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NO PASS, NO ENTRY: Tairāwhiti began another chapter in the pandemic story as the Covid-19 Protection Framework traffic light system was turned on throughout New Zealand today. The district is in the red phase of the system, bringing into daily life a Vaccine Pass, among other requirements. Businesses such as the Aviary Collective, a partnership between Helena Andersson (left) and Leigh Rutherford, must have a Vaccine Pass system in place or face extra restrictions. The problem for Aviary is its close proximity to the PBC cafe for which vaccine passes are legally required. Helen and Leigh hope that around mid-January next year they will have their own separate entrance. Picture by Rebecca Grunwell



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HUB HERE TO HELP

Support available for those with Covid to safely isolate at home

PLANS are in place to ensure anyone testing positive here for Covid-19 can isolate in their own home safely.

A hub for the team coordinating welfare and health support for people in Tairāwhiti living with Covid-19 officially opened yesterday morning.

The hub has been created in response to the changing strategy for dealing with Covid-19 whereby people with the disease are supported to recover at home.

Anyone in Tairāwhiti who contracts Covid-19 will have their care and support coordinated by the team based at Takatu Hub above Te Waharoa in Peel Street.

The service is a partnership between Te Kupenga Net Trust, Ngāti Porou Hauora, Tūranga Health, general practices, the Ministry of Social Development, police, Kāinga Ora, Gisborne District Council,

Tū Mai Tairāwhiti, Trust Tairāwhiti, community leaders, and Hauora Tairāwhiti.

Co-community lead (manaaki) Hine Moeke-Murray says the concept of manaaki is at the heart of everything the mātātaki (observation staff) will do for individuals and families.

"We're working together in our response to wrap support around whānau who find themselves having to manage Covid-19 so they can safely isolate at home. This is a very human response to people who, depending on their circumstances, may feel in distress."

Once a person tests positive for the virus, a mātātaki will let the person know their test result and learn more about what their immediate support needs might be.

Urgent care packs containing food and personal care items, as well as a clinical care

Wednesday wastewater test positive

A WASTEWATER sample taken in Tairāwhiti on Wednesday has tested positive for Covid-19.

"The results of this test were advised by the Ministry of Health this morning," a Hauora Tairāwhiti statement said.

"There are no confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Tairāwhiti at this time.

"Testing is carried out twice weekly in Tairāwhiti (Monday and Wednesday), with results received on Friday."

Results are published on the ESR website. "We encourage anyone who has cold or flu-like symptoms and who has had any out of district exposure, has travelled to Auckland recently, or was in close contact with a traveller from out-of-district, to get tested immediately for Covid-19."

"Please get tested if you meet both criteria — symptoms and exposure. If you have symptoms and no exposure, please contact your GP."

pack, will be dropped off to the whānau within hours of them finding out they have Covid-19.

Ms Moeke-Murray said there's no barrier to receiving help.

"Someone is there for you right at

the beginning of your journey. This is a whānau-centred response that involves the whole community. Ahakoa te aha; no matter what."

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Under the new "Traffic Light" system that is being introduced by the NZ Government.

All café customers will need to show proof of vaccination from today.

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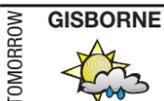
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HELPING HAND: Tall Fern international Lauryn Hippolite said helping Te Karaka Area School students like Harmony Frost-Newland dunk was one of the highlights of her day as she and Tall Blacks great Pero Cameron opened six new basketball hoops in Gisborne. Picture by Liam Clayton



'A bit of talent out there': Pero

by Jack Malcolm

SIX new basketball hoops were opened in Gisborne and at Te Karaka yesterday by New Zealand Tall Blacks coach Pero Cameron and Tall Fern Lauryn Hippolite.

Te Karaka Area School, Gisborne Girls' High School and Gisborne Boys High' School each received two street hoops as part of Basketball New Zealand's Hoops in Schools programme.

Hoops in Schools, in conjunction with Turanga Health, has now installed 10 hoops at schools around the region.

As part of the opening, Cameron and Hippolite ran a session with students from each school and also went to Manutuke School.

Cameron also had a skills and drills session at Central School today and was to attend a Turanga Health barbecue.

His trip to Gisborne ends with visits to Covid vaccination clinics tomorrow.

Cameron said it was exciting to be a part of an initiative that provided so much to young people around the country while also promoting the game.

"I've done a couple of initiatives but none as awesome as this. . . it's something a lot of schools and communities need."

"For me, a highlight's been seeing a little bit of talent out there."

Hippolite said it was great to see the students at Te Karaka School getting involved on the adjusted lower hoop.

She had done other initiatives, but this was the first time she had attended a Hoops in Schools opening.

"It's cool trying to get some more people into the sport, especially more girls."

Hoops In Schools project lead Dan Dawick said yesterday's openings brought the national project total to 70 installations.

"The beauty of Hoops In Schools is how it has built participation in the community just by the sheer numbers of young people playing before, during and after school.

"We have more projects being planned and I know that these announcements will keep coming as more communities see these examples and become motivated to make it happen in their own backyard."

Turanga Health life skills coach Luke Bradley, who organised the Hoops in Schools sessions, said they were happy to fund the hoops and thankful to Basketball NZ for its support.

"They've been really accessible in unlocking some high calibre people like Pero to come down here."



TIPS FROM THE TOP: Tall Blacks coach Pero Cameron and Tall Fern Lauryn Hippolite at a skills and drills session for students at Te Karaka Area School after receiving state-of-the-art basketball "street" hoops. Back row (from left) are Cameron, Te Karaka principal Renae Savage, Lauryn Hippolite, Emily Christophers and Logan Robin. Front: Amaia McGregor, Kayeson Roberts, Regan-Starr Ruru, Lulu Peta-Robin and Adrian Paul-Williams.

Picture by Liam Clayton

LOOKING AHEAD

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FOCUS ON THE LAND

- Long-time stock auctioneer and local identity Peter McGrannachan called it a day today, marking his final sale at Matawhero.
- Prices and comment from the weekly sheep sale today at the saleyards with around 3000 head on offer.
- Mark and Rose Candy from Mangahauau Hampshires put up their crop of rams at Matawhero today — prices and comment.

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Vaccine Pass protest: 'Segregation, discrimination'

by Akula Sharma

GISBORNE District Council's introduction of a mandatory Vaccine Pass rule for entering and using its facilities was met with rowdy protest yesterday.

The council yesterday morning confirmed the requirement while Gisborne is in the red stage of the Covid-19 protection framework which started today.

Around 50 protestors gathered outside the council buildings in Fitzherbert Street to oppose it.

Vaccine passes are now needed to enter council-owned pools, theatres, the library and its customer services area in Gisborne.

In a media statement released yesterday, council chief executive Nedine Thatcher-Swann said "the health and safety of staff, customers and our community comes first".

Protestor Lynda Markie said her 83-year-old mother was a swimmer who was fully vaccinated, but because she did not have the capability to access a Vaccine Pass, she would miss out on swimming.

"She is going to get locked out of the pool if she doesn't get her papers organised. That is segregation and discrimination.

"We do not need this over-reaching system which is an extra step from what the Government is saying with this red light traffic system.

"I don't believe that this is necessary for our community."

Protestor Karen Morrow said they were pro-choice, not anti-vax.

"What this council is doing is an absolute discrimination by barring everybody from the pools and library if they are unvaccinated."

Protestor Bridget (no surname given) said there was no Government directive for the council to mandate the vaccine passes.

"This council has decided they are going to do that and segregate our community from the library and museum.

"They have released a pretty strong message and it's very sad."



'VACCINE PASSES EQUAL APARTHEID': That was among the signs waved outside the Gisborne District Council buildings yesterday as around 50 people took part in a "freedom protest" against the council making vaccine passports a requirement to enter council-owned pools, theatres, the public library and its customer services area. Picture by Rebecca Grunwell

Official guidelines state that in red, public facilities may open with capacity limits based on one-metre physical distancing.

Face coverings are mandatory except for those who are exempt, or in swimming pools. However, a My Vaccine Pass verification entry system can be implemented if those operating the facility choose to.

Protestor Kaye Foreman said they had a right as ratepayers to go to council facilities supported by their money.

"People need to start waking up. This is discrimination like I have never seen before. I want the council to say that they are open to have unvaccinated and vaccinated members of the community . . . we are citizens of Gisborne/ Tairāwhiti."

Protestor Brandon Jeffs said the council was dividing an already divided community. "I have a friend who teaches swim coaching and he said to me that they were threatening to take away his reason to get out of bed.

"He's been mandated by Surf Life Saving New Zealand to get vaccinated. He's had no choice.

"I know a lot of people who benefit physically and mentally from swimming. The new pool complex would've provided them that.

"I think it's rude that the Government has left those recreational areas open and the council has made its own decisions to do this."

'Support local'

Mayor issues challenge to fill void for businesses after R&V postponement

by Jack Marshall

GISBORNE'S Mayor is imploring locals to support local in the wake of the postponement of the Rhythm and Vines festival for 2021.

R&V has been postponed to Easter weekend 2022 in what festival organisers said was the best move forward considering the Covid-19 vaccination situation in Tairāwhiti.

The three-day festival was to take place at Waiohika Estate just out of Gisborne over New Year but will instead be held from April 15 to April 17 of next year.

"This decision has been made in consultation with Tairāwhiti iwi, Tairāwhiti DHB (district health board Hauora Tairāwhiti), local councils and MPs, and takes into account the New Zealand Government announcement on November 29 that the Gisborne region will remain at the red setting of the traffic light system until at least December 13, 2021," a festival spokesperson said.

The postponement was almost a certainty after Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern revealed on Monday that Gisborne would be one of 12 districts to move into the red level of the Covid-19 Protection Framework (traffic light system) due to low

vaccination rates.

Regional settings will be reviewed fortnightly, but with double vaccination rates well below 90 percent — 87 percent first doses, 77 percent second doses as of today — Tairāwhiti seems likely to stay in the red.

Festivals are only able to go ahead at orange and green levels under the Covid-19 Protection Framework, with the addition of a My Vaccine Pass.

The festival brings thousands of young people into the district over New Year, and many businesses reap the benefits, particularly the hospitality industry.

Gisborne Mayor Rehette Stoltz acknowledged the blow that would be to businesses.

"I know that there will be disappointed businesses out there who rely on the R&V income and I want to put the challenge out to our community to go out of their way this summer to support our local businesses as best as they can and help fill that void.

"Please get behind our local businesses and invest in our Tairāwhiti economy."

Mayor Stoltz said she knew it had been a tough decision for R&V "and I want to thank them for making our

community safety one of their top priorities".

"These are uncertain times that will keep changing and I am confident that we will be in a better position at Easter. I want to encourage our community to come forward and help us get our vaccination rates up to 90 percent (double vaxxed)."

The R&V spokesperson said their mission "has and always will be a safe and secure festival for all involved and believes this decision will allow us to keep delivering the best festival experience that over 400,000 young Kiwis have enjoyed since 2003".

The postponement comes off the back of Tairāwhiti iwi telling Rhythm and Vines owners and management that the New Year festival should be cancelled because of the threat posed by 24,000 festival-goers pouring into the region.

Following the confirmation of the postponement, Te Aitanga-a-Māhaki chairman Pene Brown told The Herald they looked forward to working with organisers in the lead-up to the new date.

Anyone unable to attend the rescheduled event will be able to request a refund until December 16.

The Easter festival will operate under a special licence allowing the sale of alcohol over the three days.

No one left behind

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Co-community lead (health) Sonya Smith said the vast majority of people who got Covid would have mild to moderate symptoms and would be able to recover at home.

"But we need to make sure that those people have the support and clinical care they need to recover safely, and that others in their household are safe as well."

Each person would receive ongoing clinical monitoring over the duration of their minimum 10-day isolation to make sure they were coping with their symptoms and were safe to continue being cared for in the community.

"In the event of someone requiring hospital level care or supported isolation, they will be safely transferred to hospital, or the appropriate place," Ms Smith said.

"We've been informed by what didn't go well in Auckland. Our local plan centres on leaving no one behind. Manaaki and clinical care go hand-in-

hand."

Yesterday's official opening included a pōwhiri for everyone involved in creating the service, followed by training for a new group of contact tracers.

Like everyone working as part of the response, the new contact tracers have been redeployed from health, social services, and iwi organisations.

While the service is in its final stages of creation, Ms Moeke-Murray reminded whānau that they too could take steps to prepare for the fact that Covid-19 was coming.

"I urge everyone to talk with the people you live with and work out how ready you are to deal with Covid-19 in your house."

Families can prepare by doing two things right away — discussing a household plan around emergency contacts and the people who will be able to support your family during isolation; and having basic items on hand to deal with Covid-19 symptoms and hygiene.

An emergency plan can be found at tinyurl.com/33vwzyp5

Warning to potential flouters

WITH the Covid-19 Protection Framework in force businesses have been warned against trying to "work the system".

Several businesses have stated publicly they will welcome unvaccinated people while Gisborne remains in the red stage. Gisborne Chamber of Commerce president Belinda Mackay said

members were "doing their very best" to comply by the traffic lights system but said she was aware of non-members trying to flout rules.

"The majority of our population are vaccinated and businesses that do try to work the system run the real risk of losing goodwill and business as people choose to vote with their feet — and wallets."

FAMILY NOTICES

In Memoriam

BRIAN GEOFFREY MARRIOTT

15 years today.

Always our guiding light.

In our hearts forever.

House burns to the ground

THE residents of a house in Dymock Road near Te Karaka returned from work yesterday afternoon to find their home burned to the ground.

Fire and Emergency NZ got a call from them at around 3.50pm.

"The house was completely on the ground when we arrived," said Te Karaka chief fire officer Jamie Simpson.

"All we could do was dampen down the remains, and put out a few small fires still burning around the house — the exposures, things like a carport and fences."

CFO Simpson said the couple who lived there had pretty much lost everything in the blaze.

"The guy told us all he had left was the clothes he was standing in."

Specialist fire investigator Derek Goodwin was called in to try to ascertain how the fire might have started.

CFO Simpson said neighbours spoken to said they could smell smoke.

"But no one actually saw the fire."

"The property is only about five minutes drive from Te Karaka, but it's tucked away behind some hills, and the smell of smoke is not an unusual thing in rural areas."

SAD DAY: Ngāti Porou Hauora's primary care manager Cara-Lee Pewhairangi-Lawton hands back the keys to Te Waka Kōkiri to Te Puni Kōkiri Gisborne team leader Kemara Keelan. The campervan/mobile clinic administered 300 vaccinations while it was in Tairāwhiti. The vaccination team on board Te Waka Kōkiri were, from left, Adrienne Hovell, Toni Walker and Julia Brooking

Picture by Paul Rickard



Te Waka Kōkiri 'a godsend'

by Akula Sharma

AFTER helping Ngāti Porou Hauora with 50 vaccination clinics on the East Coast, Te Waka Kōkiri has been handed back to owners Te Puni Kōkiri.

The camper van/mobile clinic will now help Hawke's Bay whānau with their vaccination efforts.

Three hundred vaccinations were administered on Te Waka Kōkiri while in operation in Tairāwhiti.

"Te Waka Kōkiri has been a godsend," Ngāti Porou Hauora primary care manager Cara Lee Pewhairangi-Lawton said.

It enabled the vaccination team to travel to remote areas on the Coast and still have connectivity.

"For example, at Waikoura Valley and Pōtaka, the nearest health centre is an hour's drive away.

"We were able to park on the side of the road to Waikoura, and whānau from around the Pōtaka area came because

they knew who we were."

Waka Kōkiri also enabled them to work in safety and privacy because of its set-up.

"It allowed us to follow infection prevention measures and provided us with the IT capability . . . the connectivity on Te Waka Kōkiri made our job a lot easier."

Tethering phones and laptops and getting wifi connectivity to log on to Ministry of Health systems had been difficult.

"We are experiencing that at the moment with our other mobile bus . . . when you're in Gisborne it's fine, however, having Waka Kōkiri on the East Coast where IT connectivity isn't always on point, has been a godsend."

Since its arrival in October, the waka had been involved in 50 vaccination clinics.

"We have had static clinics since the beginning of the pandemic and

there was a good uptake at the start. However, during the second roll-out, the vaccination rates were dropping off, so we had to reset, review and see what else we could do.

"Te Waka Kōkiri was timely. It allowed us to try a different approach — mobile vaccination clinics."

"We have one mobile vaccination bus and another will arrive on December 16 which is being provided to us by the Ministry of Health."

Ngāti Porou Hauora registered nurse Julia Brooking was the face of Te Waka Kōkiri on the East Coast.

It was a sad day when they handed the waka back, however, she understood the need for it in Hawke's Bay.

"I am sure they'll get good use out of it as we have. We look forward to our own bus coming.

"We have clocked up a few kilometres on te waka, and we have done a lot of vaccinations, especially to

people who couldn't easily access it.

"We have had a lot of first doses administered just in the last week due to news of the Omicron variant. People were really grateful for the bus being present for whānau."

Te Puni Kōkiri Gisborne team leader Kemara Keelan said before its vaccination clinic transformation, Te Waka Kōkiri, a camper van, was used for Māori-specific events around the country.

"We saw an opportunity to collaborate with Ngāti Porou Hauora to utilise it as a mobile vaccination clinic for rural communities.

"It was an opportunity to take services directly to whānau in isolated areas.

In Hawke's Bay, it will be used by Tīhei Mauri Ora — a collective of Māori providers — in collaboration with Hawke's Bay District Health Board to support the Covid vaccination push in Hastings and Napier.

Closing addresses before jury retires

A JURY retired today to consider their verdicts in a Gisborne District Court trial for a disabled man accused of sexually abusing a pregnant teenager 20 years ago.

For legal reasons, the man, 60, cannot be named.

He has pleaded not guilty to unlawful sexual connection and indecent assault of a girl aged between 12 and 16. The charges arise out of a single incident alleged to have happened some time between 2003 and 2005, when the girl was either 15 or 16 and pregnant.

During the trial, the jury learned the girl was like an adopted daughter to the man and his family.

She was staying overnight at their house when she claims she woke to find the man sucking on her nipple and penetrating her vagina with the fingers of his right hand. His left, disabled, hand was behind her neck. He was using it to try to pull her closer.

She said in evidence it was years before she told anyone about the incident as she did not want to jeopardise her relationship with her family.

She told her long-term partner what happened about five years into their relationship because they had a daughter she

wanted to protect.

She said she waited 10 years before she told the man's wife and only did so while angry with him. His wife was initially upset but carried on as usual.

The wider family did not know of the allegations until after she went to police last year, the complainant said.

Two of the main issues in the trial were whether the man's disability would have prevented him from committing the alleged offences and whether the complainant's conduct after that time was consistent with the known behaviours of sexual abuse victims.

The defence called expert medical evidence about a condition the man has suffered from for most of his adult life, which caused partial paralysis to the left side of his body.

Agreed facts in the trial included counter-intuitive evidence about the reporting patterns and behaviour of sexually abuse victims.

In her closing address yesterday, prosecutor Amanda Bryant said there was no medical evidence to rule out the possibility the man committed the alleged offences. The defence was using the man's

disability and other peripheral matters to distract the jury from the real issues in the trial.

The complainant's behaviour and her ongoing relationship with the man and his family was consistent with known behaviour patterns of sexual abuse victims.

In his closing address, counsel Adam Simperingham said far from being a distraction, the man's disability was a cogent reason why the offending could not have happened. The man simply could not physically have done the three simultaneous actions described by the complainant. Jurors needed no other reason to reject the Crown's case.

Mr Simperingham said the complainant's conduct since the time of the alleged offending went well beyond behaviours described in the counter-intuitive evidence. He pointed to the numerous times she continued to stay at the man's house, that she sometimes kissed him on the lips and continued to sleep in his bed. (The complainant said it was only once, after his wife died.)

"It's just a matter of common sense that victims don't go jumping into bed with their perpetrators," Mr Simperingham said.

Ms Bryant said the complainant was a reliable, credible, witness who had no reason to invent the allegations. Had she done so, she would not have gone so far as to say there were several times the man tried to apologise.

The final apology was shortly after his wife's death. On that occasion, the complainant was ready to accept the apology and would have let matters lie but the man ruined it by adding that he "loved her and always wanted to make love to her".

The complainant's delayed reporting of the offending was because she did not want to risk her adoptive family not believing her and turning against her. And as it transpired, that was exactly what happened — three of the man's children gave evidence in support of him.

Ms Bryant noted none of them were present during the alleged incident — the man and the complainant were alone.

Mr Simperingham said his client was the credible witness. He gave evidence in defence of himself, despite not having to. The complainant's allegation was a result of scheming between her and her partner, neither of whom were reliable or honest witnesses, Mr Simperingham said.

Police focus remains 'engagement and education'

by Murray Robertson

POLICE are initially taking an educational approach to the red traffic light Covid-19 regime that came into force in Tairāwhiti from today, deputy area police commander Inspector Darren Paki says.

The presentation of vaccination certificates became a must today for many businesses and their clients and customers.

Red also means limitations on the number of customers allowed inside a premises, along with mask wearing and

social distancing.

"Our approach will be about engagement with businesses around what's required — also engagement with their customers to ensure they meet the requirements of the traffic light system, Insp Paki said.

"Overall we will be there to support our community under the current Covid framework."

Police were well aware there was some anxiety in the community around it.

"We are putting in place systems and measures to support businesses and the community to help ease that anxiety."

He had a day of meetings about that yesterday.

"For example, we know that some people might not have the means to download a vaccination certificate, and we will be able to offer advice around that.

"We also know that some people will not be vaccinated, and again we will offer support around that.

"But people need to understand that it will not be the businesses' fault if they don't have a vaccination certificate and therefore cannot be allowed in."

Insp Paki said coming to terms with the traffic light system would be about

respecting each other.

"Our whole approach throughout the Covid situation since it first arrived in New Zealand last year has been about engagement and education.

"Enforcement of the Covid requirements has always been a last option but it is one we will use if required under the new system."

Situations that arose would be dealt with on a case by case basis and with a graduated response, he said.

"It is fair to say that at this point we are going into the new traffic light regime with an open mind."

She Kills Monsters production kills it on stage

REVIEW
by Jack Marshall

THE rawness of teenage existence was on stage last night at Evolution Theatre for the opening of *She Kills Monsters*.

By American playwright Qui Nguyen, *She Kills Monsters* made its stage debut in 2011 and has become a popular play around the world for its modern storytelling.

As high school teacher Agnes Evans deals with the death of her younger and weirder sister, Tilly, she stumbles on her *Dungeons & Dragons* notebook and decides to try out what kept her sister so occupied.

The play lets the audience dip into the angsty and playful teenage mind as it escapes from reality forced on it by school, society and adults.

Managing artistic director Dinna Myers has produced a well-oiled piece of theatre, with fantastic acting.

The play has excellent pace and flow, with plenty of badass teenage violence and a wicked soundtrack. It was hard not to quietly sing along to the '90s tunes throughout the show.

Many of the young actors have starred in multiple plays and theatre shows and are obviously comfortable on stage.

The lighting was especially impressive. The backdrop became a canvas for character silhouettes and coloured light accentuated the scenes. The costumes were fantastic too, truly *Dungeons & Dragons* in real life.

The play explores the difficulties of dealing with sexuality and the acceptance of others. Anyone who has been dragged through high school will feel vivid memories of teenagehood flooding back, even if this particular context is different, everyone goes through something similar.

This reviewer is a frequent crier in movies but didn't expect to be tearing up last night.

Others might enjoy the play and not see the need for a tissue, but for anyone who wonders why existence sometimes takes so much effort, they might feel the same.

A highly recommended play for anyone who is, or once was, a teenager.

■ *She Kills Monsters* is at Evolution Theatre until December 12.

Due to Covid tracking requirements, all tickets must be purchased in advance on www.trybooking.co.nz/ITS or at i-Site.

This week: Fri, Sat, at 7.30pm and Sun at 4pm.
Next week: Wed, Thur, Fri, Sat at 7.30 and Sun at 4pm.

November rain record-breaker

NOVEMBER was, as they say, a weather game of two halves — starting with a record-breaking deluge, and ending with a soil moisture deficit.

National climate records indicate it is one of the strangest months the Gisborne district has experienced in some years.

Total rainfall for the month clocked in at 288.5mm — a new record for Gisborne, drowning the previous wettest November by quite a margin.

That was 61 years ago in 1960, when the month recorded 224mm.

This year, November 4 and 5 each had more than 90mm in 24 hours, with the airport rain gauge brimming at just over 250mm in the five days from the 3rd to the 7th.

Without that downpour, Gisborne would have had a dry November of only 38mm.

After all that rain at the beginning of the month, the dry second half saw soils dry out rapidly — losing 4.8mm of moisture daily over the past week.

At the end of the month the soil moisture deficit for the Gisborne and Flats area stood at just over 82mm.

Despite the extreme contrast in November's weather, both pastoral farmers and croppers should be in a good position going into summer.

The soil moisture deficit is normal for the time of year, and the year overall has finally caught up on a deficit carried from last year.

Last year was a dry year at 840mm in total rainfall. This year, thanks to November, is over the 1040mm mark.

A small negative is the



HIGH WATER: Roads at the Sponge Bay settlement suffered surface flooding in heavy rain on November 4 and 5.

Picture by Liam Clayton

outlook for ongoing humid conditions, with more northerly and easterly weather expected to bring moist air down from the sub-tropics.

Growers will be keeping an eye out for any fungal diseases, and although it is early, it is a reminder of facial eczema later in the season.

With a La Nina developing, this district can expect the current conditions to persist.

The National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (Niwa) says the three months to the end of February have a 65 percent chance of being warmer than usual.

Niwa says because of warmer than average coastal sea temperatures, higher humidity and elevated overnight temperatures are likely.

Rainfall totals are most likely to be near normal although the moist easterly winds will increase the chance for periodic heavy rainfall across Gisborne and northern Hawke's Bay.

November has already given the district a taste of these conditions, and over the whole region, apart from the Flats and coastal strip, soil moisture is as good as it gets for the time of year.

Temperature readings came up with a rush last month — the daily maximum just short of 22 degrees, which is a degree warmer than usual.

Overnight temperatures also rose, averaging around 13.4 degrees, or over two and a half degrees warmer than usual.

The daily mean was almost two degrees above the November average of 15.8.

