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SANTA'S HELPERS:

Trust Tairawhiti Christmas tree co-ordinator Ken Huberts (left) and volunteer Dave Conway prepare the first of 72 cut-out wooden Christmas trees to be distributed in the city centre. Students from 26 early childhood centres, primary and intermediate schools painted the trees. STORY ON PAGE 2

Picture by Liam Clayton

COVID CLOSING IN

Two cases in Wairoa, 'little risk to the community'

by Jack Marshall

TWO Covid-19 cases have been detected in the Wairoa district.

Both the cases are household contacts of a previously reported case from outside of Hawke's Bay.

Hawke's Bay medical officer of health doctor Nicholas Jones said there were no locations of interest but further interviews and testing of close contacts would continue today.

"As they were already isolating, there is very little risk to the community," Dr Jones said.

"The public health team is working with the people involved and further household

contacts, who are all isolating safely. The whānau have been very helpful in supporting the case investigation and following public health advice."

Dr Jones said it was important that anyone with cold or flu symptoms — even if they were mild — get tested for Covid-19.

Wairoa Mayor Craig Little said there were no locations of interest, which was good news for everyone, but people should expect it in the community eventually.

"We've been under a false sense of security living without the virus. We'd be pretty naive to think it was never going to get here"

Mr Little urged people not to panic and be empathic to those ill.

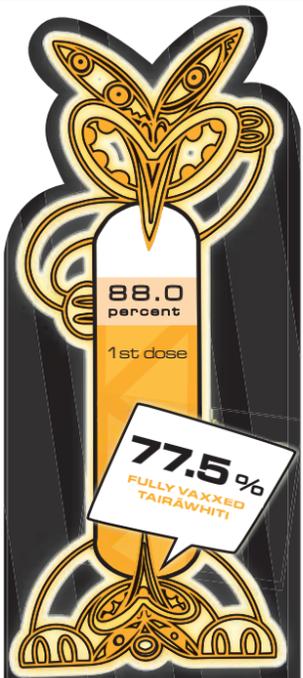
"Take it easy. These people didn't want to get Covid."

Mr Little said all the procedures are being followed and he was happy with the response so far. "We've got no ICU (intensive care unit) or ventilator here but the DHB (district health board) has been all over it.

Mr Little hoped those who caught the virus would recover quickly and urged everyone to take a breath. "I can't encourage people enough to follow the facts, don't go out looking on the rumour mill for your information."

Mr Little urged anyone worried about the virus to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

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by Murray Robertson

GISBORNE professional firefighter Trudi Hicklin is the first woman in Tairāwhiti and throughout the wider Fire and Emergency NZ Region area to attain the rank of Senior Station Officer.

The 40-year-old mother of three was promoted from Station Officer to Senior Station Officer.

SSO Hicklin joined the previously-named New Zealand Fire Service in 2006 and worked her way up to Station Officer in 2017.

"It is a real honour and very exciting to be promoted to the senior role," she said.

"It's also very satisfying to be the first woman to hold that rank in FENZ in Nga Tai Ki Te Puku (Region 2), which takes in the area from Waikato and the Coromandel, through Bay of Plenty to Tairāwhiti-East Coast.

"It's so cool to be a bit of a role model for other women in the fire service."

Mrs Hicklin said being a firefighter had always been something special to her.

"I love my job and everything about it. It's so rewarding to have a positive impact on the people around us in the community."

The shift work nature of the job had an effect on family life, with her three children aged six, eight and 10.

"Fortunately I have a very supportive husband."

SSO Hicklin runs Blue Watch — in charge of seven other firefighters — one of four watches based at Gisborne Fire Station.

She moved into her new role last week.

FEMALE FIRST: Newly-promoted Senior Station Officer Trudi Hicklin has become the first woman to hold that rank in Nga Tai Ki Te Puku, the region of FENZ that runs from the Waikato and Coromandel, through the Bay of Plenty to Tairāwhiti. SSO Hicklin was honoured and excited to be promoted.

Picture by Rebecca Grunwell

Test results missing

by Andrew Ashton

A TOKOMARU Bay family and their boarder who have been isolating for the past four days say their Covid-19 test results appear to have been lost.

A family spokeswoman contacted The Herald this morning saying they got a Covid test at Pukemokimoki Marae in Hawke's Bay on Tuesday after they found out they had been at two Hawke's Bay locations of interest (Hawke's Bay Hospital and a Napier pharmacy).

They came straight home and self-isolated but have since not received any

contact from health professionals.

"Obviously we don't want to bring it back to the East Coast, so we've been self-isolating since Tuesday and not one person that I have been able to ring, the hospital in Hastings, even the doctors, can give us our results.

"We're still self-isolating but we own a business, and we are doing the right thing, but nobody can give us our results. No one can find them.

"I've rung Healthline and our doctors in Te Puia Springs, the Napier doctors, and not one person can find out where these Pukemokimoki Marae (pop-up

testing station) results go to.

"We obviously don't want to infect our community, so we are doing what we're supposed to be doing."

The family were still paying staff while unable to operate their business.

"We just want our results. There's no Covid cases on the East Coast... we don't want to be the ones to bring it back. We're locked inside our house and we've said to our boarder 'you can't leave, let's do the right thing', so she can't go to work either.

"We're all locked inside waiting for test results nobody can get."

Need to talk to family, have a plan: Stoltz

FROM PAGE 1

Out of the 3677 people eligible for vaccination in Wairoa township, 81.9 percent have had their first dose and 73 percent their second dose, according to Ministry of Health data released on December 1.

Covid-19 tests are available at Queen Street Practice in Wairoa. Ring to book on (06) 838-8333 or walk in between 9am and 5pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Gisborne Mayor Rehette Stoltz says everyone needs to be ready for Covid-19 in the community.

The Ministry of Health yesterday reported Covid-19 was detected in a Tairāwhiti wastewater test done on Wednesday.

"We need to talk to our families and have a plan to look after ourselves at home if we need to stay home and self-isolate," said Mayor Stoltz. "There is also help available so reach out if needed.

In Tairāwhiti, 88 percent of the eligible population have had one shot and 77.5 percent are fully vaccinated. For Māori, vaccination rates are 82 and 68 percent.

"With Covid-19 detected in our wastewater, it is very important that

anyone who has cold-like symptoms, get tested so that we can establish if Covid has arrived here.

She asked everyone who can to get vaccinated to look after themselves and the rest of the community.

"Most importantly, these are stressful times for us all. Let's look after each other and be respectful and supportive."

A drive-through testing station has been set up at 110 Peel Street from 9am to 4pm through to at least Wednesday.

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No two trees are the same

FROM PAGE 1

THE Christmas spirit is coming to the city centre. Trust Tairāwhiti is about to distribute the now

familiar wooden cut-out trees painted by the district's younger school students while the large Christmas tree now proudly sits in its customary position above the Crazy\$dealz shop.

This year students from 26 primary and intermediate schools and early childhood education centres ranging from Wainui to Te Karaka painted 72 wooden trees.

The aim is to provide some festive spirit in the CBD, and to attract shoppers in town, Trust Tairāwhiti Christmas trees project co-ordinator Ken Huberts says.

"Shoppers shouldn't just walk past the trees. They should have a good look. A lot of thought went into the theme 'what does Christmas mean to you?'"

Some trees were based on traditional Christmas themes of stars, reindeer and Father Christmas. Others included the Grinch and references to friends, fun, family and food.

Mr Huberts has been running the project for eight years. "It just gets bigger every year. No two trees are ever the same."

Gisborne Boys' High School students used CNC (computer numerical control) router tools at Awapuni Joinery to cut out the trees while Department of Corrections community workers primed the trees.

Long-term sponsors Resene provided the paint and C.R. Taylor Ltd helped erect the large Christmas tree.

LOOKING AHEAD



ALL THE LATEST NEWS, INCLUDING:

- Fears of rise in homelessness if vaccines passes are demanded for emergency and public accommodation.
- Vehicle restrictions at Makorori Beach likely to be ineffective, residents hear.
- Spud in the Bucket winners revealed in another successful Alzheimers fundraiser.
- How our Bay and Coast boys did in the Heartland 15 rugby clash with the NZ Barbarians.

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PREPARING FOR COVID



READY TO GO: Hauora Tairāwhiti clinical nurse manager Jacki Boyle and emergency medicine specialist Dr Page Hudson are ready to care for patients in the new, but temporary annexe, which is attached to Gisborne Hospital's emergency department.

Picture by Liam Clayton

A PURPOSE-built temporary facility for assessing patients has been incorporated into Gisborne Hospital's emergency department in preparation for Covid-19.

The 12x6-metre annexe sits alongside the ambulance bay and has external access into the ED.

Hauora Tairāwhiti chief medical officer Dr Anil Nair says with the imminent arrival of Covid-19 in the region, there was a need to rapidly expand ED capacity.

"We need a sturdy building onsite for the next 12 months or so as a place for assessing and managing patients who present with respiratory illness."

The annexe can manage six patients. It has three cubicles with a bed, and space to treat three patients who do not need a bed.

It has two air-conditioning units and other utilities to support clinical care.

Patients will spend no more than a few hours in the annexe before clinicians decide whether to discharge the person to their home or admit them to the hospital.

Dr Nair says the annexe will be fitted out in the next few days "to ensure we can receive patients in mid-December".

Gisborne Hospital is expected to integrate other purpose-built modular buildings on site over the coming months.

Other changes include improved ventilation and the creation of dedicated spaces for managing Covid-19 patients in the emergency department, intensive care unit and wards.

'ALL WELCOME'

Campground's open-door policy 'crazy'

THE decision by the owners of a Gisborne campground to welcome all visitors regardless of vaccination status has been described as "crazy" by an epidemiologist.

Tatapouri Bay Oceanside Accommodation owners Nathan and Shanti Foon in a statement on Instagram this week wrote "ALL WELCOME" and said they would accept all guests whether they were vaccinated or not.

"We have all been faced with decisions we could have never imagined making," they said.

"When we first adopted Tatapouri Bay, we sat together and defined our values as individuals and as a business.

"It became obvious that community and connection would be at the heart of everything. We have decided to stand by what we believe in, which is to make everyone feel welcome.

"We will continue to welcome all to our campground. Your vaccination status is not something that needs to be discussed. Our cleaning procedures will be maintained to a very high standard and we trust that guests will treat each other with respect.

"Our cafe will run under the contactless option in red and orange (of the Covid-19 Protection Framework traffic lights system which came into force this week).

"Note that people staying at Tatapouri Bay can use the area but other cafe guests must take their order to-go. However, you can enjoy your coffee on the beach as this is public property.

"Opening hours will remain the same and we ask that you please follow the safety procedures as set out by the Government.

"We had to trust our gut on this one and hope you can understand our decisions. It's important to remain compassionate regardless of differing choices. We appreciate your

support and send our love to all."

Auckland University epidemiologist Rod Jackson criticised the move.

He told The New Zealand Herald the risk associated with a campsite where one in every 10 campers was unvaccinated was vastly different than if that campsite became favoured by anti-vaxxers, regardless of whether that was the business's intention.

"Basically what those businesses have decided to do is not to actually manage the risk," Jackson said. "You're putting the vast majority of your clients or customers at risk. I think it's crazy."

Under the Covid-19 Protection Framework there is no requirement for accommodation providers to use vaccine certificates as a requirement for staying.

Accommodation can open at red with no capacity limits. However, the choice can be made to follow My Vaccine Pass requirements and require people to show their My Vaccine Pass to be at the accommodation.

Waikanae Beach TOP 10 Holiday Park will do just that from December 17.

"As of the December 17, the Waikanae Beach TOP 10 Holiday Park will require all guests, visitors and contractors to be double vaccinated," GHL commercial operations general manager Jeremy Raymond said.

"The decision was not made lightly.

"We conducted a risk assessment considering different factors, including the large number of people that stay with us from all over the country and the risk this posed to our staff, guests and wider community over the peak season, and as a result we have decided to require double vaccination."

People with bookings for December 17 onwards have been contacted by email.

"We are also working through contacting each

booking by phone, too," Mr Raymond said.

The Department of Conservation is also introducing a mandatory Covid-19 vaccination policy for all its accommodation facilities.

"This means from December 15, 2021, eligible people, aged 12 years three months and over, must be fully vaccinated to stay in a DoC hut or camp-site," DoC heritage and visitors director Steve Taylor said.

Gisborne District Council has already said all campers aged 12 and over will need a vaccine pass at all of the region's freedom and summer camping sites.

■ **GISBORNE'S Far East Coffee Company** has also tried to accommodate vaxxed and un-vaxxed, posting on its Facebook page that it tends to use vaccine certificates unless hosting public events.

"We don't believe that moving to a fully contactless offer will allow us to continue to uphold our kaupapa in the best way that we can. However, welcoming all people is still a priority.

"From Friday, December 3, until further notice we will be adopting the passport system unless we are hosting a public event. Events will begin Tuesday, December 7, onwards between 10.30am and 12.30pm every day that we are open.

"These events will not be utilising the passport system and will celebrate everything that we are as a business and as a community."

In the Covid-19 Protection Framework, a ticketed event cannot happen in red.

However, if a venue for a gathering chooses not to operate with vaccine pass requirements, gathering at venues are limited to 25 people based on one-metre physical distancing in a single defined space at the venue at any time.

It can be a mix of people with or without a My Vaccine Pass. The limit applies to indoor and outdoor venues.

Far East Coffee Co. was approached for comment.

Schools locked down after BB gun incident

ARMED police responded in numbers to an incident in Childers Road near Roebuck Road yesterday afternoon that allegedly involved firearms.

Police swarmed into the area and the students at Gisborne Intermediate and Gisborne Boys' High School had to remain at school until the matter was resolved.

"We had reports of two people carrying what appeared to be firearms at the intersection of Roebuck Road and Childers Road at about 2.30pm," police said.

"Schools in the area were put into lockdown as a result.

"The alleged offenders were arrested with BB guns and have been referred to Youth Aid," police said.

The schools were given the all-clear and students were allowed to leave at around 3pm.

Coastguard to the rescue twice yesterday

A RECREATIONAL fishing boat with two men on board was towed back to the safety of Eastland Port yesterday afternoon after it broke down off the beachfront opposite the airport runway.

The Lion Foundation Coastguard craft was called out at around 12.40pm.

"The five-metre craft the men were in had battery problems and wouldn't start," Coastguard skipper Adrian Brown said.

"They had put up flares and tried unsuccessfully to attract the attention of other passing boats.

"Then they called Coastguard on a cellphone and we went out to help them.

"They were very pleased to see us. We towed them back to the harbour and had them at the boat ramp by around 1.30pm."

■ THE Coastguard boat was called out for a second time yesterday at around 9pm.

"A 14-foot runabout got a rope caught around its engine propeller out by Waihora rocks off Kaiti Beach," Mr Brown said.

"There were two men on board and we assisted them back to port."

The men, their boat and their rescuers were back at the boat ramp by around 10pm.

Power outage in Whataupoko after car hits pole

AROUND 400 homes lost power last night after a car hit a power pole in Russell Street.

An Eastland Network spokeswoman said power was out between 8pm and 10pm.

Temporary repairs were made but parts of Russell, Sheehan and Whitaker streets, as well as Richardson Avenue, would experience another outage from 9am to 9.30am and again from 4pm to 4.30pm today to allow for repairs.

A further outage would be needed at Dommett, Russell and Whitaker streets on Tuesday between 9am and 4pm, the spokeswoman said.

Police were called to the crash. The driver was not injured.

FAMILY NOTICES

Deaths

DRUMMOND, June Dawn (nee Ellmers).

— Passed away peacefully, on Wednesday 1st December 2021, at Leighton House, aged 95 years. Much-loved mother of Geoffrey (dec), David, Michael and John, and beloved mother-in-law of their partners. Loved grandmother of Andrew and Fiona, Jared, Ben and Kirsty, and Jackson and Saul, and her 10 great-grandchildren. She will be fondly remembered by all those who knew her for her kindness, generosity, and love of her Lord. Our personal thanks to the staff at Leighton House for the love and care you gave to Mum over the years.

A private family service will be held. Any communications to C/- PO Box 877, Gisborne 4040.

Due to COVID vaccine requirements, a vaccine pass must be presented to attend the service. Livestream will be available www.evansfuneral.co.nz

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In Memoriam

BARTLETT, Sonno Tauria

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Thank you for showing us your wisdom, mana and wairua in the living years and beyond. We feel you. Always. Kei whiti te ra mo ake tonu atu.



PUKETAPU, Kathleen Rangitepiripiri

It's been two long, hard years without you Mum.

You are never far from our thoughts and hearts.

Love always, Lois, Nicky, Trina and Marnie and your mokopuna: Kane, Chryster, BB, David, Wyatt, Kathleen and Laura



Bereavements

INGRAM. — Harold and family wish to thank all the kind friends and relations for the many flowers, cards and messages of sympathy received during the recent passing of Pam. Please accept this as a personal acknowledgement and appreciation for all your love and kind thoughts.

INGRAM. — Jennie and Terry Warren wish to express their deepest sympathy to the Ingram family for their recent loss. Pam was a dear friend who will be sorely missed. A great lady who lived a great life.

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Improving Waimata River health focus of partnership agreement

by Avneesh Vincent

A PARTNERSHIP agreement is in place to further support “the voice” of the Waimata River.

The formal partnership between the Waimata Catchment Group (WCG) and the Gisborne District Council was established at a community meeting in August this year and a formal agreement signed in a community hui on Tuesday.

“As a council we are committed to working together and whatever we do next is to help improve the quality of the Waimata River,” said Gisborne mayor Rehette Stoltz.

The council was pleased to “walk along” with the catchment group in the restoration process, alongside the research and experience brought by the University of Auckland team Let the River Speak.

The partnership was “timely”, said lower WCG chair Dr Jill Chrisp.

Under the partnership agreement both the WCG and the council will work on such key areas as land and asset management, sharing knowledge and statutory responsibilities on freshwater indigenous biodiversity, land use, biosecurity and the coastal environment.

The signing was followed by discussions on data collection that had been completed in May, and presentations on ongoing concepts and works of restoration.

Let the River Speak team leader Dr Dan Hikuroa said the data was not only about the science or the numbers but the stories of the unheard voices.

“The data is what people are doing, what’s important to them and what they hope to be able to do for the river,” he said.

Some aspects of data identified by the community were the need for education, citizen science projects and stopping pollutants getting into the river.

Dr Hikuroa said although there was a need for more data to be compiled, it was important to know what’s missing to fill the gap of information on improving the awa’s health.

One of the presentations was



SIGNED AND SEALED: Mayor Rehette Stoltz puts her name, on behalf of the Gisborne District Council, to the formal partnership agreement between the Waimata Catchment Group and the council. Seated with her is catchment group chair Dr Jill Chrisp. Also at the signing were, back (from left): Laura Watson (project manager upper catchment), Virginia Brind (lower Waimata catchment group committee member), Karen Johansen (Lower Waimata catchment group committee member), Joanna Noble (GDC chief of strategy and science), district councillor Pat Seymour and Janic Slupski (GDC principal planner). Picture by Liam Clayton

given by Ian Ruru, a Crown-appointed member of Taumata Arowai — New Zealand’s new water

services regulator, and Simone Shivnan-Ruru, on the role of the Mauri Compass on waterways.

Ms Ruru said the compass was developed as an assessment tool of waterways where matauraunga Maori and western science stood as unique bodies of knowledge “in their own right”.

“The compass is based on the idea that scientific measures

alone are insufficient to define the wellbeing of the water ways,” she said.

However, the significant indicator of the mauri would be with the increased growth of the awa species.

‘For the waterways, the compass speaks to the concept of working collaboratively and the uniqueness of each body of knowledge’

“For the waterways, the compass speaks to the concept of working collaboratively and the uniqueness of each body of knowledge,” she said.

The other presenter was Kauri Forno from the Women’s Native

Tree Trust, who spoke about contributing about 4000 plants this year and planting in places such as Donner’s bush — a scenic reserve on Riverside Road — and future plantings.

Upper catchment WCG project manager Laura Watson said while the upper catchment group was already working with the council and Department of Conservation, the group also held workshops and field trips for interested landowners in the area.

About 20,000 native plants have been planted on farmland throughout the catchment, with 300 poplar and willows poles planted for erosion control.

The partnership document will be reviewed every 12 months from its effective start date.

Parking compromise welcomed

Early-morning inner harbour restrictions to ease frustrations for fishers

by Wynsley Wrigley

PARKING difficulties for the fishing community may be eased after Gisborne District Council officers decided to support a submission calling for shared inner harbour parks to be restricted to fishers only before 8am.

Gisborne-Tatapouri Sports Fishing Club made the submission to the council’s hearing committee which was taking public submissions on the draft Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2021.

The club said single vehicles were occupying boat trailer-capable parks situated in front of The Works restaurant throughout the morning fishing period.

Officers recommended the club’s proposal become a revision to the draft bylaw.

Fishing club president Roger Faber told The Herald the recommendation from council officers was great news.

Parking facilities in the area were limited at the best of times.

Fishing club members were turning up

early in the morning to find bar patrons had parked their vehicles in trailer-capable parks overnight and gone home in a taxi.

The recommendation was “a compromise in the right direction”.

The council received 52 submissions on the inner harbour parking controls with “no substantiated objections to the inner harbour parking configuration”.

Most submitters (70 percent) supported making the parking installed in the inner harbour enforceable through the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2021.

Some submitters mentioned keeping parking free and enforcing the boat trailer-only parking.

There were 65 submissions and 75 percent support for making the road on Titirangi/Kaiti Hill one-way.

The hearings agenda described the status quo as “not a reasonably practicable option” but went on to say the council have “already resolved to make these changes and the one-way system has been installed on the network”.

“This decision makes the one-way system enforceable, which is necessary to ensure public safety.”

The council received 57 submissions on wheeled recreational devices such as skateboards and e-scooters being permitted in the city centre.

Submitters in favour of lifting the current ban in place cited city centre revitalisation, increased foot traffic for businesses and promoting play and active transport as reasons for supporting.

Those who opposed it cited concerns around safety, particularly where skateboards and pedestrians mixed, and the speed with which e-scooters could travel.

Council officers said the concerns raised by some submitters were the same as those considered by councillors when choosing to propose lifting the ban.

The draft bylaw still requires users of wheeled recreational devices to exercise due care and those found being negligent will draw the attention of the City Watch.

Discussions with representatives of the

skating community suggested the move would be welcomed.

The hearing received 60 submissions on cycle lanes, with 73 percent of submitters supporting formalising the existing cycle lanes within the bylaws.

Some objections were raised but council officers said “no rationale or evidence was presented”.

Police can enforce the bylaw in the cycle lanes in Gladstone Road, Childers Road, Ormond Road and Crawford Road.

But their inclusion in the traffic and parking bylaw was “best practice among councils and critically enables enforcement of no parking in the Crawford Road cycleway”.

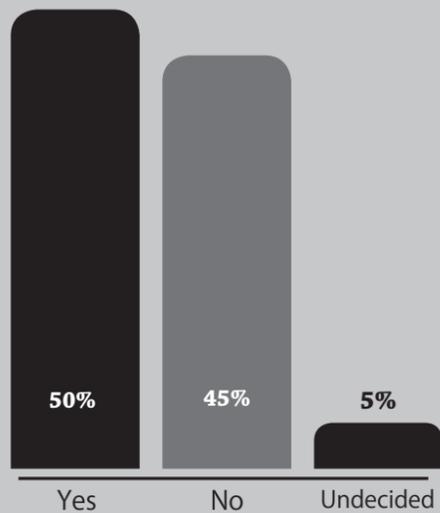
There were also draft Traffic and Parking Bylaw proposals concerning resident parking areas, heavy traffic user charges, storage of vehicles on roads, shared paths and zones, temporary use of legal roads, temporary access ways and local roads engine braking restrictions.

The council only received between one and three submissions on each.

ON THE WEB

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you support the Government's plan for opening the border in the early stages of next year?



Yes: 194; No: 176; Don't know: 21; Total: 391

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Are you prepared and do you have a plan for if you/your family need to self-isolate?

Online polls are not scientific and reflect the opinions of only those internet users who have chosen to participate. Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding

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ON THE STREET

“With summer events cancelling, what are you doing for your holidays?”



WHARE GILBERT:
“I don't know. Normally we go away to Wellington but this year we might just save some money.”



RYAN HALLOWAY:
“Nothing, just chilling.”



ROO BLANDFORD:
“Lots of camping, that's all that's on my plans at the moment.”



MARY POWDRELL:
“We're going to see our son in Wellington.”



KATIE KAKE:
“Going to Palmy to be with my brother and do some shopping.”



IHIPERA CAIRNS:
“Just work. My family's overseas and out of town.”



GINA LEGG:
“I'm going to Tauranga with my partner. We're living in a caravan at the moment so we just hope we can continue to travel in the traffic light system.”



BREE TAIT:
“We'll just be hanging around town enjoying the sun.”



BEKA CAMPBELL:
“Visiting the beaches and just hanging out.”



AYLENE HARPER:
“I'll be here with some visitors”

Border question divides voters almost equally

by Jack Marshall

VOTERS in this week's web poll were almost evenly divided between wanting the Government to open up the country's borders next year, and not.

The new system will be rolled out starting in the New Year, making it easier to enter the country. That will allow New Zealanders in Australia back from mid-January and Kiwis in the rest of the world from February 13.

Finally, from April 30 international travellers will be allowed in.

All passengers will need to be vaccinated, have pre-flight tests and spend seven days self-isolating at home.

The question was, “Do you support the Government's plan for opening the border in the early stages of next year?” to which 194, or 50 percent, answered yes, 176 (45 percent) said no, and 21 (5 percent) said they didn't know. A total of 391 voted.

In favour of opening up was this yes voter: “We have to sometime. The anti vaccinators will just have to live with their choices and hope their immune systems work as well as they think they will.”

“Has to be done sometime while allowing time for money-starved public health systems to gear up,” said another.

Another yes voter was keen to get international tourists back in the country.

“Everyone who wanted to get the jabs got them already, so I think it is fair to open the borders and let us travel and also let the tourists come, which is a huge income for New Zealand. Also, New Zealand is a country with a big portion of immigrants living here and struggling with not being able to see their families for a long time.”

A voter in the “no” camp thought it was better to keep the border restrictions up, saying “not with the advent of the new variant Omicron”.

“It's a virus,” said another. “It will change. As long as everyone practises safe hygiene, better than vaccines. Booster shots every 6 months for the old virus to renew your vaccine pass is pointless.”

Jailed, ute used in burglaries forfeited

A RECIDIVIST burglar took advantage of a previous owner's business signage on a second-hand ute he bought to make his illegal activities look legitimate, Gisborne District Court was told.

