by the end of November and they all have proof of said vaccination, let it go ahead!



Impacts of a changing climate

BARCELONA, Spain — Climate change could push more than 200 million people to leave their homes in the next three decades and create migration hot spots unless urgent action is taken to reduce global emissions and bridge the development gap, a World Bank report has found.

The second part of the Groundswell report examined how the impacts of slow-onset climate change such as water scarcity, decreasing crop productivity and rising sea levels could lead to millions of what it describes as “climate migrants” by 2050 under three different scenarios with varying degrees of climate action and development.

Under the most pessimistic scenario, with a high level of emissions and unequal development, the report forecasts up to 216 million people moving within their own countries across the six regions analysed.

In the most climate-friendly scenario, with a low level of emissions and inclusive, sustainable development, the world could see 44 million people being forced to leave their homes.

The findings “reaffirm the potency of climate to induce migration within countries”, said Viviane Wei Chen Clement, a senior climate change specialist at the World Bank and one of the report’s authors.

The report didn’t look at the short-term impacts of climate change, such as the effects of extreme weather events, and did not look at climate migration across borders.

In the worst-case scenario, Sub-Saharan Africa — the most vulnerable region due to desertification, fragile coastlines and the population’s dependence on agriculture — would see the most migrants, with up to 86 million people moving within national borders.

North Africa, however, is predicted to have the largest proportion of climate migrants, with 19 million people moving, equivalent to roughly 9 percent of its population, due mainly to increased water scarcity in northeastern Tunisia, northwestern Algeria, western and southern Morocco, and the central Atlas foothills, the report said. — AP



CLIMATE CRISIS: In this file picture, a Samburu boy uses a wooden stick to try to swat a swarm of desert locusts filling the air, as he herds his camel near the village of Sissia, in Samburu county, Kenya. AP file picture



LAWRENCE BROOKS

Oldest US WW2 veteran celebrates 112th birthday

NEW ORLEANS — A Louisiana man who is the oldest living World War 2 veteran in the United States has marked his 112th birthday.

Lawrence Brooks celebrated with a drive-by party at his New Orleans home hosted by the National World War 2 Museum, The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate reported.

He also received greetings from Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards, who tweeted, “Mr Brooks, the entire state of Louisiana thanks you for your service and we all wish you a joyous birthday”.

The museum has previously hosted parties for Brooks, although the coronavirus pandemic has caused those events to shift to drive-by celebrations for the past two years.

This year’s festivities included a Jeep parade, a live performance from the museum vocal trio and entertainment from New Orleans musicians. The city also recognised Brooks’ birthday with an official proclamation.

Born in Norwood, Louisiana, in 1909, Brooks has lived in New Orleans since 1929. Drafted in 1940, he was a private in the Army’s mostly Black 91st Engineer Battalion, a unit that was stationed in New Guinea and the Philippines and built infrastructure such as bridges, roads and airstrips.

In an oral history about his service posted on YouTube, Brooks also described how he was delivering a load of barbed wire to the front when one of the engines of the C-47 he was travelling in went out.

After they dumped the barbed wire to conserve weight, he made his way to the cockpit. He told the pilot and co-pilot that since they were the only two with parachutes, if they had to jump for it, he was going to grab on to one of them.

“We made it though,” he said laughing. “We had a big laugh about that.” — AP

UK approves Covid vaccine for youths

LONDON — Britain decided on Monday to follow other countries in offering coronavirus vaccines to children 12 and up, as the Government gambled that expanded vaccination and mild tweaks to social behaviour can avert the need for lockdowns in the UK winter.

Vaccinations for children and booster shots for at-risk adults are part of a “tool kit” to control Covid-19 infections that Prime Minister Boris Johnson will announce at a news conference today.

On Monday, the chief medical officers of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland recommended that children aged 12 to 15 be given a single dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine, despite the Government’s vaccine advisers saying this month that the step would have only marginal health benefits.

Vaccines minister Nadhim Zahawi said the Government had accepted the recommendation and would start the vaccinations next week.

Other countries — including the United States, Canada, France and Italy — already offer coronavirus vaccines to children 12 and up, but Britain has held off.

It is currently inoculating people 16 and up, almost 90 percent of those eligible have had at least one

vaccine dose.

Earlier this month, Britain’s Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation said vaccines should be given to 12 to 15-year-olds with underlying health conditions. But it did not back a roll-out to healthy children, who are at low risk of serious illness from the virus, saying the direct health benefits were marginal.

However, it said there might be wider societal factors to consider, such as on education or children acting as sources of transmission to more vulnerable groups.

The chief medical officers said on Monday that vaccination would help limit transmission of the virus in schools and help children’s mental health by reducing disruption to education.

England Chief Medical Officer Chris Whitty said vaccinating kids was “an important, potentially useful additional tool” in the fight against the virus.

But he said it had not been a “barn-door obvious” decision and it was appropriate “that people have taken longer to get to this and to make sure that we have weighed all the different elements up to get this right.”

Children will initially receive a single vaccine dose through their

schools. The UK has yet to decide on whether to give them a second dose.

Johnson’s Conservative government is hoping that widespread vaccinations, rather than restrictions, will keep Covid-19 infections in check during the colder months, when respiratory viruses spread more easily.

The announcement of a new virus road map comes a year after Johnson resisted scientific advice to put the country into lockdown — only to perform a U-turn within weeks as coronavirus cases soared.

Virus cases now are 10 times the rate of a year ago, but vaccines are protecting many Britons from serious illness. Still, the UK is recording more than 100 coronavirus deaths a day, and more than 8000 people are hospitalised with Covid-19. That is less than a quarter of the wintertime peak, but the number is climbing.

Johnson is expected to say that mask-wearing, work-from-home advice and social distancing rules that were lifted in July could return if cases climb further.

But his Conservative government is resisting tougher measures, unexpectedly shelving a plan to introduce vaccine passports for nightclubs and other crowded venues. — AP

Barricades up as Samoan government meets

APIA — For the first time in the 59 years of Samoan independence, the Parliament grounds have been barricaded for today’s session of the House.

The barricades went up late last night after police put out a public notice declaring Parliament building and surrounding grounds out of bounds for all members of the public.

This follows an earlier press release from the office of the Speaker, Papali’i Ta’eu Masipa’u, banning all uninvited members of the public from attending the session this morning.

In a letter to the Human Rights Protection Party (HRPP) yesterday, Papali’i said that a decision had been made not to allow an expected swearing in ceremony for them when the House convenes today.

He wrote that it was still evident from a recent letter from HRPP, as well as what was

said at a meeting last Friday, that HRPP still has not accepted or recognised the Faatuatua I Le Atua Samoa ua Tasi government as sworn in on May 24.

At a press conference on Monday afternoon, opposition leader Tuilaepa Saailele Malielegaoi said that if they had not accepted the FAST government, they would not have left their offices.

“We are still within our rights to criticise the government as a party in opposition,” he added.

He said all 25 elected HRPP members would be attending Parliament today along with families and members of their districts to escort their elected members to their swearing in with drums.

Eight of those elected HRPP members have since lost their seats in the electoral petition process.

This prompted Speaker Papali’i to issue the blanket ban on the public except all government heads of ministries and statutory bodies along with accredited media.

Samoa police then moved to enforce the Speakers ban by also issuing a public notice to the same effect and erecting barricades at Tiafau, Mulinu’u.

Tuilaepa yesterday said it is likely that the Faatuatua I Le Atua Samoa ua Tasi government will try to push the expected national budget through at this one session as there will be no opposition.

He warned, however, that this will be unconstitutional as there will not be enough numbers to make up a legitimate quorum for Parliament to sit.

“When the speaker takes his seat, he cannot be counted as part of the quorum,” he said. — RNZ



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Sparks fly at MTV Video Music Awards

NEW YORK — The MTV Video Music Awards returned to New York on Sunday, with major wins for pop stars old and new.

Sparks flew before the ceremony when Irish MMA fighter Conor McGregor and rapper Machine Gun Kelly were involved in an altercation on the red carpet.

Olivia Rodrigo then won best new artist and best song for Drivers License, while Justin Bieber won best artist.

The main award, video of the year, went to Lil Nas X for his single Montero (Call Me by Your Name).

“Let’s go, gay agenda”, hollered the rapper, who has made LGBT-positive messaging and imagery a central component of his music.

The 22-year-old, whose real name is Montero Lamar Hill, also gave one of the night’s best performances, segueing from a marching band

introduction to a lurid pink prison scene where, for good measure, he stripped to his boxer shorts and twerked in a shower.

Hosted by rapper Doja Cat, the ceremony marked the 40th anniversary of MTV’s launch in America.

Madonna opened the show, telling the story of how she had arrived in New York 40 years ago “with nothing but \$35 and a pair of dance shoes” before finding an ally in the new music video network.

The MTV Awards were established three years later, in 1984, and quickly gained a reputation as must-see television.

Over the years, they have been responsible for more pop culture moments than any other award show — including Madonna’s debut in 1984, performing Like A Virgin while writhing around in a wedding dress; Eminem performing with an

army of 100 clones; Lady Gaga’s infamous meat dress; and, of course, Kanye West rushing the stage during Taylor Swift’s acceptance speech in 2009.

This year, however, produced few moments that will stick in the mind. Many performances felt like diminished retreads of former glories.

It was sweet when Twenty-One Pilots singer Tyler Joseph announced during their set that his wife was pregnant — but it was nothing compared with Beyoncé revealing her baby bump during the 2011 show.

Rodrigo smashed a camera (or rather a glass plate in front of a camera) during a rousing performance of Good 4 U. But, again, Beyoncé had done it first — in her case with a baseball bat — in 2016.

Somehow, this year’s show was less memorable than 2020’s socially-distanced ceremony. — BBC



WINNER: Rapper Lil Nas X won the biggest award of the night, Video of the Year. AP picture

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Prince Andrew to contest New York court case

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LONDON — In the latest stage of the sexual assault case against him, Prince Andrew is expected to argue he has not been served papers, and will challenge the jurisdiction of the case.

Virginia Giuffre has launched a civil case against the duke — and papers must be “served” before it can proceed.

A lawyer for the Duke of York, 61, is expected to appear in a New York pre-trial court conference call on Monday.

He denies all the allegations against him.

The conference call will consider the next stages of the case, which began last month.

The judge will decide whether papers were in fact served and whether the case can proceed.

Giuffre, now 38, was an accuser of convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, and claims she was sexually assaulted by the prince at three locations, including New York City.

The case centres around allegations the prince sexually abused Giuffre — then known as Virginia Roberts — at the London home of Epstein associate Ghislaine Maxwell, and at Epstein's



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homes in Manhattan and Little St James in the US Virgin Islands.

It claims Prince Andrew engaged in

sexual acts without Giuffre's consent, knowing how old she was, and “that she was a sex-trafficking victim”.

The prince, the Queen's second son, has consistently denied the claims, and told BBC Two's Newsnight in 2019: “It didn't happen. I can absolutely categorically tell you it never happened. I have no recollection of ever meeting this lady, none whatsoever.”

Newly-filed documents showed Prince Andrew will be represented by lawyer Andrew B Brettler, of the Los Angeles-based law firm Lavelly & Singer.

Brettler was named in the Hollywood Reporter's 2019 Power Lawyers list and specialises in “media and entertainment litigation”, according to the firm's website.

Giuffre's lawyers claimed papers were left with a police officer at the gates of Prince Andrew's Windsor home last month.

According to court documents from Giuffre's lawyers, an answer is due from him by September 17 and “if you fail to respond, judgement by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint”. — BBC

UN provides lifeline

Millions raised as crisis deepens in Afghanistan

GENEVA — The United Nations on Monday drummed up millions of dollars in emergency funds from donor countries for beleaguered Afghans who could soon face widespread hunger.

The donations came as Western governments and the UN human rights chief voiced concerns about the Taliban's first steps in establishing power in Afghanistan.

The first such conference on Afghanistan since the Taliban took over a month ago is testing Western governments and other big traditional donors, which want to protect Afghans from looming humanitarian disaster but also want to keep pressure on the new militant rulers to respect rights and moderate their rule.

It is feared that Afghanistan could further plunge toward famine and economic collapse after the chaos of the past month, which saw the Taliban oust the government in a lightning sweep as US and NATO forces exited the 20-year war.

The UN, along with its partners, is seeking \$606 million for the rest of the year to help 11 million people.

“The people of Afghanistan need a lifeline,” UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres told the conference.

“After decades of war, suffering and insecurity, they face perhaps their most perilous hour. Now is the time for the international community to stand with them. And let us be clear, this conference is not simply about what we will give to the people of Afghanistan. It is about what we owe.”

He said one in three Afghans don't know where their next meal will come from, the poverty rate is “spiralling” and basic public services were nearing collapse.

The UN's World Food Program says Afghans are growing increasingly short of cash to buy food, the majority of which — like wheat flour — is imported.

