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TOO BUSY: Submitters to the council's proposed heavy traffic bylaw say Awapuni Road will become more congested with the introduction of an extra 400 vehicles a day. Picture by Liam Clayton

Harper Road safer option

Council defends heavy traffic route choice

by Wynsley Wrigley

HARPER Road has been defended as the safer route from Waimata for trucks trying to link up with Gisborne District Council's proposed heavy traffic route along State Highway 35 (via Awapuni Road/Customhouse Street/Wainui Road).

Former deputy mayor David Scott told the council's regulatory hearings committee — taking public submissions on the draft Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2021 — that King Road, not Harper Road, had previously been selected as the link road and was the "correct" road to the route.

Council officers, asked to report back to the committee on a second day of hearings, said sight lines north from the intersection of King Road and State Highway 2 were unsafe for heavy vehicles and Harper Road was the safer choice.

Earlier, Mr Scott said using Harper Road ignored the route planning undertaken by the local authority in the 1990s, and that Harper Road suffered from regular

surface flooding.

The council should not waste this investment or be environmentally irresponsible where roading upgrades were undertaken to prepare the route for increased logging traffic.

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— David Scott

"There would not be one roading engineer in Aotearoa/New Zealand who would support and recommend re-routing heavy traffic away from a carefully planned and funded heavy traffic route (which is not on a flood plain) to an inadequate, unstable road on a regular flood plain.

"The Waimata to state highway route for logging trucks/heavy traffic was well planned and funded many years ago.

"The initial planning was commenced by the previous East Cape United Council and completed by Gisborne District

Council," Mr Scott said.

The council received 84 submissions on the proposed heavy traffic route, with 66 percent support.

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‘Uniquely Tairāwhiti’

NZ Architecture Awards win testament to collaboration

AWARD WINNER: Gisborne Airport was named one of the winners of the Public Architecture category of the New Zealand Architecture Awards. Judges said the building reflected the uniqueness of Tairāwhiti. Picture by Andy Spain

by Jack Marshall

THE authenticity and sustainability of Gisborne Airport’s new terminal has been recognised in the 2021 New Zealand Architecture Awards.

Gisborne Airport was named one of three winners of the Public Architecture category of the awards.

A panel of four architects selected the airport designed by Tennent Brown Architects and Architects 44 for their sustainable and multicultural building that “provides a fitting gateway to Tairāwhiti.”

Tennent Brown director Ewan Brown said it was an honour to work alongside Rongowhakaata, Ngai Tāwhiri, Eastland Group and Architects 44, as well as artists such as Sir Derek Lardelli and Karl Johnstone.

The win was a testament to that collaboration, he said.

“Working on this project alongside mana whenua and the people of Tairāwhiti to create a building that has sustainability at its core has been an incredible journey,” the architect said.

Thelma Karaitiana, of Ngai Tāwhiri, said they were delighted with the award.

“The interpretation and reflection of Te Tairāwhiti throughout the design of Gisborne Airport is worthy of such recognition.”

Judging panel jury convener and architect Sharon Jansen described it as “a well-functioning regional airport with a grounded sense of belonging”

The jury was impressed by the building’s form, which suggests both a whare and a waka, and by its “rich interior that embodies a sense of wellbeing and comfort.”

Architects 44 director Daniel King said it was great to be able to work on the airport and help bring a “uniquely Tairāwhiti building” to life.

“I think everyone is really proud of it,” Mr King said.

Trust Tairāwhiti gave its

single largest distribution towards the facility —\$5 million.

Trust Tairāwhiti chair John Clarke said the local artists’ work and creative direction brought the terminal to life.

“The airport is authentically Tairāwhiti, and a place we can all be proud of.”

“... a well-functioning regional airport with a grounded sense of belonging”

— Awards judging panel jury convener Sharon Jansen



A SPECIAL GATEWAY: The airport was praised for highlighting its sustainable and multicultural design. Picture by Andy Spain

Concerns re-route will compound peak time congestion

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The hearing report said support was generally from submitters living on or near affected local roads and opposition from residents living on Awapuni Road.

The main concern raised by residents centred on improving safety and reducing noise and congestion on their roads.

Arguments in favour of the route restrictions moving heavy vehicles off Ormond Road included:

- Reducing noise, vibration and congestion on Ormond Road.

- Improving safety for cyclists.
- Lowering the cost of maintaining Ormond Road.

Some submissions suggested there would be a potential negative economic impact, with one citing the extended drive time from plantation via the state highways.

Several submitters noted Awapuni Road was already congested at peak times and this would be compounded by the introduction of an additional 400 vehicles a day.

Eastland Wood Council opposed the

proposal, citing safety concerns around the number of schools on the route, the impact the additional traffic volumes would have on Awapuni Road and its residents and the increased distance to port for Forestry trucks.

New Zealand Police and Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ), in its submissions, sought clarification around how the draft heavy traffic route would affect it.

The hearings agenda said the draft bylaw stated emergency vehicles were exempt when used on official duties.

Council staff have recommended this be expanded to explicitly exempt emergency vehicles and their activities.

The regulatory hearings committee will deliberate in private before sending traffic and parking bylaw recommendations to a full council meeting on December 13.

Council staff have recommended to the hearing committee that draft proposals concerning heavy vehicle route restrictions, as well as inner harbour parking controls, a one-way route over Titirangi, permitting wheeled recreational services in the CBD and cycle lanes be adopted.

Bucket numbers down in annual spud fundraiser



SPUD IN A BUCKET: India and Thea Donnelly at the Alzheimers Gisborne annual Spud in a Bucket competition weigh-in on Saturday at Bunnings. Picture by Rebecca Grunwell

THE 2021 Spud in a Bucket competition came to a disappointing conclusion on Saturday, with only 125 of the 353 buckets sold brought in for weighing and counting in the Bunnings carpark.

“We wondered if the low turnout was due to the red alert level Gisborne is currently under,” Alzheimers Gisborne manager Tracy Robinson said.

“It was a shame as there were so many prizes on offer to win and lots of spot prizes donated by Bunnings.”

However, the Rotary Club of Gisborne were kept busy sieving dirt and weighing spuds from 9am on Saturday.

The prize winners were — Greg Aston for the most spuds grown in his bucket, — 24. Greg won a lawnmower for his efforts.

Rod Cutts’ harvest weighed in the heaviest at 1.163 kilograms, earning him a barbecue.

In the under 12 section, there were four prize winners in two age groups —

Under 5 years, most potatoes: Jasper Dodgshun’s 20.

Heaviest: Thia Donnell 709 grams.

6 to 12yrs, most potatoes: Crystal Hoggetts 19.

Heaviest: Nathan Lyons 843 grams.

The prizes for the under-12-year-olds comprised a selection of treats such as a plastic toy house, folding swing set, LED strip lights and wooden craft kits.

Alzheimers Gisborne drew the Christmas hamper raffle following the prize-giving, with the \$350 of Christmas goodies

heading up the Coast to the winner in Tokomaru Bay.

Spud in a Bucket is an annual fundraiser for Alzheimers Gisborne Tairāwhiti. It usually generates over \$4000 in income for the local non-governmental organisation but for a second year in a row Covid has interrupted bucket sales, resulting in a reduction of income.

“However, Bunnings have said they remained committed to the fundraiser and to providing the prizes and venue again next year so we are delighted it will happen again next year,” Tracy said.

She acknowledged the fundraiser could not go ahead without the sponsorship from Bunnings and the people-power support of the Rotary club.



LET’S MAKE SOME FRIES: Jasper Dodgshun (5) with his 20 taters at the Spud in a Bucket weigh-in.

Picture by Rebecca Grunwell

Big week for vaccinations

A “HUGE effort” from Tairāwhiti vaccinators resulted in 3327 people receiving Covid-19 vaccine doses in the week ending yesterday.

The 3327 vaccine shots comes after Hauora Tairāwhiti chairwoman Kim Ngarimu said the Christmas 90 percent target (to be double vaccinated) was possible if 1500 people took their first dose during last week to allow for the 21-day period before having their second dose.

The vaccine total compares to 1711 vaccines given during the previous week.

That takes the district’s vaccination rate up to Sunday to 88.3 percent for the first dose, and 78.7 percent for the second.

The equivalent Maori figures are 82.9 percent and 69.9.

Tairāwhiti pandemic team communications

adviser Di Akurangi said Hauora Tairāwhiti, Ngāti Porou Hauora and Turanga Health had made huge efforts.

Pop-up vaccine centres operating in suburban side streets had provided a successful “non-clinical” way of reaching unvaccinated whanau who might be reluctant to go to a regular clinic or GP.

Sunday clinics had also proved successful in reaching the unvaccinated.

Every coming Sunday would be a Super Shot Sunday, she said.

A total of 458 people were vaccinated yesterday, comprising 159 first doses, 180 second doses and 20 booster vaccines.

The vaccines were given at Pak’nSave, 159; Harry Barker Reserve drive-through, 193; Patutahi drive-through, 67; and Te Karaka, 39.

Second positive test of Tairāwhiti wastewater

A SECOND Tairāwhiti wastewater sample has tested positive for Covid-19 but the district remains without any confirmed cases of the virus.

Gisborne District

Council and Hauora Tairāwhiti have confirmed another positive sample was found on Thursday of last week, following a positive sample from a test done on Wednesday.

Tests are usually

carried out on Monday and Wednesday and results are published on the ESR website.

“If you have symptoms, please get tested,” a health board spokesperson said.

‘Vulnerable’ shark washes ashore

A SHARK believed to be a bronze whaler washed ashore at an East Coast beach on Saturday night.

Department of Conservation marine scientist Clinton Duffy said the species most probably belonged to the requiem shark genus

Carcharhinus.

Bronze whalers are vulnerable to over-fishing by targeted fisheries and as bycatch.

As per the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN’s) red list, the species is considered vulnerable — its susceptibility to

population depletion due to its low growth and reproductive rates.

“It is not uncommon for sharks to turn up on East Coast beaches like this. They are usually fish that have been discarded by fishers and have washed ashore,” Mr Duffy said.

Acquittal in sex assault jury trial

A DISABLED man accused of sexually abusing a pregnant teenager about 20 years ago has been acquitted in Gisborne District Court.

The 60 year-old man’s jury trial began on Monday and ended on Friday with the jury deliberating for less than an hour before returning its not guilty verdict.

The man, who cannot be named for legal reasons, denied allegations that had led to him being charged with unlawful sexual connection and indecent assault of a girl aged between 12 and 16.

The complainant said the offending happened as a single incident some time between 2003 and 2005 when she was either 15 or 16 and

pregnant. She was staying at the family’s house when she woke one night to find the man touching her inappropriately with his right hand. His left, disabled, hand was behind her neck. He was using it to try to pull her closer, the complainant said.

The accused was a father figure to her, having virtually adopted her from age 11 into his family, the woman said.

She continued to be a part of the family — none of whom knew or suspected anything was wrong — until she reported the alleged offending last year.

Her fear of jeopardising her relationship with the family was the reason she did not report the

offending sooner, the complainant said.

The Crown said the man’s disability, of which much was made by the defence, was being used along with other peripheral matters to distract the jury from the real issues in the trial.

Counter-intuitive evidence about the behaviour and reporting patterns of sexually abused children, introduced as an agreed fact in the trial, neither proved or disproved the charges, prosecutor Amanda Bryant said.

However, she urged jurors to consider the parallels between the complainant’s conduct in this case and the contents of that research information.

Counsel Adam Simperingham urged the

jury to accept the man’s evidence he could not physically have simultaneously carried out the three actions involved in the alleged offence.

Mr Simperingham said the complainant’s conduct since the time of the alleged offending did not fit with the findings of the counter-intuitive evidence.

Her behaviour went beyond what was known about that of child sex abuse victims.

Medical evidence called by the defence confirmed the nature of the man’s disability affected his mobility on the left side of his body, particularly in his arm and hand, but did not establish whether or not the man could have carried out the offences.

FAMILY NOTICES

Deaths

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HOVELL, Anne Bernadette. — Passed away in Invercargill.

She will be lying in state at Tarere Marae. Service 7pm tonight. Funeral service Tuesday 7th December, 11am at the Marae.

PAVIELL, Keith Maurice. — Passed away peacefully, on Sunday 5th December 2021. Dearly loved husband, friend and sparring partner of Mary-Ann. Dearly loved Dad, teacher, and guide to four very special children, Lisa, Chris, Bridget and Shane. Dearly loved Grandpop to Adam, Beau, Sage, Luke and Lily. Loyal friend to all those who loved him and enjoyed his humour and fun. Last words "Be nice, be nice to everyone, everyone is beautiful and deserves a chance." At peace with God until we meet again - Mary-Ann.

A private cremation has been held as per Keith's wishes. Close family and friends will celebrate him in 2022.

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In Memoriam

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In life we loved you dearly. In death we love you still. In our hearts you hold a place, no one else will ever fill. For our mountain man.

Love,
The Burns Tribe

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LARBY, Daryl Ronald. — Passed away on 5th December 2021, aged 67 years, after a long battle with cancer. Beloved soul-mate of Roberta Harris. Dearly loved father of Stanley and Melanie, Lonnie and Amber, Monique and Rob, Kristopher and Annabel, Kim-Maree and Kylie, Hamish and Kelly. Treasured Koro of his 22 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Loved eldest son of Dorothy (dec) and Ronald (dec). Loved brother of Sharon, Wayne, Christine, Glenys, Maree and Warren.

Daryl is lying at 157 Hansen Road. Services will be held 7pm Monday and Tuesday. Funeral service will be held 1pm Wednesday 8th December, followed by interment at Taruhuru Lawn Cemetery. Covid restrictions will apply.

Deaths

FAULKNER, Rachel Jane (Jane). — Jane passed away peacefully, aged 69, on Friday 3rd December 2021, at Hilda Ross in Hamilton, after several years of ill health. Jane was the loved daughter of the late Ian and Margaret Faulkner of Gisborne, and sister to Graham, Isabelle and Nigel.

A remembrance gathering will be held at a future date. Special thanks to the wonderful staff at Hilda Ross, who have cared for Jane over the past few years. Messages can be sent to Isabelle Vanderkolk, C/- PO Box 439, Hamilton 3240.

Ana-Maria Richardson
FUNERAL DIRECTOR

Hauora Tairāwhiti has policies, procedures for assisted dying

by Akula Sharma

ASSISTED dying services are expected to be based primarily in the community, says Hauora Tairāwhiti chief executive Jim Green.

In the weeks since the End Of Life Choice Act came into effect, there had been an interest in the application process and inquiries from people and practitioners about the service, said a spokesperson from the Ministry of Health.