Matene Maraki, 37, who has 16 previous convictions for burglary, was convicted of seven more after admitting he stole more than \$23,000 worth of property from businesses by driving into their yards, mostly during daylight hours, and loading goods on to the ute without raising much suspicion.

He appeared for sentence by Judge Warren Cathcart on those and other charges — three of receiving, cultivating cannabis, two of unlawfully possessing ammunition, and a breach of bail.

On each of the burglaries, the judge jailed Maraki for three years, six months.

He was sentenced concurrently to lesser terms for the other offences — 12 months for the receiving, six months for the cultivation, and one month for the breach of bail.

The ammunition charge was a fineable-only offence, for which Maraki was convicted and discharged.

Maraki's ute was forfeited to the Crown.

The first of the burglaries was on December 19 last year.

About 12.30pm, Maraki went to a bus company's Banks Street yard facilities, where he entered a restricted area and took a school jersey and three cash boxes containing a total of \$360.

He drove into a nearby parts and services business yard about 1pm, parked near a stack of corrugated iron, loaded some of it on to his ute, strapped it down and left.

He repeated that same undertaking at the business on two other days

that month. On two occasions, people on-site saw him.

Also that month, Maraki drove into an industrial yard at Innes Street, where he loaded a large generator on to the ute before being confronted by its owner. Maraki said a truck driver (he fictitiously named Phil) gave him permission to take it for some welding. He complied when told to unload it and told the man his surname before driving off. He was identified later from a police photo montage.

On January 12 this year, he entered a yard in Gladstone Road, hitching to his ute a teal-coloured coffee cart valued at \$20,000 and towing it towards Tolaga Bay. He was seen en route by someone who knew the cart.

Maraki abandoned it at a property on Whangara Road but ripped the door off first and removed a cash register, coffee machine, and coffee products.

He stashed them under a kitchen table at an Oxford Street house where he also wanted to stash the ute, but the owner would not let him.

In February he took a truck, valued at \$3000, from a yard in Kowhai Street and parked it on a vacant section behind his Munro Street house. The owner of the section queried the vehicle and notified the owner, who came to get it but found its batteries, valued at \$500, were gone.

About 6pm on February 15, Maraki entered a locked worksite near the corner of Riverside and Tarnbrae roads, hitching a diesel fuel trailer to his ute and driving away. Workers at the site saw him and pursued him to Totara Street, where Maraki stopped and confronted them.

When they challenged his explanation for having the trailer, he fled on foot, leaving his ute and dog behind.

One of the receiving charges related to that same company. Another of its work sites — one in Matawhero — was burgled in November, 2020. The offender cut through the gate locks and took 1000 litres of diesel from a locked storage tank.

The offender also removed the padlock from a shed on-site, taking from it a near new compressor, 24 cartridges of grease and a petrol can, together valued at \$3000.

Police found the compressor, damaged and inoperable, along with other items (including 18 small cannabis plants and five rounds of .243 ammunition), when they searched Maraki's house on February 16.

His ute was still in Totara Street where he had abandoned it the night before. Searching it, police found a live, 7mm rifle round in the glove box.

One of the other receiving charges, related to a motorbike valued at \$3800 which Maraki obtained sometime in December last year. He told police he could not say who he purchased it from as he had deleted all their communications.

The third receiving charge related to a firewood elevator, found during the police search of Maraki's home. It was stolen in a burglary of an Awapuni Road yard in January, by someone who hitched it to a tow vehicle during the night.

Maraki admitted the bus company burglary after being told there was CCTV footage of him.

He said someone else took the corrugated iron when they stole his ute.

He said someone told him he could take the fuel (he received from the Matawhero burglary).

He claimed he did not know growing cannabis was illegal. He said the ammunition was his dad's.

National's new boss not playing around

COMMENT by Fran O'Sullivan, NZME

WELLINGTON — Christopher Luxon plans to dish out shadow portfolios to his MPs based on hard-headed, corporate-style performance measures rather than political patronage.

The new National Party leader is not going on record ahead of Monday, when he will announce his new front-bench lineup in Parliament and just which MP gets what portfolio.

However, an illustration of the Luxon style is his decision to put his leadership rival Simon Bridges into the finance role. This will not purely be payback for Bridges' withdrawal from the leadership race, allowing Luxon to be crowned National's leader without a caucus vote. It is obvious that outside of Luxon himself, Bridges is the best Opposition politician for the role. It should have gone to him earlier, but pure pique from former leader Judith Collins resulted in her splitting the shadow portfolio in two and putting lesser performers into the roles.

Bridges will be expected to put Finance Minister Grant Robertson under political pressure and come up with solutions for major economic issues.

Soundings indicate that the new National Party leader will impose a corporate style of team building.

His MPs will be expected not only to nail their direct opponents in Parliament — rather like the way his senior executives at Air New Zealand marked their international opponents at Qantas — but also come up with solutions to major national issues within their portfolios.

He will introduce data-based performance measures, including on the impact they are making in their shadow portfolios.

He will be applying the lessons he has learnt from his customer-focused commercial background and redirecting them to gain new customers — in this case voters. His MPs can expect to hear more — much more — about focusing on issues that “move the dial”.

Luxon will want to know if they are articulating messages powerfully and proposing good ideas, not simply opposing the Government, which is also a major part of an Opposition's arsenal.

Those MPs who have not had corporate backgrounds may find this approach somewhat odious.

However, Luxon will be relying on polling and data — as well as his own observations — to measure individual effectiveness.

Luxon has impressed on the National caucus that they cannot go into the 2023 election with an unfocused team.

His pitch to MPs, during the individual talks he held when building support for his



FOCUSING ON UNITY: National's new leader, Christopher Luxon (pictured right, with the bat), is expected to impose a more corporate, team-building style of leadership. And runs on the board will be what matters now that Luxon is captain of the team.

Picture by Mark Mitchell

leadership, was that National needed to get an “emotional breakthrough”.

It could either continue to play the internally-focused game that has seen it slump in the political polls to the point where several strategists believed it was heading towards 15 percent support.

Or they could do things differently this time.

He told them it was time for “National versus Labour”, not “National versus National”.

There might be tears or setbacks, but there had to be change to build a unified team.

MPs like Nicola Willis focusing on housing, Chris Bishop on Covid and Simeon Brown on gangs were already considered effective politicians.

However, National had been making no impact against the finance minister. It needed a politician who could do retail politics and make the case to ordinary punters that wasteful spending leads to higher levels of debt, thus limiting the amount available to spend on investing in, for instance, education or infrastructure.

Under Collins' leadership, National had basically lost the “big end of town”.

That was apparent in The New Zealand Herald's 2021 Mood of the Boardroom survey, where New Zealand's top business leaders were brutal in their ratings of National's performance, and Collins' as Opposition leader.

When asked whether the party had sufficiently renewed its personnel at both party and political levels, as well as its policies since the election, an overwhelming majority — some 90 percent — said ‘no’.

Just 2 percent said ‘yes’, while 8 percent were ‘unsure’.

The results of the Mood survey hit hard among National's top ranks. Luxon was now endeavouring to turn those negative business perceptions around.

Invitations had gone out from the likes of Business New Zealand for Luxon to address the Major Companies Group.

Similarly, the Hugo Group, which met to discuss public policies, had done the same, and there would be a webinar

with business think tank the New Zealand Initiative.

He would also be talking with chambers of commerce across the country.

He would be telling them about National's new economic focus on productivity — housing was integral to that; a strong education focus; mental health; and of course, Covid.

The structural dynamic around the “Great Resignation” and addressing the skills shortage would be part of that.

Luxon was also reaching out to CEOs from the former Prime Minister's Business Advisory Council, which he chaired before resigning from Air New Zealand to prepare for a political career (and which Jacinda Ardern disbanded), and he had reached out to Rocket Lab's Peter Beck.

Luxon had not been shy about letting it be known that he wanted to build a strong support team around him, with the right advisers. He was of the view that good people (A-people) would be attracted to an A-team focus. Capacity was lost after the change of government in 2017, and National's abysmal showing in the 2020 election saw its parliamentary budget further decimated.

When it came to Bridges, he would be bringing street-smart experience in Parliament to the role.

He was not the sort of politician to underestimate Robertson. It was known that he viewed his opponent's strengths as significant. The finance minister was an articulate, personable politician, who was also a good communicator.

The pair had a personal regard for each other as well.

Robertson sent Bridges a kind message after his son ended up in hospital after a playground accident this week. The accident meant the newly-minted National finance spokesman could not be present when Luxon announced his role. Robertson also congratulated Bridges on being awarded the plum portfolio. Bridges was unlikely to be overly bullish this year.

However, he would want to

use the remaining fortnight in Parliament to get on record about National's evolving concerns on productivity, the level of government spending and debt, inflation, and Covid.

Particularly when it came to opening up the border so that more immigrants — with the skills businesses needed — could come into New Zealand.

2022 would be the time when Bridges would likely make a much harder critique of the Government's performance on economic issues and (in time), he would likely propose solutions for them.

Andrew Bayly — who was previously Shadow Treasurer and held the shadow infrastructure portfolio — was likely to end up with roles in revenue and commerce. His style was more technocratic compared to Bridges' street-fighting approach. MP Mark Mitchell might be used in areas where the Government was vulnerable, including law and order.

While the Government's financial numbers were holding well for now, Bridges was expected to say this was a “sugar high”, off the back of the mammoth fiscal stimulus to avert the worst financial effects of the Covid pandemic.

There was a concern that 2022 would bring a different economic environment, with more businesses going to the wall.

Bridges had already talked with the NZ Initiative. He also planned to reach out to former finance ministers, such as Sir Bill English and Steven Joyce — Sir Michael Cullen would have been among these had he still been alive.

Essentially, both Luxon and Bridges wanted to rebuild National as the trusted party when it came to the economy.

Bridges would focus on three main issues: productivity; wasteful spending and debt; and high inflation and the cost of living.

Luxon would be focusing on all of that. And he would also be focusing on the political polls, which would assess both his party's performance and his own.

BRIEFS

An anti-animal-experiment campaign targets university

DUNEDIN — The New Zealand Anti-Vivisection Society will run a 12-day campaign to highlight the animal experiments carried out by University of Otago researchers.

However, the university says at least some of the society's allegations are based on old experiments, no longer performed at the university.

Society executive director Tara Jackson said force-feeding alcohol to young rats was one of about a dozen allegedly “unethical” experiments on animals that was conducted at the university, and details of more would be publicised over the next 10 days as part of the society's 12 Days of Christmas campaign.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof Richard Blaikie said the allegation about force-feeding alcohol to rats related to a study undertaken in 2010 that investigated the impact of alcohol on the adolescent brain.

“The university is confident that any adverse events that occurred during this research were addressed through our animal welfare office and the ethical compliance channels at the time.”

Ms Jackson said the information came from the society's large-scale investigation into animal research experiments at the university's \$50 million animal laboratory.

“The bottom line is that rats and humans are fundamentally different. Force-feeding alcohol to rats does not teach us anything about humans or help us solve the issue of binge-drinking in teenagers.”

All it was doing was siphoning funds away from human-centred and human-relevant projects, she said.

Other alleged experiments uncovered by the society included making animals tread water, administering electric shocks, implanting electrodes, and causing animals chronic stress.

Prof Blaikie said the university's research had directly contributed to significant medical breakthroughs in many chronic and deadly diseases and conditions, including heart disease, infertility, cancer, diabetes and depression. And all potential live animal experiments were subject to approval from an animal ethics committee, he said. — Otago Daily Times

Another shooting in Auckland

AUCKLAND — A man has been taken to hospital after being shot at a home in West Auckland overnight.

Detective Senior Sergeant Megan Goldie said police were called to a Woodford Avenue property in Henderson just before 12.30am today.

“Upon arrival, a man was located with a firearms-related injury,” Sen Sgt Goldie said.

“He was transported to hospital where he is in a stable condition.”

Police were now making enquiries to work out what happened.

“The community will notice an increased police presence in the area today while we undertake a scene examination and speak with people in the neighbourhood,” Sen Sgt Goldie said.

— The New Zealand Herald

Man hurt in Countdown carpark

CHRISTCHURCH — A man has been seriously hurt after being assaulted in a supermarket carpark in Christchurch early this morning.

Detective Senior Sergeant Craig Johnson said his team are investigating.

“Emergency services were called to the Countdown carpark on Moorhouse Ave at about 2am after a man was located with serious injuries,” he said.

“He was transported to hospital where he remains in a critical condition.”

He said police are examining the scene and making enquiries to establish what happened and who is responsible. — The New Zealand Herald

Whanganui artist wins merit

WHANGANUI — Whanganui artist Andrea du Chatenier has been named a runner-up in this year's Portage Ceramics Awards, for her work titled “Softfall”.

The awards, usually held Te Uru Waitakere Contemporary Gallery, were streamed online last night.

Ms du Chatenier received merit, along with Auckland-based artist Fiona Jack.

The Premier Award Winner for 2021 was Teresa Peters, also from Auckland.

Ms du Chatenier said it was the third time she had been a finalist in the prestigious awards.

“The first time I was accepted I was blown away, because it's New Zealand's premier ceramic awards.” — The New Zealand Herald



STILL NOT HAPPY: Protesters are set to gather again today in Auckland, despite the fact that Aucklanders received more freedoms yesterday. Picture by Brett Phibbs

Protests in Auckland, despite new freedoms

... but will Brian Tamaki show?

AUCKLAND — Protesters were planning to gather at Auckland Domain this morning — for the sixth time since the beginning of October.



Brian Tamaki

However, this would be the first time people had congregated to object to the vaccine mandate since Aucklanders received new freedoms yesterday under the Government's new Covid-response traffic-light system framework.

The strict lockdown that prevented hospitality businesses from opening in most of the region ended yesterday after 107 days in the city of 1.7 million people.

Today's rally was being promoted as the "Mass Exodus" online and the protesters were set to meet at Auckland Domain at 11am and march through the streets of Newmarket.

Last Saturday, a smaller group of around 200 to 300 people gathered in the Domain and marched to the Mercy Hospital in Epsom.

However, this group was not directly aligned with the Freedoms & Rights Coalition, which had ties to Destiny Church and had seen up to 5000 people gathering to protest at Auckland Domain.

Online promotion indicated that the Freedoms & Rights Coalition had again organised today's protest.

For the third time in less than two months, controversial Destiny Church leader Brian Tamaki was called before a judge on November 23 regarding new allegations that he violated Covid-19 lockdown orders.

However, he was allowed to remain on bail, with altered bail conditions that barred

him explicitly from attending protests at Auckland Domain.

Auckland District Court Judge Steve Bonnar, QC, clearly showing frustration, issued the decision just hours after Tamaki was summoned to an Auckland police station alongside his wife and the church's co-founder, Hannah Tamaki.

Hannah Tamaki.

"You have been skating on very thin ice today," the judge said.

"I have seriously considered whether you should be remanded in custody."

The anti-lockdown and anti-vaccine-mandate protesters previously met in Auckland Domain on October 2, 16 and 30, and again on November 20 and 27.

Except for last Saturday, each time the protests drew between 2000 and 5000 people.

Yesterday, 39,553 New Zealanders were administered a Covid-19 vaccine.

Both Brian and Hannah Tamaki appeared and spoke on stage at the November 20 Domain protest to recognise the workers who had lost their jobs for refusing to be vaccinated.

The Auckland War Memorial Museum had been closed during the last two Saturday's due to the protests.

It was not immediately clear whether the museum would be closed today, but a statement last week said they would be closed on all days of mass protests on the grounds directly outside their doors.

"In line with its recently developed Covid-19 policy, the museum will close to the public on days of mass demonstration in Auckland Domain," a museum spokesperson said.

— The New Zealand Herald

Campaign launched to boost vax rates among disabled Maori

by Te Aorewa Rolleston, RNZ

AUCKLAND — A kaupapa Maori disability provider is sharing a message to support vaccine uptake among disabled Maori.

Te Roopu Taurima launched the fresh new campaign 'Werohia mo to whanau' — 'Do it for your family' — on international day of persons with disabilities.

It was in response to the concerns that disabled people were being neglected when it came to receiving the right information about vaccines.

Manawhakahaere of Te Roopu Taurima, Tania Thomas, said the campaign was aimed at encouraging disabled Maori and their whanau to get

vaccinated. She said it was created to be accessible, by including a range of formats like sign language, te reo Maori and English.

"The purpose of the campaign is to encourage Maori — particularly disabled Maori and their whanau — to get vaccinated.

"We were concerned about the low rates of vaccination amongst Maori and wondering how well the message had got out into Maori communities.

"This is our way of providing information that is in a range of formats . . . and the message is coming from people who are disabled or are whanau members of people who are disabled, or from kaimahi — the people who work with people who are disabled.

"For us, it's important that we try every way possible to get messages out to support people to think about getting vaccinated" she said.

Some in the disabled community needed more assistance and information towards understanding the safety of the vaccine, Ms Thomas said.

The roopu had responded by providing clear advice and promoting the benefits of being vaccinated, such as being protected, keeping each other safe, having the opportunity to socialise, and participate in activities and events with other people.

Another key aspect of the campaign was that it was shared by the Maori community for the Maori community, which was important to Maori.



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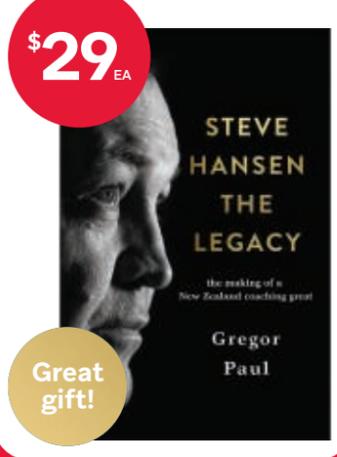
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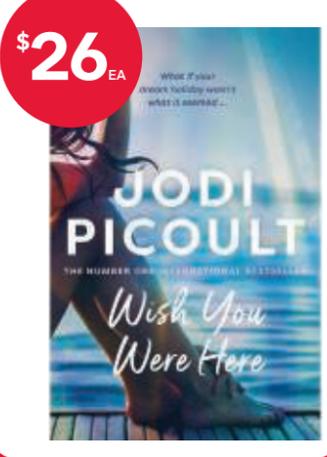
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First night of freedom: cops kept busy with bad antics in Akld

by Ben Leahy,
The New Zealand Herald

AUCKLAND — Aucklanders swept into bars and restaurants for their first night of freedom under the

traffic light system yesterday, however, police were kept busy dealing with many people who were very drunk and causing trouble.

For example, a serious assault on Karangahape Road

left a person in hospital. Police said the central city had “notably” fewer people partying compared to an ordinary pre-Covid-19 restriction Friday night. “However, police were still

kept busy with a number of disorder-related incidents involving highly-intoxicated people,” a spokesperson said. “One person is in a serious condition in Auckland Hospital after being assaulted on

Karangahape Road last night.” A 22-year-old man has been arrested and charged with wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. He was due to appear in the Auckland District Court today.

Dunedin Airport opposed to landfill amid bird-strike fears

by Grant Miller, Otago Daily Times

DUNEDIN — Extra efforts to stop birds flocking to a proposed landfill near Dunedin Airport may not be enough to allay fears of bird strike by aircraft, the airport has warned.

Allowing the planned dump to be set up just 4.5km away would be a fundamental flaw that could not be overcome by proper management, the airport stated in its recently released submission about the controversial Smooth Hill landfill proposal.

“Too close is simply too close . . . once bird populations are established, management will not eradicate them.”

The 4.5km separation was 2km closer than the 6.5km buffer zone used in a 1992 site selection process and 8.5km closer than the 13km buffer recommended by international aviation guidance.

There was already a relatively-high risk of bird strike at Dunedin, the airport stated.

“An aircraft colliding with just a single bird has the potential to cause significant damage.

“Large, high-flying, flocking birds — like black-backed gulls — pose the highest risk, and collision is potentially catastrophic.”

The airport submission noted “escalating mitigations” had been proposed and it characterised this as a concession of increased risk.

The airport did not accept any increased risk to its operation was acceptable.

It also suggested the planned closure of the Green Island landfill would mean

a significant colony of black-backed gulls would lose their main food source and would, therefore, be on the lookout for another source of food.

The airport’s submission was one of 283 received by the Otago Regional Council about the Dunedin City Council’s proposal. Two supported the proposal, nine were neutral, but the vast majority were opposed.

The New Zealand Air Line Pilots’ Association raised similar concerns to the airport. The landfill could result in unnecessary danger to the travelling public, the association said.

“Any land use that has the potential to attract birds to the airport vicinity should be the subject of a study to determine the likelihood of bird strikes to aircraft using the airport.”

Dunedin Airport had a bird-hazard risk above the national average.

Deterrence methods, including shooting and poisoning, could prevent birds from nesting at the landfill site, but it was doubtful such measures could be completely successful in keeping them away.

Te Runanga o Otakou supported the city council’s application and said mana whenua were involved in the site selection process. Trucking waste to landfills outside Dunedin or the region was unacceptable to mana whenua.

Thirty-two possible locations for a new landfill were assessed based on landform, ecology, economic viability and social factors, and the Smooth Hill site was deemed the most suitable, the runanga said.



SOME FEELING FRUSTRATED: Chontelle Bannister scans Wendy Larsen’s vaccine pass. Ms Bannister said there had been a few uncomfortable moments with customers as Whanganui — along with the rest of NZ — adjusts to the Government’s Covid-response framework. Picture by Robin

Red zone the ‘new normal’ for Whanganui, despite no cases

by Robin Martin, RNZ

WHANGANUI — Despite having no active cases of Covid-19 in the community, Whanganui woke up yesterday to find itself in the red zone.

The region’s low vaccination rate has been given as the reason, but not everybody is happy about it.

Chontelle Bannister was busy scanning vaccine passes at the Honest Kitchen on Ridgway Street.

“This is the new normal. I hope you weren’t in a rush to come in because, you know, we’ve got to do all this scanning and we’ve got to go through a whole new process of (figuring out) who is serving, who is doing the scanning.

“We’ve had to say ‘no’ to a few people, which is a bit sad, but yeah, (it’s) the new normal.”

Ms Bannister said there had been a few uncomfortable moments with customers.

“I feel like we are going to have a few upset people. We’ve had a few who have said ‘you’re discriminating against the unvaccinated and your business should close’— all that kind of stuff. It’s very frustrating for us because it is not our choice.”

Customer Wendy Larsen, however, said the process at the Honest Kitchen felt seamless.

“I’ve got my vaccine pass, which I printed off and laminated, and I’ve just shown that to Chontelle at Honest Kitchen.

“It was an easy process and I’ve also just been to Cityfitness and theirs is preloaded and you just walk through the turnstile.”

However, another resident — Donna Harold — felt sorry for businesses.

“I was talking to a woman from a lovely retail shop, who is an older woman. She’s got a lovely business.

“She doesn’t want to be in the position of standing in the doorway, telling somebody they can’t come in — especially if they are going to

have a strong opinion about whether or not they are vaccinated or whether or not she has got the right to ask them if they are vaccinated, which is a whole other story.”

Down at Taupo Quay, Phil Pollero, the general manager of the iconic Waimarie paddle steamer, had also had to make adjustments for the traffic light system.

“We’ve been expecting to be in the red phase, so we’ve reduced our numbers on the vessel and we will be expecting all of our passengers over 12-years-old to be fully vaccinated and we’ll be scanning them in when they receive their boarding passes.”

Passenger numbers were expected to drop by a third — from 90 to 60 — but, other than that, it would almost be business as usual.

“They can’t visit the engine room is the only difference on the vessel and our pigeon post that fly back from further up the river. Generally the customers would be able to handle the birds, and we’d usually get some young passengers to do that, at the moment we are not simply because it creates squeeze points for want of a better word.”

Mr Pollero said he had received a number of cancellations but those customers had understood the rules were out of his hands.

On Victoria Avenue, Whanganui residents were divided on whether the city should be in the red.

Mike was relaxed about it. “If they think it’s good, I just go with the flow.”

However, another resident — Bill — was not happy about it. “There’s been (no Covid cases) here, so I don’t reckon we should be in red.”

Bob was disappointed too.

“We should be at an orange setting! I don’t believe we should be at red.”

And Billy was missing the finer things in life. “There’s no music and I love music! I can’t go to any shows and I can’t do any dancing . . .”

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Work overload for pharmacists

‘Stretched, tired’ providing vaccines, passes on top of their usual mahi

by Sam Olley, RNZ

WELLINGTON — Pharmacists say they are stretched and tired, providing Covid-19 vaccines and passes on top of their usual workload.

More than 400 pharmacies were brought in last week to distribute vaccine certificates when the Ministry of Health’s help centre was overwhelmed by up to 70,000 calls a day.

Pharmaceutical Society president Professor Rhiannon Braund said members received just a few days’ warning but they were willing to help.

“When these decisions get made obviously it’s quite quick. So there are lots of conversations about what is possible, and then suddenly, something happens. And so, for a lot of the profession, they sort of felt that it was short notice.

“But I guess this is the nature of the beast right now — we just try to be as proactive and respond as quickly as we can,” she said.

People were coming into pharmacies with problems other services had not yet solved.

“In the first couple of days, these were quite time consuming — getting the pharmacists to get the system up and running and just navigating the portal.

“And, of course, there were some tech issues because so many people were trying to get



Professor Rhiannon Braund of the University of Otago’s Department of Preventive and Social Medicine.

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the vaccine passes, (in the lead-up) to the cut-off date.”

She expected pharmacies would only get busier with holidaymakers away from home this summer, and new Covid-19 response measures coming into play.

“The rapid testing that’s coming online in the next week or so, the announcement about the childhood vaccinations . . .

“I think we’re actually going to see quite a surge in work.”

She said it had been “a really busy year” and the workforce was “stretched”.

“People are tired and I just



BUSY: More than 400 pharmacies were brought in last week to distribute vaccine certificates. Members received only a few days’ warning, but were willing to help. However, they are overloaded at the moment, distributing the passes as well as administering the vaccines. That is on top of their usual workloads.

RNZ picture by Claire Eastham-Farrelly

hope that people can take some time to look after themselves, as well as the patients.”

People getting vaccines or

vaccine passes from pharmacies did not have to pay a fee.

The Ministry of Health had issued 3.25 million vaccine

certificates by yesterday afternoon.

The Ministry has been approached for comment.

Some Bay of Plenty businesses still serving the unvaxxed

TAURANGA — In the Bay of Plenty, most of the region has been moved to the orange light of the Government’s new Covid-response framework.

However, some businesses have chosen to do things differently.

