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Objection to capital valuation hike heard by tribunal

by Sarah Curtis

KIWIFRUIT growers will know early next year whether a Land Valuation Tribunal agrees with Gisborne District Council's decision to increase capital valuations for holders of gold kiwifruit licences.

Grower Tim Tietjen's objection to the council's new approach to capital valuation was the subject of a tribunal hearing that took three days last week.

At the close of proceedings on Friday, Judge Jeff Smith reserved a decision but said it would be released within three months.

Mr Tietjen took his objection to the tribunal after the capital valuation on his 3.11-hectare Bushmere Road property shot from \$1.65m to \$4.1million.

The assessment was part of a three-yearly mass property revaluation for the district carried out last September by the council's newly-contracted valuation service providers Lewis Wright.

The decision to include the gold kiwifruit G3 licences as an "improvement" — that is "all work done or for the benefit of the land" — followed a meeting between the providers and valuer-general Neill Sullivan.

The move angered kiwifruit growers and caused the organisation that represents them nationally, NZ Kiwifruit Growers Incorporated (NZKGI), to fear other councils might follow suit. It applied for a High Court judicial review of the decision, which is on hold pending the Land Valuation Tribunal's decision of Mr Tietjen's case.

Mr Tietjen believes the council's decision is wrong because the licence is not attached to the land so cannot be viewed as an "improvement" for rating purposes.

The change means gold kiwifruit growers — of which there are 49 across 63 orchards in Gisborne — will pay significantly more for the same council services as their seasonal cropping neighbours.

The cost of G3 licences is closely guarded but Zespri publish a median price, which currently stands at \$550,000 a hectare. Industry gossip has growers paying as much as \$1million for on-sold licences.

The tribunal hearing dealt with legal issues on the concerns raised by Mr Tietjen, including whether the council's decision went beyond the confines of the 1998 Ratings Valuation Act and 2008 Rating Valuations Rules.

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PROMOTING POSITIVITY: Members of the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra spent three days in Gisborne at Tauawhi Men's Centre, encouraging dads and their tamariki to make music together. Pictured from left are Salem-Mahia Randall, Tim Marshall, Cathy Irons, Jane Nikora, Jonah Reynolds, Te Aorangi Harrington, Heaven-Sent Harrington, Ivan Maurirere, Jericho Bishop and Mark La Roche in front, leading the action.

Picture by Liam Clayton

'Music speaks to everyone'

by Avneesh Vincent

MUSICIANS, dads and tamariki gave a heartfelt performance to promote the health and safety of families.

The mini concert called Play for Peace was a collaboration between Tauawhi Men's Centre and the Gisborne International Music Competition (GIMC).

"What we are doing is promoting the message of having peace in families," said Tauawhi Men's Centre coordinator Tim Marshall.

The concert incorporated the theme of peace in line with the observation of White Ribbon Day last week.

"White Ribbon Day is specifically about men making a stand against men's violence towards women. We are making it more generally around having safe and healthy families," Mr Marshall said.

Cancellation of the Gisborne International Music Competition was confirmed in October. But organisers committed to a planned three-day residency at the

men's centre with musicians from the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra as part of the orchestra's community engagement programme.

Mr Marshall said with musicians on board, the centre decided to do "something different" this year instead of a march or a walk.

The orchestra players worked with fathers and tamariki over three days teaching music and writing original compositions.

GIMC manager Mark La Roche said the "real magic" was knowing the dynamics of song writing, "as you never know what is going to come out".

"Music is an amazing vehicle that brings people together. It's not just the audience but the performers as well since creating songs together is very unifying and builds strong relationships."

"The children can teach their dads and dads their children — everyone comes with their own skills," he said.

Cathy Irons, who plays first violin in the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra and

is the orchestra's community engagement programme leader said:

"Some kids know how to play an instrument but haven't learned how to share the music with the community. Mark and I kind of provide the open space and then we also work with schools and other places like here today," she said.

After dividing the men and their tamariki into several groups, the musicians worked with them before the concert to brainstorm ideas and how they could make them come alive.

"It's a balance of having a structure, knowing what we are going to do and creating the space for people to be themselves," she said.

Being inclusive, embracing new ideas and adapting to situations were key to music.

Cathy said one of the songs, Hallelujah, was one such example, as the group had incorporated the waiata-based music only that morning.

Cheering the musical bunch on was

Meredith Akuhata-Brown, an advisory trustee for the GIMC.

"We heard some strong messages and words but the music also made us feel good. It makes us realise how human we are, that we need to be able to smile during these hard times," she said.

With the White Ribbon movement being championed by key people over the years, "performances like these inspire moments that help reinforce the positive message that we need for each other".

"Men need to be able to cry and share their vulnerabilities."

"Today's performance is one of those serendipitous things that happen, without knowing that it happens, and is beautiful," she said.

GIMC Trust chair Dame Bronwen Holdsworth said it was stunning to see the level of talent and creativity displayed by the men and their tamariki.

"I think music speaks to everyone, its key part of our wellness and we look forward to do it again in future."

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Arts & Entertainment

- Artist and educator Nikau Hindin spoke with The Herald about her art and reviving aute, Māori tapa cloth.
- Calligrapher Raymond Crafts and potter Heather Van Wyk have come together for a special exhibition at Tairāwhiti Museum.
- Picture book illustrator Josh Morgan visited Manutuke School to read, sing and share his craft with the next generation.

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Rua to issue new shares to buy medicinal cannabis company for \$10m

TAIRĀWHITI-based Rua Bioscience intends to buy a fellow medicinal cannabis company for \$10m.

NZX-listed Rua entered into an agreement to acquire 100 percent of Zalm Therapeutics Limited, a New Zealand-based medicinal cannabis company, which has Australia's leading listed medicinal cannabis company, Cann Group, as one of its key shareholders and partners.

Rua is acquiring Zalm for \$10m equity value through the issue of new Rua shares at approximately \$0.41 per share. Rua anticipates completing the acquisition in late January 2022, subject to necessary Rua shareholder approval.

"Combining speed to market with long-term preferential access to substantial volumes of competitively priced product will enable the company to build a meaningful market presence faster and with a greater economy of scale than our current capacity, or that of any other New Zealand medicinal cannabis company," Rua chairman Trevor Burt said.

"This will significantly de-risk our business and reduce pressure on revenue."

If approved by

shareholders, Rua would acquire Zalm's third party supply contract for GMP-grade medicinal cannabis with Cann, including exclusive supply into New Zealand.

Cann is in the final commissioning phase of one of Australasia's largest and most technologically advanced indoor growing facilities at Mildura, Victoria.

The agreed purchase value will be satisfied through the issue of new Rua shares at approximately \$0.41, with \$3.3m paid on completion and remaining consideration paid in equal instalments (\$3.3m) conditional on Zalm achieving critical production, pricing and regulatory milestones.

Rua would ultimately issue 24,420,000 new Rua shares to Zalm shareholders — \$1m of Zalm cash is available to Rua immediately on settlement, with about \$500,000 held in escrow pending achievement of at least one of two milestones.

Rua chief executive Rob Mitchell said the deal would allow Rua to supply patients with two unique brands — Rua, a locally-produced, premium oil and flower produced in New Zealand; and Zalm's Australian-grown oil and dried flower.

'No option but to cancel'

FROM PAGE 1

POPULAR New Year events Wave and the Walter Findlay Family Fire in the Sky have been cancelled due to the region's vaccination level and Monday's announcement Tairāwhiti will be classified as red in the new Covid-19 traffic lights system.

The Fire in the Sky fireworks display held on January 1 and youth festival Wave are Gisborne District Council-funded and attract thousands of people.

However, council chief executive Nedine Thatcher Swann said the safety of the community was the highest priority.

"While it's very disappointing for everyone, we can't absolutely guarantee the safety of those attending," she said.

"With so many visitors to our region at this time and our vaccination rates

moving slower than expected, we have no other option but to cancel these events."

Walter Findlay Ltd has sponsored Fire in the Sky for the last 19 years and this is the first time it has been cancelled.

The decision to cancel was made jointly by the council and Walter Findlay.

Alyx Findlay, of Walter Findlay Ltd, said while disappointed "doesn't even begin to describe" their emotions, safety must come first.

"We were very much looking forward to what was supposed to be our 20th anniversary of sponsoring Fire in the Sky."

"It was supposed to be a very special display of world-class fireworks to inspire and celebrate the Gisborne community."

"Please go out and get vaccinated. Do it for your whānau, do it for the

community. We hope to bring back Fire in the Sky in 2023."

Rob Coe-Tipene, the council's event contractor for the past eight years, had hoped to see out the final year of his contract on a high note.

"Over the years Wave and Fire in the Sky have grown into special events, not just for the region but for myself, my team and everyone involved in the delivery," he said.

"Both events have nurtured local talent, supported local business and entertained our local community."

"We had planned to deliver two amazing events and end our eight years on a high note. We support this decision. Keeping the community safe is the main priority."

The MoreFM Gisborne Lions Annual Beach Dig scheduled for January is another Covid-related cancellation.



STAND AND DELIVER: Work on Rugby Park's John Heikell Grandstand started today after a Rongowhakaata-led blessing yesterday attended by (from left) Poverty Bay Rugby Football Union chairman Hayden Swann, Agnes Heikell (wife of the late John Heikell), PBRFU's Marty Bayley, Papa Charlie Pera, Rongowhakaata iwi trust manager George Brown and Kanoa - Regional Economic Development and Investment Unit regional adviser Shannon Williams. The \$8 million project was funded through the Covid-19 Response and Recovery Fund and is expected to be completed by mid-2023.

Picture by Liam Clayton

MISSION POSSIBLE

Health board dreaming of a double-vaxxed Christmas

by Wynsley Wrigley

HAUORA Tairāwhiti's board has not given up hope the district will be 90 percent double vaccinated by Christmas.

The Government target of 90 percent for the country could still be met in Tairāwhiti, health board chair Kim Ngarimu said to the board yesterday.

Ministry of Health projections indicate Tairāwhiti will reach 90 percent in mid-January.

Tairāwhiti and Northland have the lowest vaccination rates of the country's district health board areas.

Ms Ngarimu said the 90 percent target in Tairāwhiti "remained possible". However, it needed 1500 people to have their first dose this week to allow for the 21-day period before having their second dose before Christmas.

"That is the only way," she said. "We encourage those not vaccinated to please come through to one of the many clinics this week."

From the previous monthly board meeting, Tairāwhiti vaccination rates were 76 percent (of those eligible) having had at least their first dose and 61 percent their second dose, she said.

Those figures had increased to 86 percent for the first dose and 75 percent for the second.

Tairāwhiti needed about 16,000 doses when the Government originally set the 90 percent target. That had fallen to 7500, Ms Ngarimu said.

Huge progress had been made in the past month "but we are still not there".

Ms Ngarimu said there had been much political interest in Tairāwhiti and many visitors. The commitment and concern from Wellington was good "but it might feel like you're under the pump at times".

She may have been referring to Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, who, in Gisborne two weeks ago during a second recent visit to the district, said she looked at Tairāwhiti vaccination figures every day.

Hauora Tairāwhiti chief executive Jim Green said vaccine pop-up clinics in smaller communities had proved successful.

National promotional funding directed at Maori and Pasifika is "definitely having an effect". Tu Mai Tairāwhiti and the Vax to the Max campaign had been successful.

Mr Green said more than 50 people were vaccinated at Te Puia Springs during the weekend, 120 to 130 at Te Poho-o-Rawiri Marae on Sunday and 60-plus at the Tyndall

Road clinic.

Booster vaccines were available to people who had their second dose six months ago. Those people were primarily health and border workers, essential services workers, the elderly and those in residential care.

Na Raihania, the chair of Te Waiora o Nukutaimemeha — Hauora Tairāwhiti's iwi relationship board — said local iwi wanted Rhythm and Vines cancelled because of the Covid threat.

Ngati Porou had cancelled their Pa Wars and other similar gathering-type events had also been cancelled.

Iwi were acknowledging the impact of Covid and R&V organisers should do likewise.

Mr Raihania said he was concerned the new Covid-19 Protection Framework, known as the traffic light system, which starts on Friday, would encourage people from an orange area into a red area (such as Tairāwhiti) where vaccination rates were low.

"In a reverse way we are just adding more (potential) impact in a red light area."

Board member Robyn Rauna was concerned about all events coming to Tairāwhiti. She supported "reasoned decisions" about events attracting people who could bring Covid into the rohe.

Ms Ngarimu said only the organisers of R&V, or organisers of other gathering-type events, could decide whether their events went ahead.

"R&V can go ahead if they do it with 100 people. That's the reality (of operating in the red category)."

Mr Green said the R&V issue had been covered by Frequently Asked Questions released by the Government on Monday after the Prime Minister made her traffic lights announcement. Large outdoor events such as R&V could not go ahead under red as the limit was 100 people.

Newshub last night reported that R&V organisers would announce their decision today.

Asked if there was a specific push to get the 1500 first doses this week, Ms Ngarimu said there was a big vaccine push "every week", with a wide range of clinics and a communications driven by providers and Tu Mai Tairāwhiti.

Official figures show that in the week to Sunday, 1711 first and second doses were given in Tairāwhiti.

As of yesterday, the Tairāwhiti vaccine rate was 86.7 percent for the first dose and 76.1 percent for the second. Northland trails Tairāwhiti with vaccine rates of 85 and 76.



Deaths

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LISTER, Kaye. – Kaye was born on August 25, 1949, to Phil and Curly Cameron. With family by her side, her heart of gold stopped beating on Friday, November 12, 2021. Kaye was the most loved Mum of Vaughan, and a life-time partner to the late Henare Matete. Treasured sister and sister-in-law of Bette and Garry, Leigh and Maree. Kaye was a generous and much-loved Aunty to her many nieces and nephews, and an awesome Nan and Nannie Kaye to the next generations. Without doubt she was a true friend and mate to many. Kaye – enjoy a well-deserved rum on the other side. You are close to our hearts, you will always stay. Kaye's family thank you for your love and support over the last few weeks. In memory of Kaye, donations to the Stroke Foundation HB, can be made at her service or direct to Stroke Foundation HB.

A farewell to celebrate Kaye's life will be held in the Beth Shan Chapel, 157 Georges Drive, Napier, on Saturday, December 4, at 2pm. Due to COVID vaccine requirements, a vaccine pass must be presented to attend the service. If you require a livestream link, please email inmemoryofkaye@gmail.com

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Deaths

Surfing for farmers 'chance to step away'

by Murray Robertson

THE surf therapy initiative helping improve mental health and wellbeing in New Zealand rural communities will return to beaches across the country this summer and it has started already in Tairawhiti.

Surfing for Farmers returns for its fourth season across 21 locations.

It was launched in Gisborne in 2018 by Stephen Thomson and thousands of farmers around the country have taken up the initiative.

It has been going on Wednesday nights at Kaiaua, and kicks off in Gisborne at Midway Beach on December 7.

"Surfing for Farmers gives farmers and growers the opportunity to step away from what can be all-consuming business, get out on the water for a surf, enjoy a BBQ and share stories with others in the rural community," Stephen said.

All equipment and coaching is provided free of charge.

"It has been fantastic to see the growth of it and as we approach the kick-off of our fourth season, we are excited to be back, bigger and



WIDESPREAD: Surfing for Farmers has now spread to 21 locations across New Zealand, and farmer surfers like Ian Matthews and Warwick Allan from Gisborne, pictured here on a wave, have been having a ball and more importantly, de-stressing.

File picture

better than last year."

Over the winter months everyone has been busy organising all the logistics in the background, he said.

"It's amazing to see the growth of Surfing for Farmers running in 21 locations all over New Zealand coastlines.

"The mental health of those in the rural community continues to be an issue and it has been heartening to get such positive feedback from farmers and growers who tell us what a difference getting off the farm and into the surf can make."

The Surfing for Farmers initiative is supported by premium sponsors Ballance Agri-nutrients, Bayleys, NZ Beef and Lamb, Meridian Energy, Jarden and Rabobank.

"I'm keen to see numbers grow even further this summer."

"Surfing for Farmers is for everyone.

"We hope our regulars will pick up a neighbour and bring them down — and for first timers, come and have a go."

For more information on Surfing for Farmers, and locations, go to www.surfingforfarmers.com.

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AA planning to find new location in Gisborne

Venn said.

"We hope to find a new location in Gisborne for an AA agent in the new year so we can continue to provide driver and vehicle licensing, our suite of identification services and more, to residents."

Driver and vehicle licensing services are available at another provider in Gisborne.

The closest AA driver and vehicle licensing agent to Gisborne is in Wairoa at the Wairoa WOF Centre, 38 Freyberg Street.

At an AA centre you can also renew your driver licence, complete your learner licence theory test, complete vehicle licensing (rego),

pay road user charges, apply for an International Driving Permit, apply for your personal IRD number, verify your RealMe® identity, apply for a Kiwi Access Card, add a photo to a SuperGold card, join the AA, renew your AA membership and pick up travel maps and guides.

The closure will not affect practical driver licensing tests, which are done by VTNZ nationwide.

Gisborne Holdings Ltd, the district council's commercial arm, announced at its annual meeting last month it was in an advanced stage of negotiations with VTNZ regarding selling Gisborne Vehicle Testing.

Region's fire trucks are go

Firefighting capabilities unaffected by vaccination mandate

by Murray Robertson

THE Tairawhiti region's firefighting capabilities will not be impacted by the vaccination mandate imposed by Government on firefighters.

The Covid-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Order 2021 required more than 13,300 of Fire and Emergency NZ's personnel to have their first vaccination by the end of Monday (November 29) and their second jab by the end of January 14, to carry out their roles.

Tairawhiti area fire commander Peter Clark said they will be able to staff the region's fire trucks, both professional and volunteer, across the district.

"We can staff all our trucks as required," he said.

"Not everyone has met the vax mandate, and had the first jab, but only a few have opted not to have the vaccination, and we respect their decisions."

Mr Clark said none of the Gisborne professional fire staff have had to be stood down because they were unvaccinated, as was required under the Health Response Order.

"Of the few volunteer firefighters who have not been jabbed, most have gone on a three-month period of leave from their firefighting roles."

"All our volunteer brigades will respond to emergency calls as required."

The mandating requirements had created a lot of work across the country, Mr Clark said.

"But we are working through it, and the public can rest assured our services will continue as normal."

National Fire Commander Kerry Gregory said FENZ was, and always would be, committed to keeping New Zealand communities safe.

"No matter what, we will be there for our communities."

Mr Gregory said every day around 1800 career firefighters and 11,500 volunteers turn up to help communities in need.

"Our firefighters care deeply about serving their communities and keeping people safe."

"They are dedicated and remarkable people. In times of emergency, they will be there to help."

"By being vaccinated, and following

our strict Covid protocols, they are doing their part to reduce exposure and spread of Covid-19 in the community."

Latest national figures show 90 percent of Fire and Emergency personnel covered by the Order were fully or partially vaccinated, he said.

"This includes around 95 percent of our staff and 89 percent of volunteers covered by the Order."