Frozen foreign exchanges and a



HUMANITARIAN CRISIS: Labourers wait in the street to be hired in Afghanistan.

AP picture

paralysed state budget have stripped people of the money they need, just as food and fuel prices have risen.

As with many other UN-led donor conferences, some countries injected more funds, others highlighted commitments already made.

German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas announced plans for Germany to pour 500 million euros into Afghanistan and its neighbouring countries, but specifics were not immediately provided.

Denmark said it would give an extra \$38 million, and Norway \$11.5 million.

At the same time, officials suggested aid in the future could be impacted by how the Taliban rules.

Linda Thomas-Greenfield, the US ambassador to the United Nations, said the US was “committed to providing humanitarian assistance” for and supporting Afghans, and would add \$64 million in new assistance for UN and

partner organisations.

That brings the US total for Afghanistan to \$330 million in this fiscal year, she said.

“We need oral and written commitments made by the Taliban about operating rights of humanitarian agencies and the treatment and rights of minority groups, women and girls to be upheld,” she said by video message.

“Words are not good enough. We must see action. The international community is unified in this message.”

Germany's Maas, speaking to the Human Rights Council also in Geneva, said the world has a “moral obligation” to help the Afghan people.

But he also said the level of Taliban's respect of human rights, particularly of women and girls, would be a “benchmark for us and our partners in determining our future engagement with a new Afghan government”. — AP

Over 100 world leaders to attend UN gathering in person

UNITED NATIONS — More than 100 heads of state and government are set to attend the UN General Assembly's annual gathering of world leaders in person next week, including US President Joe Biden, King Abdullah II of Jordan and the presidents of Brazil and Venezuela, according to the speakers list.

The prime ministers of Japan, India and the UK

will also be at UN headquarters to deliver their country's speech to the 193-member assembly, along with Israel's new Prime Minister Naftali Bennett and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. And 23 ministers are slated to speak in person as well, according to the list.

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the UN's members decided to make this year's gathering

hybrid, offering nations the possibility of sending leaders to New York or making prerecorded statements to be shown in the assembly chamber, as virtually all countries did last year.

Many diplomats and leaders have complained publicly that virtual meetings cannot substitute for in-person one-to-one or group contacts to tackle regional and global challenges and crises. — AP

Mass prison break in Nigeria

LAGOS, Nigeria — Assailants attacked a prison in north-central Nigeria with explosives and gunfire at midnight, killing two security officers and leaving 240 inmates still missing on Monday, authorities said.

Interior Minister Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola said two other security officers remained missing after the violence at the correctional facility in Kogi state. A task force has been set up to recapture the inmates, he added.

The gunmen destroyed three sides of the prison's perimeter fence with explosives and then overcame a team of 35 security officers, officials said.

The prison was holding 294 inmates, but some did not try to escape and others had returned voluntarily on Monday morning.

Sunday's attack marks the second prison break this year in Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation.

Authorities do not believe the incidents are connected, as the April jailbreak was blamed on pro-Biafra secessionists in the southeast. Some 1844 inmates were set free during that violent attack in Imo state.

Two other prison breaks took place in the country's southwest late last year amid nationwide protests against the police. — AP

HRPP face contempt charges

APIA — Samoa's former prime minister Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi and several HRPP members or associates including Tuilaepa's deputy, Lauofo Fonotoe Pierre Lauofo, and the former Speaker of Parliament, Le'aupepetele Toleafoa Fa'afisi, are facing contempt of court charges.

They are alleged to have said insults against the judiciary on TV and social media following a July court of appeal ruling which declared the ad hoc tent swearing-in of the new Faatuatua ile Atua Samoa ua Tasi (Fast) Party government as lawful.

The contempt proceedings were filed by the Fast party and its leader, Prime Minister Fiame Naomi Mata'afa, who allege that the HRPP members and supporters scandalised and undermined the Court's authority. — AP

French statue defaced

BORDEAUX, France — A statue of a black female slave in the French city of Bordeaux has been covered with white paint in an apparent racist attack, city officials said.

The bronze statue is of Modeste Testas, an African slave who was bought by a family in Bordeaux in the 18th century. She was later freed.

The statue was found defaced on Monday morning, but has now been cleaned.

Bordeaux city hall said it would file a criminal complaint, saying it was “probably racist” in nature.

Testas was sent to the Caribbean island of Hispaniola to work on a sugar plantation.

She was later moved to the United States and was freed after her French owner died.

She then settled back in the western part of Hispaniola, which is now Haiti, and died at the age of 105.

The statue of Testas was inaugurated in 2019. It is one of a number of gestures aimed at addressing the colonial past of Bordeaux, which was one of the country's major slave trading hubs. — AP

Nicholas threatens Texas

HOUSTON — Tropical Storm Nicholas gathered strength on Monday and threatened to blow ashore in Texas as a hurricane that could bring up to 50 centimetres of rain to parts of the Gulf Coast, including the same area hit by Hurricane Harvey in 2017 and storm-battered Louisiana.

Nearly all of the state's coastline was under a tropical storm warning that included potential flash floods and urban flooding.

Texas Governor Greg Abbott said authorities placed rescue teams and resources in the Houston area and along the coast.

Forecasters at the National Hurricane Centre in Miami said the system's top sustained winds reached 95kmh. If the winds hit 119kmh, the storm would become a Category 1 hurricane. It was moving north at 19kmh on a track to pass near the South Texas coast later in the day, then move onshore in the evening.

In flood-prone Houston, officials worried that heavy rain expected to arrive late on Monday and early Tuesday could inundate streets and flood homes.

Authorities deployed high-water rescue vehicles throughout the city and erected barricades at more than 40 locations that tend to flood, Mayor Sylvester Turner said. — AP



AFTERMATH: About 170,000 Louisiana students remain out of school two weeks after Hurricane Ida barreled across the southeastern part of the state and left the entire city of New Orleans without power. AP picture

Ida deals another blow to Louisiana

LULING, Louisiana — Tara Williams' three little boys run shirtless because most of their clothes were swept away, and they stack milk crates beneath a blazing sun because their toys are all gone too. Their apartment is barely more than a door dangling from a frame, the roof obliterated, most everything in it lost.

A Ford Fusion is the family's home now, and as if Hurricane Ida didn't take enough, it has also put the boys' education on hold.

"They are ready to get inside, go to school, get some air conditioning," said 32-year-old Williams, who has twin five-year-olds and a seven-year-old and is more pessimistic than officials about when they might be back in class. "The way it's looking now, it's going to be next August."

After a year and a half of pandemic disruptions that drove children from schools and pulled down test scores, at least 169,000 Louisiana children are out of class again, their studies derailed by the storm. The hurricane followed a rocky reopening in August that led to more Covid-19 infections and classroom closures, and now it will be weeks before some students go back again.

"How concerned am I? If you pick up a thesaurus, whatever's the word for 'most concerned,'" said Jarod Martin, superintendent of schools in the hard-hit Lafourche Parish, southwest of New Orleans.

"We were brimming with optimism and confident that we were going to defeat Covid, confident we were on a better path. And now we have got another setback."

Williams was working at McDonald's until Covid-19 cutbacks claimed her job. The family rode out the storm in their apartment as it disintegrated around them, then drove to Florida where they found a hotel room, which they could afford for only a few days.

The streets around them are dotted with gutted trailers, peeled roofs and mounds of debris, and every mention of the Federal Emergency Management Agency seems to be preceded by a colourfully profane adjective. School

would be nice for the boys, Williams says, but right now they don't even have a home.

A couple of kilometres away at the boys' school, Luling Elementary, crews are cleaning up fallen trees, and piping from giant dehumidifiers snaked through windows.

Shantele Slade, a youth pastor, is among those at work, but her own children an hour away in Amite are on her mind. The pandemic had already taken its toll on her 14-year-old son, who had to go to summer school because he'd fallen behind while learning virtually. Now she's worried that he will have trouble keeping up with algebra after so many days of absence.

"The last two years have already been so hard on them," she said.

“We were brimming with optimism and confident that we were going to defeat Covid, confident we were on a better path. And now we have got another setback.”

— Jarod Martin

Although many children spent most or all of the last school year back in class, some children remained in virtual programmes and arrived back in class last month for the first time since the shutdowns began.

The return did not go smoothly, with nearly 7000 infections of students and teachers reported in the opening weeks, a fact that led to quarantines, more shutdowns and more disruptions.

The latest state standardised test scores, released in August, showed a 5 percent drop in proficiency among students across Louisiana, blamed largely on disruptions from Covid-19. Younger and poorer children fared worst, as did members of minority groups and those with English as a second language.

The state's education superintendent, Cade Brumley, acknowledged that students "did

lose a little bit" and that Ida dealt another blow.

A quarter-million students' schools remained closed on Friday, but classes for 81,000 children were to reopen yesterday, according to the education department. Brumley said the rest would likely be back in a matter of weeks.

"We need to get those kids back with us as soon as we possibly can," he said.

But in the most devastated areas returning to class requires not only schools to be repaired or temporary classrooms to be set up, but for students and staff scattered around the country to come back to Louisiana.

That means they must have homes with electricity and running water. Buses also have to run and cafeterias must be stocked with food and people to serve it, and so on.

After the storm destroyed their house in Dulac, a stretch of Cajun country swampland, Penny Verdin's two children and a nephew she cares for began cramming each night into a car, along with a gecko, a hamster and a squirrel named Honey. They hope to use some timber and tin from the carcass of their home to fashion a new shack they can stay in.

The children are smiling, one doing handstands on the soggy lawn, another fishing a one-metre alligator out of a creek, but Verdin says they have been shaken up by the storm. After a year in which nearly the whole family fell sick with Covid-19 and her disability payments were suddenly halted, she is worried about the kids falling behind in their studies.

"It's going to be a big catch-up," she says.

When the pandemic first raged and students were forced to learn on screens at home, some observers warned of a "lost generation" of children falling through the cracks.

Many people remain without power or running water, and some districts are still assessing damage. In several parishes no reopening dates have been announced for schools. They are simply closed until further notice. — AP

Brazil protests show low street support for impeachment

RIO DE JANEIRO — Turnout at protests across Brazil against President Jair Bolsonaro on Sunday was far smaller than rallies the President called earlier last week, underscoring that pressure from the streets remains insufficient to drive efforts seeking his impeachment.

Many of those protesting dressed all in white, as instructed by political groups that organised the demonstrations in at least 19 states. There was a notable absence of leftist political parties, which diminished turnout.

"Bolsonaro is in the middle of a political crisis, but public opinion has so far not exerted pressure on lawmakers from the centre for impeachment," said Leonardo Avritzer, professor of political science at the Federal University of Minas Gerais.

"Impeachment can come if lawmakers understand that they begin to run risks of not being elected in 2022 by continuing to support the Brazilian president."

Sunday's protest targeted the government for allegedly mishandling the Covid-19 pandemic and surging inflation, particularly for mainstays like food and electricity. But, for some, the demonstration acquired fresh urgency after September 7 rallies at which Bolsonaro stepped up his attacks on the Supreme Court and threatened to plunge the country into a constitutional crisis.

Centrist lawmakers told The Associated Press that turnout at Sunday's demonstrations would be decisive in determining whether to push for impeachment.

"Enough of the orders of this psychopath (Bolsonaro). We want vaccines in the arm and food on our plates," said Alessandra Amorim, an accountant who joined a rally in Sao Paulo. "It looks like we are defeated, that we don't have strength. We want vaccines in our arms and food on our plates. Enough of Bolsonaro."

The President's approval ratings have steadily declined throughout the year, but he remains far more popular than prior presidents who were impeached — most recently Dilma Rousseff of the Workers Party in 2016.

Unlike in 2016, people aren't broadly united behind an alternative or project, said Leandro Consentino, a professor of political science at Insper, a university in Sao Paulo.

In addition, he said many political leaders want to resolve the political crisis with the 2022 elections, when Bolsonaro is expected to seek another term. — AP



President Jair Bolsonaro

US church appoints first openly transgender bishop

SAN FRANCISCO — The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America installed its first openly transgender bishop in a service held in San Francisco's Grace Cathedral on Saturday.

The Reverend Megan Rohrer will lead one of the church's 65 synods, overseeing nearly 200 congregations in Northern California and northern Nevada.

"My call is . . . to be up to the same messy, loving things I was up to before," Rohrer told worshippers. "But mostly, if you'll let me, and I think you will, my hope is to love you and beyond that, to love what you love."

Rohrer was elected in May to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod after its current bishop announced his retirement.

"I step into this role because a diverse community of Lutherans in Northern California and Nevada prayerfully and thoughtfully voted to do a historic thing," Rohrer said in a statement. "My

installation will celebrate all that is possible when we trust God to shepherd us forward."

Rohrer, who uses the pronoun "they", previously served as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in San Francisco and a chaplain coordinator for the city's police department, and also helped minister to the city's homeless and LGBTQ+ community.