There were only six days of the usual northwest winds, with most of the winds from the north, east and southern quarters.

The humid sub-tropic air made itself felt, particularly with nights where the "low" was in the high teens. The warmest was the night of the 13th/14th when the mercury crept down by only four degrees from the day's high to an early morning "low" of 20.1.

Radiation from the Sun climbed over the month — with the daytime peaks rising from around 6 in October to over 11 on recent sunny days. At this level burn time is reached in 13 minutes, and prolonged exposure is to be avoided.

Total sunshine for the month was 222 hours — just five hours more than the 30-year average. — RH

Quick turnaround for next Rocket Lab launch

ROCKET Lab's next Electron rocket launch from Mahia is scheduled to take place during a launch window that opens on December 7.

Just less than three weeks since the space company's last launch on November 18, the 19-day gap represents Rocket Lab's quickest turnaround in its launch history.

The "A Data With Destiny" mission for BlackSky managed through global

launch services provider Spaceflight Inc will be Rocket Lab's 23rd Electron launch and sixth mission of 2021.

Rocket Lab will not be attempting to recover Electron for this mission.

The mission will deploy two BlackSky satellites to low-Earth orbit as part of the company's rapid expansion of its satellite constellation.

BlackSky combines high-resolution images captured by its constellation

of small satellites with its proprietary Spectra AI analytics and insights platform to government customers and industries including transportation, infrastructure, land use, and supply chain management.

BlackSky expects to achieve a 12 satellite constellation by the end of 2021, with a further pair of satellites scheduled to launch on Electron early in 2022.

Traffic lights go on around NZ

Govt's new Covid response system a 'step into the unknown' — Prof Shaun Hendy

AUCKLAND — New Zealand has thrown off the shackles of the alert levels and entered the next phase of the country's Covid response, with Auckland moving into the red level of the new traffic light system, and with it greater freedom for the vaccinated.

After almost four months of lockdown, Aucklanders are now allowed to dine at restaurants, bars and cafes, with some Auckland pubs opening their doors at 11.59pm last night.

These, and other businesses in the hospitality sector, have been mostly unable to operate under alert-level restrictions since Delta plunged the city into lockdown on August 17.

Covid-19 modeller Professor Shaun Hendy said the move into the new traffic light system today indicated a change in response — and only time would tell just how effective it will be.

"It's a step into the unknown," Prof Hendy told Breakfast.

"It takes us back, really, to March 2020 — when the alert-level system was put together.

"We're just going to have to watch, I think, over the next few months."

In terms of the modelling, Prof Hendy said one positive bit of news was that over the past month, the R number had come down.

That was mostly because of the accelerated rate of vaccinations among the population, he said.

Shifting into the new system, Prof Hendy said we could see that R number go up again — slightly — and the number of community cases "creep up" again, particularly with Christmas and summer holidays coming up.

However, we could not see that either, he said.

Prof Hendy said we would not eliminate Delta again, but we would need to keep the number of Covid cases in the community as low as possible.

He acknowledged that working on modelling for the new year, he said lockdowns might still be

required to control outbreaks, particularly heading into the winter — and the subsequent flu season.

On Maori communities in some regions who continue to record low vaccination levels, Prof Hendy warned that the opening of Auckland's borders could mean outbreaks of the virus in those small communities that were still trying to catch up on vaccination rates.

"Unfortunately, if Aucklanders travel in large numbers to those parts of the country, the virus has an opportunity to spread in under-vaccinated communities.

"That could have a particularly bad impact on Maori, who we know already have worse health outcomes from Covid-19.

"So it's really important, I think, that Aucklanders respect iwi road blocks, for example.

"Maybe think of a staycation this summer or rethink their holiday plans, so they're not going to take the virus into vulnerable communities."

That applied to those who were vaccinated, he said.

"The vaccines are very good, but they're not 100 percent (effective) in stopping you becoming infected and passing it on to others."

Cafes, restaurants back in business

Britomart bistro Ortolana duty manager Ella Xue said she was ecstatic to be back in business after more than 100 days in lockdown.

"I'm actually really excited. "Last night, I was hoping (business would be booming today)."

About 30 people had been through her doors by 8am — all with their vaccine passes.

Ms Xue said all customers' passes were scanned upon entry. No one had expressed any frustration with the process so far.

Regular customers Isabelle, Alan and Steve said it was fantastic to be back to their usual

spot.

"We'll definitely come here and help the business," Alan said.

"We feel for the cafe."

All three of them said the vaccine pass process was smooth sailing. Both Isabelle and Steve had cited issues with getting their vaccine passes from the Ministry of Health, which had been struggling to service the huge demand for vaccine passes in recent days.

Auckland pubs re-open

As an extra incentive to get people through its doors last night, Danny Doolans offered a free plate of "bangers and mash" to the first people to turn up to the Irish pub overnight.

And HeadQuarters' Leo Molloy shouted patrons for the first hour that the bar was open.

"Obviously we're very pleased to be back," Mr Molloy told The New Zealand Herald.

"Fifteen weeks and two days is too long a time. It's too long a time when you're stuck in jail! Just stuck at home on your own watching your modest fortune draining away.

"It's not a pleasant experience in my view — it's very unnecessary.

"Anyway, despite all the impediments they've put in front of us, we've managed to adapt and we are open, so we're excited again to see people out here and actually being able to have a drink and enjoy it."

He said about 50 mainly younger patrons were at the bar at midnight, and he was expecting big numbers today.

"Lunch-time bookings are very strong."

About 350 people had booked in for lunch and he expected a further 300 people as walk-ins.

Mr Molloy cited some design flaws with the scanning process, saying it could be very slow at times.

"It's very slow, if the host phone has an impediment of any description, if it's greasy, if the light's not up right, if there's a



AUCKLANDERS EMERGE FROM LOCKDOWN: Britomart bistro Ortolana duty manager Ella Xue said she was ecstatic to be back in business after more than 100 days. Picture by Michael Craig

crack in the screen, (those things) can slow you down hugely," he told The AM Show today.

He said he had bought four devices to scan people's vaccination passes and would buy half a dozen more to try and speed up the process.

Asked if anyone without a vaccination pass tried to get in, Mr Molloy said only one person was turned away because they had an overseas vaccination pass, which was not accepted.

He said if the vaccination pass scanning process could not be sped up, some businesses might be tempted to flout the rules and let people in without scanning.

Phanny Phath, operator at the Deli Bake bakery on Ponsonby Road, was glad to be in the new setting this morning and to see customers back in the shop.

On vaccination passes, Mr Phath said he was trying to scan everyone's passes using the verifier app as they came in but

would only sight them if he got busy.

By 7.20am, he had not encountered anyone trying to enter the store without a vaccination pass.

Danny Doolans opened its doors to about 40 people — all wearing masks — with security guards patrolling the Viaduct in anticipation of an influx of patrons.

People were having their vaccine passes scanned by personnel, seemingly without any hiccups, before ordering drinks.

Inside, staff had their hands full keeping bargoers a metre apart.

Longroom co-owner and director Richard Bagnall said they were gearing up for a big day at the Ponsonby Road bar and eatery, with at least 250 booking for today alone.

— The New Zealand Herald

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\$644m boost as ICUs, hospitals brace for widespread Covid

by Rowan Quinn, RNZ

WELLINGTON — Intensive care units (ICUs) and hospitals in general are getting a boost of hundreds of millions of dollars as the country moves to the Covid-19 traffic light system.

Minister of Health Andrew Little announced this morning the Government would spend \$100 million upgrading buildings and facilities and \$544m for operating costs — including staffing to prepare for when Covid was more widespread in the community next year.

He said he had asked hospitals to identify ways of quickly increasing their ICU beds, even though there was more than enough capacity than was likely to be needed.

"But as the country shifts to the traffic light system, we need to make sure we can cope with the unexpected," he said.

Four initial projects were

announced.

The biggest was at West Auckland's Waitakere Hospital, which had been given \$65.1m to build space for 30 new ward beds, six ICU beds and two negative pressure rooms.

It currently had no ICU, sending patients to North Shore hospital instead.

Its district health board was getting a further \$5m to convert eight existing elective surgery beds to surge ICU beds.

Bay of Plenty was given \$15.5m to create two more ICU beds and four high dependency unit beds.

Canterbury was getting \$12m for 12 ICU beds.

ICU doctors and nurses had been very concerned about how ICU service around the country would cope once Covid became truly endemic, saying the Government was overestimating how much capacity there was.

That was because they would



PREPARING FOR WIDESPREAD COVID CASES: A health worker takes part in intensive-care training for Covid at Hutt Hospital.

RNZ picture by Dom Thomas

have to care for people with Covid-19 on top of all the other usual care, for example, people who had been in car accidents,

had a heart attack or who were recovering from certain serious surgeries.

They had warned there

would not be enough capacity to cope without the high standard of care falling or some planned operations being put off. The biggest barrier was not physical beds and equipment, but the nurses needed to staff these.

The College of Critical Care Nurses estimated the country's hospitals were short of about 90 already and said urgent moves were needed to recruit nurses from overseas, train more here, and pay those already working in this country better.

There were not yet details on how the new funding would help to fix the problem.

Little had earlier said 1400 nurses had completed a 4-hour online course to give them skills to help as a surge workforce if needed.

However, those in the field said they would be able to provide care around the edges at best. — RNZ



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Learn more about life at Red at [Covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz)

Anxiety around expected spike in visits to aged care facilities

TAURANGA — Retirement homes are anticipating a spike in visitor numbers over the summer break. Some senior citizens, therefore, are feeling nervous ahead of the expected increase in visitors to aged care facilities under the new traffic light system.

Among the first to get the Pfizer vaccine, those living in aged residential care facilities now have waning immunity — just as local travel starts to ramp up over summer.

Margaret Whitwell, 94, who lives in Tauranga's Bayview retirement apartments, said she was only able to receive one visitor at a time, and only with masks on.

"We're not allowed to give them a cup of tea. They just have to visit with a mask on and leave without moving around too much or talking to groups. I do accept it's for a good cause. Everybody has to do what they can and we can't recommit too much. It was worse in World War 2."

Bayview residents were getting their booster shots now — Ms Whitwell had just had hers. But



even then, she said she still felt anxious about the new traffic light system.

"How we'll get on with Auckland visitors, I don't know . . . that's still to be seen. But I do think (Covid) is spreading in Tauranga. It didn't for a long while (but) now it's on its way. So we've just got to do our best really and that's how everybody feels, I think."

Vaccination remained the mainstay of the sector's approach to keeping Covid out of retirement homes.

Senior citizens were one of the first cabs off the ranks in the vaccination roll-out, meaning many were now eligible for their booster doses.

Associate Minister of Health and Minister for Seniors, Ayesha Verrall, said varying timing in vaccination roll-outs across district health boards meant that some senior citizens simply would not be eligible for a booster dose by Christmas. Anyone entering an aged care home would be required to show a vaccine pass.

— RNZ

Temporary exemptions available for those unable to obtain vaccination passes

WELLINGTON — Tens of thousands of people who have had trouble obtaining a vaccine certificate have been issued with temporary passes, as the Ministry of Health struggles to keep up with processing demands.

New Zealand today moved into the traffic light framework, meaning that vaccine certificates would now be used to determine freedoms.

However, hundreds of thousands of people who have had both doses were yet to even apply for their passes.

Georgie (first name only supplied) received two doses of the AstraZenica vaccine in the UK before moving to Auckland in July.

She wanted to enjoy the freedoms that should come with being vaccinated.

"I've been in lockdown now for four months — so (after that long), you just want your freedom . . . You've done everything that's been asked of you, but you're kind of stuck because of the problems with the systems."

For more than two weeks, she had been contacting the Ministry of Health and visiting pharmacies trying to get her vaccination status recognised so she could get a vaccine pass, with no luck.

She was so desperate to get the pass she got a third dose of the jab, despite not yet being eligible — this time, she received a Pfizer shot.

"The only other option is to have that fourth vaccine, but I'm not sure if anyone has actually had four vaccines. So I'd be double-double vaccinated."

National Party Covid-19 Response spokesperson Chris Bishop said the situation was not good enough.

"It's just, frankly, unacceptable. We deserve and need a much better system than this."

There was now a short-term solution available for the 70,000 or so people — including Georgie — who had had trouble obtaining their vaccine passes.

Just hours before the traffic light system kicked in, the Ministry of Health told those people they would be emailed a temporary exemption that would be valid until 11.59pm on December 14.

"The temporary exemption is a pragmatic measure in response to the unprecedented demand our call centres are facing. We have scaled up our processing team significantly."

Unfortunately, however, the backlog was not the only problem.

The latest figures showed 800,000 fully-vaccinated people had not yet even



PASSES USED TO DETERMINE FREEDOMS: New Zealand's 'vaccine passport' is a digital Covid vaccination certificate containing a QR code. It would now be required by many businesses from today, under the Government's new traffic light Covid-response system. However, around 70,000 people have had trouble obtaining their passes. And around 800,000 fully-vaccinated people have not yet even applied for their passes.

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Generic vaccine certificate file picture

applied for their vaccine passes.

Age Concern chief executive Kevin Lamb expected that many of those people would be the elderly.

"Either they find it difficult to get out and physically do it; for example, if they have any issues around mobility, or they are just anxious about going out."

"For some older people, there is a concern that they are not going to realise that for all the various things they need to and want to be able to do, they will need to have their passport."

Business NZ chief executive Kirk Hope said there had not been enough time to prepare for the new system.

"Obviously businesses that have not been able to fully operate are really keen to get under way but they are worried about getting the rules wrong and that's because they haven't had time to properly prepare."

Mr Hope said businesses should be given some leeway at this time as they adjust to a new way of life under the new Covid-response system. — RNZ

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PHARMAC SLATED

WELLINGTON — A damning report into New Zealand's drug-buying agency Pharmac has found it is too focused on saving money, rather than saving lives.

The interim review found Pharmac has a 'fortress mentality', its processes are not patient-centric and while the agency talks about equity, there is not much action on it — in fact, the review panel is looking into whether racism is at play.

Lying down in the rain six months ago, protesters begged the Government to give Pharmac more money. Among them was Fiona Tolich from Patient Voice Aotearoa, and on Thursday a damning report echoed her concerns.

"It's our dirty little secret," she told Newshub. "New Zealand puts itself out on the world stage as being kind, caring, compassionate, empathetic — but we're allowing people to die."

The interim report into Pharmac condemns the agency, saying it has "a fortress mentality that permits little transparency".

It's also not fast enough, with the report saying it appears each funding decision "takes as long as it takes", it is "increasingly disconnected from other parts of the health system", and "Pharmac's processes are not patient-centred".

Health Minister Andrew Little said the Government would respond.

"That's been identified and that's a matter of record in that report, so now we've got to work out some solutions."

The "fortress mentality" extended to the review panel, with frustration repeatedly voiced about Pharmac's failure to provide them with information too.

"This is the first look under the bonnet at Pharmac, our drug-buying agency, for more than 25 years," says former Consumer New Zealand chief executive Sue Chetwin, who chaired the review.



FORTRESS MENTALITY: Protesters demonstrated outside Parliament earlier this year, begging the Government to give Pharmac more money. An interim review found Pharmac has a 'fortress mentality', its processes are not patient-centric and is looking into whether racism is at play. File picture

The panel is keeping an eye on equity for Maori, Pacific and disabled communities — how the potential for racism and ableism play out in Pharmac's work. It says Pharmac talks about equity but there is little in practice.

"Interim observations do find that Pharmac is a long way from providing fair and equitable outcomes for all New Zealanders," says Chetwin.

And cash is a handbrake, even though Pharmac's Budget was excluded from the terms of reference.

The review found an "excessive focus on containing costs and using generic medicines as much as possible is causing New Zealand to fall behind".

"Pharmac's cost-saving culture had got so out of hand it was having a

detrimental effect on the health of New Zealanders."

"It seems that cost is the driving force, not patient need."

Pharmac's fixed budget makes it unnecessarily focused on containing costs.

"There's been penny-pinching right across the health system," says Little. "That is having an impact on people's healthcare and not just pharmaceuticals."

When asked if the review should have looked at Pharmac's budget, chief executive Sarah Fitt smiled, and said: "Well, that was out of the scope of the review."

For patients and now the panel, nothing about this is a laughing matter. — Newshub

Bridges misses announcement as son injured

TAURANGA — National MP Simon Bridges has provided an update on the condition of his youngest son Harry, after an injury on Thursday left him hospitalised.

The incident occurred just moments before Bridges was scheduled to appear at a press conference in his Tauranga electorate, at which he was unveiled as the party's new finance and infrastructure spokesperson.

National leader Chris Luxon was forced to tell those attending the media conference why his colleague couldn't be there.

"I was supposed to be here with my good friend Simon Bridges, but I want to tell you what's happened," the former Air New Zealand CEO said at the press conference.

"In the last hour one of his sons has had an accident at school and now he's in hospital. Simon texted me 20 minutes ago to say he can't be with us and I told him, 'Mate, just be with your family'."

Bridges has since provided an update on social media, revealing the injury had occurred on the playground.

"Today my son Harry had a bad accident with a swing at school," he wrote in a tweet last night.

"Natalie and I want to thank all the amazing staff at Tauranga and Starship hospitals for all they're doing. While it is serious, Harry should be OK. We are also very grateful for all the kind messages and prayers."

Luxon, who has only been in the job for a day, held a press conference alone in Tauranga on Thursday to announce Bridges' new portfolios and that he would be third-ranked in the caucus.

It comes after Bridges stepped aside in the leadership contest, allowing Luxon to take charge following Judith Collins' axing as leader last week. — Newshub

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'We've become an unequal society'

WELLINGTON — National MP Chris Bishop says Kiwis don't care about how wealthy their political leaders are — and admire those who've been "successful".

His new boss Christopher Luxon owns seven properties and has said he doesn't "want to see house prices fall dramatically" despite values rising by a third in the past year and New Zealand having some of the least affordable housing in the world.

Luxon, the former Air New Zealand chief executive who took over from the polarising Judith Collins earlier this week, says he doesn't know how much money he's making from his properties.

"You can attack me for being successful. I can't defend that," he told Newshub.



SOME PRIVILEGED: Labour MP David Parker, appearing with Chris Bishop on The AM Show, said there was "nothing wrong in a moral sense" with Christopher Luxon owning seven homes, "but it does show that you know, some people are pretty privileged".
NZ Herald file picture

a wealthy guy. There's no point in hiding that."

Labour MP David Parker, appearing with Bishop on The AM Show, said there was "nothing wrong in a moral sense" with Luxon owning seven homes, "but it does show that some people are privileged".

"It belies the fact that in New Zealand we've become a very unequal society where some people can own seven homes and other people none," said Parker.

dogs" on anyone.

"We don't do that sort of thing. Look, I prefer civility in life, and it's one of the sad side effects of social media that any fool can express an opinion and flick it out there, unmoderated by the fourth estate. It can be a terribly negative thing . . . I prefer more civil discourse rather than people being at each other's throats."

Luxon takes over a party struggling in the polls that's been through nearly two years of tumult.

Simon Bridges was rolled by Todd Muller in early 2020, who stepped aside shortly afterwards and was replaced by Collins, a former Cabinet minister whose aggressive style failed to win National back any support whatsoever.

"Political parties go through these times in Opposition, but the point is we've had the reset, we move on and we're back," said Bishop, adding there was "palpable enthusiasm" for the new leadership team, which includes Nicola Willis as deputy.

Bishop said he would be happy to stay on as the party's Covid-19 spokesperson, but hinted he had asked for more — or perhaps additional — responsibility.

"That'll come in the coming days. I'm just the guy out the back making the cups of tea and helping out. I'll do whatever Christopher asks me to do.

"The ranking will be over to Christopher as well, and we'll wait and see where all that lands.

"But what we know right know is we've got a great new leadership team with Christopher and Nicola Willis as deputy, and Simon Bridges as number three in finance and infrastructure. I think he'll do a great job." — Newshub

See also page 17 for a list of politicians who own more than a family home.

Some social media users heeded his call, calling him out-of-touch at a time when home-ownership rates are falling and the number of people on the waiting list for public housing keeps growing.

"It was predictable, to be honest," said Bishop, who owns two properties according to the Register of Pecuniary and Other Specified Interests. Both have mortgages, unlike Luxon, who doesn't have any listed against his properties.

"Christopher is a wealthy guy — there's no hiding that. Many wealthy people do. He's worked offshore, he's been the chief executive of major companies and he's been well-remunerated and he's

It belies the fact that in New Zealand we've become a very unequal society where some people can own seven homes and other people none

—David Parker

Bayleys Market Update



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In a year full of surprises, with tax reforms, changeable policy and the first Official Cash Rate (OCR) rate rise in seven years, Bayleys knows Kiwis are looking forward to a welcome break over the summer holidays.

However, evolving market conditions and impending deadlines in the form of tightening monetary policy continue to offer an impetus for homeowners to act now; taking advantage of a preferable summer environment to wrap the year up with an unconditional sale.

With news the OCR increased 25 basis points to 0.5 per cent this October, the Reserve Bank (RBNZ) signalled the end of emergency monetary policy settings. Where economists and the central bank itself expect to see further rate rises through to 2024, borrowers are moving fast to lock in still-historically-low mortgage rates before inflationary pressures and better-than-expected economic performance sees the goalposts shift again.

Tougher bank stress testing continues to add another dimension to the Fear of Missing Out (FOMO) phenomenon, with buyers acting quickly and decisively to secure the home they want under current financial conditions.

Informed by the experience of lockdown restrictions, Kiwis are more determined than ever to let their lifestyle preferences guide decision-making. Whether it's a larger home for a growing family, a slick urban pad for less lawn mowing or the move from a rental into your very first home, new supply coming online during the summer months means more choice for your next move.

Before the treats come the mahi - but let Bayleys do the work while you enjoy the holidays. Kiwis across the country are looking forward to quality time with friends and family over the holiday season, which for savvy sellers could be sweetened by a summer sale. If you're thinking of your next move, then give one of the team a call **06 868 5188**.

Record milk from fewer cows as farms hunt efficiency

by Andrea Fox, NZ Herald

HAMILTON — Cows in New Zealand's \$37 billion dairy industry produced record milk volumes last season despite a fall in their numbers.

The latest annual NZ Dairy Statistics report from industry good organisation DairyNZ and Livestock Improvement Corporation (LIC) showed milking cows numbered 4.9 million — down from 4.92 million the previous season.

Yet the season posted a record total milk volume, total milk solids and per cow production, with 1.95 billion kilograms of milksolids processed from the country's dairy farms.

The milk solids were contained in the total 21.7 billion litres of milk produced by the sector — up 560 million litres and 51 million kg on the previous season's processing.

The decrease in cow numbers was small at 0.36 percent, but continued a trend of "more milk from fewer cows" as the industry focused on milking better cows and farming more



sustainably, DairyNZ chief executive Dr Tim Mackle said.

Farmers were intent on developing more productive and efficient cows and farming systems with a lighter environmental footprint, he said.

Favourable weather conditions made grass grow well, and robust milk prices meant many farmers extended their 2020-2021

milking season.

The sector employs 50,000 Kiwis and was estimated to contribute \$37 billion to the economy in 2020-2021, DairyNZ said.

Other key statistics from the new report:
 • Average milk production per cow was 397kg milksolids, a 3.1 percent increase from 385kg last season and the highest on record.

• A total of 3.735 million cows were herd tested (76.2 percent of cows) — the highest on record.

• 3.497 million cows were mated to AB. The percentage of cows mated to AB was 71.3 percent, which was higher than the previous season (70.8 percent).

• 49.6 percent of cows are Holstein-Friesian/Jersey crossbreed, a 0.5 percent increase; 32.5 percent are Holstein-Friesian; 8.2 percent are Jersey; 0.4 percent are Ayrshire; 9.3 percent are other breeds.

• The average dairy cooperative payout of \$7.75kg/milksolids was higher than the previous season (\$7.20) and the second-highest average payout in the past 10 seasons.

One in three workers at high risk of burnout

AUCKLAND — Workplace burnout is soaring as workers find it harder to balance their work life with pressures from the Covid-19 pandemic.

New research from the Auckland University of Technology (AUT), shows that one in three employees are at high burnout risk, up from one in nine at the beginning of the pandemic, when the survey began.

Workers who were tethered to their office via smart devices had the highest risk of burnout, followed by Māori employees and workers with high demands.

AUT Business School professor of human resources management Jarrod Haar, said working from home has pushed people into staying connected to their office outside work hours.

"It is the one thing that has kind of grown over the four surveys and I do think that reflects lockdowns and working from home more.

"The workforce in general is probably falling into a few of these bad habits.

"Now it's becoming a regular thing where it's 'just a couple of times a night' and you imagine your partner next to you saying 'we're trying to watch TV with the kids and you've got this important work email'.

"Is the building on fire? Because if not I don't know how important it really is on a Friday night."

The burnout risk for Māori fell to two different categories, Haar said.

"On one hand we have the kind of low skilled workers who have high job insecurity and they're much more likely to be Māori and much more likely to be burnt out.

"On the other side we have the professional Māori who are more likely to be burnt out and more likely to be engaged in this kind of electronic tethering where they keep working after hours through technology."

Haar encouraged organisations to be supportive of their employees taking a good summer break.

"Workers are genuinely tired. Organisations may want to go the extra distance and see if they can do a bit more to acknowledge their employees' dedication and fatigue.

"Here at AUT, for example, we are closing three days earlier than planned to give workers a head-start on their rest and recovery."

He said it would go a long way to ensuring people feel ready and able to return next year. — RNZ

Staffing concerns as hospitality reopens

by Rahul Bhattarai, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — The hospitality industry has reopened today under the new traffic light system, with some anticipating a busy weekend.

But restaurateurs are also calling on the Government to ease the border restrictions as they are "desperately" struggling to find skilled workers for their businesses.

Leo Molloy, owner of Headquarters at Auckland's Viaduct Basin, reopened his bar and grill at midnight last night to fully vaccinated customers.

He said he was expecting a busy weekend for his 750-seat restaurant, which will only host about 300 people to ensure he was complying with the new traffic light system rules.

Molloy said since the first lockdown in March last year, there hasn't been a single outbreak of a Covid-19 cluster started at a hospitality venue, unlike numerous churches.