"The remaining people have either not yet provided their vaccination status, or have chosen to remain unvaccinated," Mr Gregory said.

"As an emergency response organisation we always have contingency plans in place so we can respond when we're needed — it's what we do."

"On any given day there could be multiple incidents that we need to attend occurring at the same time."

"We plan for that and that's why we have contingency plans in place," he said.

"Right through the Covid-19 pandemic we've been planning for how we keep our communities safe and continue to respond if a brigade was impacted by Covid. Our contingency planning following the Health Order is an

extension of that."

Only two small brigades were not able to operate as of midnight on Monday.

They were the Inangahua brigade on the West Coast of the South Island and Matakana Island in the Bay of Plenty.

"We're disappointed they will have to temporarily book their trucks off service, but we are determined to get them operational again, and we'll continue to work with them and their communities to do so," Mr Gregory said.

"In the meantime, these communities can be assured in an emergency, they should call 111 — we have made contingency arrangements for them and help will still be on the way."

Mr Gregory said as always FENZ asked the community to be extra vigilant with fire safety.

"Make sure your smoke alarms are working and you have an escape plan. If there is a fire, get out and stay out."

"Don't overload your multiboards. Don't leave your cooking unattended," he said.

"No matter what, FENZ is committed to serving our communities across Aotearoa. We will still be responding to emergencies right across the country."

Correction or change?

FROM PAGE 1

In closing submissions, the lawyer for the council, Hamish Harwood, said the council's change to the valuation process was "a correction" — that its previous practice of taking licences out was incorrect and did not accord with the definition of capital value and the Ratings Valuation Act.

Mr Harwood said the key issue for the tribunal was whether the council was right to recognise the enhancement effect of the Sun Gold licence on this property.

The council's position boiled down to three main propositions, he said.

— There was clear authority for personal property such as consents, licences, and leases to be taken into account in capital valuations for rating purposes.

— Mr Tietjen himself agreed with valuers that the licence increased the potentiality and in turn the value of his property.

— The situation Mr Tietjen claimed should be valued — that is, his Sun Gold orchard without the licence — could not legally occur and did not occur in practice.

Mr Harwood said the third proposition should raise red flags for the tribunal in its task to establish what a bona fide purchaser and seller would transact the property for.

Mr Tietjen's counsel, Tiho Mijatov, said the council's approach was not a correction but a change in direction for the first time in New Zealand.

The council's position on enhancements to land was wrong in law and in valuation, he said.

It was a business mode of thinking rather than a capital value mode, Mr Mijatov said.

It was not the tribunal's task to assess the market value of the property, the business, or the production systems. The true value of a property was not required for ratings values, which were about relativity and

uniformity between every parcel of land in the country.

There had to be more than a mere nexus to an interest in land for an enhancement to sufficiently qualify as an improvement. It had to reach the higher threshold of having merged with the land and become incapable of being separately assessed.

That was not the case for G3 kiwifruit licences, which evidence showed was readily capable of being separately assessed. The licence was personal to the grower, not the land, and could be sold or transferred anywhere.

Mr Harwood was wrong to suggest the licence increased the "potentiality of the rating unit" because it did not — it increased the potentiality of the business, Mr Mijatov said.

The task was to assess the capital value of the land at its highest and best use as at September 1, last year, for the purpose of rating, which he noted was a property tax, not a profitability or income tax, Mr Mijatov said.

"Highest and best use" could differ from actual use, he said.

The council was acting outside of ratings law rules by creating a subcategory for gold kiwifruit that did not exist, Mr Mijatov said.

In this case, the "highest and best use" for this land according to the provisions of the current law was horticulture and perhaps the subgroup kiwifruit.

Mr Harwood argued gold kiwifruit was not developed until after the Ratings Act and that there was provision within the rules to further subdivide categories to include it.

Mr Mijatov submitted Lewis Wright managing valuer Ben Inder had conceded in evidence that the new ratings system had caused capital valuations to be, as Mr Mijatov said, "out of whack".

Mr Inder said it was due to the mass appraisal of September's revaluations. Anomalies would correct as properties were assessed individually.



STUCK TRUCK: The vehicle entrance to the Gisborne police station was blocked for a short time this morning after a truck calling into the station to pick up rubbish became firmly wedged in the entranceway. It happened at around 8.20am. "The truck's tyres were deflated sufficiently to be able to back it out on to the road, where a tyre company re-inflated the tyres," police said. "We already had enough vehicles out of the building so the incident didn't cause any issues, or delays in response." There was some superficial damage caused to the top of the entranceway. "Usually the rubbish contractors send a smaller truck."

Picture by Liam Clayton

Tropical start to summer

GISBORNE has stepped into the first day of summer with warm damp conditions, thanks to a strong airflow from the sub-tropics.

Meteorologists treat December 1 as the first day of summer on their calendar, while astronomers mark the solstice on Wednesday December 22 as summer.

The differences are somewhat technical and for simplicity New Zealand goes for three-month seasons, with summer starting on December 1.

Going on other factors, such as temperature and the magnificent burst of red pohutukawa blooms all over the city, Gisborne was ahead of the official start by at least two weeks.

November was dominated by sub-tropic winds from the north and eastern quarters, and the mean daily temperature for the month looks to

be almost two degrees warmer than usual.

Pohutukawa exploded into colour with their Christmas floral show halfway into November, with yellow-flowered flax close behind.

Urban legend has it that when pohutukawa flower early, it is the sign of a long hot summer — but science believes it is more an indication of good growing conditions in the preceding 12 months.

The US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says a La Niña system has developed, but they and our own National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research say that as yet it is weak.

Niwa's past two three-monthly forecasts have predicted warmer than usual weather for the Gisborne region, but average rainfall, soil moisture and river flows.

Another factor affecting New Zealand's summer weather is the possibility of a marine heatwave, such as happened in 2017.

However, this usually develops in the Tasman Sea and has less effect on the Gisborne-East Coast region.

Nonetheless, beachgoers and swimmers will be pleased to hear that over the past couple of weeks the water off the beach has warmed quite nicely, although not as much as the West Coast at Raglan or in the shallow waters of the Hauraki Gulf and Coromandel.

In October the water in the bay was at a cooler-than-usual 14.6 degrees, but by last week it had jumped to 17.6 degrees. It continues to be above 17 degrees, which is a degree warmer than usual for the time of year. — RH

Jury has 'straightforward' task

A WOMAN has told a jury that about 20 years ago — aged 16 and pregnant — she was staying with a friend's family when she woke to find her friend's father sexually assaulting her.

The 60-year-old man, who cannot be named for legal reasons, went on trial yesterday in Gisborne District Court after pleading not guilty to unlawful sexual connection and indecent assault of a girl aged between 12 and 16, in relation to a single event in 2004.

In opening remarks, prosecutor Amanda Bryant and counsel Adam Simperingham each said the jury's task was straightforward with no complicated issues of law or fact to decide. Their verdict would rest simply on whether they believed the complainant.

Mr Simperingham said his client "emphatically rejected" the allegations.

Jurors would need to consider whether the man, who has a disabled arm, was physically capable of the offending; whether the woman's conduct since 2004 was consistent with her allegations — she had after all remained close

friends with the family, even continuing to sleep in the man's bed at times; the man's denial and whether he was the more reliable, honest witness, Mr Simperingham said.

Yesterday in evidence the complainant, now 33, said she spent a lot of time at her friend's house.

The family were "awesome" and virtually adopted her as their own. Her relationship with her friend's parents was "massive", she said.

Her friend's mother liked to drink and often ended up needing someone to help get her to bed. The complainant said that from about age 15, that task often became hers.

She had no set place to sleep at the house and would sometimes bunk down with adoptive parents, as did their own children.

She knew she was 16 when the offence happened because she was pregnant at the time, the complainant said.

On the day others at the house were drinking and she had a small amount of alcohol too.

Later, she helped her adopted mum to

bed and fell asleep beside her.

But during the night she woke to find the accused sucking on her nipple. He had moved her top out of the way and her underpants were between her legs. He was penetrating her with his fingers.

He tried to pull her closer by putting his left hand, which is disabled, around the back of her neck. It jolted her and woke her up, she said.

The assault went on for about five seconds before she realised what was happening and managed to flee the bed. Shocked and upset, she took refuge under a blanket on a mattress in a spare room and cried.

I felt "yuck" and "ugly", the complainant said. There was no one she could talk to about it. Her own family were out of town.

The next day, the accused avoided her. She wanted to go home but the next bus was not for a few days.

A fortnight later, she miscarried.

She didn't want the accused's family to know what he did to her and "pretty much carried on" socialising with them as usual. She felt the man should have done something about it as she was the child. The incident changed her dramatically — it made her angry, the complainant said.

She was worried the family would turn on her if she told them; think she was a liar; and that she would lose her best friend.

If she did not socialise with them, they always asked why.

There were three times when family drinking sessions ended with her and the accused being the last people still up. When that happened, the man would gesture to her and say he was sorry.

The third time it happened was about 10 years after the incident. It prompted her to finally tell the man's wife.

Eventually she told other people too, including her partner — but not until they had been together about five years. She wanted her partner to be careful around the man.

After she went to police, members of the man's family asked her about the allegations, the complainant said.

The trial is expected to take the rest of the week.

Remaining Crown witnesses include the woman's partner and a police officer in charge of the case.

A neurologist will give evidence for the defence. The accused might also give evidence, Mr Simperingham said.

Judge Turitea Bolstad is presiding.

Nats gamble on political novice to reunite caucus

by Katie Scotcher, RNZ

WELLINGTON — The beleaguered National Party has pinned its hopes on a political novice to resurrect its fortunes and win the next election.

Former Air New Zealand boss Christopher Luxon was elected uncontested yesterday after Judith Collins was ousted by the caucus last week.

His first challenge would be putting an end to the party's bitter infighting.

Wellington-based MP Nicola Willis was the party's new deputy leader.

Luxon described their leadership as a reset

for the party.

"We are turning the page, we are putting the baggage aside, we're trusting each other. We know that will take work but we are going to do that job incredibly well."

But he has a tough job ahead.

After a devastating election loss, National was still well down in the polls.

A bruising four years had left the caucus broken and divided.

However, they were now striving for unity.

Rangitikei MP Ian McKelvie said the leadership team was a good result, while David Bennett said he was pleased with "where the party is at".

Rotorua MP Todd McLay said the National caucus was "completely united".

Luxon would also have the challenge of leading a caucus with three former party leaders in it.

It was not clear yet what he would do with Judith Collins, Todd Muller and Simon Bridges.

"There is a role for everybody in our caucus, and we're going to use the talents of all 33 members. (And as for) Simon, Judith and Todd as former leaders, there are very important roles for them in our caucus."

Collins would not speak to RNZ last night, saying she was very happy to let the leadership team have their time without her

"getting in the way".

Bridges and Muller did not respond to requests for comment.

Willis said the caucus was not focused on old grudges.

"I sense a real excitement and enthusiasm from our team that we're getting to turn the page, draw a line under what's gone on and do much better in future."

An impending portfolio reshuffle would reveal how Christopher Luxon planned to handle the former leaders.

Whether he decided to keep his friends close and his predecessors closer remained to be seen. — RNZ

New Opposition leader keen for party 'reset'

by Thomas Coughlan, The New Zealand Herald

WELLINGTON — The National Party's new leader, Christopher Luxon, wants a "reset", drawing a line under not only his party's chaotic and toxic past week — but each one of its four tumultuous years in opposition.

In just four years, Sir John Key and Sir Bill English's brand of competent, stable leadership rotted away under successive scandals involving sex, bullying, donations' controversies and all manner of other improprieties.

That was in the past now, according to Luxon, who in his first speech in one of politics' most cursed jobs pleaded the case for a clean break from all of that.

"We are drawing a line under the events of the last four years, and we are putting them behind us," Luxon said.

"We are the reset."

Luxon shared the stage with the party's new deputy leader, Nicola Willis. Luxon and Willis were both elected unopposed after challenger Simon Bridges dropped out of the race at the eleventh hour.

The pair visually drew a line under the past four years, holding their first press conference not in the old legislative council chamber — the location where Luxon's three predecessors began their cursed tenures, but in the Beehive banquet hall,

which was usually reserved for functions headed by the prime minister, and rarely used by the Opposition.

By most accounts, Luxon's first few hours as the new leader went well. He delivered his first speech with calmness and answered tough questions with self-effacing charm.

For questions Luxon really did not want to answer, such as the role of Maori in Three Waters, the future of the housing accord with Labour, and his party's stance on



RARING TO GO: Christopher Luxon is pictured above after winning the Botany National selection. Picture by Jason Oxenham

conversion therapy, Luxon made wordy, non-committal responses — reminiscent of his opposite number, Jacinda Ardern.

On National's housing deal with Labour, Luxon told The New Zealand Herald later that he wanted to return some power back to councils, allowing them to do more zoning, but possibly at the expense of delivering the quantity of new houses the bill had promised.

Whether those changes would see National part ways with Labour on the accord would be seen when the bill returned from select committee in the next

Parliamentary sitting block, which was set to begin next week.

On conversion therapy, Luxon said the practice was "abhorrent", but he would not commit to backing the bill to ban it when it returned from select

committee, saying he would "have another chat about it" when it returned back to Parliament next year.

Luxon was more explicit around his Christian faith, telling the first question that was put to him as leader, and one he was ready for, saying he felt his faith had been "misrepresented and portrayed

very negatively".

"My faith is something that has grounded me and has put me into a context that is bigger than myself," Luxon said, adding that he wanted to be "clear" that he believed in the "separation of politics and faith".

That said, Luxon's brief voting record found him in a group of just 15 MPs to have opposed a law banning protests outside abortion clinics.

Luxon was unclear what the separation of church and state meant when it came to conscience votes. He said people should not assume his faith meant he had one position or another on an issue.

Having spent a little over 400 days as an MP, Luxon had made the fastest ascent to party leadership of any major party in living memory — and possibly in NZ history.

Willis too was fairly green, having entered Parliament shortly after the beginning of the last term — making it in after Steven Joyce retired.

However, Luxon made a virtue of his inexperience — promising a fresh approach, and drawing people's attention to his other famous job: he was once the chief executive of Air New Zealand. Willis was not as fresh as she appeared either, having worked as a staffer during National's last stint in opposition and government, so she knew her

way around Parliament.

Luxon's victory capped off a tumultuous period of instability in the National Party.

It was difficult to date when the instability began. Bridges' leadership was rocked by the Jami-Lee Ross scandals, a rumoured challenge from Judith Collins and an actual challenge from Todd Muller.

Muller's brief leadership was then followed by Collins' leadership, which resulted in an historical election loss and speculation over when, rather than if, Collins would be replaced.

That instability took an unexpected turn last Wednesday, when Collins issued a press release demoting Bridges over an historical claim of "serious misconduct". However, questions emerged about how serious the misconduct claim was and whether Bridges' punishment was genuine, or an attempt to force him out of the leadership race. Caucus decided it was the latter and then deposed of Collins.

A day later, Bridges declared his candidacy for the leadership. Luxon, however, was slow off the mark to do so.

Questions swirled on Friday, Saturday and early on Sunday about whether Luxon would enter the race. Sir John Key was understood to have initially advised Luxon to wait, but he apparently changed this advice over the weekend, advising MPs to back Luxon. By Sunday, Luxon was clearly running, and appeared to have an edge over Bridges when it came to the numbers.

Many MPs were keen for a deal between the pair, rather than have the race go to an open contest. However, as the race entered its final day, no deal was forthcoming. The deal was announced just over an hour before the press conference, which had been scheduled to announce the leader.

MP Chris Penk said he believed National was in "a healthier position now". Bridges' backers, such as Mark Mitchell, were quick to throw their support behind Luxon, saying it was an "exciting new start".

BRIEFS

Women with menopause need more support, employers told

WELLINGTON — Advocates are calling for more support for working women going through menopause. Most wahine start the biological change of life after the age of 45 and, for some, it is so debilitating, they feel forced to quit their jobs.

Currently, no ministry in NZ has any information specifically for employees or employers.

For Sarah Connor, it started off out of the blue, as she was driving. "I suddenly started feeling really hot — like my brain was on fire and melting from the inside out," she said.

"But also, at the same time, I felt really faint ... which, when you're driving a car, is not great.

"So, (I had) low blood pressure and was just feeling really, really odd."

It was the beginning of a three-month ordeal that would see the freelance content writer experiencing several of the 34 symptoms linked to the natural transition to menopause.

Aged 46 at the time, she was suddenly hit by insomnia, nausea, aching hip joints, exhaustion, anxiety, panic attacks and mood changes.

"I just felt like I wasn't myself and it meant I couldn't work for a while ... it just started to impact on every aspect of my life."

After a lot of research and visits to health experts, finally, an answer: it was perimenopause.

Dr Beverly Lawton, the director of Victoria University of Wellington's Centre for Women's Health Research and also the director of the Wellington Menopause Clinic, called the change "profound" for some women and a "hormonal roller coaster" ride.

"You get hot flushes, night sweats, sleep disturbances, brain fog ..."

In NZ, the average age of menopause was 52.

Dr Lawton said eight out of 10 women experienced menopausal symptoms, which could last anywhere between four and eight years.

For a quarter of those wahine, the symptoms were severe. However, there was currently no guidance for them — or their employers — around how to accommodate the effects of menopause.

Social enterprise 'Power Pause' was trying to help organisations get policies in place so that they could retain women through this time in their lives. Advocates said women needed to feel comfortable talking about what would help them — whether it was more flexible working hours or conditions, working from home and so on.

The symptoms were real and, for some, debilitating. — RNZ

Fire breaks out at Chch home

CHRISTCHURCH — Firefighters battled a well-involved fire at a house in Christchurch last night.

Emergency services were called to the fire at a property in King Street, Sydenham, at about 11pm. Fire and Emergency shift manager Jill Higgison said it was well involved when crews arrived and took a couple of hours to extinguish.

— The New Zealand Herald

'Incomprehensible' driving

UPPER HUTT — Police are investigating the "incomprehensible" driving of three people who were spotted tailgating each other around Upper Hutt.

Sergeant Malcolm Lindsay said it was "hard to believe" no one was injured as the blue Nissan sedan, grey Mazda Atenza and black Ford Mondeo chased each other throughout the area yesterday afternoon.

"The drivers were seen mounting footpaths, narrowly missing pedestrians, and later colliding with two vehicles near McDonald's on Fergusson Drive." — The New Zealand Herald

'Recipe for disaster'

Virus spreads prior to traffic-light move

AUCKLAND — New cases of Covid-19 have emerged at the top of the South Island, with the country just days from moving to the new traffic-light system.

There were 134 new community cases announced yesterday and 89 people were in hospital with the virus.

Auckland recorded 116 new cases, another eight cases were in Waikato, nine were recorded in Bay of Plenty and two were in the Nelson-Tasman area.

The Nelson-Tasman cases were known contacts of the local case announced on Monday.

Meanwhile, Te Tai Tokerau Border Control founder, Hone Harawira, reiterated today that local iwi intended to set up their own roadblocks over summer.

The group had reached a level where it was a general call from all of the iwi and all of the local district health boards for only fully-vaccinated people to be allowed into Northland until 90 percent of their population was fully vaccinated.