They studied religion at Augustana University in their hometown of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, before moving to California to pursue master and doctoral degrees at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley.

Rohrer became one of seven LGBTQ+ pastors accepted by the progressive Evangelical Lutheran church in 2010 after it allowed ordination of pastors in same-sex relationships.

Rohrer is married and has two children.

The church is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States with about 3.3 million members. — AP

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HAPPY DAYS: Central School pupils go all out during the school's pre-lockdown cross-country event. The race was at Waiteata Park with the older children (Years 5 and 6) covering three kilometres and the Year 3 and 4 students 2km. The Year 1s and 2s ran the 660m course while the older students did either three or five laps to make up their distances.
Picture by Rebecca Grunwell

TOOLS FOR THE JOB

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

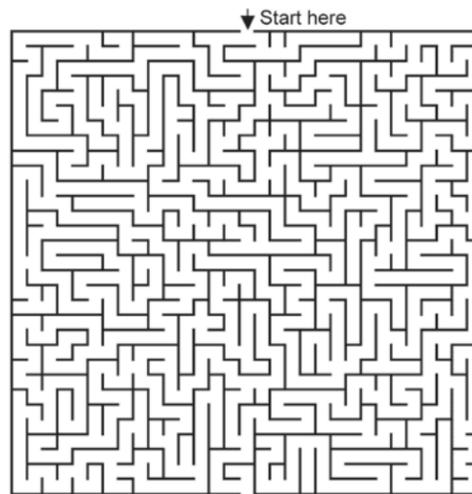
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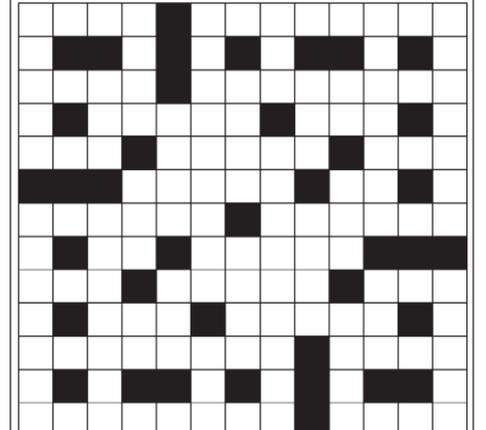
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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WORD-FIT



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

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TRIO

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

ST ___
 ___ ENT
 SQU ___
 GR ___

TUESDAY—WEDNESDAY'S TELEVISION GUIDE

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5pm The Chase PG
Quiz show where contestants must stay one step ahead of The Chaser.

6pm 1 News At 6pm
The latest news, sport, and weather.

7pm Seven Sharp
Stories of the day from around New Zealand.

7.30 Eat Well For Less
A couple with two children and another on the way are stuck in a food rut due to the allergies of one of the children.

8.45 Paramedics M
Australia's ambulance crews fight to save lives in a race against time.

9.45 Coronation Street PG
10.45 Shortland Street PGC
Tom plays tit-for-tat; Esther is caught between a rock and a hard place.

11.15 Sunday PG
A weekly in-depth current-affairs show.

WEDNESDAY

12.15 Burden Of Truth MC
Joanna struggles to control the narrative of Noah's case when Lovand starts a smear campaign against him.

1.05 Te Karere
News and current affairs from a Maori perspective.

1.30 Infomercials

5.30 Te Karere

6am Breakfast

9am The Ellen DeGeneres Show PG

10am Tipping Point
11am The Chase
Noon 1 News At Midday
12.30 Emmerdale PG
Leyla thinks she is having a miscarriage, but her focus is on protecting Liam; Charity tries to make amends.

1pm Coronation Street PG

2pm Sarah Beeny's Renovate Don't Relocate

3pm Tipping Point

4pm Te Karere

4.30 Extreme Cake Makers
A winter wedding work of art; a musical masterpiece based on speakers; an engineering warcraft.

5pm The Chase

BRAVO

5.30 Shark Tank

6.30 Botched

7.30 Rich Kids Go Skint M

8.30 The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills M

9.30 Killer Couples M

10.30 Snapped M

11.25 Buried In The Backyard M

WEDNESDAY

12.15 Infomercials

10am Judge Jerry

10.30 Botched

11.25 Snapped

12.25 Buried In The Backyard

1.25 Real Housewives Of New York City

2.25 Million Dollar Listing NY PG

3.25 Keeping Up With The Kardashians PG

4.30 Love It Or List It

5.30 Shark Tank PG

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5pm The Simpsons PG
5.30 Young Sheldon PG
Sheldon and Dr Sturgis have their first fight when Dr Sturgis marks an answer wrong on Sheldon's test.

6pm Neighbours PG

6.30 Home And Away PG

7pm Shortland Street PGC

7.30 Celebrity Treasure Island PG

8.30 Wentworth M

9.25 Paranormal Caught On Camera

10.25 Grey's Anatomy PGC

11.20 2 Broke Girls PG

WEDNESDAY

12.15 Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist PG

1.05 Shortland Street PGC

1.30 Infomercials

2.25 2 Overnight

4.15 The Middle PG

4.35 Neighbours PG

5am Infomercials

6am Les Mills Born To Move

6.25 Maia The Brave

6.35 Paw Patrol

7am Thomas Edison's Secret Lab

7.25 SpongeBob SquarePants

7.50 Miraculous: Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir

8.15 Darwin And Newts

8.25 Takaro Tribe

8.40 Moon And Me

9am Chuggington: Tales From The Rails

9.10 Infomercials

9.40 Religious Programming

10.10 Les Mills Body Balance

10.40 Neighbours

11.10 Celebrity Treasure Island

12.05 The Cube

1.05 9 Lives PG

2.05 Murphy Brown PG

2.30 Home And Away PG

3pm Shortland Street PGC

3.35 Bluey

3.40 Get Arty

4.05 Brain Busters

4.35 Friends

5.05 The Simpsons PG

5.30 Young Sheldon

CHOICE

5.30 Mysteries At The Museum PGC

6.30 Millionaire Hot Seat

7.30 George Clarke's Old House New Home

8.30 A Very Brady Renovation
The Brady Bunch kids have an emotional reunion at the famous home before beginning demolition.

9.30 Shed Of The Year

10.30 Millionaire Hot Seat

11.30 Mysteries At The Museum PGC

WEDNESDAY

12.30 Jamie And Jimmy's Food Fight Club

1.30 Jade Fever PGC

2am Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond The Lobby

3am How Do Animals Do That

4am Shed Of The Year

5am Mysteries At The Museum PGC

6am Restoration Home

7am Jamie And Jimmy's Food Fight Club

8am How Do Animals Do That

9am BBQ Pitmasters PGL

10am Jade Fever PGC

10.30 Mysteries At The Museum PGC

11.30 Millionaire Hot Seat

12.30 George Clarke's Old House New Home

1.30 Shed Of The Year

2.30 A Very Brady Renovation

3.30 Hope For Wildlife

4.30 Giada Entertains

5pm Giada At Home

5.30 Mysteries At The Museum PGC

THREE

5pm Aussie Gold Hunters PG
The Scrappers boss gambles his remaining cash on bigger machinery; the Victoria Diggers unearth a rare artefact.

6pm Newshub Live At 6pm

7pm The Project

7.30 Lego Masters Australia
In the first elimination, teams have 10 hours to build a world inside a snow globe.

8.50 Emergency M

9.50 Newshub Late

10.20 Westside 16

Pregnant and alone, Cheryl struggles with Wolf behind bars; Phineas pursues extra-marital affairs; McCarthy swoops in to help the Wests out of a sticky situation.

11.20 Tiny Luxury
Tyson and the guys get to work building a tiny home replica that includes a baker's kitchen and a wine rack.

11.50 Infomercials

WEDNESDAY

6am The AM Show

9am Infomercials

10.30 Bondi Vet PG

11.30 Newshub Live At 11:30am

Noon House Hunters Renovation

1pm Nature's Strangest Mysteries Solved

1.30 Modern Family

2pm Extreme Makeover: Home Edition

3pm Match Game PG

4pm Tiny Luxury

4.30 Newshub Live At 4:30pm

5pm Aussie Gold Hunters PG

PRIME

5pm 3rd Rock From The Sun

5.30 Prime News

6pm Storage Wars PG

7pm The Crowd Goes Wild

7.30 American Pickers PG

8.30 The Spanish Princess 16VLC
A grand meeting in France forms the backdrop for a political clash of wits between Catherine and Wolsey; rioting erupts on the streets of London.

9.40 Succession 16LC

10.55 The Breakdown

WEDNESDAY

12.05 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert PG

1.05 Infomercials

4.05 Closedown

6am Wheel Of Fortune

6.25 Justice League Unlimited PGV

6.50 Nicky, Ricky, Dicky And Dawn

7.15 Hunter Street PG

7.40 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

8.05 Batman: The Animated Series PGVC

8.30 The Thundermans

9am Antiques Roadshow

10am A Place In The Sun: Winter Sun

11am Hot Bench PGC

11.30 Married With Children PG

12.30 American Pickers PGL

1.30 Parks And Recreation PGC

2pm The Late Show With Stephen Colbert PG

3pm Wheel Of Fortune

3.30 Jeopardy

4pm American Pickers PGC

5pm 3rd Rock From The Sun

5.30 Prime News

MAORI TV

5pm Pipi Ma

5.05 Purakau

5.15 Takaro Tribe

5.30 Kid's Kai Kart

5.40 Potae Pai

5.50 Mahi Pai

6pm Darwin And Newts

6.10 He Rourou

6.20 Tamaki Kura Tuatahi Kapa Haka

6.30 Te Ao Marama

7pm Senior Kapa Haka Regionals

7.30 Toi Te Ora

8pm Moon Tide Fishing

8.30 Survive The Wild

9.30 Wild Kai Legends MC

10pm Hunting With Tui PGC

10.30 Waka Ama Championships

11pm Te Ao Marama

11.30 Closedown

WEDNESDAY

6.30 Pipi Ma

6.35 Takoha

6.45 Takaro Tribe

7am Kid's Kai Kart

7.10 Potae Pai

7.20 Mahi Pai

7.30 Paia

7.40 Haati Paati

7.50 Tamaki Kura Tuatahi Kapa Haka

8am Korero Mai

9am Toi Te Ora

10.30 Waiata Anthems

10.50 Mahuru Maori

11am Tangaroa With Pio

11.30 Ki Tua

Noon Te Ao Tapatahi

12.30 Survive The Wild PG

1.30 Oranga Ngakau

2.30 Toku Reo

3.30 Korero Mai

4pm Pukana

5pm Pipi Ma

5.05 Takoha

5.15 Takaro Tribe

5.30 Kid's Kai Kart

5.40 Potae Pai

5.50 Mahi Pai



Paramedics
8.45pm on TVNZ 1



Young Sheldon
5.30pm on TVNZ 2



Succession
9.40pm on Prime

RNZ NATIONAL

5pm Checkpoint With Lisa Owen. News and current affairs programme.

6.30 Trending Now

7.06 Nights With Bryan Crump.

10pm News At Ten

10.15 Lately With Karyn Hay.

11.04 Worlds Of Music

WEDNESDAY

12.04 All Night Programme

5am First Up With Nathan Rarere.

6am Morning Report With Susie Ferguson and Corin Dann.

9.06 Nine To Noon With Kathryn Ryan.

Noon Midday Report With Mani Dunlop.

1.06 Afternoons With Jesse Mulligan.

3.45 The Panel With Wallace Chapman.

5pm Checkpoint With Lisa Owen.

SKY SPORT 1

6.30 Rugby Championship (RPL)
All Black v Argentina.

8.30 Aotearoa Rugby Pod

9pm The Breakdown

10pm Rugby Heaven

11pm Rugby Nation

11.30 The Breakdown

WEDNESDAY

12.30 Aotearoa Rugby Pod

1am Rugby Championship (RPL)
All Black v Argentina.
From The Gold Coast, Australia.

3am Rugby Championship (RPL)
South Africa v Australia.
From the Gold Coast, Brisbane.

5am Rugby Heaven

6am The Breakdown

7am French Top 14 (RPL)
Toulouse v Toulon.
From Stade Ernest-Wallon, Toulouse.

9am French Top 14 (RPL)
Perpignan v Biarritz.
From Stade Aimé Giral, Perpignan.

11am French Top 14 (RPL)
Racing 92 v La Rochelle.
From Paris La Défense Arena, Paris.

1pm Currie Cup (RPL)
Final: Bulls v Sharks.
From Loftus Versfeld Stadium, Pretoria.

3.30 All Blacks Flashbacks

5.30 Aotearoa Rugby Pod

SKY 5

5pm Storage Wars PG

5.30 Pawn Stars PG

6pm Counting Cars PG

6.30 Counting Cars PG

7pm Border Security M

7.30 NCIS: New Orleans MV

8.30 Massive Engineering Mistakes PGC

9.30 Outback Truckers PGL

10.30 NCIS: LA MV

11.30 Ax Men ML

WEDNESDAY

12.30 Wheel Of Fortune

1am Jeopardy!