The owner of The Nourished Eatery in Tauranga, Sharna McElligote, is providing her customers with a takeaway experience under the new framework.

“Everyone has supported us for all these years and I think it’s so unfair that we have to turn people away for their personal health decisions.”

The Bay of Plenty District Health Board area hit its first 90 percent milestone at the beginning of this week, but only 82 percent of the population has received both doses.

Ms McElligote believed she would pick up new customers as a result of her decision.

“We are getting a window installed . . . so that the unvaccinated can go to the window and then the vaccinated can go inside . . . just to

keep everyone happy, I guess.”

Around the corner, hairdresser, Sydnee Gould was welcoming the new system, but also hoping there would soon be a way to store clients’ data within the app.

“It’s kind of annoying to have to ask the client every single appointment ‘can I scan your passport?’”

Down the road in Te Puke, the owner of Marigold Cafe Justin Bruning was doing the painstaking task of standing outside his cafe and checking that each and every potential customer had their vaccine pass handy.

He was even met with some abuse by some people who did not even realise the traffic light system was now in place and did not have their passes on them, and some loyal customers had also had to say goodbye.

“A few people that have been coming here every day since we’ve opened have said they can’t

come back . . . it is a shame and it’s really hard because you want to make money — that’s what you’re in business for. But we can’t afford to run it differently at the moment,” Mr Bruning said.

Te Puke is the last big town in the Bay of Plenty in the orange level. Whakatane, Opotiki and Kawerau districts had all been moved to red.

Te Puke Florist owner Murrury Howell said it had been confusing deciphering the difference between the red and orange lights — and what that meant for his business.

“Now that it’s actually come into place, we’re starting to settle . . . but it was freaky yesterday not knowing. I was just really starting to freak myself out thinking am I doing the right thing?”

Western Bay of Plenty Council, meanwhile, decided to not ask for vaccine passes.

Mayor Garry Webber said it was a pragmatic decision to ensure public services are available to everyone. — RNZ

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NZ dollar at one-year low as Omicron, US Fed weigh heavily

WELLINGTON — The Omicron variant and this week's about-turn by the US Federal Reserve have weighed on the New Zealand dollar, taking it to its lowest point in just over a year.

The kiwi is trading at US\$67.86c, down from just over US\$72c in October and back to levels last seen in late 2020.

The currency is seen as a barometer for risk — rising when global investors are confident and falling when the outlook looks murky.

The emergence of the Omicron variant has made investors risk averse, and US Federal Reserve chairman Jerome Powell's comments this week, to the effect

that the Fed is open to a faster reduction in the pace of asset purchases, has been supportive for the greenback.

Powell also moved away from describing inflation as being "transitory" — thereby rowing back from comments he made to that effect made earlier in the year.

The Fed's change of stance saw the US dollar strengthen, in turn putting downward pressure on the kiwi.

The Reserve Bank of NZ's move at its November 24 monetary policy statement to pour cold water on market expectations that there could soon be a 50-basis-point hike in the official cash rate had also

served to put downward pressure on the kiwi.

ASB economist Mark Smith puts the kiwi's weakness down to a number of influences.

"The major one has been the swing between a bit more positivity towards risk, which had been NZ dollar-supportive, versus a little more 'glass half full' and more concern about global risk," Smith said.

"There is a lot more uncertainty about the Omicron outbreak and how severe it could be," Smith said.

"And the markets are starting to factor in a much more hawkish Fed, and that is certainly supporting the US dollar."

LOWEST POINT: The kiwi dollar has fallen sharply since October taking it to its lowest point in just over a year.

File picture



Another factor weighing on the kiwi was the Reserve Bank stressing a more "considered" approach to reducing monetary stimulus for now, which served to quieten talk in the market that a 50-basis-point hike might soon be on the cards.

Smith said fortunately for exporters, the kiwi had not strengthened with higher commodities prices, as would normally be the case.

"The commodities story has been very, very good," Smith

said, pointing to Fonterra's latest milk price forecast upgrade yesterday.

"But we are seeing a disconnect at the moment so it's very much a matter of the strong US dollar holding down the NZ dollar, whereas those commodities prices are moving the other way," Smith said.

"That's really positive for a lot of New Zealand producers who will benefit from that disconnect," he said.

— NZ Herald

Skill shortages the top concern for employers

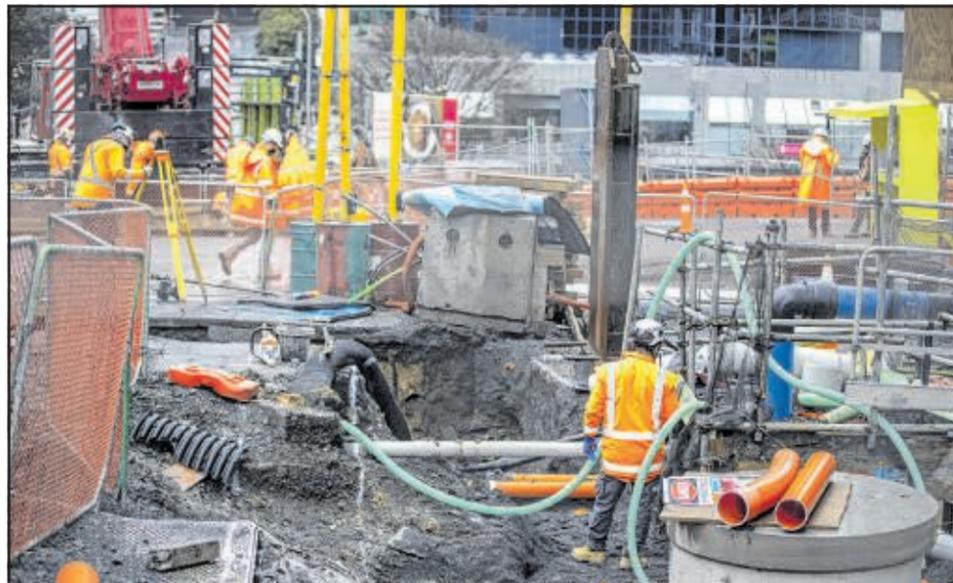
WELLINGTON — Mounting skill shortages and ongoing supply chain disruptions are among the key challenges creating headaches for company directors.

The Institute of Directors (IoD) and the ASB Bank's annual survey found that nearly 60 percent of its members were still dealing with the negative effects of the pandemic on their organisation's performance.

The key concern for directors was the lack of skilled workers, made worse by closed borders, with 57 percent respondents saying they felt it was the biggest impediment to the country's economic performance, compared with 32 percent in last year's survey.

"We are now seeing the snowball effect of Covid-19 on workforces across multiple sectors," IoD chief executive Kirsten Patterson said.

"For organisations, some financially challenged by the pandemic, there now seems to be a volatile labour force, increasing salary expectations and a gap for some of the key skills needed."



CHALLENGES: Company bosses are dealing with mounting skill shortages and supply chain disruptions as border closures and lockdowns have an impact around the globe.

NZ Herald picture

She expected boards would have to fight to retain key staff in the years ahead, as some firms grappled with the "great resignation", which is the trend of workers re-evaluating their priorities and looking to switch jobs or professions.

"This means organisations will need to review their approaches to things like work-life balance, positive work culture and reward and recognition in a bid to attract and retain key talent."

Supply chain disruptions, the ongoing border closure, and vaccine efficacy were also prominent issues for board members.

The proportion of directors who thought the economy would deteriorate over the next year improved by 12 points, with 51 percent forecasting a decline.

However, board members were more upbeat about their organisation's own

future, with 54 percent expecting their fortunes to improve, up from 50 percent a year ago.

ASB chief economist Nick Tuffley said the economy was expected to grow 4 percent or more over 2022 as it rebounded from this year's lockdowns.

"Under the traffic light system, New Zealand organisations can look forward to an environment that will be more stable, with less of the extreme lurches in restrictions that were used over 2020 and 2021 to combat Covid-19."

The relaxation of border restrictions would also allow more talent into the country, he said.

The survey also showed a growing belief

that companies should get involved with social issues.

Half of the respondents thought their chief executives should speak out on social issues, up from 28 percent a year ago, and a slightly higher proportion believe that the board should also be seen to comment as well.

"People are looking more and more to directors to step up and show leadership on a range of issues, on everything from climate change through to diversity in the boardroom," Patterson said.

"When faced with a crisis we know that often your stakeholders will be more forgiving and supportive if you have sound values and you live by them." — RNZ

New vehicle sales up in November

AUCKLAND — New vehicle sales set a new record for the month of November, following strong demand for utes and sports utility vehicles (SUVs).

Figures from the Motor Industry Association (MIA) show that 16,327 new vehicles were sold in November, a 37.3 percent increase on the same month a year ago.

Vehicle registrations in the year to date are up by close to 40 percent on last year, with a total of 153,362 registrations.

"The market remains buoyant despite stock levels remaining low. Recent shipments of new vehicles have helped to alleviate some of the long wait lists for popular models," MIA chief executive David Crawford said.

"Careful forward planning by distributors is reducing impacts of shipping constraints due to Covid-19 and microchip shortages, enabling a steady supply of new vehicles to the market."

It was a strong month for passenger and SUV vehicles, with 11,233 sold.

Once again, the Ford Ranger was the most sought-after vehicle in the country, followed by the Mitsubishi Outlander and the Toyota Corolla.

The electrically-powered Tesla Model 3 was fifth on the list, with 408 cars sold.

Nearly 3000 cars were sold that had some form of electrification, with represents 17 percent of all registrations for November.

Crawford said the Government's clean car discount had addressed some of the barriers to electric vehicle ownership, by making the cars more affordable when compared to their fossil-fuel powered equivalents. — RNZ

SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — On Auckland's freedom day, the New Zealand sharemarket showed some new-found liberty of its own, rising by a fraction while under-pressure Ryman Healthcare made a recovery.

After being on the red light with two significant falls this week, the S&P/NZX 50 changed to green with steady trading. The index was up 6.25 points or 0.05 percent to 12,676.5, finishing a volatile week ahead by 0.39 percent. There were 89 gainers and 47 decliners across the whole market on volume of 37.9 million share transactions worth \$161.39 million.

Shane Solly, portfolio manager with Harbour Asset Management, said markets have been on-again, off-again lately because of uncertainty over the impact of the new Omicron Covid variant.

"The variant will continue to be a focus and investors can't be complacent. But if it doesn't cause any more seriousness, then the market could have a good run into Christmas," Solly said.

He said some of the things that have caused rising inflation, such as the oil price, are now toning down a little.

Ryman Healthcare increased 20c to \$12.21 on trade worth \$20.77m. Fellow retirement village operator Summerset Group Holdings was up 15c to \$13.10, while Oceania Healthcare declined 2.9c or 2.18 percent to \$1.30 after going ex-dividend.

Solly said Covid lockdowns in New Zealand and Australia reduced Ryman's ability to complete developments and sell new units, placing pressure on its balance sheet, and the re-opening in Auckland will bring a sigh of relief.

Market leader Fisher & Paykel Healthcare was down 40c to \$32.18; Auckland International Airport declined 5c to \$7.82; and Restaurant Brands fell 60c or 3.87 percent to \$14.90.

Among other leading stocks, Mainfreight

increased 70c to \$90.15; Infratil gained 12.5c to \$8.19; and Chorus was up 4c to \$6.77.

Among the energy stocks, Contact was up 9c to \$7.93; Meridian increased 4c to \$4.76; Genesis rose 7.5c or 2.5 percent to \$3.08; and Mercury was down 11c or 1.8 percent to \$6.

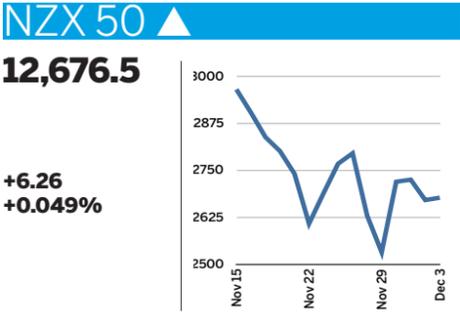
Property stocks were positive, with Argosy up 1.5c to \$1.495; Investore gaining 2c to \$1.88; Goodman Property Trust increasing 3c to \$2.51; Vital Healthcare Property Trust collecting 2c to \$2.88; and Kiwi Property up 1c to \$1.15.

Property for Industry expects a portfolio revaluation gain of \$150m for the six months ending December, following a \$240m gain for the first half ending June. Its share price was unchanged at \$2.77. — NZ Herald

SHAREMARKET

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

MONDAY-TO-FRIDAY OFFICIAL MARKET STATISTICS



TOP 10 TURNOVER		
Share name	Shares	Dollars (000)
a2 Milk	78,453,500	479,168,300
Spark NZ	24,714,100	144,347,600
Meridian Energy	16,577,700	111,228,400
Auckland Airport	10,978,600	86,100,300
Kiwi Prop	10,402,800	78,070,200
Goodman Prop Tst	9,590,800	73,212,900
Z Energy	9,391,500	63,037,700
Precinct Prop	8,461,300	45,811,200
Contact Energy	7,994,400	33,484,200
Air NZ	7,654,900	32,788,000

TOP 10 VALUE		
Share name	Shares	Dollars (000)
a2 Milk	78,453,500	479,168,300
Spark NZ	24,714,100	144,347,600
Meridian Energy	16,577,700	111,228,400
Auckland Airport	10,978,600	86,100,300
Kiwi Prop	10,402,800	78,070,200
Goodman Prop Tst	9,590,800	73,212,900
Z Energy	9,391,500	63,037,700
Precinct Prop	8,461,300	45,811,200
Contact Energy	7,994,400	33,484,200
Air NZ	7,654,900	32,788,000

BIGGEST 10 RISES			
Share name	Percentage	Share name	
Plexure	6.3291	AlliedFarmrs	8.6957
NZME Ltd	5.9701	a2 Milk	8.2803
Meridian Energy	5.0773	MarWineEst	7.6923
NZ Automotive	4.6512	Greenfern Ind Ltd	7.5472
Vector	4.1237	Move Logistics	7.1429
Smartpay	4.0816	ikeGPS Grp	7.1429
GenesisEgy	4.0541	EvolveEduc	6.9767
RestaurantBrands	4.0503	Genetrack Grp	6.8783
Scott Tech	3.8576	Radius	6.8627
Synlait Milk Ltd (NS)	3.6364	Enprise Group	6.8571

BIGGEST 10 FALLS			
Share name	Percentage	Share name	
AlliedFarmrs	8.6957	Enprise Group	6.8571
a2 Milk	8.2803	Radius	6.8627
MarWineEst	7.6923	Genetrack Grp	6.8783
Greenfern Ind Ltd	7.5472	EvolveEduc	6.9767
Move Logistics	7.1429	ikeGPS Grp	7.1429
Greenfern Ind Ltd	7.1429	MarWineEst	7.6923
EvolveEduc	6.9767	Greenfern Ind Ltd	7.5472
Genetrack Grp	6.8783	Move Logistics	7.1429
Radius	6.8627	Greenfern Ind Ltd	7.5472
Enprise Group	6.8571	Greenfern Ind Ltd	7.5472

NZX 10		
12,401.14		
-9.18 -0.074%		

MIDCAP		
36,091.83		
+79.87 +0.222%		

SMALLCAP		
95,726.69		
+228.75 +0.24%		

NZX All		
13,883.07		
+7.38 +0.053%		

New Zealand

	Last Price	Weekly Move	52-week High	52-week Low	NTA	Dividend CPS	Yld%	P/E Ratio
A-C								
Accordant Grp	1.85	-	1.99	1.26	-0.32	.12	11.04	15.24
AFT Pharm	4.50	-0.15	5.55	4.00	.05	.10	-	43.46
Air NZ	1.50	-0.07	1.94	1.41	.82	-.25	-	-
AlliedFarmrs	.84	-0.08	.93	.50	.44	.10	1.98	7.84
AMP	.98	-0.07	1.88	.94	1.13	.03	-	26.12
ANZ	28.09	-0.31	31.82	24.18	22.04	2.26	5.91	12.4
ArborGen	.25	-0.00	.33	.13	.14	-0.00	-	-
Argosy	1.49	+0.05	1.73	1.41	1.64	.43	4.58	3.4
Arvida	1.96	-0.02	2.11	1.59	1.56	.29	2.76	6.55
Asset Plus Ltd	.30	+0.00	.37	.29	.44	.01	7.21	15.93
Auckland Airport	7.82	+0.06	8.34	6.65	5.39	.31	-	24.81
Auckland Real Estate Trust	.79	-	-	-	1.89	.72	-	1.09
Aus Found	8.76	+0.21	9.17	7.53	7.90	.20	2.89	42.28
Bankers Inv	2.36	+0.01	2.50	2.00	2.34	.49	1.78	4.78
Barramundi	.95	-0.06	1.14	.93	.81	.24	7.16	3.83
BLIS Tech	.05	-0.00	.08	.05	.00	-0.00	-	-
Bremworth	.65	-0.02	.86	.32	.36	.02	25.82	-
Briscoe Grp	6.74	+0.01	7.26	4.45	1.26	.41	6.39	16.18
Burgen Fuel	.35	-	.43	.34	.16	.01	-	23.4
Canmossouth	.37	+0.00	.74	.36	1.0	-0.03	-	-
Carbon Fund	2.07	+0.03	2.13	1.29	2.04	.28	-	7.27
CDL Inv	1.09	+0.01	1.24	.91	.96	.13	4.46	8.26
Chorus	6.77	+0.15	8.72	6.03	1.45	.10	5.13	64.69
City of Lond Inv	7.50	-0.05	8.06	6.70	7.60	1.23	4.93	6.06
Colonial Motor	10.96	-0.10	11.20	8.35	8.00	.75	6.97	14.43
Comvita	3.40	-	3.80	3.06	2.54	.13	1.63	25.06
Contact Energy	7.93	+0.03	11.16	6.60	3.18	.25	5.54	31.28
Cooks Glob Fds	.03	-0.00	.04	.02	-.32	-0.00	-	-
D-F								
Delegat Group	13.70	-0.53	15.77	12.90	4.44	.61	2.03	22.29
DGL Grp Ltd	2.57	+0.09	3.37	1.10	.69	.18	-	13.94
EBOS Group	36.09	-0.01	37.05	24.90	-.78	1.21	2.69	29.68
Enprise Group	1.63	-0.12	4.00	.78	.13	.05	2.76	31.45
EROAD Ltd	4.90	-0.10	6.77	3.90	1.27	-0.02	-	-
EvolveEduc	.80	-0.06	1.47	.60	-.23	.00	-	140.01
Fishr&Paykl Health	32.18	-0.42	36.55	27.10	2.42	.90	1.68	35.63
Fletcher Building	6.87	+0.07	7.99	5.57	3.30	.37	4.37	18.56
Foley Wines	1.56	-0.07	2.07	1.45	1.48	.05	3.56	26.53
Fonterra	3.14	-	5.15	2.80	2.87	.35	6.37	8.75
Fonterra Shrhlds Units	3.55	-0.15	5.15	3.55	3.74	-	5.63	-
Foreign & Colonial	17.76	-0.20	18.35	14.45	18.84	3.77	1.34	4.71
Freightways	12.60	-	13.85	9.54	-.83	.29	3.69	42.01
G-L								
General Capital Ltd	.05	-	.07	.05	.04	.00	-	18.86
GenesisEgy	3.08	+0.12	4.00	2.91	1.57	.03	7.41	95.85
Genetrack Grp	1.76	-0.13	2.18	1.26	.01	.03	-	54.5
GE0	.16	-0.02	.22	.06	-.01	-.01	-	-
GFNZ Grp Ltd Ord	.72	-0.05	.82	.48	.40	.08	5.21	8.54
Goodman Prop Tst	2.51	+0.06	2.67	2.12	2.49	.72	2.60	3.46
Green Cross Health	1.19	-0.03	1.30	1.02	.01	.12	-	9.7
Greenfern Ind Ltd	.24	-0.02	.43	.24	.40	-	-	-
Hallenstein Glasson	7.35	-0.01	7.85	6.35	1.49	.55	8.88	13.16
Harmoney Corp Limited	1.90	-0.06	3.25	1.38	.76	-.26	-	-
Heartland Grp Holding	2.30	+0.03	2.40	1.52	1.16	.14	6.64	15.42
Hendrsn Far East	5.99	-0.11	7.29	5.81	5.75	.40	7.56	14.93
ikeGPS Grp	.91	-0.07	1.23	.89	.16	-0.08	-	-
Infratil	8.19	+0.19	8.46	5.77	3.65	1.50	2.93	5.45
Investore	1.88	+0.03	2.28	1.81	2.20	.34	4.75	5.44
JPMorg GlobGrth	8.78	-0.26	9.39	7.39	8.42	2.10	3.33	4.16
Just Life Group	.85	-0.01	1.08	.69	-.09	.03	3.89	23.73
Kathmandu	1.48	-0.03	1.68	1.21	1.18	.08	3.38	16.64
Kingfish	1.97	-0.07	2.13	1.86	1.74	.39	7.71	5
Kiwi Prop	1.15	+0.00	1.33	1.12	1.42	.18	6.05	6.32
M-O								
Mainfreight	90.15	+0.15	99.78	60.52	9.01	2.44	1.16	36.9
Marlin Global	1.52	+0.01	1.66	1.23	1.23	.39	7.10	3.84
Marsden Mari	6.43	+0.03	6.65	5.71	3.64	.34	3.89	18.62
MarWineEst	.24	-0.02	.65	.23	.07	-0.00	-	-
Me Today	.06	-	.11	.06	.02	-0.00	-	-
Mercury NZ	6.00	+0.08	7.60	5.70	3.00	.10	3.94	57.78
Meridian Energy	4.76	+0.23	9.94	4.45	1.89	.16	4.74	28.5
Metro Perf Glass	.36	-0.01	.46	.35	.15	.00	-	47.66
MHM Automation Limited	.63	-	.76	.47	.07	.09	2.38	6.87
Michael Hill	1.17	-0.05	1.29	.54	.15	.12	5.62	9.35
Millenn&Cophtrn	2.30	-0.03	2.55	2.10	4.86	.35	-	6.52
Move Logistics	1.69	-0.13	1.98	.99	.17	.00	-	170.49
My Food Bag	1.20	-0.02	1.76	1.16	-.08	.01	3.47	119.14
Napier Port	3.14	+0.04	3.60	2.94	1.77	.11	3.32	27.09
NZ Automotive	.90	+0.04	1.30	.79	.31	.07	7.78	12.82
NZ King Salmn	1.37	-0.06	1.72	1.35	.98	-	-	-
NZ Oil & Gas	.46	-0.03	.75	.40	.61	-.22	-	-
NZ Refining Co	.87	-0.01	1.00	.40	1.72	-.05	-	-
NZ Rural Land Company	1.10	-	1.29	1.05	1.39	.24	-	4.47
NZME Ltd	1.42	+0.08	1.45	.62	-.04	.08	2.93	16.41
NZX Limited	1.77	-	2.19	1.68	-.01	.05	4.79	30.53
OceaniaHlth	1.30	+0.01	1.60	1.26	1.27	.14	4.23	8.84
P-S								
Pacific Edge	1.26	+0.02	1.59	.78	.11	-.02	-	-
PaySauce	.28	-0.01	.35	.25	.00	-.01	-	-
PGG Wrightson	4.35	-0.04	4.56	2.88	1.98	.30	8.94	14.46
Plexure	.42	+0.02	1.28	.38	.22	-.07	-	-
PLP Fund	1.22	-	1.23	1.05	1.19	-	2.37	-
Port of Tauranga	6.90	+0.12	7.83	6.51	2.04	.15	2.72	45.85
Precinct Prop	1.57	+0.01	1.79	1.53	1.52	.13	4.17	11.49

Australia

	Last Price	Weekly Move	52-week High	52-week Low	NTA	Dividend CPS	Yld%	P/E Ratio
Promisia Healthcare Ltd								
Prop For Ind	2.77	-0.02	3.10	2.72	2.71	.74	3.63	3.74
PushpayHld	1.36	-	2.10	1.27	.00	.04	-	28
QEX	.28	-	.38	.28	.13	-	-	-
Radius	.47	-0.03	1.82	.47	.18	.00	4.55	49.17
Rakon	1.78	-0.10	1.91	.47	.50	1.10	-	17.04
RestaurantBrands	14.90	+0.58	16.25	11.01	-.11	.43	-	34.41
Rua Bio	.40	+0.01	.67	.37	.17	-.03	-	-
Ryman Health	12.21	+0.01	15.99	11.97	5.96	.98	1.83	12.41
Sanford	4.95	+0.02	5.51	4.30	1.45	.17	-	28.51
Savor Ltd	.46	-	.74	.38	-.13	-.12	-	-
Scales Corp	5.38	+0.08	5.76	4.22	2.40	.15	4.90	35.46
Scott Tech	3.50	+0.13	3.55	1.76	.31	.12	1.71	28.81
Seeka Kiwifruit	5.25	+0.01	5.68	3.93	5.44	.51	9.79	10.11
Serko Ltd	6.43	-0.32	8.35	5.17	.57	-.32	-	-
Skellerup	5.96	-0.10	6.50	3.10	.69	.20	3.41	28.94
Sky Network	1.77	-	2.20	1.51	.60	.27	-	6.55
SKYCITYEnt	2.99	-0.11	3.69	2.82	1.31	.20	3.25	14.55
Smartpay	.76	+0.03	1.11	.69	.01	-.02	-	-
Smartsr APAC	2.26	-0.05	2.41	2.17	2.22	.48	1.67	4.7
Smartsr ASX Units	2.98	-0.06	3.17	2.73	2.98	.48	1.83	6.22
Smartsr AU 20	4.16	-0.09	4.56	3.78	4.16	1.19	2.85	3.48
Smartsr AU Div	1.60	-0.05	1.79	1.54	1.61	.46	4.19	3.48
Smartsr AU Fin	7.51	-0.14	8.29	6.50	7.50	2.43	1.98	3.09
Smartsr AU Mid	9.27	-0.11	9.64	8.09	9.26	3.39		

EDITORIAL

Testing times in Wairoa, Gisborne

News that two people in Wairoa have Covid-19, and Gisborne city's wastewater has again returned a positive test for Covid, were a significant reality check on the wider region's first day in New Zealand's new protection framework — one in which we have started at the highest setting because of low vaccination rates and vulnerable populations.

The onus is now on everyone with Covid/flu-like symptoms to get tested. In Wairoa that is at the Queen Street Practice (open 9am-5pm today and tomorrow), while in Gisborne the drive-through testing station has been stood up again at 110 Peel Street (beside Briscoes), and open 9am-4pm every day through to Wednesday for now.