"This is huge — this is the level of concern across the district. It has come to a point where we (need to) ask everybody who isn't double-vaxxed to stay home."

"The doors are still open."

Those who were double vaxxed were welcome, he told The AM Show.

Harawira said they were wanting to work with police as much as possible, but they intended for there to be roadblocks checking people's vaccination status.

"I just think the prime minister needs to clarify this thing. Double vaxxed or a test ... that's a recipe for disaster."

However, new National Party leader Christopher Luxon described iwi roadblock plans as "nuts".

New locations of interest were announced last night, including a McDonald's restaurant, a service station, a fruit and vege store and a liquor store.

Ninety percent of eligible Nelson-Marlborough residents had now received their first dose of the Covid vaccine. And 84 percent of residents in that region were now fully vaccinated.

Of the Waikato cases, four were in Te Kuiti, one was in Huntly, one in Hamilton, one in Ngaruawahia, and one in Te Awamutu.

In the Bay of Plenty, one case was in Whakatane, three were in Tauranga and five were in the wider Western Bay of Plenty area. All were close contacts of previously-reported cases.

The new Northland case was in Kaitaia and public health interviews were under way to establish the link.

Wellington's Brentwood

Hotel also emerged as a location of interest yesterday.

Health officials said: "This Wellington location of interest relates to a visit from a Rotorua-based case. There is no new case in Wellington to report."

Hotel guests were asked to self-monitor for Covid symptoms for 10 days.

Of the 89 people in hospital, nine were in intensive care units or high-dependency units.

Nineteen percent of those in hospital had been fully vaccinated.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern's visit to the Waikato was met with rowdy protesters criticising her Government's vaccine mandate.

She was in the region yesterday to see vaccine efforts first-hand and to meet with local business owners.

She was heckled by anti-vaccine mandate protesters who tried to drown her out at a Waikato sod-turning event with chants of "liar, pants on fire".

She told reporters she did not expect to see protesters at each regional trip she made. "Some days I do, some days I don't. But it's fair to say I roll with it, no matter what."

The group of vaccine mandate protesters gathered at one of her planned visits and were yelling various chants, saying the Government had "gone too far".

About 60 protesters drowned out Ardern at the outdoor sod-turning event.

She attended the event through a back entrance, avoiding protesters who were yelling at her.

Ardern acknowledged the "groupies" who had been following her and said their singing was good but their lyrics needed a bit of work.

From Friday, Auckland will move out of lockdown after more than three months, into the red traffic-light setting because the city was the epicentre of the virus.

The new framework was based around high vaccination rates enabling living with Covid-19 in the community, with three levels of restrictions based on the risk posed — green, orange and red. It also relied on the use of vaccination passports at more high-risk settings.

Northland, Taupo and Rotorua Lakes Districts, Kawerau, Whakatane, Opotiki District, Gisborne District, Wairoa District, Rangitikei, Whanganui and Ruapehu Districts would all join Auckland in the red.

This was due to low vaccination rates and because large numbers of visitors — including Aucklanders — were expected in those other areas of the country over summer.

— NZ Herald

Auckland sets new vax benchmark

AUCKLAND — In the Auckland District Health Board (DHB) area, 96.2 percent of eligible people have now had at least one dose of the Covid-19 vaccine.

It is the highest rate in the country and is smashing vaccination expectations.

University of Auckland epidemiologist, Professor Rod Jackson, said the rate should be the new national benchmark, and it should be matched by second doses as soon as possible.

He said everyone who did not like Aucklanders "should see if they can do better than Auckland".

Auckland DHB was also on track to be the first in the country where 90 percent of Maori had now had at least one dose.

It was just 292 people short of that goal yesterday.

There were three DHBs in the Super City region — Auckland, which covered central and eastern areas, Counties Manukau, covering the south, and Waitemata, which covered the north and the west of the area.

Counties Manukau was on 93 percent of the eligible population who had received at least one dose — and 83 percent of Maori, while Waitemata was on 94 percent — and 87 percent

of Maori.

Nationally, the next highest-vaccinated DHB areas were Capital and Coast and Canterbury — both on 93.5 percent for first doses.

Prof Jackson said the challenge was now to get the rest of the country up as high as Auckland — or higher.

Australia's capital, Canberra, was on 98 percent, for instance.

"Let's aim to beat Canberra ... that should be our goal," Prof Jackson said.

While Auckland's vaccination rate was great news, the worry was that there were still areas around NZ with many unvaccinated people, he said.

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New Covid-19 modelling prompts fresh vax plea

Unvaccinated people 'nine times more likely to seed outbreaks'

by Jamie Morton,
The New Zealand Herald

AUCKLAND — Unvaccinated people are nine times more likely to seed fresh Covid-19 outbreaks in New Zealand, finds new modelling that has prompted a plea for those who have not yet had their jabs to think before travelling this summer.

In his analysis, postdoctoral researcher Dr Leighton Watson used what was called a stochastic model to simulate the potential numbers of infections a fully-vaccinated person could cause, compared with someone who had not received either Pfizer jabs.

Earlier modelling by Dr Watson indicated that the unvaccinated were about 3.3 times more likely to be infected with the virus, and 25 times more likely to be hospitalised with severe illness.

In his latest work, he considered what might happen if an infection was seeded in a population in which 90 percent of eligible people were fully vaccinated — a rate close to the current national coverage of 86 percent.

Dr Watson pointed out

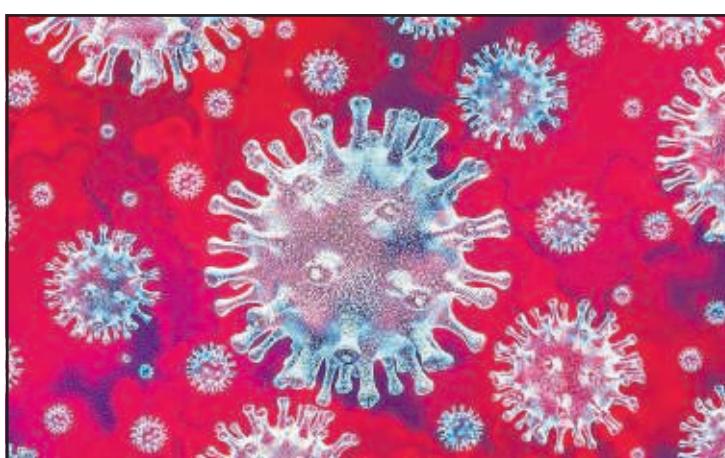
that the model assumed that anyone could travel about the country regardless of their vaccination status, whereas new rules would require people leaving Auckland from December 15 to be either fully vaccinated or have proof of a negative test within 72 hours of travelling.

Still, he said there remained the risk that unvaccinated people might be able to evade spot checks and seed the virus in other regions after Auckland re-opened.

The model also did not account for age distribution, ethnicity, or testing, tracing and isolation of cases, and it assumed the cases were equally likely to interact with vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.

Overall, it found there was a small possibility of large outbreaks developing within the first 31 days of any infection being seeded in a community.

However, it was much more likely that an infected person who had received both shots of the Pfizer vaccine would not spread Covid-19 (54 percent chance of not seeding a new outbreak) compared to an



infected, unvaccinated person (6 percent).

Dr Watson explained this was because the vaccine was assumed to be 50 percent effective at preventing onward transmission as well as 70 percent effective against infection.

In the case where an unvaccinated person with Covid seeded a flare-up, there was also a 54 percent chance that the outbreak would grow to up to 151 infections within 31 days. "What this work really emphasises is the importance of unvaccinated

people being tested before they travel around the country this summer," Dr Watson said.

"Because, even if someone has Covid-19, if they've been vaccinated, they're half as likely to transmit it."

His modelling further suggested that unvaccinated people would be responsible for around two thirds of all infections in a population with 90 percent coverage.

However, if Covid was spread between fully-vaccinated people, it would only account for about 18 percent of all infections.

'Inevitable'
Omicron will
show up in
MIQ: Hipkins

WELLINGTON — The Omicron variant will inevitably turn up in managed-isolation and quarantine (MIQ) facilities, but it is too soon to predict whether the country will revisit the plan to lift border restrictions from January, Covid-19 Response Minister Chris Hipkins says.

Hipkins told RNZ's Morning Report that New Zealand's MIQ arrangements were some of the strictest in the world, but there was no way to be 100 percent protected against Covid-19.

"If you look at the way it has spread, and how quickly it has spread into countries like Australia and the UK, it is inevitable that it will show up in our MIQ facilities at some point."

Many countries were moving quickly to re-establish protections that New Zealand still had in place, he added.

"Many countries have removed their border restrictions and other things that we haven't done yet."

"We've signalled that we were going to do that in January or February. Of course the worst-case scenario is that we may have to revisit that. It is still very early days yet, and still too soon to be making those kinds of predictions."

Last week, Hipkins set out the plan for phased reopening of the border. In the first stage, home isolation would replace MIQ stays for fully-vaccinated New Zealanders and other eligible people arriving from Australia. — RNZ

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Family take first step to residency

by Gill Bonnett, RNZ

CHRISTCHURCH — “I swear I’ve never grinned as much in my life,” says Michelle Shaw about the moment she knew her family were set to be New Zealand residents.

Michelle, husband Mic and their children Scarlett, 14, and Jarrad, 19, are poised to be among the first to apply for the one-off residence visa, which opens today.

An estimated 165,000 people will become residents in what Immigration New Zealand calls the biggest change in recent history.

The family’s journey began in 2016 with a holiday — a friend who had emigrated was convincing them to move and life events spurred them to visit.

“What started off as a holiday turned into a life-changing move for us,” said Michelle.

“In 2015 we’d had a really rough year, we had been broken into a few times, we’d had cars broken into, I turned up one day to find the car engulfed in flames while I was working nights.

“It wasn’t until I got off the plane in Auckland that I got hit with this overwhelming feeling of ‘Michelle, you’ve come home’.”

The family had to spend time apart while Jarrad finished school in the UK, but Scarlett loved the move from Sheffield to join her dad in Auckland’s Gulf Harbour.

“When she arrived she was nine years old,” said Mic. “She could cycle around the neighbourhood to her friends and school and had a lot more freedom than she was used to back in the UK.”

The family of four was reunited in 2018 and they moved to Christchurch last year where Mic, 48, now works as a senior software engineer and Michelle is an administrator at Covid vaccination centres.

But their future was unsure. They took the first step on the path to residence in March



LIFE-CHANGING: The first round of applications for the one-off residence visa open today and the Shaw family, from left, Jarrad, Mic, Scarlett and Michelle, were among the first people to apply.

RNZ picture

2020, just as the pandemic hit and as the Government effectively called a halt to new residence applications.

“It was just a case of waiting. The frustrating thing was that the information that was coming out from the immigration minister never quite happened to schedule,” said Mic. “That kind of just leaves you waiting, which for us was OK but for Jarrad it was problematic.

“He’s going into a trade, but as a dependent child he can’t get work, he can’t do work experience, he can’t even take on a Saturday job.”

Michelle said the stress was horrendous as they began to realise the plans they had laid might split their family again.

Then the news that changed everything; a colleague showed her a news article about an announcement due the following day in September — then she heard Mic the next morning.

“I have never known him so ecstatic in my life. He came running down the corridor to where I was sat and said, ‘we’re going to get residency, we can apply for residency, finally.’”

Disbelieving, she said she would believe it when she saw it, and like a lottery win it was only later it sank in.

“It wasn’t until we got the email to say that we could apply. I swear I have never grinned as much in my life and all my workmates are just so thrilled. To actually be

in a place where we have had our medicals, it’s just like, this thing is actually happening.

“If that comes back saying that we are residents of New Zealand, it will be like we have won \$50 million. Because it just means that we can actually stay here, somewhere we love.”

They are among the lucky first 15,000 who can apply from today, with the remainder allowed to apply from March onwards.

“It was brilliant to have some news that put a timescale on things,” said Mic. “It has allowed us to plan, we are no longer in a holding circle waiting for something to happen.”

He had set the alarm clock to be at his laptop when applications opened at 6am.

The general manager of the 2021 resident visa programme at Immigration New Zealand, Geoff Scott, said there is much anticipation at their end too.

“Within immigration we’re pretty excited about it, up for the challenge and keen to get under way,” he said.

“From our feedback from applicants and the various sectors and community groups there’s a real sense of anticipation for this as well, genuine relief that it’s here and that so many people are going to be eligible to apply for it and get residence.”

INZ has prepared a “how to apply” video.

“We’re very keen for this to be a very different experience,” Scott said.

“All of these people will have previously applied for visas with us and will have had varying levels of experiences in terms of the wait times and the process to apply. The application should be very simple, it’s online and the video will guide them through some of those key points.”

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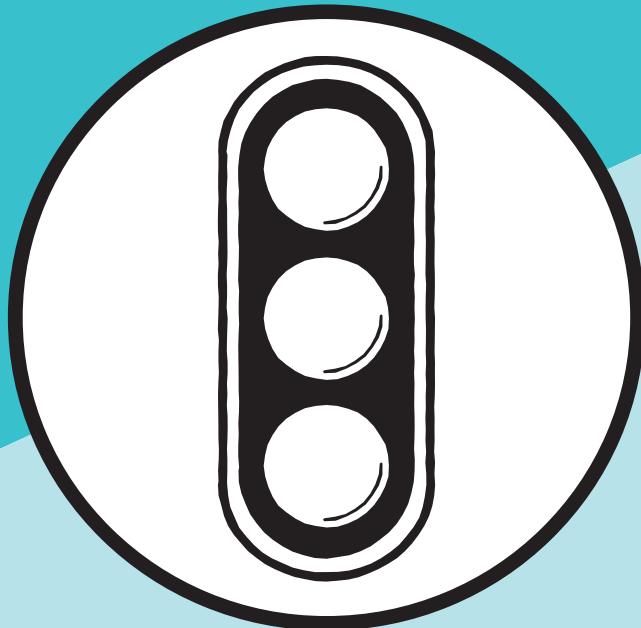
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Supermarket stock delays set to ease soon

AUCKLAND — Food and Grocery Council chief executive Katherine Rich says supply chain issues have eased and supermarkets should return to normal stock levels in a matter of days.

Bare supermarket shelves and missing products has been noticed, particularly in Auckland.

Rich told RNZ's Checkpoint people should be thinking about what they need for Christmas and buy it when they see it.

There have been staff strikes, cost increases and cancelled shipping hitting supermarket shelves in New Zealand.

"I haven't heard of anything I'm really worried about but there will be things that will surprise us, because the global supply chain

has taken a hammering this year."

Countdown is playing catch-up after a strike last week across its two Auckland Distribution centres which has since been settled.

"The supermarket supply chain is a bit like a pipeline and if something disrupts that it takes a while to get things back into water."

She understood there were shortages across the board but said items such as toilet paper and dried fruits were the most affected.

However, Rich said her members had assured her the toilet paper shortage should not cause alarm.

Some global shipping companies had cancelled their routes to New Zealand in an effort to kickstart momentum in

the Northern Hemisphere.

Shipping container costs had increased in price by upwards of 500 percent, she said.

The grocery sector was working behind the scenes to convince shipping companies not to "scrub New Zealand off the map", Rich said.

"Nothing is easy in the supermarket sector at the moment, it has required a lot of nimble action from supply chain directors ... usually it's a well-oiled machine but there will be a few occasions where you can't find your favourite brand."

She said global supply chain issues have not just affected the grocery sector with many businesses left struggling with delayed stock orders. — RNZ



BARE SHELVES: Empty supermarket shelves will hopefully be a thing of the past as supermarkets are expected to return to normal stock levels in the coming days.

NZ Herald picture

Business closures rise during Covid pandemic

by Nicholas Pointon, RNZ

AUCKLAND — The number of business closures has exceeded the creation of new firms for the first time in nearly a decade.

Data from Stats NZ and the not-for-profit organisation, The Facts, showed 64,809 firms closed their doors in the year ended February, while 64,488 firms were created, resulting in a net decline of 321 firms — the first since 2012.

Small business consultant and co-founder of The Facts, Geoff Neal, said the sharp increase in closures can only be explained by the pandemic and the associated lockdowns and travel restrictions.

"There's a very consistent trend that there's about 60,000 businesses created per year and about 50,000 close, and this has really bucked the trend of previous years."

Neal said the data did not specify reasons for closures but it appeared the level of exit sales and owners retiring had remained consistent with prior years.

Closures were most prominent in those sectors most affected by the pandemic, including hospitality, tourism, event, wholesale trade and fitness sectors, he said.

The consequences were devastating for many people's livelihoods, he said.

"What we are talking about is not just businesses here, these are people, there are partners, husbands and wives, and families impacted, often multiple generations."

"Every time a business closes that is lost wealth, health, relationships and sometimes lives as well."

Neal expected the figures for the



current financial year, which will include the latest round of lockdowns, will reveal a continuation of the recent trend.

Despite the story the numbers tell, some budding entrepreneurs refuse to give up.

On Auckland's bustling Karangahape Road, the finishing touches are being put on the restaurant Atelier, which is due to start trading on Friday.

It was slated to open the week the country went into lockdown in August, but Atelier co-owner Matt Gosset said the disruptions had not shaken his confidence.

"I never had any doubt that we could get back to a new normal, the length of (the lockdown) was scary at some stages, but I never had any doubt we would get through this."

Restrictions had been costly for Gosset and his partners, who are financing the restaurant themselves, but he said opening a new restaurant during a pandemic had given them a unique opportunity.

"You know how Aucklanders are, they always want to go to the latest bar, the latest restaurant, with almost no openings this year ... we feel pretty special to be able to do this."

Meanwhile, the market for small businesses is incredibly strong, with new listings outstripping supply.

Small business brokerage firm ABC Business Sales said the number of deals it had completed over the past six months is up 15 percent on a year ago, with prices up by the same amount.

Managing director Chris Small said there had been an appetite from a variety of buyers for firms that are "Covid proof".

This included IT firms, property maintenance businesses, companies that supply supermarkets and accounting firms.

The market for hospitality businesses was virtually non-existent, as it was difficult to try to sell businesses that were not currently profitable, he said.

However, Small said he was expecting a rebound in the coming months, as the country transitions through the traffic light system.

The industry group representing receivers and insolvency experts, RITANZ, said the number of insolvencies in the economy remains below levels seen prior to the pandemic.

Chair John Fisk said some businesses were doing very well through the pandemic period, with government and creditor support for businesses a key factor in the low numbers.

"We are expecting to see a period of catch up early next year given the number of liquidation applications, particularly in Auckland, that have been adjourned until February/March 2022."

House price growth slows

AUCKLAND — The annual pace of rising house prices has eased for the first time in more than a year.

Property research firm CoreLogic's housing index showed the average national house price rose by 1.8 percent in November to \$987,401, slightly below the growth in October.

The annual rate also slowed slightly to 28.4 percent, the first decline since August last year.

CoreLogic head of research Nick Goodall said the market looked to be on the turn.

"This slowdown reflects the loss in momentum after a period of strong growth, which has led to a deterioration in affordability, further impacted by rising interest rates and tighter credit conditions."