1.20 Border Security M

1.45 Outback Truckers PGL

2.35 Massive Engineering Mistakes PGC

3.30 Counting Cars PG

3.55 Counting Cars PG

4.20 NCIS: LA MV

5.10 NCIS: New Orleans MV

6am Jeopardy!

6.25 Wheel Of Fortune

6.45 Pawn Stars PG

7.10 Storage Wars PG

7.35 Ax Men ML

8.25 Border Security M

8.50 Counting Cars PG

9.15 Counting Cars PG

9.40 NCIS: New Orleans MV

10.30 NCIS: LA MV

11.30 Pawn Stars PG

Noon Jeopardy!

12.25 Wheel Of Fortune

12.50 Massive Engineering Mistakes PGC

1.40 Outback Truckers PGL

2.30 NCIS: New Orleans MV

3.20 Ax Men ML

4.10 Jeopardy!

4.35 Wheel Of Fortune

5pm Storage Wars PG

5.30 Pawn Stars PG

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MOVIES PREMIERE

6.25 Target Number One 16VLS 2020 Thriller.
Josh Hartnett, Antoine Olivier Pilon.

8.30 Antebellum 16VL 2020 Thriller. A successful author finds herself trapped in a horrifying reality that forces her to confront the past, present and future.
Janelle Monae, Jena Malone.

10.20 City Of Lies 16VLS 2018 Drama. Johnny Depp, Forest Whitaker.

WEDNESDAY

12.10 Let Him Go MVC 2020 Thriller. Kevin Costner, Diane Lane.

2.05 Archive MLC 2020 Drama.
Theo James, Stacy Martin.

3.52 Lizzie 16VLS 2018 Drama.
Chloe Sevigny, Kristen Stewart.

5.37 Phoenix, Oregon 16L 2019 Comedy. James Le Gros, Jesse Borrego.

7.27 Bill And Ted Face The Music PGVL 2020 Comedy.

8.57 The Current War MVC 2017 Drama.

10.40 Ashes In The Snow MVLS 2018 Drama.

12.20 Ordinary Love MLSC 2019 Drama.

1.50 Inherit The Viper 16LC 2019 Drama.

3.15 I Still Believe PGC 2020 Drama.

5.10 Lizzie 16VLS 2018 Drama.

DISCOVERY

5.40 Fast N' Loud PG Step Vanning into a New Era.

6.35 Outback Opal Hunters PG

7.30 Aussie Gold Hunters PG

8.30 Hunting Atlantis PG

9.30 Mysteries At The Museum PG

10.30 Blowing Up History: Seven Wonders PG

WEDNESDAY

12.15 Legends Of The Lost With Megan Fox PG

1.05 Gold Rush PG

2.45 Legends Of The Lost With Megan Fox PG

3.35 Moonshiners MVL

4.25 Building Off The Grid PG

5.15 Outback Opal Hunters PG

6.05 How Do They Do It? PG

6.30 How It's Made PG

6.55 House Hunters Renovation PG

7.45 House Hunters International PG

8.10 House Hunters International PG

8.35 Top Gear: America PG

9.25 Fast N' Loud PG

10.20 Hunting Atlantis PG

11.15 Mysteries At The Museum PG

12.10 How It's Made PG

12.35 How Do They Do It? PG

1.05 Expedition Unknown PG

2pm Legends Of The Lost With Megan Fox PG

2.55 Outback Opal Hunters PG

3.50 Gold Rush PG

4.45 Building Off The Grid PG

5.40 Fast N' Loud PG

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2021

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

Selections
Race 1: DAARIO, THE BLING, SKY OASIS
Race 2: FLAG HUNTER, FUNNY GAME, SWISS LEGEND
Race 3: LADY KOVAL, STUNGUN, THE NIGHT KING
Race 4: IDYLIC, RECALCITRANT, LIL EL GEE DEE
Race 5: IDYLIC, EAGLE TARZAN, KING OF REDS
Race 6: FISCAL FUN, PRETTY ROSSA, DARCI PALMER
Race 7: LA CASA, HARD DONE, PARKER LEWIS

1 Group One Turf Bar 12.28
\$12,000, maiden, 1550m
1 729 Sky Oasis (5) 59.5 51 K Asano (a)
2 358s3 The Bling (8) 59.5 51 J Riddell
3 Elusive Capital (9) 59.5 47 S Spratt
4 7805 Uplozenough (1) 59.5 47 M Cameron
5 00s Siete (2) 59.5 45 Brandon May
6 74306 Edean Bay (3) 57.5 49 C Grylls
7 s5600 Dusky Eyes (4) 57.5 45 B Grylls
8 Last Card Betty (7) 57.5 45 J Fawcett

2 The Oaks Stud 1.03
\$12,000, maiden, 1550m
1 263s6 Funny Game (9) 59.5 53 M Cameron
2 824s Flag Hunter (3) 59.5 52 S Collett
3 73 Swiss Legend (6) 59.5 51 M McNab
4 454s Rock My Heart (5) 59.5 50 C Barnes
5 40s75 Sovereignty (8) 59.5 48 D Johnson
6 9s Telling Tales (1) 59.5 45 J Riddell
7 00865 Martina Maria (2) 57.5 47 T Yanagida (a1)
8 675s9 Doha (4) 57.5 46 M J Sanson (a4)
9 7s0s Howareya (7) 57.5 45

3 Waikato-BOP Harness Racing 1.38
\$12,000, maiden, 1300m
1 Dashwood (6) 59.5 45 J Rid
2 87s Drakkar (3) 59.5 45 S Collett
3 6960s Listonian (5) 59.5 45 S Spratt
4 Mr Rainbow (8) 59.5 45 M J Sanson (a4)
5 Stungun (4) 59.5 45 J Fawcett
6 6 Lear Jet (7) 57.5 46 S Collett

4 Oakvue Lodge 2.15
\$12,000, maiden f&m, 970m
1 26s35 Recalcitrant (8) 58.5 52
2 Night-Night Dora SCRATCHED
3 s7s9s Triple Heart (3) 58.5 48
4 2679s Zaffire Bay (9) 58.5 47 S Collett
5 6 Lear Jet (5) 58.5 46
6 0 Boss Baby (2) 58.5 45 T Newman (a2)
7 Sarun (4) 58.5 45 D Danis
8 Game-Night SCRATCHED
9 Aoido (6) 56 47 J Fawcett
10 Ottavio SCRATCHED
11 Lil El Gee Dee (1) 56 47 C Grylls
12 6s Savasilk (7) 56 46 D Johnson

5 Cambridge NZ Riding For The Disabled 2.50
\$12,000, maiden 3yo, 970m
1 367s2 King Of Reds (10) 58.5 54 C Grylls
2 625s6 Divine Dude (7) 58.5 51 B Rogerson (a3)

3 37s Mercurial (1) 58.5 50 W Pinn (a2)
4 6s Eagle Tarzan (5) 58.5 47 M Cameron
5 Shakeout (8) 58.5 47 D Johnson
6 Freewheelin (2) 58.5 45
A Goindasamy (a1) SCRATCHED
7 Game-Night SCRATCHED
8 4 After Party (4) 56.5 50 S Collett
9 Aoido (3) 56.5 47
10 Idyllic (9) 56.5 47
11 Lil El Gee Dee SCRATCHED
12 6s Savasilk (6) 56.5 46

6 Martin Collins New Zealand 3.29
\$12,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 970m
1 22233 Darci Palmer (8) 61 65 C Grylls
2 Ottavio SCRATCHED
3 7917s Valetti (5) 59.5 62 S Collett
4 17452 Pretty Rossa (1) 59 65 M Cameron
5 s7516 Shampagne Dancer (7) 59 65 M J Sanson (a4)
6 9699s Quick Preview (4) 58.5 60 S Spratt
7 07636 Roc Cha (10) 58 62
8 97265 Beltoy (6) 57.5 62 B Rogerson (a3)

7 Cambridge Equine Hospital 4.04
\$12,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 2000m
1 14002 La Casa (11) 61 65 S Collett
2 10s62 Parker Lewis (1) 60 63 M Cameron
3 Alameda SCRATCHED
4 42221 Hard Done (5) 59.5 62 M McNab
5 02976 Solid Contact (6) 57.5 58 M J Sanson (a4)
6 65250 Willy Away (4) 57.5 58 D Johnson
7 86658 Ginger Too (2) 56.5 56 S Spratt
8 06946 Lord Polonius (3) 56.5 56 T Yanagida (a1)
9 50470 Mr Bazamour (7) 56 55 W Pinn (a2)
10 08763 Garnet (8) 55.5 58 K Asano (a)
11 s0970 Ele Makfi (9) 55 57 C Barnes
12 02976 Floral Belt (10) 55 55 A Goindasamy (a1)
EMERGENCY:
13 00598 Youmirrorlies (12) 55 45

Wanganui greys at Hatrick Wednesday Jetbet 3 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

Selections
Race 1: BIG TIME LAD, CHECK ME OUT, COILED SPRING
Race 2: OSCAR'S REALITY, EXPRESS WAY, BIG TIME ADISON
Race 3: BIG TIME SEATTLE, BIG TIME STUNNER, SUPER GOLD
Race 4: BIG TIME MAC, BIG TIME ELSA, JILLIBY JAC
Race 5: THRILLING MAPLE, CHOICE SISTER, PORCELAIN PANDA
Race 6: BIG TIME HAUTU, ALLEGRO KAIRO, JOHNY MOWHAWK
Race 7: BIG TIME FLAME, BIG TIME REHAN, BIG TIME RYDER
Race 8: HIGHVIEW TIGGER, RAPID RENEGADE, OPAWA JODY
Race 9: HARDCORE BART, KINETIC BOW, ARIANA SUNSET

1 Welcome To Hatrick Heat 1 12.02
\$1900, CO, heat, 305m
1 37553 Check Me Out n/wtd Sue Gommans
2 52433 Big Time Lad n/wtd Lisa Cole
3 54758 Hardcore Spartan n/wtd Agent & Williams
4 Coiled Spring n/wtd Bill Hodgson
5 47s7 Flip It n/wtd John McInerney

6 87s Harry Home n/wtd Carol Morris
7 3643F Hardcore Lisa n/wtd Agent & Williams
8 44484 Al's Casino n/wtd Lana Pearce
EMERGENCIES:
9 67874 Endless Style n/wtd J & D Bell
10 37867 Tiny Taylee n/wtd Sammy Stone
2 Pearsons Farms Heat 2 12.20
\$1900, CO, heat, 305m
1 82266 Big Time Adison n/wtd M S Clark
2 87767 Midnight Moo n/wtd Sammy Stone
3 6685 With Batter n/wtd Carol Morris
4 58482 Feel The Madness n/wtd Sue Gommans
5 225F3 Oscar's Reality n/wtd K A Lincoln-Papuni
6 65765 Hardcore Pig n/wtd Agent & Williams
7 7s37F Big Time Helena n/wtd Peter Clark
8 Express Way n/wtd Carol Morris
EMERGENCIES:
9 67874 Endless Style n/wtd J & D Bell
10 54688 Pachinko n/wtd Linda Martin

3 Lance Green Accountant 12.37
\$3500, CO, 520m
1 67 Delphi's Ace n/wtd Bill Hodgson
2 858 Allegro Robbie n/wtd Lisa Cole
3 55534 Flashback Fred n/wtd Sammy Stone
4 F84 Big Time Stunner n/wtd Lisa Cole
5 585 Joan Jet n/wtd Bill Hodgson

6 Big Time Seattle n/wtd Lisa Cole
7 457 Dangerous Edge n/wtd Bill Hodgson
8 366 Super Gold n/wtd Bill Hodgson
4 Kernow Construction D Feature 12.55
\$4000, C1, distance, 645m
1 25365 Big Time Elsa 38.22 Lisa Cole
2 64436 Big Time Scooter n/wtd Lisa Cole
3 87676 Big Time Tasty n/wtd Lisa Cole
4 51537 Bigtime Ava 38.50 Peter Clark
5 Vacant Box Five - n & a
6 64341 Big Time Mac 38.34 Lisa Cole
7 13863 Jilliby Jac n/wtd Lisa Cole
8 37357 Big Time Odette 38.33 Lisa Cole

5 racingtips.co.nz 1.12
\$2100, C2, 305m
1 81842 Porcelain Panda 17.78 Lana Pearce
2 21426 Choice Sister 17.77 Carol Morris
3 41318 Big Time Zinger 17.97 Lisa Cole
4 11735 Allegro Lexxi 17.63 Agent & Williams
5 11147 Allegro Zac 17.83 Lisa Cole
6 55618 Big Time Melody 17.93 Brian Marsh
7 84111 Thrilling Maple 17.78 S J Phillips
8 36312 Opawa Lyndsay 17.73 Marcie Flipp
EMERGENCIES:
9 56715 Waiting Game 17.79 Wendy Kite
10 18887 Yesenia 17.64 Deb Edlin