Two formal applications were received within the first fortnight.

"Because this can be a highly emotive matter and people's privacy needs to be maintained, we won't be in a position to provide further updates on application and any assisted death numbers while the service is new and the numbers are small," the spokesperson said.

The Ministry of Health has confirmed 129 medical and nurse practitioners across New Zealand had accessed the training required

for providing assisted dying service, and more than 6000 health professionals had completed the End of Life Choice Act training module available for all health professionals.

Hauora Tairāwhiti district health board had developed policies and procedures based on national guidance for its staff to provide support to those who might be considering end of life care, Mr Green said.

"No one is allowed to suggest the service to people, however our staff need to be able to connect people requesting information about this from those able and authorised to provide this.

"All health practitioners have been able to access webinars on the processes required for advice and applications and documentation is available.

"We will have access agreements for doctors or nurse practitioners who are accredited with SCENZ (Support and Consultation for the End of Life, NZ).

"If it is the choice of a person who has completed the process of applying for and being approved for end of life care to have that care provided in the hospital setting we will facilitate a suitable place for that and the necessary support for that person, the family/whānau and practitioner," Mr Green said.

"We expect it will be rare for this to take place as the service will primarily be based in the community."

The SCENZ Group is responsible for maintaining lists of medical practitioners, nurse practitioners, and psychiatrists who provide assisted dying services. A person can ask for the name and contact details of a medical practitioner from this list if their doctor does not provide assisted dying services (health practitioners have a right to conscientiously object to being involved in the assisted dying process), or they do not want to talk to their own doctor. This list is not publicly available.

Passion, determination

Rocket Lab selects two for annual scholarship

SPACE company Rocket Lab has awarded its annual Rocket Lab Scholarship to two recipients in the same year for the first time.

The scholarship has been granted annually since 2017.

Hinewairere Sollitt-Mackey from Ruatoria and Pikitangarangi Ratapu from Mahia, both with whakapapa to local iwi, were selected as this year's recipients after demonstrating clear determination and passion to pursue careers in science and engineering.

Ms Sollitt-Mackey, 22, plans to study engineering at the University of Auckland, returning to her dream career after having to withdraw from studying at Canterbury University due to lack of support. She has been working in construction on Transmission Gully, near Wellington, picking up skills that motivated her to have another attempt to study engineering.

She has strong family ties to the Mahia Peninsula and the Māori-owned land where Rocket Lab launches from.

"I'm so honoured and privileged to have been awarded the Rocket Lab scholarship along side Pikitangarangi this year," she said.

"Receiving the scholarship was such a blessing and an amazing way to honour my late Papa Ben Mackey who was the chairman of Tawapata, who Rocket Lab approached. I've felt that I've made my whanau



PIKITANGARANGI RATAPU
Picture supplied

and iwi proud. Ruatoria holds a special place in my heart because of my whanau and I want to inspire them and make them proud.

"My future plan is to get a degree in civil engineering and use my skills that I've learned to help fix the East Coast roads. I would also want to help motivate young Māori to achieve their dreams in the construction workforce."

Mr Ratapu, 17, plans to study biology and chemistry at the University of Auckland and has a strong interest in the natural world. Pikitangarangi Ratapu's close connection to his whanau and whakapapa to Mahia iwi came through in his scholarship application, where he spoke of volunteering at community gatherings and supporting hui at his marae Tuahuru.

Mr Ratapu spoke directly to the power of satellite technology



HINEWAIRERE SOLLITT-MACKEY
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in monitoring climate change and how Earth observation data can be used to mitigate environmental hazards; a particular passion of his sparked by working with Manukau Institute of Technology (MIT) PhD students doing marine monitoring at the Horokaka and Te Toka Tamure Mahinga Mataitai reserves.

The scholarship supports and encourages students from the Tairāwhiti/Gisborne and Te Matau-a-Māui/Hawke's Bay regions that surround Rocket Lab's launch site in Mahia to pursue science, technology, engineering, or maths (STEM) at tertiary level.

It covers up to \$20,000 of tertiary education fees for up to four years of study and includes mentorship from Rocket Lab.

This year will also mark the graduation of the inaugural recipient of the Rocket

Lab Scholarship, Arianna Ormond of Mahia. Granted the scholarship in 2017, Arianna will graduate from the University of Waikato in December this year with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Computer Science.

"Encouraging young New Zealanders to continue their education and follow career paths in STEM, while directly supporting our local community in Mahia and the surrounding regions, is the foundation of the Rocket Lab Scholarship," Rocket Lab founder and chief executive Peter Beck said.

"Bright and dedicated young people like Hinewairere, Pikitangarangi, and Arianna are going to shape the future of New Zealand, and I'm proud we're able to have played a small part in helping them achieve their dreams.

"With the double-awarding of the Rocket Lab Scholarship this year, Rocket Lab has now thrown its support behind six young students studying tertiary degrees in STEM to the tune of \$120,000."

The Rocket Lab Scholarship was founded to directly support the community surrounding Rocket Lab's Launch Complex 1 on the Mahia Peninsula. It is designed to foster continued excellence and innovation among New Zealand's next generation of science, technology, mathematics and engineering leaders.

Applications for the annual scholarship open in term four

Fire causes investigated

by Murray Robertson

POLICE have an inquiry under way into the fire that started in a bedroom at a Kainga Ora home in Edison Street in Kaiti early last Thursday morning.

Fire and Emergency Services NZ were called at about 6.30am after neighbours heard smoke alarms going off.

No one was home at the time.

"The fire started in a mattress in a bunk bed in the bedroom," said specialist fire investigator Derek Goodwin.

"The exact cause remains undetermined, but we're leaning towards it being suspicious, and police have been looking into it."

The bedroom door was shut when firefighters got inside and that stopped the spread of the fire. "It was good the house had working smoke alarms that alerted the neighbours."

Meanwhile, the cause of the blaze that destroyed a home in Dymock Road near Te Karaka on Thursday afternoon was probably electrical in nature, Mr Goodwin said.

"The fire started in or near the home's switchboard."

The occupants found the house burnt to the ground when they returned home from work that afternoon.

Another big Lotto win for lucky Wairoa punter

A LUCKY Lotto player from Wairoa will be celebrating after winning \$600,000 with Strike Four in Saturday night's draw.

The winning Strike ticket was sold at Mobil Wairoa.

It was the biggest win of Saturday

night after five Lotto players won \$200,000 in First Division.

Wairoa's win is the second large Lotto win in the town in the past fortnight.

In late November, a Wairoa Keno player won a Volkswagen campervan

valued at more than \$80,000 after checking a winning Keno ticket left beside their bed for two weeks.

The player, who wishes to remain anonymous, is a regular Keno player who keeps their tickets in a jar beside the bed. — Hawke's Bay Today

Caution urged as surf lifesaving patrols begin

by Murray Robertson

FULL surf lifeguard patrols began operations at Tairāwhiti beaches at the weekend. Lifesavers here expect to see high numbers at the beach, as in other parts of the country.

Surf Life Saving NZ has reminded people to take extra care when they head to the beach.

Kaiapōni Farms Waikanae, Dawson Building Midway, and Riversun Wainui started their full day patrols on Saturday and Sunday (10am-5pm), joining Tolaga Bay who had already started.

The early warm weather in the north of the country has seen a big jump in beachgoer numbers and lifeguards have already carried

out record numbers of rescues in some parts of the country.

Tragically there have also been several drownings.

"There have been plenty of people at the beach in this area too on the warm days we've had lately," said a Gisborne surf life saving spokeswoman.

"The water is warmer than it usually is at this time of year too.

"Beach numbers will increase further from now on," she said.

Rescue numbers tend to increase as beach numbers increase.

This year has already seen the Surf Life Saving Northern Region carry out a third of the number of rescues they would typically see in an entire year.

Paul Dalton, Surf Life Saving New Zealand chief executive, urges the public to take care.

"This year has been another tough year for New Zealanders as we continue to deal with the impact of Covid-19, and many people are looking forward to enjoying more freedom very soon.

"We want people to enjoy a great summer, but we also want them to get home from the beach safely."

Figures from the soon to be released 2020-21 National Beach and Coastal Safety Report show that 46 percent of New Zealand fatal drownings over the past decade occurred in the summer.

There were 167 beach and coastal drowning fatalities during the three summer months of

December, January and February.

"This figure represents nearly half of the total annual beach and coastal drowning fatalities recorded, highlighting the increased risk of the busy summer season.

"Surf beaches also pose the greatest risk, with 36 percent of beach and coastal fatal drownings occurring at these locations last year."

Data also shows that more males than females drown, accounting for 80 percent over the 2020-21 period.



CROWDS EXPECTED: Surf lifeguards in Gisborne expect to see increasing numbers of people at the beaches here from now on, as has been happening in other parts of the country. The postponement of R&V will take some pressure off lifeguard services here at that busier time of year.

File picture

GISBORNE DISTRICT COURT

A MAN who indecently exposed himself to a midwife at Gisborne Hospital's maternity unit and tried to lift up her shirt, has been acquitted of charges due to insanity.

Harawira Rangihuna, 21, was charged with doing an indecent act with intent to insult and indecent assault of a female aged over 16.

Judge Warren Cathcart said information before the court showed the substance of the charges was proved but also that Rangihuna was likely to be suffering a form of psychosis at the time of the offending and would not have realised what he was doing or that it was morally unacceptable.

In making the findings, the judge referred to CCTV footage proving Rangihuna was at the unit, witness statements from the midwife involved and one of her colleagues, and specialist mental health reports previously commissioned by the court.

The judge remanded Rangihuna further on bail to appear again in court on February 11, when the case will be formally disposed of. A further specialist report was directed to assist with that process.

Summarising what happened, the judge said that Rangihuna entered the maternity unit at about 5.50pm on August 16 this year. He approached a midwife in an office.

She thought initially he was the partner of one of the patients or a visitor but then noticed he was mumbling and his eyes were glazed over as if he was drunk or affected by some other substance.

Concerned about her own safety, and the safety of others, she tried to guide him outside hoping to lock the door.

But as she went to do so, Rangihuna exposed himself to her and tried to pull up her shirt.

He said something to the effect, "it's all your fullas' fault that he's dead". Rangihuna apparently believed at the time his partner had taken their baby to the unit to be killed, the judge said.

When police spoke to him later, Rangihuna appeared confused and ignored the officer reading him his rights.

He showed further signs of psychosis while remanded in custody at Hawkes Bay Regional Prison.

A HOMELESS man who behaved aggressively towards members of the public in Gisborne's central business district was subject by the court to an inpatient compulsory treatment order.

A judge previously found Jacob Rewi Haenga, 32, unfit to stand trial for charges of assault with a blunt instrument, threatening behaviour, two counts of possessing an offensive weapon, disorderly behaviour, and a breach of bail.

The charges arose out of two incidents, this year — one on February 13, the other on April 27.

The first involved Haenga chasing some youths through the CBD while armed with an axe. He was located later with the weapon in the former police station building.

During the second incident, Haenga tried to punch a person who approached him under a bridge.

Later that day he was walking in Peel Street with a sharpened stick, with which he tried to strike someone. A member of the public intervened.

Counsel Alistair Clarke accepted the recommended treatment order as the appropriate outcome of the case.

Haenga will be a patient at Gisborne Hospital's specialist mental health ward.

An order was made for the weapons to be destroyed.

DARIO Jarhyd Muraahi pleaded guilty to assaulting someone in a family relationship — his partner at the time, and two breaches of bail.

He was sentenced to nine months supervision and 80 hours community work.

Judge Turitea Bolstad acknowledged the relationship between Muraahi and the complainant had since ended. However, supervision was still appropriate as Muraahi's consumption of alcohol had contributed to the incident.

As part of the sentence, Muraahi is required to attend programmes as directed, including a Stopping Violence course.

His last relevant offence was in 2017.

KIRI Latu pleaded guilty to unlawfully interfering with a vehicle and unlawfully being in a yard. He was further remanded on bail for sentence on January 12.

Latu intends to apply for a discharge without conviction.

STEPHEN Houkamau, 24, pleaded guilty to being unlawfully in a building, failing to stop for police, and a breach of court release conditions. He was further remanded in custody for sentence on November 25.

LESLIE John Tapp, 52, admitted breaching release conditions. He was convicted and discharged.

NGAMETUA Taumaa, 36, labourer, pleaded guilty to drink-driving (724mcg) for a third or subsequent time — his third, the others being in 2017 and 2009.

He was sentenced to seven and a half months imprisonment converted to 12 months intensive supervision and 100 hours community work.

An application for a community-based sentence in lieu of further disqualification was granted, with Taumaa sentenced to a further 50 hours community work.

Judge Bolstad said she would have imposed an electronically-monitored sentence, but Taumaa had no suitable address at which to serve it.

Taumaa was stopped after exceeding a 50kmh speed limit.

DENIS Donald Ruha Uatuku, 35, fencer, pleaded guilty to drink-driving (mcg) for a third or subsequent time - his third, the last being in 2011. He was sentenced to 120 hours community work and disqualified from driving for a year and a day, with zero-alcohol licence provisions to follow.



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Many businesses give traffic light system the nod after its first weekend

by Amy Williams, RNZ

AUCKLAND — Many businesses have been giving the new Covid-19 traffic light system their tick of approval after the weekend's first big test.

The vaccinated were now allowed to go to gyms, cafes and restaurants in Auckland — albeit with some restrictions in place under the city's red light status.

Auckland bar manager, Grady Elliott, said the city came alive with customers flocking to restaurants and bars, with limits of 100 seated.

"It felt like the good old days — almost back to normality. People were out, restaurants were full, people were sitting on the footpath, and they were trickling down to K Road."

The Family Bar and Club was one of six bars Mr Elliott owned.

He said, for the most part, the evenings were running smoothly.

"After last year's debacle, everyone got around to it this year and they knew the rules. Friday night was really busy, and Saturday dropped off a little bit.

"Everybody was really good — they all turned up with their passports and we turned away two people who were non-vaxxed."

Retail NZ's chief executive, Greg Harford, said the transition was going smoothly, with only a few cafes reporting that customers were angry at having to show their vaccine passes.

The South Island was in orange status, and bars and restaurants had no limits if people were using vaccine passes. Many in Christchurch had been enjoying their newfound freedom too.

"I was out on both Friday and Saturday nights, even



DINING OUT IN AUCKLAND: Restaurant patrons smile and laugh while dining out at the weekend under the Government's new traffic light system, following months in lockdown.

RNZ picture by Liu Chen

though I've got two kids," said Annabel Turley, the chair of the Christchurch Central City Business Association.