He said banks and other lenders were now required to take a tougher stance when assessing borrowers' ability to repay their loan, along with tighter loan to value ratios for owner-occupiers.

"Add in the continued upwards trajectory of mortgage interest rates and some banks already implementing debt-to-income limits and it's clear that demand for residential property will be negatively impacted as we head into summer," Goodall said.

Although it was still below pre-pandemic levels, it would be a further headwind as houses became less affordable and would-be buyers baulk at asking prices.

"At this stage vendors aren't adjusting their price expectations, which leads to somewhat of a standoff as properties take longer to sell. The likely outcome will be seen in either downward price adjustments from vendors or more properties being withdrawn from the market without selling."

Data from property website realestate.co.nz backs the CoreLogic report with listings rising 9 percent in November on the year before and back to levels seen in 2014. Its national average asking price was now \$969,604, the highest in 14 years. — RNZ

SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — A rebounding New Zealand sharemarket had its third biggest rise this year, posting a gain of nearly 1.5 percent, as fears eased over the impact of the Omicron variant.

The S&P/NZX 50 Index climbed steadily after a sharp rally on Wall Street overnight. The index surged 187.25 points to 12,718.91 on heavy trading. There were 104 gainers and 47 decliners, with 162.5 million shares worth \$897.1 million changing hands — half of them in a2 Milk.

Restaurant Brands was up 10c to \$14.55 on trade worth \$16.73m and a2 Milk was down 9c to \$6.11 with 68.84 million shares worth \$421.32m traded.

Matt Goodson, managing director of Salt Funds Management, said there's been a rapid sentiment shift "from panic-out on Friday to panic-in. The growth stocks are very strong.

"People are rapidly getting over the fears of Omicron but it is still early days to have a strong view on the new variant," he said.

US president Joe Biden said there was no need for further lockdowns, leading the Dow Jones Industrial Average to rise 0.68 percent to 35,135.94, the S&P 500 gain 1.32 percent to 4655.27, and the Nasdaq Composite rise 1.88 percent.

At home, Fisher & Paykel Healthcare was up 33c to \$33.33; Mainfreight rose \$2.67 to \$91.17; Spark had its biggest rise this year, gaining 24.5c to \$4.60; Chorus collected 9c to \$6.69; Ebos Group picked up 40c to \$36.45; and Port of Tauranga increased 8c to \$6.70.

Among the energy stocks, Meridian rose 26c to \$4.75; Mercury was up 17c to \$6.02; and Trustpower gained 7c to \$7.30.

Property stocks were strong. Argosy rose 6.5c to \$1.48; Property for Industry increased 6c to \$2.78; Investore was up 4c to \$1.85; and Stride gained 3c to \$2.08.

Asset Plus was up 1.5c to 31.5c a day after reporting a 78 percent fall to \$2.51m in net profit.

Marsden Maritime Holdings increased 12c to \$6.42; The Warehouse Group rose 13c to \$3.92, fellow retailer Michael Hill International was up 4c to \$1.23; Gentrack gained 9c to \$1.89; and Smartpay Holdings climbed 5c to 79c.

Carbon Fund increased 4c to \$2.12 on the eve of the latest auction of carbon credits under the Government Emissions Trading Scheme.

Synlait Milk fell 13c to \$3.20; Move Logistics was down 8c to \$1.72; new listing TradeWindow shed 10c to \$1.70; and T&G Global declined 6c to \$3.01.

Oceania Healthcare gained 2c to \$1.31 after reporting net profit up 48.8 percent to \$36.94m. Oceania is paying an interim dividend of 2.1c a

share on December 20.

Among other retirement village operators, Ryman Healthcare was up 20c to \$12.30, and Summerset Group Holdings was down 10c to \$12.70.

NZME rose 9c to \$1.41 after telling the market it has a conditional agreement to buy online business news operation BusinessDesk. Westpac Banking Corporation reached agreement with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission during civil proceedings over six matters and will pay penalties of \$113m. Westpac's share price increased 13c to \$22.05. ANZ Banking Group was up 43c to \$28.53.

AMP rose 4c to \$1.11 after outlining its new business plan.

There will be two operations — AMP wealth management in Australia and New Zealand, and PrivateMarketsCo, an international institution manager. — NZ Herald

EDITORIAL

Looks like a 'reset', now for delivery . . .

National has its sixth leader in six years and self-described "fresh new face" Christopher Luxon and his deputy Nicola Willis have made a good start in setting the scene for much-needed renewal, and moving on from turmoil, disunity and other assorted baggage.

"We are drawing a line under the events of the past four years and we are putting them behind us," said Luxon in his first appearance as leader yesterday.

"We are the reset."

While his political inexperience will create challenges for the new leader and National, 51-year-old Luxon's extensive executive experience was on show yesterday. He spoke calmly and confidently, pitching directly to the 413,000 voters National lost at the last election.

The former Air New Zealand boss will need all his managerial nous to bring the National caucus together as a unified team, focused on challenging the Government, repairing its image and becoming a credible government-in-waiting.

Strategic moves that shift the party firmly into the centre ground, while leveraging on key points of difference with Labour, can also be expected.

In just his first year in Parliament, it helped Luxon's cause that he has focused on learning the ropes and kept on the sideline as bitter rivalries have played out.

It also helped that former leader Simon Bridges bowed out of contention just before National's caucus meeting yesterday to decide the leadership. This made for the appearance of unity before the new duo fronted media, which Luxon and Willis built on with their first address and in the round of interviews that have followed.

Luxon has said he wants previous leaders Judith Collins, Todd Muller (if he stays on) and Bridges to all have important roles in his team. It seems certain that the latter will get finance, where he will provide a much greater challenge for Grant Robertson than the dual finance/treasurer effort from Michael Woodhouse and Andrew Bayly.

Willis, 40, also has a business background and while she only became an MP in March 2018, the mother of four has earlier political experience working as a staffer during National's last time in opposition and in government.

She comes from the liberal wing of the party and Wellington, which makes for a good match with the socially conservative Auckland Luxon — who stressed yesterday that while his Christian faith grounded him, he believed in the "separation of politics and faith".

by Tanith Wirihana Te Waitohioterangi
Te Whanganui a Tara/
Wellington



CONVENTIONAL market theory maintains that in a perfectly competitive environment, resources, "market" goods and services are allocated

Market goods and services are provided by suppliers for private consumption by consumers, and are normally sold at a price set by suppliers which is determined to maximise the supplier's utility at a rate between the production cost and the price which a consumer is willing to pay.

But the environment and its phenomena are "non-market" goods. Because they are not traded in a market situation, or possess an observable monetary value, decisions made concerning the stewardship of environmental characteristics — such as clean water, fresh air, healthy wildlife populations or other key biosystems, such as coral reefs — are generally undervalued in a way that does not accurately reflect their true societal value.

In New Zealand, non-market goods are valued haphazardly at best, despite superficially good intentions by regulators in their stated policies. Decisions by councils concerning wetlands and

ecosystem services such as freshwater and the development of the agricultural economy, have occurred to the detriment of the aquaculture economy. Wetlands are only valued in New Zealand to the extent that they can be used as farmland to produce economic returns, or dumps. Councils are reluctant to regulate the use of land, even when the extent of damage to the whenua generated by land use intensification is beyond doubt.

Kyleisha Foote, Mike Joy and Russell Death highlighted in a 2015 paper that dairy production has increased over the past two decades. This has meant intensified use of fertilisers, feeds and water, and therefore a more significant impact on the environment. But these costs will not be directly paid for by the dairy industry, and are left to the wider population both economically and environmentally. They estimated the potential total costs at about \$16.6 billion, resulting from a degraded environment and paying to clean up for an industry which is exploiting political asymmetries and unsustainable practices for its benefit.

Environmentalist Guy Salmon argued that councils have essentially created accretions and special entitlements, by permitting practices which conflict with their own strategic objectives to maintain freshwater ecosystems, by: a) Failing to intervene effectively by introducing rules that permit certain activities; extending

allowances and futureproofing those activities against future rule changes; b) Revealing inertia and bias in favour of the status quo by delaying the establishment of limitations, whilst continuing to issue consents which cumulatively exceed recognised limitations; c) Demonstrating dishonest conduct by conferring exclusive privileges to pollute, and protecting powerful land or water users when recognised compliance limits have been exceeded; d) Failing to intervene despite the capacity to do so by prolonging delays for compliance enforcement; and e) Have used the wrong policy instruments by introducing payments for "good environmental practice", which confer rights for bad practice on those not paid to desist.

Indigenous people have less quantitative and more holistic perspectives and relationships with the environment. Freshwater degradation will not be solved by institutional or legislative change alone, due to the influence of a strong "pioneering" mentality presenting a barrier to meaningful change.

It is clear in many contexts that local governments have failed to deliver on their own stated objectives, with agricultural run-off dominating water in most agricultural areas. Rivers, lakes and estuaries have steadily degraded through strong political lobbying, a lack of compliance enforcement and precautionary action.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

More on that roundabout

Re: It works well (letter on the temporary Peel St, Palmerston Rd roundabout).

Hi Rex, I hope so.

Whichever way, make it as safe as possible for us seemingly invisible cyclists.

Injury crash rates for cyclists at roundabouts are typically higher than at other intersection types. This is a proven fact and as a casualty more than once, I know.

So, motorists, please always watch out for bikes, and remember the roads belong to everyone.

BOB HUGHES

Maybe we should stop blaming the council for being slow to repair damages caused by our drunken drivers. Zacary Te Paire should pay for these damages. The rest of us should not have to continually pay out because some people cannot handle their drinking.

JOHN ADAMS

I agree Rex, the traffic flows more smoothly, and I use it every day. There are alternative routes for cyclists, who may be feeling a bit precious (by the way, my partner bikes every day on this route and has no qualms).

ROCHELLE WAGSTAFF

Hi Rochelle and all.

Indeed, it is because I feel my life is precious when cycling that I already take alternative routes to dodge roundabouts where I can.

Even at the Peel Street intersection, for safety reasons I often dismounted to cross as a pedestrian with the lights.

But that option has gone with pedestrians, cyclists and all non-vehicular traffic now more vulnerable.

Please be aware of your newly privileged status and look out for all non-motorists.

BOB HUGHES

Rex Holdsworth has got it right. The roundabout must be saving thousands every week in fuel not wasted waiting for the lights to change and chancing the amber at speed.

As a lame pedestrian, it is so easy to get across now. Plenty of room for pedestrians to wait in the middle and give way to motorists who have complete right of way. No need for them to stop.

Yeah, cyclists can walk their bikes over — why not?

Whoever took the lights out did a marvellous job and should get a medal, not a fine. How much has he saved in electricity and repairs?

WINSTON MORETON

In response to Helene's comment of November 25, 2021 regarding the cancellation of RnV. There

are so many valid reasons why RnV should not go ahead, especially when every other annual event has been cancelled for the health and safety of Gisborne and the East Coast. I have whanau who are in emergency housing

(a motel) being told to find alternative accommodation for one month to accommodate visitors/RnV-goers.

Where are these people supposed to go? Sleep in their cars? None of this makes any sense, and it provides for very stressful times at what is supposed to be a festive and happy time.

HELEN HOUKAMAU

It is justified

Re: Freedoms. Is it such a huge ask for people to be vaccinated?

Although I also dislike the methods being used in this case, the end justifies the means.

P.J. REED

A top crew

To the ladies at Ilminster School doing the Covid vaccinations last night — thank you so much, you turned a totally traumatised lady into a totally relaxed person in a few seconds.

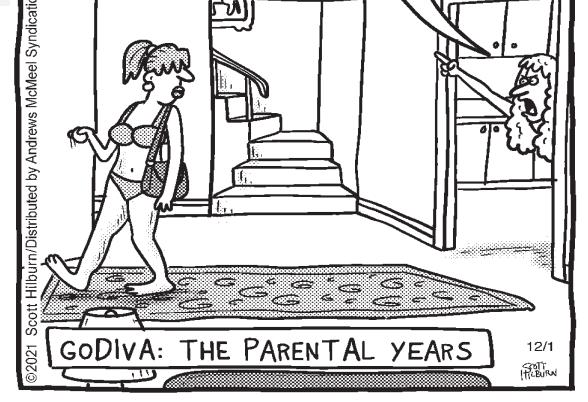
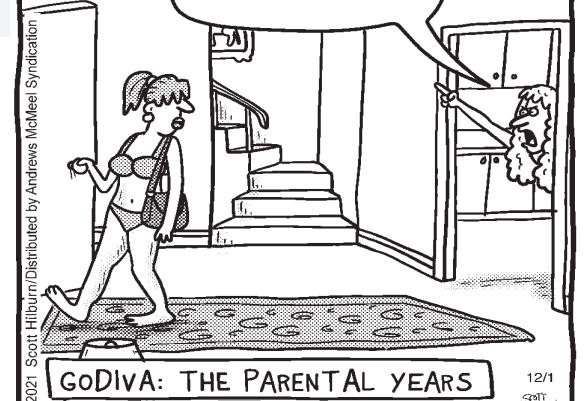
What a fabulous crew, what fun. Thank you so much for a job so very well done.

Thank you so very, very much.

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TANGIWI RIA

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING DRESSED LIKE THAT? GET BACK UPSTAIRS AND CHANGE INTO NOTHING THIS INSTANT!



China to donate 600 million shots to Africa

BEIJING — China has pledged to donate 600 million doses of its Covid vaccines to Africa as the world grapples with the unequal distribution of the shots between rich and poor countries.

Chinese President Xi Jinping made the promise on Monday in a video speech to the opening ceremony of a China-Africa forum on economic cooperation.

He said China will supply 1

billion doses in all. The other 400 million are to come through other routes such as production by Chinese companies in Africa.

"We need to put people and their lives first, be guided by science,

support waiving intellectual property rights on Covid-19 vaccines, and truly ensure the accessibility and affordability of vaccines in Africa to bridge the immunisation gap," he said. — AP

DEALING WITH MUTATED COVID: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, left, watches as a patient receives a Covid-19 vaccine during his visit to the Lordship Lane Primary Care Centre where he met staff and people receiving their booster vaccines, in London on Tuesday. AP picture



'We are prepared'

EMA chief says EU is ready to deal with Omicron

BRUSSELS — The European Union's medical agency chief said on Tuesday that it is ready to deal with the new Omicron variant, and that it will take two weeks to have an indication whether the current Covid-19 vaccines will be able to deal with it.

Emer Cooke, the Executive Director of the European Medicines Agency, said that if it does require a new vaccine to counter Omicron, it will take up to four months to have it approved for use in the 27-nation bloc.

"We are prepared," Cooke told EU lawmakers, adding that cooperation with the medical industry is already ongoing to prepare for such an eventuality. "We know that at some stage there will be a mutation that means we have to change the current approach."

Cooke sounded more reassuring than the World Health Organisation, which warned on Monday that the global risk from the Omicron variant is "very high," saying the mutated coronavirus could lead to surges with "severe

consequences."

A widening circle of countries around the world have reported cases of the variant or have moved to restrict flights while scientists race to figure out just how dangerous the mutant version might be.

The highest intensity of the Omicron variant has been reported in and around the South African cities of Johannesburg and Pretoria. Cooke said that the European makeup of an older population and higher vaccination levels would make for a different situation altogether.

Cooke said that it was important to assess "the cross-neutralisation" of the vaccines to see if they do provide protection against the new variant. "That's a process that takes about two weeks."

So far, the vaccines have been able to deal with all variants they came across, she said. She added that if there was a need to adapt the vaccines, "I want to assure you that we're working with the companies and with other regulators to make sure that

WHO decries travel bans, backs testing

GENEVA — The World Health Organisation says "blanket travel bans" will not prevent the spread of a new coronavirus variant, while acknowledging that countries could order quarantines and take screening measures like testing travellers before or after arrival, or both.

The updated travel guidance during the Covid-19 pandemic comes as dozens of countries have barred flights from southern African countries where the Omicron variant was brought to international attention last week. WHO says the move unfairly punishes Botswana and South Africa for doing the right thing and being transparent about the emergence of a new variant.

Some health experts have countered that travel restrictions

are effective, and many countries have bucked with WHO's traditional recommendation against travel bans. WHO said that as of Sunday, 56 countries were reportedly implementing travel measures aimed at curbing the spread of Omicron.

"Blanket travel bans will not prevent the international spread, and they place a heavy burden on lives and livelihoods," WHO said, while acknowledging the use of screening measures to help stem the spread of Omicron.

In its statement, WHO said that so far, current PCR tests continue to be effective in detecting the variant. The UN health agency also said "essential travel" for emergencies, humanitarian missions and transport of essential supplies "should continue to be prioritised."

we're as prepared and ready as possible."

"Were there a need to change the existing vaccines,

we could be in a position to have those approved within three to four months," she said. — AP

BRIEFS

Jabs mandate for over-60s

ATHENS, Greece — Residents in Greece over 60 years old will have to undergo mandatory vaccinations against coronavirus or face monthly 100-euro (\$114) fines beginning next year, the prime minister announced on Tuesday, declaring the country's first general inoculation mandate.

The Greek government decided upon the measure in response to a surge in new daily infections and the emergence of the Omicron variant.

It will take effect on January 16 and the fines will be added to tax bills, Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis said in a televised statement. — AP

UK tightens restrictions

LONDON — New measures to combat the new Omicron variant of coronavirus took effect in England on Tuesday, with face coverings again compulsory in shops and on public transportation, as the government said it would offer all adults a booster dose of vaccine within two months to bolster the nation's immunity.

From Tuesday morning, all travellers returning to the UK must also take a PCR test and self-isolate until they receive a negative result.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said the new measures will "buy us time in the face" of the new variant. The government said 22 cases of Omicron have been identified across the UK. — AP

Mexico plans booster vaccine

MEXICO CITY — Mexican officials have reversed their previous position against giving coronavirus booster shots and said on Tuesday they are studying a plan to administer third doses to people over 60.

The announcement came as Mexico nears 450,000 deaths from Covid-19. President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said plans for the boosters are still being drawn up, but added, "It won't be long, we have the vaccines." — AP

Japan confirms new case

TOKYO — Japan confirmed on Tuesday its first case of the new omicron coronavirus variant, a Namibian diplomat who recently arrived from his country, officials said. Chief Cabinet Secretary said the patient, a man in his 30s, tested positive upon arrival at Narita airport on Sunday and is being treated at a hospital. — AP

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Increasing productivity

'Huge potential' from crop trial on Māori land

TRIAL crops have been planted as part of a major project to lift the productivity of Māori-owned land in the eastern Bay of Plenty.

The Ministry for Primary Industries allocated \$700,000 to the Whangaparāoa Māori Lands Trust to explore the potential of their whenua near Tihirau (Cape Runaway) and create jobs.

"The project marked a milestone this month with Plant and Food Research planting small trial plots of kūmara, taewa, edamame beans and peanuts," said MPI's director of Māori Agribusiness Robyn Meehan.

"The area has fertile soils and huge potential for high-value horticulture, generating economic opportunities and employment."