Thankfully the two Wairoa cases have been isolating at home after contact with a known case, and there are no locations of interest. The fact that was a household contact is somewhat confusing. The Hawke's Bay DHB declined to offer an explanation, for that old chestnut of "privacy reasons", but a spokeswoman said further detail might be released at 1pm today.

All the best to them both.

Gisborne people probably need to be on even higher alert, and the worry is many won't be because our previous wastewater signal that Covid had arrived, a month ago, was followed by a return to negative city wastewater test results.

This latest positive test needs to be treated with the same level of concern; it is the same signal that someone has been shedding the virus in Gisborne and we could have otherwise undetected transmission of Covid-19 under way in our urban communities. The only way to confirm this is by people getting tested, and the need couldn't be more urgent — the earlier an outbreak is detected, the better the likely outcome.

Gisborne and Wairoa are among the most vulnerable places in Aotearoa due to our high Maori populations with lower vaccination rates, more communal and inter-generational living, and the fact a Covid infection is twice as likely to lead to hospitalisation for Maori.

We are well on the way to solid community protection thanks to vaccination, but need more time if at all possible. In Tairāwhiti, 77.5 percent of people have had both doses (up 2.7 percentage points from a week ago), while 68 percent of Maori have been double-dosed. In Wairoa township, just over 73 percent have had both doses.

All those who are due for their second dose need to get it now, and today is the best time to start for everyone yet have their first dose.

Narrative doesn't line up

Re: Fanciful expectations, wasted opportunities — Nov 30 column.

Clive goes fishing again. Aotearoa has the lowest rate of Covid-related deaths in the OECD. Part of that is thanks to our isolation as a small island nation surrounded by a lot of ocean, but most of it is thanks to the expertly managed controls put in place by two Labour-led Governments and the support of pretty much the whole country for the measures adopted.

I know Clive likes the divided nation narrative — along with the other anti-mandates, anti-

lockdowns, anti-vax, anti-facts whackos it serves particular political interests nicely, but it just doesn't line up with reality.

Younger Maori started slower but 83 percent of eligible Maori are now at least partially vaccinated and more than 93 percent of the overall population have chosen to be vaccinated — the proportion for both climbs every day and the health system is so far coping with the increase in cases, because we've done so well as the team of five million.

MANU CADDIE

Future-proofing or stealth?

Spray-painted coloured lines and spots appeared on the berm in the region of our "Toby" recently. Being of a naturally curious nature, and judging that this was not the work of a local graffiti artist, I messaged GDC to ask if they knew anything about it and was duly informed that: "The Tobys in the street are being upgraded and the paint shows the contractors your one is to be replaced. There will be a letter delivered to your mail box in the next days about the works."

Sure enough, a leaflet appeared in our mailbox later that day explaining that "repairs and maintenance" to

our water connection would be carried out the following day. I was quite unaware that any repairs were necessary, but hey-ho — c'est la vie!

After the work was completed I satisfied my curiosity by lifting the lid to inspect the work and, lo and behold, there was a new stopcock and what appeared to strongly resemble a water meter.

There had been no mention of water meters in any communication.

No doubt GDC would call it "future-proofing"; I call it "stealth".

PETER WOODING

More on new meters . . .

I must confess my outburst on the new parking meters was somewhat the result of encountering one of the "beasts" while under time pressure a few days ago.

So, in case I had to eat my words, I returned to town to do some more checking, and did a little hunting around on the internet.

Typically, the council has not put any comprehensive instructions on its website on how to use the new meters. Useless.

There are two varieties of the Metro line of meters — a boxy pillar and a slimline model with a tilted "head".

I checked a different pillar to the first, and found the screen still hard to read, the lettering very small, and the whole process more long-winded than the old drop-a-coin-in, wind-the-knob and walk away.

Everything too small for older eyes and hands.

The LCD greyscale screen is not backlit and the plastic window will only get harder to see through as it ages through weathering and wear and tear.

Typing is difficult with small buttons, and plenty of opportunity for mistakes — but at my second

encounter — SUCCESS with my donation to the city coffers!

I then found the slimline model, and am pleased to say the screen is easier to read with being angled and light falling on it.

However, while they are undoubtedly a piece of technical wizardry, they are over-complicated with too many choices and functions. I firmly believe in the KISS principle — Keep It Simple, Stupid.

Made in New Zealand they say — assembled here? Ultimately the tech comes from the USA, as one part of a conglomerate — Linfox Armaguard, through the Armaguard Cash Management wing.

I don't know what was involved selecting these meters — but perhaps they were influenced by the fact that Auckland, Tauranga, Christchurch, Nelson and others use them, and that the supplier is a big multinational.

There are claimed savings on maintenance and so on — and other cities' testimonials read as if they were written by the company itself.

I still say they are over-complex . . . and I still don't like 'em!

ROGER HANDFORD

Let's secure penguin site and add a viewing tower

Having had experience with blue penguins and lost habitat, such as at Makorori Beach, I see a simple solution as seen around the world — shelter and peaceful breeding and rest places.

Kaiti Beach has wandering dogs and not all of these are on leashes. We have wandering dogs at night that the GDC dog catchers are trying to impound or kill. They have killed pets around Kaiti at night, and it has been proven that these dead penguins were killed by dogs.

The lay of the land around the expanding port is ideal to solve this. The 90 degree inside corner could be fenced off for a distance of at least 100 metres. Steel wire at a height where a dog or even people cannot get into the enclosure. A digger could make a large number of trenches with wooden boxes set underground about three

metres down the trench at their far end. The ground could be left with small native grasses and left as is, over time.

As an observation site, a tower about 20 metres tall would enable people and watchers a view of penguins returning to the nests in the evening. This is very beautiful to see. It is not an expensive proposition, and would show locals and tourists what Tairāwhiti has created right on our doorstep.

Funding is possible as the Government funds organisations like Forest and Bird to operate. Maybe even Eastland Port could join in.

Thanks to the people who protested about this horrible problem. Let's fix it. It's over to us all.

ALAIN JORION, NZ Recreational Fishing Council and Gisborne Tātapouri Sports Fishing Club life member

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

Scanning fail, back to manual

I visited our excellent HB Williams Memorial Library yesterday.

On arrival, I was politely asked by security to show my vaccination pass. I produced mine, which is printed on paper. Unfortunately the mobile phone being used did not acknowledge my pass. The pleasant security lass also tried her phone to scan my pass, to no avail.

As this was not expected by any of us, security recorded my visit manually on paper and I was allowed to enter the library.

Is this just a first-day problem

or will it happen to all paper vaccination passes?

Will places requiring vaccination passes have to have paper and pen, on hand, to manually record paper vaccination passes which failed to scan?

This could be an ongoing issue for me and others with paper vaccination passes.

Some helpful answers would be welcome please.

So much for modern technology!

BARBARA N. BARWICK

Services we all pay for . . .

Re: Vaccine Pass protest, December 3 story.

The Gisborne council should refund rates money paid by unvaccinated people in Gisborne for services they can no longer access. It is absolutely unfair for the council to ban unvaccinated people from using these services. What a shame that this is happening in Gisborne! I'm lost for words.

C. NICHOLSON

Seriously? . . . "and its customer services area".

Well, I pay rates by walking into the building, using the EftPos terminal and get a paper receipt

for tax records. So that next rates payment will not happen unless GDC puts an EftPos terminal on an outside wall, or similar?

If GDC insists we go paperless, they could supply the electronic device and the annual broadband fee, and insurance in case the device gets dropped, lost or stolen.

How about the homestead building to connect the Broadband to, when a fixed address is expected?

All this for a disease not much more lethal to under-70 people than the annual influenza . . . ?

As the Chinese curse says, "May you live in Interesting Times".

WILL DOBBIE

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Delta measures will work for Omicron, says WHO

MANILA, Philippines — Measures used to counter the Delta variant should remain the foundation for fighting the coronavirus pandemic, even in the face of the new Omicron version of the virus, World Health Organisation officials said on Friday, while acknowledging that the travel restrictions imposed by some countries may buy time.

While about three dozen countries worldwide have reported Omicron infections, the numbers so far are small outside of South Africa, which is facing a rapid rise in cases and where the new variant may be becoming dominant. Still, much remains unclear about Omicron, including whether it is more contagious, as some health authorities suspect, whether it makes people more seriously ill, or whether it can evade vaccine protection.

“Border control can delay the virus coming in and buy time. But every country and every community must prepare for new surges in cases,” Dr Takeshi Kasai, the WHO regional director for the Western Pacific, told reporters on Friday during a virtual news conference from the Philippines. “The positive news in all of this is that none of the information we have currently about Omicron suggests we need to change the directions of our response.”

That means continuing to push for higher vaccination rates, abiding by social-distancing guidelines, and wearing masks, among other measures, said WHO Regional Emergency Director Dr Babatunde Olowokure.

He added that health systems must “ensure we are treating the right patients in the right place at the right time, and so therefore ensuring that ICU beds are available, particularly for those who need them.”

Kasai warned, “We cannot be complacent.”

WHO has previously urged against border closures, noting they often have limited effect and can cause major disruptions. Officials in southern Africa, where the Omicron variant was first identified, have decried restrictions on travellers from the region, saying they are being punished for alerting the world to the mutant strain.

Scientists are working furiously to learn more about Omicron, which has been

Past Covid infection may not fend off new variant — study

THE HAGUE — South African scientists are warning that reinfections among people who’ve already battled Covid-19 appear to be more likely with Omicron than with earlier Covid mutants.

A research group has been tracking reinfections in South Africa and reported a jump with the arrival of Omicron that they hadn’t seen when two previous variants, including the extra-contagious Delta, moved through the country.

The findings, posted online on Thursday, are preliminary and haven’t yet undergone scientific review. Nor did the researchers say what portion of the reinfections were confirmed as Omicron cases — or whether they caused serious illness.

But the timing of the reinfection spike suggests that Omicron “demonstrates substantial population-level evidence for evasion of immunity from prior infection,” they wrote.

“Previous infection used to protect against Delta, and now with Omicron it doesn’t seem to be the case,” one of the researchers, Anne von

Gottberg of the University of Witwatersrand, said at a WHO briefing on Thursday.

The study also did not examine the protection offered by vaccination. Covid vaccines trigger different layers of immune response, some to fend off infection and others to prevent severe disease if someone does become infected. “We believe that vaccines will still, however, protect against severe disease,” von Gottberg said.

Dr Michael Ryan, the head of emergencies at WHO, said reinfection turns up in the nose but it doesn’t necessarily translate into severe disease, while vaccines have generally shown to help protect the rest of the body.

“The data we’re really looking to see is going to be around severity of infection and whether or not the vaccines continue to protect against severe disease, hospitalisation and death,” Ryan said.

“And right now, there’s no reason to suppose that they won’t. We just haven’t got the details yet.” — AP

designated a variant of concern because of the number of mutations and because early information suggests it may be more transmissible than other variants, Kasai said.

A few countries in Western Pacific region are facing surges that began before Omicron was identified, though Covid-19 cases and deaths in many others have decreased or plateaued, Kasai said. But that could change.

Among the places that have found the variant in the region are Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Singapore and Malaysia — and it is likely to crop up in more places.

The emergence of Omicron is of particular concern for organisers of the Beijing Winter Olympic Games, now about two months away. Beijing is adopting a series of measures to reduce the risk the virus will spread during the Games, Zhao Weidong, spokesperson for the organising committee, told reporters on Friday.

China has adopted a zero-tolerance policy toward Covid-19 transmission and has some of the world’s strictest border

controls. Games participants will have to live and compete inside a bubble, and only spectators who are residents of China and have been vaccinated and tested will be permitted at venues.

Globally, cases have been increasing for seven consecutive weeks and the number of deaths has started to rise again, too, driven largely by the Delta variant and decreased use of protective measures in other parts of the world, Kasai said.

“We should not be surprised to see more surges in the future. As long as transmission continues, the virus can continue to mutate, as the emergence of Omicron demonstrates, reminding us of the need to stay vigilant,” Kasai said.

He warned especially about the likelihood of surges due to more gatherings and movement of people during the holiday season. The northern winter season will also likely bring other infectious respiratory diseases, such as the flu, alongside Covid-19.

“It is clear that this pandemic is far from over and I know that people are worried about Omicron,” Kasai said. — AP

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Hippos test Covid positive

BRUSSELS — A Belgian zoo said on Friday that a pair of hippopotamuses in its care are in isolation after testing positive for Covid-19, possibly the first time ever such animals have caught the disease.

Belgium’s national veterinary lab has confirmed that Antwerp Zoo’s two hippos — Imani, aged 14, and 41-year-old Hermien — contracted Covid-19. It’s unclear how they caught it. Both the giant semiaquatic herbivores are well, apart from exceptionally runny noses. Keepers have tightened virus restrictions around the zoo.

“To my knowledge, it’s the first recorded contamination among this species. Throughout the world this virus has mostly been seen in great apes and felines,” Antwerp Zoo vet Francis Vercammen said.

How the hippos got the disease remains a mystery. All the zoo’s animals were tested for Covid-19 last year and no case was found. Hippos noses normally tend to be wet, but Vercammen said he decided to test the thick liquid coming out as a precaution, and was surprised by the result.

The hippos’ enclosure has been closed to visitors and will only be reopened once the pair test negative. — AP

One percent Germans infected

BERLIN — Germany’s health minister said on Friday that more than 1 percent of the population — almost a million people — are currently infected with the coronavirus, and called on citizens to get vaccinated if they haven’t done so yet. The country confirmed 74,352 new daily Covid cases and 390 additional deaths, figures published by the federal disease control agency showed. According to the Robert Koch Institute’s calculations, some 925,800 people in Germany are considered actively infected with the virus.

Health Minister Jens Spahn noted that the number of unvaccinated residents who are infected and seriously ill is much higher than their share of the overall population.

“If all German adults were vaccinated, we wouldn’t be in this difficult situation,” he told reporters in Berlin. — AP

S. Korea tightens restrictions

SEOUL — South Korea is tightening recently relaxed restrictions on social gatherings as it grapples with its worst wave of the virus since the start of the pandemic.

Starting next week, private social gatherings of seven or more people will be banned in Seoul and nearby metropolitan areas, which have been hit hardest by a delta-driven spread that threatens to overwhelm hospital capacities. Gatherings will be limited to eight people in areas outside the capital region, officials said Friday.

Adults will also be required to verify their vaccination status through apps to use restaurants, movie theatres, museums, libraries and other indoor venues. — AP

Southern Africa’s detection of mutant strain insightful

JOHANNESBURG — Dr Sikhulile Moyo was analysing Covid-19 samples in his lab in Botswana last week when he noticed they looked startlingly different from others.

Within days, the world was ablaze with the news that the coronavirus had a new variant of concern — one that appears to be driving a dramatic surge in South Africa and offering a glimpse of where the pandemic might be headed.

New Covid-19 cases in South Africa have burgeoned from about 200 a day in mid-November to more than 16,000 on Friday. Omicron was detected over a week ago in the country’s most populous province, Gauteng, and has since spread to all eight other provinces, Health Minister Joe Phaahla said.

Even with the rapid increase, infections are still below the 25,000 new daily cases that South Africa reported in the previous surge, in June and July.

Little is known about the new variant, but the spike in South Africa suggests it might be more contagious, said Moyo, the scientist who may have been the first to identify the new variant, though researchers in neighbouring South Africa were close on his heels. Omicron has

more than 50 mutations, and scientists have called it a big jump in the evolution of the virus.

It’s not clear if the variant causes more serious illness or can evade the protection of vaccines.

Phaahla noted that only a small number of people who have been vaccinated have gotten sick, mostly with mild cases, while the vast majority of those who have been hospitalised were not vaccinated.

But in a worrisome development, South African scientists reported that Omicron appears more likely than earlier variants to cause reinfections among people who have already had a bout of Covid-19.

“Previous infection used to protect against Delta, and now with Omicron it doesn’t seem to be the case,” one of the researchers, Anne von Gottberg of the University of Witwatersrand, said at a World Health Organization briefing on Thursday.

While the study did not examine the protection offered by vaccination, von Gottberg said: “We believe that vaccines will still, however, protect against severe disease.”

The findings, posted online on Thursday, are preliminary and haven’t yet undergone



VACCINATION CAMPAIGN: Volunteers go door to door with vaccination information material in Lawley, South Africa, during a visit of local government officials for the launch of the Vooma vaccination programme on Friday. AP picture

scientific review.

South Africa’s hospitals are so far coping with the surge, even those in Gauteng province, which accounts for more than 70 percent of all new infections, Phaahla said.

The picture could change because most of those infected thus far have been younger

people, who generally do not get as sick as older patients. But Moyo expressed hope that vaccines would continue to work against the variant.

“I have a lot of hope from the data that we see that those vaccinated should be able to have a lot of protection,” he said. — AP

UN General Assembly urged to investigate Yemen atrocities

UNITED NATIONS — More than 60 organisations urged the UN General Assembly to establish an investigative body to gather and preserve evidence of serious human rights violations during Yemen's seven-year conflict, including possible war crimes and crimes against humanity.

The organisations, including Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, said the matter is urgent, particularly after the UN Human Rights Council voted in October to shut down its investigation into atrocities in Yemen. The Group of Eminent Experts had reported that potential war crimes have been committed by all sides. The Geneva-based council's vote was a stinging defeat for Western nations and a victory for Russia, China, Bahrain and other countries.

Yemen has been convulsed by civil war since 2014, when Iran-backed Houthi rebels took control of the capital, Sanaa, and much of the northern part of the country. That forced the internationally recognised government to flee to the south, then to Saudi Arabia.

A Saudi-led coalition entered the war in March 2015, backed by the United States, to try to restore President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi to power. Despite a relentless air campaign and ground fighting, the war has deteriorated largely into a

SEEKING

ACTION: Yemeni grooms dressed in traditional attire participate in a traditional mass wedding, held by the Houthis for thousands of couples in Sanaa, Yemen. More than 60 organisations urged UN to investigate war crimes in Yemen.

AP picture



stalemate and has spawned the world's worst humanitarian crisis.

The more than 60 organisations said the Human Rights Council vote in October was the result of an aggressive lobbying campaign by Saudi Arabia, backed by the UAE, a key coalition partner, and other allies.

"The international community cannot stand by and allow that vote to be the last word on accountability efforts for abuses and war crimes in

Yemen," the organisations said.

Amnesty International's Secretary-General Agnès Callamard told a virtual press conference that parties to the conflict, including the Saudis and Houthis, "have committed atrocities with impunity, and there is seemingly no end in sight for this war." That's why, she said, "we have to act now."

Every day, Callamard said, more people are being harmed and killed and the General

Assembly "could save millions of lives" by taking action.

In their joint statement to the General Assembly's 193 member nations, the rights groups and other organisations said the suffering inflicted on Yemeni civilians demands an investigative body "address impunity in the ongoing conflict and send a clear warning to perpetrators on all sides that they will be held accountable for war crimes and other serious violations of international humanitarian and human rights law."

UN members should approve an investigative "mechanism" to demonstrate to the Yemeni people that the United Nations will not turn a blind eye to their suffering and that they support international accountability for crimes and abuses committed in Yemen, the statement said.

Human Rights Watch Executive Director Kenneth Roth said the organisations will be going to capitals "to explain that, in light of the Saudi arm-twisting that killed the investigation by the UN Human Rights Council, the integrity of the UN human rights machinery, as well as many Yemeni lives, are at stake." "We are guardedly optimistic that we will have the votes in the General Assembly to create an investigative mechanism for Yemen," Roth said. — AP

Biden warns Putin against Ukraine invasion

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Friday vowed to make it "very, very difficult" for Russian President Vladimir Putin to take military action in Ukraine, saying his administration is putting together a comprehensive set of initiatives to curb Russian aggression.

The president offered the measured warning to Putin amid growing concern about a Russian buildup of troops on the Ukrainian border and increasingly bellicose rhetoric from the Kremlin.

"What I am doing is putting together what I believe will be the most comprehensive and meaningful set of initiatives to make it very, very difficult for Mr Putin to go ahead and do what people are worried he may do," Biden told reporters.

There are signs that the White House and Kremlin are close to arranging a conversation next week between Biden and Putin. Putin's foreign affairs adviser Yuri Ushakov told reporters on Friday that arrangements have been made for

a Putin-Biden call in the coming days, adding that the date will be announced after Moscow and Washington finalise details. The Russians say a date has been agreed upon, but declined to say when.

Biden did not detail what actions he was weighing. But Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, who met on Thursday with Secretary of State Antony Blinken in Sweden, said the US has threatened new sanctions. He did not detail the potential sanctions but suggested the effort would not be effective.

"If the new 'sanctions from hell' come, we will respond," Lavrov said. "We can't fail to respond."

Deep differences were on display during the Blinken-Lavrov meeting, with the Russia official charging the West was "playing with fire" by denying Russia a say in any further NATO expansion into countries of the former Soviet Union. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has pushed for Ukraine to join

the alliance, which holds out the promise of membership but hasn't set a timeline.

Blinken this week said the US has "made it clear to the Kremlin that we will respond resolutely, including with a range of high-impact economic measures that we've refrained from using in the past."

He did not detail what sanctions were being weighed, but one potentially could be to cut off Russia from the SWIFT system of international payments. The European Union's Parliament approved a nonbinding resolution in April to cut off Russia from SWIFT if its troops entered Ukraine.

Such a move would go far toward blocking Russian businesses from the global financial system. Western allies reportedly considered such a step in 2014 and 2015, during earlier Russian-led escalations of tensions over Ukraine.

Then-Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev said it would be tantamount to "a declaration of war." — AP

'A French success story'

France signs \$18bn weapons deal with UAE

DUBAI — France announced multibillion-euro deals on Friday to sell fighter planes and combat helicopters to the United Arab Emirates, aiming to boost military cooperation with its top ally in the Persian Gulf amid their shared concerns about Iran.

The UAE is buying 80 upgraded Rafale warplanes in a deal the French Defence Ministry said is worth 16 billion euros (\$18 billion) and represents the largest-ever French weapons contract for export. It also announced a deal with the UAE to sell 12 Airbus-built combat helicopters.

They offer a shot in the arm for France's defence industry after the collapse of a \$66bn contract for Australia to buy 12 French submarines that ultimately went to the US. But the deals faced criticism by human rights groups concerned about the UAE's involvement in the years-long war in Yemen.

The UAE contracts were signed as French President Emmanuel Macron visited the country on the first stop of a two-day visit to the Persian Gulf. France and Gulf countries have long been concerned by Iran's nuclear ambitions and influence across the region, particularly in Iraq, Syria and Lebanon.

France has particularly deep ties to the UAE, a federation of seven sheikhdoms on the Arabian Peninsula. France has a naval base there and

Macron said they are important contracts for the deepening defence cooperation between France and the UAE that will contribute to the stability of the region and enhance a common fight against terrorism.

French warplanes and personnel are also stationed in a major facility outside the Emirati capital, Abu Dhabi.

Speaking to reporters in Dubai, Macron said they are important contracts for the deepening defence cooperation between France and the UAE that will contribute to the stability of the region and enhance a common fight against terrorism.

In addition, "it's important for our economy because the planes are manufactured in France," he said.

Macron and Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the crown prince of Abu Dhabi and the UAE's de facto ruler, were present at the Rafale contract signing.

Manufacturer Dassault Aviation said the UAE is buying the upgraded F4 version of its multirole Rafale combat aircraft. That will make the Emirates Air Force the first Rafale F4 user outside

of France, it said.

Dassault Aviation boss Eric Trappier called the sale "a French success story" and "excellent news for France and for its aeronautical industry".

The purchase marks a sizable step up for the UAE's military capabilities in the oil- and gas-rich region. Charles Forrester, a senior analyst at Janes, said the fighter "will significantly upgrade UAE's airpower capabilities in terms of strike, air-to-air warfare, and reconnaissance." Abu Dhabi also hopes to buy American stealth F-35 fighters after diplomatically recognising Israel last year.

Dassault said the Rafale will give the UAE "a tool capable of guaranteeing sovereignty and operational independence" and that it will start delivering the planes in 2027.

French defence officials were jubilant. Defence Minister Florence Parly said the Rafale deal "directly contributes to regional stability." The additional sale of Caracal helicopters also illustrates "the density of our defence relationship," she said.

Human rights groups said weapons the UAE provides to its Gulf allies could be used "for unlawful attacks or even war crimes" in Yemen as well as Libya, a conflict that the UAE has been accused of being involved in through proxies.

— AP

BRIEFS

Lebanese minister resigns

BEIRUT — Lebanon's information minister resigned on Friday, saying he hoped the much anticipated move will open the way for easing an unprecedented diplomatic crisis with Saudi Arabia and other Gulf Arab countries. That crisis has added to immense economic troubles facing Lebanon, already mired in a financial meltdown.

Minister George Kordahi, a prominent former game show host, said he took the decision to step down ahead of French President Emmanuel Macron's visit to Saudi Arabia on Saturday (local time). The resignation, Kordahi said at a press conference in the Lebanese capital, may help Macron start a dialogue to help restore Beirut-Riyadh relations. — AP

Help sought to find killers

OREGON — Officials in Oregon are asking for public assistance to locate the person or persons responsible for poisoning eight wolves in the eastern part of the state earlier this year.

The Oregon State Police have been investigating the killing of all five members of the Catherine Pack in Union County, plus three other wolves from other packs, the agency said.

"To my knowledge this is the first wolf pack to be killed by poison in Oregon," said Capt. Stephanie Bigman of the OSP in Salem. "To my knowledge there are no suspects. All investigative leads have been exhausted and that is why we are reaching out to the public for assistance."

Wolf advocates were stunned by the news. "This is horrific," said Sristi Kamal of Defenders of Wildlife in Portland. "This is quite clearly an intentional and repeat offence."

Oregon has only about 170 wolves within its borders, and the loss of eight "is so egregious," Kamal said. — AP

India braces for tropical storm

HYDERABAD — Indian authorities issued an alert, shut schools and cancelled trains in parts of the country on Friday as rescue teams braced for a tropical storm brewing in the Bay of Bengal.

The storm is expected to hit the coastline of the southern state of Andhra Pradesh on Saturday, then enter eastern Odisha and West Bengal states on Sunday with wind speeds of up to 100 kilometres per hour, Indian Meteorological Department chief Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said.

Scientists say severe storms are becoming more frequent in India and changing climate patterns have caused them to become more intense.

Andhra Pradesh state relief commissioner Kanna Babu said fishing boats in both states have been ordered to return to harbour and thousands of rescue and relief teams are fanning out for recovery operations. — AP

Nehammer to be chancellor

AUSTRIA — After 24 hours of political turmoil, Austria's ruling People's Party has chosen Interior Minister Karl Nehammer to take over as leader of both party and country.