"The city was absolutely humming. I just felt so stoked for all of those hospitality operators — finally, they're back to operating like before."

She believed the vaccine passes were working seamlessly.

"Everyone's checking them when people are coming in — or verifying them, so it has actually worked really well."

However, other businesses in the South Island had not been so lucky with foot traffic so far.

Mr Elliott said his two bars — in Nelson and Blenheim — had been much quieter than usual. "This happened last year too, it's almost like it was (at the start of) Alert Level 2 for some people . . . for the first couple of weeks, there was some hesitancy about going out."

Meanwhile, not all restaurants had re-opened for table service under the traffic

light system.

Auckland's Dominion Road was popular for its small, family-owned eateries, and business association manager, Gary Holmes, said some of those eateries were currently biding their time.

"There is a number of, particularly the Chinese restaurants, that are still only doing takeaways . . . I've spoken to a couple of the owners, and they have advised me they're going to be opening up fully this week instead."

"For them, it's been about taking that extra bit of caution — they wanted to see how the hospitality sector fared before opening up themselves."

Retailers not operating a close-contact service could opt for using vaccine passes — among them was PB Tech, which opened its stores this weekend only to those double-vaccinated. In an update on its website, the company said it wanted to prioritise the health of its vaccinated staff and its customers.

Retail NZ's chief executive,

Greg Harford, said the transition was going smoothly, with only a few cafes reporting customers angry at having to show a vaccine pass.

"We've certainly heard that there have been instances where customers have been pretty aggrieved and abusive around the fact they've been asked to show their vaccine passes. Those numbers probably aren't huge, but it is an issue and it could well grow over the coming days."

The police and WorkSafe were checking that the traffic light system was being followed by both businesses and their customers.

Mr Elliott said: "The police were out on the weekend, having a look around, so they were doing their bit by making sure everyone was complying with the new rules . . . and they were doing spot checks in the Viaduct and on K Rd".

Police said they were gathering information on any breaches of the new Covid-19 traffic light system, but no data was available just yet.

Wellingtonians wake up to torrential rain, surface floods

by Vita Molyneux, NZME

WELLINGTON — Wellington commuters should plan ahead today as torrential rain drenched the region.

The capital woke to a soggy start, with Wellington, the Taranuvas, Kapiti and Horowhenua all under a heavy rain warning issued by MetService.

New Zealand Fire and Emergency told The New Zealand Herald they had attended some surface flooding events in Tawa at around 6.30am, and by 7.30am, flooding had blocked the left northbound lane, just before the Dowse Drive offramp on State Highway 2.

A local traffic update page reported significant traffic queues around the region as a result of the weather, with heavy surface flooding along State Highway 2.

"Southbound from Trentham down through to Silverstream is very heavy. South into Avalon is the back of the queue for the city and it's very slow all the way from there."

Debbie Wilson was driving from Churton Park to the Hutt and told The New Zealand Herald that the poor conditions had come "out of the blue".

"All of a sudden, the road was three quarters underwater, and (there were) guys out there digging, trying to find the drain."

She said, on the whole, people were driving safely, but some were "a bit cranky" and ignoring the signs to drive slowly.

"Most drivers are being careful about it, but there were one or two idiots."

Wellington City Council said several roads had been closed in Seatoun as high tide contributed to flooding issues.

Mantell and Burnham Street had closed, and council workers were on site to deal with the floods.

Wellington could expect between 60 and 90mm of rain throughout the morning while Kapiti, Horowhenua and the Taranuvas were expected to get a whopping 100 to 120mm.

For Wellington, the rain was expected to last until 3pm, while the Kapiti District could expect it to keep pouring until midnight.

MetService warned the heavy rain could be dangerous, with the chance of slips, rapid river rises and flooding events.

Greytown and the Wairarapa could also expect heavy rain today, although not quite to the same extent as the capital.

As ever, drivers were being warned to be extra cautious and vigilant while on the roads, and drive to the conditions.

They were also being warned to expect delays.

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Business requirements at Red and Orange

	Red	Orange
Using My Vaccine Pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All businesses can open Some places have capacity limits of up to 100 people based on 1m physical distancing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All businesses can open No capacity limits.
Not using My Vaccine Pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some businesses are closed or can do contactless services only Some places have capacity limits of up to 25 people based on 1m physical distancing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some businesses remain closed or can do contactless services only Some places have capacity limits of up to 50 people based on 1m physical distancing.

Using and checking My Vaccine Pass

Businesses that require a *My Vaccine Pass* for entry must sight or verify customers' passes on arrival, and display posters advertising that they require customers to present their *My Vaccine Passes*.

To verify passes quickly and easily, download and use the free *NZ Pass Verifier* app. This is available from Apple and Google Play app stores.

Vaccinations and your business

For hospitality and close proximity businesses, events and gyms, all workers must be vaccinated.

For more information, traffic light guidance for businesses, and downloadable posters, visit Covid19.govt.nz/traffic-lights

NZ on course to hit the jab target by Christmas

PM aware of fake vaccine pass reports

by Jamie Morton, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — New Zealand is projected to reach the symbolic 90 percent vaccination milestone among eligible Kiwis by Christmas — the goal of a long-running New Zealand Herald campaign.

The Herald's vaccination tracker was already forecasting a double-dose rate of 90 percent by Christmas Eve — and it was hoped the arrival of vaccination passes, eased restrictions and ongoing hard work by health workers would prove more than enough to get there.

On Friday, health authorities confirmed that 90 percent of the eligible population across Auckland was now fully vaccinated.

As of yesterday, 3.6 million eligible Kiwis (87.5 percent) were now fully vaccinated, while 3.9m people (93.2 percent) had received at least one dose.

That left 285,244 people — or 6.8 percent of the eligible population — completely unvaccinated.

Just four district health boards — Auckland, Waitemata, Capital and Coast, and Canterbury — had reached the 90 percent double-dose threshold, although several district health boards (DHBs), including Southern (at 88 percent) and Counties Manukau (at 87.2 percent), were closing in.

Such percentages sometimes did not provide a clear-enough picture of just how many vaccinations were required to hit 90 percent. For instance, the West Coast was sitting at 81.5 percent double-dose coverage, but it needed only 2371 more vaccinations to reach 90 percent, while the Bay of Plenty, at just 82.9 percent, needed more than 15,300 more vaccines to reach the 90 percent target.

As well, experts cautioned the 90 percent target masked the still-lagging rates among vulnerable populations, such as Maori and Pasifika, and it



also did not take into account the risk faced by children, who would not be eligible for the vaccine until next month.

The University of Auckland's epidemiologist and data scientist, Dr Janine Paynter, said she was more optimistic about the forecast for vaccinations than tracking tools such as the Herald's. "It's important to look at what's happened in the past two weeks or so as the change to the traffic light system became imminent," she said.

"There was an uptick in the numbers of vaccinations. I speculate that people are likely to bump getting vaccinated briefly up their priority lists before they get wrapped up in their holidays — or maybe make getting vaccinated once they are actually on holiday a priority."

She said another positive was that only the non-Maori, non-Pasifika eligible uptake seemed to have plateaued at around the 90 to 95 percent mark, depending on the particular area.

"We're probably reaching the proportion, for this subgroup of people, who will strongly resist vaccination — I say this because it's consistent with the proportion who decline childhood immunisations."

Currently, around 71 percent of eligible Maori were fully

vaccinated, while 84 percent had received their first doses — with the respective rates for Pasifika people at 82 and 91 percent.

"Uptake of first doses has slowed a little for Maori in some DHBs, but it's not plateauing, and where it is plateauing for the Pasifika population, the coverage is approaching 90 percent," Dr Paynter said.

"It's not slowing for the younger population either." Dr Paynter said it was important that this momentum was maintained.

"It's been said before, but these groups should have been prioritised sooner so that we could have had this momentum earlier."

Maori were two-and-a-half times more likely to need hospital care for Covid-19 than non-Maori, while the risk for Pasifika people was even greater — three times higher.

Among other inequity issues with the roll-out, researchers noted these populations had younger age structures and, thus, many had only been eligible to receive the vaccine for a shorter period of time.

"We're in catch-up mode," Maori health researcher Dr Rawiri Taonui said.

With Maori making up a disproportionate number of Covid-19 cases to date — and

with many rural communities with large Maori populations still reporting worryingly low coverage — Dr Taonui feared Auckland's re-opening could come with a high toll.

He also worried the Ministry of Health's dataset may be underestimating the number of Maori still yet to be vaccinated.

Compared with the ministry's 87.5 percent of 4.21 million eligible Kiwis fully vaccinated, the most recent Statistics New Zealand estimates suggested just over 84.5 percent of an eligible 4.36 million had received both doses.

Dr Taonui said his calculations indicated an undercount of around 45,000 among Maori.

On top of that, he pointed out around 70,000 people who identified as Maori in Census-based population estimates weren't recorded as such in the ministry's internal database.

He said a targeted approach was urgently needed.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said she was feeling "really positive" after the country's first weekend under the new traffic light system. "I was asking everywhere I went how it had been going so far, and (the main response was) 'yeah, good'," she said.

A large number of Kiwis were now vaccinated and, as a result, the number of cases were starting to come down, particularly in Auckland, which was the most affected region.

"I think we can feel confident about moving forward into the new framework . . ." the PM told TVNZ's Breakfast.

Ardern said, however, that she had heard anecdotally there had been people who had attempted to use fake vaccine passes.

But she had received no "hard data" on that yet.

"This will be one of the things we will keep an eye on."

Kawerau mayor backs council decision not to require vax passes

by Qiuyi Tan, The New Zealand Herald

KAWERAU — The mayor of one of New Zealand's least-vaccinated towns has backed a council decision not to require vaccine passes at its pool, libraries and other public facilities — for now.

A post on the Kawerau District Council website said vaccine passes would not be required at council offices and other facilities, leading at least one health expert to express disappointment, saying the town risked losing a key tool in the fight against Covid-19.

Kawerau entered the red traffic light setting on Friday. By late last week, only 69.3 percent of residents in the small Bay of Plenty town had been fully vaccinated.

"The traffic light system is evolving and we have to work out what the best thing to do is for us," Kawerau Mayor Malcolm Campbell told The New Zealand Herald.

Mayor Campbell said it was a council-level decision by chief executive Russell George and councillors were yet to meet on it.

"Mr George is doing the right thing — we stand by him 100 percent at this point in time.

"It's a bit of a circus out there, to be honest. Nobody has made a definitive decision about what should be done and what shouldn't be done (about the vaccine passes)."

Council CEO Mr George said they were not requiring proof of vaccination at public facilities while they assessed the risk factors and what was needed to implement vaccine pass checks. "Someone will have to be at the front door checking passes," he said.

"This is a difficult decision for council so we want to make sure we make the right decision. The Government and the Ministry of Health have not made it mandatory, so we have to carry out a proper assessment."

While the post on the website said vaccine passes would not be required at council offices and facilities, like the pool and library, it added that "this (situation) may change".

Visitor numbers at the pool and library were limited to 100 and 50, respectively.

Scanning or signing in and face masks were mandatory.

Councils around the country were applying the new traffic light system rules differently.

Kawerau joined Upper Hutt, Waitaki and New Plymouth councils in not requiring vaccine passes to use all or some of their services at the moment, while Auckland and most councils in the Wellington region required proof of vaccination at their facilities.

Upper Hutt Mayor, Wayne Guppy, had told The New Zealand Herald earlier that the decision was about "organising life again".

However, University of Otago Professor Michael Baker said it was disappointing not all Government agencies were behind the vaccine passes because the country would then lose what he called the "nudge" factor.

"The problem is, you're missing one of the big benefits of the vaccine pass, which is to remind people that you need to be vaccinated to participate in society fully."



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No summer lockdown plans: PM

But expert urges Aucklanders not to stay with the unvaccinated

AUCKLAND — Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern is not planning on locking the country down over the summer as some parts of the country are only just starting to get their freedoms back due to the new traffic light system being rolled out.

Ardern's reassuring comments came at the same time as a leading epidemiologist warned that Auckland would "probably" see more transmission around the city — despite its high vaccination rates.

And while Aucklanders were getting ready to leave the city from next Wednesday, Professor Michael Baker told Breakfast that Aucklanders should not go and stay with anyone who was unvaccinated as it could be a "real disaster".

However, Ardern was confident the new traffic light system that was rolled out last Friday would give the country enough protections.

She told Breakfast she was feeling "really positive" after the country's first weekend under the Government's new Covid-response framework — the traffic light settings.

A large number of New Zealanders were now vaccinated and, as a result, the number of cases were starting to

come down — particularly in Auckland.

Yesterday, there were 106 new Covid cases in the country, including 93 in Auckland, eight in Waikato, three in Northland, as well as one case each in Whanganui and Canterbury that were first reported on Saturday. There were 77 people in hospital with the virus.

"I think we can feel confident moving forward into the new framework and into our new way of doing things," Ardern said.

She then told The AM Show there was nothing to suggest another lockdown would occur over summer.

And any lockdowns, if they did need to occur, would be different to what Kiwis were used to, and there would be a lot more warning before any lockdown occurred.

They would also be very localised and only triggered in areas if it was a community with low vaccination rates, a significant number of cases and if there was pressure on the hospital system, she said.

By localised, she said it would be like in the last outbreak when just a small area in Hauraki — Kaiaua — was put into lockdown.



PM SAYS 'CAUTION HAS PAID OFF': Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has no plans to put the country into lockdown over summer. *New Zealand Herald file picture*

Ardern also asked for patience under the new system, and pointed to spikes in case numbers other countries had faced after hastily removing public health measures.

"We've seen enough from overseas that if you just pull the brakes off too quickly, it can end in disaster and a quick flip back into restrictions — we don't want that, we've always done things our way, and caution has paid off," she told RNZ.

However, Prof Baker said they

needed summer to be as safe as possible — particularly as Aucklanders got ready to leave the city that was still dealing with Covid-19 in the community.

Despite vaccination rates now at very high levels in the Auckland region, the city would "probably" see more transmission of the virus in the city.

"This is uncharted territory at the moment. We've had 18 months with the very effective alert level system . . . and this is

a whole new world."

A lot more responsibility now lay on the individual and Prof Baker was encouraging people to get tested beforehand — even children.

Prof Baker said people should "make alternative plans" if family members remained unvaccinated.

He acknowledged that these were extraordinary times and that those precautions should still be made to protect older members in the family — or family and friends who had other health conditions or who were immunocompromised.

Retirement Village Residents' Association president, Peter Carr, said there was a lot of uncertainty around visitors and vaccines in retirement villages. He called on the Government to release a public health order to give more guidance to operators.