The crops have been planted next to Te Kura Mana Māori o Whangaparāoa and near Plant and Food Research's weather station at Otamaroa.

"The purpose of these trials is to see how different cultivars grow in the area," said Plant and Food Research's principal scientist Dr Brent Clothier.

"We have used mulch on half the plots to measure its benefits on warming the soil. The crops will be harvested early next year."



MAKING USE OF LAND: Plant and Food Research scientist Aleise Puketapu plants a peanut crop at Otamaroa as part of the Ministry for Primary Industries' project to lift the use of Maori-owned land in the eastern Bay of Plenty. Picture supplied

MPI's Māori Agribusiness team has been working with the group of Whangaparāoa landowners since the project was funded in 2019.

The cluster is made up of representatives of the owners of 25 Māori land blocks and covers 18,000 hectares of land, with about a third (6000ha) suitable for livestock, horticulture or

arable farming.

"We undertook research to investigate options for profitable and sustainable land uses for our whenua.

"More than 70 potential land-use options were refined down to half a dozen, which aligned with the group's key aspirations," said cluster co-facilitator Rika Mato.

"We preferred a sustainable mixed land use kaupapa (policy) over a single crop. A total of 10 different crops, including the tactical use of livestock to rotate with cropping, is planned in the next phase of the programme."

The mahi is part of the Government's Fit for a Better World roadmap to increase the value of food and fibre sector exports by an extra \$44 billion in 10 years.

"The cluster was the first group we started working with when our extension programme specifically designed for Māori launched in 2019," Ms Meehan said.

"Since then, we have partnered with 26 Māori agribusiness clusters across the motu (country), providing them with tools, support and information to find different uses for their whenua.

"It's part of a \$12.2 million commitment over four years to provide farmer-to-farmer support to Māori landowners and trustees through the Māori Agribusiness Extension programme."

The Whangaparāoa landowners' cluster is in the process of establishing a joint business entity and exploring funding, partnerships and investments to implement land use choices.

AgriHQ MARKET REPORT

Week beginning November 29

LAMB

Relative to schedule, so far this season North Island store lamb prices have been soft.

For the first seven weeks of this season, store lamb prices have tracked at around 45 percent of schedule compared to 50 percent for the same period last season and 47 percent for the five-year average.

When compared to the five-year average, this indicates an undervalued market by as much as 21c/kg for a 32kg lamb.

The undervalued store lamb price could be due to a few reasons.

After two consecutive droughts, buyers from the east coast that usually finish high numbers of lambs are commencing the season cautiously.

Also, it is likely that due to the slow start to spring and lamb condition well behind compared to previous years, farmers that usually buy in store lambs haven't yet killed many of their own so don't yet have the capacity to buy in more.

Lastly, it could be that those who sell store lambs are holding on to them longer given the last two strong years of autumn and winter lamb trading. Last week store lambs in both islands were trading for around \$4/kgLW or a little less.

BEEF

The brakes have well and truly come off the cattle kill with processors nationwide reporting heaving bookings for the coming weeks.

It's already at the point where some finishers are having to wait three weeks or more to secure processing space. This is likely to be a common theme this summer due to the shortage of meat workers limiting how many cattle can be processed each week.

Slaughter prices are beginning to be docked, mainly by margins of 10c/kg per week, although remain at record highs for this point in the year.

Overseas demand for New Zealand's manufacturing beef remains very strong, especially when combined with the lower exchange rate. However, much of these revenues are being eaten up in much higher production and shipping costs.

FORESTRY

A drop in log prices within China has taken a significant bite out of the export log market for the second time in four months.

Buyers within China were paying extremely high prices up until this point, meaning that even after the reduction, in-market prices remain above what was recorded throughout 2015 – 2020.

However, shipping costs continue to be a major pain-point for exporters, limiting how much money is making its way back to forestry owners. The end outcome is wharfgate log prices dropping to the lowest level since late-2015, approximately \$6-\$8/JASm3 weaker than the Covid lows of February 2020.

Harvesting crews have often been told to down tools or work at a reduced capacity, which is already having a major impact on the amount of logs heading to ports. Those supplying mills haven't reported much change, which is standard for mid-quarter trading.

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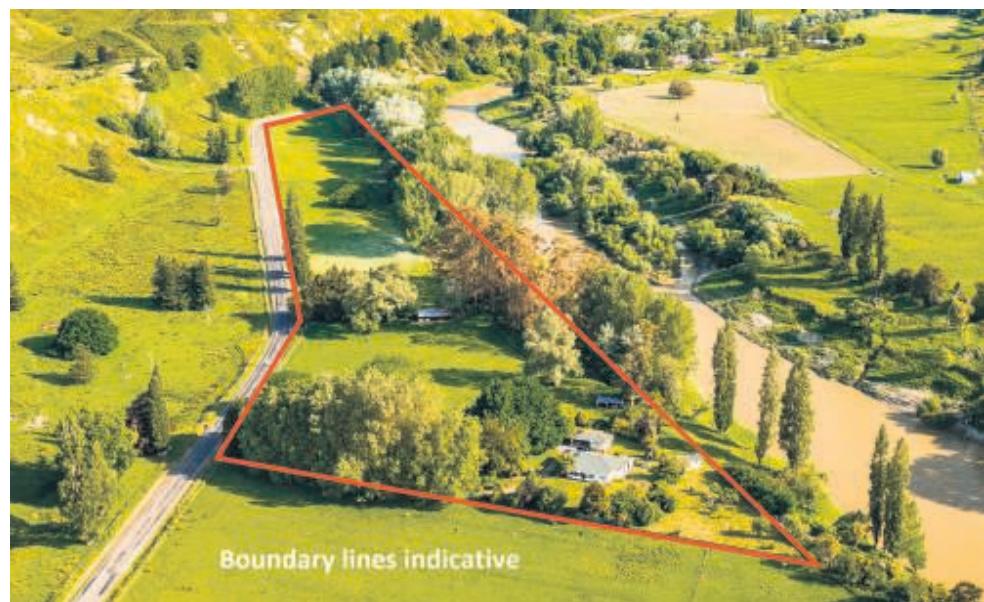
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Iran makes maximalist demands as Vienna nuclear talks resumes

TEHRAN — Iran struck a hard line on Tuesday after just one day of restarted talks in Vienna over its tattered nuclear deal, suggesting everything discussed in previous rounds of diplomacy could be renegotiated.

Speaking to Iranian state television, Ali Bagheri, Iran's top nuclear negotiator, referred to everything discussed thus far as merely a "draft." It remained unclear whether that represented an opening gambit by Iran's new president or signalled serious trouble for those hoping to restore the 2015 deal that saw Tehran strictly limit its enrichment of uranium in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions.

The United States left the deal under then-President Donald Trump's "maximum pressure" campaign against Tehran in 2018. Since the deal's collapse, Iran now enriches small amounts of uranium up to 60 percent purity — a short step from weapons-grade levels of 90 percent. Iran also spins advanced centrifuges barred by the accord, and its uranium stockpile now far exceeds the accord's limits.

President Joe Biden has said America's willing to re-enter the deal, though the negotiations continue with US officials not in the room as in previous rounds of talks since Washington's withdrawal.

"Drafts are subject to negotiation. Therefore, nothing is agreed on unless everything has been agreed on," Bagheri said. "On that basis, all discussions that took place in the six rounds are summarised and are subject to negotiations. This was admitted by all parties in today's meeting as well."

That directly contradicted comments on Monday by the European Union diplomat leading the talks.

"The Iranian delegation represents a new administration in Tehran with new understandable political sensibilities, but they have accepted that the work done over the six first rounds is a good basis to build our work ahead, so no point in going back," Enrique Mora said.

Another state TV segment saw Bagheri in Vienna saying Iran demanded a "guarantee by America not to impose new sanctions" or not re-impose previously lifted sanctions.

Mohammed Eslami, the country's civilian nuclear chief, reiterated that demand in comments to Iran's state-run IRNA news agency.

"The talks (in Vienna) are about return of the US to the deal and they have to lift all sanctions and this should be in practice and verifiable," he said. He did not elaborate.

The US has imposed a slew of sanctions on Iran since the 1979 takeover of the US Embassy in Tehran. Some eventually directly dealt with the country's nuclear programme, while others targeted Tehran for what Washington describes as destabilising actions in the Mideast. Under the 2015 nuclear deal, the US lifted nuclear sanctions, which returned when Washington pulled out of the accord.

Iran maintains its atomic programme is peaceful. However, US intelligence agencies and international inspectors say Iran had an organised nuclear weapons program up until 2003. Nonproliferation experts fear any brinkmanship could push Tehran toward even more extreme measures to try to force the West to lift sanctions.

Making matters more difficult, United Nations nuclear inspectors remain unable to fully monitor Iran's programme after Tehran limited their access. A trip to Iran last week by the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Rafael Grossi, failed to make any progress on that issue.

Talks in Vienna aimed at re-imposing curbs on Iran's nuclear programme resumed on Monday after a more than five-month hiatus as hard-line President Ebrahim Raisi took power.

— AP

Sexual harassment rife in Australia's parliament: report

CANBERRA — A third of employees in Australia's federal parliament have been sexually harassed, a landmark report has found.

The report was commissioned after a former staffer, Brittany Higgins, said she had been raped by a colleague in a minister's office.

Her story earlier this year triggered a wave of wide-ranging allegations of misconduct in Canberra.

The victims were disproportionately women, said Sex Discrimination Commissioner Kate Jenkins.

The report, titled Set the Standard, found 51 percent of staffers had experienced some form of bullying, sexual harassment or actual or attempted sexual assault.

"Such experiences leave a trail of devastation for individuals and their teams and undermine the performance of our parliament to the nation's detriment," said Ms Jenkins, the report's author.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison described the findings as "appalling", adding: "I wish I found it more surprising". Morrison has previously been accused of being "tone deaf" on issues disproportionately affecting women in parliament.

The review, tabled in federal parliament on Tuesday, interviewed 1723 people and 33 organisations.

It found 63 percent of female parliamentarians had experienced sexual harassment — an even higher percentage than for political staffers.

One unnamed MP told the review, "Aspiring male politicians who thought nothing of, in one case, picking you up, kissing you on the lips, lifting you up, touching you, pats on the bottom, comments about appearance, you know, the usual. The point I make with that . . . (w)as the culture allowed it, encouraged it."

The report made recommendations including improving leadership and gender balances, and reducing a culture of alcohol.

Ms Higgins said she urged MPs across the political divide to "implement these recommendations in full".

"I want to thank the many brave people who shared their stories, which contributed to this review," she said. — BBC

BRIEFS

Putin warns Nato

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday sternly warned NATO against deploying its troops and weapons to Ukraine, saying it represents a red line for Russia and would trigger a strong response.

Commenting on Western concerns about Russia's alleged intention to invade Ukraine, he said that Moscow is equally worried about NATO drills near its borders.

Speaking to participants in an online investment forum, Putin said that NATO's eastward expansion has threatened Russia's core security interests. He expressed concern that NATO could eventually use the Ukrainian territory to deploy missiles capable of reaching Moscow in just five minutes.

"The emergence of such threats represents a 'red line' for us," Putin said. "I hope that it will not get to that and common sense and responsibility for their own countries and the global community will eventually prevail." He added that Russia has been forced to counter the growing threats by developing new hypersonic weapons. — AP

Rally against military coup

KHARTOUM, Sudan — Security forces fired tear gas at anti-coup protesters in the Sudanese capital on Tuesday, as tens of thousands marched in the latest demonstrations against a military takeover that took place last month.

Protesters took to the streets in Khartoum and other cities around the country to demand that the armed forces stay out of government. — AP

Elephants need urgent care

KARACHI, Pakistan — The head of a team of veterinarians on Tuesday called for urgent medical care for a pair of elephants in Pakistan's port city of Karachi.

Dr Frank Goeritz, whose team was sent by the global animal welfare group Four Paws to examine four elephants, reported that one of the animals needs a "complicated" surgery to remove a damaged and infected tusk. A second elephant has dental problems and a medical issue with a foot, according to vets. — AP

A republic is born

Barbados parts ways with the British monarchy

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Barbados stopped pledging allegiance to The Queen on Tuesday as it shed another vestige of its colonial past and became a republic for the first time in history.

Several leaders, dignitaries and artists, including Prince Charles and Rihanna, attended the ceremony that began late on Monday in a popular square where the statue of Britain's Lord Nelson was removed last year amid a worldwide push to erase symbols of oppression.

Fireworks peppered the sky at midnight as Barbados officially became a republic, with screens set up across the island so people could watch the event that featured an orchestra with more than 100 steel pan players and numerous singers, poets and dancers. It was also broadcast online, prompting a flurry of excited messages from Bajans living in the US, Canada and beyond.

"Happy Independence Day and freedom to all," wrote one viewer.

The drive to become a republic began more than two decades ago and culminated with the island's Parliament electing its first ever president last month in a two-thirds majority vote. Barbados Governor General Sandra Mason was sworn in before dawn on Tuesday as the island marked its 55th anniversary of independence from Britain.

"As cautioned by our first prime minister . . . we ought no longer to be found loitering on colonial premises," she said.

"We must seek to redefine our definition of self, of state, and the Barbados brand, in a more complex, fractured and turbulent world . . . Our country and people must dream big dreams and fight to realise them."

Mason, 72, is an attorney and judge who has also served as ambassador to Venezuela, Colombia, Chile and Brazil. She will help Prime Minister Mia Mottley lead the wealthy Caribbean island of more than 300,000 people that is dependent on tourism, manufacturing



END OF COLONIAL ERA: Britain's Prince Charles, centre, stands with Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley, right, and former cricketer Garfield Sobers, left, as they attend the Presidential Inauguration Ceremony for Dame Sandra Mason, at Heroes Square, in Bridgetown, Barbados on Tuesday.

AP picture

and finance.

Barbados didn't need permission from the UK to become a republic, although the island will remain a member of the Commonwealth Realm. It's an event that the Caribbean hasn't experienced since the 1970s, when Guyana, Dominica and Trinidad and Tobago became republics.

Barbados became independent from the UK in November 1966, more than three centuries after English settlers arrived and turned the island into a wealthy sugar colony based on the work of hundreds of thousands of African slaves.

In recent decades, the island has begun distancing itself from its colonial past. In 2005, Barbados dropped the London-based Privy Council and chose the Trinidad-based Caribbean Court of Justice as its final court of appeal. Then in 2008, it proposed a referendum on the issue of becoming a republic, but it was pushed back indefinitely. Last year, Barbados announced plans to stop being a constitutional monarchy and removed a statue of British Vice-Admiral Horatio Nelson from National Heroes Square, the location of the event to celebrate becoming a republic.

"From the darkest days of our past and the appalling atrocity of slavery, which forever stains our history, the people of this island forged their path with extraordinary fortitude," said Prince Charles, who thanked Barbadian officials

for inviting him and said he has greatly admired what they've achieved. "Freedom, justice, and self determination have been your guides."

During the ceremony, the prime minister awarded pop star Rihanna the honour of national hero of Barbados that comes with the title, "the right excellent."

"May you continue to shine like a diamond and bring honour to your nation by your words, by your actions, and to do credit wherever you shall go. God bless you, my dear," Mottley told the singer, who placed her palm over her heart and said thank you.

As the ceremony ended, officials lowered the Queen's royal standard for the last time in Barbados. In a statement, The Queen congratulated the island for its "momentous day," and said she looked forward to an ongoing friendship between the two nations.

Barbados' flag, coat of arms and national anthem will remain the same, but certain references will change, according to Suleiman Bulbulia, a columnist for the Barbados Today newspaper. He wrote that the terms "royal" and "crown" will no longer be used, so the Royal Barbados Police Force will become the Barbados Police Service and "crown lands" will become "state lands."

"It is the beginning of a new era," he wrote. "Any Barbadian can aspire now to be our Head of State." — AP



TEMPERATURES RISING: Coastal sea temperatures around New Zealand have been 1.1C to 1.4C above average during November. NZ Herald picture

Seas set to sizzle again

Marine heatwave occurring in waters around New Zealand

by Jamie Morton, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — New Zealand's coastal waters have once again warmed to reach "marine heatwave" conditions — raising the chances of another major ocean event and scorching days this summer.

Niwa meteorologist Ben Noll said water temperatures have ranged from 1.1C to 1.4C above average for November, with daily sea surface temperatures more than 3C above average around the western and northern North Island and eastern South Island over the last week.

Marine heatwave conditions, classified when the sea temperature is above the 90th percentile for at least five days, have been observed in waters offshore of all regions of New Zealand.

That was comparable to the conditions observed in November 2017, which marked the beginning of a freakish and unprecedented marine heatwave around the country and in the Tasman Sea — and helped precipitate New Zealand's hottest ever summer.

Over that period, air temperatures over the country reached between 1.7C and 2.1C above average, while sea surfaces heated up to between 1.2C and 1.9C above average.

"Frequent patterns of high pressure near and south of New Zealand during November, owing to La Niña, have caused more frequent sub-tropical, northeasterly winds than normal," Noll said.

"Reduced wind speeds through the month have prevented colder, subsurface ocean waters from getting mixed up to the surface."

"In addition, sunshine has generally been above normal, which has helped to heat the ocean surface."

Marine heatwaves are becoming increasingly frequent in a warmer climate, with 963 marine heatwave days observed in the New Zealand region between 2010 and 2019 compared with 366 between 2000 and 2009.

Scientists also warn that marine heatwaves will grow longer and more intense under climate change.

And while balmier seas might be good for beachgoers, marine heatwaves have also proven to have severe impacts on ocean ecosystems and the industries that rely on them.

In the 2017-18 event, glaciers melted as some pockets of ocean off the South Island's west coast warmed to 6C above average, while elsewhere, mussel beds

suffered cascading losses and vineyards saw early harvests.

That marine heatwave itself was described by scientists as an unlikely event, even by mid-range estimates for 2050.

Already, Niwa was picking 2021 to be among New Zealand's five hottest years on record.

The return of La Niña conditions meant Kiwis could expect warmth everywhere this summer — but varying weather patterns, depending on location.

Unlike El Niño, La Niña drove more rain to the northeast and drier conditions to the south and southeast of the South Island.

That wasn't, however, the trend that played out over last summer's La Niña.

According to Niwa's recent outlook, out to January, rainfall was also most likely to be below normal in the west of the South Island, near normal in the north and east of the North Island and about equally likely to be near normal or below normal in all other regions.

Climate scientist Professor Jim Salinger said La Niña meant Kiwis could count on widespread heat over the next few months.

"We can expect it to be dry in the south and west, and if it's wet, it's going to be wet in the north and east."

Man rescued after virtual cry for help

by Nikki Preston, NZ Herald

WAIHEKE ISLAND — An injured Waiheke Island man put out a desperate late night SOS call on social media for help and to his immense relief the island's residents were quick to respond.

Surfdale resident Raymond Waru had been checking his emails for the last time on Saturday night when he suddenly collapsed onto his desk chair after his leg twisted and he dislocated his hip.

The 69-year-old, who was on his own in his house, found himself trapped on his chair and unable to move.