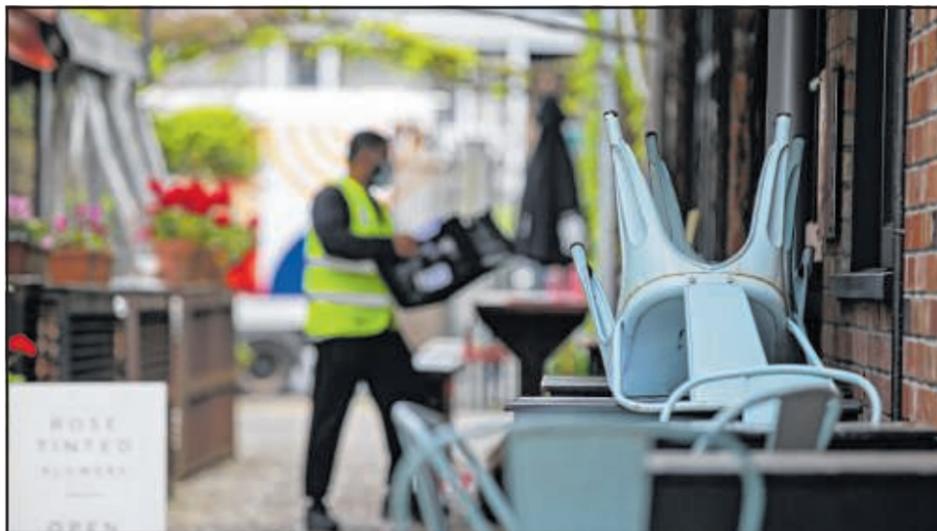
"We should not be in a red light situation today, we should be in amber or green," he argues.

"The hospitality sector has been wiped into oblivion, (the Government) has flogged the dead horse beyond being a dead horse, it's just a carcass now.

"It is bizarre we have been treated this way, we have been treated like children," Molloy said.

He said his security would be working with police and an alcohol harm team to ensure the traffic light system isn't being breached during the busy reopening.

"We are also desperately short of staff,



SEEKING SKILLED WORKERS: Staff shortages are creating an additional headache for restaurant owners as they gear up for a busy weekend.

NZ Herald picture

normally we have 80 staff but now we only have 61," he said.

Restaurant Association chief executive Marisa Bidois said 60 percent of its members reported their businesses were not fully staffed.

"On average they are understaffed by just over 20 percent. Ninety-two percent of members recruiting for senior roles . . . are finding it difficult.

"Our industry has been reliant on an overseas workforce that is now unavailable to us.

"These roles range from wait staff roles often filled by those on working

holiday visas and students through to skilled roles such as chefs, maitre d's and restaurant managers.

"The hospitality industry has, until now, been in sustained growth. But for some time we have been desperately lacking the skilled workforce we have needed to support our growth."

The Restaurant Association future roadmap, released in October, identified a need to invest in hospitality apprenticeships and further training fit for purpose while also refining its immigration policy needs, Bidois said. — NZ Herald

SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — The New Zealand sharemarket, and others overseas, remained on edge over the fast-spreading Omicron Covid variant, and posted a fall of nearly half a percent.

The S&P/NZX 50 Index fell throughout the afternoon and closed down 54.05 points or 0.42 percent at 12,670.24, after reaching a morning high of 12,738.2.

Trading was steady with 36.31 million shares worth \$157.68 million changing hands, and there were 55 gainers and nine decliners over the whole market of 187 stocks.

Property developer Winton Land is planning to dual-list in New Zealand and Australia on December 17 after making an initial public offering of up to \$350m, with an issue price of \$3.88.

Greg Smith, head of retail with Devon Funds Management, said there is still weakness out

there because of the uncertainty around the new Covid strain, but at least volatility has subsided.

"We've seen Omicron inevitably spread — the United States confirmed its first case in California — and it's only a matter of time before it gets here," Smith said.

"No one is really sure how serious it is. The Moderna boss was pessimistic but Pfizer was more optimistic. If the current vaccines are sufficient, then that will be good news. If a whole new vaccine is required, then that reawakens fears of lockdowns."

Wall Street again fell overnight, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average down 1.34 percent to 34,022.04, its lowest level in two months; the S&P 500 declining 1.18 percent to 4513.04; and the Nasdaq Composite down 1.83 percent to 15,254.05.

At home, Air New Zealand was down 2c to \$1.495 after telling the market that the

passenger load for October was 50.2 percent, down from 59.4 percent for the same month last year. AMP declined 3c or 2.91 percent to 99c; NZX was down 5c or 2.78 percent to \$1.75; and Rakon decreased 5c or 2.78 percent to \$1.75.

Fletcher Building recovered 22c or 3.29 percent to \$6.91 following the latest statistics that showed building consents for 47,715 new homes reached record levels for the year ending October, up 26 percent.

Kiwi Property is selling 3.2ha of land at Sylvia Park in Auckland to Swedish homeware giant Ikea for its flagship store in New Zealand. Kiwi is also developing 6500sqm of large format retail adjacent to the Ikea land. Kiwi's share price edged ahead 0.007c to \$1.14.

Transtasman chemicals company DGL Group rose 16c or 6.61 percent to \$2.58 after telling shareholders at its annual meeting that it expects to exceed the prospectus operating earnings (ebitda) forecast of \$29m.

Since listing in late May, DGL has bought seven businesses in Australia and New Zealand,

and they are expected to add a further \$15m in ebitda. DGL has paid \$38.85m in cash and issued 17.98m shares worth \$47.6m for the purchases.

Other gainers included Summerset Group Holdings, up 27c or 2.13 percent to \$12.95; Port of Tauranga gaining 7c to \$6.93; Harmony rising 4c or 2.15 percent to \$1.90, and new listing TradeWindow collecting 5c or 2.79 percent to \$1.84. New Zealand Refining Company has opened its \$5m share purchase plan at 83c a share as part of its \$43.5m capital raise to fund private storage services at its Marsden Pt fuel import terminal. Refining last traded at 86c.

Technology company investor Enprise was down 5c or 2.94 percent to \$1.65.

Enprise recently provided a positive update from its joint venture online billing partner Datagate, with total annual recurring revenue reaching \$2m at the end of October and revenue growth in its main US market running at 117 percent a year. — NZ Herald

EDITORIAL

Sweet for many, bitter for others

Postponement of the 2021 Rhythm and Vines festival will come as no surprise — it was obviously doomed once the Gisborne District was put into red under the new traffic light system, hot on the heels of iwi leaders voicing their opposition.

The decision will be welcomed by the many people who were nervous about large numbers of festival-goers arriving in a district that still has a significant number of people who are unvaccinated.

Concerns remain about the potential for other visitors to introduce the virus to this region — although news today of another positive wastewater test shows it might already be here.

Festival organisers said their decision was made in consultation with Tairāwhiti iwi, the District Health Board, the local council and MPs. All tickets remain valid for the new dates of April 15-17, and organisers are offering a 14-day refund window for people unable to attend an R&V Easter festival.

The organisers said, "Rhythm and Vines' mission has (been) and always will be a safe and secure festival for all involved, and we believe this decision will allow us to keep delivering the best festival experience that over 400,000 young Kiwis have enjoyed since 2003.

"Getting vaccinated is how we can return to the shows and festivals we love and we encourage everyone to #vaxforlive."

While many are relieved that the festival is not going ahead this summer, it is clearly disappointing for the thousands of young people now making alternative New Year's holiday plans and the local business community that benefits from the summer influx of R&V revellers.

Hospitality NZ has said the industry cannot be profitable under the red light. Local hospitality venues have looked light under the previous classification, and will now lose even more patrons because of the vaccine pass mandate.

The New Year holiday had already been made bleaker by the necessary but disappointing decision to cancel this year's Fire in the Sky festival, something that attracted more local families than visitors.

The holiday is also looking bleak for those who continue to refuse to get vaccinated, with off-limit venues now including Gisborne District Council facilities.

While the Lytton area is to be congratulated for being the first to reach 90 percent for double vaccination, and Hexton and Whataupoko East are close behind, the regional vaccination rate shows there is still a way to go to see that red light change to orange.

Don't go off the rails Thanks and all the best to generous auctioneer

I'm currently fortunate to have six months in Gisborne, away from the cold British weather and the curse of Covid that has ripped through our communities. Six months to learn about the incredible culture, scenery and people you have here.

It has allowed me to meet and experience the kindness of too many folks to mention, but I would like to highlight just two causes.

The first is a group of individuals who have committed thousands of hours over many years to rebuild part of your history. The volunteers at Gisborne City Vintage Railway have done an outstanding job in the rescue and restoration of a unique steam engine which operated from Gisborne in the early 1900s. After its working life, the Wa165 was allowed to deteriorate for many years until this group stepped forward and, over the course of more than 10 years, brought a steam train back to life complete with beautiful carriages. It's a fantastic tourist attraction for Gisborne which helped to bring cruise ships to the city. These are currently banished due to Covid, causing a massive drop in

revenue. Please support this group to ensure your vintage railway doesn't disappear by experiencing a journey with them for yourself, donating, or volunteers are always welcome. It's sad to see the state of the station buildings, which could hugely enhance the attraction but fall outside the responsibility of the vintage railway volunteers.

The second cause is Covid-19, a much more modern and dangerous feature of life today. New Zealand and its people have been amazing with Covid-19 but everyone should get vaccinated to protect you and your families. This week we had an email from a friend in England who has worked as a doctor in Gisborne, saying that in the UK "The deaths are almost all the unvaccinated".

Bringing the two causes together, Gisborne City Vintage Railway is laying on train rides from Elgin for people who get vaccinated. These special vintage railway trips ran last Saturday and will run again on the 4th and 11th of December.

Stay on track and get your jab!

MARK CHAPPELL

Education and an auction. You have supported other organisations too and you never hesitated to give your time and professionalism to the cause. To our knowledge you and Neville never ever said no when asked to auctioneer for a charity and a good cause.

Thanks for your support for this community and safe travels as you embark on a new lifestyle in the South Island.

PATRICK WILLOCK
Rescue Helicopter Trust
BARBARA GROUT
Hospice Tairāwhiti
PAT SEYMOUR
Life Education, National Party

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

On vax effort, pass options

May I speak about two things, and can someone come up with answers and manageable solutions.

1. The jab. Are all iwi actively involved in encouraging us to jab to keep our families and ourselves safe? If not why not?

2. The vaccine pass. It has name, birth date, no

photograph to identify the owner of the pass. Another card to put into our wallets.

Why couldn't my vaccine pass be a part of my Visa, debit card or a card I already have — maybe my driver's licence, or my gold card? What does anyone out there think?

Kia Ora

IRIS MCGHEE

Covid will focus their minds

It is time for the 85 percent of people who are vaccinated to re-live life at events, festivals and sports.

It is time to stop being kind. We are at war, Covid is the enemy and the anti-vaxers are the draft dodgers.

During the Second World War, draft dodgers were imprisoned. That may seem a bit harsh in this situation. But bear in mind, the unvaccinated have been reaping the benefits of a local covid-free environment, from the hard work and loss

of freedoms the responsible majority are grappling with.

If we want to be in the orange traffic light by Christmas, we need to have very stern words with family and friends who are, for whatever reason, dragging the chain and convince them to get vaccinated.

The alternative to this is the virus running rampant amongst the dissidents. That will soon focus their minds as they struggle to breathe.

PAUL GRETTON

A lot of money in vaccines

Pfizer expects its revenue from Covid-19 vaccine sales to reach \$36 billion for 2021.

Pfizer has also warned that the Covid-19 vaccine

might need to be taken annually.

Mmmmmm, nothing wrong here is there?

A. ABBOTT

More on new parking meters

Re: Due diligence lacking, December 2 letter.

Wow Roger, I hope you're mistaken but I think not.

I get the fact that the old parking meters needed to be replaced and we need something new, but really, "ten thousand dollars each" plus installation and the annual fee? What a blatant waste of ratepayers' money.

Do these GDC muppets just think of new ways to fritter our money away?

STEVE HIRST

I think they are well designed and find them quite easy to use.

MENTALLY CHALLENGED DWARF WITH MAGNIFYING GLASSES FOR EYES

A solution to beach debris

In The Gisborne Herald, 30th November, no simple solution to beach debris.

Gisborne/Tairāwhiti has 1400 unemployed people. These jobs should be for the poor unemployed people who can't get work. Line up at the dole office, take

rakes to the beach. Sort suitable lengths for elderly people's fires, cut and deliver. Rest raked up in piles to be burnt.

How nice would that be, to have the pride to say we did that for Tairāwhiti?

RAY YOUNG

Not in a boardroom now

Re: Looks like a 'reset', now for delivery . . . December 1 editorial.

I'll be surprised if he lasts. I watched him on the news last night. As I watched, I studied his body language. When he was contradicted, his eyes glazed over — the reaction of an autocrat.

I thought, hello, those weren't even testing questions. So, how will he react when bombs start dropping!?

You're not in a boardroom now man.

PARAONE KAA

"We are the reset" says Luxon. I believe him. If you don't want Labour getting the blame for the great reset you

can now vote National and be confident that you will still get the same.

PETER JONES

Let's hope he hasn't got a Make America Great Again hat sitting in his office lol

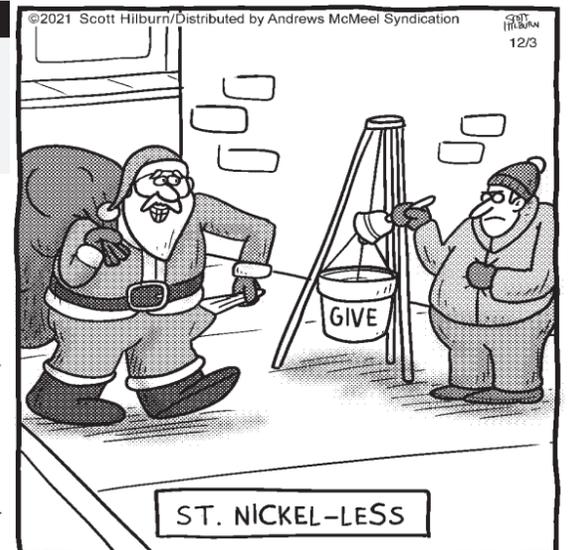
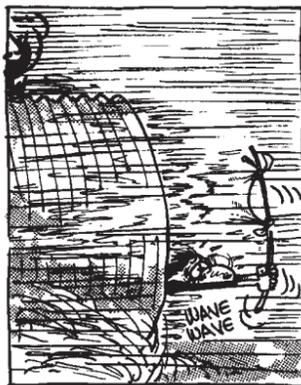
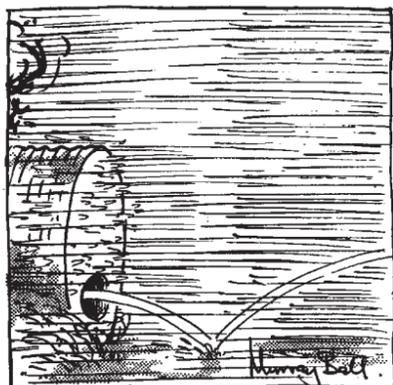
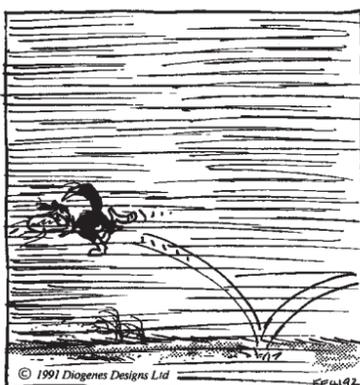
PERRY ANDERSON

I doubt he has a Trump cap, after all he only owns seven houses, one of which increased in value by \$2.3 million without him even knowing it! Anyway, he will no doubt feel so much better after being driven to work (a few hundred metres) in a hired black limo . . . like a "Boss" . . . hmmmm!!

STUART VENEMA, Rotorua

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ST. NICKEL-LESS

'A thorny calculus'

Omicron, Delta spell return of unpopular restrictions

PARIS — With the Delta pushing up cases in Europe and growing fears over the Omicron, governments around the world are weighing new measures for populations tired of hearing about restrictions and vaccines.

It's a thorny calculus made more difficult by the prospect of backlash, increased social divisions and, for many politicians, the fear of being voted out of office.

Greeks over-60s who refuse coronavirus vaccinations could be hit with monthly fines of more than one-quarter of their minimum pensions — a get-tough policy that the country's politicians say will cost votes but save lives.

Weekly protests in the Netherlands over the country's 5 pm lockdown and other new restrictions have descended into violence, despite what appears to be overwhelming acceptance of the rules.

In Israel, the government on Thursday halted the use of a controversial phone tracking technology to trace possible cases of the new variant after a public uproar.

"I know the frustration that we all feel with this Omicron variant, the sense of exhaustion that we could be going through this all over again," British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said two days after the government announced that masks would be mandatory again in stores and on public transportation and required all visitors from abroad to undergo a Covid-19 test and quarantine. "We're trying to take a balanced and proportioned approach."

New restrictions, or variations on the old ones, are cropping up around the world, especially in Europe, where leaders are at pains to explain what looks like a failed promise: that mass vaccinations would mean an end to widely loathed limitations.

"People need normality. They need families, they need to see people, obviously safely, socially-distancing, but I really think, this Christmas now, people have had enough," said Belinda Storey, who runs a stall at a Christmas market in Nottingham, England.

In the Netherlands, where the lockdown went into effect last week, mounted police patrol the streets to break up demonstrations. But most people appeared resigned to rush through errands and head home.

"The only thing we can do is to listen to the rules, follow them and hope it's not getting worse. For me it's no problem. I'm a nurse. I know how sick people get," said Wilma van Kampen.

Hubert Bruls, who as mayor of the Dutch city of Nijmegen banned a protest last weekend, said he sympathised with the frustration but was prepared to carry out the national rules.

"There was a lot of disappointment in the effects of vaccination. Everybody did their best, we had one of the highest rates of vaccinations, and it wasn't enough. Infections are higher than ever. I myself was a little disappointed, but we have to look ahead," he said.

In Greece, residents over 60 face fines of 100 euros (\$113) a month if they fail to get vaccinated. The fines will be tacked onto tax bills in January. About 17 percent of Greeks over-60s are unvaccinated and nine in 10 Greeks now dying of Covid-19 are over 60 years of age.

"I don't care whether the measure will cost me some extra votes in the elections," Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis said on Wednesday after lawmakers passed the measure.

"I am convinced that we are doing the right thing, and I am convinced that this policy will save lives."

Employing a carrot instead of a stick, Slovakia's government is proposing to give people 60 and older a 500-euro (\$568) bonus if they get vaccinated.

In Israel, the government this week briefly resumed using a phone-monitoring



JITTERY WORLD: A man takes part in a demonstration against Covid restrictions in Vienna, Austria. The Omicron kept a jittery world off-kilter as reports of infections linked to the mutant strain cropped up in more parts of the globe. AP picture

WHO expects more info on new variant 'within days'

GENEVA — The World Health Organisation expects to have more information on the transmissibility of the new Omicron variant of the coronavirus within days, technical lead on Covid-19 Maria van Kerkhove said.

That was faster than the "weeks" the WHO had predicted last week that it would take to assess the data available on the variant after designating it a "variant of concern", its highest rating. Whether the variant is more transmissible or evades vaccines are some of the major questions that still need answering.

Vaccine developers have said it will take about two weeks to assess whether their shots are effective against it.

Van Kerkhove said one possible scenario was that the new variant, which was first reported in southern Africa, may be more transmissible than the dominant Delta variant. She said it was not yet known if Omicron makes people more ill.

WHO chief scientist Soumya Swaminathan said the agency believed the existing Covid-19 vaccines will work against the variant.

First reported a week ago, Omicron has spread to

more than a dozen countries, spooking financial markets. Governments have responded by reintroducing some travel restrictions.

Mike Ryan, WHO's emergency director, reiterated the agency's opposition to the blanket bans on flights to and from southern Africa that have been imposed by Britain and other countries, saying it would not prevent the variant's spread.

"The idea you can just put a hermetic seal on some countries is not possible. I can't see the logic from an epidemiological or public health perspective." — Reuters via RNZ

technology to perform contact tracing of people confirmed to have the Omicron variant, only to halt its use on Thursday.

"From the beginning I noted that use of this tool would be limited and brief — for a few days, in order to get urgent information to halt infection with the new, unknown variant," Health Minister Nitzan Horowitz said on Twitter.

In South Africa, which alerted the World Health Organisation to the Omicron variant, previous restrictions included curfews and a ban on alcohol sales. This time, President Cyril Ramaphosa is simply calling on more people to get vaccines "to help restore the social freedoms we all yearn for."

Germany on Thursday imposed strict new limitations on the unvaccinated, excluding them from nonessential stores, restaurants, and other major public venues. They can go to work only with a negative test.

The legislature is expected to take up a general vaccine mandate in coming weeks.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said the measures were necessary because hospitals risked becoming overloaded: "The situation in our country is serious."

In the US, there is little appetite in either political party for a return to lockdowns or strict contact tracing. Enforcing even simple measures like mask-wearing has become a political flashpoint. And Republicans are suing to block the Biden administration's new get-vaccinated-or-get-tested requirement for

large employers.

President Joe Biden, whose political fate may well hinge on controlling the pandemic, has said the US will fight Covid-19 and the new variant "not with shutdowns or lockdowns but with more widespread vaccinations, boosters, testing, and more."

"If people are vaccinated and wear their masks, there's no need for the lockdowns," he added.

The rise of the new variant makes little difference to Mark Christensen, a grain buyer for an ethanol plant in Nebraska. He rejects any vaccination mandate and doesn't understand why it would be needed. In any event, he said, most businesses in his corner of the state are too small to fall under the regulations.

"If they were just encouraging me to take it, that's one thing," Christensen said. "But I believe in freedom of choice, not decisions by force."

Chile has taken a harder line since the emergence of Omicron. People over the age of 18 must receive a booster dose every six months to keep their pass that allows access to restaurants, hotels and public gatherings.

Dr Madhukar Pai, of McGill University's School of Population and Public Health, said that masks are an easy and pain-free way of keeping transmission down, but that cheap, at-home tests need to be much more widespread, in both rich and poor countries. Lockdowns, he said, should be the very last choice. — AP

BRIEFS

Vaccination campaign boost

JOHANNESBURG — South Africa has accelerated its vaccination campaign by giving jabs at pop-up sites in shopping centres and transportation hubs to combat a rapid rise in new Covid cases a week after the discovery of the Omicron variant.

New daily cases nearly doubled to 8561 on Wednesday, from 4373 a day earlier, according to official statistics. Scientists said they were bracing for the surge to continue.

"We want families to be safe this festive season," Minister of Health Joe Phaahla said on Thursday. "Before you go home, before you leave on vacation, make sure you protect yourself and those you love. If you visit your parents and they have not yet been vaccinated, go with them to your closest vaccination site. It could save their lives." — AP

S.Korea breaks daily record

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea broke its daily record for coronavirus infections for a second straight day on Thursday with more than 5200 new cases, as pressure mounted on a healthcare system grappling with rising hospitalisations and deaths.

The rapid Delta-driven spread comes amid the emergence of the new Omicron variant and has fuelled concerns about prolonged pandemic suffering.

Since detecting its first Omicron infections on Wednesday, South Korea has confirmed six cases, all linked to arrivals from Nigeria, prompting the government to tighten its border controls. — AP

Argentine ex-president charged

BUENOS AIRES — Former Argentine President Mauricio Macri was formally charged on Wednesday with illegally spying on relatives of sailors whose submarine sank in 2017, one of the most embarrassing incidents of his presidency.

Judge Martín Bava's ruling of "prohibited intelligence actions" can be appealed before any trial would begin. The judge ordered an embargo of about \$1 million of the wealthy ex-president's goods and barred the 62-year-old from leaving the country. There was no arrest order.

The conservative then-president is accused of ordering spying on relatives of the 44 crewmembers of the ARA San Juan, which sank in the South Atlantic. — AP

Abortion bill rejected

WARSAW — Poland's lawmakers on Thursday rejected a civic legislative proposal that would have outlawed abortion as homicide.

The vote to reject the proposal at the initial stage was 361-48 with 12 abstentions, and was greeted with applause. It was overwhelming, also because most among the 228 ruling right-wing party's lawmakers voted against it. The Law and Justice party said the proposal was extreme and counterproductive. Just 41 among its lawmakers were for proceeding with work on it.

Law and Justice's rejection of the project was notable because last year it had Poland's restrictive abortion law tightened, drawing massive street protests. — AP

Gang makes prison break

MEXICO CITY — A gang rammed several vehicles into a prison in central Mexico and escaped with nine inmates on Wednesday in one of the most dramatic breakouts the country has seen in recent years.

Authorities in the state of Hidalgo, just north of Mexico City, said in a statement that the pre-dawn attack resulted in injuries to two police officers.

The state police said soldiers, police and National Guard troops had fanned out looking for the escaped inmates. Police did not identify the armed gang involved in the prison break.

The state's interior secretary, Simón Vargas, said "an armed group burst into the prison aboard several vehicles, and it is worth noting that near the prison, two vehicles were burned." — AP

Russia deploys missiles

MOSCOW — The Russian military has deployed coastal defence missile systems near the Kuril Islands, a Pacific chain also claimed by Japan. The move appeared intended to underline Moscow's firm stance in the dispute.

Russia's Defence Ministry posted a video on Thursday showing massive missile carriers moving ashore from amphibious landing vessels and driving along the coast of the volcanic island to take firing positions as part of drills.

The ministry said the deployment involved setting up living quarters for personnel, hangars for the vehicles and other infrastructure. — AP

Merkel honoured with traditional performance at final ceremony

BERLIN — Outgoing Chancellor Angela Merkel called on Germans to stand up to hatred at a military ceremony on Thursday (local time) bidding her farewell after 16 years in office.

Merkel was honoured with a traditional military musical performance and march in front of almost all the country's political elite — save for the far-right Alternative for Germany, who weren't invited.

"Our democracy also lives from the fact that wherever hatred and violence are seen as a legitimate means of pursuing one's interests, our tolerance as democrats has to find its limit," she said in a speech ahead of the ceremony.

The event, which was held at the Defence Ministry rather than in a more public setting due to pandemic constraints, involved a parade and a brass band playing three songs of Merkel's choice.