6 Palamountains Scientific Nutrition 1.30
\$2100, C2, 305m
1 17F36 Hardcore Jet 17.72 Agent & Williams
2 72357 Paving Way 17.76 Lana Pearce
3 53545 Yarn Sister 17.74 Carol Morris
4 22321 Johnny Mowhawk 17.91 David Denbee
5 18222 Milo Tonight 17.80 Lana Pearce
6 17132 Allegro Kairo 17.85 Lisa Cole
7 31444 Big Time Hautu 17.75 Brian Marsh
8 63248 Big Time Quinn 17.73 D P Symes
EMERGENCIES:
9 24776 Bailey And Cream 17.84 J & D Bell
10 15253 Hobson 17.85 John McArthur

7 Accell Canine Therapy 1.47
\$2800, C1, 520m
1 57711 Big Time Ryder 30.39 Lisa Cole
2 62242 Kinetic Bow 30.50 Lisa Cole
3 76135 Big Time Ridge n/wtd Lisa Cole
4 65244 Big Time Jarred n/wtd Agent & Williams
5 35542 Big Time Cherry 31.04 Lisa Cole
6 73224 Allegro Ruby n/wtd Lisa Cole
7 13673 Big Time Juicy 30.69 Lisa Cole
8 2411 Big Time Flame 30.60 Lisa Cole
EMERGENCIES:
9 15537 Big Time Clover 30.46 Lisa Cole
10 332s3 Stay Warm Clyde n/wtd Lisa Cole

8 Hatrick Dash 2.02
\$2000, C1, 305m
1 44342 Rapid Renegade 17.89 Richard Waite
2 35866 Ahuroa Whizz 18.46 Robert Murray
3 73431 Opawa Jody 17.70 Marcie Flipp
4 21513 Highview Tigger 17.73 G & S Fredrickson
5 51388 Big Time Nora n/wtd Lisa Cole
6 27673 Big Time Noah 17.90 Peter Clark
7 32688 Homebush Fury n/wtd John McInerney
8 8574s Alamein Beauden 18.28 Kettlewell & Phillips
EMERGENCIES:
9 45776 Pliskova 17.87 S E Hunt
10 65686 Dottie Bell 17.87 Leanne Bell

9 Lance Green Accountant 2.25
\$2000, C1, 305m
1 44686 Gotcha Max 17.89 Sue Gommans
2 43322 Kinetic Bow 18.14 Kettlewell & Phillips
3 68742 Ariana Sunset 18.31 Robert Murray
4 2688s Allegro Moses 17.68 Lisa Cole
5 38775 Citizen Aguro n/wtd John McInerney
6 11447 Vegas Chops n/wtd Raewyn McPhee
7 76323 Hardcore Bart 18.04 Agent & Williams
8 13766 Idol Ziggy 17.67 Marcie Flipp
EMERGENCIES:
9 45776 Pliskova 17.87 S E Hunt
10 27558 Al's Witch 18.09 Lana Pearce

Extra Wanganui greys at Hatrick Wednesday Jetbet 9 TAB Doubles 1-2, 3-4 Trebles 2-3-4 Quaddies 1-2-3-4

Selections
Race 1: AL'S LOADED, OPAWA MARCIE, BIG TIME POKEMON
Race 2: ALAMEIN SAM, WONDER, KING THEODEN
Race 3: ALLEGRO MADDIE, BIG TIME LORNA, MOTHER'S TOUCH
Race 4: ALLEGRO BRYAN, HOMEBUSH MANDY, BIG TIME PORSCHE
EMERGENCIES:
9 45776 Pliskova 17.87 S E Hunt
10 27748 Shamrock Green 17.78 Carol Morris

1 Kernow Construction 2.44
\$2000, C1, 305m
1 65464 Opawa Marcie 18.07 Marcie Flipp
2 8744F Rainy River 17.63 S E Hunt
3 87143 Al's Loaded 17.94 Lana Pearce
4 84755 Punch On Scooby 18.22 John McInerney
5 53681 Adobe Pebbles 18.36 W Woods
6 21344 Big Time Pokemon 17.96 D P Symes
7 47326 Hardcore Kobe 18.40 Agent & Williams
8 77564 Agent Amy 18.06 John McInerney
EMERGENCIES:
9 45776 Pliskova 17.87 S E Hunt
10 27748 Shamrock Green 17.78 Carol Morris

2 racingtips.co.nz 3.01
\$2000, C1, 305m
1 85254 King Theoden n/wtd Pauline Blanche
2 14 Wonder 17.97 S J Phillips
3 43855 Clansman Douglas 18.16 Robert Murray
4 63684 Bound Up n/wtd John McInerney
5 87722 Hardcore Brute 17.99 Agent & Williams
6 74222 Alamein Sam 18.00 Kettlewell & Phillips
7 86765 Idol Steffie 17.62 Marcie Flipp
8 86534 Light Cruiser 17.91 Carol Morris
EMERGENCIES:
9 45776 Pliskova 17.87 S E Hunt
10 37788 Big Time Dandy 17.96 Lisa Cole

3 Accell Canine Therapy 3.20
\$2000, C1, 305m
1 23377 Mother's Touch 17.69 J & D Bell
2 47717 Big Time Carnage 18.10 Susie Kite
3 86644 Here's Hemi n/wtd John McInerney
4 62445 Big Time Lorna 17.88 Marcie Flipp
5 28844 Kinetic Angel 18.68 Kettlewell & Phillips
6 86657 Ahuroa Lady 18.21 Robert Murray
7 55672 Shot Of Class 17.85 Carol Morris
8 32721 Allegro Maddie 18.20 Lisa Cole
EMERGENCIES:
9 45776 Pliskova 17.87 S E Hunt
10 18676 Hardcore Kylie 17.82 Agent & Williams

4 Book Your Function @ Hatrick 3.39
\$2000, C1, 305m
1 86373 Paradox Prince 17.95 Bill Hodgson
2 84471 Big Time Porsche 18.15 M S Clark
3 12243 Allegro Bryan 17.92 Lisa Cole
4 4525F Alfie Damian 17.88 Peter Clark
5 75726 Alamein Graeme 17.96 Kettlewell & Phillips
6 26522 Homebush Mandy 17.66 Sue Gommans
7 15688 Big Time Chase n/wtd Fred Kite
8 83647 Homebush Millie n/wtd John McInerney
EMERGENCIES:
9 45776 Pliskova 17.87 S E Hunt
10 88747 Opawa Gravel n/wtd Marcie Flipp

New South Wales races at Randwick Kensington Wednesday

Selections
Race 1: ANTONIO GIOVANNI, MOKULUA, VYNER
Race 2: LADY FRAULEIN, THE POACHER, LADY PIAF
Race 3: DREAM RUNNER, SHIBLI, KHAALIS
Race 4: JOJO WAS A MAN, ITA, CRAZY TRAIN
Race 5: EXPRESS PRINCESS, SPLENDIFEROUS, PROMISE OF SUCCESS
Race 6: OVERMANN, A VERY FINE RED, ESCAPE ARTIST
Race 7: ESCAPED, PROMOTIONS, ASHIM

1 Vinery Handicap 3.25
\$50,000, 3yo Maiden, 1400m
1 Antonio Giovanni (8) 58 91 J Mc Donald
2 3 Moridan h (6) 58 99 J Collett
3 2s Vyner h (5) 58 97 J Parr
4 2s32 Mokulua (2) 57.5 100 N Rawiller
5 82s4 Clyde (4) 56 93 T Sherry (a2)
6 3 Willowy (9) 56 95 J Bowman
7 4 You Are Persistent (3) 56 99 G Boss
8 67s Brave Boy (7) 55.5 88 J Ford

2 1st Magna Grecia Foals Plate 4.00
\$50,000, 3yo Maiden SW, 1100m
1 5304 Air Command h (3) 57 91 J Van Overmeire (a1.5)
2 Gracilistyla (11) 57 90 J Bowman
3 40s88 Mandalong Cash (5) 57 91 B Ryan (a2)
4 Riviera Blue (10) 57 88 J Parr
5 The Poacher (9) 57 90 J Ford
6 60s Facetime (7) 55 83 Ms K O'Hara
7 6 I Am Brazen bh (8) 55 97 Ms R King
8 Lady Fraulein (4) 55 90 R Dolan
9 Lady Medaglia h (6) 55 90 S Clipperton
10 Lady Piaf (2) 55 93 J Mc Donald
11 s608s Lovin' Feelin' h (12) 55 93 T Clark
12 22 Mayrose bh (1) 55 100 J Collett

3 Buy @ Irish Sales Online 4.35
\$50,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 72, 1800m
1 76s27 California Longbow dwhn (4) 61 100 T Sherry (a2)
2 87505 Amoretti wn (5) 60 98 Ms E Hennessy (a3)
3 42153 Dream Runner dw (7) 59 100 J Bowman

4 Admire Park @ Arrowfield 5.10
\$50,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 72, 1550m
1 00461 Come Along cdwh (7) 60 91 J Parr
2 7s022 Balansa w (5) 58 93 A Adkins
3 14s74 Jojo Was A Man th (8) 57.5 100
4 1524s Mightybeel dbn (9) 57.5 92 T Clark
5 10s65 Head Of State (10) 56 95 J Mc Donald
6 2s211 Ita w (3) 56 98 J Collett
7 s1431 Crazy Train w (4) 55.5 100 S Clipperton
8 17s59 Segrill w (6) 55 92 B Ryan (a2)
9 52932 Buba w (2) 54 94 R Dolan
10 69385 Salsonic t (1) 54 90 T Sherry (a2)

5 TAB Handicap 5.45
\$50,000, 3yo & up F&M Benchmark 72, 1300m
1 1221s Express Princess w (1) 62.5 93 B Ryan (a2)

6 Earthlight @ Darley 6.20
\$50,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 72, 1150m
1 1130s I Say Hello (7) 60.5 96 J Bowman
2 09706 Kosciusko whn (11) 59.5 92 J Van Overmeire (a1.5)
3 12211 Superior Witness w (10) 59 94 J Ford
4 50s10 Coolotta wn (5) 58.5 89 B Ryan (a2)
5 s835s Torun w (13) 58 94 R Bayliss
6 0s20s Juan Diva b (6) 57.5 91 J Parr
7 65s52 Longbottom w (14) 57.5 92 T Clark
8 64234 Escape Artist tw (9) 56.5 95 Ms R King
9 4210s Overmann w (8) 56.5 93 J Mc Donald
10 73s13 Oh Please Dianna w (3) 56 100 N Rawiller

7 Heineken Handicap 6.55
\$50,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 72, 1400m
1 20s94 Darleb tdw (6) 60.5 95 R Bayliss
2 s4259 Ashim dwb (8) 60 95 T Sherry (a2)
3 02425 Promotions dw (4) 60 94 Ms R King
4 1709s The Grinder dw (7) 60 93 B Ryan (a2)
5 s9642 Escaped w (14) 58.5 91 N Rawiller
6 1408s Secretly Awesome (11) 58.5 88 J Parr
7 378s2 Super Contender dw (13) 58.5 99 J Mc Donald
8 289s1 Buzz dwb (1) 57 100 J Innes Jnr
9 40s34 Sequana w (10) 56 100 J Bowman
10 0605s Obvious Step tw (3) 55.5 94 S Clipperton
EMERGENCIES:
11 09602 Bluff 'n' Bluster dw (2) 56 97
12 55551 Anotherthinkcomin' wh (12) 56 95 T Clark
13 20015 Ladies' Gem wh (9) 55.5 88 G Boss
14 45681 Eden Vale dw (5) 54 86 J Ford

Western Australia races at Belmont Wednesday

Selections
Race 1: OUTSPOKEN LAD, BLACK FANTASY, LINDRAM WALTER
Race 2: RULELEE, DOWNTOWN TWIN, DIAMOND BLUE
Race 3: ELUSIVE DREAM, MINER ADDICTION, LOOKONCHINA
Race 4: STOCKTAKA, SURF POINT, EGG WHITE
Race 5: PEPPER ASSAULT, DARK CITY, WINNIE'S WINE
Race 6: SOMETHINGREADY, STELLAR VISTA, DOUBLE DEMERITS
Race 7: SPARKLING JEWEL, SEE YA CHAMP, SIR RACHELOT
Race 8: AGENT KENSINGTON, BERET, ROCKY PATH

1 Tabtouch-Better Your Bet 5.14
\$30,000, 3yo OMWLYSC, 1300m
1 1 Outspoken Lad cw (6) 60 100 W Pike
2 2 Black Fantasy (1) 58.5 97 J Azzopardi
3 85 He's A Lucky Lad b (2) 58 99 C Johnston-Porter
4 73s55 Lindram Walter (4) 57.5 97 L Ramoly (a2)
5 3780s Glacier Miss (3) 56 90 Ms K Yuill
6 58s35 Tahitian Red (5) 55 87 S Parnham