It came as family members feared they might not be allowed to visit their parents or grandparents at Christmas due to some of the retirement villages' current rules.

While it was up to each facility to decide what they did, Arden said the guidelines did allow for measures such as masks, vaccine passes and negative tests to allow for visits to happen safely.

No elderly person should be on their own at Christmas, the prime minister said.

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EDITORIAL

Relationships built on respect, inclusion

Concern that Covid is already here

There is a general feeling of nervousness in the Gisborne district as the country goes into its first full week of the new Covid protection system, with the new vaccine passes that allow entry to many of the things that were once basics.

The arrival of Covid in Wairoa, while not an immediate threat because the two people were self-isolating, has raised the anxiety level. Worryingly, the virus might be here already — as suggested by the two positive Gisborne city wastewater tests last week.

Public health officials said they were not aware of any recovered cases in the community who might still be shedding the virus, and that they believe there is a strong possibility there is an undetected case in the community.

Meanwhile, the Omicron variant continues its speedy march across the globe reaching 40 countries, including our neighbour Australia.

There seems to be some doubt in the scientific community whether the highly-mutated variant is more transmissible and better able to evade existing vaccines. The World Health Organisation's chief scientist has issued a statement that the world should prepare for Omicron but should not panic.

Although Auckland has reached its long awaited and well deserved freedom day, there are clear signs that the effect on New Zealand's largest city will remain for a long time. Foodbanks report that demand continues to rise and that staff going into the community find people who are reluctant to come forward for help.

There was not a lot to cheer people up in the rest of last week's news, which included the rare nugget that a blizzard and snow was predicted in Hawaii.

For many one of the saddest items was the statement by former cricketer Chris Cairns that he may never walk again. Cairns suffered a spinal stroke after his treatment for a torn artery in August.

"I don't know if I'll ever walk again and I have made my peace with that," he told the Daily Telegraph.

Cairns, 51, played 62 tests and 215 one day and T20 internationals for New Zealand and is regarded as one of the country's greatest all-rounders.

But there was fantastic news and viewing for cricket fans when New Zealand spinner Ajaz Patel took all 10 wickets in India's first innings at the weekend — only the third bowler in the history of test cricket to do so. Even better he did it in Mumbai, the Indian city in which he was born, in front of family members who had never seen him play before.

WHAT'S ON IN COUNCIL, by Meredith Akuhata-Brown



THEY say that after a wedding comes the marriage, because after you say "I do" the work begins to build a relationship based on mutual respect and love. A marriage covenant in my view is a very sacred relationship.

This week in council we have a formal meeting with local iwi Te Aitanga a Hauiti. Signing a Memorandum of Understanding gives a deeper meaning to partnership and I believe strengthens the relationship between council and tangata whenua. For iwi and hapu in Tairāwhiti there is a desire to see the council make a commitment to being better Te Tiriti partners, and to consider what this partnership looks like as an action and not just words.

Relationships are only effective when communication is effective.

As part of council's role we make commitments to build positive relationships with our ratepayers, a multitude of groups, industries and of course central government.

In a guide about engagement between local and central government, Prime Minister Ardern says "an effective partnership between central

and local government is crucial to inform the many decisions that affect New Zealanders, and to ensure they are implemented well."

Strengthening the engagement between our two levels of government is vital if we are to reflect the diversity of our regions, and work together on responses that best reflect the needs of all our communities.

It's interesting that central government recognises this relationship isn't one-size-fits-all, as we are all unique regions with differing needs.

So the frustration often with our central government relationship is how the MPs and officials prioritise issues, using process and policies to control the relationship. The power imbalance creates tension and annoyance, especially when we chose to live, work and play in our part of paradise and the directions are sent from Wellington. Of course, in all relationships one main disagreement is who has control over the purse strings, and for councils most debates are around the ongoing matter of infrastructure investment.

One key infrastructure we constantly discuss is our roading network maintenance and resilience programmes. A frustration is the constant reporting from our transport agency Waka Kotahi that work on parts of the network will be held up due to technical land issues. We have parts of the network that some of my fellow

councillors raise time and time again, only to be told by the transport agency there will be delays.

These are not new issues. In fact, our region's roading has required huge investment because of our particular geology. Funds should have been set in place when central government proposed we plant pine trees for economic prosperity and as an alternative to pastoral farming that can better hold the soil in place.

Relationships also work best when people are honest and look out for those who are vulnerable and hurting.

I've had a number of ratepayers ask about the perceived incestuous relationship council has with the port company. The relationship is based on historical agreements and past decisions that continue to impact our present and future. Deals have been done over decades by a relatively small, tight-knit group of influential individuals and organisations who think they know what is best for the region.

Sadly, for many in our region the benefits haven't been equitably distributed, and we still see huge disparities and poverty-related issues that are entrenched intergenerationally.

Relationships need all parties to participate, equality between those involved, and they take work and long-term commitment to putting others first. Let's ensure this region is known for healthy relationships built on respect and inclusion.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

Ode to a teacher . . .

I can so remember even to this day a teacher came to Gisborne Girls' High to teach us, way back in the 1970s. He had long black hair and a mo. He had us girls in a flutter. I was blessed to have him as my geography teacher for two years running. You were one of my favourite teachers and made coming to school so much brighter teaching us all.

After 46 dedicated years, you have decided to retire and hang your books up.

I want to say a big thank you to Mike Tallot for being the best teacher. I wish you a happy retirement that you so deserve. Oh, by the way, I never did do my homework oops!

KAREN MORROW (nee JOHNSON)

Excuse for harmful ideals

Re: Free speech under attack? December 5 column.

Funny how you say the Molyneux couple were only "so called" alt right. They are alt right, call it as it is. The majority of us didn't want far-right white nationalist and white supremacist podcasters, political

commentator, and banned YouTuber, who promotes conspiracy theories, scientific racism, eugenics, and racist hate speech. Free speech seems just an excuse these days to further those harmful ideals.

AIMEE MILNE

Cloudy, with silver lining

Re: Sweet for many, bitter for others — Dec 3 editorial.

Yup, oh dear how sad, no cheques, no access to council offices, damn, can't pay my rates or dog rego. Oh well, every cloud has a silver lining. I could go to bank and arrange payment? Nope, not allowed in the bank either. Take me to court? Nope, not allowed there either. I could use phone to arrange

it? Sorry, haven't got one of them, no reception out my way.

Treat me like a piece of crap and see where it gets you.

CRAIG BAULD

You seem to have access to the internet, you can pay your rates online like I do. Happy to help.

RUSSELL

Apology re stealth, GDC

I wish to apologise to GDC for insinuating that a water meter had been secretly installed with the new Toby. That is not the case.

My suspicion was misplaced; I am now reliably informed that the device in question is a non-return valve to prevent back-flow in the event of a loss of mains pressure.

It is quite possible that, in due course, water meters will be introduced for domestic premises but I am not familiar with current GDC policy on this matter; I just expect there to be "open and transparent" consultation before it does eventuate.

PETER WOODING

Welcome at what cost?

I know of anti-vax people from outside the region who are coming to Tatapouri Bay camping ground because they are welcome. They are also bringing their ebikes. Antivaxers are going to congregate here.

It is great the Foons are going to make money, but what will be the cost to the East Coast?

We will never get out of the red zone if Tatapouri Bay is going to be a mecca for anti-vaxers.

I SEE RED, I SEE RED, I SEE RED

Stop shopper harassment

Like elsewhere, the "freedom" faction has been out harassing both shoppers and business owners, pushing their anti-authority and anti-vax messages.

I have had a first-hand report of this. Man went to enter shop and was blocked by man who told him he shouldn't go in there as they were pro-vax (the sign on the door/window).

He was told in no uncertain terms that he shouldn't rave about freedom when he was stopping the freedom of the man to shop without being hassled and the freedom of

the shop owner to do business without customers being threatened and prevented from entering.

At this point the "freedom" person was pushed to one side and told to stop hassling people.

Inside the shop person (a woman) thanked the man for his actions and said other customers had been put off coming inside.

I read that this has been happening in the big cities — but didn't think it would happen here!

ROGER HANDFORD

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Protesters against vaccine mandate clash with police

BRUSSELS — Belgian police used water cannon and tear gas on Sunday to disperse some rowdy protesters in Brussels after most demonstrators marched peacefully to protest tightened Covid restrictions.

Thousands came to reject the new measures announced on Friday, the third week in a row that the government has tightened its rules as an avalanche of new cases strains the country's health services, depriving people with other life-threatening diseases of treatment.

Shouting "Freedom! Freedom!" and carrying banners that said, "United for our freedom, rights and our children," protesters marched to the European Union headquarters. Some also carried signs critical of vaccines and against making vaccine shots mandatory.

The main crowd in Sunday's mostly peaceful march had already dispersed when about a 100 protesters ran into a riot police barricade cordoning off access to the European Commission. After a brief stand-off with police, protesters hurled trash and other objects, including a bicycle, at police and set off firecrackers and flares. Police used water cannon and fired tear gas to disperse the crowd. There were no immediate reports of injuries. — AP



MARCHING AGAINST RESTRICTIONS: Demonstrators march during a protest against coronavirus measures in Brussels, Belgium on Sunday. AP picture

BRIEFS

Anti-lockdown protest

UTRECHT, Netherlands — Thousands of people marched peacefully through the Dutch city of Utrecht on Saturday to protest the government's coronavirus lockdown measures.

Holding balloons, umbrellas and banners, including ones that said: "It's not right," protesters watched by a large police presence moved from a park into the city centre without incident.

Siebbe Koopman said he was demonstrating against more than just the Dutch government's Covid restrictions.

"The privatisation of the health care and education, the involvement in the international conflicts that are nothing to do with the Netherlands, I think we must have more decision rights in those things," he said. "I think that demonstrating is the only way to show our sentiment peacefully."

The Dutch government imposed a partial lockdown three weeks ago and tightened it more a week ago as Covid-19 infections remained the highest they have been since the start of the pandemic. — AP

UK tightens travel rules

LONDON — Britain's government tightened travel restrictions on Saturday amid concerns about the spread of the Omicron coronavirus variant, saying all travellers arriving in England will need to take a Covid-19 test before they board their flight.

Health Secretary Sajid Javid said the new rules will apply from 4am London time on Tuesday.

"In light of the most recent data, we are taking further action to slow the incursion of the Omicron variant," he said in a tweet.

Javid also added Nigeria to the UK's travel "red list," which means that arrivals from there will be banned except for UK and Irish residents, and those travellers must isolate in designated quarantine facilities. He said there was a "significant number" of Omicron cases linked to travel with Nigeria, with 27 cases recorded in England. — AP

Russia hopes WHO soon approves Sputnik V

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin on Sunday voiced hope for a quick approval of the country's Sputnik V coronavirus vaccine by the World Health Organisation, saying the move is essential to expand its global supplies.

Speaking during a video call with Francesco Rocca, president of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Putin said receiving the WHO's vetting is necessary to spread the Russian vaccine more broadly around the world, including free supplies. "We intend to expand such

assistance," Putin said.

The Russian leader also argued that WHO's approval should open the door for Russians and others who have had the Sputnik V vaccine to travel more freely around the world. He said about 200 million people worldwide have received Sputnik V.

Putin was vaccinated with Sputnik V in the spring, and last month he received a booster shot of Sputnik Light, the one-dose version. He also said he took an experimental nasal version of Sputnik V days after receiving his booster shot,

adding that he was feeling fine and felt no side effects.

The Gamaleya Institute that developed Sputnik V has said the vaccine should be efficient against the Omicron, but announced that it will immediately start working on adapting it to counter the new variant.

Russia was the first country in the world to authorise a coronavirus vaccine, launching Sputnik V in August 2020, and has plentiful supplies. But uptake has been slow, blamed in part on conflicting signals from Russian authorities. — AP

'Let us stop this shipwreck'

Pope chides Europe, comforts migrants on return to Lesbos

LESBOS — Pope Francis returned on Sunday to the Greek island of Lesbos to offer comfort to migrants at a refugee camp and blast what he said was Europe's indifference and self-interest "that condemns to death those on the fringes."

"Please, let us stop this shipwreck of civilisation!" Francis said at the Mavrovouni camp, a cluster of white UN containers on the edge of the sea lined with barbed wire fencing and draped with laundry drying in the air.

A maskless Francis took his time walking through the camp on Sunday, patting children and babies on the head and posing for selfies. He gave a "thumbs up" after he was serenaded by African women singing a song of welcome.

It was Francis' second trip to Lesbos in five years. He lamented that little had changed since 2016, when Lesbos was at the heart of a massive wave of migration to Europe and when Francis brought 12 Syrian Muslim refugees from the island back home with him aboard the papal plane.

That concrete gesture of solidarity had raised hopes among current residents of the Lesbos camp, some of whom have given birth to children here while waiting for their asylum claims to be processed. But there were no papal airlifts on Sunday and Francis would return to the Vatican today.

"It is a grace for us that the pope is coming here. We have a lot of problems here as refugees, a lot of suffering," said Enice Kiaku from Congo, whose 2-year-old son on her lap was born on Lesbos. But like little Guilain, she has no identity

documents and is stuck.

"The arrival of the pope here makes us feel blessed, because we hope the pope will take us with him because here we suffer," Kiaku said as she waited in a tent for the pope to arrive.

Francis' five-day trip to Cyprus and Greece has been dominated by the topic of migration and Francis' call for European countries to show greater solidarity with those in need. He insisted on Sunday that Europe must stop building walls, stoking fears and shutting out "those in greater need who knock at our door."

During the first leg of Francis' trip in Cyprus, the Vatican announced that 12 migrants who had crossed over from the breakaway Turkish Cypriot north would be relocated to Italy in the coming weeks. Cypriot officials, who say the European Union island nation can't accept more migrants, said a total of 50 would eventually be sent.

"I ask every man and woman, all of us, to overcome the paralysis of fear, the indifference that kills, the cynical disregard that nonchalantly condemns to death those on the fringes!" Francis said on Sunday. "Let us stop ignoring reality, stop constantly shifting responsibility, stop passing off the issue of migration to others, as if it mattered to no one and was only a pointless burden to be shouldered by somebody else!"

He denounced that the Mediterranean Sea, "the cradle of so many civilizations," had become a vast cemetery where smuggling boats packed with desperate people too often sink.

"Let us not let our sea (mare nostrum)



COMFORTING: Pope Francis meets migrants during his visit at the Karatepe refugee camp, on the northeastern Aegean island of Lesbos, Greece on Sunday. AP picture

be transformed into a desolate sea of death (mare mortuum)," he said.