The first piece was "You Forgot the Color Film" released in 1974 by East German-born punk singer Nina Hagen. In it, the singer recounts a young woman's lament that her boyfriend failed to take colour pictures of their beach holiday.

Hagen, like Merkel, grew up in East Germany, but emigrated to the West in 1976 after clashing with the communist country's authorities.

Merkel explained that the song was "a highlight of my youth, which is known to have taken place in the GDR". East Germany was officially known as the German Democratic Republic.

"By chance, (the song) is also set in a region that was in my former



ANGELA MERKEL

constituency on the Baltic Sea," she added. "As such, it all fits together."

Her second choice was a popular chanson by German singer Hildegard Knef called "It Shall Rain Red Roses for Me". She was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

The final piece chosen by the daughter of a Protestant pastor was an 18th century Christian hymn, "Holy God, we Praise thy Name".

Merkel remains caretaker chancellor until her successor, the Social Democrat Olaf Scholz, is sworn in next week. She wished him and his new centre-left government "all the best, good luck and much success".

The long-time leader also urged her audience to "always see the world through the eyes of others too" and to work "with joy in your hearts".

Before the ceremony, she met other federal and state leaders to agree on new measures to curb coronavirus infections in Germany. — AP



SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES: Russian President Vladimir Putin speaks during a ceremony to receive credentials from foreign ambassadors in Moscow on Wednesday. AP picture

TENSIONS RISE

Russia warns of military nightmare

MOSCOW — Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov has warned that Europe could be returning to what he called the "nightmare of military confrontation".

At a European security conference in Sweden, Lavrov floated the idea of a new European security pact to try to stop Nato from expanding further east.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken warned of "serious consequences" if Russia sought conflict with Ukraine.

The meeting comes as Russia boosts its military near Ukraine's border. Ukraine says Russia has amassed more than 90,000 troops there.

Moscow denies it is preparing an attack on Ukraine and accuses Kyiv of its own military build-up.

As tensions rise, Russia said on Thursday it had arrested three suspected Ukrainian security service agents. One of the three was accused of planning a terrorist attack, while the other two had been seeking to gather intelligence, Russia's Federal Security Service said.

Lavrov and Blinken met at a conference of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE).

US officials said the two sides had agreed to further dialogue on Ukraine.

Blinken hinted at the possibility of direct talks between US President Joe Biden and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin in the near future.

Russia's foreign ministry hoped a Putin-Biden summit would take place in the coming days but no date had been set, Interfax news agency reported.

The build-up of Russian troops near Ukraine's border was among the topics discussed at an in-person summit between the two leaders in Geneva in June.

Earlier this week, President Putin said Russia

would seek US guarantees that Nato will limit its presence in Ukraine, which is not a member of the security alliance.

But on Thursday, Lavrov said in a speech that Nato was refusing to constructively consider proposals to de-escalate tensions and prevent dangerous incidents.

"The alliance's military infrastructure is being irresponsibly brought closer to Russia's borders in Romania and Poland, deploying an anti-missile defence system that can be used as a strike complex," he said.

"American medium-range missiles are about to appear in Europe, bringing back the nightmare scenario of a military confrontation."

He warned Nato against turning countries neighbouring Russia, including Ukraine, into "bridgeheads of confrontation", and said he hoped Russian proposals for a new security pact would be carefully considered.

At a joint news conference with the Russian foreign minister, Blinken said the best way to avoid a crisis was through diplomacy and urged Russia to pull back its forces.

"The United States is willing to facilitate that but . . . if Russia decides to pursue confrontation there will be serious consequences," he added.

On Wednesday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky called for direct talks with Russia over the more than seven-year conflict with Russian-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine.

He also said that Kyiv's goal was to "liberate" Crimea, annexed by Russia in 2014, but made no mention of using force.

A large part of the recent Russian military build-up is in Crimea.

Troops are also massing near Ukraine's eastern Donbas region, the name for parts of Luhansk and Donetsk regions under the control of separatists. — AP

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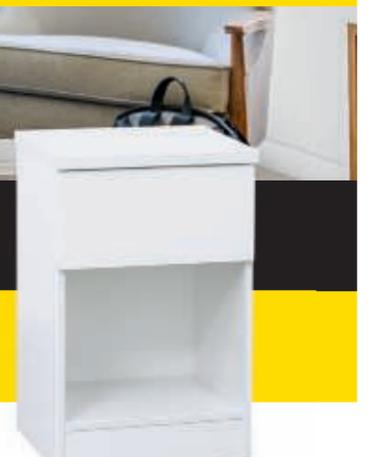
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CLIMATE CHANGE KILLING SEABIRDS: The warming of the planet is taking a deadly toll on seabirds that are suffering population declines from starvation, inability to reproduce, heat waves and extreme weather. Climate-related losses have hit albatrosses off the Hawaiian islands, northern gannets near the British Isles and puffins off the Maine coast. Some birds are less able to build nests and raise young as sea levels rise, while others are unable to find fish to eat as the ocean heats up, researchers have found. Common murre and Cassin's auklets that live off the West Coast have also died in large numbers from conditions scientists directly tied to global warming. With less food, rising seas that encroach on islands where birds roost and increasingly frequent hurricanes that wipe away nests, many seabirds have been producing fewer chicks, researchers say. It's difficult to precisely determine the population loss to wide-ranging seabirds and how much is attributable to climate change. But one estimate by researchers from University of British Columbia stated that seabird populations have fallen 70 percent since the mid-20th century. AP picture



'Crisis is hitting the world'

UN projects soaring humanitarian needs across the globe in 2022

GENEVA — The United Nations is predicting that a record 274 million people — who together would amount to the world's fourth most-populous country — will require emergency humanitarian aid next year in countries like Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Myanmar, Syria and Yemen which face a raft of challenges including war, insecurity, hunger, climate change and the coronavirus pandemic.

The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, in its annual overview of future needs, is projecting a 17 percent jump in the number of people who will need urgent assistance in 2022, and is appealing to donors to provide a record \$41 billion to help 183 million people who are the most in need.

"The climate crisis is hitting the world's most vulnerable people first and worst. Protracted conflicts grind on, and instability has worsened

in several parts of the world, notably Ethiopia, Myanmar and Afghanistan," said Martin Griffiths, the head of OCHA.

"The pandemic is not over, and poor countries are deprived of vaccines."

The appeal pulls together needs from an array of UN agencies and their partners, and is likely to fall short of its ambitions. This year, donors provided over \$17 billion for projects in last year's Global Humanitarian Overview from OCHA, but funding has been less than half of the UN request for 2021.

This year, Griffiths said, "we reached 70 percent of the people that we wanted to. We're aware that we're not going to get the \$41 billion, much as we will try hard."

The overview lays out country-specific plans for 30 countries, half of them in Africa, and most of the rest in the Middle East or Latin America.

Griffiths cited estimates by the UN's Food and Agricultural Organisation that 45 million people are at risk of famine, in dozens of countries.

"Humanitarian aid matters," said Griffiths.

"We were able to stop famine affecting half a million people in southern Sudan . . . we delivered health care to 10 million people in Yemen . . . we've helped vaccinate millions in Myanmar."

OCHA says more than 24 million people require life-saving assistance in Afghanistan, driven by conflict, political turmoil, the coronavirus, economic shocks and the worst drought in more than a generation.

"We never left Afghanistan. And we are there now with a projected programme for 2022, three times the size of the programme for 2021 — because of the various needs and circumstances that you know so well," he said.

That appeared to be an allusion to the ouster of the internationally-backed Afghan government by Taliban fighters in August, and surge of humanitarian needs in the country — including the fight against famine and hunger — since then.

Griffiths said the situation in Ethiopia, where the government has been battling fighters from the Tigray region, is the "most worrying" in terms of "urgent, immediate need" and said he was "very worried" about a possible siege by fighters on the capital, Addis Ababa.

"The capacity to respond to an imploded Ethiopia is almost impossible to imagine," he said.

"I think Ethiopia is the most concerning," Griffiths said, adding, "It's a terrible thing to have to choose between, you know, places of such great need" in the world. — AP

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STORIES OF CONNECTION

FILTHY ANIMALS

by Brandon Taylor
published by Daunt Books

Brandon Taylor's *Filthy Animals*, a book of interconnected short stories, is a chronicle of pain, identity, recovery and the desperation we all feel for human connection.

A depressed and lonely man recovering from a suicide attempt finds himself caught in a love triangle with two dancers in an open relationship; a group of teenagers unable to control their emotions resort to brutal

violence against one another; a young woman battles a terrifying illness; a babysitter recovering from a recent breakup finds herself stuck caring for a headstrong and wild little girl.

The stories are wrought with emotion and complexity, yet at the same time, Taylor's writing is soft, quiet, gentle.

The stories feel almost like slices of life, but the every day is heightened by the intensity of the characters' longing, desire, anger and, above all else, passion.

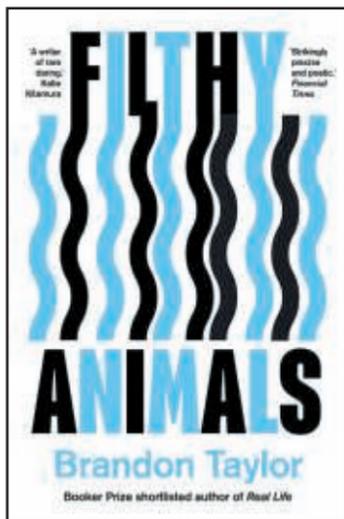
To be human each day, the stories seem to say, is to feel deeply and urgently.

Taylor's characters are beautiful messes, with their flaws, uncertainty, and mistakes making them all the more intriguing and real.

With some recurring in different stories, the reader is able to understand certain relationships from different perspectives and feel even more deeply the characters' desperate attempts to connect to one another.

The book is also wonderfully queer and presents queer love and identities with all the intricacy and uniqueness they deserve.

— Molly Sprayregen, AP



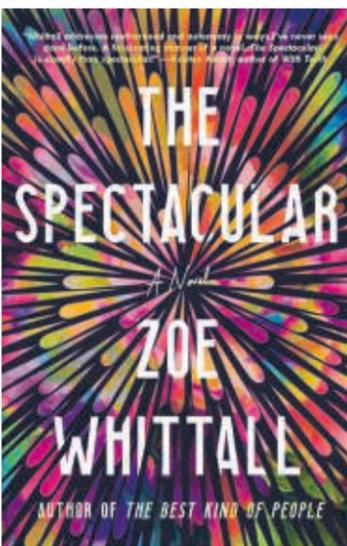
Spectacular homage to womanhood

THE SPECTACULAR
by Zoe Whittall
published by Hodder & Stoughton

Zoe Whittall's *The Spectacular* follows three generations of women as they navigate love, life, and motherhood.

It's 1997 and Missy is a 22-year-old rock star who struggles with drug addiction.

She is determined to party like the male members of her band, but she can think of nothing worse than getting pregnant while on tour — and she'll do anything she can to make sure that doesn't happen.



Carola is the mother who abandoned a young Missy to live at a yoga centre, where she ends up embroiled in a sex scandal.

And Ruth is Missy's Turkish grandmother who wants nothing more than for Missy to become a mother and for her estranged daughter and granddaughter to reconcile.

The second half of the book jumps to 2013. Now divorced and aching for a child, we follow Missy as she attempts to get pregnant and find love, all while working

to repair her relationship with Carola. *The Spectacular* is a homage to

womanhood, motherhood, sexuality and queerness as it chronicles the lives of three ferociously strong protagonists who are wildly different from one another.

The first half is chock-full of action, drama, energy, and excitement. The characters are beautifully flawed and so alive as they all scramble through life searching for happiness.

In the second half, that energy dissipates a bit. Missy is older, no longer on tour, and is now desperate to have a baby, while at the same time working to repair her relationship with her own mother.

Her navigation of love and fertility in her late 30s is an important story, but the shift feels a bit abrupt.

Nevertheless, once you settle in to the time jump, it becomes a compelling exploration of what happens when we grow older and are still desperately searching for what we want.

— Molly Sprayregen, AP

The misfortune of timing

THE WISH
by Nicholas Sparks
published by Little, Brown Book Group

"And in the end, isn't that the most important thing in life? To be truly known and loved by someone you've chosen?"

The Wish is classic Nicholas Sparks, full of characters to fall in love with and backstories that will break your heart.

It ticks all the boxes of a sappy romance novel — star-crossed lovers, tearful decisions, and a devastating death (or two).

The Wish is Maggie Dawes' story, a photographer who is battling stage 4 melanoma. The narrative shifts between present day, where we are given an honest account of her daily struggles, and the past, where she shares the details of an unexpected stay in a small town.

In 1996, at age 16, a pregnant Maggie is sent to live with an aunt she barely knows in a remote village on North Carolina's Outer Banks.

A stranger in this place, she meets Bryce, one of the few teenagers in town. Bryce doesn't judge her for

her protruding belly . . . instead, he introduces her to new things, including photography.

As her pregnancy progresses and their friendship grows into something more, Maggie knows her next move could tear them apart.

Twenty-three years later and faced with a serious medical diagnosis, Maggie hires an assistant, Mark.

The two develop a friendship and Maggie pours her heart out to him, telling him about that Christmas in 1996.

Seeing the story through Maggie's eyes as she tells Mark gave way for in-depth detail about the events that took place, ones that would impact the rest of her life.

The character development is strong in *The Wish*, as it often is with Sparks' novels, and it is easy to feel a connection to Maggie.

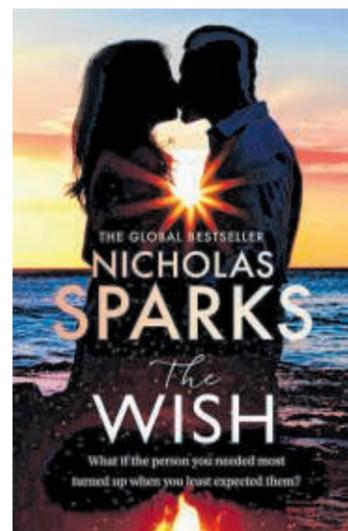
The Wish is full of strong, insightful characters that will leave a lasting

impression. Maggie is the kind of character that stays with you. The way she finds strength among tragedy is admirable and she lives life passionately despite her circumstances.

The tale of friendship, love and loss was achingly real and there was a strong message to celebrate every day as well as a reminder to cherish the time with those precious to us.

As the novel is told through dual timelines, the journey through Maggie's past aids in the development of her present, which makes the heartbreak even worse.

If you love other Nicholas Sparks novels, you certainly won't be disappointed with *The Wish*. It is a beautifully told story and will make the perfect gift for romance lovers this Christmas, but make sure to wrap up a box of tissues too. — TP



Inside the strange world of PayPal founder Peter Thiel

THE CONTRARIAN

by Max Chafkin
published by Bloomsbury

There was a particular term — “ice queen” — in 1950s American gay slang. Some men were so hurt by the widespread social repression of homosexuals that they became remote, manipulative, entirely self-focused and often very conservative in their views — even to the extent of condemning homosexuality.

These men were judged by their gay peers and often referred to as “ice queens”.

The American multimillionaire Peter Thiel is the founder of PayPal, Palantir Technologies (the data and surveillance firm), as well as being the first outside investor in Facebook.

Born in Frankfurt, Germany, he was partially raised in South and South-West Africa, before settling in the United States.

He also controversially gained New Zealand citizenship after a stay of only 12 days and a meeting with then Prime Minister John Key.

Whether Thiel could be termed one

of the world's great ice queens is a judgement entirely up to the reader of *The Contrarian*.

It is a picture of a man raised in a conservative and religious family, probably lonely, a competitive chess player and obsessed as a teenager with Dungeons and Dragons and the books of JRR Tolkien. His interest in libertarian ideas and the philosophy of Ayn Rand soon followed.

Chafkin's book is the first biography of Thiel. While it gives a shape to a life that has lacked public detail, it is distanced, much like its subject.

Interviewees were hard to gain. Thiel's circle included the Trump White House, Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg. Men of power seldom confide their secrets. Many of Chafkin's potential informants cited “fear” as the reason for their refusal to be cited.

The “Gawker” incident was indicative of Thiel's complex character.

Gawker was a website devoted to gossip. In 2007 it published statements including: “Peter Thiel, the smartest VC (Venture Capitalist) in the world, is gay. More power to him.”

Thiel did not see it as a compliment

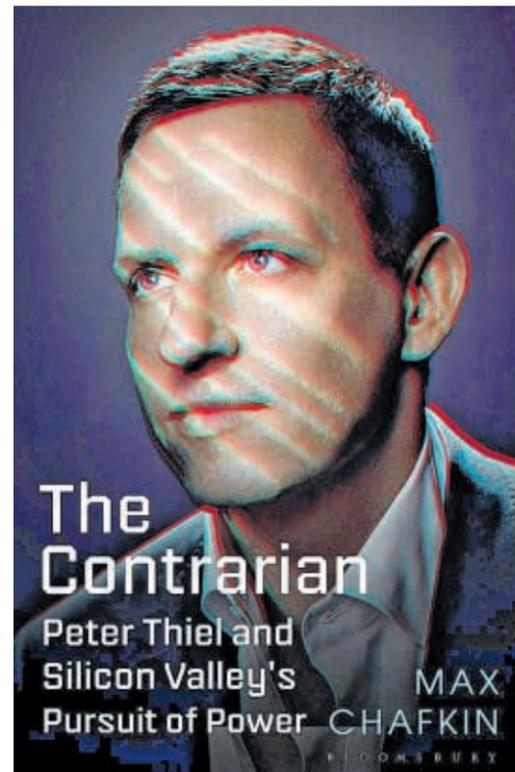
and bankrolled the wrestler Hulk Hogan in a legal suit against Gawker revolving around Hogan's own recording and use of a sex tape. The suit cost Thiel upwards of \$10 million, but bankrupted and destroyed Gawker.

The *Contrarian* also explores Thiel's connections with the alt-right, his early adoption of cryptocurrency, and his toying with extension of human life. His path to New Zealand citizenship is reviewed, although not in the depth it deserves. Is New Zealand Thiel's bolt-hole or a means of wealth-protection?

The biography frequently feels as if it is a fine extended magazine article. It is readable, revealing and contains ample evidence of Thiel's modes of operation. It is a broad overview.

Yet the best single insight into Thiel as a man remains the strange and awkward 2017 speech he made to the Republican Party convention to endorse Donald Trump as a presidential candidate, still available on YouTube. Thiel has now disowned the man he then praised.

Events have proven him scarily wrong. Money, it seems, is not always right. — NZ Herald



Most MPs own more than family home

WELLINGTON — National leader Christopher Luxon's wealth has sparked curiosity with the revelation he owns seven properties. One in Auckland's Remuera is worth more than \$7 million.

But Luxon isn't the only Member of Parliament who struck luck in the property market. While many Kiwis face the prospect of never owning a home thanks to skyrocketing house prices, only a handful of MPs don't own a property.

MPs who don't own a property include Green Party co-leader Marama Davidson, and fellow Green MPs Chlöe Swarbrick and Ricardo Menéndez March.

Labour minister Peenie Henare had no property to declare, and neither did Labour MPs Helen White, Naisi Chen, Kieran McAnulty and Ibrahim Omer. The same goes for ACT MP Damien Smith.

All the other MPs have a stake in property. The Maori Party co-leaders Debbie Ngarewa-Packer and Rawiri Waititi own family homes.

A full list of MPs who have interests in more than one family home or dwellings as of May 2021:

Labour

- House Speaker Trevor Mallard
- Home — Wainuiōmata
- Rental property (jointly owned) — Dunedin
- Chris Hipkins
- Residential property (jointly owned) — Upper Hutt
- Residential property (in Superannuation Trust) — Raumati South, Paraparaumu
- Dr Ayesha Verrall
- Family home (jointly owned) — Brooklyn, Wellington
- Family property (jointly owned) — Malé, Maldives
- Nanaia Mahuta
- Family home — Ngāruawāhia
- Rental property — Hamilton
- Poto Williams
- Family home, Waimairi Beach — Christchurch
- Blocks of land, Rarotonga and Manihiki Islands — Cook Islands
- Wellington residence — Thorndon, Wellington
- Sarah Pallett
- House — North Canterbury
- Apartment (jointly owned) — Wellington
- House (jointly owned) — Queenstown surrounds
- Adrian Rurawhe
- Family home (jointly owned) — Whangāehu
- Interests in 26 Māori land blocks in the Aotea District
- Interests in one Māori land block in the Tai Tokerau District
- Interests in two Māori land blocks in the Tākitimu District
- Interests in 11 Māori land blocks in the Waipounamu District
- Interests in Waipū general land block — Rātana Pā
- Dr Deborah Russell
- Family home (jointly owned) — Titirangi, Auckland
- House (jointly owned) — Karori, Wellington
- Stuart Nash
- Family home (jointly owned) — Napier
- Holiday home — Wairoa District
- Jamie Strange
- Family home (jointly owned) — Hamilton
- Apartment (jointly owned) — Wellington
- Willie Jackson
- Family home (x2, jointly owned) — Māngere Bridge, Auckland
- Family home (jointly owned) — Rotorua
- Apartment (jointly owned) — Wellington
- Louisa Wall
- Family home (owned by trust) — Manurewa
- Whānau home (jointly owned) — Taupō
- Rental property (jointly owned) — Tūrangi
- Meka Whaitiri
- Family home — Hastings
- Family home (owned by trust) — Manutuke, Gisborne
- Interest in blocks of Māori land (beneficiary) — Tairāwhiti, Hastings, Himatangi
- Arena Williams
- Family home — Manurewa, Auckland
- Family home — Te Aro, Wellington
- Jan Tinetti
- Family home (jointly owned by Merton Tinetti Family Trust) — Mātua, Tauranga
- Apartment — Wellington Central, Wellington
- Angie Warren—Clark
- Family home — Pāpāmoa, Tauranga
- Rental property — Pāpāmoa, Tauranga
- Pine blocks (owned by trust) — Northland
- Aupito William Sio
- Home — Manurewa, Auckland



- Home — Māngere Bridge, Auckland
- Anahila Kanongata'a—Suisuiki
- Family home (jointly owned) — Onehunga, Auckland
- Rental property (jointly owned) — Tōtara Heights, Auckland
- Jenny Salesa
- Family home (jointly owned) — Auckland
- Rental property (owned by Praescient Limited) — Auckland
- Two acres of land (owned by 99-year lease) — Haveluloto, Tonga
- Apartment (jointly owned by Kaha'u Superannuation Fund) — Wellington
- Camilla Belich
- Family home (jointly owned) — Auckland
- Former family home (jointly owned leasehold property), currently rented — London, United Kingdom
- Beneficial interest in family holiday home (owned by The Belich Trust) — Waikanae Beach
- Jo Luxton
- Family home (jointly owned) — Hinds
- Family home (jointly owned) — Timaru
- Holiday home (jointly owned) — Akaroa
- Angela Roberts
- Family home (jointly owned) — Tāriki, Taranaki
- Family bach (jointly owned) — Waverley Beach, South Taranaki
- Marja Lubeck
- Family home (owned by trust) — Rodney, Auckland
- Rental property (owned by trust) — Mt Albert, Auckland
- Paul Eagle
- Family home (jointly owned) — Wellington
- Rental property (jointly owned) — Wellington
- Barbara Edmonds
- Family home, jointly owned — Titahi Bay, Porirua, Wellington
- Family home, jointly owned — Ōtāhuhu, Auckland
- Rachel Brooking
- Family home (jointly owned) — Dunedin
- Parents' family home (jointly owned) — Dunedin
- David Clark
- Family home (owned by Clearwater Trust) — Opoho, Dunedin
- Holiday home (owned jointly by Richard Clark Family Trust and Faye Clark Family Trust) — Alexandra
- Tāmami Coffey
- Family home — Hinemoa Point, Rotorua
- Investment property — Kawaha Point, Rotorua
- Dr Liz Craig
- Family home — Richmond, Invercargill
- Farmlet (includes house) — Rōmahapa, South Otago
- Conservation block (land) — Little Bay, Coromandel
- Steph Lewis
- Family home (jointly owned) — Gonville, Whanganui
- Family home (jointly owned) — Alicetown, Lower Hutt
- Mother's home (owned by Red's Family Trust) — South Taranaki

National

- Christopher Luxon
- Residential properties (x2) — Auckland
- Residential property — Wellington
- Investment properties (x4) — Auckland
- Nicola Willis
- Family home (jointly owned) — Karori, Wellington
- House (owned by Appledore Trust) — Kelburn, Wellington
- House (owned by Appledore Trust) — Riversdale, Wairarapa
- House (owned by Appledore Trust) — Wānaka
- Judith Collins
- Family home (owned by trusts) — Auckland
- Commercial and residential property (owned by superannuation scheme) — Wellington
- Residential property (owned by superannuation scheme) — Nelson
- Dr Shane Reti
- Commercial building — Whangārei
- Rental property — Kohimārama