"I wasn't in any pain. You are only in incredible pain if you move so if you don't you are sort of alright."

His phone was charging five metres away from him, but he couldn't reach it.

His late night cries to his neighbours for help at about 10.30pm also went unanswered.

With few other options available, the retired broadcaster took to his computer which was right in front of him.

"I thought I must be able to do something so I started emailing the world basically."

He sent about a dozen emails to St John, police, friends and even his landlord desperately hoping someone might still be awake and checking their emails.

Despite not being much of a social media user, he then remembered about the local Waiheke Facebook page and put out an SOS there describing his predicament and giving his address.

"I need URGENT help. This is not a joke," the post said. "I have had an accident but am not near the phone. My leg has twisted, I think my hip has dislocated, and I cannot get to the door or phone."

Within 10 minutes of his virtual cry for help, he heard what he described as "voices in the night calling his name".

"It was really fast ... that's the thing I suppose ... there were people doing things on the page."

A resident who is a member on the page had been scrolling through Facebook and saw his post at about 11.30pm. She called Waru's neighbour and local community board member Kylie Matthews who was one of the people he had attempted to tag in his post.

Matthews, who had just gone to bed, missed the call, but decided to call them back.

After calling out to Waru, Matthews' partner then smashed a window to get to him and open the locked door.

It was a relatively easy process to get him to the ferry from there, she said.

Matthews said she was so pleased she had returned her friend's late night call because Waru could have made his injury worse by trying to move.

Matthews then called St John and the local Waiheke Island ambulance crew arrived and gave him some pain relief before taking him down to the wharf.

After being treated at Auckland Hospital, Waru was home the next afternoon and is feeling extremely grateful to the Waiheke community.

He said it showed how the community rallied together when someone needed help. He had also heard he was the talk of the island the next day with people inquiring to his neighbour about how he was doing.

"At least the community page works," he said.



SCOTT WATSON

by Kurt Bayer, NZ Herald

CHRISTCHURCH — Scott Watson was nervous yesterday.

After 22 years behind bars for a heinous crime he still says he didn't commit, he hoped yesterday would be the day he could be released.

It was his fourth time before the Parole Board. He knew what they would ask.

But given how it's gone before, he was visibly worried. He placed his palms flat on his thighs and fiddled timidly with his mask.

"I'd just like to say that I think ... that I, um, I'm not an undue risk anymore with the conditions that are imposed and are ... I'm very nervous, can I read my notes to you?" 50-year-old Watson stumbled, while two of his closest advocates sat nearby.

The former Picton boatbuilder is serving a life sentence, which came with a minimum non-parole period of 17 years, for the 1998 murders of Olivia Hope, 17, and Ben Smart, 21.

Watson has always denied killing, or even ever meeting, Hope and Smart after New Year's

celebrations in a Marlborough Sounds holiday hideaway.

And that remains the major sticking point for the Parole Board who considered his bid for freedom again this morning.

The New Zealand Herald dialled into proceedings and heard that the Parole Board could not release him just now, given that the "core risks" of his denials of extremely serious offending remain "unaddressed".

"Mr Watson, thank you for talking to us today. We're not going to grant parole today, really for the reasons that we've discussed with you," said Parole Board panel convenor Sir Ron Young, after just four minutes deliberating the decision with his two fellow board members.

Watson's continued denials mean he has been unable to do any of the rehabilitation programmes that might help with his release.

It means that the Parole Board still see him as being at "high risk" to the community if he was released.

His lawyer Kerry Cook accepted that the denials are a "stumbling block" towards Watson getting parole, but should not be insurmountable, highlighting the case of David Tamihere who was released in 2010 after spending 20 years in prison for the murders of Swedish tourists Sven Urban Hoglin, 23, and Heidi Paakkonen, 21.

"The Parole Board has released people who have maintained innocence on serious offences before," said Cook, who asked the board to take a "more nuanced approach" to Watson's case.

The lawyer argued that any risk could be managed through a structured release with appropriate conditions.

Cook pointed to Watson's "excellent behaviour" in prison over recent years, which he relied on heavily to show that he is not an undue risk.

WEDNESDAY—THURSDAY'S TELEVISION GUIDE

TVNZ 1

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- 5pm** The Chase **✓**
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** The Celebrity Chase **✓**
Bradley Walsh presents a celebrity edition of the game show.
- 8.20** Lotto
The Lotto draw.
- 8.25** The Celebrity Chase **✓**
Continued.
- 8.30** Location, Location, Location **✓**
Property experts Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer help people find their dream homes.
- 9.35** Coronation Street PG **✓**
- 10.35** 1 News Tonight **✓**
- 11.05** Nurses M **✓**
Caught between a busy obstetrician and her insistent midwife, Ashley helps a pregnant patient with a breech baby.
- 11.55** Mallorca Files M **✓**
When a top cyclist disappears during a training session, Miranda and Max take advantage of Ines's absence to investigate.
- THURSDAY**
- 12.50** Te Karere **✓**
News and current affairs from a Maori perspective.
- 1.15** Infomercials
- 5.30** Te Karere **✓**
News and current affairs from a Maori perspective.
- 6am** Breakfast **✓**
The Breakfast team presents news, interviews, weather, and information.
- 9am** The Ellen DeGeneres Show PG **✓**
Ellen DeGeneres brings her brand of humour to daytime talk.
- 10am** Tipping Point **✓**
- 11am** The Chase **✓**
- Noon** 1 News At Midday **✓**
- 12.30** Emmerdale PG **✓**
- 1pm** Coronation Street PG **✓**
- 2pm** Cowboy Builders **✓**
- 3pm** Tipping Point **✓**
- 4pm** Te Karere
- 4.30** Asia Unplugged With Diana Chan **✓**
- 5pm** The Chase **✓**

BRAVO

- 5.30** Shark Tank PG
- 6.30** Botched PGLSC **✓**
- 7.30** Dog Rescuers PG
Inspector Charlotte Melvin is left reeling from what she sees in a house full of neglected animals.
- 8.30** 24 Hours In Emergency MC
- 9.35** SAS Australia 16L
- 10.45** Snapped MVC **✓**
- 11.40** Killer Couples MVC **✓**
- THURSDAY**
- 12.30** Infomercials
- 10am** Catfish PG **✓**
- 10.50** Botched PGLSC **✓**
- 11.45** Snapped MVC **✓**
- 12.40** Killer Couples MVC **✓**
- 1.35** The Real Housewives Of New York City M
- 2.35** Catfish PG **✓**
- 3.30** Face Off PGC **✓**
- 4.30** Love It Or List It
- 5.30** Shark Tank PG

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- 5pm** The Simpsons PG **✓**
- 5.30** The Big Bang Theory **✓**
- 6pm** Neighbours PGS **✓**
- 6.30** Home And Away **✓**
- 7pm** Shortland Street PGC **✓**
Desdemona seeks revenge; Jojo takes charge.
- 7.30** Young Sheldon **✓**
- 8pm** Young Sheldon **✓**
- 8.30** FINAL Taskmaster M **✓**
Five comedians complete bizarre tasks for taskmaster Greg Davies.
- 9.30** Would I Lie To You? PG **✓**
- 10.45** Mom PG **✓**
- THURSDAY**
- 12.35** Motherland: Fort Salem M **✓**
- 1.25** Shortland Street PGC **✓**
- 1.50** Infomercials
- 2.55** Selling Houses Australia **✓**
- 4.35** Neighbours PGS **✓**
- 5am** Infomercials
- 6am** Les Mills Born To Move **✓**
- 6.25** Hey Duggee **✓**
- 6.35** Clifford The Big Red Dog **✓**
- 7am** Eliot Kid **✓**
- 7.25** SpongeBob SquarePants **✓**
- 7.50** The Deep **✓**
- 8.15** Darwin And Newts **✓**
- 8.25** Dorothy And The Wizard Of Oz **✓**
- 8.35** Book Hungry Bears **✓**
- 8.45** Daniel Tiger's Neighbourhood **✓**
- 9am** Infomercials
- 9.30** Religious Programming
- 10am** Les Mills Body Attack **✓**
- 10.30** Neighbours PGS **✓**
- 11am** Friends **✓**
- Noon** The Royals M **✓**
- 1pm** The Best Of Judge Rinder PG **✓**
- 2pm** The Mindy Project M **✓**
- 2.30** Home And Away **✓**
- 3pm** Shortland Street PGC **✓**
- 3.35** Bluey **✓**
- 3.40** Get Clever **✓**
- 4.05** We Bare Bears **✓**
- 4.30** Friends **✓**
- 5pm** The Simpsons **✓**
- 5.30** The Big Bang Theory **✓**

CHOICE

- 5pm** Giada At Home
- 5.30** Mysteries At The Museum PGC
- 6.30** Forged In Fire PG
- 7.30** Where The Wild Men Are With Ben Fogle
- 8.30** Robson Green's Grand Slam PG
- 9.30** Jeremy Wade's Dark Waters PG
- 10.30** Forged In Fire PG
- 11.30** Mysteries At The Museum PGC
- THURSDAY**
- 12.30** Giada Entertains
- 1am** Giada At Home
- 1.30** Gino's Italian Escape
- 2am** Money For Nothing
- 3am** Extinct Or Alive PG
- 4am** Robson Green's Grand Slam PG
- 5am** Mysteries At The Museum PG
- 6am** Money For Nothing
- 7am** Giada Entertains
- 7.30** Giada At Home
- 8am** Extinct Or Alive PG
- 9am** The Great Food Truck Race PG
- 10am** Gino's Italian Escape
- 10.30** Mysteries At The Museum PGC
- 11.30** Ice Cold Gold PG
- 12.30** Where The Wild Men Are With Ben Fogle
- 1.30** Robson Green's Grand Slam PG
- 2.30** Jeremy Wade's Dark Waters PG
- 3.30** Saving Britain's Wildlife PG
- 4.30** The Great Food Truck Race PG
- 5.30** Mysteries At The Museum PGC

THREE

- 5pm** Aussie Gold Hunters PG
- 6pm** Newshub Live At 6pm
- 7pm** The Project
- 7.30** The Block Australia PG **✓**
The twins await make or break news; Scotty has a game-changing surprise for the contestants.
- 8.40** Love It Or List It Australia **✓**
Attempts are made to entice Brendon away from his Great Australian Dream and to convince Michelle to give up her dream of moving.
- 9.45** NEW Chasing Ghislaine **✓** 1/3.
To understand Ghislaine Maxwell's mysterious past the investigation must start with the complex life of her media mogul father, Robert Maxwell.
- 10.55** Newshub Late
- 11.25** NCIS: Los Angeles M **✓**
- THURSDAY**
- The team investigates the murder of a journalist who was writing an exposé on a mishandled, classified, military operation.
- 12.25** Infomercials
- 6am** The AM Show **✓**
- 9am** Infomercials
- 10.30** Bondi Vet **✓**
- 11.30** Newshub Live At 11:30am
- Noon** House Hunters Renovation **✓**
- 1pm** Yard Crashers **✓**
- 1.30** MOVIE The Christmas Apprentice PG 2016 Comedy. Abigail Hawk, Chevy Chase, David O'Donnell.
- 3.30** Millionaire Hot Seat
- 4.30** Newshub Live At 4:30pm
- 5pm** Aussie Gold Hunters PG

PRIME

- 5pm** 3rd Rock From The Sun PGC **✓**
- Sally worries about her relationship with Don until one night in a stable.
- 5.30** Prime News
- 6pm** Sky Speed
- 6.30** The Force MC **✓**
- 7pm** The Crowd Goes Wild
- The team presents the best of the day's sports news.
- 7.30** Traffic Cops PGVC **✓**
- 8.30** Massive Engineering Mistakes PGC **✓**
One of the world's largest ships causes chaos in the Suez Canal.
- 9.30** NEW Strike Back
- 18VLSC **✓** Samuel Wyatt, Thomas 'Mac' McAllister, and Gracie Novin are reunited for a mission after a Russian plane crashes under suspicious circumstances.
- 10.30** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert PG
- 11.30** Love Island UK 16LS
- THURSDAY**
- 12.30** Infomercials
- 8am** Ready Set Dance **✓**
- 8.05** Butterbean's Cafe **✓**
- 8.30** Blue's Clues And You **✓**
- 9am** Antiques Roadshow **✓**
- 10.05** The Office PGC **✓**
- 11am** Shipping Wars PG **✓**
- 11.30** Six Million Dollar Man PGV
- 12.30** American Pickers **✓**
- 1.30** Parks And Recreation PGC **✓**
- 2pm** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert PG **✓**
- 3pm** Wheel Of Fortune **✓**
- 3.30** Jeopardy
- 4pm** American Pickers
- 5pm** 3rd Rock From The Sun PGC **✓**
- 5.30** Prime News

MAORI TV

- 5pm** Pukana **✓**
- 5.30** Te Mana Kuratahi **✓**
- 6pm** Haka Ngahau A-Rohe: Te Arawa **✓**
- 6.30** Te Ao Marama
- 7pm** Waiata Nation **✓**
- 7.30** Life Of Kai PG **✓**
- 8pm** Haka Global **✓**
- 8.30** Ka Pai Living PG **✓**
- 9pm** Only In Aotearoa MC
- 9.30** Mura O Te Ahu PG **✓**
- 10pm** Rage Against The Rangatahi PG **✓** Marae.
- 10.30** Ki Tua **✓**
- 11pm** Te Ao Marama
- 11.30** Closedown
- THURSDAY**
- 6.30** E Ki E Ki **✓**
- 6.35** Waiata Mai **✓**
- 6.45** Takaro Tribe **✓**
- 7am** Taki Atu Taki Mai **✓**
- 7.10** Te Nutube **✓**
- 7.20** Kia Mau **✓**
- 7.30** Purakau **✓**
- 7.40** Smooth **✓**
- 7.50** He Rourou **✓**
- 8am** Polyfest **✓**
- 8.30** Oranga Ngakau **✓**
- 9.30** Whanau Bake-Off **✓**
- 10am** Easy Eats **✓**
- 10.30** Whanau Living **✓**
- 11am** Sidewalk Karaoke **✓**
- 11.30** Tangaroa With Pio **✓**
- Noon** Te Ao Tapatahi
- 12.30** The Casketeers PGC **✓**
- 1pm** Uka **✓**
- 1.30** Toku Reo **✓**
- 2.30** Ako **✓**
- 3.30** E Ki E Ki **✓**
- 3.35** Waiata Mai **✓**
- 3.45** Takaro Tribe **✓**
- 4pm** Taki Atu Taki Mai **✓**
- 4.10** Te Nutube **✓**
- 4.20** Kia Mau **✓**
- 4.30** Potae Pai **✓**
- 4.40** Darwin And Newts **✓**
- 4.50** He Rourou **✓**
- 5pm** Polyfest **✓**
- 5.30** Te Mana Kuratahi **✓**



Taskmaster

8.30pm on TVNZ 2



Chasing Ghislaine

9.45pm on Three



Strike Back

9.30pm 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** Inside Out With Nick Tipping.
- THURSDAY**
- 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.

PAY TV

- SKY SPORT 1**
- 5.30** Football: Fifa Women's World Cup Qualifier (RPL) South Korea v Football Ferns.
- 8pm** Playmakers: UFC Special
- 8.30** Football: Fifa Women's World Cup Qualifier (HLS) South Korea v Football Ferns.
- 9pm** Playmakers: Flashback
- 11pm** Cricket: International (HLS) India v Blackcaps: First Test Wrap.
- 1.30** Cricket: Best Of The Big Bash League (RPL) Sydney Thunder v Melbourne Renegades.
- 4.30** Supercars: Inside Line
- 5.30** Aotearoa Rugby Pod
- 6am** Gallagher Premiership (RPL) Bath v Exeter.
- 8am** All Blacks v Wallabies (RPL) Bledisloe Cup: Game Two.
- 10am** Cricket: International (HLS)
- 12.30** All Blacks v Springboks
- 2.30** Women's: Black Ferns v England (HLS)
- 3pm** Women's: Black Ferns v France (HLS)
- 3.30** Women's: Black Ferns v France (HLS)
- 4pm** All Access: Black Ferns
- 4.30** All Access: Black Ferns
- 5pm** All Access: Black Ferns
- 5.30** All Blacks v Wallabies (RPL) Bledisloe Cup: Game Three.

SKY 5

- 5pm** Storage Wars PGL
- 5.30** Pawn Stars PG
- 6pm** Ice Road Truckers PG
- 7pm** Border Security M An insight into the work of the officers who protect Australia's borders.
- 7.30** NCIS MV
- 8.30** FBI MV
- 9.30** Lethal Weapon 16VLSC
- 10.30** FBI MV
- 11.30** Mountain Men PG
- THURSDAY**
- 12.30** Wheel Of Fortune 1am Jeopardy!
- 1.25** Border Security M Sydney Thunder v Melbourne Renegades.
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MOVIES PREMIERE

- 6.45** The Marksman MVL 2021 Action. Liam Neeson, Katheryn Winnick.
- 8.30** Charm City Kings 16VLC 2020 Drama.

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THU 1.30pm, 6pm
DUNE (M) THU 10.40am, 1.50pm, 5pm, 8.15pm
ENCANTO (M)
THU 10.30am, 1.15pm, 3.30pm, 5.45pm
ETERNALS (M)
WED 2pm, 5.05pm, 8.10pm. THU 2.40pm, 5.35pm, 8pm
FALLING FOR FIGARO (M) WED 6.05pm
THU 11.15am
LAST NIGHT IN SOHO (R16) WED 3.40pm, 8.20pm
NO TIME TO DIE (M) WED 3.15pm, 8pm
THU 8pm
PETITE MAMAN (PG) WED 1.30pm, 6.30pm
THU 11.15am
RON'S GONE WRONG (PG) WED 3.30pm
THU 3.45pm
THE POWER OF THE DOG (R13) WED 1pm, 8.20pm. THU 8.20pm
VENOM: LET THERE BE CARNAGE (M)
WED 1.20pm, 3.45pm, 6pm, 8.20pm
THU 1.15pm, 3.30pm, 5.50pm, 8.40pm

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TE RAWHEORO MARAE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY,
December 15, 2021
9am

Te Rawheoro Marae,
Uawa

AGENDA

Mihi/Karakia

Apologies

Previous AGM Minutes
Matters Arising
Chairs Report
Financial Accounts
General Business
Karakia Whakakapi

Meetings



NGATAPA RUGBY & ASSOCIATED SPORTS CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 12th
December 2021

At the Clubrooms
in Pututahi

3pm

AGENDA

- Minutes from 2020 Annual Meeting
- 2021 Reports
- Election of Officers
- Other business

Signed: L. Livingston
President

Meetings

TE WHAKAARI INCORPORATION

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the AGM of Shareholders will be held at:

Taihoa Marae
On FRIDAY, 3rd December, 2021
at 10am

Full notice of the Agenda can be picked up at the Agfirst Office in Gisborne, Level One, 6 Reads Quay or email request to: jackie.hudson@agfirst.co.nz

PH 06 8684144
Bus bookings:
Contact - Jackie

To ensure we maintain social distancing, email pre-registration is available. Please email your full name, postal address, and a copy of a certified bank account details to jackie.hudson@agfirst.co.nz

You will still need to check in on arrival at the Marae to confirm your presence.