Sitting before him in a tent at the water's edge was Greek President Katerina Sakellaropoulou, EU Commission Vice President Margaritis Schinas and would-be refugees from Afghanistan, Iraq and Congo, among other countries.

Addressing the pope, Sakellaropoulou strongly defended Greece's response to the needs of migrants and thanked Francis for showing his support with his presence.

"It is the strong message of hope and responsibility that is conveyed from Lesbos to the international community," she said.

The camp, where tents were only recently replaced with containers, is actually a temporary holding centre that replaced another camp that burned down last year. It was built pending the

construction on the island of a "closed controlled facility," essentially a detention camp. These new camps, which are funded by the EU but have run foul of human rights organizations, are already running on three other Greek islands, Samos, Leros and Kos.

Francis listened intently as one camp resident, Christian Tango Mukaya, a Congolese father of three, thanked him for his show of solidarity and his appeal to Europe to let refugees in. Mukaya lost track of his wife and their third child in their journey and is hoping his visibility with the pope might reunite them.

"We always have this hope that one day we may all be together again," he told The Associated Press on the eve of Francis' arrival. "We hope that the pope coming can bring change," he said. "We would like a better life. We plead with the pope to help us, to speak on our behalf to Europe." — AP

Violence flares at French far-right candidate's campaign rally

VILLEPINTE — Anti-racism activists were beaten up on Sunday as far-right former French TV pundit Eric Zemmour held his first presidential campaign rally near Paris, a few days after he formally declared his candidacy in a video that highlighted his anti-migrant and anti-Islam views.

As his supporters cheered and waved French flags in a northern suburb of the capital, thousands of others took to the streets of Paris to denounce his xenophobic platform.

France is holding its presidential election on April 10, with a runoff if needed on April 24. Zemmour has drawn comparisons in France to former US President Donald Trump because of his rabble-rousing populism and ambitions of making the jump from the small screen to national leadership. The 63-year-old with multiple hate-speech convictions unveiled his campaign's slogan: "Impossible is not French," a quote attributed to Napoleon.

"If I win that election, it won't be one more (political) changeover, but the beginning of the reconquest of the most beautiful country in the world," Zemmour said.

Supporters at the rally sang France's national anthem, shouted "Zemmour, president!" and "We will win!" while brandishing the tricolor



POLITICAL UNREST: Protesters march behind a banner reading "Paris will block the far right" during a demonstration against French presidential candidate Eric Zemmour on Sunday.

French flag. AP reporters saw some activists dressed in black with "No to racism" on their sweaters being beaten up by people at the rally and brutally taken out of the room. The scuffles continued outside the room between anti-

racism activists and security guards.

"I'm not racist," Zemmour said. "We are defending our country, our homeland, our ancestral heritage (to) . . . transmit our children to France as we have known it."

AP picture

Reporters from a French television show were booed and insulted by Zemmour's supporters ahead of his speech, leading them to be briefly escorted outside the room by security guards. They came back soon afterward but Zemmour harshly criticized the media in his speech.

Zemmour wants foreigners to "assimilate" French culture rather than keeping their identities. He wants to ban parents from giving children foreign names and restrict choices to typical French names. Zemmour also wants to end nationality being acquired by birth on French soil and to deport foreign criminals and foreign jobseekers who don't find employment within six months.

His campaign rally Sunday, which was initially supposed to be held in a Paris concert hall, was moved to a bigger exhibition centre in Villepinte for security reasons due to the protest against him by over 50 groups, including far-left political parties, unions and anti-racist groups. Police had feared clashes with Zemmour's far-right supporters.

In the Paris neighbourhood of Barbès, thousands took to the streets on Sunday, marching behind a banner reading "Paris will silence the far-right." — AP

'Pay price for violations'

Israel urges hard line against Iran at nuclear talks

JERUSALEM — The long-delayed resumption of nuclear talks with Iran has gotten off to a rough start — with Iran digging in and its negotiating partners openly voicing frustration and pessimism.

After five days of talks in Vienna ended last week, the United States said Iran did not appear to be serious. European diplomats accused Iran of backtracking on previous promises. Even Russia, which has stronger relations with Iran, questioned Iran's commitment to the process. Israel, an outside observer with a stake in the outcome of the talks, has ramped up its rhetoric and is dispatching two top security officials to Washington for consultations.

"I call on every country negotiating with Iran in Vienna to take a strong line and make it clear to Iran that they cannot enrich uranium and negotiate at the same time," Prime Minister Naftali Bennett said on Sunday. "Iran must begin to pay a price for its violations."

Perhaps the most encouraging outcome of last week's talks was an agreement to continue talking. When negotiators reconvene in coming days, it could become clearer if the wide gaps visible last week were a sign of posturing or a serious crisis.

The negotiations seek to revive the 2015 nuclear accord between Iran and six world powers. That agreement, spearheaded by President Barack Obama, granted Iran relief from crippling sanctions in exchange for curbs on its nuclear programme.

But three years later, President Donald Trump, with strong encouragement from then-Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin

Netanyahu, withdrew from the deal, causing it to unravel. Since then, Iran has stepped up its nuclear activities — amassing a stockpile of highly enriched uranium that goes well beyond the bounds of the accord.

Iran last week took a hard stance, suggesting everything discussed in previous rounds of diplomacy could be renegotiated. In the midst of the negotiations, the UN's nuclear watchdog confirmed that Iran had begun enriching uranium up to 20 percent purity at its underground facility at Fordo — a site where enrichment is not permitted under the deal.

Despite Iran's claims that its nuclear activities are for peaceful purposes only, the continued advances in its atomic program have further raised the stakes.

Last week's talks in Vienna came after a hiatus of more than five months and were the first in which Iran's new hard-line government participated. The United States, no longer a party to the agreement, was not in the room and negotiated remotely through mediators.

A senior US State Department official said over the weekend that negotiators had expected Iran to "show seriousness" at the talks. He said that even Russia and China, important trading outlets for Iran that have traditionally taken a softer line, were concerned about the prospects for a deal.

European negotiators also expressed frustration. In a joint statement, senior diplomats from Germany, Britain and France said Iran has "fast-forwarded its nuclear programme" and "backtracked on diplomatic progress."

"Unclear how these new gaps can be

closed in a realistic time frame on the basis of Iranian drafts," they said.

Mikhail Ulyanov, a senior Russian diplomat in Vienna, said that Iran had offered a "radical revision" of previous understandings.

"Technically, amendments are always possible," he said. "However, it is desirable that such amendments . . . do not turn into a roadblock to progress."

On Sunday, Iran's Foreign Ministry issued a nine-page document that appeared to slightly step back from its tough positions.

"Other parties only need to show political determination and express readiness to take necessary practical steps," the document read. "Then, ways will be opened for the conclusion of a deal and settlement of differences."

But the document gave few specifics on what Iran might have in mind.

That is unlikely to satisfy Israel, which has returned to its role as possible spoiler.

Israel considers Iran to be its greatest enemy and it strongly opposed the 2015 deal. It says it wants an improved deal that places tighter restrictions on Iran's nuclear programme and addresses Iran's long-range missile program and its support for hostile proxies along Israel's borders.

Israel also says that the negotiations must be accompanied by a "credible" military threat to ensure that Iran does not delay indefinitely.

Bennett said Israel was using the time between rounds to persuade the Americans to "use a different toolkit" against Iran's nuclear programme, without elaborating. — AP

BRIEFS

Clash over mistaken killings

Guwahati, India — Angry villagers burned army vehicles in protest after more than a dozen people were killed by soldiers who mistakenly believed some of them were militants in India's remote northeast region along the border with Myanmar, officials said on Sunday.

Nagaland state's top elected official Neiphiu Rio ordered a probe into the killings, which occurred on Saturday. He tweeted, "The unfortunate incident leading to the killing of civilians at Oting is highly condemnable."

An army officer said the soldiers fired at a truck after receiving intelligence about a movement of insurgents in the area and killed six people. As irate villagers burned two army vehicles, the soldiers fired at them, killing nine more people, the officer said on condition of anonymity as he was not authorised to talk to reporters.

One soldier was also killed in the clash with protesters, he said. — AP

Truck rams protesters, 3 dead

BANGKOK — An army vehicle barrelled into a peaceful march of anti-government protesters in military-ruled Myanmar's biggest city on Sunday, reportedly killing at least three people, witnesses and a protest organiser said.

A video posted on social media showed a speeding small army truck heading into the marchers from behind. Voices can be heard, saying: "The car is coming ... Please help! It hit the children ... Oh! ... Dead! ... Run, ... run!" The video shows about a dozen people running from the spot.

A witness told The Associated Press that the protesters had been on his street for just two minutes when the military truck hit them, leaving three people lying motionless on the road. — AP

Activists call for more rights

KABUL, Afghanistan — Women's rights activists in the Afghan capital of Kabul insisted on Sunday they would continue fighting for their right to education, employment and participation in Afghan political and social life, and said a recent Taliban decree banning forced marriage was not enough to address the issue of women's rights.

The decree, issued on Friday, comes as poverty surges in Afghanistan following the Taliban takeover of the country in mid-August amid the withdrawal of US and NATO troops. Foreign governments have halted funds to the aid-dependent country since then.

Social rights activist Farida Akbari said the new Taliban government should permit women access to education and employment. — AP

Avalanche in Austria kills three

BERLIN — Three skiers have been killed and two injured in an avalanche in central Austria, authorities said Sunday. The victims included a rising young motorbike racer.

They were part of a group of 11 skiers, eight of whom were hit by a roughly 200-metre wide slab of snow as they ascended a slope during a ski tour on Saturday in the Tweng area, in Salzburg province. — AP

Biden, Putin talks set amid Ukraine tension

MOSCOW — Presidents Joe Biden and Vladimir Putin will speak in a video call on Tuesday, the White House and Kremlin said, as tensions between the United States and Russia escalate over a Russian troop buildup on the Ukrainian border that's seen as a sign of a potential invasion.

Biden will press US concerns about Russian military activities on the border and "reaffirm the United States' support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine," White House press secretary Jen Psaki said on Saturday, confirming the planned call after first word came from Moscow.

Putin will come to the call with concerns of his own and intends to express Russia's

opposition to any move to admit Ukraine into the NATO military alliance. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said "the presidents will decide themselves" how long their talk will last.

Russia is more adamant than ever that the US guarantees that Ukraine will not be admitted to the NATO military alliance. But NATO's secretary-general, Jens Stoltenberg, said this past week that Russia has no say in expansion plans by other countries or the alliance. Numerous former US and NATO diplomats say any such Russian demand to Biden would be a nonstarter.

US intelligence officials, meanwhile, have determined that Russia has massed about 70,000 troops near its border with Ukraine and

has begun planning for a possible invasion as soon as early next year, according to an official who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The risks for Putin of going through with such an invasion would be enormous.

US officials and former American diplomats say while the Russian president is clearly laying the groundwork for a possible invasion, Ukraine's military is better armed and prepared today than in the past, and that sanctions threatened by the West would do serious damage to the Russian economy.

Biden is also expected to speak with Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy in the coming week, according to a person close to the Ukrainian leader. — AP

Smouldering debris hinders rescue

Indonesia volcano toll rises as search for missing continues

LUMAJANG, Indonesia — Rescuers were sifting through smouldering debris and thick mud in search of survivors a day after the highest volcano on Java island erupted with fury, killing at least 14 people with searing gas and ash.

Mount Semeru in Lumajang district in East Java province spewed thick columns of ash more than 12,000 metres into the sky in a sudden eruption on Saturday triggered by heavy rains. Villages and nearby towns were blanketed and several hamlets buried under tonnes of mud from volcanic debris.

Authorities warned the thousands of people who fled the volcano's wrath not to return during Sunday's lull in activity. But some were desperate to check on livestock and possessions left behind. In several areas, everything — from the thinnest tree branch to couches and chairs inside homes — was caked with ash.

"There's no life there . . . trees, farms, houses are scorched, everything is covered in heavy grey ash," said Haryadi Purnomo of East Java's search and rescue agency.

Search and rescue efforts were temporarily

suspended on Sunday afternoon because of fears that hot ash and debris could tumble down from the crater due to heavy rains.

On Saturday, a torrent of mud destroyed the main bridge connecting Lumajang and the neighbouring district of Malang, as well as a smaller bridge.

The eruption eased pressure that had been building under a lava dome perched on the crater. But experts warned that the dome could still further collapse, causing an avalanche of the blistering gas and debris trapped beneath it.

A thunderstorm and days of rain, which eroded and partly collapsed the dome atop the 3676-metre Semeru, triggered the eruption, said Eko Budi Lelono, who heads the geological survey centre.

Indonesia, an archipelago of more than 270 million people, is prone to earthquakes and volcanic activity because it sits along the Pacific "Ring of Fire," a horseshoe-shaped series of fault lines.

Officials said earlier they had hoped they could avoid casualties by closely monitoring the



BLANKET OF ASH: A man inspects a truck buried in the ash following the eruption of Mount Semeru in Lumajang district, Indonesia on Sunday. AP picture

volcano.

National Disaster Mitigation Agency spokesperson Abdul Muhari said 56 people had been hospitalised, mostly with burns. He said rescuers were still searching for nine residents of Curah Kobokan village.

Indonesian President Joko Widodo said he

instructed his Cabinet ministers and disaster and military officials to coordinate the response. The government pledged to relocate residents from hardest-hit villages to safer places in the next six months and to provide 500,000 rupiah (\$34.50) per month in compensation for each family while waiting for new houses. — AP

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New Zealand's ADHD community in crisis

From struggling kids to out-of-control teens and desperate adults, New Zealand's ADHD community is in crisis. Why is it so hard for them to get help that some are resorting to TikTok for medical advice? RNZ's ANUSHA BRADLEY reports.

AUCKLAND — Even when Ava* overdosed on her mother's prescription pills because she was "bored", her local district health board (DHB) refused to assess her for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). That's when her family knew they had to try something different.

There had already been alarm bell moments: The time Ava suggested cooking the family cat; the time she went missing for nine days to party with friends; the times she was caught with drugs, crashed a car, or trashed the house in a violent rage. She had also run away from class countless times and been suspended from school.

However, all her mother Emma* could do was watch as her teenage daughter's behaviour continued to deteriorate: "She was running away all the time, fighting and throwing things around the house."

The lack of help and understanding was terrifying and frustrating.

"It's the not knowing what to do. You're trying to do all these things with this child, but there's just no help."

The behaviour was often blamed on "bad parenting", Emma added.

Ava's GP saw signs of the condition and referred her to their local DHB to be assessed, but the DHB refused to see her.