Nehammer will be the party's third choice of chancellor in weeks, after Sebastian Kurz stood down in October. Kurz is under investigation after he was implicated in a corruption scandal. — BBC



Major Wooten

WW2 veteran honoured on 105th birthday

HUNTSVILLE — A World War 2 veteran from Alabama who survived Covid-19 last year has been honoured on his 105th birthday on Friday with the French Legion of Honour in recognition of his service.

Major Wooten, who repaired bomb-damaged trains in France as an Army private, will receive France's highest decoration during a combination medal ceremony and birthday party in Huntsville, according to a statement by the French consulate in Atlanta and his granddaughter, Holly McDonald.

"The Legion of Honour is bestowed upon French citizens as well as foreign nationals who have served France or the ideals it upholds, including individuals who have contributed to the country professionally, as well as veterans such as the Americans who risked their lives during WW2 fighting on French soil," the consulate announcement said.

The consul general for France in Atlanta, Vincent Hommeril, will decorate Wooten with the medal, approved by French President Emmanuel Macron.

Drafted in 1943, Wooten landed in France in 1944 and was one of four brothers serving at the same time during the war. He served in Le Mans before being sent to work at a railroad station in Paris, according to a summary of his service from the French.

Wooten returned home in 1946 following the war and had a postwar career with US Steel in Birmingham. He tested positive for Covid-19 in November 2020 after his daughter contracted the illness but recovered in time to spend his 104th birthday at home.

Wooten "is doing really well" despite the illness and participated in Veterans Day activities recently, said McDonald. Mental fuzziness that initially appeared with the illness faded away, she said, and his physical strength recovered, too.

"We really saw an improvement after therapy," she said. — AP

INSPIRING ATHLETE:

Sara Becarevic was born without a lower left arm in Bosnia, a poor Balkan country notorious for the large-scale social and economic exclusion of people with disabilities. Still, it never occurred to her that that could stop her from pursuing her dream of becoming an internationally recognised rhythmic gymnast. Sara says the sport has enchanted her since she was a toddler and watched the world championships on television. It didn't take her long to try to imitate the moves at home. Fast forward almost 11 years and Sara, who turns 14 on Dec. 16, is winning medals for her club, Visoko, named after the small Bosnian city where she was born. "Some people said that it was impossible, that I couldn't do it, but I can," Sara said. "I don't care about what others say, my own sense of what I can achieve is the only thing that matters."

AP picture



'Mindblowing'

Island turns into open-air lab for tech-savvy volcanologists

LAS MANCHAS, Canary Islands — They come with eagle-eyed drones and high-precision instruments. Aided by satellites, they analyse gas emissions and the flows of molten rock. On the ground, they collect everything from the tiniest particles to "lava bombs" the size of watermelons that one of nature's most powerful forces hurl as incandescent projectiles.

Scientists from around the world are flocking to La Palma, one of Spain's Canary Islands in the Atlantic Ocean, to take advantage of a volcanic eruption happening just an hour's drive from an international airport and the safety of being able to work under the escort of military brigades. They are applying cutting-edge technologies to scrutinise a rare volcanic eruption from the land, the sea, the air — and even space.

As in the two dozen other major live eruptions across the planet, from Hawaii to Indonesia, the ultimate goal on La Palma is to use a unique window of opportunity to better understand volcanic eruptions: how they form, develop and, even more crucially for the islanders, how and when they end.

But despite recent technological and scientific leaps, the researchers can only do a lot of estimating of what happens in the underworld where magma is formed and melts any human-made equipment.

"There has been a lot of progress in the last 30 or 40 years in the understanding of geological and evolutionary processes, but it's still difficult to know for sure what happens at 40 to 80 kilometres of depth,"

VOLCANO SCIENCE: Scientists from CSIC (Spanish National Research Council) take geophysics measurements on the Canary Island of La Palma, Spain. AP picture



said Pedro Hernández, an expert with the Canary Islands' volcanology institute, Involcan.

"We are probably beginning to know the stars better than what happens under our feet," he said.

Volcanic eruptions are a once or, at most, twice-in-a-generation event in the Canary Islands archipelago, which lies 100 kilometres northwest of Africa. Some of the Canary Islands are still growing due to magma accumulating underneath and, as is happening in La Palma, by forming lava peninsulas beyond the coastline.

"It's been mind-blowing, literally, to see this dynamism in action," the geologist said. "We are learning so much about how volcanoes work."

Still, trying to compare notes with previous eruptions involves delving into centuries-old records, some from a time when photography did not exist.

The European Union's Copernicus satellite program has produced high-resolution imagery and mapping of the island to track quake-induced deformations, leading to near real-time tracking of lava flows and ash accumulation. Its experts have also been

able to observe how large plumes of sulphur dioxide, a toxic gas, have travelled long distances across North Africa, the European mainland and even as far as the Caribbean.

At sea, Spanish research vessels are studying the impact the eruption is having on the marine ecosystem as fingers of lava extend out beyond the coast.

The next big leap for volcanology is expected when robotically operated rovers like the ones sent to the moon or Mars can be used in volcanoes, said Troll, who thinks knowledge from those rovers could guide how to rebuild the tourism-dependent island.

"We need to learn how we can protect the population as well as the growing industry to build a sustainable society," he said.

Despite its limited resources, Involcan has been producing daily reports that help civil protection authorities on La Palma decide whether to evacuate or issue lockdowns when gas concentrations become too toxic. That means analysing terabytes of data, both from automatic detectors in strategic locations and from samples recovered in field trips. — AP



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END OF THE LINE: Retiring long-time auctioneer Peter McGrannachan yarded his last stock yesterday at the Matawhero saleyards. He and wife Jude will move to Christchurch to be near their grandchildren. Picture by Murray Robertson

Pete calls time on successful auction career

by Murray Robertson

THE stock agency scene in Tairāwhiti farewelled a long-time stalwart of the industry yesterday as auctioneer Peter McGrannachan called his final lot at the weekly Matawhero sheep sale.

His retirement ends more than 50 years in the industry for someone described as “a genuine man with a passion for the district”.

Pete played a mean set of bagpipes, played rugby for Poverty Bay and the East Coast, and was a real local character.

He and his wife Jude plan to purchase a home in Christchurch and head there next week to be nearer their grandchildren.

The last of Pete’s renowned Bell Road auctions earlier this month drew a big crowd, ending an iconic local event that saw just about everything change hands over 26 years.

He’s sold everything from chooks to pigs, ponies, horses, sheep and cattle, cars, utes, tractors, farm machinery, tools, household items, and then there’s the llamas, rabbits, donkeys, turkeys, geese, goats and even peacocks.

It was the only sale of its type left in New Zealand.

Pete’s good mate Neville Clark was with him right through that final sale.

Clarkie summed Pete up this way.

“He’s a very genuine, home-grown man with a passion for the coast.

“He worked in an industry that is sometimes not easy to be in. It is demanding and Pete’s hung in there, done the miles and gone the distance.

He has been a big part of the stock agency business in the region.

“But also, with his Bell Road auctions, and his many other involvements in the community with auctioneering, he will certainly be a big loss to the district,” Mr

Clark said.

“Pete will have a good retirement with his grandkids in Christchurch, and that’s probably as good a prize as you can get for 50 years in the industry.”

The feeling between the two men has been mutual.

“We have shared many good laughs when we are auctioneering together,” Pete said.

“Clarkie’s quick wit is second to none.” Pete started his agency career in Gisborne with Dalgetys in the early 1970s, then moved to Ruatoria for four years, then to Waipukurau for 18 months, then back to Gisborne and has been here ever since, working for a variety of companies.

“The thing I have most enjoyed about being a stock agent is the people.

“They have made my job and I’ve met so many characters over the years.”

Pete’s had a fair bit to do with charity fundraisers over the years, like the Eastland Rescue Helicopter Trust charity

auction, Nicks Head fishing competition, Tolaga Bay coastguard, and the Tokomaru Bay wharf fundraiser. He has helped local schools.

“I have loved being a part of that, and the generosity of the community here does not happen anywhere else in New Zealand.”

Pete knows where the lion’s share of the credit should go.

“I would not have been able to do what I’ve done, and be as successful as I have been, without the constant support and love from Jude.

“We are both so proud of our girls Nicola and Amy, and have loved watching them grow up in Gisborne, play hockey and go rowing.

“Jude and I will miss the people of Gisborne.

“But our roots are here, we’re born and bred here, so Gisborne and the Coast will always be in our hearts.”

‘The generosity of the community here does not happen anywhere else in New Zealand’

—Pete McGrannachan

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Prices steady at Matawhero sale

by Murray Robertson

THE weekly sheep sale at the Matawhero saleyards yesterday drew a yarding of around 2600 head and the prices held on from last week.

There were 359 prime sheep, 103 store ewes and 2100 lambs presented.

The top money in the prime pens

was \$290 for some prime lambs, and the prime ewes made a top price of \$200.

In the store ewes section the top price was \$164, and the pick of the store lambs (they were ram lambs) went for \$121.

The top value for the ewe lambs was \$115.



TOP PEN: All four in the top pen at the Mangahauhou ram sale yesterday sold for \$1700, and 15 out of 16 in the first four pens went for the same price. Picture by Murray Robertson

Solid result at Mangahauhou

by Murray Robertson

MANGAHAUHAU Hampshires at Hangaroa got all of their strapping young Hampshires and South Suffolk rams away to new homes yesterday in the stud’s annual sale at the Matawhero saleyards.

It was another consistent auction for Mark and Rose Candy, with 15 out of 16 rams in their first four pens selling for an auction-high price of \$1700, and the other for \$1600.

Across both Hampshire and South Suffolk line-ups 62 out of 67 sold at auction, and the others sold immediately afterwards.

Auctioneer Andrew Holt from Carrfields said it was another very good presentation by Mangahauhou in what he called a “good, solid sale”.

“The South Suffolks showed really

good carcass conformation and the Hampshires were true to type.

“The Candys were well supported by a good bench of regular buyers.”

Mark Candy said in welcoming would-be buyers and supporters that the stud was getting more and more technical every year.

“The scanning results have been consistent right through.”

Mr Holt said the Candys were always looking to improve.

“They breed tough sheep on tough country.”

“Treat them mean and keep them keen,” Mark said.

The top price for the South Suffolks was \$1500, and the average across the whole sale was \$1235, which was up on last year’s sale.

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Zespri's final shipments for 2021 leave Port of Tauranga

THE last of this year's crop of Zespri Kiwifruit departed from the Port of Tauranga this week, concluding another strong but challenging season of New Zealand-grown kiwifruit.

The final 1800 tonnes of Zespri Green Kiwifruit went on board MV Kakariki which will unload in Tokyo and Kobe in early December, with the final refrigerated containers bound for Hong Kong departing in coming days.

Chief Global Supply Officer Alastair Hulbert said the disruption to global shipping networks has seen Zespri increase its reliance on chartered reefer vessels this season, with 66 used this year compared with 49 last year.

Around 17,000 refrigerated containers have also been used to safely deliver over 177 million trays (or around 620,000 tonnes) of class 1 fruit to Zespri's global customers and consumers during a season affected yet again by the impacts of Covid-19.

"This has certainly been one of our most difficult seasons to date with both labour shortages and rising costs as well as the additional complexity and uncertainty driven by Covid-19, and the challenges we are facing are likely to remain as

we head into the 2022 season," Mr Hulbert said.

"The pandemic and the associated ongoing global shipping disruptions saw us increase the number of chartered reefer sailings we had planned in order to safely and flexibly ship our fruit to key ports in Asia, Northern Europe and the Mediterranean.

"This allowed us to minimise the impact of the disruption and deliver our season."

Mr Hulbert said the success of the season required a huge effort from front-line staff, the wider industry and the global supply chain.

"These teams across the supply chain have worked hard to ship more kiwifruit while maintaining enhanced safety protocols and also managing the increased disruption and pressure caused by Covid-19.

"Our partnerships both on and off the water are critical to the New Zealand kiwifruit industry's success and they were critical in helping us deliver our Vitamin C-rich fruit to the world again this year."

This season also marked the largest Zespri SunGold Kiwifruit season yet, with just over one hundred million trays delivered for the first time, and around 77 million trays of Green Kiwifruit.



LAST KIWIS: Zespri has shipped away the last of the kiwifruit crop for the season this week on board the MV Kakariki from Tauranga (pictured loading in Gisborne earlier in the year) and the last of the refrigerated container loads of 'kiwis' also about to depart for overseas markets. Holly Owens and Herbie Beckham were pictured picking some of the Gisborne crop earlier this year.

File pictures



Drought recovery programme ends

by Murray Robertson

THE official drought recovery programme put in place for Tairāwhiti earlier this year has ended, but recovery coordinator Kristin Kirkpatrick reminds farmers to plan and prepare for the next one.

"It seems ironic to be talking drought when earlier this month we had significant rainfall.

"However, as official drought recovery closed on November 30, it's never too early for farmers to remind themselves a level of planning and preparedness will set them in good stead," Mrs Kirkpatrick said.

"Mother nature is the great equaliser, the uncontrollable, the challenger.

"Her only guarantee is unpredictability and our only defence is to utilise all of the information at our fingertips to best prepare for what she will bring us,"

Mrs Kirkpatrick said, again the key message or takeaway from her

conversations with farmers around the region was planning and preparedness.

"Now is the time to be sitting down with your farming partner or farm team and analysing the conditions on your farm, undertaking an inventory of feed supply and feed stores, and checking water supplies and storage.

"Also, looking at your summer stocking rate and calculating stock feed requirements should we get another dry summer.

"Beef and Lamb NZ's online knowledge hub has a raft of easy to use tools and information on Dry Management



Kristin Kirkpatrick

Planning.

"This is free and accessible to everyone and a great deal of thought and knowledge has gone into the creation of these resources."

Mrs Kirkpatrick said though climate predictions were looking favourable it should be noted that after two years of 'dry', many farmers were heading into summer with the attitude of 'erring on the side of caution'.

"Niwa's Seasonal Climate Outlook November 2021- January 2022 for Gisborne, Hawke's Bay and Wairapapa predicts temperatures very likely above average (60 percent chance).

"Rainfall totals most likely near normal (40 percent chance), with moist, humid easterlies increasing the chance of periodic heavy rainfall across Gisborne and northern Hawke's Bay.

"Also, soil moisture and river flows are most likely to be near normal (50 percent chance)".

This would be an opportune time to

remind farmers that getting in early supplementary feed suppliers for baleage would be one of the most important steps to mitigating the risk of 'dry', she said.

"Many of our local suppliers sold out of on-hand bales very early in the New Year this year, so planning for and knowing feed requirements is really important.

"I want to thank all those farmers who took the time to share their drought experiences with me during the year.

"I have learned a huge amount about living and farming through 'dry' periods, and have heard first hand about the importance of people and community connectedness to provide help and support through adverse events," Mrs Kirkpatrick said.

"I encourage all farmers and growers to look after themselves, their team and enjoy the festive season.

"Take a break and get off farm whenever you can to refresh and regroup. "Do something off farm that gives you joy."

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Auckland reaches 90pct vax target

AUCKLAND — Health authorities confirmed yesterday that 90 percent of the eligible population across Tamaki Makaurau were now fully vaccinated.

After more than 100 days in lockdown, New Zealand's largest city was moved to the traffic light system yesterday, with cafes, bars, gyms and cinemas opening. The rest of the nation was also moved into the new traffic light system.

Yesterday also saw a number of "significant vaccination achievements" in Auckland, the Northern Region Health Coordination Centre (NRHCC) said.

With Waitemata DHB joining Auckland DHB in surpassing the 90 percent mark, the figure had now been achieved as an average across the three DHBs in the city.

Auckland DHB had reached 97 percent of eligible people receiving their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine, and 93 percent fully vaccinated, while Waitemata's first dose rate was 93 percent, with 90 percent of its eligible residents now fully vaccinated.

First-dose vaccination rates in Counties Manukau stood at 93 percent for first doses and 87 percent for second jabs. The DHB projected they would hit the 90 percent target within the next couple of weeks.

Eighty percent of Maori aged 12 years and over in Auckland DHB were now fully vaccinated.

NRHCC vaccination programme director, Matt Hannant, said the result was a "testament to the



File picture

determination and relentless efforts of our Maori and Pacific providers, who have been bringing the vaccine and information to all corners of the city, for months on end".

NRHCC Maori lead, Karl Snowden, said the consistent hard work on the ground had absolutely paid off.

"It's heart-warming to hear that such a large proportion of our Maori population, who are three times more likely to be hospitalised with Covid, are now protected.

"Our Maori providers who have taken to the streets with their

vaccination buses and campervans for months on end, don't plan on letting up until that all-important target is met."

There were a large number of pop-up events planned in South Auckland over the next few weeks and Mr Snowden said he was confident that Counties Manukau would hit the 90 percent double-dosed vaccination target very soon.

Across the country, 93 percent of eligible people had now had their first dose of the vaccine, and 87 percent were fully vaccinated.

— RNZ

'Getting 90 percent of Kiwis to agree on anything is highly unusual': Deputy PM

WELLINGTON — The deputy prime minister has hit back at claims that New Zealand is a divided nation over vaccinations, saying the numbers "simply do not bear that out".

Grant Robertson and the Director of Public Health Dr Caroline McElroy were providing yesterday's Covid update, which was intended to be the last Friday news conference of the year.

There were 92 new community cases reported yesterday.

As NZ moved into the Covid Protection Framework and the new traffic light system, Robertson thanked all those who had helped to achieve the high vaccination rates necessary for the new system to kick in.

Robertson said the country was able to make the move to the traffic light system because it had come through the past two years in better shape than many other places in the rest of the world, and also because of our high — and still rising — vaccination levels.

"Of the eligible population, we now have 93 percent who have had a first dose and 87 percent fully vaccinated. Of the remaining five district health boards (DHBs) that are still to reach 90 percent first dose, the Lakes DHB has just 785 more vaccinations to go and the West Coast DHB has 284 to

reach the target," he said. The number of vaccinations showed that those who tried to portray New Zealand as a divided nation over getting the job were wrong, he said.

"Getting 90 percent-plus of New Zealanders to agree on anything is a highly unusual achievement."

He said there were expected to be teething problems in the next few days with the traffic light system, and the Government would be monitoring and tweaking as needed — as was done when the alert-level system was introduced.

"We are all learning as we go."

Robertson said about 3.25 million vaccine passes had now been issued, including 250,000 on Thursday.

About 54,500 people were issued with exemption emails because their requests had not yet been resolved, and Robertson said 99 percent of those emails got through, and that they intended to do another run on those emails last night.

Robertson said the eighth and final round of the wage subsidy remained open until 11.59pm on December 9. The resurgence support payment numbers four to six remained open for applications until January 13, and the transition payment opens for applications from next Friday. — RNZ

Inside the emerging black market for vaccine passes

by Dylan Reeve,
The Spinoff story via NZ Herald

As My Vaccine Pass becomes a ticket to freedom, an illegal market is brewing for those who aren't yet double-jabbed. Dylan Reeve investigates for IRL.

AUCKLAND — New Zealand's traffic light system came into play yesterday, and perhaps inevitably, it was being accompanied by a new black market for stolen, shared and faked vaccine passes.

The My Vaccine Pass system was technically designed in a way that made it functionally impossible to create fake passes, but that was only true if passes were verified using the official verifier app. Because the only information on the pass was a name and date of birth, it would also be necessary to check some type of ID in order to confirm that a pass belonged to the person presenting it.

However, the Government's official advice to businesses about the passes made it clear that both these steps were optional. Simply looking at a pass was good enough for the purposes of the Protection Framework.

The practical choices in the way the system was implemented mean that, in

the real world, it was probably trivial for an unvaccinated person to simply use another person's pass — or possibly even present a totally fake one.

A Telegram seller, who when I last spoke to them, was selling fake vaccine record cards, recently made a big pivot to buying and selling official My Vaccine Passes.

The seller, "Vax Card NZ", told me via Telegram private message on Wednesday that they were diversifying: "Just transitioning to cover the digital passes, but we still are selling the cards".

They went on to explain that they were trying to build up a stock of official passes with a variety of names and birth dates.

"We ideally need a variety of cards to cover the base demographics," they said, in order to be able to offer suitable options to buyers.

But so far they had not had much luck getting official cards, and had been raising the price they were offering to buy the passes.

"We started at \$50 and we are now offering \$125, and will continue to raise prices until we are able to purchase enough stock," they continued.

As of Wednesday, Vax Card NZ reported that they had not been able to buy any cards, but they were expecting that to change.

"This will likely happen when the passes start to be used because people will be able to photograph other people's passes and then sell them," they explained, pointing out that all they needed was an image of the official QR code in order to recreate the pass for sale.

This would functionally create a market for stolen vaccine passes, incentivising people to capture images of strangers' vaccine passes; a process Vax Card NZ had called "mining" in their online advertisements.

The way the official vaccine passes had been designed also meant it was possible to create an entirely fake pass with any name and date of birth.

The fake pass would look real to any person reviewing it, but would neither pass nor fail if scanned by the official verifier app — it simply would not scan at all — leaving the person checking the pass with the decision as to whether or not to trust it.

The practical realities of the system were the issue, according to Andrew Chen, research fellow at Koi Tu — the Centre for Informed Futures at The University of Auckland.

"In an ideal world, checking a vaccine pass would have three steps," explained Mr Chen. "Step one: a human would visually sight the pass to confirm it looks like a vaccine pass."

Step two, according to Chen, would be to: "scan the QR code to confirm the pass is legitimately issued by the Ministry of Health, and that the name that appears on the pass is the same as the one that shows in the verifier app".

Finally, step three would involve "a photo ID check to confirm the person carrying the pass is the person named on the pass".

In reality though, that three-step process probably would not be happening in most places.

Even in cases where those steps were followed, businesses had no obligation (or power) to detain anyone who presented an improper vaccine pass, although a Ministry of Health spokesperson told The Spinoff that police would have the power to conduct spot checks at venues to verify passes and ID.

"Fraudulent use or misuse of My Vaccine Passes will be taken very seriously," said the ministry spokesperson, confirming that police and other agencies would investigate reported misuse and fraud on a case-by-case basis.

With a potential \$12,000 fine or six months in prison, anyone using a fraudulent pass was making a fairly significant gamble that they would go undetected.

Conversations within New Zealand's Covid denial and anti-vaccination online communities

about the vaccine pass system had been getting increasingly urgent as the framework moved from theory to reality.

Some were seeking to establish their own alternatives to the mainstream services they would be locked out of, by setting up groups and websites to facilitate direct trade and identify the businesses still happy to serve those without vaccine passes.

Others were looking for loopholes and schemes to gain access to restricted events and businesses while not being vaccinated. Shelling out a few bucks for a fraudulent pass might seem like an easy choice for some, and it was likely even more would jump on board if the early adopters report success.

The idea of vaccine pass fraud can seem pretty daunting, but according to Mr Chen we probably did not need to get too concerned, as our high vaccination rates and past Covid experience played in our favour. "I'd say the impact of fraud in New Zealand is likely to be lower than the impact in other countries," he said, pointing out that we were generally still pretty wary of high case numbers and more diligent when it came to social-distancing and wearing masks.

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New AM show line-up revealed

AUCKLAND — It's been a turbulent year for the AM show, which is set to rebrand as an all-new morning show in 2022, simply called AM.

And now Discovery has today announced two new hosts to sit alongside Ryan Bridge and Melissa Chan-Green within the rebranded format.

Veteran broadcaster Bernadine Oliver-Kerby and entertainer William Wairua will join Bridge and Chan-Green to complete the presenting ensemble for the all-new morning show AM in 2022.

Discovery says the show will be a mix of news, entertainment, sports and weather and says AM will offer New Zealanders "a whole new way to start your day".

Discovery's senior vice-president and general manager ANZ, Glen Kyne said: "We're delighted to have both Bernadine and William as part of our new-look AM and I'm excited about the ambition we share to make the very best show on morning television. Bernadine brings a wealth of broadcasting experience — credibility both in news and sport. She's also fun and quick witted. William is going to bring energy, humour, cheekiness and warmth — out and about connecting with communities around the country."

Oliver-Kerby will also present AM Early from 5.30am weekdays.

"I simply cannot wait to be a part of



NEW FACES: Veteran broadcaster Bernadine Oliver-Kerby (left) and entertainer William Wairua (right) will join Ryan Bridge and Melissa Chan-Green to complete the presenting ensemble for the all-new morning show AM in 2022. Picture supplied

the team on the new AM adventure," she said.

"From admiring the show from my couch at home — to now being a part of creating it, is a huge honour. I know the team both in front of the camera and behind it, and I can't wait to share our mornings with New Zealand."

Social media entertainer and reality star Wairua will be AM's weather presenter, where he will travel New Zealand telling the stories of local communities and showcase events while delivering the weather.

"I'm really excited to join our amazing new AM team and to bring great

synergies and positivity to morning tele. I can't wait to boost the morale of each and every New Zealander in the mornings."

Discovery shocked viewers in 2021 with the departure of all three existing hosts, Duncan Garner, Mark Richardson and Amanda Gillies.

Current host Ryan Bridge joined the show following Garner's exit in August.

In September, remaining co-hosts Mark Richardson and Amanda Gillies announced they were also leaving the show at the end of 2021, leaving Bridge as the only host left in the lineup for the new year.

It was then revealed Richardson was made redundant from the show. In an interview with Woman's Weekly, Richardson called the move disappointing but not unexpected.

"We've been together for five years and we've had a damn good run. It's disappointing because I love the job — it really is fun. But there's another chapter yet. I don't know how it's going to go, but that's exciting at the same time."

Both Richardson and Garner are set to take the radio airwaves in 2022 and Gilles is taking up a role as Newshub's national correspondent.

The new AM lineup is set to begin broadcasting together in 2022, though an exact on air date is yet to be confirmed.

— NZ Herald



Winston Peters.
File picture

Peters denied leave to appeal judgement

AUCKLAND — Winston Peters has been denied the chance to take his legal battle over the leaking of his superannuation overpayment to the Supreme Court.

The New Zealand First leader and former deputy prime minister took two senior public servants and two former National government ministers to court, claiming they breached his privacy before the 2017 election.

Peters was overpaid nearly \$18,000 over seven years, after he did not fill out a section of his application form that asked whether he had a partner.

He immediately repaid it, but information about it was leaked to the media.

The case was heard in the High Court at Auckland in 2019, but in his 2020 judgement, Justice Venning said Peters' claim failed because he could not establish any of the defendants were responsible for the leak.

Peters was ordered to pay nearly \$320,000 in costs.