- Residential property — Whangārei
- Residential property — Far North
- Todd McClay
- Family homes (x2, owned by trust) — Rotorua
- Family holiday home (owned by trust) — Pukehina
- Home (jointly owned) — Belgium
- Andrew Bayly
- Family home (in trust) — Auckland Farm (in trust)
- Waikato Share of house (in trust)
- Coromandel Share of property — Auckland
- Apartment (in trust) — Wellington
- Mark Mitchell
- Family home — Millwater, Auckland
- Apartment — Thorndon, Wellington
- Family holiday home — Kūaotunu, Coromandel
- Rental property (commercial) — Pukekohe, Auckland
- Rental (residential) — Ōrewa, Auckland
- Rental (residential) — Māngere Bridge, Auckland
- Dr Nick Smith
- Family home — Nelson
- Electorate office and rental property — Nelson
- Tim van de Molen
- Horticultural property (owned by Caritim Limited) — Tamahere, Waikato
- Residential houses (x2); (owned by van de Molen Family Trust) — Tamahere, Waikato
- Erica Stanford
- Family home — Ōkura Residential property, family home (owned by parents' family trust) — Ōkura
- Residential property, holiday home (owned by parents' family trust) — Whangamata
- Stuart Smith
- Family home (owned by Tayler—Smith Family Trust) — Dry Hills, Blenheim
- Apartment (owned by Tayler—Smith Family Trust) — Thorndon, Wellington
- Timeshare week (owned by Tayler—Smith Family Trust) — Queenstown Mews
- Rental property (owned by Tayler—Smith Family Trust) — Redwood, Blenheim
- Joseph Mooney
- House — Queenstown
- House — Invercargill
- Section — Wānaka
- Louise Upston
- Family home (jointly owned) — Cambridge
- Apartment (jointly owned) — Wellington
- Chris Penk
- Family home (owned by The Barkley Trust) — Waitakere, Auckland
- Rental property (owned by The Barkley Trust) — Tauranga
- Todd Muller
- Family home — Tauranga
- Kiwifruit property (owned by Michael and Patricia Muller Family Trust) — Te Puna, Tauranga
- Family home (owned by Michael and Patricia Muller Family Trust) — Te Puna, Tauranga
- Melissa Lee
- Family home — Auckland
- Rental property (owned by superannuation scheme) — Wellington
- Ian McKelvie
- Family home (jointly owned) — Whareroa, Taupō
- Farm land (owned by various entities) — Manawatū
- Commercial property — Palmerston North
- Apartment (owned by trust) — Wellington
- Simon O'Connor
- Rental property (owned by retirement scheme) — Auckland
- Apartment (owned by trust) — Wellington
- Michael Woodhouse
- Family home — Andersons Bay, Dunedin
- Holiday home — Cromwell, Central Otago
- Apartment — Thorndon, Wellington
- Paul Goldsmith
- Family home (owned by trust) — Remuera
- House (half share) — Waitakere Ranges
- Barbara Kuriger
- Family home (owned by LS & BJ Kuriger Trusts Partnership) — New Plymouth
- Family home (owned by LS & BJ Kuriger Trusts Partnership) — Te Awamutu
- Dairy farm (owned by Shortland Farm Limited Partnership) — Ōpunake
- Dairy farm (owned by Shortland Farm No 2

- Limited Partnership) — Ōpunake
- Dairy farm grazing unit, joint leasehold interest — Ōpunake
- Apartment (owned by LS & BJ Kuriger Trusts Partnership) — Wellington
- Nicola Grigg
- Rental property — St Albans, Christchurch
- Residential property — Prebbleton
- Jacqui Dean
- Rented property (owned by superannuation scheme) — Ōamaru
- Commercial office (owned by trust) — Ōamaru
- Apartment (owned by superannuation scheme) — Wellington
- Apartment — Waikawa Apartment (owned by trust) — Ōamaru
- Matt Doocey
- Family home (owned by trust) — Rangiora, Waimakariri
- Residential property (owned by trust) — Merivale, Christchurch
- David Bennett
- Dairy farms (x4) — Te Awamutu
- Dry stock property — Te Awamutu
- Residential property — Hamilton Kiwifruit blocks (x2) — Te Awamutu
- Maureen Pugh
- Family home — Turiwhate
- Farm — Turiwhate
- Timeshare — Toormina, New South Wales, Australia
- Chris Bishop
- Family home (jointly owned) — Pētone, Lower Hutt
- Unoccupied freehold land (jointly owned) — Days Bay, Lower Hutt
- Simon Bridges
- Family home (jointly owned) — Mātua, Tauranga
- Apartment (in St Catherines Superannuation Scheme) — Parnell, Auckland
- Apartment (in St Catherines Superannuation Scheme) — central Wellington
- Commercial Property (owned by EHV Property Limited) — central Tauranga
- Penny Simmonds
- Residential rental properties (x2) — Invercargill
- Family cribs (x3) — Riverton
- Scott Simpson
- Family home (owned by trust) — Thames
- Rental property (owned by trust) — Remuera, Auckland
- Family home (owned by trust) — Kūaotunu, Coromandel
- Land (owned by New Chums Trust) — Whangapoua, Coromandel
- Gerry Brownlee
- Property — Havelock, Marlborough
- Residential property (beneficial interest) — Marlborough Sounds
- Residential property — Ilam, Christchurch
- Residential property — Bryndwr, Christchurch
- Residential property — Fendalton, Christchurch
- Residential property — Wellington

ACT

- David Seymour
- Residential home (as discretionary beneficiary of trust) — Whangārei
- Holiday home (as discretionary beneficiary of trust) — Northland
- Section (as discretionary beneficiary of trust) — Whangārei
- Toni Severin
- Family home owned by trust — Shirley, Christchurch, New Zealand
- Rental property owned by company — Shirley, Christchurch, New Zealand
- Commercial property owned by trust — Alicetown, Lower Hutt, Wellington
- Simon Court
- Family home (jointly owned) — Waitakere, Auckland
- Family home (P & S Court Trust) — Glenholme, Rotorua
- Family home (P & S Court Trust) — Whangaparāoa, Auckland

Greens

- Julie Anne Genter
- Apartment — Wellington City
- Family home (jointly owned) — Wellington City
- Eugenie Sage
- Family home (jointly owned) — Diamond Harbour, Christchurch
- Vacant residential section (jointly owned) — Beckenham, Christchurch
- Vacant rural land, 8.8 ha (jointly owned) — Buller, West Coast
- Teanau Tuiono
- Family home — Manawatū
- Whānau home — Manurewa — Newshub

FRIDAY—SATURDAY'S TELEVISION GUIDE

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5pm The Chase *TV-14*
6pm 1 News At 6pm *TV-14*
7pm Seven Sharp *TV-14*
7.30 The Repair Shop *PG* *TV-14*
 Expert craftspeople pool their talents and resources to restore heirlooms and treasured antiques.
8.30 Gordon, Gino And Fred's Christmas Roast 16L *TV-14*
 The chefs battle to produce the ultimate festive menu for 100 deserving diners.
10pm Mrs Brown's Boys: Mammy Of The People 16L *TV-14*
 It is Christmas in Finglas and Mrs Brown is coping with life after lockdown.
10.40 1 News Tonight *TV-14*
11.10 FINAL Coroner *MVC* *TV-14*
 While searching for the suspected killer in the Browning murders, Jenny and Donovan are lured to a dangerous, remote location.
SATURDAY
12.05 FINAL Departure *M* *TV-14*
 As the case winds down, Kendra feels there is still a missing piece of the puzzle and decides to find out what it is.
12.55 Te Karere *TV-14*
1.30 Infomercials
6am Te Karere *TV-14*
6.30 Country Calendar *TV-14*
 A couple brings an old citrus orchard back to life and are diversifying into new varieties.
7am Fishing And Adventure *TV-14*
7.30 Infomercials
8.30 Religious Programming
9am Kids: An Instruction Manual *TV-14*
 Nigel Latta presents a science-based guide to solving problems in families.
9.30 Tagata Pasifika
10am Dinner Date *TV-14*
11am Cash Trapped *TV-14*
Noon Jamie Cooks Italy *TV-14*
 Jamie Oliver embarks on a cooking adventure, straight to the heart of Italian cuisine.
1pm The Living Room *TV-14*
2pm Sarah Beeny's Renovate Don't Relocate *PG* *TV-14*
3pm NEW Paul Goes To Hollywood *PG* *TV-14*
4pm Location, Location, Location: 20 Years And Counting *TV-14*
5pm The Chase *TV-14*

BRAVO

5.30 Shark Tank
6.30 Botched *PGLSC* *TV-14*
7.30 MOVIE Girl In The Bunker *MC* *TV-14* 2018 Drama. A teenaged girl is abducted and held in a forest in an underground bunker by a sexual predator. Julia Lalonde, Henry Thomas, Moira Kelly.
9.25 Buried In The Backyard *MVC* *TV-14*
10.25 Snapped *MVC* *TV-14*
11.25 Killer Couples *MVC* *TV-14*
SATURDAY
12.15 Infomercials
6am Infomercials
10am Shark Tank *PG* *TV-14*
10.55 Backyard Envy *TV-14*
11.50 Backyard Envy *TV-14*
12.45 Listing Impossible *PG* *TV-14*
1.40 Listing Impossible *PG* *TV-14*
2.40 Love It Or List It *TV-14*
3.40 Catfish *PG* *TV-14*
4.30 Stop Search Seize *PG* *TV-14*
5.30 Keeping Up With The Kardashians *PGLC*

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5pm The Simpsons *TV-14*
5.30 The Big Bang Theory *PG* *TV-14*
6pm Neighbours *TV-14*
6.30 Home And Away *TV-14*
7pm Shortland Street *PG* *TV-14*
7.30 MOVIE The Devil Wears Prada *PGL* *TV-14* 2006 Comedy. An aspiring writer gets more than she bargained for when she ends up as assistant to the tyrannical editor-in-chief of a fashion magazine. Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway.
9.40 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown *M* *TV-14*
10.40 Casual 16LS *TV-14*
11.55 Kung Fu *MV* *TV-14*
SATURDAY
12.45 Big Birthers *TV-14*
1.35 Shortland Street *PG* *TV-14*
2am Infomercials
2.55 MOVIE I Am Sam *M* *TV-14* 2001 Drama. Sean Penn, Michelle Pfeiffer, Dakota Fanning.
5.05 Neighbours *TV-14*
5.30 Brain Busters *TV-14*
6am The Adventures Of Paddington *TV-14*
6.10 Emma! *TV-14*
6.20 Not Too Late Show *TV-14*
6.35 Spidey And His Amazing Friends *TV-14*
7am Love Monster *TV-14*
7.05 Stretch Armstrong *TV-14*
7.30 SpongeBob SquarePants *TV-14*
7.55 Transformers: Bumblebee: Cyberverse Adventures *PG* *TV-14*
8.20 The Adventures Of Rocky And Bullwinkle *TV-14*
8.45 Pokemon Journeys: The Series *TV-14*
9.10 Ninjago *TV-14*
9.20 Power Rangers Super Ninja Steel *TV-14*
9.50 The Simpsons *TV-14*
10.45 Full House *TV-14*
11.45 The Middle *TV-14*
12.10 Dress To Impress *TV-14*
1.15 The Bachelor *PG* *TV-14*
3.05 Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist *TV-14*
4.05 The Voice US *TV-14*

CHOICE

5.30 Mysteries At The Museum *PGC*
6.30 American Pickers
7.30 George Clarke's Old House, New Home
8.30 Shed Of The Year
 George meets a young couple who cannot afford a house. They create their first family home out of an old airstream caravan.
9.30 Building The Dream
10.30 American Pickers
11.30 Mysteries At The Museum *PGC*
SATURDAY
12.30 Rick Stein's France
1.30 Gino's Italian Escape
2am Money For Nothing
3am Dr Dee Alaska Vet *PG*
4am Shed Of The Year
5am Mysteries At The Museum *PGC*
6am Rachel Allen All Things Sweet
6.30 The Great Food Truck Race *PG*
7.30 Dr Dee Alaska Vet *PG*
8.30 Mysteries At The Museum *PGC*
9.30 Building The Dream
10.30 Rick Stein's France
11.30 American Pickers *PG*
12.30 George Clarke's Old House, New Home
1.30 Shed Of The Year
2.30 Where The Wild Men Are With Ben Fogle *PG*
3.30 Wildlife SOS *PG*
4pm Wildlife SOS *PG*
4.30 River Cottage: Summer's Here *PG*
5.30 Antiques Roadshow

THREE

5pm Outback Opal Hunters *PGL* *TV-14*
6pm Newshub Live At 6pm
7pm The Project
7.30 MOVIE Riddick *TV-14* 2013 Action. With time running out, and a storm on the horizon, Riddick's hunters will not leave the planet without his head as their trophy. Vin Diesel, Karl Urban.
9.50 Newshub Late
10.20 Golden Boy *PG* *TV-14*
 Rugby star Tama endorses his own line of Ghost Vapes; Mitch puts herself out there at a speed dating night.
10.50 Magnum PI *M* *TV-14*
 Magnum and Higgins help a mixed martial arts fighter who is being pressured by a gang to throw an illegal fight.
11.50 Infomercials
SATURDAY
6am Charles Stanley
6.30 Infomercials
9.30 Newshub Nation
10.30 Animal Cribbs *PG* *TV-14*
11.30 Holiday Baking Championship *TV-14*
 Three Holiday Baking champions and three fan favourites from Kids Baking Championship compete to win \$10,000.
12.30 Home Town *TV-14*
1.30 MOVIE The Christmas Cottage *PG* *TV-14* 2017 Romantic Comedy. Merritt Patterson, Steve Lund.
3.30 Rescue My Renovation *TV-14*
4pm Restoration Man *TV-14*
5pm Cannonball *TV-14*

SKY SPORT 1

1am Cricket: Best Of The Big Bash League (RPL)
 Melbourne Stars v Sydney Sixers. From the MCG, Melbourne.
4.30 All Access: Black Ferns
 Black Ferns captain Les Elder talks about combining motherhood with professional rugby.
5am Cricket: Best Of The Big Bash League (RPL)
 Sydney Sixers v Hobart Hurricanes. From the SCG, Sydney.
8.40 LIVE Gallagher Premiership
 Gloucester v Bristol. From Kingsholm Stadium, Gloucester.
10.45 Playmakers: Rugby Stories
11.15 Aotearoa Rugby Pod
Noon Cricket: International (HLS)
 India v New Zealand: Second Test, Day One.
12.20 Playmakers: UFC Special
12.50 All Access: Black Ferns
1.20 All Access: Black Ferns
1.50 Gallagher Premiership (RPL)
 Gloucester v Bristol.
3.50 Cricket: International (HLS)
 India v New Zealand: Second Test, Day One.
4.50 LIVE Cricket: International
 India v New Zealand: Second Test, Day Two.

PRIME

5pm 3rd Rock From The Sun *PGC* *TV-14*
 Romance for Harry and Nina fizzles out and Officer Don has second thoughts about giving Sally a key to his apartment.
5.30 Prime News
6pm The Force *MC* *TV-14*
6.30 LIVE Football: Women's A-League
 Wellington Phoenix v Western Sydney. From Win Stadium, Wollongong.
9.30 LIVE Football: A-League
 Wellington Phoenix v Western Sydney. From Win Stadium, Wollongong.
SATURDAY
12am Raw *PGV*
1am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert *PG*
2am Love Island UK 16LS
3am Infomercials
6am Infomercials
8am The Casagrandes *TV-14*
8.25 Hunter Street *PG* *TV-14*
8.50 Samurai Jack *PGV* *TV-14*
10am SmackDown *PGV* *TV-14*
11am Raw *PGV* *TV-14*
Noon Rugby: Sevens Series Day One. From Sevens Stadium, Dubai.
2.30 Whose Line Is It Anyway? *PG* *TV-14*
3pm American Pickers *TV-14*
4pm Fishy Business *PGC* *TV-14*
 The team head to the Far North to fish with rising social media fishing star, William Lomas.
4.30 Football: Women's A-League *PG* (HLS) Phoenix v Wanderers.
5pm Border Security: Australia's Front Line *PGC* *TV-14*
5.30 Prime News

SKY 5

5pm Storage Wars *PGC*
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*
 NCIS are enlisted by a vice admiral to find a hacker who infected his laptop with ransomware.
8.30 Trucking Hell *M*
9.30 Surveillance Oz *PGV*
10pm Border Security *M*
10.30 FBI *MV*
11.30 Mountain Men *PG*
SATURDAY
12.30 Wheel Of Fortune
1am Jeopardy!
1.30 Border Security *M*
2am Surveillance Oz *PGV*
2.30 Trucking Hell *M*
4.20 FBI *MV*
5.10 NCIS *MV*
6am Trauma Rescue Squad *M*
7am Border Security: Canada's Frontline *M*
8am Massive Engineering Mistakes *PGC*
9am The Force *MC*
9.30 Border Security: Canada's Frontline *M*
10am Traffic Cops *MVLC*
11am Pawn Stars *PG*
Noon NXT *PGV*
1pm SmackDown *MVC*
3.05 Sewer Squad *MLC*
4.05 Traffic Cops *MVLC*
5pm Border Security: Canada's Frontline *M*

MAORI TV

5pm Polyfest *TV-14*
 Highlights from the Polynesian secondary school festival.
5.30 Te Mana Kuratahi *TV-14*
 Highlights of the primary school kapa haka national competition, from Hamilton, 2019.
6pm Haka Ngahau A-Rohe: Te Arawa *TV-14*
6.30 Te Ao Marama
7pm Polyfest *TV-14*
7.30 Home, Land And Sea *TV-14*
8pm Kai Safari
8.30 MOVIE I Kill Giants *PG*
 2017 Fantasy. A teen who escapes into a fantasy life of magic and monsters, must face her fears when giants threaten to destroy her town. Zoe Saldana, Imogen Poots.
10.30 Ahikaroa *M* *TV-14*
11pm Te Ao Marama
11.30 Closedown
SATURDAY
6.30 Waiata Mai *TV-14*
6.40 Kia Mau *TV-14*
6.50 Taki Atu Taki Mai *TV-14*
7am Mahi Pai *TV-14*
7.10 Tamariki Haka *TV-14*
7.20 Te Nutube *TV-14*
7.30 Purakau *TV-14*
7.40 Smooth *TV-14*
7.50 Polyfest *TV-14*
8.20 Potae Pai *TV-14*
8.30 Pukana *TV-14*
9.30 Korero Mai *TV-14*
Noon Whanau Living *TV-14*
1pm Whanau Bake-Off *TV-14*
 Bakers share their best recipes and dishes, and most useful baking tips.
2pm Lucky Dip *TV-14*
3pm 5 Minutes Of Fame *TV-14*
4pm Sidewalk Karaoke *TV-14*
4.30 Kai Safari *TV-14*
5pm The Hui
5.30 Tangaroa With Pio *TV-14*

PAY TV

MOVIES PREMIERE

5.20 Shadow In The Cloud 16V
 2021 Action. Chloe Grace Moretz, Nick Robinson.
6.45 Infinite *MVLC* 2021 Action.
 Mark Wahlberg, Chiwetel Ejiofor.
8.30 The New Mutants *MVLC* 2020 Action. Five young mutants, just discovering their abilities while held in a secret facility against their will, fight to escape their past sins. Maisie Williams, Anya Taylor-Joy.
10.10 Antebellum 16VL 2020 Thriller. Janelle Monae, Jena Malone.
11.55 Superintelligence *PGLS* 2020 Comedy. Melissa McCarthy, Bobby Cannavale.
SATURDAY
1.40 The Furies 18VL 2019 Horror. Airlie Dodds, Linda Ngo.
3am Dragged Across Concrete 18VLSC 2018 Thriller. Mel Gibson.
5.35 The Nomads *M* 2019 Drama.
7.10 Bill And Ted Face The Music *PGVL* 2020 Comedy.
8.40 Penguin Bloom *ML* 2020 Drama.
10.15 The Lost Husband *PGL* 2020 Drama.
12.05 The Marksman *MVL* 2021 Action.
1.50 A Beautiful Day In The Neighbourhood *PGVL* 2019 Drama.
3.35 Red Joan *MS* 2018 Drama.
5.15 Disturbing The Peace 16V 2020 Action.



Mrs Brown's Boys: Mammy of the People, 10pm on TVNZ 1



The Devil Wears Prada 7.30pm on TVNZ 2



Riddick 7.30pm on Three

RNZ NATIONAL

5pm Checkpoint With Lisa Owen. News and current affairs programme.
6.30 Trending Now Highlighting the RNZ stories people are sharing online.
7.06 Nights With Bryan Crump. Entertainment and information.
10pm News At Ten A roundup of today's news and sport.
10.15 Lately With Karyn Hay.
11.04 The Mixtape
SATURDAY
12.04 All Night Programme
6.08 Storytime
7.08 Country Life
8.10 Saturday Morning With Kim Hill.
12.12 Music 101 With Charlotte Ryan.
5pm The World At Five
5.10 Focus On Politics
5.30 Tagata O Te Moana

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FALLING FOR FIGARO (M) SAT, SUN 11.15am
MARAKKAR: LION OF THE ARABIAN SEA (TBC) FRI 8pm, SUN 6pm
NO TIME TO DIE (M) SAT, SUN 8pm
PETITE MAMAN (PG) SAT, SUN 11.15am
RON'S GONE WRONG (PG) FRI, SAT, SUN 3.45pm
THE POWER OF THE DOG (R13) FRI, SAT, SUN 8.20pm
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Meetings

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Date: 24th Dec 2021
 Time: 2pm
 Venue: Online
 Any Whanau wishing to join the AGM via ZOOM, please email or call for ID Number.
Email: ngawhakatutuahu@whenuatrust@gmail.com
Contact: (021) 0251 5018

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Date: 24th Dec 2021
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Meetings

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Date: 24th Dec 2021
 Time: 11am
 Venue: Online
 Any Whanau wishing to join the Hui via ZOOM, please email or call for ID Number.
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Meetings

HE PĀNUI NGĀI TĀMANUHIRI IWI MEMBER NOTICE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING / HUI Ā-TAU

Notice is given that the annual general meeting / Hui Ā-Tau for Tāmanuhiri Tūtū Poroporo Trust (TTPT) will be held on Saturday 11 December 2021, commencing at 10am.

The meeting will be held at Te Muriwai Marae subject to current COVID-19 restrictions. The AGM may be held in a different way (deferred, held virtually or in hybrid).

- Agenda
1. Karakia / Mihimihi
 2. Present / Apologies
 3. Chair's Report
 4. Special Resolution – Changes to Trust Deed
 5. General Business

Documents to be presented at this meeting are available online and can be downloaded from www.tamanuhiri.iwi.nz

Details about the voting arrangements for the Trustee Election and Special Resolution are below

2021 Trustee Election

Three nominations were received for the two available positions on the Trust. An election is being held to determine those positions. Nominations were received from:

- Athena EMMERSON
- Maia GIBBS
- Tangiwai WILSON

Voting opens on Wednesday 10 November 2021 and closes at 11:59pm on Saturday 11 December. Registered and verified adult members can vote online, by post or return their completed ballot at the AGM (COVID-19 dependent).

Special Resolution – Trust Deed Changes.

The Trustees are seeking an amendment to the Trust Deed to amend the existing trustee rotational system, so that elections will not be required every year. The primary reason for the change is the significant cost associated with annual elections. Further information about the changes are included with the voting packs and also available from the Trust.

If you require assistance with voting please contact electionz.com on 0800 666 045 or email iro@election.com



Meetings

TE TUMU PAEROA

Office of the Māori Trustee
MEETING OF OWNERS
WAIPAOA 5A2
6 December 2021, 10am
 Emerald Hotel, 13 Gladstone Road
 Gisborne

PLEASE NOTE: Te Tumu Paeroa have been advised that due to the COVID Traffic Light Framework, this venue requires all attendees to be fully vaccinated and meet Ministry of Health guidelines. Please contact us if you would like to attend this hui by remote participation.

- AGENDA:**
1. Karakia whakatuwheratanga
 2. Mihi whakatau
 3. Whakawhanaungatanga
 4. Apologies
 5. Previous hui minutes dated 15 February 2021
 6. Ratification of trust deed
 - a. Discussion on proposed trust deed, in comparison to existing trust order
 - b. Māori Trustee resignation
 7. Call for nominations of responsible trustees
 8. Report to land owners
 - a. Lease extension
 - b. Financial report
 9. General business
 10. Karakia whakakapinga

Enquiries to:
Janeen Tata, (06) 867 9367
Jo Pleydell, (06) 868 0201

Te Tumu Paeroa is the organisation that supports the Māori Trustee to carry out her duties, functions and responsibilities.

Classified Deadlines

2pm publishing day prior to publication
 10am Saturday for Monday's issue
 9am publication day for Births and Deaths



Situations Vacant



SQUASH PACKHOUSE

We are seeking experienced, reliable and motivated staff to fill a range of seasonal roles in our Squash Packhouse for the upcoming season.

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You'll be responsible for:

- Co-ordinate the day to day running of the Front Office.
- Manage and oversee the distribution and circulation processes for The Gisborne Herald.
- Create and implement promotional newspaper sales campaigns and initiatives to enhance The Gisborne Herald and drive overall newspaper sales.
- Responding efficiently and effectively to customer enquiries and enhance and maintain a positive image of The Gisborne Herald, by adopting a professional approach and providing friendly, courteous, helpful and enthusiastic customer service to all clients.
- Promote and facilitate effective communication with staff by providing effective leadership. Manage & Motivate Employees.
- In coordination with Management and in line with The Gisborne Herald Group Recruitment Policy to play an active role in the recruitment of circulation collators, drivers and runners.

The successful candidate will have the following:

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- Excellent time management skills.
- Excellent attention to detail.
- Strong leadership skills.
- Ability to work in a team and autonomously.

We're looking for someone who can hit the ground running, so if you enjoy a challenge and are committed to prioritising your customers, please forward your CV and cover letter by 15th December 2021 to catherine.chrisp@gisborneherald.co.nz. Applications close on 17th December 2021.



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In A Twinkling set to shine in Pakenham Cup

MELBOURNE — Former Kiwi galloper In A Twinkling will put his stakes credentials to the sword once again tomorrow when he lines-up in the Listed Pakenham Cup (2500m).

The six-year-old gelding has had just the two runs for new trainer Lindsay Smith, who believes his new acquisition is nearing peak fitness.

In A Twinkling ran a first-up seventh on a heavy track at Cranbourne last month before backing up the following week when eighth

in the Listed Ballarat Cup (2000m), both times with Craig Newitt in the saddle.

"I reckon in the next one he will be even better," Smith told RSN radio station.

"The 2500m is a good race for him but on December 18 there's a 2600m Benchmark 100.

"Let's hope he wins the Pakenham Cup and gets outweighed in the Flemington race."

Now a six-year-old, In A Twinkling showed plenty of promise as a younger horse when

trained by Te Akau's Jamie Richards, for whom he had four wins, including back-to-back Gr.3 Counties Cups (2100m).

He also performed at the highest level, placing in the Gr.1 New Zealand Derby (2400m) and Gr.1 Zabeel Classic (2000m), both at Ellerslie.

Smith is looking forward to the future with In A Twinkling where he hopes to add to his stakes success.

"There's a couple of good races coming up for

him," Smith said.

"There's some races in Tasmania, there's maybe the Adelaide Cup, but I think he's a couple of rungs under the good ones here although his two runs for me have been pretty good.

"The 2500m on Saturday, a good gate, he will roll close to the lead and if no one wants to lead, he might even lead.