2 Mumm Champagne Plate 5.49
\$20,000, 3yo & up Maiden SW, 1300m
1 24342 Lookonchina (7) 58 93 Ms K Yuill
2 6s7s2 Miner Addiction (8) 56 99 Ms L Warwick
3 Into The Flames (11) 56 90 P Knuckey
4 5s4 Pale Rider (2) 55.5 97 Ms J Mc Naught
5 98s Buster's Force (10) 55.5 92 J Azzopardi
6 4 Justamiddy (6) 55.5 100 L Ramoly (a2)
7 05 My Conviction (12) 55.5 94 C Johnston-Porter
8 7 Elusive Dream b (9) 55.5 96 W Pike
9 Recalled (3) 55.5 93 C Parnham

3 Iron Jack Plate 6.24
\$20,000, 3yo & up Maiden SW, 1300m
1 24342 Lookonchina (7) 58 93 Ms K Yuill
2 6s7s2 Miner Addiction (8) 56 99 Ms L Warwick
3 Into The Flames (11) 56 90 P Knuckey
4 5s4 Pale Rider (2) 55.5 97 Ms J Mc Naught
5 98s Buster's Force (10) 55.5 92 J Azzopardi
6 4 Justamiddy (6) 55.5 100 L Ramoly (a2)
7 05 My Conviction (12) 55.5 94 C Johnston-Porter
8 7 Elusive Dream b (9) 55.5 96 W Pike
9 Recalled (3) 55.5 93 C Parnham

10 0s Zero Dawn (1) 53.5 88 P Carbery
EMERGENCIES:
11 2989s Shyster (4) 58 89 A Castle
12 5538s Mia Nobile (5) 56 91
4 Cool Ridge Handicap 6.59
\$25,000, 3yo & up Class 3, 2200m
1 73471 Surf Point dw (2) 60 99 K Dhurun (a3)
2 65322 Stocktaka b (3) 59 97 W Pike
3 s6071 Egg White t (6) 58.5 95 C Johnston-Porter
4 55150 Blaiszen Cazah cdw (5) 55.5 100 T Turner
5 26428 Three Eze wb (7) 55.5 97 R Hill
6 98s47 Twentythree Red td (1) 55.5 95 Ms J Mc Naught
7 08082 Time Stands Still (4) 54.5 90 S Parnham

5 Salinger Handicap 7.35
\$25,000, 3yo & up Class 3, 1000m
1 778s4 Double Jeopardy d (1) 61.5 88 Jett Stanley (a3)
2 11 Pepper Assault dw (6) 57.5 100 W Pike
3 2820s Snipillicious (8) 57.5 88 C Johnston-Porter
4 23864 Dark City db (4) 56.5 88 R Hill

5 7730s Artic Blue dw (5) 55 85 Ms J Mc Naught
6 4195s Dirty Dot (2) 54.5 86
7 36034 The Beach d (3) 54.5 92 Ms H Fitzgerald (a3)
8 00323 Winnie's Wine (7) 54 86 J Whiting
6 Free Entry To Belmont Park 8.15
\$25,000, 3yo & up Class 1, 1200m
1 2188 Double Demerits dw (9) 60 94 B Rawiller
2 s2108 Ozy Boy w (2) 60 94 Jett Stanley (a3)
3 31322 Somethingready tw (6) 59 96 P Harvey
4 1226s Stellar Vista (4) 59 100 C Parnham
5 2415s Kazoku b (5) 58 94 C Johnston-Porter
6 7s16s Let's Cut Loose d (3) 58 93 W Pike
7 40637 Powerful d (1) 57.5 96 K Dhurun (a3)
8 916s Twice Lucky d (8) 57.5 90 S O'Donnell
9 7822s Safety Bay (10) 55.5 90 Ms B Banovic-Edwards (a3)
10 67665 Royal Whisper w (7) 54 92 P Knuckey

7 Crown Perth Handicap 8.52
\$25,000, 3yo & up Class 1, 1700m
1 s6254 Olden (2) 60.5 91 M Pateman
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Dispirited Djokovic looking to future

TENNIS by Howard Fendrich, AP

NEW YORK — Novak Djokovic was, understandably, deflated. The quest to do something no man has done in more than a half-century took a lot out of him, physically and emotionally.

The No.1-ranked Djokovic acknowledged as much after crying during the last changeover of his 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 loss to Daniil Medvedev in the US Open final.

What the 34-year-old from Serbia was not ready to do after coming agonisingly close in his attempt to win all four Grand Slam tournaments in a single season was to concede anything in the long term.

There is a new batch of talent making a push toward the top of the sport, but he will press forward.

Yes, Djokovic had spoken beforehand of giving everything he had against No.2 Medvedev on Sunday, of treating it "like it is the last match of my career." And, yes, Djokovic did come out flat and was outplayed. Not the best combination for Djokovic: He had an off day; Medvedev had a great one. So, yes, Djokovic found the whole thing disappointing.

Of course he did. That's only natural. To play so well and give so much, for so long, under an intense spotlight and burdened by pressure,



UNDER PRESSURE:

Novak Djokovic (left) congratulates Daniil Medvedev after Medvedev won the men's singles final of the US Open tennis championships on Sunday. AP picture

from the outside and from within, is draining. No man had even won a year's first three major titles, let alone the full quartet, since Rod Laver in 1969.

"It was a lot to handle," Djokovic said.

He got 27 of the 28 victories necessary for a true Grand Slam.

He just couldn't get the 28th.

"Part of me is very sad," Djokovic said. "It's a tough one to swallow, this loss, I mean, considering everything that was on the line."

But he will play again, and he will resume his work to overtake rivals Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal and break their three-way tie for the most major championships earned by a man, 20. No one should, or would, be surprised if No.21 for Djokovic arrives just a few months from now at next year's Australian Open, a tournament

he has won nine times.

Even if the three men he faced in Grand Slam finals in 2021 are in their 20s — Medvedev, 25, at the Australian Open and US Open; No.3 Stefanos Tsitsipas, 23, at the French Open; No.7 Matteo Berrettini, 25, at Wimbledon, and there are other, younger, players moving up the ladder — Djokovic is not ready to step aside.

"The transition was inevitable," Djokovic said on Sunday.

"The older guys are still hanging on."

Well, he is, certainly.

Federer, who turned 40 on August 8, and Nadal, 35, both missed the US Open because of season-ending injuries.

It will be fascinating to see how Federer's latest knee operation and Nadal's chronic left foot pain affect them in future.

And it will be fun to watch whether the group a decade or more their junior, which includes 2020 US Open champion Dominic Thiem, 28, and the man he beat in that final and Djokovic edged in a five-set semi-final on Friday, Tokyo Olympics champion Alexander Zverev, 24, can make serious strides and win a major, or majors.

Medvedev talked on Sunday night about the boost he expects to receive from winning a Grand Slam after having been 0-2 in previous finals, and from doing it against Djokovic, of all people, during this season.

"For my future career, knowing that I beat somebody who was 27-0 in a year in Grand Slams . . . he was going for huge history, and knowing that I managed to stop him," Medvedev said, "it definitely makes it sweeter and brings me confidence for what is to come."

As well it should.

Djokovic already has reserves of such self-belief. He goes into every Grand Slam tournament visualising himself with the trophy. That is unlikely to change because of one setback.

"I still want to keep going, try to win more Slams, play for my country," he said. "Those are the things that motivate me the most, I think, at this point."

Raducanu surges to 23rd in rankings

TENNIS

NEW YORK CITY — British teenager Emma Raducanu has gained a remarkable 127 spots in the world rankings released by the WTA to reach 23rd after her shock US Open victory.

The 18-year-old became the first qualifier to win a grand slam when she defeated Canadian fellow teen Leylah Fernandez in New York.

Fernandez, 19, moved up 45 places to 28th following her final defeat.

Raducanu first made an impression as a Wimbledon wildcard earlier this summer but has yet to play a single regular tournament on the WTA Tour.

Australia's Ash Barty remains world No.1 on a best 10,075 points ahead of Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus on 7,720. — DPA

Teens light up US Open final

Raducanu the qualifier who swept all before her

TENNIS by Howard Fendrich, AP

NEW YORK — British teenager Emma Raducanu arrived in New York last month with a ranking of 150th, just one grand slam appearance to her name and a flight booked to head out of town after the US Open's preliminary rounds in case she failed to win her way into the main tournament.

And there she was in Arthur Ashe Stadium on Saturday (Sunday NZ time), cradling the silver trophy to complete an unlikely — indeed, unprecedented — and surprisingly dominant journey from qualifier to major champion by beating Canadian teenager Leylah Fernandez 6-4 6-3 in the final.

"You say, 'I want to win a grand slam.' But to have the belief I did, and actually executing, winning a grand slam," Raducanu said, "I can't believe it."

Who could?

It's all so improbable.

Until three months ago, she had never played in a professional tour-level event, in part because she took 18 months off for a combination of reasons: the pandemic and her parents' insistence that she complete her high school degree.

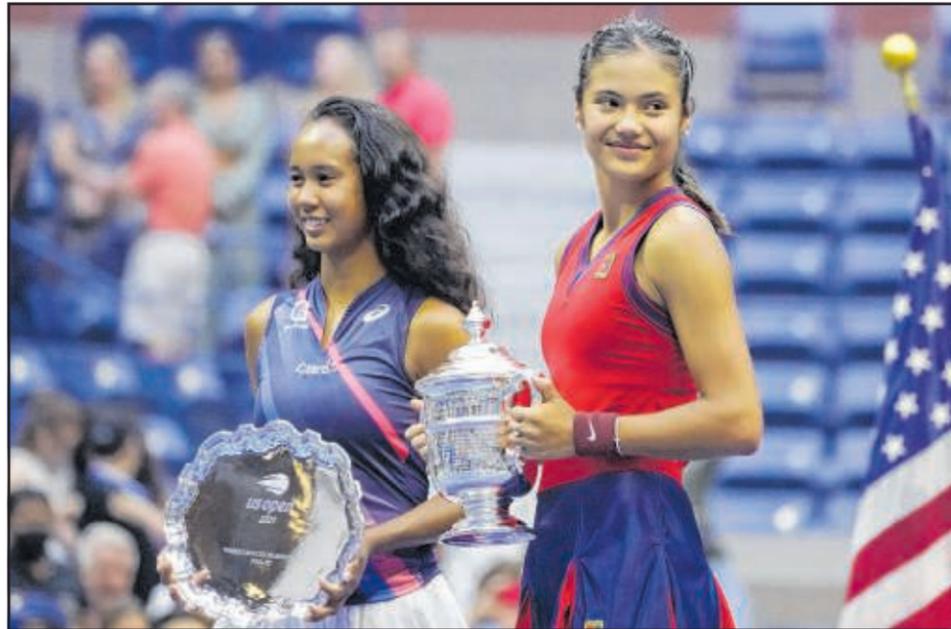
"My dad is definitely very tough to please," the 18-year-old Raducanu said with a smile on Saturday evening. "But I managed to today."

She is the first female qualifier to reach a grand slam final, let alone win one. She captured 10 matches in a row at Flushing Meadows — three in qualifying, seven in the main draw — and is the first woman to win the US Open title without dropping a set since Serena Williams in 2014.

Raducanu, who was born in Toronto and moved to England with her family at the age of two, also is the first British woman to win a grand slam singles trophy since Virginia Wade at Wimbledon in 1977. Queen Elizabeth II sent a congratulatory note, hailing the victory as a "remarkable achievement at such a young age".

There were more firsts, too, emblematic of what a rapid rise this was. For example: Raducanu is the youngest female grand slam champion since Maria Sharapova was 17 at Wimbledon in 2004.

This was the first major final between two teens since Williams, 17, beat Martina Hingis, 18, at the 1999 US Open; and the first between two unseeded women in the professional era, which began in 1968.



TEENS TO THE FORE: Britain's Emma Raducanu (right) poses for photos with Leylah Fernandez, of Canada, after she defeated Fernandez in the women's singles final of the US Open tennis championships in New York on Saturday (Sunday NZ time). AP picture

Fernandez, whose 19th birthday was on Monday last week and who is ranked 73rd, was asked during a pre-match interview in the hallway that leads from the locker room to the court entrance what she expected Saturday's greatest challenge to be.

"Honestly," she responded, "I don't know."

Fair. Neither she nor Raducanu could have.

This was only Fernandez's seventh major tournament; she hadn't made it past the third round before.

As tears welled in her eyes after the final, she told the Arthur Ashe Stadium crowd: "I hope to be back here in the finals and this time with a trophy — the right one."

Moments later, she asked for the microphone so she could address the 23,703 spectators again on the anniversary of 9/11.