He unsuccessfully challenged that in the Court of Appeal and now the Supreme Court has dismissed his application for leave to appeal.

Peters must pay \$2500 in costs. — RNZ

Pharmac to improve decisions

WELLINGTON — Pharmac is looking at ways to improve decision-making processes when buying drugs, after a report heavily criticised its focus on cost and failure to help address health inequities.

An interim report into the agency, released on Thursday said there was excessive focus on cost control, decision-making was opaque and slow, and that many believed New Zealand was falling behind in terms of the medicines that were funded.

The review, led by former Consumer chief executive Sue Chetwin, highlighted that the drug-buying body was underperforming in helping to remove inequitable health outcomes.

Pharmac chief executive Sarah Fitt told Morning Report the agency accepted a lot of the observations made in the interim report.

She said Pharmac was always looking for ways to save money, but acknowledged communication around the technical process of drug-buying hadn't been great.

"We have set out to actually improve our decision making; make it faster, make it simpler and make it more understandable."

One of the report's findings was that the agency had an "excessive focus on containing costs".

Pharmac operated under a fixed budget set by the Government so its only options to fund new medicines were by "getting

more money or by making savings", Fitt said.

"We want to fund as many new medicines as we can and we do that through creating savings opportunities."

A lot of the work the agency undertook in making those savings decisions was "quite technical" and involved liaising with a "large clinical advisory network", she said.

But explaining that work to the public and being transparent about the processes involved was something Pharmac needed to get better at.

"We need to do better in that space and we have a work programme under way and are keen to keep making improvements."

Fitt also accepted Pharmac had "a long way to go" to address another of the issues raised in the interim report — that of inequitable outcomes due to the agency's decision making.

She said more Maori staff had been hired by the agency and it also wanted to increase Maori capability across its clinical advisory networks.

"We've got some way to go, but we certainly have that commitment."

She referenced a decision earlier this year to fund some new diabetes medicines that included a specific pro-equity criteria for Maori and Pacific populations, and said an increased uptake of the medicines in those groups had already been seen.

One organisation advocating for



'EXCESSIVE FOCUS ON CONTAINING COSTS': Pharmac operates under a fixed budget set by the Government so its only options to fund new medicines was by "getting more money or by making savings", Pharmac chief executive Sarah Fitt said. Health Minister Andrew Little and Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern are pictured when they announced the Pharmac review back in March. File picture

those impacted by Pharmac decisions felt the draft report did not go far enough.

The Cancer Society said the agency's performance and access to cancer drugs was a major concern and it hoped the final report would be stronger than the interim one.

Chief executive Lucy Elwood said the first independent review of the agency

was a major milestone and needed to address the ever-growing chasm between those who could and could not pay for unfunded drugs.

She said patients struggled to access treatments that were considered standard in other countries.

A report offering solutions is due back to the Health Minister in February.

— Radio NZ

Around the Women's Institutes

NOVEMBER

Poverty Bay/Wairoa

The Federation held the International Showtime meeting on November 2 at the Kahutia Bowling Club.

Gisborne mayor Rehette Stoltz was able to attend for a short time to open the meeting despite her busy schedule.

With November being International Month for WI's across New Zealand, Poverty Bay/Wairoa used Canada as the theme for the meeting as it is the birthplace of the Women's Institute movement.

Members were asked to wear something red.

The competitions had a focus on Canada and guest speaker Mary Hope, who used to live in America close to the Canadian border, entertained with interesting facts about Canada.

An auction was held with edible produce including baking, eggs, preserves, oranges and avocados.

Certificates were presented by President Alison Crawford to Jean Mills and Sue Hope for their 40 years of service. Those unable to attend were Grace Newman, 50 years; Alison Haisman, 40 years; Dorothy Sparrow and Betty Walters, 20 years; and Bonnie Dwyer and Marion Fox, 10 years.

Handcraft officer Jean Mills was pleased with the competition entries.

Competition winners — A Christmas stocking, Christine Schofield, Frasertown WI.

A fabric drawstring pouch, Jean Mills, Puha WI.

Portrait photo showing emotion, Alison Crawford, Puha WI.

A new competition, a coloured-in picture, Sue Hope, Puha WI.

Cooking four cakes decorated in red and white, Alison Crawford.

The Panui Cup for a floral arrangement of fresh flowers in red and white with something from Canada added, Alison Crawford.

The Liz Ritchie Cup for most points at meeting, Puha WI.

Raffle draws were won by Jo Liew, Lorraine Horsfield, Colleen Scott, Jo Liew, Margaret Naden and Mary Bayley.

The meeting closed with lunch served by the catering ladies.

Turanganui

Ten Turanganui members enjoyed a WI International pot luck Christmas dinner. There was an array of scrumptious dishes on offer.

Frasertown

Frasertown WI had planned their November meeting to be a picnic at the beach, but due to wetness underfoot from five days of rain they were forced to change the venue to St Paul's Church hall.

On arrival members were surprised to find chairs already set up for birthday celebrations with delights of meringues, fruit, wine and a birthday cake with large strawberries on top.

President Brenda Allen cut the cake surrounded by members wearing Canadian colours to celebrate WI International Month. Nine members and one visitor attended.

December is the month Frasertown members deliver Meals on Wheels and at the November meeting members decided which days suited which member.

Next year's calendar was discussed with plenty of suggestions. The planned house and quiz did not eventuate as the clock said "time for home". A most enjoyable day.

Next month members are planning

to celebrate another member's 70th birthday at the Wairoa Club.

Puha

Almost all Puha members were present for the November meeting and enjoyed the warm weather, listening to the newsletter, sharing WI news and good conversation.

The roll call was "wear a pretty scarf or a special necklace".

Many members had had their necklaces and pendants for a long time, some were given by husbands and come with fond memories.

Three bags of toiletries were donated by members and taken to Women's Refuge.

It was agreed that the usual donations to the food bank and women's products would be given to the Salvation Army. Eighteen knitted stress dolls were also donated.

A hot meal was cooked by members and taken to Sherwood Club for 20 clients' dinner.

Alison Crawford and Christine Parkin joined other cooks to provide three-course meals for people as a fundraiser organised by Sherryl Gomm, for the Matunda Orphanage in Tanzania.

As an Institute, Puha always supports Sherryl and every second year donate things for the women and children — from new tea towels to coloured mugs and seeds as the women now have land to grow vegetables.

The Christmas meal and entertainment was arranged for the last meeting of the year.

The raffle was won by Grace Newman.

The Crawford Bud Vase went to Janette Gooch, the Dunlop Cup to Betty Thompson and the Points Cup was won by Sue Hope.



MO-MENTOUS: Peter Walters, Ron Seabrook, Barrie Denham and Tony Dobson were among the Poverty Bay Bowling Club members who sported moustaches in support of November. Picture supplied

For a good cause

POVERTY Bay Bowling Club had a "hair-raising impact" on men's health last month, with seven members participating in Movember.

Peter Walters, Tony Dobson, Lex Kennedy, Jeff Davis, Ron Seabrook, Les Whittington and Barrie Denham were among the

220,000 men around the country sporting marvellous moustaches throughout November.

Despite some of the men and their partners finding the moustaches uncomfortable, the club raised \$448 and their efforts were greatly appreciated.

Poverty Bay & East Coast Piping and Dancing results

EIGHTEEN competitors, including some from Bay of Plenty and Hamilton, took part in the Poverty Bay and East Coast Piping and Dancing Association's Christmas competition, held on November 27 and 28.

Full results —

Highland Fling 10 & u12: Caitlyn Ferguson 1, Joan Utting 2, Alex Mackay 3, Riarna Rickard VHC, Toni Lincoln HC, Georgia Green C.

Highland Fling 8 & u10: Maddie Claffey 1, McKenna Hills 2, Emma Ferguson 3, Madeleine Hansen VHC.

Sword Dance open: Bridget Karton 1, Miah Somerton 2, Erin Somerton 3.

Seann Triubhas u14: Alex Mackay 1, Caitlyn Ferguson 2, Georgia Colvin 3, Joan Utting VHC, Ruby Green HC.

Sword Dance 10 & u12: Caitlyn Ferguson 1, Alex Mackay 2, Joan Utting 3, Riarna Rickard VHC, Toni Lincoln HC.

Restricted Sword Dance u14: Riarna Rickard 1, Madeleine Hansen 2, Amelie Saunders 3.

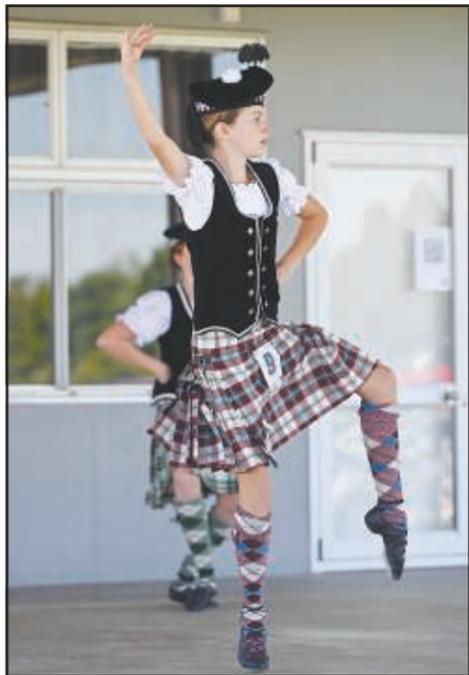
PB & EC championship Highland Fling open: Bridget Karton 1, Erin Somerton 2, Miah Somerton 3, Pippa Rogers VHC, Ruby Green HC.

Sword Dance 8 & u10: McKenna Hills 1, Maddie Claffey 2, Madeleine Hansen 3, Emma Ferguson VHC, Amelie Saunders HC.

Merit Award Highland Fling u14: Georgia Colvin 1, Caitlyn Ferguson 2, Joan Utting 3, Maddie Claffey VHC, Toni Lincoln and Ruby Green HC, Georgia Green C.

PB & EC championship Highland Reel u12: Caitlyn Ferguson 1, Alex Mackay 2, McKenna Hills 3, Joan Utting VHC, Toni Lincoln HC, Riarna Rickard C.

Reel o Tulloch open: Bridget Karton 1, Erin Somerton 2, Georgia Colvin 3, Pippa Rogers VHC, Alex Mackay HC, Miah



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT: Alex Mackay shows off her skills at the Poverty Bay and East Coast Piping and Dancing Association competition at Showgrounds Park.

Pictures by Paul Rickard

Somerton C.

Double Sword u14: Maddie Claffey and Madeleine Hansen 1, Toni Lincoln and Joan Utting 2, Georgia Colvin and Alex Mackay 3.

Waltz Clog: Erin Somerton 1, Georgia Colvin 2, Pippa Rogers 3, McKenna Hills and Miah Somerton VHC, Alex Mackay and Joan Utting HC, Toni Lincoln C.

Restricted Irish Jig u14: Toni Lincoln 1. Irish Hornpipe u14: Caitlyn Ferguson 1, Georgia Colvin 2, Alex Mackay 3, Joan Utting VHC, Ruby Green HC.

Irish Jig 10 & u12: Caitlyn Ferguson 1, Joan Utting 2, Alex Mackay 3, Toni Lincoln VHC, Riarna Rickard HC, Georgia Green C.

Irish Hornpipe open: Bridget Karton 1, Erin Somerton 2, Miah Somerton 3, Ruby Green VHC.

Merit Award Irish Jig u10: McKenna Hills 1, Maddie Claffey 2, Madeleine Hansen 3, Emma Ferguson VHC.

PB & EC championship Irish Jig u14: Georgia Colvin 1, Caitlyn Ferguson 2, McKenna Hills 3, Alex Mackay and Joan Utting VHC, Riarna Rickard and Maddie Claffey HC, Georgia Green and Ruby Green C.

Merit Award Irish Jig Double Time open: Bridget Karton 1, Erin Somerton 2, Miah Somerton 3.

Sailors Hornpipe 8 & u10: McKenna Hills 1, Maddie Claffey 2, Madeleine Hansen 3, Emma Ferguson VHC.

Merit Award Sailors Hornpipe u12: Caitlyn Ferguson 1, McKenna Hills 2, Joan Utting 3, Alex Mackay VHC, Riarna Rickard HC, Maddie Claffey and Georgia Green C.

Sailors Hornpipe open: Bridget Karton 1, Erin Somerton 2, Miah Somerton 3.

Sailors Hornpipe u14: Georgia Colvin 1, Joan Utting 2, Ruby Green 3, Caitlyn Ferguson VHC.

Restricted Sailors Hornpipe u14: Toni Lincoln 1, Georgia Green 2, Madeleine Hansen 3.

Cups and Trophies

Rochelle Keenan Cup (most points u10): McKenna Hills, Tauranga.

Merlene Killey Challenge Cup (most points 10 & u12): Caitlyn Ferguson, Hamilton.

Deans Faulkner Cup (most points any age group u12): Caitlyn Ferguson, Hamilton.



CONCENTRATION: Joan Utting is laser focused in the under-14 Seann Triubhas dance.

Bill Manson Cup (most points 12 & u14): Georgia Colvin.

Ward Family Cup (most points open): Bridget Karton, Tauranga.

Gaelyn Mann Challenge Cup (most points restricted events): Toni Lincoln.

Makaraka Service Station Cup (most deserving of encouragement, local competitor): Ruby Green.

Awanui Trophy (junior dancer showing spirit and interpretation in the Highland Fling): Maddie Claffey.

Awanui Trophy (senior dancer showing interpretation in their dance performance): Bridget Karton, Tauranga.

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Meetings

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 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday 11 December 2021
COSSIE CLUB 190 GREY STREET GISBORNE
WATSON ROOM START 9.30AM

Due to COVID 19 Restrictions, all Shareholders will be required to Register by email to the Secretary, Kpewhairangi2012@gmail.com

AGENDA - To include

- Apologies
- 2020 AGM Minutes
- Election of Officers - 2 Vacancies,
- Terrence OConnor & Nikki Searancke
- Offer themselves for re-election and
- Are automatically nominated.
- 2021 Annual/Financial Accounts.

Please note: All nominations and proxies must be emailed to secretary by 5pm, 8.12.21. AGM Agenda available 8.12.21.

NIKKI SEARANCKE
 CHAIRPERSON

Meetings

Gisborne Thistle AFC

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday 6th December, 6.30pm
 All members & new members please attend, Soccer, Netball
 Enquiries contact:
Ron Young 027 608 6060 or 868 6050

Meetings



NGATAPA RUGBY & ASSOCIATED SPORTS CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 12th December 2021

At the Clubrooms in Patutahi

3pm

AGENDA

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

Signed: L. Livingston
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Ko te Kaitono ka whai hua:

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- Kia hāngai te ārahi i runga i ngā tikanga me te mātauranga o te whare taonga.

Ko te wawata ka hāngai pū ngā tohu mātauranga, tautōhito me te aronga nui ki ngā mahi toi, ahurea me ngā taonga tuku iho.

Visit <https://tairawhitimuseum.org.nz/about-us/job-vacancies/>

Applications close 5pm, Sunday 19 December 2021.

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 whakatūwheratanga
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.

Meetings

MAHANGA STATION TRUST

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Of Shareholders will be held at:

Tatapouri Sports Fishing Club Shark Bar, Gisborne

SATURDAY, 11th December 2021 at 10.30am

Elections: 2 positions. Joe Bauckham & Nicholas Tamatea retire by rotation and being eligible will be standing for re-election.

Proxies must be lodged at the Agfirst Gisborne office no later than 10.30am Thursday 9th December 2021.

Nominations must be lodged by 5pm Tuesday 7th December 2021.

A MAXIMUM of 100 People in Attendance, Social Distancing & the Wearing of Masks will apply as per Government Level 2 COVID Restrictions

Full notice of the AGM Agenda, Proxy and Nomination forms can be picked up at the:

Agfirst Office, Gisborne
 Contact, Jackie on 06 868 4144
jackie.hudson@agfirst.co.nz

Joe Bauckham
 CHAIRPERSON

Meetings

HAUORA TAIRĀWHITI BOARD AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice is given of the following meetings:

TUESDAY 7th December 2021
 9am Hiwa I Te Rangi
 11am Te Waiora o Nukutaimemeha
 2pm Finance, Risk & Audit Committee

Venue: Haurora Tairāwhiti Boardroom

TUESDAY 14th December 2021
 9am Haurora Tairāwhiti Board
Venue: Haurora Tairāwhiti Boardroom Or Virtual, by Livestream

Go to Youtube and search 'Haurora Tairāwhiti'
 The public is welcome to attend the 'Public Included' section of these meetings, please observe the COVID-19 Level 2, 2m social distancing requirement.

Agenda and supporting papers will be available for the meeting from www.hauroratairawhiti.org.nz/board-meetings-and-papers/ 3 days prior to the meeting.

Rachel Phillips
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Tuesday, 7th December 2021
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NEXT CATTLE SALE:
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Sunday, December 5, 2021					
\$435,000	5 Lister Place Outer Kaiti	Cracker Start On The Property Ladder	1.30 – 2.00pm	Ray White	Auction
\$529,000	11A Mill Road	Safe, Tidy and Affordable	12.30 – 1.00pm	Bronwyn Kay	Auction
\$538,000	1A Fergusson Drive	Location, lockup and leave	1.00 – 1.30pm	Property Brokers	Auction
\$600,000	6B Kingsley Street	Looking Mighty Fine	1.00 – 1.30pm	Bronwyn Kay	Auction
\$639,000	42 Lytton Road	Reap the Rewards	12.30 – 1.00pm	Bronwyn Kay	Auction
\$1,275,000	28 Marian Drive	Wine & Dine Overlooking the River	11.00 – 11.30am	Bronwyn Kay	Auction
\$1,275,000	37A Massey Road	5355m ² of Peace	1.30 – 2.00pm	Bronwyn Kay	Auction
Auction	34 Ida Road	Perfect beginner's home	11.00 – 11.30am	First Sight Real Estate	Auction
Auction	75 Anzac Street	The house, the pool, the location	12.30 – 1.00pm	First Sight Real Estate	Auction
Auction	9 Argyll Street	Tranquillity and options in Mangapapa	11.00 – 11.30am	First Sight Real Estate	Auction
Auction	7 Cemetery Road	Snap me up!	1.00 – 1.30pm	Property Brokers	Auction
Auction	289 Aberdeen Road	Central city riverbank opportunity	2.00 – 2.30pm	Property Brokers	Auction
Auction	8 Waverley Street	Love me tender	2.00 – 2.30pm	Property Brokers	Auction
Auction	385 Clifford Street	Clifford christmas cracker	2.00 – 2.30pm	Property Brokers	Auction
Auction	5A Cobham Place	Room for all the family!	11.00 – 11.30am	Bayleys	Auction
Auction	6 Judd Street	The package!	11.00 – 11.30am	Bayleys	Auction
Auction	16 Haig Street	Your quintessential quarter acre	11.30 – 12.00pm	Bayleys	Auction
Auction	9 Browns Rise	Vendor moving south	12.00 – 12.30pm	Bayleys	Auction
Auction	187A Stout Street	Free up your weekends!	12.00 – 1.00pm	Bayleys	Auction
Auction	14 Sievwright Lane	Private Whataupoko sanctuary	12.00 – 1.00pm	Bayleys	Auction
Auction	103 Chalmers Road	Calling first-home buyers & investors	12.00 – 12.30pm	Bayleys	Auction
Auction	18 Potae Avenue	Prime opportunity – home & income	12.00 – 12.30pm	Bayleys	Auction
Auction	13 Sunvale Crescent	Fantastic family oasis!	12.00 – 12.30pm	Bayleys	Auction
Auction	71 Paraone Road	Extended family special!	12.15 – 12.45pm	Bayleys	Auction
Auction	19 Dickson Street	Renovate or remove	12.30 – 1.30pm	Bayleys	Auction
Auction	22 Dalrymple Road	A starter's delight	12.30 – 1.00pm	Bayleys	Auction
Auction	75 Fortescue Street	A classic beach bach	1.00 – 1.30pm	Bayleys	Auction
Auction	1/6 Ash Street	Love low maintenance, love the location	1.00 – 1.30pm	Bayleys	Auction
Auction	181 Crawford Road	Funky on Crawford	1.00 – 1.30pm	Bayleys	Auction
Auction	5 Waimata Road	Your peaceful pocket of Whataupoko	1.30 – 2.30pm	Bayleys	Auction
Auction	18 Tuahine Crescent	Oozing potential	1.30 – 2.00pm	Bayleys	Auction
Auction	113 De Lautour Road	The perfect package	1.45 – 2.15pm	Bayleys	Auction
Auction	5 Pipi Crescent	Bach + boatshed + man cave	2.00 – 2.30pm	Bayleys	Auction
Auction	11 Dryden Street	Envious family living awaits	2.00 – 2.30pm	Bayleys	Auction
Auction	15 Waimata Road	Family living on a grand scale	2.30 – 3.00pm	Bayleys	Auction
Auction	113 Harris Street	Charming and central	3.00 – 3.30pm	Bayleys	Auction
Auction	29 Seddon Crescent	In A Prime Location	12.30 – 1.00pm	Harcourts	Auction
Auction	56 Moana Road	Artist's Retreat	11.00 – 11.30am	Bronwyn Kay	Auction
Auction	30 Murphy Road	Living the Dream...	11.30 – 12.00pm	Bronwyn Kay	Auction
Auction	35 Lloyd George Road	Rural by the Beach	12.00 – 12.30pm	Bronwyn Kay	Auction
Auction	5 Tukura Road	Inner Kaiti	12.00 – 12.30pm	Bronwyn Kay	Auction
Auction	10 Perry Street	Rose Cottage on Perry	1.00 – 1.30pm	Bronwyn Kay	Auction
Auction	5 Forest Park Lane	Welcome Home	1.00 – 1.30pm	Bronwyn Kay	Auction
Auction	14 Oswald Street	Wall to Wall Charm	2.30 – 3.00pm	Bronwyn Kay	Auction
Auction	318 Whitaker Street	Heart-Warming Cottage	2.30 – 3.00pm	Bronwyn Kay	Auction
Auction	13A Pine Street	Potential on Pine	3.00 – 3.30pm	Bronwyn Kay	Auction
Auction	11 Walsh Street Mangapapa	Easy living in Mangapapa	11.00 – 11.30am	Ray White	Auction
Auction	198 Ormond Road	Do up and develop?	11.30 – 12.00pm	Ray White	Auction
Auction	216 Valley Road Mangapapa	The Lifestyler	11.45 – 12.45pm	Ray White	Auction
Auction	16 Thomson Street Gisborne	Location, Views & Options	12.00 – 1.00pm	Ray White	Auction
Auction	542 Childers Road Te Hapara	Instant Appeal and Huge Potential...	12.00 – 12.30pm	Ray White	Auction
Auction	8 Law Street Wainui	Ultimate Summer Haven	12.30 – 1.00pm	Ray White	Auction
Auction	575b Back Ormond Road	Makauri – Family size & country style	1.00 – 2.00pm	Ray White	Auction
Auction	26 Hill Road Whataupoko	Lovingly restored over 20 years	1.00 – 1.30pm	Ray White	Auction
Auction	16 Loisel Street Riverdale	Ready, set, go	2.00 – 2.30pm	Ray White	Auction
Auction	144 Rutene Road Kaiti	Entry Level Buying	2.15 – 2.45pm	Ray White	Auction
Auction	18a Dornett Street	Timeless character, stacked with potential	3.15 – 3.45pm	Ray White	Auction
Deadline Treaty	19 Riperata Street	Ripper In Riperata	1.00 – 1.30pm	Bronwyn Kay	Auction
Negotiation	20 Mill Road	Welcome home	11.00 – 11.45am	Property Brokers	Auction
Negotiation	11A Ward Street	Carefree summer	12.00 – 12.30pm	Property Brokers	Auction
Tender	19 Centennial Crescent	Sensational Starter	11.00 – 11.30am	TRACY Real Estate	Auction
Tender	41 Grafton Road	Just So Much Value – Outdoor Studio	12.00 – 12.30pm	TRACY Real Estate	Auction
Tender	363A Ormond Road	Spacious and Sunny & Brick	1.00 – 1.30pm	TRACY Real Estate	Auction
Tender	549 Wainui Road	The whole shebang!	3.00 – 4.00pm	Bayleys	Auction

Central Baptist Church

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6.00pm **Sunday:** 9.00am

East Coast Tolaga Bay 2nd Sunday 11.00am
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CHRISTIAN COMMENT
When Things Go Wrong

'To give them beauty for ashes.' Isaiah 61:3 NKJV

The world is not going to devote itself to making you happy. Only when you accept that, can you begin to move forward. Life doesn't always work the way you want it to. Paul wrote, 'I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain.' (Romans 15:24 ESV) But it seems unlikely he ever got to Spain; instead he landed in one of the worst prisons in Europe. But from there he wrote the epistles.

Your disappointment may turn out to be God's appointment. The Bible says, 'We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.' (Proverbs 16:9 NLT) Aren't you glad He's in control of your life? Let the philosophers argue over why life works as it does; just focus on how to live it! If you live to be a hundred, what good is it anyway if resentment and regret keep you from enjoying it? And what good is more time, if you're only killing the time you've got?

Remember how an oyster makes a pearl? When a grain of sand gets into its shell and irritates it, instead of resisting and resenting it, the oyster wraps it in layer after layer of beauty, till a pearl is formed. An unknown poet said, 'Now this tale has a moral for isn't it grand what an oyster can do with a morsel of sand. What couldn't we do if we'd only begin, with some of the things that get under our skin.'

God is working in everything you're going through today, for your good and His glory. All you need to do is trust Him. If you do, He'll give you beauty for ashes.

"Extract from Word for Today"



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Titus 2:12b

Speaker: Frank Darcy
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St Andrew's Church

176 Cobden Street
5th December
Combined Service
10.30am
Followed by
Congregational Meeting

Matawhero Historic Church

8th December
7pm Blue Christmas Service
A service of Comfort, Healing and Hope
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HOLY TRINITY

8.00am: Holy Communion
10.00am: Holy Communion

Waipaoa Parish

9.30am: Holy Communion

Vaccine Passes are required at all Services

REFLECTIONS

One day everything will make perfect sense. So, for now, laugh at the confusion, smile through the tears and keep reminding yourself that everything happens for a reason.