After the accidental overdose on her mother's medication when she was 14, the hospital believed Ava had tried to kill herself, so dismissed another of her GP's referrals for an ADHD assessment and sent her to counselling instead.

"I didn't do it because I was depressed. I wasn't sad, I was just bored," recalls Ava.

Following the overdose, help arrived — following four years of symptoms — when Emma paid for Ava to see a paediatrician privately, who confirmed the ADHD diagnosis in December 2020.

"It was such a relief as a parent. I was like, this is not her just playing up and acting out every time she hears the word 'no'."

Once she was on medication, there was an almost immediate effect. "It was like a switch went on," Emma said.

"That first day she said to me: 'It's like all the noise has stopped'."

However, Ava was one of the "lucky ones", said ADHD New Zealand chairperson Darrin Bull. Why? "Because she got a diagnosis."

Those with ADHD struggled



File picture

to focus and could be hyperactive and impulsive.

Yet, while it was one of the most common disorders affecting children, getting a diagnosis and treatment for ADHD was often described as prolonged and traumatic.

It was even harder for adults, Mr Bull said.

Over 80 percent of adults with ADHD report struggling to get help, according to a new survey released today by the organisation.

"Out of 455 respondents, 60 percent believe diagnosis takes too long, or are still waiting for one, and roughly a third give up trying to get any help at all," Mr Bull said.

Most wait more than six months to be assessed by their DHB, if that service was provided at all, with some waiting more than a year. More than 70 percent and upwards were going private, the survey found.

"It shows the ADHD community is in a state of crisis," Mr Bull said.

Going private was the only option in most parts of the country, as most DHBs did not see adult ADHD patients at all.

"If they're in a DHB that is not seeing patients with ADHD, then they become the 'lost', and they do go into a crisis. Invariably, they'll end up somewhere in the public health system, whether it's dealing with depression or issues around mental health."

But there were barriers to getting a private assessment too, Mr Bull said. "There's not enough private specialists and they cost a lot of money. As far as we're aware there are only two in the South Island, so that's a lot of the population who can't get help."

Patients who were diagnosed by a psychologist would often have to pay again to see a psychiatrist or paediatrician because only they were allowed to prescribe ADHD medication, and adult prescriptions must be reviewed at least once every two years.

"That's a lifetime of cost," Mr Bull said.

He said the survey identified some people who were so desperate for help, they were resorting to the social media platform TikTok for advice.

"There are some wonderful channels on TikTok and social media that has been really important for people to

understand their ADHD and get some help and insight."

"What would concern me though, is if the social media platforms start to be the primary source of diagnosis."

More than half of survey respondents also reported difficulty in getting medication, and Mr Bull said giving psychologists and GPs prescribing powers would go a long way to improving access.

However, GPs would need more training, he said.

"Our survey found only 28 percent thought their GP would understand ADHD."

"Every one of the support groups I've been to starts off with a story about how much trouble they had with their GPs and how quite commonly they're misdiagnosed."

Brody's* parents thought he might have had Oppositional Defiance Disorder or a Sensory Profile Disorder and they took him to play therapy, reiki, reflexology and changed his diet.

They were desperate. He had started complaining of wanting "everything to be quiet" at 8 years old. He was hypervigilant at school, before eventually withdrawing from class activities completely, or running away.

Even though he was one of the "lucky ones" seen by his DHB, several psychologists, despite nine months of assessments, were unable to spot the ADHD, diagnosing him with severe anxiety instead.

It was only when a Ministry of Education psychologist, who had been working intensively with Brody, suggested that he be assessed again that he was finally diagnosed with ADHD in July last year.

"It was frustrating and relieving at the same time," said his mother, Corinne.

"It had been five years of watching this kid struggle so much and not be able to help him. The fact it took so long to get a diagnosis — my heart broke. The whole process was so traumatic."

They also discovered the untreated ADHD had caused a decline in his cognitive ability over the past two years.

"The only explanation for it was that Brody had become so lost, so disinterested and so cut off that he had lost completely every piece of self-worth. He had just switched off."

Brody had now been on ADHD medication for the past 18 months. It had taken that long to find the right drug and the right dose, but medication had made a huge difference.

"His school noticed straight away. He started excelling in everything, which was actually really sad for his teachers who had watched him struggle for so long," Corinne said.

"So, he's doing really well now, but he could have been doing well the whole time. There are just no resources for teachers or for families. It's really hard, I can see why people just give up."

Enduring a 'nightmare'

Auckland GP, Dr Tony Hanne, knew all about the "nightmare" that ADHD patients endured and the journey they had to go through before they received the help they needed.

As one of only two family doctors in the region with a special interest in the condition, he provided diagnostic services and care to patients across the country. His patients must pay for a consultation with a psychiatrist every two years in order to keep receiving medication.

"I started in 1991 assessing and treating ADHD, and there were eight wonderful years where there was no government restrictions on doing this and on prescribing."

That changed when prescribing limits were introduced in 1999, following concerns about the misuse of stimulants often used to treat the condition. Dr Hanne, however, worked closely with a psychiatrist colleague who prescribed medication following Hanne's diagnosis.

"This stopped when the psychiatrist retired in 2018. It has been a nightmare since then," Dr Hanne said.

Now when he diagnosed a patient, he had to refer them to a psychiatrist who did their own assessment as well. This assessment had to be done every two years so the patient could keep getting medication.

"It is crazy because it's a life-long condition and it adds a huge expense for the patient," Dr Hanne said.

Besides, were psychiatrists the right doctors to help those with ADHD?

The World Health Organisation's diagnostic resource, the International Classification of Disease 10, described ADHD as a neurodevelopmental disorder, and not primarily a psychiatric condition.

"The psychiatrists are made responsible for assessing ADHD and prescribing medication to treat it, but they are not trained to do it and it is not really part of their territory. If left untreated it can have psychiatric consequences, however . . ."

*Not their real names.

Thousands of students skip NCEA exams

by John Gerritsen, RNZ

AUCKLAND — Thousands of teenagers in Auckland, Northland and parts of Waikato are skipping their NCEA exams.

They are making the most of a rule that means they will automatically get an unexpected event grade (UEG) for any exams they miss.

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority said average attendance in the three regions during the first four days of exams two weeks ago was 55 percent, well below last year's national average of 86 percent.

Principals in the eligible regions told RNZ attendance at their schools ranged from just 15 percent to about 80 percent depending on the exam.

They shared their figures on the condition that their schools would not be identified.

"Today, for example, there should have been 54 (students sitting an exam) for English, but only eight have showed. Last week, for the maths exam, there should have been 31 but just six turned up," said one principal.

"It ranges from some exams having nearly 50 percent absent to some exams with less than 20 percent absent. (As for the actual exams), I don't know if they are completing every achievement standard and we won't know that until results are posted," said another principal.

Several principals told RNZ only about 20-25 percent of eligible students were sitting for their exams.

One said attendance varied widely between subjects, but was averaging 45 percent at their school, and another noted that exam attendance was higher among Year 11 students than among Year 12 and 13 students.

The principals told RNZ they were not surprised many students were opting out of sitting for their exams.

They said students who received an excellence in an unexpected event grade could not improve on that by sitting the exam.

One principal said academically-able students who wanted to improve their grades to merit or excellence were more likely to sit their exams than other students who were happy with achieved grades from their UEGs.

Another said the unexpected event grades were rigorous and a lot of hard work had gone into determining each student's grades.

The principal said living under an Alert Level 3 lockdown had created a lot of stress for many families, and it was little wonder some teenagers were choosing not to sit their exams.

"They have done the hard yards, they're nervous, they're anxious, and a lot of them are putting food on the table for their families," the principal said.

Another principal said they were happy that fewer students were attending exams because it reduced the risk of a Covid-19 outbreak.

Education Minister Chris Hipkins said the changes to NCEA were intended to give students a fair opportunity to attain the qualification, despite the disruption they had faced.

"For students who have experienced the most disruption — particularly those in Auckland — UEGs allow them to focus on achieving their best, while ensuring that support is there if they need it," he said.

"I am confident students who have worked hard throughout the year will get the results they deserve heading into next year — whether that's at a school or going on to further education, training or into work," Hipkins said.



Big changes, many not ready

Global warming: 23 percent surveyed 'doubtful, dismissive'

by Andrew Ashton

While the region's business leaders are urging the Government to go further in tackling the climate crisis, a new survey suggests half of our businesspeople have little interest in the issue.

One of Trust Tairāwhiti's key submission points on the Government's consultation document to help draft New Zealand's first Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP) is that its draft emissions reduction budgets are "inadequate".

The ERP will set the direction for climate action through to 2035, with emissions reductions across areas including energy, transport, waste, agriculture, construction and financial services.

"Global greenhouse gas emissions need to halve by 2030 for the world to have any chance of staying within the critical limit of 1.5 degrees of global warming. The Government's current budgets will mean that New Zealand will not be playing its part," Trust Tairāwhiti chief executive Gavin Murphy said.

"The final emissions reduction budgets are inadequate. New Zealand will not be doing enough to align with the science and from a global equity perspective," he said.

"The trust supports the overall direction of the Government's discussion document and is committed to playing a leadership role in the Tairāwhiti climate change response.

"Our submission welcomed opportunities for our region to be an innovation test-bed for climate solutions that can feed into national policy, particularly if that innovation is focused on ensuring our region's decarbonisation journey is equitable."

The Sustainable Business Council (SBC) and the Climate Leaders Coalition (CLC) both welcomed the release of the Government's ERP discussion document and have called for greater engagement with the business community to close the emissions gap identified.

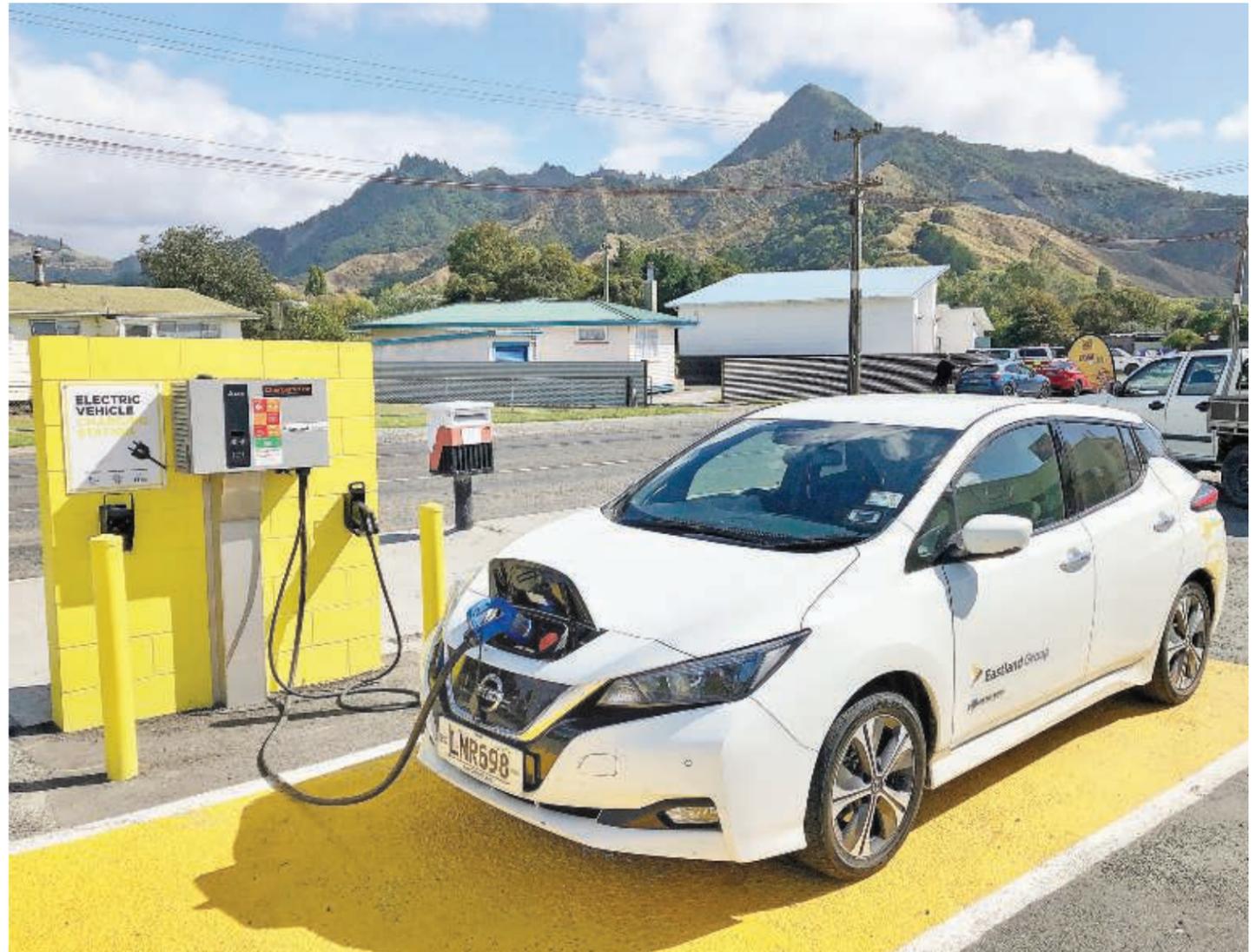
"While we welcome the ambition set out by the Minister of Climate Change, we note that the detailed policies and actions set out in the discussion document fall short of the proposed emissions budgets," SBC executive director Mike Burrell said.

"It is clear that further work is required to develop the detail of the ERP to ensure we are doing our bit to support international efforts to limit global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees.

"By engaging sustainable businesses in that process, we remain confident that together, the private sector, civil society and government can meet the challenge and create a plan that Aotearoa New Zealand can get behind. We look forward to being consulted on the draft plan in early 2022, before the final plan is released in May."

The SBC and CLC put forward a number of recommendations to the Climate Change Commission, many of which were reflected in the commission's final advice.

"The commission's advice provides clear pathways to deliver on our emissions reductions. We urge Government to reflect more of this advice in the final ERP in order to provide the clarity, confidence, and certainty that businesses need to make investment decisions that will enable the transition to a low-emissions and climate-



CLIMATE DRIVEN: Electric vehicle charging stations like this one at Tokomaru Bay will help the region and our businesses to reduce carbon emissions. Picture supplied

resilient future," said Mr Burrell.

"Once finalised, the ERP will be a critical step to get us on track to a low-emissions future in which people and nature thrive. But that requires ambition and pace — and needs to start now."

SBC and CLC are working through the details with their members, developing a considered submission on the discussion document to present to the Government.