"I just want to say that I hope I can be as strong and as resilient as New York has been the last 20 years," said Fernandez, born a year after the terrorist attacks. "Thank you for always having my back. Thank you for cheering for me."

Both she and Raducanu displayed the poise

and shot-making of veterans at the US Open — not two relative newcomers whose previous head-to-head match came in the second round of the Wimbledon juniors event three years ago.

The talent and affinity for the big stage both possess is unmistakable.

One of the significant differences on this day: Fernandez put only 58 percent of her first serves in play and finished with five double-faults, helping Raducanu accumulate 18 break points.

"I, unfortunately, made one too many mistakes in key moments," Fernandez said, "and she took advantage of it."

Raducanu broke to go up 4-2 in the second set, held for 5-2 and twice was a point from winning the title in the next game. But under pressure from Fernandez, she let both of those opportunities slip away by putting groundstrokes into the net.

Then, while serving for the match at 5-3, Raducanu slid on the court chasing a ball to her backhand side, bloodying her left knee while losing a point to give Fernandez a break chance. Raducanu was ordered by chair umpire Marijana

Veljovic to stop playing so a trainer could put a bandage on the cut.

So what went through Raducanu's mind during that delay of more than four minutes at a critical juncture?

"I was really trying to think what my patterns of play were going to be, what I was going to try to execute," she said.

"Going out there facing a break point after a disruption isn't easy. I think I managed to really pull off the clutch plays when I needed to."

As if she'd been there before, Raducanu saved a pair of break points after the resumption, then converted on her third chance to close it out with a 108-mile-an-hour ace. She dropped her racket, landed on her back and covered her face with both hands.

Eventually, she made her way into the stands to celebrate with her coach and others.

"That's something that you always think of, you always work for," she said.

Fernandez's group — including two sisters and Mom but not Dad, who stayed home in Florida, where they moved after her early success in the juniors several years ago — was in the guest box on the opposite end of the court, the one assigned to the higher-ranked player.

That's a status Fernandez was unaccustomed to as she beat four seeded women in a row, each in three sets: defending champion Naomi Osaka and 2016 champ Angelique Kerber, No. 2 Aryna Sabalenka and No. 5 Elina Svitolina.

That meant Fernandez came in having spent more than 12½ hours on court through her six matches; Raducanu's main-draw total was about seven and a half hours.

That seemed to be a factor, particularly over the second half of the one-hour, 51-minute final.

From 4-4 in the opening set, Raducanu took eight of the last 11 games. When she broke to take that set with a well-paced, well-placed forehand winner down the line, she stared at her entourage, then whipped her arms — and the fans reacted.

Raducanu's only previous grand slam tournament came at Wimbledon, where she stopped playing during the fourth round because of trouble breathing. That was in July, when Raducanu was ranked outside the top 300 and an unknown.

And now? She will rise into the WTA's top 25. She earned \$2.5 million. She is famous in Britain and the world over. She is now, and forever, a grand slam champion.

How quickly everything has changed.

Brisk action makes memorable quarterfinal clashes

BASKETBALL by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

NOBODY wasted their minutes last night.

So cognisant were Gisborne's club basketball players of how much they'd missed the game that they made Week 13 one to remember.

The John McFarlane Memorial Sports Centre at Gisborne Boys' High School was the site of three fast-paced, thrill-per-possibility quarterfinal clashes: the Champion College Juniors won the 4 v 5 crosstown derby with Lytton High School 58-57, despite Raenin Pihema's magnificent 24 point-game for LHS.

Pihema's teammate Caleb Poole stumped up with nine points; the big hard-nosed forward is one of the league's most consistent players.

But in Allies Rangihuna, Te Haora Kerekere-Puke, Felix Sparks and Keanu Reedy, the Champion Juniors had four players score in double-figures,

and that, as much as defence, rebounding or whatever else, proved to make the one point difference between the teams.

In Game 2 at Boys' High, 3 v 6, the GBHS Senior B crew beat the Gisborne Boys' Junior B outfit 66-29 in a game with even low-scoring among individuals: Levi Harris of the older lads was the only player to score in double-figures (11).

Game 3, a 1 v 2 "friendly" between competition leaders GBHS Junior A and the Champion Cougars went the way of Champion 44-42. Dom Wilson scored 15 points for the A team: he was, like Lehi Harris in the previous fixture, the only player on the floor to put up double-figures.

At the YMCA, Courtney Stubbins of the Masters may only have scored three points in a 39-47 loss to Manu Toa but in all other aspects, excelled in the women's league opener.

Stubbins stripped an

unsuspecting Natalie Mackey of the ball with the score at 4-4 as that skilful veteran set herself to score. Three-and-a-half minutes into the third quarter, the lively guard followed the play to score off a put-back. She had a split-second before she got the ball to Reremoana Bartlett-Tamatea on the run, for 21-32.

"I would have liked that game more if we'd won it," said Hutt Valley native Stubbins, who took the game up at the age of 12 and started at point-guard for the national championship-winning Hutt Valley-Porirua Flyers (now known as the Capital Swish) in 2013.

Wanita Tuwairua-Brown led the Masters scoring with 14 points last night and the slight but skilful Jamieson Tapsell responded with 13 for Manu Toa.

Tapsell took some knocks, but her energy and effort never flagged. In Game 2, the very capable Ritana Toa had both experience and class on Gisborne

Girls' High School to the tune of 68-31, to take nothing away from the Thomas Tindale-coached GGHS' improved structure.

Ohomauri Hailey, O'Shae Rangihaeata and Amoe Wharehinga scored in double-figures for Ritana: Hailey's left-handedness and Wharehinga's hustle were crucial factors.

Tonight's fare at both the YMCA (Men's Premier Grade) and the Sports Centre (Men's Open B Grade) will start at 5.30pm in each case.

Women's competition, YMCA
4v5 — MASTERS 39 (Wanita Tuwairua-Brown 14, Reremoana Bartlett-Tamatea 7, Dyani Johnson 7) Manu Toa 47 (Jamieson Tapsell 13, Atahua Matahiki 11, Te Amo Te Rauna-Lamont 8) - Q1 MANU TOA 14-6, HT 28-18, Q3 36-30.

3v6 — RITANA TOA 68 (Ohomauri Hailey 22, O'Shae Rangihaeata 12, Amoe Wharehinga 10, Shean Edwards 9) GISBORNE GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL 31 (Natasha Porter 11, Riley Lewis 9) - Q1

RITANA 14-6, HT 28-18, Q3 36-30.

1v2 non-competition fixture — NGATO POROUVTURANGA — not played

7v8 non-competition fixture — SE SYSTEMSVTURANGA HEALTH — score not recorded

Secondary schools' division, John McFarlane Memorial Sports Centre
4v5 — LYTTON HIGH SCHOOL 58 (Raenin Pihema 24, Caleb Poole 9) CAMPION COLLEGE JUNIORS 59 (Allies Rangihuna 16, Te Haora Kerekere-Puke 15, Felix Sparks 12, Keanu Reedy 10) - Q1 LHS 16-10, HT 34-26, Q3 50-39.

3v6 — GBHS SENIOR B 66 (Levi Harris 11, Kapreece Clay 9) GBHS Junior B 29 (Hosea Rasene-Kairau 8, Manahi Wilson 7) - Q1 GBHS SENIOR B 20-0, HT 35-10, Q3 50-20.

1v2 — non-competition fixture — GBHS JUNIOR A 42 (Dom Wilson 15, Kyla Leach 7) CAMPION COUGARS 44 (Fletcher Miller 9, Allen Arnaldo 8, Robert Fysh 6, Jovan Potter 6) - Q1 GBHS 8-6, HT 19-15, Q3 CAMPION COUGARS 32-26.

Move planned for Women's Tennis Association Finals

TENNIS

THE season-ending WTA Finals will be held in Guadalajara, Mexico instead of Shenzhen, China this year and will begin on November 8.

The WTA Finals, contested by the world's top eight singles players and eight doubles teams, was cancelled last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Ashleigh Barty won in 2019.

In July, the WTA removed the Asian swing of tournaments from its calendar for a second successive year due to the pandemic, with only the WTA Finals' fate uncertain.

"We are excited to bring our showpiece tournament to the exciting and vibrant city of Guadalajara in this unique year," WTA Chairman and CEO Steve Simon said on Monday.

The WTA Finals will return to Shenzhen from 2022 until 2030. — AAP



'FARMYARD BRAWL': Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton, of Britain, and Red Bull driver Max Verstappen, of the Netherlands, collided during the Italian Formula One Grand Prix, at Monza in Italy. Formula One's governing body is now investigating the incident, not least to learn whether any safety aspects of the cars can be improved. AP picture

Sportsword

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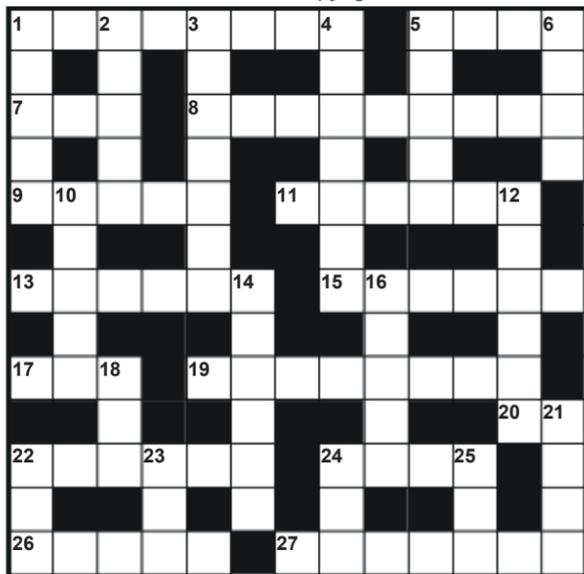
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Across

- 1 First All Black back to reach 100-Tests milestone (8)
- 5 Crusaders All Black lock giant 2013-17 (4)
- 7 Kiwi league legend nicknamed "The Beast", Kevin -- (3)
- 8 Name of method used to revise target score in limited-overs cricket, -- -Lewis (9)
- 9 Former All Black strongman, -- McDowell (5)
- 11 English referee played controversial role in All Blacks' shock 2007 World Cup quarter-final exit (6)
- 13 Hurricanes All Black lock 2013-15 (6)
- 15 2011 World Cup-winning All Blacks' "accidental hero" (6)
- 17 Winner 1959 Wellington Cup, -- Royal (3)
- 19 Prolific try-scoring All Black winger 2003-20 (8)
- 20 Cricket extras, abbrev (2)
- 22 British and Irish Lions' former Chiefs midfielder, -- Aki (6)
- 24 Former All Blacks scrum guru, Mike -- (4)
- 26 Celebrated All Black utility back 1955-63, Pat -- (5)
- 27 Kiwi surprise packet matched 3 down's effort with Tokyo men's omnium silver (7)

Down

- 1 Coached All Blacks to 1995 World Cup final (5)
- 2 -- forward (5)
- 3 Kiwi track cycling whiz won Tokyo Olympics women's keirin silver medal (7)



- 4 Auckland rugby league Hall of Famer, Ron -- (7)
- 5 Legendary Taranaki five-eighth/centre, Ross -- (5)
- 6 Qatar's capital city scheduled to host 2022 football World Cup final (4)
- 10 Pakistan-born South African spinner, Imran -- (5)
- 12 All Black centre early 1980s also represented his native England (6)
- 14 Stephen Moore's successor as Wallabies captain (6)
- 16 Kiwi rugby league prop emerged 1960s, -- Danielson (5)
- 18 Wallabies Hall of Fame halfback, -- Catchpole (3)
- 21 Manchester United's Irish

- football genius 1960s-70s (4)
- 22 Rowing crew position (3)
- 23 Dual Australia-NZ rugby international, -- Connor (3)
- 24 Cricket shot (3)
- 25 US men's basketball competition, abbrev (3)

Solution No 68



Safety experts to look into Monza collision

MOTORSPORT

FORMULA One's governing body will investigate the Italian Grand Prix crash between title contenders Max Verstappen and Lewis Hamilton because it was "unusual", according to the race's Australian director Michael Masi.

Masi said that although the collision was relatively low-speed, the FIA's safety experts would still take a look.

In the crash Verstappen's Red Bull lifted up off a kerb and landed on Hamilton's Mercedes, with the inside of a rear wheel hitting the seven-time world champion's helmet through the protective halo.

"Incidents that are different, so it's not necessarily high G impacts or anything like that, but are unusual, we do look at," said Masi.

"Our safety department does look at them in detail, investigate and see what we can learn and what we can improve for the future. That's how we have a whole lot of the safety features that we have today, and will continue to evolve into the future.

"We are already collecting all of the data, so we have all of the information and that will all go to our safety department together with any photographs and anything else we have along the way."

The Monza stewards blamed championship leader Verstappen and

handed the Dutch 23-year-old a three-place grid drop for the next race in Russia.