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Akaroa harness at Motukarara Sunday

Selections
Race 1: THE GO TO MAN, JENABELLA, RUBY'S A DELIGHT
Race 2: TYRON AROHANUI, MUSCLYNN, LAVRA SEGIL
Race 3: LOCHART SHARD, JOHNNY NEVITS, FLY LIKA FALCON
Race 4: PRODIGAL SON, EXPRESSIVE LOVE, MAGIC SIGN
Race 5: CHAMBRAY, MILLWOOD INDIE, KAYSER
Race 6: BRYAN BORU, REGAL APPOINTMENT, LOVE ROSE
Race 7: SWIFT GUY, JIMMYRAY, SOMEDREAMSOMEWHERE
Race 8: LITTLE GEE, SONGBIRD, KRYSTAL DELIGHT
Race 9: RIVEERED, SAM'S TOWN, GOT YOU COVERED
Race 10: WAVETHEBILL, MAREN FRANCO, GLEN ELGIN TOMSON
Race 11: ROYAL PRIDE, MAJESTICAL, PRINCE TEKA
Race 12: STEPHS BOY, HIGH FLYING HARRY, SMIFFY'S TERROR

1 Lincoln Golden Oldies 12.05

\$8000, 3yo+ r40-r53. mobile, 2000m
 1 0960s Canardly Remember (Fr) 1 B Wilmott
 2 07779 Mark Dunnnett (Fr) 2 C Negus
 3 7s783 Ruby's A Delight (Fr) 3 G Cook
 4 82435 Jeremy Wells (Fr) 4 S Manawatu
 5 96900 Flamboyant (Fr) 5 S Blake
 6 04709 Shards Fury (Fr) 6
 7 7s308 The Go To Man (Fr) 7
 8 22331 Jenabella (Fr) 8 A Fitzgerald
 9 — **Moody River** SCRATCHED
 10 10624 Senorita Margarita (Fr) 21
 11 7409s Bolzano (Fr) 22 A Edge
 12 80s90 Daggly Lamb (Fr) 23 J Reardon
 13 21269 Wolfenstein (Fr) 24 B White

2 The Famous Grouse Trot 12.30

\$9000, non-winners 2yo+ stand, 2170m
 1 9s059 Nordic Prince (Em2) (Fr) 1 C Markham
 2 28629 Show The Way (Fr) 2 K Cameron
 3 5 Tyron Arohanui (Fr) 3 J Dunn
 4 98436 Ginas Majesty (Fr) 4 I Cameron
 5 0 The Fiery Spirit (Em1) (Fr) 5 K Butt
 6 4643 Musclynn (Fr) 6 P Wakelin
 7 50s20 Far More Zealous (Fr) 7 P Davis
 8 78s4 Heavenly Strings (Fr) 8 C Thornley
 9 46 Lavra Segil (Fr) 9

10 7s002 Muzz (Fr) 10 M Edmonds
 11 49s75 Moonlight Angel (Fr) 11 G O'Reilly
 12 09807 Kahndoitatone (Fr) U1 S McNally
 13 Ruthless Lizzie (Fr) U2 S Iremonger (J)
 14 4s Belisma (Fr) U3 R Jenkins
 15 P900 Rose Isle (Em3) (Fr) U4 B Crothers
 16 08504 Magnifique Dimanche (Fr) U5 K Cox
 17 6s8D4 Mentalist (Fr) U6 L O'Reilly
 18 95790 Galleons Ambassador (Em4) (Fr) U7 J Morrison

3 Clubs NZ Family Race Day 22/1 12.55

\$9000, non-winners 2yo+ mobile, 2000m
 1 64764 Fly Lika Falcon (Fr) 1 G Smith
 2 800s0 Ars Gratia Artis (Fr) 2 C Markham
 3 s3306 Lochart Shard (Fr) 3 J Cox
 4 02s58 Melando Chief (Fr) 4 J Curtin
 5 3 Johnny Nevits (Fr) 5 T Williams
 6 507s Atomic Traveller (Fr) 6 M Williamson
 7 Mister Blue Sky (Fr) 7 J Dunn
 8 — **Rock'n Kiwi** SCRATCHED
 9 6047 Mikis Shineing Star (Fr) 8 S O'Reilly (J)
 10 Hutasa (Fr) 21 C Thornley
 11 Whiskey Cavalier (Fr) 22 K Cameron
 12 62897 All Together Now (Fr) 23 J Morrison
 13 3s Bender (Fr) 24 R Close

4 Temps Bar Supports Mot' Workouts 1.20

\$9000, 3yo+ r40-r44. mobile, 2000m
 1 05769 Mr Asia (Fr) 1 C Thornley
 2 9P800 Sheelasinleague (Fr) 2 K Tomlinson (J)
 3 70903 Beeps (Fr) 3 L O'Reilly
 4 60817 Prodigal Son (Fr) 4 R Holmes
 5 96595 Evidently (Fr) 5 J Curtin
 6 09626 Magic Sign (Fr) 6 B Orange
 7 31840 Expressive Love (Fr) 7 S Tomlinson
 8 054D0 Kennedy (Fr) 8 J Cox
 9 46001 Times Are A Changin (Fr) 9 R Close
 10 59617 Morries Girl (Fr) 21 B Hope (J)
 11 44164 Rollyarrz (Fr) 22 K Newman (J)
 12 49928 Journo (Fr) 23 J Dunn
 13 s2149 It's A Shawthing (Fr) U1 M Williamson

5 Rob Harneiss Thelma Mem. 1.45

\$10,000, non-winners 2yo+ f&m. mobile, 2000m
 1 40587 Manzini (Fr) 1
 2 75 Sheza Manipulator (Fr) 2 M Edmonds

Jetbet 7 TAB D. 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 T. 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 7-8-9, 10-11-12 Q. 2-3-4-5, 9-10-11-12 PL6 7-12

3 — **Kali B** SCRATCHED
 4 34 Kayser (Fr) 3 K Newman (J)
 5 6s549 Millwood Indie (Fr) 4 G Smith
 6 694s4 Get Back (Fr) 5 B Orange
 7 8 Sports Queen (Fr) 6 G O'Reilly
 8 24 Joanie Magic (Fr) 7
 9 067s8 Emma's Girl (Fr) 8 C Thornley
 10 08967 Lunar Legend (Fr) 21 R Close
 11 62 Watch Me (Fr) 22 K Cox
 12 25 Chambray (Fr) 23 M Purdon
 13 05930 Cheekygrin (Fr) 24 R Holmes
 14 00s0 Amaria (Fr) U1

6 Perfect Packaging Trot 2.10

\$9000, 3yo+ r40-r48,r49-r52 w/c stand, 2170m
 1 158s8 Aldebaran Heather (Fr) 1 M Williamson
 2 0s310 Love Rose (Fr) 2 B Orange
 3 23529 Make My Sundon (Fr) 3 S Otley
 4 56642 Dd's Super Stuart (Fr) 4 J Markham
 5 3100s Classic Call (Fr) 5 M Edmonds
 6 44s06 Global Flight (Fr) 6 R Jenkins
 7 5s682 Trixton Time (Fr) 7 T Williams
 8 08980 Bourbon On The Rocks (Em2) (Fr) 8 J Versteeg

9 32703 Bryan Boru (Fr) 9 J Dunn

10 40350 Zsahara (Fr) 10 K Tomlinson (J)
 11 — **Shifty** SCRATCHED
 12 39055 Tres Magnifique (Fr) 11 C Thornley
 13 82543 Regal Appointment (Fr) 12 G Smith
 14 7s008 Ideal Invasion (Em3) (Fr) 13 S O'Reilly (J)
 15 97s60 Merlot (Fr) U1 L Newton
 16 s0P00 This Time Gamble (Em4) (Fr) U2 B Butt
 17 s9085 Ready I Am (Em1) (Fr) U3 P Wakelin
 18 09200 South Park (Fr) U4 J Morrison

7 Cavalier Trotting Products 2.35

\$9000, non-winners 2yo+ stand, 2170m
 1 s7634 Somedreamsomewhere (Fr) 1 T Williams
 2 44393 Major Arma (Fr) 2 R May
 3 78343 Cute Art (Fr) 3 M Williamson
 4 06 Rocketman (Fr) 4 B Orange
 5 49s40 Charnui (Fr) 5 A Lethaby
 6 5 Don't Bring Lulu (Fr) 6 R Close
 7 4 Let's Go Ringo (Fr) 7
 8 — **My Ultimate Johnny** SCRATCHED
 9 3 Jimmyray (Fr) 8 J Morrison

10 2 Swift Guy (Fr) 9 L O'Reilly
 11 Honey Favourite (Fr) 10 R Holmes
 12 PP275 Bono Brown (Fr) 11 K Tomlinson (J)
 13 800s0 Ars Gratia Artis (Em1) (Fr) 12 C Markham
 14 4323s Watching Our Coin (Fr) 13 M Edmonds
 15 00808 Webs Reactor (Fr) U1 C Thornley

8 Brian Humm Contracting 3.04

\$9000, 3yo+ r45,r46 w/c. mobile, 2000m
 1 9s70s Ride In A Concorde (Fr) 1 S Iremonger (J)
 2 74057 The Artful Dodger (Fr) 2 R May
 3 06874 Songbird (Fr) 3 S Otley
 4 90030 Sister's Delight (Fr) 4 G O'Reilly
 5 21876 Little Gee (Fr) 5 L O'Reilly
 6 09000 Averos Rustler (Fr) 6 K Newman (J)
 7 84586 Refine (Fr) 7
 8 58551 Southern Storm (Fr) 8 B Orange
 9 52345 Krystal Delight (Fr) 9 B Hope (J)
 10 8000s Cheapcheap (Fr) 21 T Williams
 11 36898 My Mate Ben (Fr) 22 R Close
 12 80899 Honour Scroll (Fr) 23 K Tomlinson (J)

9 Cabins 2u NZ Akaroa Cup 3.30

\$15,000, 3yo+ r55+ discretionary handicap stand, 2810m
 1 13185 Kiwi X Factor (Fr) 1 G Smith
 2 67361 Lulu Le Mans (Fr) 2 S Otley
 3 20250 Bettor Believe It (Fr) 3 C Thornley
 4 0s000 Just Holla (Fr) 4 R May
 5 00916 Katherine (Fr) 5 M Purdon
 6 16532 Riveered (Fr) 6 K Newman (J)
 7 740s1 Sam's Town (Fr) 7 J Dunn
 8 26453 Got You Covered (Fr) 8 G O'Reilly
 9 56210 Frankie Jones (Fr) U1 J Morrison
 10 43899 Manjimup (Fr) U2 S O'Reilly (J)
 11 05025 Buckskin (Fr) U3 B Orange
 12 7s500 Gilligans Island (10) 1 D White
 13 s2417 Kiss The Girls (10) 2
 14 — **Above-N-Beyond** SCRATCHED
 15 66705 Homebush Lad (10) 3 B Hope (J)
 16 04831 Corravally Star (20) 1
 17 58666 Kruizer (20) 2 J Curtin
 18 67805 Cheezel (20) 3 R Close

10 Haase Marshall Drainage 3.59

\$9000, 3yo+ r46-r49,r50 w/c. mobile, 2000m
 1 568s4 Elo Louise (Fr) 1 K Cameron
 2 0s002 Glen Elgin Tomson (Fr) 2 B Orange

3 61090 Better Fly (Fr) 3 J Dunn
 4 63010 Classy Robin (Fr) 4 G Smith
 5 07777 I'll Write The Story (Fr) 5 C Thornley
 6 s4728 Maren Franco (Fr) 6 L O'Reilly
 7 0s234 Wavethebill (Fr) 7 R May
 8 22600 Immer Besser (Fr) 8 S Otley
 9 25374 Arden's Sweetheart (Fr) 9 T Williams
 10 40s00 Star Reactor (Fr) 21
 11 0160s Don't Quote Me (Fr) 22 S Tomlinson
 12 29s00 Pialligo (Fr) 23 G O'Reilly

11 Clint Ford Contracting Trot 4.24

\$9000, 3yo+ r49-r55 stand, 2170m
 1 90153 Sally Lindenny (Fr) 1 G O'Reilly
 2 92134 Prince Teka (Fr) 2 K Cameron
 3 63157 Bright Glow (Fr) 3 I Cameron
 4 7s008 Ideal Invasion (Em1) (Fr) 4 S O'Reilly (J)
 5 — **Girls-Let-Loose** SCRATCHED
 6 00734 Madeleine Stowe (Fr) 5 P Davis
 7 70405 Beyond The Horizon (Fr) 6 J Smith
 8 54806 Take After Me (Fr) 7 R Houghton
 9 08505 Navara (Fr) 8 J Ford
 10 66800 Mikemaro (Fr) 9 B Orange
 11 762P2 Royal Pride (Fr) 10
 12 18920 Martha Stuart (Fr) 11 T Williams
 13 3s064 Monrika (Fr) 12 S McNally
 14 — **Idle-Stuartia** SCRATCHED
 15 s0P00 This Time Gamble (Em2) (Fr) U1 B Butt
 16 06s09 Kowhai Sundown (Fr) U2 S Otley
 17 101 Majestical (Fr) U3 J Dunn

12 Townsend Seeds Pace 4.53

\$9000, 3yo+ r50-r55. mobile, 2000m
 1 1563s Reflectionsofmylife (Fr) 1 J Morrison
 2 s5908 Not Really Blonde (Fr) 2 P Davis
 3 9790s Not Over (Fr) 3 S Tomlinson
 4 59698 Smokin Annie (Fr) 4
 5 64130 Steps Boy (Fr) 5 B Orange
 6 426s8 Spot On (Fr) 6 K Cox
 7 34140 Where's Daddy (Fr) 7 T Williams
 8 52360 Smiffy's Terror (Fr) 8 J Dunn
 9 01017 Chal Be (Fr) 9 R Close
 10 s9000 Dixie Reign (Fr) 21 K Cameron
 11 98973 High Flying Harry (Fr) 22 K Newman (J)
 12 s0008 Teds Legacy (Fr) 23 M Edmonds
 13 55900 Givemewhatineed (Fr) U1 R Holmes

Southland greys at Ascot Park Sunday

Selections
Race 1: WILD THYME, SOZIN'S PRINCE, NIGHTHAWK STORM
Race 2: OPAWA COREY, BANDIT BILLY, HUMBLING
Race 3: MILKY TEA, OPAWA NUT, FRANK
Race 4: SOUTHERN KING, MONTY MAD HAMMER, VICTORIA LU
Race 5: DEMBE, FAIRLY ABLE, JELLY FISH
Race 6: OPAWA GOAT, CALCULATED RISK, UPSTART CROW
Race 7: CHATTY MAVIS, CAESAR LIES, CARLOS JEWEL
Race 8: LIGHTFOOT LUNA, XABIL BALE, SIX PACK NUGGET
Race 9: ARAMOANA, AMURI ANDY, SAM AND SI
Race 10: KIKAU, HOMEBUSH HONEY, EZRA BLUEBLOOD
Race 11: HOMEBUSH LIAM, SOUTHERN ANGEL, HOMEBUSH MAGGIE
Race 12: HOMEBUSH ALTENA, MITCHAM RYDER, SOZIN'S PRINCESS
Race 13: REGAL VALIANT, FIREBALL FUDGE, HOMEBUSH BOOTS
Race 14: BARBARA'S ANGEL, HOMEBUSH GAMBLER, YOEL BALE

1 Welcome To Ascot Park Mdn 11.57

\$3500, C0, 457m
 1 22222 Sozin's Prince n/wtd John McInerney
 2 32245 Nighthawk Storm n/wtd Matt Roberts
 3 Let's Go Yoyo n/wtd John McInerney
 4 85837 Homebush Snoop n/wtd John McInerney
 5 8 Homebush Valden n/wtd John McInerney
 6 Wild Thyme n/wtd John McInerney
 7 36544 Homebush Snow n/wtd John McInerney
 8 87655 Homebush Carson n/wtd John McInerney
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 9 77755 Homebush Cinder n/wtd John McInerney
 10 86866 Maxi Milly n/wtd John McInerney

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\$3100, C2, heat, 457m
 1 44635 Opawa Corey 25.99 J & D Fahey
 2 65713 Adobe Flintstone n/wtd Matt Roberts
 3 51632 Run Run Rover n/wtd Ashley Bradshaw

4 32235 Humbling n/wtd J & D Fahey
 5 43214 Darla Bale n/wtd Craig Roberts
 6 33511 Toby's Choice 26.45 Brett Conner
 7 16312 Bandit Billy 26.41 J & D Fahey
 8 87617 Miss Cairo 26.46 John McInerney

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\$3100, C2, heat, 457m
 1 85241 Frank 26.19 John McInerney
 2 12631 Mable Jewel 26.70 Craig Roberts
 3 22541 Milky Tea n/wtd J & D Fahey
 4 26365 Go Johnny Go 26.04 Matt Roberts
 5 Vacant Box Five - n & a
 6 31123 Opawa Nut n/wtd J & D Fahey
 7 66563 Mayhem Made n/wtd Ashley Bradshaw
 8 72124 Terry's Terror 26.51 Brett Conner

4 Mr Whippy Southland 1.12

\$3500, C5, 390m
 1 51226 Monty Mad Hammer 22.26 Ashley Bradshaw
 2 11181 Victoria Lu n/wtd Anthony Hart
 3 5211s Buster's Brother 22.47 Brett Conner
 4 12224 Violet Lu 22.38 Anthony Hart
 5 13242 Charlotte Lu 22.43 Anthony Hart
 6 74221 Mr Festus 22.33 Brett Conner
 7 11311 Southern King 22.20 Roy Hamilton
 8 74212 Homebush Sirius 22.68 John McInerney
EMERGENCIES:
 9 32718 Nevada Phil 22.29 J & D Fahey
 10 14625 Pitch Mark 22.67 Anthony Hart

5 southlandgreyhounds.co.nz 1.37

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 1 53641 Dembe n/wtd J & D Fahey
 2 63458 Homebush Ranger n/wtd John McInerney
 3 75653 Jelly Fish n/wtd J & D Fahey
 4 13847 Oster Bale 26.23 Craig Roberts
 5 23633 Pepper Chimes 25.97 John Allen
 6 64328 Gary 25.86 Anthony Hart
 7 16122 Fairly Able n/wtd J & D Fahey
 8 56s24 Volcanic Whisper 26.12 John Allen
EMERGENCIES:
 9 55453 Money Spinner 25.89 Craig Roberts
 10 38882 Gritty 26.04 Anthony Hart

6 Added Energy Heats 2.02

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 1 77525 Yes Bro n/wtd Brett Conner
 2 48125 Calculated Risk 26.40 Ashley Bradshaw
 3 75115 Flashback Fred n/wtd J M Lane
 4 32845 Homebush Fonzie n/wtd John McInerney
 5 36228 Rosa Jewel n/wtd Craig Roberts
 6 42212 Opawa Goat n/wtd J & D Fahey
 7 56534 Baldrick n/wtd John McInerney
 8 7s5s3 Upstart Crow 26.19 Ashley Bradshaw
EMERGENCIES:
 9 6538s Speedy Lucy n/wtd Barry Healey
 10 66728 Kipjo 26.71 John Allen

7 Added Energy Heats 2.27

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 1 45734 Lucas Jewel n/wtd Craig Roberts
 2 6171 Caesar Lies n/wtd Ashley Bradshaw
 3 53133 I'm A Armadillo n/wtd Richard Breen
 4 33557 Tidal Tapestry n/wtd John Allen
 5 66443 Zipping Marlin 26.59 Daniel Roberts
 6 62457 Impressive High 26.69 John McInerney
 7 2121 Chatty Mavis 26.57 J & D Fahey
 8 67271 Carlos Jewel n/wtd Craig Roberts
EMERGENCIES:
 9 6538s Speedy Lucy n/wtd Barry Healey
 10 66728 Kipjo 26.71 John Allen

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 1 31646 Bree's Bella 26.45 Brett Conner
 2 13384 Nighthawk Jet n/wtd Matt Roberts
 3 74724 Lightfoot Luna 26.54 Ashley Bradshaw
 4 1332 Six Pack Nugget 26.74 Ashley Bradshaw
 5 1245s Vignon 26.74 John Allen
 6 22865 Xabil Bale n/wtd Craig Roberts
 7 35631 Snippet Jewel n/wtd M P Hamilton
 8 22762 Impressive Mario n/wtd John McInerney
EMERGENCIES:
 9 6538s Speedy Lucy n/wtd Barry Healey
 10 66728 Kipjo 26.71 John Allen

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 1 31367 Amuri Mystic 22.87 John McInerney
 2 55245 Sam And Si 22.80 John McInerney
 3 11215 Amuri Andy 23.07 John McInerney
 4 24557 Young Romeo 22.60 Richard Breen
 5 53636 St Andrews 22.39 J M Lane
 6 17211 Aramoana 22.66 John Guthrie
 7 31278 Homebush Dream 22.70 John McInerney
 8 21768 Next Off 22.93 Anthony Hart
EMERGENCIES:
 9 44535 Tucker 22.35 Anthony Hart
 10 25667 Tiggerlong Demon 22.71 Daniel Roberts

10 Dave Robbie Photographer 3.48

\$2100, C2, 390m
 1 75678 Ezra Blueblood 22.72 John McInerney
 2 25857 C'mon Benny Boy 22.84 John Guthrie
 3 24446 Homebush Zack 22.76 John McInerney
 4 52187 Homebush Honey 23.10 John McInerney
 5 53754 Mitcham King 22.90 John McInerney
 6 23814 Kikau n/wtd Daniel Roberts
 7 35587 Tee An' Cee 22.31 Brett Conner
 8 51617 Amuri Jet n/wtd John McInerney
EMERGENCIES:
 9 55588 Lady Sobers n/wtd John McInerney
 10 78775 Southern Phoenix 22.61 Roy Hamilton

11 Mark Turner Painter Ph021737111 4.13

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 1 87444 Southern Angel 22.85 Roy Hamilton
 2 24326 Homebush Liam 22.90 John McInerney
 3 66728 Kipjo 22.89 John Allen
 4 18777 Punch On Buzz 22.60 John McInerney
 5 75564 Kildy's Whiskey n/wtd John McInerney
 6 45387 Homebush Sayer 22.53 John McInerney
 7 2F864 Opawa Stubborn 23.07 John McInerney
 8 18232 Homebush Maggie 23.06 John McInerney
EMERGENCIES:
 9 12867 Amuri Liv 22.71 John McInerney
 10 18778 Material Meg 22.85 Brett Conner

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 1 56466 Mitcham Ryder 22.76 John McInerney
 2 73775 Stir Fry 23.08 Brett Conner
 3 23667 Impressive Amy n/wtd John McInerney
 4 23215 Sozin's Princess n/wtd John McInerney
 5 47673 Pretty Keen 22.98 Sandra Keen
 6 s5524 Homebush Yuri n/wtd John McInerney
 7 23145 Homebush Sait 22.96 John McInerney
 8 7531 Homebush Altena n/wtd John McInerney
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 9 44775 Homebush Macho n/wtd John McInerney
 10 18778 Material Meg 22.85 Brett Conner

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 1 35187 Amuri Rock 22.83 John McInerney
 2 45664 Romeo n/wtd John McInerney
 3 66616 Regal Valiant 22.60 Richard Breen
 4 342F2 Homebush Boots 23.07 John McInerney
 5 31235 Amuri Ruru 23.03 John McInerney
 6 73147 Regal Jock 22.84 John McInerney
 7 85324 Homebush Stasser 22.82 John McInerney
 8 13215 Fireball Fudge 22.67 Ashley Bradshaw
EMERGENCIES:
 9 54576 Prince Rohit 22.71 John McInerney
 10 75747 Maffra Daisy n/wtd John McInerney

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 1 12567 Sozin's Queen n/wtd John McInerney
 2 34238 Homebush Gambler 23.67 John McInerney
 3 75325 Barbara's Angel 22.59 John McInerney
 4 15762 Amuri Fury n/wtd John McInerney
 5 126F2 Spot Lu 23.25 Anthony Hart
 6 8F451 Beau View Winnie 23.04 J M Lane
 7 61477 Impressive Sonic n/wtd John McInerney
 8 24828 Yoel Bale n/wtd Craig Roberts
EMERGENCIES:
 9 54576 Prince Rohit 22.71 John McInerney
 10 17178 Impressive Charm n/wtd John McInerney

Auckland greys at Manukau Sunday

Selections
Race 1: WHO I AM, HURRICANE BOB, BLITZING STAR
Race 2: ZOE STAR, ZIPPING SPOOK, DRIFTER DODGE
Race 3: FIRST LIGHT, EYE SPY TY, OPAWA BIG
Race 4: PORTLAND ART, WHO IS COOPER, BUCKLAND BOY
Race 5: ZIPPING SAINT, ARCHIE JOHN HILL, BASELINE
Race 6: DAMISH DELIGHT, ZIPPING BARTY, DOBBY WHO
Race 7: PORTLAND WONDER, THRILLING FREDDY, FERNANDO CHARM

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 1 Persian Chief n/wtd M & J Smith
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 4 24254 Blitzing Star n/wtd Robert Roper

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 1 63444 Ginny Gin 19.05 M Prangley
 2 83382 Black Bridge 18.77 Robert Roper
 3 12233 Barney Parrot 19.25 T & L Craik
 4 12385 Zoe Star 18.72 P M Heterick
 5 46661 Zipping Spook 18.60 Glennis Farrell
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Patel steps up for Black Caps

CRICKET

PLAYING their first test in Mumbai since 2016, India were searching for a dominant opening day against the Black Caps — but they were dented by a New Zealander who felt right at home.

Spinner Ajaz Patel, born in Mumbai and raised in India's largest city until he was eight, claimed all four wickets as India reached 221-4 at stumps on day one of the second test.

It was still India's day — winning the toss helped substantially — with opener Mayank Agarwal anchoring the innings to reach stumps unbeaten on 120, alongside Wriddhiman Saha on 25. But Patel's one-man show saved the Black Caps from dire straits after a start to the test that couldn't have been much worse. First came the news — already known within the team but delivered to the public before the toss — that captain Kane Williamson was out of this test, and likely more to come, with a flare-up of his ongoing elbow injury.

If that came as a surprise to India, they then had plenty of time to stew on it, with the first session washed out due to a wet outfield. Stand-in captain Tom Latham then promptly lost the toss, acknowledged he would have much rather batted first but oh well them the breaks, and two and a half hours after the scheduled start, led his side out on the park in search of quick wickets. Twenty seven overs later, India were 80-0, and the inspiration of the thrilling first test draw looked further away than the 1300km trip the teams made from Kanpur to Mumbai.

However, one man who relished that trip was Patel, who spoke passionately before the test about what it meant to him to be playing in his place of birth.

And, playing in front of some family members for the first time, Patel made

them proud, with a stunning spell of three wickets in two overs launching the Black Caps back into contention. From 80-0, India tumbled to 80-3, with Patel claiming scalps that would make any spinner proud as he sent Shubman Gill, Cheteshwar Pujara and Virat Kohli packing.