Gisborne-based Eastland Group is a member of the Climate Leaders Coalition and worked with CLC on their submission on the consultation document.

It is also supporting the transition to a low carbon future here in Tairāwhiti with a range of practical initiatives, including: the establishment of a region-wide network of electric vehicle fast chargers; ensuring the company's

non-commercial vehicle fleet is electric; the introduction of an electric water truck at Eastland Port; conducting long-term solar trials; expanding its investment in renewable energy generation, including applying for resource consent for Tairāwhiti's first solar power plant; and working with Trust Tairāwhiti and suppliers

on reducing emissions.

Eastland Group has also built the most sustainable airport terminal in New Zealand.

However, just how many businesspeople in Tairāwhiti are taking climate crisis seriously is questionable.

Gisborne Chamber of Commerce vice-president Paul Naske said he expected the Government's emissions reduction plan to result in changes in policy and legislation that would affect businesses, but was concerned with a seemingly low number of businesspeople here concerned about the climate crisis.

"On a local level it seems that only about half of businesses in our region are alarmed or concerned at the prospects of a changing climate in our region.

"Recently the Gisborne Chamber of Commerce undertook a survey of 103 business owners and managers to determine their attitudes towards climate change; 49 percent of them were 'alarmed or concerned', 23 percent were 'doubtful or dismissive' and the balance, 28 percent, were 'cautious or disengaged'.

"As a region this is important to know, because our businesses and our leaders will be judged on their attitudes towards climate change by the tourists who come here, the consumers who buy our products and the future governments that fund our region.

"It is important to know where our businesses lie on this continuum.

"For half of our businesses to not be

concerned about climate change is not only short-sighted from an environmental perspective but naïve, at best, from a business one.

"Regardless of where you sit on this attitude continuum, the reality is that the business environment globally, nationally and locally is going to change, and businesses need to adapt, or die."

Climate leadership has been identified as a key commitment in Trust Tairāwhiti's strategic plan, Te aka rautaki ki te tau 2026.

The trust's top four climate priorities for this financial year are:

- to work with Eastland Group to meet joint emissions reduction targets — 21 percent reduction in emissions by 2024 from the 2019 baseline (Climate Leaders Coalition)

- to build climate considerations more clearly into our funding and decision-making processes
- to support businesses and communities to take climate action

- to partner with GDC, iwi and our communities to prepare a regional 'Just Transition' Emissions Reduction Plan.

"We are continuing to promote the Sustainable Business Network's (SBN) online climate action toolbox for business as well as supporting the regional conversation occurring on the future of permanent carbon farming in Tairāwhiti," Mr Murphy said.

"The trust remains committed to supporting the conversations the region needs to have about the climate crisis."

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Increasing supplier diversity in our region

by Akula Sharma

A supplier diversity intermediary is helping Tairāwhiti's Māori and Pasifika businesses to get contract opportunities.

Amotai (originally named He Waka Eke Noa) was officially established in 2018 by two wahine, Anna-Jane Edwards and Tania Pouwhare who worked in the Southern Initiative team at Auckland Council.

It connects Māori and Pasifika-owned businesses with buyers wanting to purchase goods, services and works. It also verifies and holds a national database of Māori and Pasifika-owned businesses.

Gisborne-based Tui Babbington (Ngāti Porou) is the Amotai manuhua (relationship manager) for Tairāwhiti.

She started her new role in June and hosted a Hui Kōtuitui (networking event) on September 29 to connect with Māori and Pasifika businesses here.

Mrs Babbington said over 90 government agencies, corporate and iwi were registered as buyers with Amotai.

"They are registering with Amotai because they want to buy from Māori businesses. They all play a part in supporting progressive procurement and supply diversity for Aotearoa.

"Nearly 800 Māori or Pasifika businesses are registered with Amotai and my role in Tairāwhiti is to support the growth of that number for our region."

Mrs Babbington said the Provincial Development Unit (Kānoa) had been awarded \$3 billion out of which three of the contracts were for Tairāwhiti and had supply diversity targets.

"I'm working with the main contract holders and Kānoa to reach their targets by providing them with Māori business connections.

"One of the projects I am working on is



Amotai manuhua (relationship manager) for Tairāwhiti, Tui Babbington.

Picture by Paul Rickard

'Midway Surf Club', which was awarded to Dawson Building Co.

"Currently, I am working on a tendering process to look at sub-contractors within the region. I am looking at Māori businesses which are electrical, plumbing, civic construction and helping them go through the tender process.

"The other two projects are Rugby Park and the Waipaoa Flood Resilience Project. I am waiting for the project managers to start in that space so I can understand the projects a little bit more."

Amotai manu ngangahu (capability manager) Kahurangi Malcolm said there were barriers for Māori and Pasifika businesses to get a "foot in the door", and the reasons were "systemic".

"Māori businesses don't always have the social capital and connections to prove themselves, but once they do, they're away.



Iconiq Group construction director Nathan Te Miha.

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"I think that's why Amotai plays a crucial role — to be able to connect businesses which haven't been able to have the opportunity to compete with buyers.

"Māori businesses still need to compete and prove themselves, it's not a hand out. It's providing connections to buyers that want to buy from them, but they win contracts based on their own merit."

Mrs Babbington said the disparity between Māori and non-Māori businesses was going down as more Māori became business owners.

"Māori businesses employ Māori and build capability through their own organisations. They employ three times more Māori than the national average."

Mrs Malcolm said it would be good to see a spend for Māori and Pasifika businesses which represented "the whole population".

"Māori and Pasifika make up 25 percent of the population. We have got a target of 5 percent to hit for Māori, and that's quite a low target but it's a great start."

It was good to acknowledge the 5 percent target was a start and would make a difference for supplier diversity. It "helps open the door for Māori businesses," said Mrs Malcolm.

"Supplier diversity is a great tool to create equity and level the playing field for all. The benefits for communities, businesses and buyers is massive.

"At this stage, because we are in Aotearoa, the first place to start is to create equity for the indigenous people of the land — Māori.

"We have got a long way to go. Australia set a target for indigenous people six years

ago and went from spending \$6 million a year with aboriginal businesses to over \$3 billion. Their spend percentage is much more representative of their indigenous population.

"We are not near it yet. We have got a long way to go for even getting to represent a third of the Māori population in terms of spend."

Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities regional director Naomi Whitewood (Ngāti Porou, Ngāpuhi) said Kāinga Ora was committed to supplier diversity and worked closely with Amotai to partner with Māori and Pasifika companies and sub-contractors.

"Recently Amotai held a webinar with their suppliers to discuss how they could work with Kāinga Ora — 130 suppliers dialled in nationally.

"In Tairāwhiti, Kāinga Ora consider social outcomes with every contract that we enter in to. Locally Amotai helped connect Kāinga Ora to Iconiq Group who are now building a number of public housing developments in Gisborne.

"Iconiq Group construction director Nathan Te Miha (Ngāti Porou) is from Te Tairāwhiti and the company employs many local Māori and Pasifika people. Iconiq run a pre-employment programme for rangatahi to get a trade.

"To support the training of apprentices, Kāinga Ora has committed to three build projects each year with Iconiq Group. This ensures there is a pipeline of work for the apprentices to work on.

"Apprentices are led by licensed builders and have been involved in building homes at Iconiq's Gisborne site that are then transported around the rohe.

"Iconiq Group have built 10 homes for Kāinga Ora in Gisborne and are currently involved in two other developments. They are a good fit with Kāinga Ora as we have shared values and a focus on social as well as economic outcomes."

Mr Te Miha said Iconiq Group implemented further supplier diversity by enabling local Māori businesses to sub-contract to Iconiq in all areas of the construction trade (builders, plumbers, electricians, civil and drainage contractors, roofers, plasterers and painters).

"When carrying out their respective contract works for Iconiq, this enables them to build their business's capabilities, increasing their growth and then one day be able to deal directly to government agencies like Kāinga Ora."

Māori and Pasifika businesses can register with Amotai for free at <https://amotai.nz/> and contact Tui Babbington on tui@amotai.nz

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CONNECTING LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE: The first Women in Business Night was split into two groups to follow Covid-19 protocols. Pictured back from left at Taiki e! Impact House are Seda Naden, Lyn Robb, Vicki Hiha, Jessie Bourke, Meredith Thomson, Sandra Groves, Marie Cramp, Kendall Bramwell, Sue Cameron, Alice Kibble and Regina de Wolf-Ngarimu. Seated from left are Helena Anderson, Samantha Cameron, Kylee Nepia and Steph Barnett. Pictures by Gwenda Harvey Photography

Women in Business Night a chance to create connections

by Akula Sharma

The first ever Tairawhiti Women in Business Night was a success with all spaces taken and plans for further networking events. The networking event held on November 11 was hosted by BNI First Light - Gisborne in collaboration with Taiki e! Impact House and was organised by Ask Alice owner Alice Kibble. Tickets for the event were sold out within 12 days and to follow Covid-19 protocols around gathering numbers, participants were divided into two groups — one met in the Harcourts Gisborne office and the other at Taiki e! Impact House.

Owner of Katie Jane Wellness and BNI First Light president Katie Griffin said the event was about bringing women together to connect like-minded people.

"We discussed challenges we have faced in business and we wanted to create connections for support.

"People have experienced a variety of challenges — staffing issues, navigating the Covid-19 pandemic, burnout affecting mental and physical health, and isolation when people are working on their own."

Ms Griffin said the group she was part of was really engaged, honest and open about their business experiences.

"Everyone was really supportive of each other and we are hoping this event is the first of many.

"We have created a Facebook group called 'Women in Business Tairawhiti' — we encourage businesswomen to join so we can organise another networking event in the new year and continue to work together to use business as a tool to enhance community."

Ms Griffin said her group also discussed how important it was to have a mentor.

"A third party one can talk to outside of work about what's going on in their business; someone who can guide you through the challenges you may face.

"I think it is beneficial to have a mentor — a lot of women here tonight commented that it can be really helpful.

"I personally work on my own. I have found being part of a group like BNI is really good for connecting with people and for extra support. It has been great for my personal and professional development."

BNI (Business Network International) is a business and professional referral organisation where members meet weekly, in different chapters nationwide, to exchange qualified

business referrals and develop relationships.

Event organiser Alice Kibble is a BNI member and a resident at Taiki e! impact house.

"We had a great turnout, which was really awesome. We are actually surprised by the amount of interest in the event, which is testament to the need for a women in business support group here in Tairawhiti.

"We have had a range of businesswomen come along — end-of-life doula, photographers, cafe owners, technology, artists and forestry — a wide variety of industries were represented here."

Ms Kibble said her group talked about how important it was to have a support network when running a business, to learn from other people's experiences — especially in the current climate.

"The event was really about collaboration of ideas and solutions, so we can move together towards a better future.

"Our group also talked about challenges we face as business owners — time, and how you manage it."

Ms Kibble said the group also talked about how to prioritise self-care and maintain a healthy work-life balance.

"How it's really important to prioritise yourself and take time out for yourself and family.

"Business isn't the be-all and end-all. It's a driver to create a better life for your community and whanau. Don't forget that's the reason you are doing it."

Author Regina De Wolf-Ngarimu said she really enjoyed the evening.

"The opportunity to connect with other businesswomen in the community in a relaxed and nurturing environment is a gift.

"We live in a diverse, highly creative space and the mahi of these mana wahine, who drive entrepreneurial activity, adds to the business landscape.

"I feel that in Turanganui-a-Kiwa, activities that create work and income should be assisted and applauded by all. Every person I met had knowledge to share and that's beautiful.

"It was fantastic to have Alice Kibble involved in this. I really admire her drive. While Alice was young, I actually voted for her when she ran for council as she was the only candidate to proactively approach us with information on her values.

"Her business is fantastic. Also, the Taiki e! environment is full of smart, supportive people every day, and they are so respectful!"

The event was a part of Global Entrepreneurship Week 2021.



NETWORKING: Pictured at the gathering held at Harcourts are Debs Hancock, Taranga Kent, Jess MacLellan, Chrissy Aldridge, Annie Meredith, Katie Griffin, Kirstie Lovell, Alice Kibble (standing), Jean Torrie, Amanda Cook, Vesna Radonich, Nikki Archdale, Jay Brown, Sandra Troy, Diane Taylor, Wendy Reeves and Leshaan Smith.



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Risk assessments: high bar for requiring the job

EMPLOYMENT TODAY

BY CRAIG SIDORUK



In my last article I discussed the topic of "No Job, No Job". Since then this topic has consistently been in the news, with extensions to the Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Order 2021 (the "PHO") now covering teachers, and most recently the police and NZ Defence Force.

Whether you agree with the Government's decisions to mandate or not, at the very least the workforces covered by the PHO have some certainty as to whether their workers should be vaccinated.

So where does that leave the rest of us in regards to determining whether a worker should be vaccinated in order to undertake a specific role?

In a nutshell — you will either be covered by the "My Vaccine Pass mandate" which applies to hospitality, events, gatherings, close contact businesses and gyms, or you will need to undertake a "risk assessment". If the My Vaccine Pass mandate applies, workers in these industries will have had to have had their first job by last Friday (December 3), and their second job by January 17.

The alternative is to undertake a risk assessment. The Government has announced that it will have a clear, legal framework for businesses to follow that will have four risk factors to determine a lower risk or higher risk rating. At least three of these factors have to be of a higher risk before it would be reasonable to require a worker to be vaccinated.

Once released, it will be optional to use the tool, and you will still be able to use alternative health and safety risk assessment tools if you have already started the process or have already completed a risk assessment.

Whatever risk assessment tool or process you use, remember one thing . . . you must complete the process alongside your workers in those potentially-affected roles.

The Work Christmas Function

The good news is that even under a red traffic light, the good old work Christmas function can still go ahead — however, there are some restrictions on numbers and social distancing depending on whether you choose to operate with or without the My Vaccine Pass.

If you choose to follow the My Vaccine Pass requirements, only people with a My Vaccine Pass can attend. If it's at your own home or a private dwelling, you can have up to 100 people present. If you're going to hold it at a bar, restaurant or any other venue, you can still have

up to 100 people present, but you'll have to adhere to 1 metre physical distancing.

If you or the venue chooses not to operate under the My Vaccine Pass requirements, you can have a mix of vaccinated and non-vaccinated people attend, but you can only have up to 25 people present, whether it's at your own home or another venue. If it's at another venue, one metre physical distancing will apply.

Now that the logistics are sorted, you need to ensure you are holding a safe, healthy and importantly "fun" Christmas function for everyone to enjoy.