Meetings

WHANGAPARAOA 2L TRUST

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SHAREHOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 4th DECEMBER AT TE KAHA RESORT.

Note: Covid Restrictions are in place and Alert Level 2 Restrictions regarding Social Distancing etc, will apply.

Farm Tour

Due to Covid restrictions there will be no farm visit this year.

AGM - 10am - 1pm

AGENDA

- Whakatau followed by Kapu Ti
- Karakia/Mihimihi/Apologies
- Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting 28th November 2020
- Matters Arising
- Chairman's Report
- Farm Manager's Report
- 2021 Financial Statement
- General Business
- Guest Speaker
- Mihimihi whakamutunga/ Karakia

Meeting to close 1pm with lunch to follow

Shareholders are asked to advise Whanau of this meeting notice. Enquiries and copies of the relevant information can be obtained from the Trust Administrators:

Education Grant

Applications are now available to shareholders or beneficiaries of Whangaparaoa 2L Block, Waikura Valley, East Coast.

Application forms can be obtained from Cookson Forbes at office@cooksonforbes.co.nz

Applications close 31 December 2021.

Cookson Forbes & Associates Limited -
Attention: Donna or Val
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Gisborne Thistle AFC

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 6th December, 6.30pm

All members & new members please attend, Soccer, Netball
Enquiries contact:
Ron Young
027 608 6060
or 868 6050

Situations Vacant

TREE CROP MANAGER

Based in Gisborne with contracts extending throughout NZ, Logic Forest Solutions is a small, hardworking team specialising in all aspects of commercial forestry.

We are seeking a Tree Crop Manager to join our team. This is a fulltime, diverse, hands-on role with a strong focus on customer and contractor liaison.

Candidates with experience will be preferred although those with similar experience possessing key attributes may be considered. The role includes:

- Forest management
- Forest operations - establishment and silviculture
- Contractor management and crew supervision

Key attributes include:

- Experience in forestry operations
- GIS mapping skills
- ETS/Carbon Forestry administration
- An enthusiastic and positive attitude
- Be a 'self-starter' and able to work unsupervised
- Hardworking, fit with a love of the outdoors
- A personal commitment to assisting in the growth of the company
- Computer literate

This is a great opportunity for a motivated person seeking an exciting career in forestry with opportunity for advancement. A competitive remuneration package will be offered to the right person.

A full job description is available on our website or by email. Please email your CV to office@logicfsl.co.nz by 8 December 2021.



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SUPER AIR - LOADER DRIVER

SuperAir is a fast growing nationwide aviation Company committed to investing in and developing our people.

We currently have an exciting opportunity for you to join the team as an Aircraft Loader Driver in the Gisborne region.

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You will be responsible for:

- Loading the aircraft with fertiliser, lime or other products
- Relocation and daily maintenance of Loaders
- Refueling of trucks and aircraft

You will have:

- Class 2 drivers license
- An approved Handlers certificate and Dangerous Goods license is not essential, however would be advantageous
- Passion for the rural/agricultural sector
- Mechanical aptitude to troubleshoot issues and ensure continuous operation

Due to weather and seasonal demands flexibility in workdays and hours is essential, as well as the ability to start in the early hours of the morning! In return you will be given the opportunity to grow in a supportive environment and highly competitive industry.

Applications close Sunday, 19 December 2021

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FARMING



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Tuesday, 7th December 2021 11am

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NEXT CATTLE SALE:

Tuesday, 18th January 2022, 11am

Contact: Jamie Hayward 027 434 7586

The PGG Wrightson Livestock Team wish you a safe and happy Christmas break

RADIO NGATI POROU CHARITABLE TRUST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting for the Radio Ngati Porou Charitable Trust will be held at Radio Ngati Porou, Main Road, Ruatoria on Sunday 12 December 2021 starting at 10am.

The Agenda will include:

- 1. Mihi and Karakia
 - 2. Apologies
 - 3. Minutes of last AGM held 6 December 2020
 - 3.1 Matters arising from the Minutes
 - 4. Presentation of Annual Report for year ended 30 June 2021
 - 4.1 Adoption of Annual Report
 - 5. Presentation of Audited Accounts for year ended 30 June 2021
 - 5.1 Adoption of Accounts
 - 6. Election of one Community Representative
 - A vacancy exists for a community representative on the Radio Ngati Porou Board of Trustees, following the resignation of Lilian Tangaere-Baldwin. Nominations and the election of a replacement community representative will be held at the AGM.
 - 7. General Business
- No reira e te iwi, nau mai, haere mai. Our AGM will be live-streamed so check out our FB page for the link. If you require any further information please contact Deborah on 06 864 8020 ext 2.

WAIKOHU STATION (Hicks Bay) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on:
SATURDAY,
11 December 2021
at 11am

The AGM will be Online and with Limited Capacity attending at the House of Breakthrough Church, 7 Potae Avenue, Cnr of Lytton Road and Ormond Road, Gisborne.

AGENDA

- Karakia
- Apologies
- Minutes of Matters Arising
- Chairperson's Report
- Annual Accounts - Year ending 30 June 2020 and 2021

Please Note the Following Points:

Fire Hazard: Shareholders are to be mindful of potential fire risk due to dry conditions. Shareholders to be careful when camping and look to mow down their camp site areas to mitigate the risks.

No dogs are permitted. Campers are to leave their sites tidy.

To get a key for access please contact a Committee Member.

Stanley Pardoe
Chairperson
On behalf of the
Pakarae A &
Other Blocks
Committee of
Management

Those attending Online please register through emailing lance@hob.nz and a Zoom address will be forwarded to you.

Acting Chair
Lance Rickard

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Public Notices

Having a garage sale Saturday?

Deadline to advertise is 2pm Thursday.

Department of Conservation Te Papa Atawhai

CONSERVATION BOARD VACANCIES 2022

The Minister of Conservation is seeking nominations for membership of Conservation Boards.

Public vacancies on each board are as follows:

Northland (2), Auckland (5), Waikato (2), Bay of Plenty (4), East Coast Hawke's Bay (3), Tongariro Taupō (2), Taranaki Whanganui (3), Wellington (4), Chatham Islands (2), Nelson/Marlborough (3), West Coast Tai Poutini (5), Canterbury Aoraki (3), Otago (2), Southland (4).

Appointments will take effect from 1 July 2022 and will be for a term of up to three years. Preference is given to people resident within the area of the board for which they are nominated.

Additional information and the online application can be found at www.conservationboards.org.nz or by contacting nominations@doc.govt.nz

Closing date for nominations is Monday 31 January 2022 at 5pm.

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ACCOUNTING POSITION

A position exists within our firm that would suit a qualified, partly qualified or person with chartered accountancy experience.

The primary role to be completion of financial statements and tax returns. In addition to this a variety of other work is involved, including budgeting, tax planning, and finance matters.

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Two-pronged Bonecrusher attack for Wexford

MATAMATA — A double-handed attack on the Gr.3 Mitchell Family Bonecrusher Stakes (1400m) highlights a busy day for the Wexford Stables team on their home track at Matamata on Saturday.

The training partnership of Lance O'Sullivan and Andrew Scott will saddle up the Group Two-placed gelding Dark Destroyer and the exciting filly Karman Line in what looks like a good field of

three-year-olds.

Karman Line made plenty of people take notice in her only race to date, striking traffic problems on the turn before unleashing a powerful sprint to win a maiden at Te Āroha on November 9.

O'Sullivan has a high opinion of the filly but warned her lack of experience would count against her in the Bonecrusher Stakes.

"She's just a learner, but it's her home

track so that should help," he said.

"We're hoping to run in the better three-year-old fillies races later in the season but the timing worked out well to run her here."

Dark Destroyer won his second start, a maiden at Taupo, prior to finishing third in the Gr.2 Sarten Memorial Stakes (1400m) and fifth in the Gr.1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m).

"He ran well there and he's come

through the run very well," O'Sullivan said. "His experience will help him here."

Dark Destroyer is nominated for the Gr.1 New Zealand Derby (2400m) in March and O'Sullivan said he was hopeful the gelding would handle 2000m at least.

"His run at Te Rapa suggested he will get further than a mile," O'Sullivan said.

"We will just get this run out of the way and see what he does before deciding what his targets will be." — NZ Racing Desk

Taranaki races at New Plymouth Thursday

Selections

Race 1:	RONIN POROTENE, AMATHUSIA, BATTLE SECRET
Race 2:	AYREON, GEMMA FLITZ, PER INAWAY
Race 3:	CAN'T FAULT HER, DARCI DIVA, PISCO SOUR
Race 4:	BURGUNDY ROSE, CAMINATA, PALM SPRINGS
Race 5:	PARIS RUBY, THE FEARLESS ONE, FLORENTIA
Race 6:	VISHAKHA, SNATCH, KAIMAI QUEEN
Race 7:	HOT SALSA, REVELRY, HONEY HONEY
Race 8:	CAMAROSA, DE CASTELLA, AGE OF NATURE
Race 9:	CELEBRE, LADY KARTEL, HINEPARA

2 Monstavision 1.50

\$12,000, maiden 3yo, 1100m
1 3 Ayreon (3) 57.5 51 K Asano (a)
2 5 Fifita (17) 57.5 47 R Elliot
3 7 Wairau Cove (11) 57.5 47 C Grylls
4 — Saint Bathans SCRATCHED
5 8 Supercharged (1) 57.5 45 L Hemi
6 3 Per Inaway (13) 55.5 51
7 4 Symphony Of Love (14) 55.5 50 C Dell
8 50 Perfectsister (6) 55.5 47
9 — Sicilian Dream SCRATCHED
10 0 Third Time Round (16) 55.5 47 L Allpress
11 876 Gemma Flitz (12) 55.5 45 A Goindasamy (a1)
12 0 Sanctify Yourself (5) 55.5 45 M Cameron
13 — Tighten Me Up SCRATCHED T Newman
14 7 Verdicchio (8) 55.5 45
EMERGENCIES:
15 4 Movin' On (4) 55.5 50 J Mudhoo (a4)
16 5 Carmenerie (10) 55.5 47
17 5 Tamperi (7) 57.5 47
18 58s Jamaican Express (15) 55.5 46
19 Reine D'amour (2) 55.5 45
20 Stevie Nix (9) 55.5 45

3 Return To Earth 2.25

\$12,000, maiden, 1200m
1 7 Chajaba (13) 58.5 45 S O'Malley
2 55482 Perfectorist (2) 56.5 54 L Allpress
3 347s5 Darci Diva (17) 56.5 53
4 0s682 Tudor Queen (6) 56.5 52 V Colgan
5 53346 Can't Fault Her (3) 56.5 51 K Asano (a)
6 9554 More Pazzo (5) 56.5 50 R Hannam
7 — Tellme You Loveme SCRATCHED
8 9s Dream Machine (15) 56.5 45 L Douglas (a4)
9 0s70 Perfect Posy (1) 56.5 45 C Dell
10 3 Per Inaway (11) 55.5 51
11 4 Champagne Gold (7) 55.5 50 A Goindasamy (a1)
12 57 Pisco Sour (6) 55.5 46 C Grylls
13 57 Reine D'amour (9) 55.5 45 L Hemi

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\$12,000, rating 74 benchmark, 1200m
1 47642 Burgundy Rose (2) 60.5 79
2 14524 Palm Springs (6) 59.76 C Grylls
3 010s3 Barney Rubble (7) 56.5 67
4 4417s Ifndoubtgetout (8) 55.5 65 L Douglas (a4)
5 71176 Miraculous (1) 55.5 65 B Rogerson (a3)
6 2s112 Caminata (5) 55.68 K Asano (a)
7 137s0 Lilhoovesgotmoves (4) 54.5 67 D Johnson

5 Revital Fertilisers 3.37

\$12,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 1600m
1 1s The Fearless One (16) 59.63 L Douglas (a4)
2 18Ds0 Alhambra Lad (1) 58.5 62 R Elliot
3 220s0 Jessie's Rock (9) 58.5 62 H Schofer (a1)
4 61369 Powerful Moss (5) 58.5 62 M Cameron
5 147s0 Florentia (4) 58.65 C Grylls
6 65571 Eagle Tarzan (12) 57.5 63 V Colgan
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4 Claude (Fr) 4 A Neal
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6 52667 Pacino Hope (Fr) 6 D Butcher
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9 Dunstan Public House Dash 6.17

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2 32672 Thrilling Brax nwtd Calum Weir
3 72566 Tiggerlong Demon 17.22 Daniel Roberts
4 66345 Homebush Ranger 17.50 John McInerney
5 18767 Taieri Finn 17.37 Ray Casey
6 55838 Goldstar Clover 17.21 Riley Evans
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8 21121 Amuri Andy 17.26 John McInerney
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Verstappen on 'full attack'

MOTORSPORT

BERLIN — Former Mercedes teammate Nico Rosberg believes Lewis Hamilton's greater experience could be crucial in the Formula One title run-in, but says Max Verstappen has a chance if he times his moves perfectly.

Dutchman Verstappen leads seven-time champion Hamilton by eight points going into this weekend's inaugural Saudi Arabian Grand Prix, the penultimate race of the season.

"Emotionally, I say Lewis," Rosberg, who had a difficult relationship with the Briton at Mercedes before retiring after his sole 2016 triumph, told RedaktionsNetzwerk Deutschland on Tuesday.

"It's certainly not easy for Max, because it's the first time he's been in such a situation."

"And then he is also against the most successful Formula One driver of all time. In that respect, he already deserves the greatest respect."

But the 36-year-old gave Verstappen hope and risked re-energising a long feud with Hamilton.

"You have to take advantage when Lewis has his weak phases, when he loses a little motivation, his head. Then it's full attack," Rosberg said. — DPA



AND ON TO SAUDI: Red Bull driver Max Verstappen talks to media after a qualifying session in Qatar last month. One of Lewis Hamilton's former teammates has supported Hamilton, but has also suggested Verstappen is in with a chance at this weekend's Saudi Arabian Grand Prix.

AP picture

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SUDOKU is a logic puzzle made up of 81 squares on a 9x9 grid.

To solve the puzzle, each row, column and 3x3 grid within the larger grid must end up containing each number from 1 to 9, and each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

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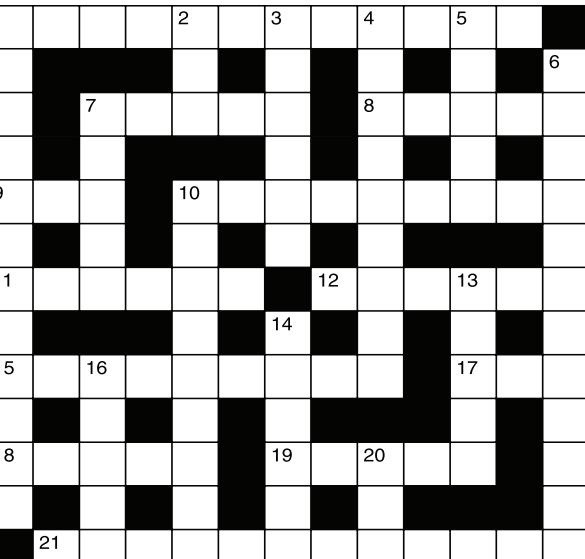
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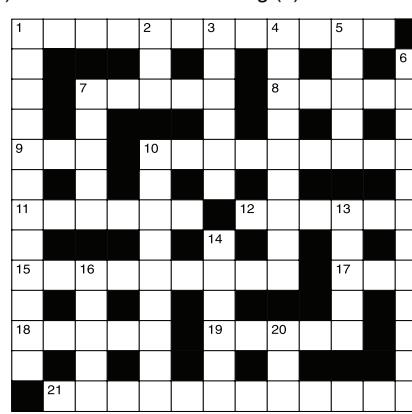
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- Spineless (12)

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- Argumentative (12)
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Paralympics shoot for record sales

PARALYMPICS

PARIS — The organisers of the 2024 Paralympic Games are aiming to sell three million tickets for the event which they hope will help raise awareness around disability and promote a more inclusive society.

Should all the tickets on sale for the August 28-September 8 Paralympics be purchased, the Games will break the record from London 2012 when 2.7 million tickets were sold.

"It's three million tickets that will be up for sale. We're very ambitious in terms of ticketing for the Olympics and the Paralympics," Tony Estanguet, the head of the organising committee for the Paris Olympics and Paralympics, told Reuters on Tuesday.

"I'm convinced that

it is an event that's unrecognised, that must be positioned among the top three sporting events in the world.

"The ticketing will be approached in the same way as the Olympic Games. We want it to be full and to be a total experience."

He added that around nine million tickets would be on sale for the July 6-August 11 Olympics and said the difference between the two events was down to the sports and venues involved.

"For example there are no soccer stadiums involved in the Paralympics," Estanguet said.

Both the French Olympic and Paralympic teams have been branded as a single unit in order to promote disabled athletes.

"We have to educate people, it's our mission."

— AAP

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

Thursday, December 2, 2021

by Eugenia Last

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Aaron Rodgers, 38; Britney Spears, 40; Monica Seles, 48; Lucy Liu, 53.

Happy Birthday:

Streamlining your life will make it easier for you to get where you want to go. Concentrate on your budget and what's important to you to ensure you can maintain the lifestyle that puts your mind at ease. Stop worrying about what others do and think; start pleasing yourself. Aim to attract people who share your ethics and goals. Your numbers are 5, 12, 21, 24, 33, 35, 43.

ARIES (March 21-April 19):

Check your financial situation, and update investments, contracts and any other paperwork that is about to expire. Staying on top of your responsibilities will help ward off falling behind at a time that's crucial that you have everything in place. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):

Do your homework. If you jump into something prematurely, it will lead to regret. Take care of your physical needs to avoid weakness, injury or illness. Be on the lookout for someone jealous or eager to make you look bad. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

Set your sights on what you want to happen, and press forward. Talks will bring you closer to your goal, and suggestions will enhance your chance to lead the way. Pace yourself, and don't promise more than you can deliver. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22):

Don't be shy; express your thoughts and feelings, and you'll come up with an extraordinary plan that will make you look like a genius. Don't risk your health and well-being because someone is not abiding by the rules. 5 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

Emotional anger will cause a stalemate with someone who can influence your lifestyle moving forward. Whether at home or work, do your best to get along with everyone. Think matters through and answer intelligently, and you will gain respect and support. 2 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Put your heart and soul into what and who is important to you. Too much talk and not enough action will frustrate the ones you love. A physical show of affection, interest and leadership will encourage your desired results. Romance is encouraged. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Take matters into your own hands. Signify what you are doing, and delegate what you expect of others to reach your target. Opportunity depends on you and how you handle others as well as situations that surface. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

You'll be stuck in a difficult situation if you let your emotions take over. Concentrate on what's essential, and take care of matters that will encourage the best outcome. Change is required. Causing a disruption will stifle your progress. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Pick up the pace and make every move you make count for something. Don't wait for others to catch up; set the standard and head to the finish line. Use brainpower to excel, and you will outmaneuver anyone trying to sideline you. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

Pay attention, focus on detail, lock in what you want and don't stop until you reach your goal. Change begins with you. Make a move that will put an end to any uncertainty you harbor. Peace of mind is the ultimate destination. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Choose your words wisely. An emotional argument will distance you from someone you love. Look for a positive way to express yourself, and it will help you get your way without a fight. A suggestion hidden in a compliment is favored. 2 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):

Joint ventures aren't in your best interest. Overpaying for something, taking on too much debt or promising more than you can deliver will drag you down. Ask someone who has more experience, and you'll receive sound advice. Romance is encouraged. 5 stars

Birthday Baby:

You are responsive, generous and determined. You are impulsive and expressive.