Each wicket had a curious quirk to it. Gill should have been out a ball earlier, only for Tom Blundell to miss a stumping, but Patel removed him the following delivery, drawing the opener into a prod that went to Ross Taylor at slip. The same situation played out in his next over, with a big lbw appeal on Pujara drawing an unsuccessful review, before once more the next ball Patel struck, with Pujara coming down the pitch but only managing to york himself as the ball spun onto the stumps.

Pujara was gone for a duck, then four balls later so was Kohli, with the returning captain trapped lbw. A confident review led to a lengthy third umpire process, but replays were inconclusive about whether the ball first hit pad or bat, and an animated Kohli had to eventually trudge off.

Suddenly, with a spell of 8-7-2-3, Patel had spared the blushes of a poor start to the innings, in which Kyle Jamieson had his worst opening spell of his glistening short career, Tim Southee couldn't find the first test magic, and Will Somerville was dire. Somerville was a controversial inclusion over Neil Wagner, and perhaps Patel proved that loading up on spinners was the right call, with more turn and bounce available on day one than there was in Kanpur.

But Somerville was not the man to extract it, going for 46 runs from eight off-key overs, with Agarwal particularly brutal at dispatching Somerville's bad deliveries, smashing him for 26 runs off 31 balls. He smoked 14 fours and four



FOUR WICKETS AND A CENTURY: New Zealand's Ajaz Patel bowls during the day one of second test cricket match against India in Mumbai, India. Patel proved an important part of the teams win yesterday. AP picture.

sixes, with India bashing six sixes as they kept the run rate flowing, regularly advancing down the track to the slower bowlers to keep the pressure on.

Jamieson improved after a wayward opening spell and Southee was tight and tidy, but Somerville's sloppiness and a lack of incision from Daryl Mitchell — Williamson's replacement — and Rachin Ravindra meant Agarwal held the innings together after Patel's procession, reaching his fourth test century off 196 balls.

The hometown hero wasn't done though, and still managed to end another 80-run stand, removing first test star

Shreyas Iyer for 18 with a ball that Iyer edged onto the top of his pad, with Blundell casually popping out from behind the stumps to pocket a simple catch. Unfortunately for New Zealand, that was the last wicket to fall. The final session saw 110 runs added for only the loss of Iyer, with Saha excellently protecting a long tail to ensure India held a comfortable position at stumps.

Much like in the first test, early wickets on day two will see the Black Caps storm back into the contest, but to accomplish that, more bowlers have to adjust to the conditions, and start feeling at home. — NZ Herald

Phoenix coach hits Aus sevens fly to Dubai

FOOTBALL

THE Wellington Phoenix's 13-match unbeaten run in the A-League men's competition has come to an end in controversial fashion.

The Western Sydney Wanderers beat the Phoenix 2-0 in Wollongong, scoring two second-half goals after former Phoenix forward Tomer Hemed broke the deadlock in the 67th minute.

The Video Assistant Referee checked to see if Hemed's shot had crossed the line before James McGarry was able to clear the ball, but did not pick up a potential foul on Phoenix defender Callan Elliot.

Wanderers defender John Koutroumbis rubbed salt into the wound by scoring the Wanderer's second deep into second-half stoppage time when the Phoenix were pressing for an equaliser.

Phoenix head coach Ufuk Talay said it was a tough result to take.

"In my opinion a poor decision in refereeing, a foul on Callan Elliot inside the box, led to the (first) goal," Talay said.

"I think they were probably looking at if it crossed the line and they were probably looking at if it was offside so in my opinion they may have missed a push on Cal Elliot."

He said they will consider making a complaint to league bosses.

"There are mistakes within the game, players make a thousand mistakes within the game but I think in my opinion the officials can't get it wrong (with VAR)."

Talay made one unforced change to his starting side, with academy product Ben Old named to make his first start for the Phoenix in place of the injured Jaushua Sotirio, who rolled his ankle last week.

Old started in one of the twin playmaker roles, with David Ball moving up front alongside fellow Englishman Gary Hooper.

The Phoenix had the ball in the back of the net after half an hour, with defender Josh Laws capitalising on a mistake from Wanderers goalkeeper Tomas Mejias, but VAR ruled it out for offside.

Reno Piscopo had a couple of good opportunities at the end of the first-half, forcing a save from Mejias with one shot before narrowly missing the target with his second.

Hemed's goal turned the game on its head and the Wanderers for the most part controlled proceedings over the remainder of the match.

The Phoenix though continued to press for an equaliser and vice-captain Oli Sail came up for a corner in stoppage time. Unfortunately for Wellington, the Wanderers were able to break from the set piece and Koutroumbis was able to run away into an open net.

"Look I never want to concede goals whether it's one, two or three," Talay said.

"But at the end of the day it was the dying seconds of the game, we pushed everyone forward to try to equalise and it's one of those ones where they break and they score so whether it's one-nil or two-nil it doesn't bother me." — RNZ

RUGBY SEVENS

LONDON — Australia's rugby women have maintained their brilliant form to again look like the team to beat in the latest world series Dubai Sevens tournament.

Demi Hayes' team carried on from where they left off, winning all three of their pool matches on Friday while racking up a remarkable 127 points, including 19 tries.

They began with a 40-0, six-try hammering of Spain, which featured doubles from Charlotte Caslick and Faith Nathan, before eight different players crossed the try line in their 52-0 pummeling of Canada.

Next up for the ruthless treatment were Brazil, beaten 35-7 as Caslick, who starred in last week's final win over Fiji, scored two more tries to bring her total for the day to five.

"We know our attack is brilliant, and hopefully, we can match that with our defence."

Bridge results

MONDAY, November 29 — Hexton Pairs Closing Night

North/South

Eileen Lee, Robyn Cheyne 62.70
Stephen Francks, Amanda Matthews 59.79
Bette Parker, Trish Corson 54.76

East/West

Jean Bennett, Robin Bennett 65.48
Diana Styche, Joy Marden 58.93
Helen Kerisome, Delwyn Arthur 58.63

WEDNESDAY, December 1 — Hexton Pairs Closing Day

North/South

Vicki Taylor, Anne McCombe 61.08
Robyn Cheyne, Eileen Lee 60.23
Trish Corson, Sally Knight 55.68

East/West

Rosemary Rowell, Jean Turnbull 56.25
Robin Bennett, Jean Bennett 55.73
Louise Goodhue, Delwyn Arthur 53.39

THURSDAY, December 2 — Hexton Pairs Closing Night

North/South

Tracy Clayton, Hans van der Kuijl 60.38
Raewynne Cook, Anne Roberts 54.63
Mark Fleming, Frank Roach 47.88

East/West

Anne McCombe, Trish Corson 58.88
Yvonne Waide, Katrina Duncan 55.13
Linda Spargo, Lois Grose 50.38

FRIDAY, December 3 — Hexton Pairs Closing Day

North/South

Nola McKee, Margie McKee 63.89
Anne McCombe, Vicki Taylor 56.75
Caroline Kirkpatrick, Anne Roberts 54.76

East/West

Glenys Evans, Bobby Thomson 59.38
Margaret Amor, Hans van der Kuijl 52.43
Sharon Kelman, Frank Roach 52.08

PBEC pass on wooden spoon

Brown 'phenomenal', team 'did the district proud'

GOLF by Chris Taewa

WILLIAM Brown has contributed several success stories to the Poverty Bay-East Coast golf history books.

This week's national interprovincial men's golf tournament in Ashburton may well be his greatest.

Brown finished the week as he started it as PBEC happily handed over the wooden spoon to Tasman despite losing their final round.

The man known to his mates as "Wi" had his fifth victory in six matches in Poverty Bay-East Coast's 3½-1½ loss to Northland yesterday morning.

PBEC had a bye in the afternoon so had to wait to find out if they had lifted themselves out of their bottom ranking.

They had. Tasman needed to beat Aorangi 5-0 yesterday afternoon to leapfrog them but lost 3-2.

PBEC finished on one team point and 10½ individual wins to Tasman's zero team points and eight individual wins.

While it is not confirmed, Brown's performance could be the best by a PBEC player in the long history of the national interprovincials.

Certainly it is the best of this millennium.

Long-time manager Dave Keown can't recall such a success rate and neither can stalwart representatives such as Tony Akroyd.

Brown, playing five matches at No.3 and one at No.2, had wins against Otago, Canterbury, Bay of Plenty, Manawatu-Wanganui and Northland. His only loss was against hosts Aorangi in Round 3.

Keown summed up Brown's achievements in one word — "phenomenal".

"He just fought and fought and fought."

That applied to yesterday as Brown, at No.2, beat Northland's Christian Nitsche 1-up — his tightest match of the tournament.

No.3 Peter Kerekere earned a half in a rollercoaster match against Michael Brodie.

"I was 3-up through eight holes, then he went birdie, par, birdie to square the match," Kerekere said.

Brodie won the 14th to go 1-up and after halving the 15th Kerekere won 16 to even it up again, only for his opponent to birdie 17 to regain the lead.

Kerekere kept his cool, and a par on the 18th was enough for the honours to be shared.

With Andy Higham sitting out the round after a bout of hay fever, Hukanui Brown was promoted to No.1 but was outgunned 7 and 6 by former professional Richard Squire, a multiple winner of the East Coast Open held at Te Puia Springs.

No.4 Regan Hindmarsh lost 4 and 3 and No.5 Dwayne Russell, who went in on the back of two consecutive wins, was brought back to Earth, 7 and 6.

Keown could not speak highly enough of the side, considering it was their only representative outing of the year and their preparation was severely hampered by the postponement of the Poverty Bay men's open and the vital game time it would have given them.



BACK IN BLACK: Poverty Bay East Coast started the national men's interprovincial tournament at Ashburton Golf Club in sensational style, upsetting Otago in the first round. They did not register another team win but were highly competitive in every clash on the way to ending up 12th and handing over the bottom ranking to Tasman. From left are Dwayne Russell, Regan Hindmarsh, Peter Kerekere, William Brown, Hukanui Brown, Andrew Higham and team manager Dave Keown.

Picture by Martin Hunter/www.bwmedia.co.nz

Club professional Keown being out of action with injury for several weeks did not help either.

"But the guys played some bloody good golf and put their heart and soul into it," he said.

"They're a great bunch of guys who did the district proud. Wi was a sensation but everyone got a result and put something into the team."

Poverty Bay-East Coast's team win came against Otago in the opening round. It included a victory on debut for Hindmarsh.

Keown put that result into context when discussing it with the rookie.

"If Poverty Bay were to play Otago in rugby, what do you think the score would be?"

Waikato topped the points table to set up a semifinal against Hawke's Bay this morning while Wellington were to face Taranaki in the other semi.

Fifth-placed Otago were left lamenting their first-round loss to PBEC, which ultimately cost them a place in the last four.

This week could also be the last time a men's representative golf team play under the PBEC banner. The PBEC Golf Association is to discuss changing its name to Tairāwhiti at its annual meeting on December 13.



'PHENOMENAL': That was how Poverty Bay-East Coast manager Dave Keown described the performance of William Brown at the men's national interprovincial on the Ashburton course this week. Brown finished with a record of five wins from six matches, possibly the best record of a PBEC player in the history of the tournament.

Picture by Martin Hunter/www.bwmedia.co.nz

Glennon gets first start for Giants v Dolphins

AMERICAN FOOTBALL — by Tom CANAVAN, AP

NEW JERSEY — New York Giants quarterback Daniel Jones will not play against the Miami Dolphins on Sunday because of a neck injury, and he could be out longer.

Coach Joe Judge ruled out Jones on Friday after being told by the team's medical personnel that the third-year quarterback had not been cleared for contact. Veteran Mike Glennon will get the start, his first with the Giants.

"I know this is frustrating for him, but I think it's

best for him," Judge said of Jones.

The second-year coach would not discuss the specifics of Jones' injury, saying the decision to rule him out was solely for this week. Judge said it is uncertain at this point when Jones will be cleared to play.

Jones, who has been the Giants' starter since early in his rookie season of 2019, will be evaluated next week when the team trains in Tucson, Arizona for a game against the Chargers in Los Angeles on Dec. 12.

Glennon replaced a concussed Jones for a half against Dallas on Oct. 10 and completed 16 of 25 passes for 196 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions. Jake Fromm,

who the Giants signed off the Buffalo Bills practice squad, will back up Glennon.

Jones, who has started every game this season, sustained what he said was a strained neck against the Philadelphia Eagles last Sunday. The sixth draft pick overall in '19 practised on a limited basis on Wednesday and Thursday.

Glennon started five games late last season for the Jacksonville Jaguars. He was 111 of 179 for 1,072 yards, seven touchdowns and five interceptions. Fromm has not played in a regular-season NFL game.

"He's played well when he's gone in," Judge said.

BRING ON THE BAABAAS

RUGBY by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

TOMORROW will be big and this Wednesday even bigger. Ngati Porou East Coast captain Hone Haerewa has been named to start at blindside flanker for the New Zealand Heartland 15 against the NZ Barbarians under Wales and British and Irish Lions coach Warren Gatland at Owen Delany Park in Taupo tomorrow.

Openside flanker Stefan Destounis and his Poverty Bay Weka teammate and tighthead prop James Higgins will come off the reserves bench.

Haerewa and Destounis have also been nominated to be the Heartland Championship Player of the Year at the New Zealand Rugby Awards on Wednesday.

NPEC's North Harbour loan player Ngarohi McGarvey-Black — an Olympian and the NZ Rugby Players Association Players' Player of the Year in 2020 — has been nominated for the Richard Crawshaw Memorial All Black Sevens Player of the Year.

Former All Black and NPEC head coach Hosea Gear respects his second-year Coast skipper Haerewa mightily as a man and a player.

"Hone's been outstanding as a player for at least two years now," Gear said. "He's only getting better and he's a great man and leader. He has a solid foundation in his values and that transfers to his play on the field. It's hard to find any faults in his game."

Gear also extolled Destounis' virtues.

"Stefan too deserves his nomination. He's been one of the stand-out players in the Heartland Championship all season and he's by far the best fetcher in the competition. He's a good man and a great guy off the field.

"It's awesome that three players from East Coast and Poverty Bay were nominated."

South Canterbury halfback Willie Wright is the third finalist for Heartland Player of the Year.

Haerewa's humility is typical of the Coast and Bay finalists.

"I'm very excited to go up against quality players in the NZ Barbarians team. It's an awesome opportunity for us to test ourselves and play in front of prestigious coaches. I'm looking forward to the occasion."

Poverty Bay co-coach Miah Nikora spoke about what Destounis and Higgins brought to the Bay set-up.

"Co-coach Tom Cairns and I had plenty of dialogue with the Heartland 15 management during the season and while they hadn't heard much of Stefan previously, his exceptional performances and consistency week-in, week-out caught their attention, and couldn't be ignored when it came to selecting the squad.

This is a massive achievement for Stefan. His contribution for us this season was huge. He often led the tackle count, turnover count and on attack had a never-say-die attitude with ball in hand. The standard he played at week-in, week-out was outstanding."

James grew as a player as the Heartland season went on. In the last four games, his performances really caught the eye. His scrummaging was excellent and he also carried the ball powerfully."

"I'm super proud to represent the Heartland 15. From playing little to no rugby before the start of the competition, to now being selected for this squad is definitely a surprise but I'm really grateful for all of the opportunities I've been given this year."

Nigel Walsh, head coach of both the Heartland 15 and Meads Cup champions South Canterbury, knows he has three gold nuggets in Haerewa, Destounis and Higgins.

"They've been fantastic and contributed a lot on and off the field. Hone's been here before, has that experience and knows what it's about, what's required. He's a leader in our group and brings a lot of mana with him.

Stefan's learning a lot and pushing hard, in everything we do, to make sure he's on target for the team," said former front-rower Walsh, who has also enjoyed scrum anchor Higgins' input by example hugely.

"He is one very quiet man but he's fitted in with the boys and he's going well."

Live coverage of the Heartland 15-NZ Barbarians game starts at 2pm tomorrow on Sky Sport 1. Coverage of the ASB Rugby Awards is from 8pm on Sky Sport 1 on Wednesday, December 15.



2020 PLAYER OF THE YEAR: On loan from North Harbour Ngarohi McGarvey-Black (left) takes a high ball. He has been nominated for the Richard Crawshaw Memorial Sevens Player of the Year. File picture.

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MIDNIGHT TONIGHT

GISBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT

Sunday Dec 5		Monday Dec 6	
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Hicks Bay	H 7:55am 8:09pm L 1:35am 2:03pm	Hicks Bay	H 8:49am 9:04pm L 2:28am 2:58pm
Waipiro Bay	H 7:42am 7:56pm L 1:10am 1:38pm	Waipiro Bay	H 8:36am 8:51pm L 2:03am 2:33pm
Tolaga Bay	H 7:30am 7:44pm L 12:58am 1:26pm	Tolaga Bay	H 8:24am 8:39pm L 1:51am 2:21pm
Gisborne	H 7:10am 7:27pm L 12:49am 1:19pm	Gisborne	H 8:05am 8:24pm L 1:45am 2:16pm
Wairoa	H 6:47am 7:12pm L 12:30am 1:03pm	Wairoa	H 7:43am 8:10pm L 1:27am 2:01pm

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🐟 Best at 1:08 am 1:41 pm	🐟 Best at 2:14 am 2:47 pm

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.

NZ TOMORROW

Auckland	showers	25
Hamilton	showers	25
Tauranga	showers	23
Rotorua	showers	21
Taupo	showers	22
Napier	fine	27
New Plymouth	rain	22
Palmerston North	showers	25
Wellington	showers	21
Christchurch	rain	28
Queenstown	rain	20
Dunedin	rain	24

GISBORNE SUN PROTECTION ALERT

8:40 AM - 5:15 PM PROTECTION REQUIRED
Slip, Stop, Stap and Wrap
Data provided by NIWA

WEDNESDAY

Partly cloudy. Southerlies.

GISBORNE CITY

TOMORROW	MONDAY	TUESDAY
morning min 15 max 26 Mainly fine with high cloud. Northerlies.	morning min 17 max 24 Becoming cloudy. Rain in the afternoon. N changing S evening.	morning min 14 max 19 Rain easing to showers early, clearing later. Southeasterlies.

GISBORNE REGION

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.	Rain, easing to showers early then clearing later but remaining cloudy. Southeasterlies.
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WORLD TOMORROW

Adelaide	fine	12 27
Amsterdam	drizzle	1 5
Bangkok	fine	18 28
Beijing	fine	-3 8
Berlin	drizzle	1 2
Brisbane	showers	21 27
Buenos Aires	thunder	18 26
Cairo	fine	12 20
Canberra	cloudy	9 19
Cape Town	thunder	16 22
Delhi	thunder	12 24
Frankfurt	cloudy	3 5
Geneva	rain	0 4
Hong Kong	fine	17 22
London	showers	1 5
Los Angeles	fine	10 26
Melbourne	fine	10 21
Moscow	snow	-6 -2
New York	fine	3 12
Paris	drizzle	3 8
Perth	fine	20 33
Singapore	showers	24 33
Stockholm	snow	-9 -5
Suva	showers	24 30
Sydney	showers	16 22
Tokyo	fine	6 13
Toronto	snow	-4 4

GISBORNE READINGS

Taken at the Airport, for the 17 hours to 5pm, Friday 3 Dec 2021

SUNSHINE hours	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	NE 33
Max gust to 5pm, Fri 3 Dec	NE 33
RAINFALL mm	0.0
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	4.7
Daily average for past week	4.7
TEMPERATURE °C	23.6
Maximum to 5pm	23.6
Minimum	12.6
Grass minimum	9.2
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE	1023.7
At 5pm 3 Dec (hPa)	1023.7
At 5pm 3 Dec (inches)	30.23

TODAY IN HISTORY

1998 — A period of heavy rain on Coromandel Peninsula caused serious floods, slips and damage to roads and property. The rain was described as the "heaviest for decades". One man drowned after the boat he was in capsized off Whangamata.

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Scholarships in Japan

Hard work turns sports talent into opportunities

RUGBY by Renae Lolohea

HICKS Bay teenager Liam Henderson has been offered a \$400,000 rugby scholarship at Yamanashi Gakuin High School in Japan.

His agent, Gisborne's Luke Bradley, who lived in Japan for 10 years, has his own rugby agency LRB Sports, that's helping create opportunities in Tairāwhiti.

LRB Sport focuses on women's sevens players, coaches, and scholarships for high school and university students, and works with men's teams in Japan.

Bradley knew that Liam was something special after watching him play for Fraser High School in Hamilton, and the East Coast under-16s.

"What I liked about Liam was straight away you could see he was very coachable, well mannered and very respectful," Bradley said.

"He had some raw talent that could be unleashed in the high school system in Japan."

Liam's mum, Jade Henderson, said Liam started playing Rippa Rugby at around five years of age. Even then, his parents were questioned about his age.

"He was quite big for his age, so we had to show his birth certificate," Jade said.

When Liam progressed to tackle rugby, he had to play up two years. Now 16, he stands 6ft 1in (1.85 metres), weighs 115 kilograms, and often gets mistaken for a 20-year-old.

He began playing rugby in Hamilton for Te Rapa, then moved home to Hicks Bay to learn his whakapapa and te reo.

There he played for the Ngāti Porou East Coast under-13s and u14s.

He returned to Hamilton for secondary school, and continued playing throughout his high school years. This year he made the first 15.

Liam is also skilled at Kyokushin, a Japanese form of martial arts.

His father Warren took him along to his first class at the age of three.

By seven he had his black belt in the children's class and was moved up. He hopes to further develop his skills in Japan.

"Hopefully I get to spar with a few people and practise Kyokushin over there; sparring is fun, it toughens you up," Liam said.

Although he is nervous about moving, he says this is a big opportunity.



PATHS CROSS: Poverty Bay's Jordyn Tihore (right) lines up Ngāti Porou East Coast player Katarina Ngarimu for a tackle. Picture by Renae Lolohea

"I'm pretty nervous about moving but I'm also excited," Liam said.

"I'm nervous because I get homesick, but it's good I get this opportunity.

Also preparing to head offshore is 16-year-old Jordyn Tihore.

She landed a similar contract last year, but it's been a rocky road.

Covid-19 disrupted her plans to travel to Japan, and when that country closed its borders Jordyn's student visa was no longer valid.

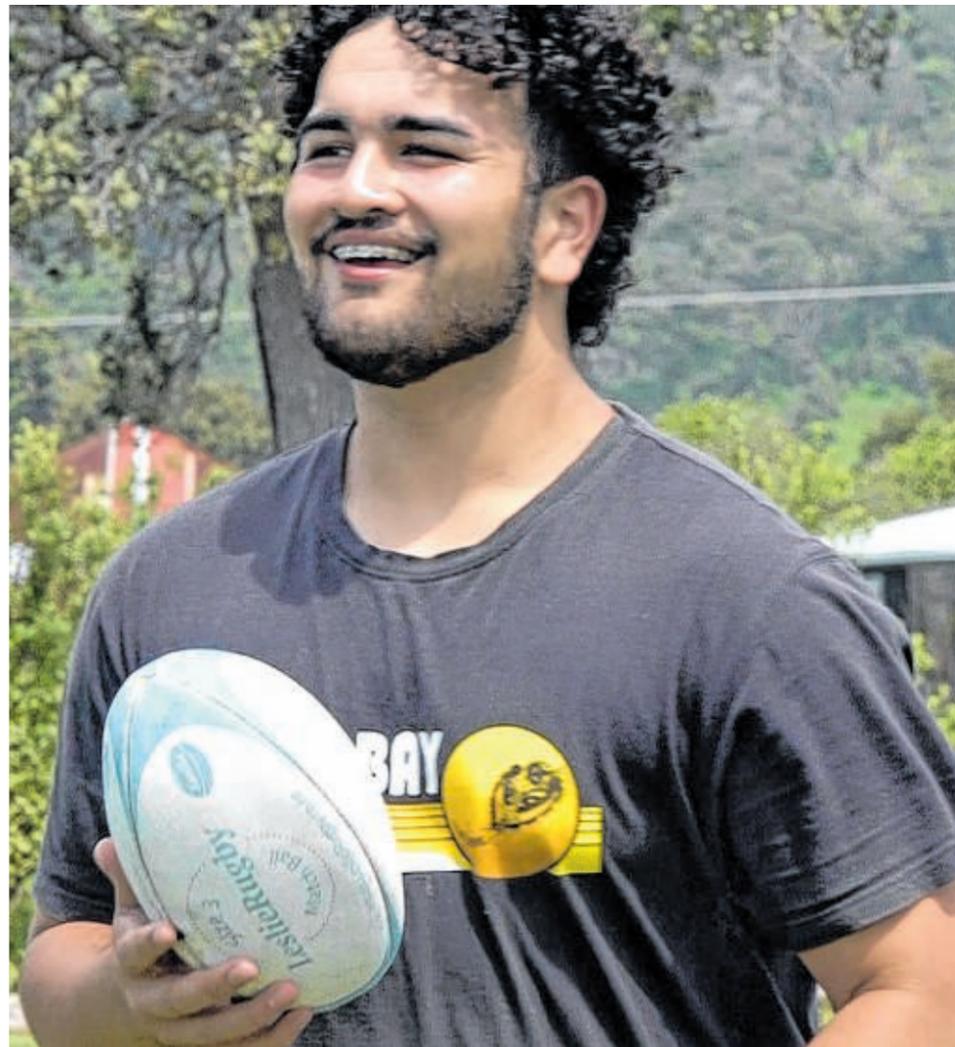
Jordyn started playing Rippa Rugby with Matakaoa (Te Ararua) JAB at the age of seven, but she found her passion when she was allowed to play tackle rugby.

Playing for Lytton High School was a highlight, and she attributes that to the coach, former Black Fern Trish Hina.

"It was the best experience; it developed me into the rugby player I am now," Jordyn said.

Growing up on the Coast and having community support instilled in her the drive to work hard to succeed.

"I want to work hard for those who go to



ADVENTURE AHEAD: Liam Henderson is excited about his rugby scholarship in Japan. Picture by Renae Lolohea

work early in the morning to pay for me to go and live my dream," Jordyn said.

Despite the disruption to her travel plans, Jordyn ensured she was prepared for any developments. She took weekly Japanese classes through Zoom and continued to play high-level rugby — for Poverty Bay women and New

Zealand under-18 Māori women.

A recent change in the Japanese border situation means that Jordyn's visa is now valid, and she will be allowed to travel to Japan.

Some say it's hard for people from small East Coast townships to get ahead. Liam and Jordyn show that with hard work, anything is possible.

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