"The jockey has been quite happy with him and it's always good to have the jockey smiling."

Matamata races at Matamata Saturday

Selections

Race 1: **TAUPARAE, CAROLINA REAPER, INCA WARRIOR**

Race 2: **WAIHI WARRIOR, FELICIE, HOT SALSA**

Race 3: **OUTFIT, HONEY HONEY, ANOTHER ENTREE**

Race 4: **SIDE BY SIDE, THUNDER, BANKERS CHOICE**

Race 5: **GEE CEE, HIGHLIGHTER, ZECORA**

Race 6: **SUPER PURSUIT, SUMMER PASSAGE, MEGA BOURBON**

Race 7: **DARK DESTROYER, KARMAN LINE, DUBAI DIVA**

Race 8: **SAGUNTO, SWEET CLEMENTINE, RIVER RUN**

Race 9: **EVEN CHANCE, CHAKANA, ATA RANGI**

1 Waikato Stud 12.41

\$45,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 1500m

1 31504 Brian Lamont (17) 60 65 M J Sanson (a4)

2 35292 Inca Warrior (19) 60 65 S McKay

3 19668 Pablo Casals (15) 60 65 (a4)

4 3s405 He's The Man (20) 59 63

5 20s07 All Black Bourbon (6) 58.5 62 M Cameron

6 169 The Certifier (4) 58.5 62 K Asano (a)

7 64281 Red Inferno (7) 60 65

8 886s8 Gone With The Wind (14) 57.5 64 A Goindasamy (a1)

9 551 Giacomo (1) 57.5 63 S McKay

10 560s4 Carolina Reaper (5) 57.63 T Thornton

11 s4629 Graciano (2) 57 63 C Barnes

12 31s6 Tauparae (9) 57 63

13 53s41 Dark Satin (8) 56.5 62 B Grylls

14 53s05 Penny Jane (12) 56.5 62

15 81s30 Zouperb (10) 56.5 62 S Weatherley

16 090s0 Shocking Penny (13) 54 55 L Satherley

EMERGENCIES:

17 4062s Aspiring (3) 55.5 60

2 Matamata Veterinary Serv. 11.8

\$20,000, maiden, 1400m

1 24s32 Hot Salsa (2) 58.5 54

2 4933s Flight Plan (12) 58.5 52 M Cameron

3 82 Waihi Warrior (10) 58.5 52 A Goindasamy (a1)

4 860s3 That's All Fine (5) 58.5 51 S McKay

5 646s4 Marching On Tavi (3) 58.5 50 B Grylls

6 7376 Swiss Legend (1) 58.5 49 L Satherley

7 99 No Agenda Nigel (13) 58.5 45

8 272s2 Felicie (14) 56.5 54 K Asano (a)

9 7423s Bayarmaa (9) 56.5 53 T Newman

10 286s3 Elysian Fields (8) 56.5 53 T Yanagida (a1)

11 556s4 Well I Never (7) 56.5 50 S Weatherley

12 77s8 Kantra (4) 56.5 45

13 8s89s Pahi Lass (6) 56.5 45

14 4 Endean Affair (11) 55 50

15 Holy Orange (15) 55 45 C Barnes

3 Fairview Motors Matamata 1.53

\$20,000, maiden, 1400m

1 34s52 Weowna Tiger (13) 58.5 54 L Satherley

2 97s24 Another Entree (7) 58.5 53 M Cameron

3 84237 Mr Rainbow (11) 58.5 52 B Grylls

4 47466 Macros (6) 58.5 49

5 267s6 Legit (9) 58.5 45 T Yanagida (a1)

6 22806 Tavrock (14) 58.5 45 T Newman

7 Ess Vee Are (3) 57 47 S Weatherley

8 0 Shockatillatp (10) 57 45 T Thornton

9 276s3 Helsinki (15) 56.5 62

10 33s53 Honey Honey (1) 56.5 53

11 309s3 Oh To Be (5) 56.5 51 A Goindasamy (a1)

12 4s5 Amaterasu (12) 56.5 50 C Barnes

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

4 Stella Artois C'ship Qualifier 2.27

\$45,000, rating 74 benchmark, 1400m

1 Perfect Scenario SCRATCHED

2 65251 Thunder (7) 60.5 75

3 127s0 Exaltation (1) 57.5 73 C Barnes

4 3211s Bankers Choice (8) 57.5 69

5 740s6 Sonofabutcher (6) 57.5 69 S Weatherley

6 83471 Jodelin Gal (13) 57 72 A Goindasamy (a1)

7 12927 Pacific Master (4) 57 68 T Newman

8 6s522 Side By Side (2) 56.5 71 M J Sanson (a4)

9 060s1 Playsameanpinball (12) 56.5 67 B Grylls

10 s4421 Faithful Feat (9) 55.5 69 K Asano (a)

11 5s210 Illumination (3) 55.5 69 T Yanagida (a1)

12 s44s3 Campionessa (11) 55 68

13 18s21 Oneroa (10) 55 68 M Cameron

14 20s58 Tina Again (5) 55 68

5 Stella Artois C'ship Qualifier 3.03

\$45,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 1200m

1 956s1 Gee Cee (15) 59 63 C Barnes

2 3s1 Industrialist (1) 59 63 T Thornton

3 28s40 Rabada (13) 59 63 L Satherley

4 12 Zecora (9) 58 65 S Weatherley

5 5160s Kirra Lad (4) 58 61 M Cameron

6 28s02 Cadeau (12) 57.5 64 T Newman

7 sP348 Montana Mist (8) 57.5 64

8 1555s Memories (10) 57 63

9 529s5 Highlighter (3) 56.5 62 T Yanagida (a1)

10 429s1 North Of Havana (6) 56.5 62 A Goindasamy (a1)

11 44s17 El Roseay (11) 56 61 K Asano (a)

12 049s7 Rubyschowoff (14) 56 61 B Grylls

6 J Swap Contractors Ltd 3.38

\$55,000, open handicap, 1200m

1 0s040 Sheezallmine (6) 60 90 B Grylls

2 16724 Manrico (8) 60 86

3 300s7 Prince Jabeel (1) 60 86 A Goindasamy (a1)

4 1207s Summer Passage (9) 60 86 T Yanagida (a1)

5 0070s Riding The Wave (11) 59.5 85 M Cameron

6 514s1 Super Pursuit (4) 58.5 83 K Asano (a)

7 21s24 Top Brass (7) 58 82

8 s3s97 Short Fuse (5) 57 84

9 00244 Mr Universe (2) 54.5 75 T Thornton

10 222s5 Maison Roxanne (10) 54 78 C Barnes

11 67s21 Mega Bourbon (3) 54 73 S Weatherley

7 Mitchell Family Bonecrusher Stks 4.13

\$90,000, group 3 3yo sw, 1400m

1 3135 Dark Destroyer (9) 56.5 71 S Weatherley

2 310 Bugatti (6) 56.5 63 M Cameron

3 14s84 Dragon Biscuit (4) 56.5 63

4 521 Rekindled Express (8) 56.5 63 SCRATCHED

5 Usurer SCRATCHED

6 41494 Whiskey (1) 56.5 63 T Thornton

7 33114 La Bella Beals (7) 54.5 68 K Asano (a)

8 s7115 Aubree (14) 54.5 67

9 7s522 Dubai Diva (2) 54.5 65 C Barnes

10 s3382 Iffsbach (11) 54.5 64 B Grylls

11 1 Karman Line (3) 54.5 63 A Goindasamy (a)

12 96s21 Laneway Flirting (12) 54.5 63 T Yanagida (a)

8 Dunstan Feeds Stayers C'ship Qual. 4.50

\$55,000, open handicap, 2000m

1 65470 Pep Torque (7) 60 84

2 57148 Cherry Lane (10) 59.5 87 T Newman

3 21145 Sweet Clementine (4) 58.5 85

4 17437 Le Sablier (8) 57 82

5 21011 Sagunto (9) 57 78 S McKay

6 83448 Summer Festival (6) 56.5 77 S Weatherley

7 3s203 The Buzz (5) 56 76 M Cameron

8 77719 Zee Falls (2) 55.5 79 A Goindasamy (a1)

9 6s843 Spring Delight (1) 55 78 T Yanagida (a1)

10 82344 River Run (3) 55 74 K Asano (a)

9 Dunstan Feeds Stayers C'ship Qual. 5.30

\$45,000, rating 74 benchmark, 2000m

1 s7981 Even Chance (10) 59.5 73 B Grylls

2 s1428 Rapid Falls (13) 58 74 A Goindasamy (a1)

3 57s27 Because (17) 57.5 69 T Newman

4 s6618 She's A Maneater (4) 57 72

5 25010 Barracuda (15) 57 68 T Thornton

6 7s061 Ata Rangi (6) 56.5 67

7 04610 Le Grazie (7) 56.5 67 T Yanagida (a1)

8 5s411 Chakana (8) 55 68 S Weatherley

9 97900 Mighty Connor (1) 55 64 M Cameron

10 84100 Aurora Dolce (14) 54.5 67 S McKay

11 s4145 Whanga Wonder (3) 54.5 67 L Satherley

12 9s123 Primo Stella (5) 54 65 C Barnes

13 52571 Doha (18) 54 62

14 3s930 Honesty (9) 54 62 K Asano (a)

15 s2150 Five Schillings (12) 54 61

16 s0359 Wild West (16) 54 61

EMERGENCIES:

17 56900 Trigon Lad (11) 54 61

18 650s9 Sacred Delight (2) 54 55

Wellington races at Trentham Saturday

Selections

Race 1: **DRAGON BISCUIT, TAOISEACH, MIDNIGHT MASS**

Race 2: **OKAY PAL, SATU LAGI, GRAND MAYSON**

Race 3: **SANCHEZ, UAREASTAR, ROSE OF DELGATIE**

Race 4: **WOLVERINE, GIBRALTAR RISING, KANA**

Race 5: **SHEZZACATCH, BOLD MAC, CAN I GET AN AMEN**

Race 6: **NADEEMS DREAM, FLYING MEG, PLATINUM SPIRIT**

Race 7: **BALALAIIKA, CARLINGFORD BAY, BOLD IRIS**

Race 8: **TWO ILLICIT, HARLECH, PRISE DE FER**

Race 9: **LINCOLN RAIDER, REAL SLIM TRADIE, HE'S A DOOZY**

1 Tab Bonus Back Blitz Premier 12.23

\$40,000, 3yo sw+p, 1400m

1 14s84 Dragon Biscuit (1) 57.5 63 M McNab

2 1 Midnight Mass (8) 57.5 63 L Innes

3 s8s13 Taoiseach (7) 57.5 63 V Colgan

4 16473 Belardo Boy (2) 57.5 62 D Johnson

5 165 Son Of Thunder (4) 57.5 62 J Riddell

6 424 Bean A Pleasure (13) 56 52 R Hannam

7 Regazzo (6) 56 51 R Elliot

8 45 Blue Rata Boldness (12) 56 50 L Hemi

9 93529 Game Night (11) 55.5 62 B Rogerson (a3)

10 10 Lady Koval (14) 55.5 62 C Grylls

11 77128 Tui Ruicks (5) 55.5 62 D Bradley

12 723 Prioress (3) 54 53 S J Macnab

13 2 Blissful Belle (10) 54 52 L Allpress

14 698 Organised Chaos (9) 54 45

15 0 Themoonstoodstill (15) 54 45 C L O'Beirne (a2)

2 Barber Commercial Ltd Premier 12.58

\$40,000, open handicap, 1200m

1 210s7 Grand Mayson (2) 60 84 C L O'Beirne (a2)

2 53s23 Satu Lagi (9) 59.5 83 D Johnson

3 447s1 Stand Tall (4) 59 82 B Rogerson (a3)

4 8131s Ace Royale (6) 58.5 81 H Schofer (a1)

5 61194 Breezeon (3) 57.5 79 L Innes

6 0s922 Fibonacci (10) 56.5 77 C Dell

7 6s014 Okay Pal (12) 55.5 75 K Chowdhury (a1)

8 44969 Casaquiman (1) 54.5 73

9 32736 Bring It On (8) 54 68 C Grylls

10 875s6 Scotch (11) 54 65 S J Macnab

11 55340 Gurtlyn (7) 54 60 Ashvin Mudhoo (a2)

12 05360 Hermes (5) 54 52 L Douglas (a4)

3 Senz Chalmers 1.33

\$40,000, open handicap, 2500m

1 49341 Master Fin (7) 60 75 C Dell

2 1s848 Uareastar (6) 59 77 J Parkes

3 91701 Notabadharada (11) 57 69 C Grylls

4 19844 Dubai's Moko (10) 56.5 72 C L O'Beirne (a2)

5 18s52 Rose Of Delgatie (2) 56.5 72 L Allpress

6 0s407 Sanchez (9) 56 67 L Hemi

7 77256 Tweedledee (3) 56 67 R Hannam

8 22132 Ciambella (4) 54 63 M McNab

9 79910 Road Diva (5) 54 61 Ashvin Mudhoo (a2)

10 7s065 Cjsurjane (1) 54 60

11 77307 Stormy Habit (8) 54 57 S J Macnab

4 Pete's Jinery Wakefield Chal. Stks 2.08

\$110,000, group 2 2yo sw, 1100m

1 1 Think Twice (9) 56.5 63 V Colgan

2 32 Gibraltar Rising (2) 56.5 52 B Rogerson (a)

3 Andalus (1) 56.5 47 M McNab

4 Beatty (5) 56.5 47 H Schofer (a)

5 The Racketeer (3) 56.5 47 R Elliot

6 1 Wessex (8) 54.5 63 C Grylls

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

5 Hiremaster Premier 2.43

\$40,000, rating 74 benchmark, 1200m

1 8s86s Vatican News (2) 59 72 C L O'Beirne (a2)

2 0s218 Chikira Lass (14) 58.5 75 J Riddell

3 012s1 Bold Mac (6) 58 70 S J Macnab

4 s2721 Kopua (3) 58 70 F Lazet (a3)

5 3s536 Can I Get An Amen (13) 57.5 73 D Johnson

6 809s4 Go James (10) 57.5 69 H Schofer (a1)

7 s5149 Our Echo (16) 57.5 69 V Colgan

8 s1221 Gee String (8) 57 68 R Hannam

9 168s7 Kick Start (4) 57 68

10 s0218 Lincoln's Cruz (17) 57 68 L Allpress

11 3s435 Shezzacatch (15) 56.5 71 C Grylls

12 580s0 Make Time (9) 56.5 67 L Hemi

13 21177 Mi Carol (7) 55 68 M McNab

14 7s535 Ohio Showgirl (12) 55 68 K Chowdhury (a1)

15 87163 Platinum Star (11) 55 68 L Douglas (a4)

16 3106s Hydroexpress (1) 54.5 67 C Dell

17 10s03 Wicket Maiden (5) 54.5 67 M Singh

6 Winning Edge Presentations Premier 3.20

\$45,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 2200m

1 630s0 Lochwinnoch (6) 60 65 R Elliot

2 Nitro-Ted SCRATCHED

3 s5522 Platinum Spirit (11) 60 65 C Dell

4 93501 Bear Grylls (7) 59.5 64 C L O'Beirne (a2)

5 90020 Overstayer (14) 59 63

6 8s030 Rum (18) 59 63 L Allpress

7 0s800 Dalmatia (9) 58.5 62 S O'Malley

8 7s044 Platinum Road (12) 58 61 J Riddell

9 51447 Lord Spencer (1) 57.5 60 C Grylls

10 49s26 Alegre (8) 56.5 62 M McNab

11 50s13 Flying Habit (15) 56.5 62

12 970s8 Flying Meg (16) 56.5 62 L Hemi

7 Concept Security Premier 3.55

\$40,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 1400m

1 15692 Hunter Villain (11) 60 65 L Allpress

2 80604 Regal Reward (10) 60 65 C L O'Beirne (a2)

3 63565 Royal Patch (18) 60 65 M Singh

4 The Mighty Spar SCRATCHED

5 42230 Our Wonderland (8) 59.5 64 B Rogerson (a3)

6 3789s Podkast (19) 59.5 64 D Bradley

7 420s5 Dodoje (6) 59 63 J Parkes

8 41 Sapporo (2) 59 63 R Elliot

9 150s3 Champagne Sunday (9) 58.5 62 L Hemi

10 7718s Lurid (1) 58.5 62 J Riddell

11 5s681 Roni (21) 58.5 62 S O'Malley

12 0s058 Bold Iris (7) 58 65 C Grylls

13 3s479 Carlingford Bay (3) 58 65 H Schofer (a1)

14 3s325 Balalaika (17) 57.5 64 M McNab

15 546s4 Sanibel (16) 57.5 64

16 251 Assertive Nature (4) 56.5 62 V Colgan

17 1s637 Raffie (20) 56.5 62 L Innes

18 s5723 St Nancy (12) 56.5 62 S J Macnab

EMERGENCIES:

19 Putorino SCRATCHED

20 34254 Wonderful Barbie (5) 56 61 Ashvin Mudhoo (a2)

21 17s58 Arjaybee (14) 56 61

8 Rydges Wellington Captain Cook Stks 4.30

\$220,000, group 1 wfa, 1600m

1 0s400 Aegon (5) 59 104 L Innes

2 1s527 Beauden (1) 59 103 R Elliot

3 21821 Justaskme (4) 59 101 S O'Malley

4 s3723 Prise De Fer (12) 59 101 J Parkes

5 04042 Harlech (7) 59 97 M McNab

6 7s431 Vigor Winner (11) 59 96 D Johnson

7 20s21 Credit Manager (8) 59 91 L Allpress

8 7s103 Brando (3) 59 90 C Grylls

9 0s103 Two Illicit (2) 57 99 V Colgan

10 4s151 House Of Cartier (10) 57 98 S J Macnab

11 22s37 Travelling Light (6) 57 97 J Riddell

12 5s114 Miss Tycoon Rose (9) 57 90 K Chowdhury (a)

9 Superloo Premier 5.12

\$40,000, rating 74 benchmark, 1600m

1 887s7 Bobby Dee (18) 59.5 73 S O'Malley

2 0s412 He's A Doozy (5) 59.5 73 D Johnson

3 30s11 Geezas George (6) 59 72 F Lazet (a3)

4 s4436 Lincoln Raider (1) 58.5 71 J Riddell

5 5s618 Sweet Anna (8) 58 74 R Elliot

6 90020 Ruby Rocks (7) 57.5 73 V Colgan

7 68s08 Spiderman (9) 57.5 69 K Chowdhury (a1)

8 s5396 Tamahine (4) 57 72 L Douglas (a4)

9 12337 Real Slim Tradie (3) 57 68

10 31s1 Sindacato (14) 57 68

11 8s423 Passione (17) 56.5 71 L Innes

12 1s497 Winston (13) 56.5 67

13 081s0 Casino El Jay (10) 56 70 D Bradley

14 13044 Surprise Me (12) 56 70 L Hemi

15 7s601 White Lightning (2) 55.5 69 C Grylls

16 31s126 Regal Attire (16) 55 68 C L O'Beirne (a2)

17 s2912 Town Cryer (15) 55 68 S J Macnab

18 99s79 Master Pat (11) 55 64 R Hannam

NZ Metropolitan harness at Addington Saturday Jetbet 8 TAB Doubles 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Trebles 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 7-8-9 Quaddies 2-3-4-5, 6-7-8-9 Place6 4-9

Selections

Race 1: **CUT N RUN, ANYTHING GOES, RANGER RICK**

Race 2: **COVER GIRL, FRANCO STEFAN, HIRANYA**

Race 3: **REGAL SIERRA, PARAMOUNT EMPRESS, MINNIE MCGOOGAN**

Race 4: **THE DOMINATOR, I DREAM OF JEANNIE, ANDOVERLOV**

Race 5: **CYRUS, DON'T WRITE ME OFF, NIKOL FRANCO**

Race 6: **IT'S ALL ABOUT FAITH, STEEL THE SHOW, SAMHARA**

Race 7: **WANNA PLAY WITH ME, TIME UP THE HILL, MURANO**

Race 8: **REGAL ATTIRE, LOVE N THE PORT, BOSS KENNY**

Race 9: **SMART WATCH, FRANCO MAC, DASHING MAJOR**

1 Bombay - Gin & Tonic Pace 5.56

\$12,000, non-winners 2yo+. mobile, 1980m

1 73336 Best Trio (Fr) 1 M Williamson

2 Anything Goes (Fr) 2

3 s0064 Fascinate (Fr) 3 J Morrison

4 983 Hikoi Hine (Fr) 4 T Williams

5 — Joes-Rock SCRATCHED

6 s0925 Opawa Louie (Fr) 5 K Cameron

7 44 Ranger Rick (Fr) 6 K Newman (J)

2 Irt. Your Horse. Our Passion. Pace 6.30

\$12,500, 2yo+ r45-r49. mobile, 1980m

1 16304 Hiranya (Fr) 1 S Ottley

2 13712 Mitsi Gaynor (Fr) 2

3 61290 Reggie Golithly (Fr) 3 G O'Reilly

4 56565 Styx Sweetie (Fr) 4 J Curtin

5 s6264 Cover Girl (Fr) 5 G Smith

6 00060 Idealingold (Fr) 6 J Morrison

7 34331 Snow Robyn (Fr) 7 T Chmiel

8 99008 Oliver North (Fr) 8 M Williamson

9 1s803 Major Memphis (Fr) 9 R Close

10 — Southern Storm SCRATCHED

11 70930 The Terrorifer (Fr) 21 R May

12 34007 Lancewood Louie (Fr) 22 T Williams

13 6s652 Franco Stefan (Fr) 23 B Orange

14 01867 The Conqueror (Fr) 24 P Davis

3 Bombay - Gin Sour 2yo Trot 7.02

\$15,000, 2yo. mobile, 1980m

1 9 Sassy Star (Fr) 1 S McNally

2 Paramount Express (Fr) 2 M Purdon

3 Albizia (Fr) 3 R Close

4 Hot To Trot (Fr) 4 S Ottley

5 5s742 Brother Love (Fr) 5 G Smith

6 223s5 La Dama (Fr) 6 J Morrison

New South Wales races at Rosehill Saturday TAB doubles 1-2, 5-6, 9-10 Trebles 4-5-6, 8-9-10 Quaddie 3-4-5-6, 7-8-9-10 Place6 5-10

Selections
 Race 1: STRANGE CHARM, SHIHONKA, FASHCHANNEL
 Race 2: LUCKY BANNER, SIZZLING CAT, HOKAHEY
 Race 3: WARRIOR HERO, SONNET STAR, SNITZONFIRE
 Race 4: MR MOSAIC, WISDOM OF WATER, I AM POWER
 Race 5: BLACK DUKE, OXFORD TYCOON, ARCTIC THUNDER
 Race 6: FOR VALOUR, ROUSSEAU, SPALTET
 Race 7: COMME BELLA FILLE, HUETOR, BORN A KING
 Race 8: FRANCESCO GUARDI, TOO MUCH CAVIAR, OTYRAR
 Race 9: CANASTA, BRUTALITY, BIGBOYROY
 Race 10: RANGES, AMICHE, TAMERLANE

2 TAB Highway Handicap 2.55
 \$100,000, 3yo & up Class 3, 1800m
 1 35414 So Say You tw (5) 59.97 J Bowman
 2 82172 Lord Desanimaux (4) 58.92 J Collett
 3 4s226 Sizzling Cat wb (11) 57.5 100
 T Schiller (a3)
 4 80s66 Call Me Artie (7) 57.93 Ms J Taylor
 5 03685 Lucky Banner w (9) 55.5 95 R Jones (a3)
 6 s2413 Sumdeel w (16) 55.5 92 K Mc Evoy
 7 s8822 Casirina w (2) 55.5 92 T Clark
 8 25739 Laughing Or Crying w (6) 55.93 J Ford
 9 33211 Hokahey w (14) 54.91 Ms K O'Hara
 10 05141 Who's Tinny w (12) 54.95 Ms K Bell-Pitomac

4 Guildford Leagues 4.05
 \$130,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 88, 1100m
 1 s5693 Wisdom Of Water d (4) 60.86 Ms R King
 2 s5708 Marway w (9) 59.5 92 J Parr
 3 — Dream-Circle SCRATCHED
 4 2144s I Am Power tw (5) 58.92 T Sherry (a2)
 5 01s00 Lashes cdw (8) 55.5 92 J Collett
 6 52219 On The Lead cwh (1) 55 100 J Clark
 7 1334s Tycoonist twbn (3) 54.5 91 J Mc Donald
 8 s138s Mr Mosaic dwb (7) 53.5 94 R Jones (a3)
 9 82154 Liberty Sun dwn (2) 53.98 Ms K O'Hara

4 31043 Caesars Palace wb (10) 57.5 89 Ms A Collett
 5 0s211 For Valour w (4) 57.5 91 T Clark
 6 01447 La Jolie Fille w (5) 57.90 R Jones (a3)
 7 43211 Karlstad d (7) 57 100 J Bowman
 8 72312 Seduction Queen twbn (1) 56.5 92 J Parr
 9 33s77 Peekays Legacy dw (3) 55.5 96 K Mc Evoy
 10 s7710 Stolen Gance w (6) 55.91 R Dolan
 11 s34 Spaltet (11) 55.94 J Collett

7 1272s Otyrar h (9) 56.91 J Parr
 8 18s94 Waiha Falls w (3) 56 100 J Bowman
 9 12s51 Deficit wh (7) 55.98 R Bayliss
 10 16s3 Highballer w (10) 54.5 95 R Dolan
 11 81s43 One Eye dw (6) 54.97 Ms R King

11 — Wise Dragon SCRATCHED
 12 72726 Apache Red w (10) 54.90
 13 55331 Sapello w (8) 54.93 Ms J Duggan (a2)
 14 52610 Room Number w (13) 54.90 Ms R King
EMERGENCIES:
 15 22203 Barry's Lane w (3) 54.90 T Sherry (a2)
 16 84329 The View w (1) 54.89