Ross Brawn, F1 boss, said: "It's clear both drivers could have avoided it. It's another consequence of two guys going head to head and not wanting to give an inch.

"It's a shame they ended up in the gravel because it could have shaped up to be a great race, and we were deprived of that.

"I wouldn't say it has changed the dynamic. You've got two cockerels in the farmyard at the moment and we are seeing the consequence of it, and I don't think either will back off at any moment for the rest of the year. But I hope the championship is won on the track, not in the barriers or the stewards room."

Hamilton said it had been a shock to be hit on the head and the titanium ring had saved his life.

FIA president Jean Todt posted on Twitter a photograph of the Red Bull on top of the Mercedes with the comment "Glad the halo was there".

Several F1 drivers have credited the device for saving their lives, including Ferrari's Charles Leclerc and former Haas racer Romain Grosjean.

"I wasn't for the halo some years ago but I think it's the greatest thing that we brought to Formula One," he said after the device shielded his head when his car penetrated the barriers in a fiery crash in Bahrain last year. — AAP

'Monumental' swim takes its toll

TRIATHLON by Jack Malcolm

TAYLER Reid has struggled to 21st place in the weekend's instalment of the Super League Triathlon series in Munich.

Reid was unable to keep pace on the first bike leg after struggling with sickness in the lead-up to the race.

A monumental swim saw him come into the first transition in the lead as he aimed to snatch the short chute shortcut that is awarded to the first person on the bike.

Unfortunately for Reid, the short sprint up the hill after the swim left him "maxed out" and he struggled to quickly change equipment, falling to second place and missing out on the short chute, which saves an estimated five seconds.

The massive expenditure of energy early meant Reid couldn't keep pace with the lead group after he missed out on the short chute.

Reid was the second athlete eliminated, having expended all of his energy fighting for team points.

"I'm absolutely gutted," he said. "I got eliminated last week, and I said I never want to feel like that again, and to get that again just really, really hurts."

Although he didn't want to make excuses, Reid said he knew he wouldn't be on race pace after

being unwell in the week before the event.

"I wasn't 100 percent, but I wanted to do my best for the team. I knew if I gave it everything, I could get some points in the swim."

Often Olympic triathlons are decided in the run at the end, while the Super League Triathlon series uses an alternative race format that changes slightly every weekend to find the best triathlete in the world.

Competitors work in teams and as individuals over four races on as many weekends with \$1.25 million in prize money.

In Munich, the athletes did two laps of the course on the bike in a time trial format before a staggered start into two back-to-back sprint triathlons where anyone falling 45 seconds behind the leader at any transition was eliminated.

Reid sits 19th on the Super League series leaderboard after the first two events. Fellow New Zealander and team member Hayden Wilde slipped back from the top spot after winning the opening leg in London, settling into fourth place after finishing fourth in Munich.

The series heads to Jersey in the United Kingdom this weekend before wrapping up in the sunshine of California's Malibu the following week.



HARD GOING: Gisborne triathlete Tayler Reid gets into his work during the cycling leg of the men's pro race at the Super League Triathlon Munich event at the Olympiapark in Munich, Germany, on Sunday. Picture by Jesper Gronnemark/SuperLeague

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GISBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT

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Tolaga Bay	H 12:08am 12:52pm L 6:13am 6:49pm	Tolaga Bay	H 1:09am 1:55pm L 7:14am 7:53pm
Gisborne	H 12:36pm L 6:14am 6:50pm	Gisborne	H 12:56am 1:36pm L 7:12am 7:50pm
Wairoa	H 12:17pm L 5:59am 6:38pm	Wairoa	H 12:44am 1:16pm L 6:56am 7:37pm

SUN-MOON-MAORI FISHING GUIDE

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NZ SITUATION

A slow moving front over the upper North Island gradually drifts south tomorrow as a subtropical low approaches from the northwest. The low with associated fronts is expected to cross the North Island during Thursday and Friday. Meanwhile, a ridge dominates over the South Island, but a weak cold front moves over the far south and east on Thursday.

NZ TOMORROW

Auckland	rain	17
Hamilton	showers	14
Tauranga	showers	15
Rotorua	showers	12
Taupo	showers	11
Napier	showers	14
New Plymouth	showers	13
Palmerston North	fine	13
Wellington	showers	11
Christchurch	fine	10
Queenstown	fine	12
Dunedin	fine	11

GISBORNE READINGS

Taken at the Airport, for the 24 hours to 9am, Tuesday 14 Sep 2021

SUNSHINE hours	9.6
To date for September	100.2
Average for September	178.0
To date this year	-
To date last year	1589.7
WIND km/h	NW 81
Max gust on Mon 13 Sep	NW 81
RAINFALL mm	1.4
24 hours to 9am, Tue 14 Sep	1.4
To date for September	10.4
Average for September	87.0
To date this year	615.7
To date last year	677.4
EVAPOTRANSPIRATION mm	2.6
Daily average for past week	2.6
TEMPERATURE °C	
Maximum	17.7
Minimum	11.5
Grass minimum	11.0
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE	
At 9am 14 Sep (hPa)	1013.3
At 9am 14 Sep (inches)	29.92

WORLD TOMORROW

Adelaide	fine	7 20
Amsterdam	showers	14 22
Bangkok	rain	24 28
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New York	fine	21 31
Paris	showers	16 23
Perth	showers	9 21
Singapore	thunder	25 34
Stockholm	cloudy	10 16
Suva	showers	21 29
Sydney	showers	10 18
Tokyo	cloudy	20 26
Toronto	showers	17 22

GISBORNE CITY

TOMORROW	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Cloudy, with rain at times. Winds turning northeast in the morning.	Periods of rain. Light winds.	Rain. Strong southeasterlies developing.	Showers with southerlies.
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GISBORNE REGION

TOMORROW	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Cloudy, with rain at times. Winds turning northeasterly in the morning.	Rain, heavy for a time. Northeasterlies.	Rain. Strong or gale southeasterlies developing.	Showers with southerlies.

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Officials relieved YMCA available

NETBALL by Murray Robertson

RELIEF — that's the feeling in the netball fraternity after it was confirmed they could hold their premier semifinals and grand final at the YMCA this week.

But the games will be for the players and a limited number of support personnel only. No fans will be allowed at either the YMCA or Victoria Domain courts, due to Level 2 gathering limits.

However, fans will be able to watch the premier games on the Gisborne Netball Centre (GNC) Facebook page, where they will be live-streamed.

"It's a relief to know we are able to play out the remainder of our season," Gisborne Netball Centre manager Allisa Hall said.

"We are thankful to the YMCA for working with us to create a plan that will fit their requirements as a venue, and our game organisation."

Netball officials knew that fans would be disappointed that no spectators would be allowed at either the YMCA or at the GNC courts, Hall said.

However, the restrictions were needed in order for the limits on gathering numbers to be met.

Teams could name up to four non-playing officials who could be with the team at their match.

Teams would have prefilled contact-tracing forms to check off on arrival, so she asked that team representatives get in touch with her to list their four team officials.

The preliminary final games would be played at the YMCA tomorrow night.

"Teams will have to enter by way of the stadium doors facing the rear carpark," Hall said.

Teams in the 6pm game would need to leave the stadium before those for the second match were allowed in, she said.

To help make that work, the start of the second game had been put back to 7.45pm.

If extra time was needed in the first fixture and entry was delayed for the teams in the following game, officials would be flexible with the start time to ensure both teams had ample time to warm up.

At 6pm tomorrow, YMP Sunshine Brewery play Whangara Old Girls. At

7.45pm, F45 High School Old Girls play Claydens Waikohu (1). The winners go through to the grand final at the YMCA on Saturday.

The games will be previewed in The Herald tomorrow.

The senior finals will be played on Saturday at Victoria Domain and the draw will be in tomorrow's paper.

Each round would be followed by prizegiving for that game, as those players would have to leave the courts to allow in the teams for the next final.

"We will be in touch with teams to confirm details around entry, sign-in and team lists," Hall said.

"It's exciting to have some finalised dates and be able to get our season completed."

TWO-YEAR GAP MOOTED

Change proposed for World Cup tournaments

RUGBY

WORLD Rugby could consider the possibility of holding men's and women's Rugby World Cup tournaments every two years instead of four, a report says.

Since the inaugural men's tournament in 1987, the Rugby World Cup has been staged every four years. The next event takes place in France in 2023.

The first women's World Cup took place in 1991 and after a three-year gap until the next tournament in 1994, it has been held every four years since. The latest World Cup was set to take place this year in New Zealand but has been delayed until 2022 due to the Covid pandemic.

"Biennial World Cups have been considered before and they're definitely something that we will continue to consider," chief executive of World Rugby Alan Gilpin told the Telegraph.

"It's an interesting concept, especially when you think about the global development of the women's game, too," he added.

"But the men's calendar is very congested and complex, with a lot of different stakeholders, and we have to make sure we engage with them all before we consider a World Cup every two years."

It comes a week after FIFA announced plans to reshape international football by changing World Cup tournaments to every two years.

Gilpin, WC23 chief executive Claude Atcher and chairman of World Rugby Bill Beaumont met in Paris this week nearing



MORE FREQUENT TOURNEYS PROPOSED: All Black captain Richie McCaw (left) and first five-eighth Dan Carter with the Webb Ellis Cup after New Zealand won the 2015 Rugby World Cup final. World Rugby could look at holding the tournament every two years instead of four. Brett Phibbs/NZ Herald picture

the halfway point in the World Cup cycle to the start of the 2023 World Cup.

Other topics on the agenda were France 2023 ticketing issues, World Cup scheduling and possible World Cup expansion, the Telegraph reports.

FOOTBALL'S PLANS

Last week, FIFA detailed its plan for reshaping international football around playing the men's World Cup every two years despite European opposition that could lead to a boycott.

Joined by retired greats, FIFA unveiled the proposal but the pushback from Europe was immediate as UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin confirmed it could launch a boycott. European teams have dominated football's marquee event since Brazil won in 2002.

"We can decide not to play in it," Ceferin said in an interview with The Times.

About 80 former internationals, including World Cup winners, went to Qatar for two days of FIFA-hosted talks and emerged with consensus for playing the tournament twice as often.

"We all agreed with the new proposal of the calendar," said Brazil great Ronaldo, who went to four World Cups and won twice. He described FIFA's proposal as "just amazing".

Still, European football leader Ceferin said "as far as I know, the South Americans are on the same page" with resisting FIFA's plan.

"So good luck with a World Cup like that," Ceferin told The Times in the latest UEFA-versus-FIFA fight since 2016 when he and Gianni Infantino were elected to the presidencies of UEFA and FIFA respectively.

FIFA can expect opposition from Olympic sports to adding another World Cup that would absorb billions of dollars in commercial revenue and a huge amount of media attention.

If approved, a biennial World Cup would likely move to odd-numbered years to avoid clashing with the Summer Olympics which open in late-July in 2028 and 2032. — NZ Herald/AP

Policy change could get citizenship for Cooper

RUGBY

IT's interesting what a match-winning kick can do.

Wallabies match-winner Quade Cooper kicked his side to victory on Sunday with a last-minute penalty against the Springboks.

Cooper, who hadn't played a test since 2017, was faultless with his boot, kicking 23 of Australia's 28 points to defeat rugby's World Champions.

Now it appears his six-year quest to get Australian citizenship will finally end.

In July, Cooper opened up about feeling "disheartened" after being denied Australian citizenship four times since 2015.

The Sydney Morning Herald reports that today Australian Minister for Immigration Alex Hawke will announce a policy change that will allow people in Cooper's position to be granted Australian citizenship.

The 33-year-old was born in New Zealand but moved to Australia when he was 13.

Cooper took to Twitter this year to express his frustration at getting

his latest application denied and included the Australian Home Affairs department's formal response.

"Awkward moment @ausgov refuse your citizenship applications (again) ... wearing the green and gold 70 times apparently is not enough these days ... Cheers Shannon," Cooper tweeted.

"You can call me naïve, but when you've been out representing your country on the world stage ... you just expect when the time comes it (citizenship) wouldn't be too hard a process," he told the ABC in July. "When you are standing in the

stadium, the anthem is going and you look out into the crowd and you see all the support ... it's hard not to feel Australian."

In a strange set of circumstances, Cooper was deemed not to have provided sufficient evidence for satisfying the special residence requirements.

According to reports, successful applicants must have been based in Australia for the past four years.

That includes not being absent from the country for more than "12 months in total in the four-year period, including

no more than 90 days in total in the 12-month period prior to application".

Cooper's citizenship papers were reportedly not approved because he chose to play professional rugby abroad, including playing in Japan for the past two seasons.

The same issue affects Cooper's former Wallabies teammate Will Genia, who was born in Papua New Guinea and has also been rejected for Australian citizenship.

Genia, who played 110 tests for the Wallabies, plays in Japan for the Kintetsu Liners. — NZ Herald