STAR RATINGS

FIVE STARS: Nothing can stop you now. Go for the gold.
FOUR STARS: You can pretty much do as you please. It's a good time to start new projects.
THREE STARS: If you focus your efforts, you will reach your goals.
TWO STARS: You can accomplish a lot, but don't rely on others for help.
ONE STAR: It's best to avoid conflicts. Work behind the scenes or read a good book.

Woods tight-lipped about future

SPORTS BRIEFS

GOLF

NASSAU, Bahamas — Tiger Woods had nothing to say about the February car crash that shattered his right leg and he had even less of an idea what his future in golf holds except that he's a long way from deciding whether he can compete against the best.

"I can show up here and I can host an event, I can play a par-3 course, I can hit a few shots, I can chip and putt," he said on Tuesday.

"But we're talking about going out there and playing against the world's best on the most difficult golf courses under the most difficult conditions. I'm so far from that."

Woods addressed the media for the first time since his February 23 crash on a winding road in the Los Angeles coastal suburbs. Police said he was driving at least 84 mph when he crossed a median and his SUV tumbled down a hill.

Doctors said he shattered tibia and fibula bones in his right leg in multiple locations. Those were stabilised by a rod in the tibia. A combination of screws and pins were used to stabilise additional injuries in the ankle and foot.

Asked about his recollection of the accident, Woods said curtly, "All those answers have been answered in the investigation, so you can read about all that there in the police report." When asked if he had any flashbacks to the trauma, he replied: "I don't, no. Very lucky in that way."

Woods said he felt fortunate to be alive and to still have his right leg — he said the possibility of amputation was "on the table"



RECOVERY MODE: Tiger Woods held his first press conference on Tuesday since his February 23 accident in Los Angeles. He admitted he was still a long way from playing against the world's best, and said 2021 was a year he would "like to turn the page on".

barely walk and feared his career was over.

"I got that last major, and I ticked off two more events along the way," he said.

His right leg will never be what it once was. Ditto for his left knee, which has gone through five surgeries, one of them a week after he won the 2008 US Open despite having shredded ligaments and a double stress fracture. He said his back won't be the same either, and it still ached even as he sat at a table for his news conference.

"All that combined means that a full schedule and a full practice schedule and the recovery that it would take to do that, no, I don't have any desire to do that," he said. "But to ramp up for a few events a year . . . there's no reason that I can't do that and feel ready."

Woods hasn't lost his intense desire for privacy, including what exactly happened when he was speeding along that suburban LA road.

He said friends kept him from what was being said and written about him, and he refused to watch anything on TV except for sports.

"I wasn't mentally ready for that road yet," he said. "A lot of things in my body hurt at that time, and whether I was on medication or not, it still hurt . . . I didn't want to have my mind go there yet. It wasn't ready."

The Masters is four months away, and to hear Woods speak about the long road ahead, anything but the Masters Club dinner for champions seemed unlikely.

"This year's been a year I would like to turn the page on," he said.

— AP

Softball draw

TAIRAWHITI junior softball, finals, Waikirikiri Park, SATURDAY

Emerging Sox intermediate softball (Year 7/8) — 11am: D1, Ilminster Tahi v Ilminster Rua (final); D2, Tolaga Bay v Waikirikiri Toa.

Rookie Sox primary softball (Year 5/6) — 9am: D1, Te Wharau Spartans v Mangapapa White (final); D2, Horouta Wananga v Te Wharau Titans (3/4); D4, Waikirikiri Purple Pitches v Kaiti Paoa.

Bye: Mangapapa A.

Young Sox T-ball (Year 3/4) —

9am: D5, Kaiti Maia v St Mary's; D9, Te Wharau Giants v Waikirikiri Batters Up (5/6).

10am: D2, Mangapapa Blue v Te Wharau Vikings (final); D3, Wainui Wekas v Te Karaka (3/4); D4, Whatatutu v Muriwai.

Pipi Sox T-ball (Year 1/2) —

10am: D7, Mangapapa Green v Te Wharau Steelers (final); D8, Te Karaka v Mangapapa Red (3/4); D9, Kaiti Kiwa v Waikirikiri Base Runners.

Bye: Whatatutu.

Prize-giving for all grades —

9.45am: Rookie Sox.

10.45am: Pipi Sox and Young Sox.

12 midday: Emerging Sox.

EU seeks proof star is safe

BRUSSELS — The European Union has said it wants China to release "verifiable proof" that tennis player Peng Shuai is safe and to conduct a thorough and transparent investigation into her sexual assault allegations.

Peng, a three-time Olympian and former top-ranked doubles player, dropped out of public view after accusing a former Communist Party official of sexual assault.

Peng has had a few direct contacts with officials outside China since she disappeared from public view earlier this month. She told Olympic officials in a November 21 video call from Beijing that she was safe and well.

"Her recent public reappearance does not ease concerns about her safety and freedom," an EU spokesperson said on Tuesday.

Peng made the sexual assault allegation online against a former member of the Communist Party's ruling Standing Committee, Zhang Gaoli. — AP

Campion give OBR a fright

Garland, van Zyl steady ship after students have them in dire straits

CRICKET by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

CAMPION College cricket is edge-of-your-seat stuff in 2021.

The Liam Spring-led giant-killing first 11, who beat Senior B champions and holders of the Hope Cup HSOB Presidents by nine runs nine days ago, came within three wickets of victory against last season's finalists OBR at the weekend.

Campion captain Spring's team could have been forgiven had their heads hung after the first innings in Round 5. On a decent Harry Barker Reserve No.4 deck — their skipper having won the coin-toss and opted to bat — the college was all-out for 62 in 27.4 of a possible 30 overs.

Tall left-arm George Reynolds (4-16) and OBR spearhead Lloyd van Zyl (3-15) both bowled their full complement of six overs to devastating effect. Reynolds is a skilful operator: his tight line from over-the-wicket, with an angle away plus a little swing back, is too much for the majority of Senior B batsmen.

Van Zyl is rather swift for the same. Year 9 Aiden Armstrong, batting at No.9, was the only Campion batsman to dig his toes in with 14 off 44 balls. That effort by Armstrong was an innings of character.

There followed the unexpected. Rhys Grogan, fresh off taking 5-24 v HSOB, stepped up again

to take 3-15 and his partner in crime Connor Starck got in with 3-25. Wicket-keeper Daniel Baillie, injured hand or not, held three catches off the two young swing bowlers — and Rawhiti Legal Old Boys Rugby were in the most dire of straits having lost five wickets for four runs. But for Oliver Garland's 26 from No.6 and van Zyl's timely 34 not out batting at eight, matters might have been much worse.

It was a nice touch that seasoned campaigners van Zyl and Reynolds (unbeaten on three) were together at the wicket when OBR brought up their win with a boundary from the bowling of Luke Hurlstone, one of only two Year 13s in the college side.

Campion coach Mark Naden was chuffed with the heart his outfit showed: "Aiden batted from the 13th over to the 27th with great technique and patience.

"I'm proud that our boys are improving with every game and, most importantly, that they never stop fighting."

OBR skipper Craig Christophers was at different stages a tad concerned.

"This was a close, low-scoring match. We made a slow start with the bat. For Campion, Rhys Grogan was their stand-out player with bat and ball."

Grogan and Campion may have made a close contest when defending 62 but the GBHS second 11 couldn't prize a scalp out

of Ngatapa in their clash on the practice wicket.

Civil Project Solutions Ngatapa Green Caps ran GBHS' total of 92 down in 9.3 overs, Boys' High Bekko Page having earlier won the toss and chosen to bat.

Gisborne Boys' were bowled out for 92 in 24.2 overs, West the pacey opening bowler having reason to feel aggrieved.

During the first innings, the ball took the outside and inside edge of the bat 12 times in all but not one chance was taken behind the wicket.

West and new ball partner Zac Borrie took 1-17 and 1-10 respectively while big leftie Will Faulks, with 2-15, and the bustling Thor Crombie (4-4) took the major prizes.

Neither Page's co-captain Lukas Fry (16) at first-drop or No.11 Dylan Worsnop (13) could be said to have been "in."

West (56) and Charles Morrison (20) were unbeaten in the chase, with both teams being able to take in quality action between balls, playing as they were between the two Premier Grade tussles.

The youngest team in senior club cricket didn't shell a catch . . . or apply pressure to either opening bat with six consecutive balls on a good line and length. GBHS are capable of making 130 — and defending 180 — yet absent a half century-maker or two, to post 130 or more is difficult.

It is time that they and other

players with Challenge Cup experience take the next step of building partnerships, hitting the ball with intent and running much harder between wickets than they currently do, on Saturday afternoons.

If not, then older opponents may give them a bit of good-natured ribbing (and rightly so) to get their young selves into gear.

In that spirit, Green Caps skipper Ben Holden and his posse contributed greatly to the way in which the game was played.

Holden spoke to the Caps' good form: "Our men played well and we're seeing greater consistency week-in, week-out in all departments. I thought Thor (with the ball) and Ryan (with the bat) were the best of us."

A Horouta team with Mel Knight at the helm is a different beast.

The Waka handed HSOB Presidents their third straight loss in as many weeks — this time by eight wickets.

Knight won the toss and chose to bowl on Reserve ground No.3.

Her Tairawhiti Women's Cricket Club protégé Grace Levy — the fifth seamer — responded superbly, bowling out to take 3-26.

Horouta's strike weapon Piumal Madasanka nabbed 2-19 as the Presidents, under 'keeper-skipper Ollie Needham, got to 141 in 29.3 overs.

Second-drop Needham (30), opener Nathaniel Fearnley (27)

and Mahmood Khan (21, batting at eight) wielded the willow to best effect for HSOB. Classy Fearnley, just 14 years old, and the team's gloves shared a 63-run stand for the third wicket.

Fearnley's strokeplay and poise in the middle were remarked upon by good judges.

A score of 141 is a fair total in Senior B Grade cricket but it is the sort of mid-range score — in defence of which — wickets must be taken soon after the resumption. Catches must be held.

As it was, old hand Mike Tapp (20 not out) at the top of the order and No.4 Aman Kamboj (75) shared a partnership of 128. They secured victory for the green and gold in their 98 minutes together.

Slippery quick Anil Kumar, the only Presidents bowler to take a wicket, bowled out with 2-31.

That he was very full versus Vishal Singh (11) and straight enough to trap Knight lbw first ball would indicate he bowled smart.

Needham had no complaints while Fearnley, since returning from King's College in August due to the lockdown, has thrived in his home (Poverty Bay) cricket environment.

"Being able to play my No.1 sport here — where I couldn't have, had I remained up in Auckland — has been awesome, to be honest," he said. "I've been able to practise and just be around the game for the last six weeks."

Around the Greens

Club bowls news



KATHRYN FLAUGERE



JOHN ANDZUE



ANNA COLVIN



ANDREW BALL

Poverty Bay

POVERTY Bay Bowling Club's junior singles championships were held last week for players with bowls experience of up to three years and up to eight years.

The two-life system was used and the games were played over two beautiful evenings starting at 4.30pm.

The final for the eight-years-and-under men's singles had to be completed during the day. The games were first to 21 or 90 minutes, except for the finals, which had no time limit.

The women's eight-years-and-under championship was won by Kathryn Flaugere. The controllers appreciated Win Baker playing up a level to provide competition for Flaugere as the other eight-years-and-under club women were unable to compete.

The women's three-years-and-under championship had some very competitive games which club members thoroughly enjoyed watching. The final was won by Anna Colvin, who had a close game against a new bowler, Krystal Williams.

The men's three-years-and-under championship was won by John Andzue (Andrews) in another close game against Jack Clark.

In the men's eight-years-and-under competition, Dusty Miller played the shot of the championship in his first game against Andrew Ball. On the last end Miller was ahead 19-15 and Ball was holding four shots. With his last bowl Miller came in to sit between Ball's bowls and the jack to win that game. Due to the two-life system, Miller and Ball played each other two more times and Ball won both these games to win the eight-years-and-under men's championship.

There was enthusiastic support for the championship from club members and their families who enjoyed watching the close games and good play by all competing.

Last Saturday and Sunday the Poverty Bay Bowling Club held the club's open singles championships. These were played in the heat, in good spirits with some very skilful draw bowls.

In the men's section Don Williams came to the final with two lives intact. After a win against Lex Kennedy he faced Steve Berezowski, winning 21-13.

In the women's section semifinal Lesley Seymour defeated Joy Davis 16-15 and moved through to the final against Ngawai Turipa, where the final six ends saw a change in the balance resulting in a win to Lesley Seymour 21-19.



DON WILLIAMS



LESLEY SEYMOUR

Stallions win the Dave Ahu Memorial

RUGBY LEAGUE by Jack Malcolm

FOR the first time in 10 years, the Waengapu Stallions have won Gisborne Tairawhiti Rugby League's Dave Ahu Memorial Trophy.

After forming the team 10 years ago with his brother-in-law Charlie Kepa and his sister Daphne Kepa-Casey, Jay Casey said it was an emotional way to end a fantastic season for the team.

Having come close several times before but falling short at the final hurdle, he said they weren't going to be denied this year.

The team this year had added motivation, playing in memory of their late captain Nesta Turnbull and former players Steven Maynard and Sione Halafihi, Casey said.

"We put it on the line for him, the win was dedicated to Nesta."

With the team having captain Blake Beard named the competition's forward of the year, Henry Kepa named back of the year and Xavier Bartlett named player of the year, this would be their season.

However, it wasn't without drama. The Stallions nearly gave away an 18-point lead in the final 15 minutes of the game as the Paikea Whalers ran in three late tries.

Paikea were able to convert only one of their tries, and the Stallions held a four-point lead with minutes to play.

An unconventional short kick-off caught the Whalers off-guard and the Stallions stole possession, held on for their final set of six tackles and scored on the hooter to win 34-24.

Casey said it was special to see such a great group of guys walk away from their season successful.

After losing their last two regular-season games, he said the team had to dig deep and show their passion for the club to come out with their first victorious season.

"It was as hard as we thought it would be."

The Gisborne Tairawhiti Rugby League season started with its annual Nate Miller Memorial Tournament.

Miller, a talented and passionate league player with a promising future in the game, passed away in 2019 in a forestry accident near Tolaga Bay.

This year New Zealand Rugby League representatives helped upskill local coaches, while local referees completed a course in conjunction with Auckland Rugby League members.



FITTING END TO SEASON: Waengapu Stallions captain Blake Beard and player-coach Dylan Williams hold the Dave Ahu Memorial Trophy.

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'Big-time player' delivers . . . and PBEC earn long-awaited team victory

GOLF by Chris Taewa

IT could be the Tairāwhiti sporting call of the year.

Just before sealing Poverty Bay-East Coast a famous victory on Day 1 of the national interprovincial golf tournament at Ashburton Golf Club yesterday, Regan Hindmarsh said these two words to his caddie: "Big-time player."

He then proceeded to chip in for birdie on the last hole and cement PBEC a team win against Otago, as the smallest golfing province in the country made a massive opening statement.

PBEC defeated Otago 3½-1½ in Round 1 of the week-long matchplay tournament.

In the space of one round they surpassed their 2020 campaign when they finished a distant 15th and last with just two individual wins to their name.

To put the magnitude of yesterday's win into context, Otago has around 50 courses while PBEC has eight, and only two of those are 18 holes.

Hindmarsh, at No.5 in the five-man playing squad, is a member of country club Patutahi and is competing in his first national interprovincial.

He was the star of the first round but not the day.

That honour belonged to No.3 William Brown — a greenkeeper and member at Poverty Bay and Te Puia Springs but with his roots in nine-hole track Waikohu.

Brown, playing in his 13th consecutive national interprovincial, had two wins from two matches yesterday as PBEC followed up their first-round win with a 4-1 loss to defending champions Canterbury in the afternoon.

Brown won both his matches 3 and 2 and, while typically modest about his performance, was clearly rapt with how he played.

"I had my best striking display for as long as I can remember, just solid all round," he said.

And that is saying something considering Brown has been in great touch and is probably the best ball striker in the province.

HE DELIVERED: Regan Hindmarsh in golf Super 8 action for Gisborne Boys' High School not so long ago. Hindmarsh, 21, chipped in from 12 metres on the last hole to win his match and clinch a team victory for Poverty Bay-East Coast against Otago at the national interprovincial golf tournament at Ashburton yesterday.

File picture by Paul Rickard



No.2 Hukanui Brown provided the other win against Otago — a 4 and 3 success the big man from Patutahi summed up succinctly.

"Just hit the driver well; made some putts."

No.4 Pete Kerekere, a member at Poverty Bay, also had a dramatic end to his first-round match. He made birdie to snatch a share of the honours in a clash he described as "birdies flying everywhere".

No.1 Andrew Higham, a member of Te Puia Springs and the Bay, also went all the way before losing 1-down.

While Hindmarsh was still buzzing in the background at the end of the day's play, the story of his dream start was left for caddie and team reserve Dwayne Russell to tell, with some additional information from Kerekere.

Playing the 370-metre par-4 ninth hole — they started on the 10th — Hindmarsh hit a good drive but missed the green with

his 8-iron approach, leaving his ball about 12 metres from the pin.

With 60-degree wedge in hand, he looked at Russell and said "big-time player". And holed it for his fifth birdie of the round.

PBEC fought hard against Canterbury but the reigning champions proved too strong.

William Brown provided the highlight with his 16th-hole win.

Higham lost 5 and 4 (to New Zealand amateur strokeplay champion Kazuma Kobori), Hukanui Brown 3 and 2, Kerekere 5 and 4 and Hindmarsh 3 and 1.

That took nothing away from a memorable day for the bottom-ranked province, and long-time team manager Dave Keown could not contain his delight and pride, particularly in the morning performance.

"It was unbelievable. Absolutely amazing. Sensational golf from a sensational group of

guys."

Keown said Hindmarsh "fought like the proverbial dog" in the afternoon while William Brown played "out of his skin" against Canterbury.

All the players were striking the ball solidly and had "absolute focus" on the task in hand.

What also impressed Keown was that they were not giving away easy holes. Their opponents were made to work hard for any holes they won.

PBEC had a great team spirit and bond and were all on the same page when it came to what they wanted to achieve.

"Everyone is on board."

PBEC ended yesterday in a four-province tie for second, although three teams behind them had played only one round in the 13-province competition. Auckland and North Harbour are absent due to Covid-19.

Today PBEC were to face hosts Aorangi and Bay of Plenty.

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