3 C'bury-Hurlstone Pk RSL Sprint 3.30
 \$130,000, 3yo Benchmark 72, 1200m
 1 111 Snitzaire tw (8) 59.96 T Clark
 2 56s24 Sonnet Star w (9) 58.5 100 R Dolan
 3 s1392 Blow Dart w (2) 58.5 98 R Jones (a3)
 4 16232 Warrior Hero dw (1) 58.5 97 J Parr
 5 3121 Ka Bling dw (6) 58.99 R Bayliss
 6 154 Starman h (4) 57.92 J Mc Donald
 7 21 Sacrimony whn (7) 56.5 99 J Bowman
 8 6s721 Sweet Ruby dw (10) 56.95 J Ford
 9 2157s Socialist dw (5) 55.5 95 J Collett
 10 8s1 Capo Strada d (3) 54.5 96 K Mc Evoy

5 Midway Handicap 4.40
 \$100,000, Benchmark 72, 1300m
 1 36s16 Black Duke w (12) 61.97 J Parr
 2 9s023 Awesome Lad d (13) 60.95 N Rawiller
 3 6217s Arctic Thunder dw (11) 58.91
 J Mc Donald
 4 s118s Fenech dwb (5) 57.5 91 J Bowman
 5 6350s Time Raid w (6) 57.5 86 K S Latham
 6 66161 Diva Bella w (14) 57.93 T Schiller (a3)
 7 — Air-To-Air SCRATCHED
 8 s4808 Super (3) 56.5 88 T Sherry (a2)
 9 600s6 Rebel Bro w (4) 55.92 J Collett
 10 51 Critical Time d (1) 54.89 J Ford
 11 2s253 Lemaire w (15) 53.92
 12 99785 Fichour w (9) 52.5 100 R Jones (a3)
 13 4s625 Burning Need w (8) 52.87 R Dolan

7 Cabra Bowls Handicap 6.00
 \$130,000, 4yo & up Benchmark 78, 2000m
 1 019s1 Hueter w (1) 60.95 K Mc Evoy
 2 98222 Jazzland w (7) 58.5 91 J Bowman
 3 559s5 Welsh Legend twbn (10) 58.93 J Mc Donald
 4 12s21 Born A King tdh (12) 57.5 94 J Collett
 5 s7325 New King tw (11) 57.5 93 N Rawiller
 6 16334 Ladylovestogamble w (9) 56.5 94 J Parr
 7 s1213 Jesse James wb (3) 55.5 93 Ms R King
 8 — Rousseau SCRATCHED
 9 10s48 Avion Fury wn (6) 54.5 95 J Van Overmeire
 10 22511 The Guru dw (5) 54.5 90 Ms J Taylor
 11 1s241 Comme Bella Fille wn (2) 54 100 T Clark
 12 s8993 Grand Rock wh (4) 54.91 G Schofield

8 Dooleys Handicap 6.40
 \$130,000, 3 & 4yo Benchmark 72, 1500m
 1 0s742 Francesco Guardi h (4) 59.99 J Mc Donald
 2 4s185 Le Vizir dw (5) 58.5 96 K Mc Evoy
 3 22s13 Too Much Caviar b (11) 58.95 J Van Overmeire
 4 — For-Valour SCRATCHED
 5 2s653 Casino Kid dwb (1) 56.94 R Jones (a3)
 6 7s414 Green Flash wbh (2) 56.98 J Collett

1 Cabra-Vale Diggers 2.20
 \$130,000, 3yo & up F&M Benchmark 78, 1350m
 1 421s3 Nicci's Fling w (5) 60.5 91 Ms R King
 2 560s6 Amica wh (1) 60.85 N Rawiller
 3 7s083 Fashchannel w (7) 60 100 R Jones (a3)
 4 0548s Saigon wh (8) 59.5 88 J Mc Donald
 5 38s13 Strange Charm wn (4) 59.97 J Bowman
 6 19s76 Redoute's Image w (2) 58.98 T Sherry (a2)
 7 8s476 Air To Air (3) 55.5 87 Ms A Collett
 8 3s101 Shihonka t (6) 54.5 96 T Clark

4 Iron Jack Aust. Lagers 4.20
 \$130,000, 3yo Benchmark 70, 1000m
 1 7s101 Marine One dn (3) 60 100 J Richards (a3)
 2 s0169 See You In Spring dwn (5) 59.5 93 L Neindorf (a2)
 3 11 Unflinching dn (11) 59.93 D Thornton
 4 157s Cecil Street Lad dw (1) 57.5 87 Ms J Kah
 5 1 Corvino dw (2) 56.5 86 Ms J Beriman
 6 s56s3 Rusheen d (10) 56.5 88 J Noonan
 7 5s19 Express Master dw (7) 56.86 B Park
 8 s231s Jagar w (8) 56.88 D Lane
 9 23s42 Translation dwn (4) 55.5 96 D Oliver
 10 190s Irish Mist dn (6) 54.5 84 C Williams
 11 51422 Lady Adelaide w (9) 54.5 93 Ms M Lloyd (a3)

6 Campbelltown Catholic Club 5.20
 \$130,000, 3 & 4yo Benchmark 72, 1800m
 1 11345 Solar Apex wh (8) 60.91 T Sherry (a2)
 2 s6021 Rousseau n (2) 58.94 J Mc Donald
 3 — Too-Much-Caviar SCRATCHED

7 Sportsbet Pakenham Cup 6.20
 \$300,000, Listed, 2500m
 1 3s086 Future Score tw (10) 58.93 C Williams
 2 00s78 In A Twinkling w (2) 58.93 C Newitt
 3 03303 Good Idea dwn (7) 57.92 D Lane
 4 80787 Mosh Music dn (12) 55.92 M Dee
 5 26226 Skyman w (11) 55.95 D Thornton
 6 32221 Mankayan w (6) 54.5 98 J McNeil
 7 s7577 Pappalino w (1) 54.5 97 J Allen
 8 11122 Smokin' Romans tdwn (9) 54 100 Ms J Kah
 9 84707 Flash Aah w (13) 54.97 D Moor
 10 07111 Team Captain w (4) 54 100 B Mc Dougall
 11 s0086 Long Arm (3) 54.91 B Mertens
 12 64425 Think We're Due wn (8) 54.89 Z Spain
 13 96888 Constantinoe (5) 54.88 L King
 14 s9206 Mimi's Award tdwn (14) 54.97 B Prebble

8 Racing.com Vobis Gold Bullion 7.00
 \$175,000, 4yo & up, 1400m
 1 8211s Yulong January cdw (4) 59.98 J McNeil
 2 48172 Winning Partner dw (2) 59 100 L Currie

Victoria races at Pakenham Saturday TAB doubles 1-2, 4-5, 8-9 Trebles 3-4-5, 7-8-9 Quaddie 2-3-4-5, 6-7-8-9 Place6 4-9

Selections
 Race 1: LYRICAL LAD, TYCOON BEC, HIGH 'N' DRY
 Race 2: GROOVY KINDA LOVE, MARIAMIA, STARLIGHT SCOPE
 Race 3: BROWNIE, WINSUM, WAGNER
 Race 4: MARINE ONE, UNFLINCHING, SEE YOU IN SPRING
 Race 5: FRANKIE PINOT, BEEFEATER, HI STRANGER
 Race 6: RANTING, NEIGHBOURHOOD, OCEAN BEYOND
 Race 7: MANKAYAN, SKYMAN, TEAM CAPTAIN
 Race 8: YULONG JANUARY, DROP THE MIC, LOOKS LIKE ELVIS
 Race 9: SLIPINTOTHIS, THE AWESOME SON, ROUSSEAU

2 Momentum Gaming 3.10
 \$130,000, 3yo & up F&M Benchmark 78, 1400m
 1 15144 Under My Spell d (10) 58.83 M Dee
 2 32031 Mariamia wn (7) 57 100 T Stockdale (a2)
 3 0415s Star Of Eden dw (6) 57.83 J Richards (a3)
 4 46s11 Starlight Scope dw (4) 57.96 R McLeod
 5 6s315 Groovy Kinda Love twbn (8) 56.5 92
 D Lane
 6 s2212 Maybe The Best (2) 56.5 97 J McNeil
 7 141s4 Our August Rose dw (3) 56.5 93 Ms M Lloyd (a3)
 8 s7373 Standoff dw (9) 56.5 89 D Oliver
 9 30s55 Sweet Sixteen twbn (1) 54.5 88 D Moor
 10 15522 Little Miss Gutsaa (5) 54.86 Z Spain

5 9 Mile Fresh Handicap 5.00
 \$130,000, Open, 1600m
 1 19941 Hi Stranger dwn (4) 60.92 D Thornton
 2 15610 Don't Doubt Dory cdwn (3) 55.5 100 T Stockdale (a2)
 3 1672s Beefeater dw (6) 55.89 Ms T Hope (a2)
 4 7s809 Holbien dw (2) 54.5 86 T Nugent (a1.5)
 5 4s005 Black Sail dw (4) 54.5 92 H Coffey
 6 s0087 Al Passem d (1) 54.87 Z Spain
 7 12322 Frankie Pinot w (8) 54.98 Ms M Lloyd (a3)
 8 — Riot And Rose SCRATCHED
 9 16131 Noname Lane dw (9) 54.95 Ms J Kah

8 Racing.com Vobis Gold Bullion 7.00
 \$175,000, 4yo & up, 1400m
 1 8211s Yulong January cdw (4) 59.98 J McNeil
 2 48172 Winning Partner dw (2) 59 100 L Currie

9 Sportsbet Bet With Mates 7.40
 \$130,000, Benchmark 78, 2000m
 1 318s4 Wydlif w (3) 60.5 91 L Currie
 2 45s00 Our Mantra dw (2) 60.87 W Price (a1.5)
 3 12126 Slipintothis dwb (1) 59.5 89 M Dee
 4 62151 Court Deep dw (4) 59.95 J Richards (a3)
 5 8s525 Kissinger dw (6) 58.5 94 M Cartwright (a2)
 6 21110 Indiana Lilly tdwn (13) 58.87 Z Spain
 7 98832 Takumi d (9) 58.89 J Allen
 8 51105 Salt peter w (11) 57.5 96 D Oliver
 9 98409 Primitivo dw (7) 57.90 T Nugent (a1.5)
 10 s0820 Tyche Goddess (15) 57.94 D Moor
 11 37136 Confrontational (8) 56 100 D Stackhouse
 12 s6021 Rousseau tdn (10) 55.5 93 B Prebble
 13 0s534 Royal Order dw (12) 55.5 88 D Lane
 14 10451 The Awesome Son dwn (5) 54.94 B Mertens
 15 30163 Epsom Days cdwn (14) 54.89 B Mc Dougall

1 John Duff & Co 2.35
 \$75,000, Benchmark 70, 1600m
 1 52401 Denero tdwn (2) 62.5 97 J Richards (a3)
 2 s7340 Blow Torch dw (3) 61.5 94 Ms M Lloyd (a3)
 3 90s24 High 'n' Dry d (9) 61.97 M Cartwright (a2)
 4 2s451 Lyrical Lad whn (4) 61 100 J Mott
 5 0836s Nerve Not Verve wn (1) 61.90 Ms T Bull (a3)
 6 s0170 Lofty Star d (7) 60.97 J Allen
 7 111s3 Tycoon Bec n (8) 60.94 Ms J Kah
 8 511s3 Mr Pickwick dw (5) 59.5 99 M Dee
 9 s6587 Ocean's Thirteen dw (6) 59.98 W Price (a1.5)

3 Fulmen Park 3.45
 \$130,000, Benchmark 78, 1000m
 1 4885s Wagner dwn (8) 63.5 79 T Stockdale (a2)
 2 3s60s Broadwayandfourth (10) 61.81 Ms T Hope (a2)
 3 522s1 Lady Solly dwn (1) 60.5 97 J Allen
 4 162s0 Sam's Image dwn (3) 60.5 84 M Cartwright (a2)
 5 11345 Huffington dwn (2) 59.93 Ms M Lloyd (a3)
 6 1s16s Galenus dwn (11) 58.5 88 D Lane
 7 59866 Dunbrody Power dw (7) 57.92 M Dee
 8 1s419 Yulong Defence dwn (9) 55.5 90 Z Spain
 9 21131 Brownie dwn (4) 54.5 100 J Richards (a3)
 10 1369s Winsum dwn (5) 54.5 98 J McNeil
 11 37288 Jabali Ridge dw (6) 54.85 T Nugent (a1.5)

6 The Steven W. Sinclair 6.08
 \$105,000, Quality, 2000m
 1 s8212 Ligulate twb (4) 60 100 A Mallyon
 2 42s65 So You Win cdw (2) 59.5 99 J Orman
 3 42131 Wapiti tdw (8) 58 100 T Marshall
 4 73s00 Happy Go Plucky tw (12) 57.5 95 R Maloney
 5 55s86 Phastos w (6) 56.98 B Thornton
 6 270s0 Humbolt Current cdw (3) 54.5 99 J Byrne
 7 61431 Tears Of Love twbn (11) 54.5 99 G Geran
 8 61523 Prometheus w (9) 54.94 M Cahill
 9 2s247 Fastnet Cyclone tw (1) 54.96 J Bayliss
 10 22179 Green Jacket tw (5) 54.96 R Fradd
 11 49736 Stuck With You tw (7) 54.90 Ron Stewart
 12 3s538 Populist cwn (10) 54.85 Ms S Thornton

8 Eureka Stud Classic 7.28
 \$130,000, F&M SW+P Listed, 1200m
 1 390s5 Niedorp tw (17) 57.94 Ms G Cartwright
 2 4s042 Wandabaa tdw (15) 56.5 98 A Mallyon
 3 315s3 Kisukano tdwn (16) 56.5 95 L V Cassidy
 4 03s80 Blazing Miss dw (21) 56.5 89 M Cahill
 5 02s57 Intrepidacious dwn (14) 56.5 90 B Stewart
 6 00s41 Tycoon Evie cd (6) 56.5 95 M R Du Plessis
 7 7s211 Miami Fleiss cwn (19) 56.5 95 Ms S Thornton
 8 1644s Glitter Strip tdw (3) 56.5 93 R Maloney
 9 12s56 Wonderful Riri tdwn (18) 55.5 94 B Thompson
 10 33211 Lyrical Girl twbn (12) 55.5 100 J Byrne
 11 111s2 Eloquently tdwn (9) 55.5 94 A Allen
 12 12111 Modelka d (5) 55.5 94 R Fradd
 13 6151s Starosa tw (11) 55.5 95 J Orman
 14 1542s Fleet Dove cw (1) 55.5 95 Ms S Collett
 15 0s214 Juan Diva d (10) 55.5 91 Ron Stewart
 16 10111 Tara Jasmine dw (2) 55.5 95 T Marshall

9 TAB George Moore Stakes 8.10
 \$200,000, Quality Group 3, 1200m
 1 20s4s Alligator Blood cdw (10) 61.83 J Orman
 2 3s555 Signore Fox dw (7) 59.90 J Byrne
 3 1414s Hard Empire tdw (9) 58.5 86 R Maloney
 4 s11s3 Baller dw (3) 57.5 97 Ms S Thornton
 5 7s1s1 Zoustyle tw (6) 57.5 100 B Stewart
 6 — Wandabaa SCRATCHED
 7 s8071 Freddie Fox Trot tdw (4) 54.88 Ms S Collett
 8 407s6 Chapter And Verse cdw (12) 54.83 T Marshall
 9 111s3 Shooting For Gold tdw (8) 54.95 B Thornton
 10 56s52 Stampe td (1) 54.86 S Cormack
 11 11s11 Weona Smartone tdwn (11) 54.87 B Thompson
 12 9s225 Simply Fly dwn (5) 54.90 M R Du Plessis

Queensland races at Doomben Saturday TAB doubles 1-2, 5-6, 9-10 Trebles 4-5-6, 8-9-10 Quaddie 3-4-5-6, 7-8-9-10 Place6 5-10

Selections
 Race 1: CAPITAL TOWER, FLORAL OASIS, MISHANI MENTAL
 Race 2: WHITTERICK, ANCIENT ECHOES, MASON'S CHANCE
 Race 3: ASHGROVE, CABOCHÉ, GYPSY GODDESS
 Race 4: PIRACY, AHWAHNEECHIEE, V J DAY
 Race 5: TIGER HEART, MINTO'S PARADISE, ZUMA CALIFORNIA
 Race 6: LIGULATE, GREEN JACKET, WAPITI
 Race 7: BALLISTIC BOY, MORETHANNUMBERONE, TAMBO'S MATE
 Race 8: MIAMI FLEISS, TARA JASMINE, MODELKA
 Race 9: ZOUSTYLE, BALLER, SHOOTING FOR GOLD
 Race 10: RHAPSODY ROSE, ME ME LAGARDE, COCO ROX

3 XXXX Eagle Way 4.13
 \$125,000, 3yo Quality, 2000m
 1 34611 Caboche (5) 59.96 L R Dittman
 2 11167 Sergeant Silva (6) 58.95 J Orman
 3 331 Ashgrove tw (10) 57 100 R Maloney
 4 s1538 It's All Talk tw (7) 56.95 B Thompson
 5 412 Deep Tempest n (3) 56.97 B Stewart
 6 11 Gypsy Goddess (2) 55.5 97 Ms S Thornton
 7 42s76 Balmaurice (4) 55.5 92 J Byrne
 8 55165 Pool Pony (1) 55.5 92 M Cahill
 9 52324 Du Maurier t (9) 54.5 91 M R Du Plessis
 10 99352 Saint Martin (11) 54.90 B Thornton
 11 73294 A Fair Swear (8) 54.85 T Marshall

5 Sky Racing Winning Rupert Plate 5.28
 \$130,000, 3yo C&Gs SW, 1200m
 1 10s32 Tiger Heart cwb (2) 56.5 100 R Maloney
 2 114s1 Far Too Easy dw (6) 56.5 96 B Stewart
 3 97s11 Minto's Paradise dw (5) 56.5 98 Ms S Collett
 4 6215s Sacca dw (11) 56.5 90 J Orman
 5 2s150 Refero wb (1) 56.5 93 B Thompson
 6 1s22 Wardaddy w (4) 56.5 97 A Mallyon
 7 39s13 Muschiall n (3) 56.5 94 R Fradd
 8 11 Zuma California dwn (7) 56.5 94 Justin P Stanley
 9 10 Enabler wbn (9) 56.5 91 A Allen
 10 3s Jackson On Time (8) 56.5 93 J Byrne
 11 1343s Bayerische (10) 56.5 87 T Marshall
 12 94s22 Caribbean King wn (12) 56.5 93

7 Sky Racing Tatt's Recognition Stks 6.48
 \$130,000, Quality Listed, 1350m
 1 — Gem-Song SCRATCHED
 2 00s54 Niccanova tw (8) 60.97 J Orman
 3 5536s The Harrovian tw (10) 60.90 B Stewart
 4 8s11s Ballistic Boy tw (6) 59.89 L R Dittman
 5 54113 Tambo's Mate twbn (9) 59 100 R Maloney
 6 5s088 Silvera tw (11) 57.92 Ms S Collett
 7 0656s Red Chase tw (2) 54.87 J Byrne
 8 1336s Willo Titto tw (7) 54.84 J Bayliss
 9 10755 Right Or Wrong tdw (12) 54.89 K Wilson-Taylor (a)
 10 140s4 Tumbler Ridge tw (4) 54.92 B Thornton
 11 03212 Barney's Law w (3) 54.91 T Marshall
 12 12113 Morethannumberone wb (1) 54.86 B Thompson

9 Encryption 1st Yearlings Mode Plate 8.48
 \$130,000, 3yo Fillies SW Listed, 1200m
 1 35212 Glorious Ruby td (3) 56.5 100 K Wilson-Taylor (a)
 2 6s441 Rhapsody Rose tc (14) 56.5 98 R Maloney
 3 801s8 Miss Hipstar tw (8) 56.5 95 L V Cassidy
 4 6s215 Stellar Magic w (7) 56.5 97 A Mallyon
 5 4s700 Najmaty (11) 56.5 97 M Cahill
 6 14s1 Me Me Lagarde cw (4) 56.5 96 R Fradd
 7 3s11 Coco Rox (6) 56.5 95 J Byrne
 8 34s11 Baristasista dw (2) 56.5 93 T Marshall
 9 14s21 Fetch c (10) 56.5 91 B Thompson
 10 123 Putonthedlight bn (13) 56.5 91 J Orman
 11 18s1 Lime Soda w (9) 56.5 88 B Stewart
 12 2s16 Kindling Spirit (5) 56.5 91 Ms S Collett
 13 14 Inasac (12) 56.5 91 Ms S Thornton
 14 21 Rowdash (1) 56.5 87 G Geran

1 Written By-1st Yearlings 2022 3.03
 \$105,000, 2yo, 1200m
 1 1 Capital Tower tw (7) 58.97 J Orman
 2 44641 Mishani Mental tw (9) 58.93 J Morris
 3 3 Fearless Knight (6) 57 100 R Maloney
 4 Whistling Spirit (11) 56.5 86 B Thornton
 5 1 Burnish Gold dw (4) 55.5 91 J Byrne
 6 25 Floral Oasis (2) 55.5 92 R Fradd
 7 64 Zouson Boy (8) 55.5 89 R Fradd
 8 436 Mishani Mistress (1) 55.93 T Marshall
 9 6 Even Now (5) 54.5 89 M R Du Plessis
 10 Louisiana Star (3) 54.5 88 B Thompson
 11 Russian Warrior (10) 54.5 87 M Cahill

4 Roku Gin Country Stampede 4.48
 \$75,000, OMWL2Y Final, 1110m
 1 s8126 Hard Stride twbn (9) 62.5 92 P Hamblin
 2 81311 Piracy dw (6) 62.5 94 R Maloney
 3 3s115 Ahwahneechiee dw (12) 62 100 A Mallyon
 4 11431 V J Day t (11) 60.5 99 L Tilley
 5 23653 Raiden cdw (19) 57.5 91 B Stewart
 6 15261 Boingo d (5) 57.93 Ms E Bell (a)
 7 11426 American Genius dwn (4) 56.92 Ms D Graham
 8 12341 New Alliance dw (14) 55.92 B Newport
 9 62131 Patented wn (13) 55 100 G Geran

6 The Steven W. Sinclair 6.08
 \$105,000, Quality, 2000m
 1 s8212 Ligulate twb (4) 60 100 A Mallyon
 2 42s65 So You Win cdw (2) 59.5 99 J Orman
 3 42131 Wapiti tdw (8) 58 100 T Marshall
 4 73s00 Happy Go Plucky tw (12) 57.5 95 R Maloney
 5 55s86 Phastos w (6) 56.98 B Thornton
 6 270s0 Humbolt Current cdw (3) 54.5 99 J Byrne
 7 61431 Tears Of Love twbn (11) 54.5 99 G Geran
 8 61523 Prometheus w (9) 54.94 M Cahill
 9 2s247 Fastnet Cyclone tw (1) 54.96 J Bayliss
 10 22179 Green Jacket tw (5) 54.96 R Fradd
 11 49736 Stuck With You tw (7) 54.90 Ron Stewart
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8 Eureka Stud Classic 7.28
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 1 390s5 Niedorp tw (17) 57.94 Ms G Cartwright
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 6 00s41 Tycoon Evie cd (6) 56.5 95 M R Du Plessis
 7 7s211 Miami Fleiss cwn (19) 56.5 95 Ms S Thornton
 8 1644s Glitter Strip tdw (3) 56.5 93 R Maloney
 9 12s56 Wonderful Riri tdwn (18) 55.5 94 B Thompson
 10 33211 Lyrical Girl twbn (1

Russell gets the job done for PBEC

SPORTS BRIEFS

GOLF by Chris Taewa

GOLF is predominantly an individual sport. You're the only one hitting that small stationary white ball. It's you making the mistakes, you producing the brilliance, you often deciding your fate. But at events like the national interprovincial tournament, the you becomes a co-star in a production all about we.

Dwayne Russell knows that only too well from his professional rugby experience and for the second day running at the 2021 national interprovincial being held on the Ashburton course, his you contributed immensely to the we.

Russell, who started the week as reserve in the Poverty Bay-East Coast team, made it two wins from as many matches as the side were edged 3-2 by Manawatu-Wanganui yesterday in Round 5 of the week-long matchplay tournament.

Russell won 5 and 4 over Kaleb Idemaru at No.5, with par golf good enough to get the job done.

But while clearly happy with his performance, Russell took greater satisfaction from contributing to the team tally.

"It was good to get a win for the team,"

said Russell, who only three weeks ago was representing his province at the Freyberg Masters national interprovincial at Paraparaumu Beach.

PBEC manager Dave Keown applauded Russell's efforts.

"He's not playing spectacularly but he played to what he needed to. It was a huge win."

While Russell has been rock-like, William Brown is rock star. Brown made it four wins from five matches this week with a 2-up defeat of Ryan Rooney.

"Wi is standing above the crowd," Keown said. "It's unbelievable how he has

Yeah bro, solid golf again

—William Brown

played."

Brown was a little less exuberant in describing the win.

"Yeah bro, solid golf again."

Keown felt for No.1 Andrew Higham in his 3 and 2 loss to Tyler Hodge — the partner of Gisborne's top women's golfer Tessa McDonald, who will be at No.1 for Hawke's Bay-Poverty Bay at the women's national interprovincial in Timaru next week.

Former pro Hodge delivered one telling blow at a pivotal part of the match — the 175-metre par-3 12th hole, which Keown said was playing about 190m into the wind.

"Andy stiffs a 3-iron to two inches of the hole and his mate (Hodge) is 35-feet away and bins the putt.

"If he had not holed it, the match would have been back to square."

Hodge then went birdie, birdie, Keown said.

"It's just one of those things. Andy played some pretty good golf but couldn't quite make it."

No.2 Hukanui Brown lost 5 and 4 to Liam Finlayson while No.4 Peter Kerekere was beaten 3 and 2 by Cory Higgs.

"Pete fought but it snuck away from him through good golf (from Higgs)."

Only one round was played yesterday.

PBEC finished the day sitting 10th out of the 13 provinces on one team point and nine individual wins.

They played 12th-placed Northland this morning, which was PBEC's last round as they have a bye in the afternoon.

"The guys are pretty happy," Keown said.

"Hopefully they can get a win or half out of Northland and cement a position that is not last."

PBEC were 15th and bottom of the table in 2020, posting zero team points and just two individual wins.

Only 13 provinces are competing this year as Auckland and North Harbour were unable to attend due to Covid-19.

Russia takes lead in Davis Cup

MADRID — Andrey Rublev has outlasted Elias Ymer in three sets to give Russia a 1-0 lead over Sweden in the quarter-finals of the Davis Cup.

His victory set up the prospect of his teammate, world No.2 Daniil Medvedev, sending last year's semifinalists into the last-four again in Madrid on Thursday.

The fifth-ranked Rublev converted his first match point in the decisive tiebreaker for a 6-2 5-7 7-6 (7-3) win over the 171st-ranked Ymer.

Medvedev will face the other Ymer brother, Mikael, in the second singles match later at the Madrid Arena.

The winners will face Germany in the semi-finals on Saturday, while Novak Djokovic-led Serbia will face Croatia in the first semi on Friday. — AP

Rangnick in charge at Man Utd

MANCHESTER — Ralf Rangnick has been granted the work permit which will enable him to begin his reign as Manchester United interim manager.

The 63-year-old German will be introduced in a news conference on Friday and will take charge for the first time in the home match against Crystal Palace at Old Trafford on Sunday.

"As all paperwork has now been completed, we will hold an in-person press conference with Ralf Rangnick at Old Trafford at 9am tomorrow morning," United said in a statement on Thursday.

United announced the appointment of Rangnick as Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's short-term replacement on Monday.

But Rangnick, who was manager of sports and development at Russian club Lokomotiv Moscow, had to wait for a work permit before he could begin his role at Old Trafford. — AAP

Lafai joins Salford Red Devils

SAMOA international and former NRL centre Tim Lafai has joined Salford Red Devils to help the Super League side avert an early-season injury crisis.

The 30-year-old centre is joining on a one-year deal and will offset the absence of Harvey Livett and Kallum Watkins, who are set to miss the start of the 2022 campaign through injury.

Salford head coach Paul Rowley said: "As it stands, we would not be able to fill an established back line due to a few of our lads out through injury for the start of the season.

"Not only does Tim help to fill a gap, he will fill it with much-needed experience and quality and I'm really pleased to have him on board." — AAP

Cooper 'calls Australia home'

WALLABIES star Quade Cooper has revealed he will be taking the citizenship test today that he's happy should finally allow him to "officially call Australia home".

The New Zealand-born 33-year-old, who's played 75 Tests for Australia, had been unhappy that his four previous applications for citizenship had been rejected because of the unique difficulties he faced meeting the requirements as an international sportsman.

Yet after the Australian government changed eligibility rules to ensure "distinguished applicants" like him could be made citizens, Cooper is now taking the test again in Japan where he's currently playing for Hanazono Kintetsu Liners.

In a tweet from Japan on Thursday evening, Cooper wrote: "On the bullet train to Tokyo to sit the Australian citizenship test at 10am." — AAP



Crowds return as Holdsworth looks to Bathurst 1000 crown

MOTORSPORT by Oliver Caffrey, AAP

BATHURST — Popular Supercars veteran Lee Holdsworth is excited by what he describes as his best chance to win the Bathurst 1000.

After stepping away from full-time driving this year, Holdsworth is partnered with Walkinshaw Andretti United ace Chaz Mostert for his 18th attempt at the Great Race.

Holdsworth was quickest in yesterday's co-driver practice session at Mount Panorama, after Mostert came in second-fastest in P1.

The 38-year-old's best finish in the Bathurst 1000 was third back in 2009 with Michael Caruso.

Holdsworth performed strongly in last year's 161-lap race, but with 2014 winner Mostert in the main seat, the pair are shaping as contenders.

"It's exciting because this is probably my best chance yet to get up the top and get some glory around here," Holdsworth said.

"It's been a long week, we've been here since Saturday so you don't want to exert yourself too early.

"It's a completely different mindset for me being a co-driver, I'm just trying to relax and take it all in."

Holdsworth was all smiles, but it was a day of carnage for Brad Jones Racing pair Macauley Jones and Chris Pither.

Pither crashed their Commodore with less than two minutes remaining in P2.

Jones himself had power-steering troubles in the first few minutes of Thursday's first session as smoke



WITH HIS BEST SHOT: Lee Holdsworth, racing for Preston Hire Racing Team (front) leads Andre Heimgartner of Plus Fitness Racing Team in the 2018 Virgin Australia Supercars Championship. The veteran came in fastest at yesterday's co-driver practice session at Mount Panorama, and has said it is his best chance yet to get to the top. AAP picture

billowed from his vehicle.

A red flag was raised after Jones stopped on the track, with the session halted for eight minutes.

The car was patched up, but the damage done in the dying stages by Pither might prove tricky for Brad Jones Racing engineers to fix.

Last year's Bathurst 1000 runner-up Cameron Waters enjoyed solid support from co-driver James Moffat.

Waters picked up where he left off at Bathurst last year when

he claimed pole but finished behind Triple Eight pair Shane van Gisbergen and Garth Tander in the Great Race.

Ford ace Waters completed an impressive first-up drive to edge out Mostert.

Moffat then backed Waters' earlier efforts by finishing second in P2.

The Tickford Racing driver has had a mixed season, winning three races to be fifth in the championship standings.

Red Bull Ampol legend Jamie

Whincup, who is again paired up with fellow great Craig Lowndes, placed 11th in practice in his final event as a full-time driver.

Lowndes briefly had the quickest time in the co-driver session, but ended up sixth.

There will be two more practice sessions today before tomorrow's top-10 shootout.

After last year's Bathurst 1000 was severely impacted by Covid-19, crowds are back at the regional NSW town in big numbers.

Hamilton vocal on human rights in Saudi Arabia

MOTORSPORT

JEDDAH — Seven-time Formula One world champion Lewis Hamilton has expressed his concerns about human rights in Saudi Arabia and indicated that he did not feel comfortable about having to race in the kingdom.

Saudi Arabia is hosting a grand prix for the first time on Sunday, a night race around a street circuit in Jeddah, with

rights groups accusing the country of using the event to deflect scrutiny from abuses.

Hamilton, the sport's most successful driver, said on Thursday that he had received a warm welcome on arrival but felt "duty-bound" to speak out.

The Briton, who has used his platform to campaign for diversity and equality, said the Liberty Media-owned sport needed to do more.

He wore a Progress Pride helmet at last month's Qatar Grand Prix to draw attention to LGBTQ+ intolerance, and will wear it again this weekend in Saudi, where gay sex is also a criminal offence.

"Do I feel comfortable here? I wouldn't say that I do," said the Mercedes driver.

"But it's not my choice to be here. The sport has taken the choice to be

here."

Hamilton said the law relating to the LGBTQ+ community was "pretty terrifying".

"There's changes that need to be made. For example, women's rights of being able to drive (legally) in 2018, it's how they are policed. Some of the women are still in prison from driving many, many years ago.

"So there's a lot of changes that need

to happen and I think our sport needs to do more."

Formula One boss Stefano Domenicali has argued that sport can help bring change, even if it will take time for that to happen.

"As soon as these countries choose to be under the spotlight Formula One is bringing, there is no excuse. They have taken the route of a change," the Italian said recently.

OBR scrambling for players

CRICKET by Jack Malcolm

IT'S a top-of-the-table clash in premier cricket tomorrow as OBR take on High School Old Boys, while either Horouta or Gisborne Boys' High School will earn their first win of the season.

But this morning Coastal Concrete OBR were unsure whether they would be able to field 11 players.

That could open the door for Bollywood Stars HSOB, who had OBR on the ropes at 47-5 before rain shortened an earlier game this season.

With several players unavailable because of other commitments, OBR captain Nick Greeks said they were still four players short as of this morning.

HSOB and OBR have been jockeying for position at the top of the leaderboard. Both teams opened their season with three wins from three games.

The run will end for one of them tomorrow. With only one more week of regular-season Doleman Cup cricket, both

teams are out to stamp their mark on the competition.

HSOB have looked the most well-rounded premier-grade team this season, with a majority of their players finding good runs with the bat.

By the numbers, they have the three best batsmen in the competition — Dave Castle, Sean Willis and Scott Tallott.

Meanwhile, OBR have been dangerous with the ball. Jimmy Holden and Paul Stewart top the competition's wicket-takers leaderboard, tied on seven.

Both teams will have to be at the top of their game for the full 40 overs. Any dropped catches or lazy wickets could be the difference when two teams are so evenly matched.

Asked about their chances tomorrow, HSOB captain Carl Shaw said he didn't think they had shown the consistency and control to be favourites yet.

"If the blokes who are starting to find form continue, then we will be in a good place."

He said he expected nothing less than a tough game from OBR, who were always ready to bring the heat if their opponents weren't on top of their game.

"We're looking forward to getting in a full game against OBR," Shaw said.

"We really missed out on a good game the other week. Can't do anything about the weather though."

Galaxy World GBHS and Siteworx Solutions Horouta have both been searching for form after starting the season with sluggish performances.

Both teams can be dominant but haven't been able to fit the pieces together just yet.

With Graham Sharp back in the Boys' High squad tomorrow, they will be confident that if they bat first they have the firepower to put Horouta on the back foot

Captain Nathan Trowell said having someone with Sharp's experience had been character-building for the whole team.

"It'll be a close game," Trowell said. "There is a lot to take out of tomorrow's game leading into the semis."

Horouta seem to either outperform or underperform expectations.

Just when you start to count them out, they produce a piece of magic that makes you wonder why you ever doubted them, but they have struggled to string together strong performances.

They have some outstanding players in their ranks but have not been able to find that meaningful partnership that would enable them to post a par-total in their opening three games.

Captain David Situ said they needed to bat smarter and be sharper in the field if they were to win tomorrow.

"It will be a good game this weekend. The boys know what we need to do to win games."

"We're hoping we can put it all together for a strong game against them, but the Boy's High squad are so talented, so it'll be a good game."

Speedster Lines returns for HSOB

CRICKET by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

FOR High School Old Boys Presidents, it won't be long now.

The question is — will the tide turn tomorrow?

The defending champions of Senior B club cricket beat OBR to claim the Hope Cup last season as underdogs, but never in the past two years have their backs been against the wall as they are now.

The Ollie Needham-led crew are lucky to have a man of calm disposition at the helm.

Glovesman Needham mused: "Champion sides are judged on their ability to overcome adversity, to respond. We get a chance to do that tomorrow against front-runners OBR. Win, lose or draw, if we come off Harry Barker Reserve

No.3 knowing we've given our best effort across 60 overs, we'll be satisfied.

"I want our bowlers to forget about wide balls, and instead focus on running in and actually bowling the ball. That approach has a greater chance of success than just lobbing the ball down."

Odds-on, the return of speedster Jason Lines will see HSOB bowl fewer than the — on average — 41 wides that the blue-and-whites have conceded in the past two weeks.

In the absence of regular captain Craig Christophers, OBR will be led tomorrow by another capable all-rounder in the left-handed Jannie Jacobs.

Presidents — who, like the Gisborne Boys' High School second 11, have just one competition point for the match abandoned on November 6 — will need to

tighten their belts in tomorrow's replay of the 2020-2021 final versus a Rawhiti Legal Old Boys Rugby mob that, like Ngatapa, has won three from four with one match having been abandoned.

OBR, who like Ngatapa have 10 points, received a timely gut-check from the Champion College first 11 (3 pts) that took five wickets off them for four runs and later reduced them to 7-48.

Aiden Armstrong, the Year 9 who with the bat showed true grit for the Champion team that came close to springing the mother of all upsets against OBR a week ago, makes way tomorrow for Izahn Duckworth. Armstrong, Duckworth and Anikate Bandral are all past Poverty Bay Riverbend representatives.

Campion won't be able to ambush Ngatapa.

The Civil Project Solutions Ngatapa Green Caps under Ben Holden head into the clash with Mark Naden's Champion with steam-train momentum, on the back of a 10-wicket win over GBHS 2.

Holden and his posse are familiar with Champion — the clash on H4 having a father v son component in the form of old fox Chris Hurlstone in the green and white of the great country club v Luke Hurlstone in the green and gold of Champion.

Campion know that the 62 which they posted last weekend against OBR should not have been anything like a defensible score — but such has been Rhys Grogan's superb bowling form (5-24 v HSOB, 3-15 v OBR) in the last fortnight, that they almost got home.

The classic New Zealand outlook would be that Grogan has been great in the last two weeks — it may be someone else's turn to step up now.

The typical NZ outlook needs a rethink. Grogan has been magic with the new ball — there is no reason that, in rhythm as he is as a bowler, he should not now make runs with the bat. He is a fine young all-round cricketer capable of both.

Campion coach Mark Naden has a short list of to-dos for his captain Liam Spring and company.

"It's important that we be patient with the bat. We want to bowl accurately again and field aggressively."

The Gisborne Boys' High School second 11 work hard and are ready to do so once more on the practice wicket.

Vishal Singh can be destructive for The Waka at the top of the order. For as long as he lasts, he makes great hay. Last week, he played at and missed the first delivery he faced, then hit a pull-shot for four and smashed the next nut he got down the ground before he was bowled, four balls in.

Horouta captain Mel Knight summed her No.2's approach up thus: "Vishal

swings hard."

Such a hitter can affect the confidence of young bowlers badly, which is why the Boys' High bowling attack led by co-captains Bekko Page and Lukas Fry must pitch up.

Charles Morrison and Ryan West were accomplished with the willow last week. Singh and the veteran Mike Tapp are another right-hand, left-hand opening pair, but that is the sum of their similarity.

Horouta welcome Grace Kuil into their 11 for Kayley Knight, and have good bowling variety as regards their bowlers. The younger team has two very different spinners — an offie in George Gillies and a leftie in Riker Rolls, plus Makiri twins Akira and Keanu among their seam-bowling options.

Kelan Bryant wasn't at the wicket long enough against OBR — four minutes six, for two runs from six balls — to accurately gauge his batting form, but he will be in Gisborne Boys' top-order again tomorrow.

In-form, he is the most capable strokemaker they have with three Senior B Grade half-centuries to his credit. Page has the ability to make 50-plus at this level, but while 60, 88 and 92 all represent a small weekly improvement in terms of a team total, Boys' High need to knuckle down with the bat. To make runs takes time, and no team in either the Senior B or Premier Grade wants any fewer overs to bat than 30.

HOROUTA: Mike Tapp, Vishal Singh, Mel Knight (c), Bhushan Dave, Jimmy Craig, Aman Kamboj, Riley Horsfield (wkp), Billy Morse, Piumal Madasanka, Grace Levy, Clarence Campbell, Grace Kuil.

GBHS: Kelan Bryant, Lukas Fry (cc), George Gillies, Akira Makiri, Keanu Makiri, Gareth Langford (wkp), Jarrod Ormiston, Bekko Page (cc), Riker Rolls, Jett Whitaker, Dylan Worsnop, Malsha Mahabalage.

OBR: Rongomai Smith, Amit Vyas, Jannie Jacobs (c), George Reynolds, Lloyd Van Zyl, Matt Lotar Mcfatter, Peter Stewart (wkp), Phil Viljoen, Tama Wirepa, Thom Berry, Mana Taumanu, Olly Garland.

HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS: Jake Theron, Nathaniel Fearnley, Marius Weyers, Ollie Needham (c, wkp), Anil Kumar, Jason Lines, Mahmood Khan, Nathan Quimpo, Kyle Jean-Louis, Billy Stackhouse, Nic Armour, Michael Francis.

NGATAPA: Cambell McNaught (wkp), Charles Morrison, Aidan Starck, Willie Short, Zac Borrie, Ben Holden (c), Ryan West, Will Faulks, Jeremy Castles, Harry White.

CAMPION COLLEGE: Liam Spring (c), Daniel Baillie (wkp), Levi Alexander, Connor Starck, Rhys Grogan, Luke Hurlstone, Hamish Swann, Jonty Fenn, Izahn Duckworth, Gagan Singh, Raman Singh, Manjot Singh, Anikate Bandral.

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Russia and Germany in semifinal of Davis Cup

TENNIS by Tales Azzoni, AP

MADRID — Daniil Medvedev has maintained his perfect record at the Davis Cup Finals to put Russia into the last four.

Medvedev defeated Mikael Ymer 6-4 6-4 on Thursday to give Russia an insurmountable 2-0 lead over Sweden in the quarterfinals of the revamped World Cup of men's tennis.

Andrey Rublev had earlier outlasted Elias Ymer, Mikael's elder brother, in a 6-2 5-7 7-6 (7-3) win at the Madrid Arena.

Russia will face Germany in the semifinals on Saturday. Serbia, led by top-ranked Novak Djokovic, will face Croatia in the other last-four contest on Friday (overnight NZ time).

It was the third consecutive straight-sets victory for the second-ranked Medvedev after group-stage wins over Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta and Ecuador's Emilio Gomez.

The world No.2 broke serve twice in the first set and three times in the second against world No.94 Mikael Ymer, Sweden's top-ranked player.

Russia lost in the semifinals of the last edition in 2019 but look in powerful shape to lift a third Davis Cup title after triumphs in 2002 and 2006.

Officially, the Russian team are being called RTF (Russian Tennis Federation) amid Russia's doping suspension from international sport.

The fifth-ranked Rublev had a much harder time than Medvedev in his singles match against the 171st-ranked Elias Ymer.

After breaking serve twice to win the first set, he served for the match at 5-4 in the second but couldn't close it out as Ymer won three straight games.

"Serving for the match, I relax a bit when I



DANIIL MEDVEDEV

shouldn't do this," Rublev said.

"I missed some easy forehands that normally if you're focused and you're doing everything right, you're not going to miss them. I bring him back to the game.

"Then he starts to believe in himself, he starts to play much, much better."

The Swede saved seven break points in total in the decisive set to keep it tight, but Rublev ultimately prevailed in the tiebreaker for his second straight victory.

Shamil Tarpishev, the longest-serving captain in Davis Cup history, is taking part in his 100th tie with Russia.

Nadal: Djokovic likely slams king

TENNIS

MADRID — Rafael Nadal has conceded that Novak Djokovic will likely end his career with the most grand slam singles titles in men's tennis history, ahead of both him and Roger Federer.

The so-called "big three" have long dominated the ATP Tour, with the trio all sitting on 20 major titles after Djokovic collected three from a possible four in 2021.

Djokovic, who secured a year-end No.1 ranking for a record seventh time, would have completed a clean sweep if he had not lost to Daniil Medvedev in the US Open final.

Nadal, by contrast, missed large parts of the season with a foot injury, while Federer was also ruled out for a substantial period after requiring a third knee operation in the space of 18 months.

Nadal could make a return for the Australian Open in January, an event that the world No.1 could yet miss due to the vaccination issue, but Nadal still expects Djokovic to hold the record for major titles when the trio hang up their rackets.

"Djokovic is best positioned to be the (men's) player with the most grand slams," Nadal said in a Movistar interview.

"You don't have to fool yourself. Federer is where he is and I am where I am. However, Djokovic is playing well and in a good moment.

"That is the reality, and you can't ignore it. We don't know what is going to happen



NOVAK DJOKOVIC

in nine months' time, but he is the favourite right now."

Nadal triumphed at Roland Garros in 2020 but has appeared at only two majors since, while Federer, who hopes to return to tour-level action in 2022, last collected a grand slam title at the 2018 Australian Open.

Nadal is glad that the likes of Stefanos Tsitsipas, Alexander Zverev and Medvedev, who dropped only one set across the entire tournament as he denied Djokovic the perfect year, are taking over.

"They are no longer the Next Gen, we do not have to make it eternal," Nadal said.

"Players like Medvedev, Zverev or Tsitsipas have already passed that stage of the Next Gen, they are the current generation, the present." — DPA

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WEATHER FOR TOMORROW

3 Dec, 2021

GISBORNE CITY

TOMORROW	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Partly cloudy. One or two showers possible in the afternoon. N.	Mainly fine with high cloud. Northerlies.	Cloudy. Rain from afternoon. NW changing S in the evening.

GISBORNE REGION

Partly cloudy. A few showers, mainly in the afternoon. Northeasterlies.	Isolated showers about the ranges, mainly fine with high cloud otherwise. Fresh northerlies.	Becoming cloudy. Rain developing in the afternoon. Northerlies changing southerly in the evening.
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NZ SITUATION

A trough, preceded by strong northwesterlies moves onto the South Island on Sunday and the North Island on Monday. A cold front brushes the lower South Island early on Monday, followed by strong southerlies and a ridge.

GISBORNE SUN PROTECTION ALERT

8:40 AM - 5:15 PM PROTECTION REQUIRED
Slip. Stop. Stap and Wrap
Data provided by NIWA

TUESDAY

Rain, clearing in the morning but remaining cloudy. Southerlies.

MIDNIGHT TONIGHT

NOON TOMORROW

NZ TOMORROW	
Auckland	showers 23
Hamilton	fine 23
Tauranga	showers 22
Rotorua	showers 20
Taupo	showers 22
Napier	fine 24
New Plymouth	showers 21
Palmerston North	showers 24
Wellington	showers 20
Christchurch	showers 27
Queenstown	showers 22
Dunedin	showers 22

GISBORNE READINGS

Taken at the Airport, for the 24 hours to 9am, Friday 3 Dec 2021

SUNSHINE hours

On Thursday, 2 Dec 0.7

To date for December 7.3

Average for December 238.0

To date this year -

To date last year 2196.3

WIND km/h

Max gust on Thu 2 Dec SE 28

RAINFALL mm

24 hours to 9am, Fri 3 Dec 0.0

To date for December 0.9

Average for December 64.0

To date this year 1041.6

To date last year 844.8

EVAPOTRANSPIRATION mm

Daily average for past week 5.1

TEMPERATURE °C

Maximum 19.3

Minimum 12.6

Grass minimum 8.9

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE

At 9am 3 Dec (hPa) 1026.3

At 9am 3 Dec (inches) 30.31

GISBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT

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Waipiro Bay	H 6:48am 7:01pm L 12:16am 12:42pm	Waipiro Bay	H 7:42am 7:56pm L 1:10am 1:38pm
Tolaga Bay	H 6:36am 6:49pm L 12:04am 12:30pm	Tolaga Bay	H 7:30am 7:44pm L 12:58am 1:26pm
Gisborne	H 6:13am 6:29pm L 12:22pm	Gisborne	H 7:10am 7:27pm L 12:49am 1:19pm
Wairoa	H 5:50am 6:14pm L 12:06pm	Wairoa	H 6:47am 7:12pm L 12:30am 1:03pm

SUN-MOON-MAORI FISHING GUIDE

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🌑 Rise 5:09 am Set 8:15 pm	🌑 Rise 5:57 am Set 9:29 pm
🐟 Best at 12:06 am 12:37 pm	🐟 Best at 1:08 am 1:41 pm

WORLD TOMORROW

Adelaide	fine	11 24
Amsterdam	rain	2 7
Bangkok	fine	17 28
Beijing	fine	-1 12
Berlin	drizzle	1 3
Brisbane	fine	19 31
Buenos Aires	drizzle	19 25
Cairo	cloudy	13 23
Canberra	showers	13 26
Cape Town	fine	15 21
Delhi	fog	11 24
Frankfurt	drizzle	1 5
Geneva	rain	2 7
Hong Kong	fine	16 21
London	showers	1 6
Los Angeles	fine	10 22
Melbourne	cloudy	11 18
Moscow	snow	-2 -2
New York	fine	2 9
Paris	showers	4 11
Perth	fine	16 33
Singapore	showers	24 33
Stockholm	fine	-7 -3
Suva	showers	24 30
Sydney	showers	17 23
Tokyo	fine	6 16
Toronto	snow	-3 0

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Unexpected but welcome

ON THE CREST: Nick White was fourth in a high-scoring men's final in the third instalment of Gisborne Boardriders Club's Super Series.

Pictures by Derek Fryer Imagery



DOUBLE-UP: Casey Dewes won the junior girls' division and was runner-up to Saffi Vette in the women's final at the third event in Gisborne Boardriders' Super Series.



SEEKING POINTS: Riku Gordon heads up the face of a wave in the Super Series third instalment. He was runner-up to Max Phillips in the under-16 boys' division.

Bump in swell serves up a treat for boardriders

SURFING by Jack Malcolm

FANTASTIC conditions and excellent surfing were features of the third instalment of Gisborne Boardriders Club's Super Series.

An unforecast bump in swell treated local surfers to some of the best competition conditions of the year.

Organisers chose to hold the event at Wainui Beach's Stock Route.

National champion Saffi Vette won the women's final with some powerful and high-risk manoeuvres, while Jay Quinn squeaked by Damon Guinness to take the men's title.

Quinn's score of 15.27 was good enough to earn him the \$1000 first-place prize. Guinness fell just short on 15.17 points.

Former World Surf League competitor Ricardo Christie finished in third place with a score of 13.23, while Nick White, with 11.67, was fourth in a high-scoring final.

Max Phillips took home the title of best junior in the open division, taking home \$100 for his efforts.

Gisborne Boardriders surfing development officer Flo Bub said it was great to see some amazing surfing from surfers right through the age-group and open divisions.

"There were plenty of waves," he said. "It was awesome to watch and inspiring for the youngsters."

In the junior divisions, Ollie Tong won the boys' under-12 and u14 divisions, but did not surf in the u16 division, where Phillips won the title.

Bub said Casey Dewes also surfed extremely well. She won the junior girls' division before finishing runner-up to Vette in the open women's contest in her first time competing in that division.

Junior girls' division runner-up Charlotte McDiarmid surfed with poise, earning her second-place finish at just 11 years of age.

RESULTS

Men: Jay Quinn 1, Damon Guinness 2, Ricardo Christie 3, Nick White 4.

Women: Saffi Vette 1, Casey Dewes 2, Asia Braithwaite 3, Hannah Kohn 4.

Junior girls: Casey Dewes 1, Charlotte McDiarmid 2, Bonnie Lynch 3, Ruby Lobb 4.

Under-12 boys: Ollie Tong 1, Oska Guinness 2, Toby Smith 3, Waylon Lynch 4.

U14 boys: Ollie Tong 1, Shea Ferguson 2, Gabe Lobb 3, Hunter Lynch 4.

U16 boys: Max Phillips 1, Riku Gordon 2, Hunter Lynch 3, Bonnie Lynch 4.

Over 50s: Anton Lobb 1, Andrew McCulloch 2, Sam Phillips 3, Steve Sawyer 4.

Over 60s: John Gisby 1, Mike Yukich 2, Marguerite Vujcich 3, Ross Moodie 4.