At about this time of the year I usually end up with at least a couple of calls from employers wanting to address an employee's behaviour at the Christmas function. It's usually either a case of intoxication, drug use, aggressive behaviour, inappropriate comments or a combination of them all.

Under the Health and Safety at Work Act, as an employer you have an obligation to provide a safe and healthy work place, and this also applies to the Christmas function.

Here are my top tips for ensuring everyone enjoys themselves without things getting out of hand, or reputations tarnished:

. . . you will be able to use alternative health and safety risk assessment tools if you have already started the process or have already completed a risk assessment.

1. Set some clear expectations about the standard of behaviour and communicate this to everyone in the days leading up to the function.

2. Before the event starts, watch out for pre-loading.

3. If you are providing

alcohol, set a limit on the number of drinks an individual can have.

4. Have a senior manager/or a professional tend the bar to keep an eye out for intoxication and to refuse serving those people if necessary.

5. Serve lots of food throughout the event and provide a range of non-alcoholic drinks.

6. If you are serving alcohol, provide transport to and from the event to ensure people can have a good time without the temptation to drive.

7. If something does go astray, have another senior manager available to escort the person home — and ensure that they get home.

8. If you do end up with a situation that requires disciplinary action, ensure that you follow a fair and reasonable process, including the assumption that they might not be able to recall anything from the event itself.

I understand that no one wants to be the Christmas Grinch, however, as the host you are responsible for everyone's safety and wellbeing and a few guidelines can prevent a time-consuming and potentially costly aftermath.

Disclaimer: The information contained in this article is of a general nature and is not intended as legal advice.

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Charting new course through the pandemic

by Akula Sharma

Despite constraints, Māori businesses have strategically navigated their way through the pandemic, the 2021 BDO Māori Business Sector Report showed.

BDO Gisborne director Kylee Potae said the Māori sector report this year, the third of its kind, was not surprising.

"Charting a new course is common not only for Māori in business but the whole community, because the world has changed due to the pandemic — our markets, shopping and social needs."

Ms Potae said for Māori, confidence was of utmost importance when faced with continual change.

"Having strong leadership to lead these entities through tough times like the pandemic — because there is no doubt your collective wills will occasionally fall off when you're charting a new course.

"Strong leadership is what kept a calm hand, and helped everyone stick together.

"Often I find with Māori businesses, they have their values interwoven in their strategic thinking.

"A key value is aroha (love), so they lead with aroha to further their collective."

According to the survey report, whānau/community and whenua (land) remained the top priority for Māori business owners.

"There's an interconnectivity between whānau and whenua — in the creation

narrative, we come from papatuanuku who is the Earth mother, so we are mentally, physically and spiritually connected to the whenua.

"As Māori, making sure both are well is the optimal well-being goal", Ms Potae said.

In the report, finances were seen as a mechanism to keep whānau and whenua well, she said.

"The finances are just a tool to achieve better outcomes for whānau and whenua.

"Finances will never come above that but equally Māori in business know the importance of it sitting close to or alongside that outcome. They need to work with the tool to re-invest and nurture whānau and whenua."

Ms Potae said despite the pandemic constraints, Māori had been able to come through it with success.

"Māori are entrepreneurial — with that mindset, they always look on the positive to get themselves through. Hence why Māori are not afraid of charting new courses."

Ms Potae said a constraint Māori in business faced was short-term and long-term planning.

"For us as Māori, the long-term goal is thinking generations ahead. We have the

challenge to break that down and bring it back to today's reality — the decisions which we are going to make right now.

"We are thinking about the impact of those decisions on future generations.

"Navigating the here and now with the mindset of long-term impact.

Different Māori organisations will have a different idea of what the time frame for that will be.

"For some of us to put a year and date on it is a challenge — here and now, versus impact on the future generations."

Ms Potae said another challenge was that the financial sector did not have enough knowledge on collectively-owned assets and hence was not suitable to address issues specific to Māori business's needs.

"Often we have collectively-owned assets



NAVIGATING PANDEMIC: The image accompanying BDO's third Maori Business Sector Report.

and our finance sector can't really deal with it in the sense they are used to dealing with Mr or Mrs X, and when you are dealing with say maybe 1000, 2000, 3000 or 50,000 who own a collective asset, a lot of our financial models in the marketplace can't cope with it, or the mechanisms are not set up to deal with that.

"It just gets put in the too-hard basket ('we just don't know how to deal with that'),

so there can come a capital constraint through no other reason but this collectively-owned asset base and a financial system which is not suitable to deal with it.

"Over time we are finding that financial institutions are taking on the challenge to try to accommodate.

"I think the positive narrative on the Māori sector and the growing economy is really helping the financial institutions to look at the sector as a very real place to invest.

"Equally, Māori are starting to say we can't wait for those financial institutions, so collectively they are thinking if they've got a Māori organisation which is financially wealthy, how might they fund capital through that.

"It is the 'Tuakana-Teina' model which in Māoridom means elder sibling helping younger sibling because it became much easier, with a higher chance of success."

Ms Potae said many people have labelled Māori decision-making as slow and a long process, without knowing how hard collective decision-making could be.

"I'd like to throw the challenge back and say get all of your first, second and third cousins together in a room and tell me how quick it will be to make a decision for what

you're having for dinner that night.

"It's collective decision-making which takes time.

"Firstly, Māori always come out with a well-rounded way forward because we have debated it to death.

"Secondly, opportunities which weren't good die, because they don't last long enough and they don't handle the length of time it takes for a decision — they just disappear, which in my opinion is a blessing in disguise.

"We are not too slow, we just have levels of generations who are all part of the conversation. It is a challenge but it's rewarding as well.

"I think that's what helps Māori to keep rebounding after a hard time, and keep pushing back.

"We always think there is a better way forward."



KYLEE POTAE:

Kylee says positive thinking was a plus for Maori businesspeople in navigating a way forward during challenging times.

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Zalm deal brings Cann-do for Rua

by Andrew Ashton

A proposed deal to purchase Zalm Therapeutics Limited provides Tairawhiti-based Rua Bioscience with a "great opportunity", Rua chief executive Rob Mitchell says.

NZX-listed Rua has entered into an agreement to acquire 100 percent of Zalm Therapeutics, a New Zealand-based medicinal cannabis company which has Australia's leading listed medicinal cannabis company, Cann Group, as one of its key shareholders and partners. Rua is acquiring Zalm for \$10m equity value through the issue of new Rua shares at approximately \$0.41 per share.

"This is a great opportunity for us to accelerate our growth and I think it will be really good for the company in the short and long term," Mr Mitchell said.

The deal would involve three milestones, he said.

The first is shareholders approving the transaction.

"That will trigger the first load of shares and then after that there are two more tranches, based on milestones.

"Ultimately, \$10m worth in script will be issued. It's important to note too, as part of this transaction we actually get \$1.5m in cash."

The net cost to Rua would therefore be \$8.5m.

Overall, more than 24m shares would be issued.

"The benefit to shareholders, first and foremost, is that we are going to get products earlier."

Cann Group product from Mildura would be available to Rua from mid-2022.

"That will supplement our own CBD product we will have coming up for market early next year."

It would also allow Rua to send its own genetics over to the Cann facility in Mildura, where it could be grown at scale.

"Of course, that can be turned into profitability and return on investment for shareholders."

Mr Mitchell said the deal would also result in the upskilling of its own workforce.

"It's exciting for our shareholders and it's exciting for our own personnel, and a good step forward."

Under the deal, Rua would acquire Zalm's third-party supply contract for GMP-grade medicinal cannabis with Cann, including exclusive supply into New Zealand. Cann is currently in the final commissioning

phase of one of Australasia's largest and most technologically advanced indoor growing facilities at Mildura, Victoria, which will deliver world-class and globally competitive scale and GMP capability — and will complement its existing production facility in Melbourne.

When the first stage of this facility is fully

"This is a great opportunity for us to accelerate our growth and I think it will be really good for the company in the short and long term."



GROWING UP: Cann Group's Muldura facility, the first stage of which will be commissioned early next year. If Rua Bioscience's proposed purchase of Zalm Therapeutics is approved by shareholders, it brings with it a partnership with Cann — Australia's leading listed medicinal cannabis company — and the ability to get products to market earlier. Pictures supplied

commissioned in early 2022, Cann expects to have capacity to produce 12,500kg of medicinal cannabis per annum, with the ability to increase this to 70,000kg in future stages. The supply contract has no minimum commitment levels for Rua, but allows preferential access to a percentage of Cann's supply.

Rua would acquire Zalm's market-ready products, including distribution agreements in New Zealand and distribution relationships across key export markets, supplying products directly into retail, hospital, pharmacy, and other wholesale channels. Rua would also own an exclusive Therapy Awareness and Empowerment Toolbox developed by Atlantis Healthcare, which will provide personalised support to patients during their medicinal-cannabis therapy.

Co-founder Manu Caddie said the deal would provide the company with a "longer runway" as

revenue came in sooner, with a greater range of products.

"Rua continues to stay out in front," Mr Caddie said.

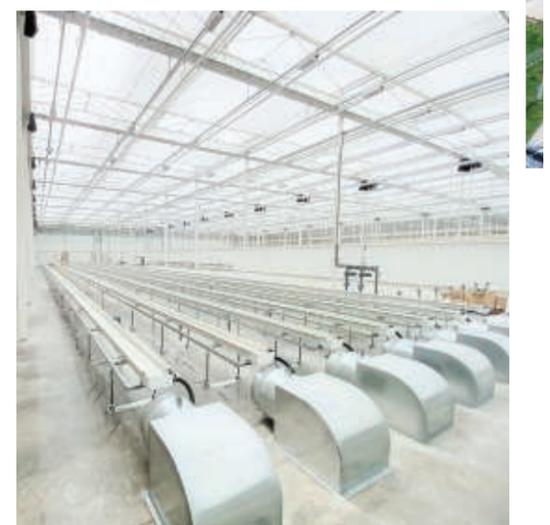
"The team is amazing and everything is heading in the right direction, it has just been slower than any of us thought it would be.

"Having said that, we have our first product in being assessed by the regulator at present and we're just waiting for that to get the tick of approval."

Mr Caddie said the company was still committed to supporting the East Coast community.

"From our perspective, it's a good deal for the company but it's also a good deal for Ruatoria and the East Coast/Tairawhiti to allow us to have access to not only products, but also expertise and a bigger team that our growers and staff can learn from.

"It just gives us a greater chance of success." Mr Mitchell said last year had been all about



GROWING ROOM: The "mother room" inside the Mildura growing facility.

building capacity, now it was "all about getting to market".

"There's an exciting time ahead!"

The issue of shares for this transaction is subject to approval by Rua's shareholders by way of ordinary resolution, requiring a simple majority of the votes of those shareholders eligible to vote and voting. Rua intends to hold a virtual Special Shareholders Meeting in mid-January 2022 for this purpose. Further details will be included in the coming Notice of Meeting, expected to be sent out to Rua shareholders around mid-December.

Chamber's focus People, Planet and Technology

NETWORK EFFECTS

BY BELINDA MACKAY



I write this as we wait for Tairawhiti to be placed under red for the newly-introduced traffic light system. This year has certainly been one of significant change for our country as we learn to live with the harsh reality of Delta. Firstly, a huge thank you to businesses throughout the region for their mahi in getting staff vaccinated.

The Chamber of Commerce has been going through its own review this year and working through what our relevance in a post-Covid world is, and what value can we offer our members? Being a member-based organisation, we are often asked about what value we offer. Yes, we have the connections we say, but it's often only when we are needed at short notice that our relevance becomes obvious.

Because our business environment has changed so much over recent years, and

because Trust Tairawhiti is responsible for the economic development of our region, the chamber — in looking to the future — is going to do things differently.

Our new positioning is this: Tairawhiti Chamber of Commerce — "Tomorrow's Thinking".

This thinking involves three key pillars, because we can't be all things to all people — these are People, Planet and Technology.

From the chamber, you will hear from speakers (local and national) who will challenge you, you will be sent thought-provoking articles (as well as the usual chamber information) and we will utilise resources to make you, the businesspeople of our region, think about your business. Our goal is to challenge you to think about how your business can be better.

We will not be afraid to question our leaders if we hear of activities in our region that fall under these pillars, if we believe they are not good for Tairawhiti business or aren't "tomorrow's thinking".

You might not like what we have to say but we guarantee we will take a position based on what is good for business — what you do with the information you read/that speaker you

listened to/that Ted talk you were sent, is up to you but it would be a failing of the chamber not to do our absolute best for businesses in our region.

The three pillars we've identified that we want to focus on are not arbitrary. As business and our community are interconnected, so too are these pillars. We haven't chosen them because we like the sound of how they roll off the tongue, we've chosen them because if done well, it makes good business sense for all our members.

If we look around the world right now, we can see the interconnectivity of these pillars. Hertz Europe has just purchased 100,000 electric cars — they have recognised that consumers are taking the health of our planet into account when they choose which rental car company to hire from, so for Hertz it makes good business sense. Financial companies like Craigs and AMP have sustainable funds to invest in. Why? Because their customers want to make more ethical investments and not necessarily invest in big oil, mining etc — and it makes good business sense. Locally, a horticulture employer pays his staff above the living wage and offers pastoral care — he says that he has a good and stable

workforce now. Personally, my business offers a recycling scheme for any plastic that can be recycled (at our cost), donates a percentage of our profit to Trees that Count and has launched a new product range that has 60 percent less plastic than the existing range — our customers like this, so it makes good business sense.

Perhaps the chamber's new philosophy can be summed up best by this whakatauki — Manaaki whenua, Manaaki tangata, Haere whakamua (Care for the land, care for the people, go forward).

My challenge to business, as we head into the Christmas/New Year break is, if you're not thinking about People, Planet and Technology and you're in business, you're not future-proofing your business.

Wishing you all a restful Christmas break and a more settled, peaceful 2022.

Belinda Mackay is president of the Gisborne Tairawhiti Chamber of Commerce. Interested in joining the chamber? Connect, share and grow — raise your business profile locally and nationally. Contact Lena Bevan on 021 448 146 or lena@gisborne.org.nz for more information.

How to improve employee engagement in 2022

BUSINESS INSIGHTS

BY GEMMA HOGG



As the world stumbles towards a Covid-19 recovery, experts warn of a surge of voluntary employee departures, dubbed the "Great Resignation". To counteract the incoming wave of employee turnover, organisations, more than ever, need to focus on cultivating employee engagement.

Employee engagement represents the level of enthusiasm and connection employees feel towards their organisation. It's a key indicator of the motivation employees feel about going above and beyond in their roles, and their level of trust and loyalty within the company. The evidence is clear: Engaged employees perform

better, experience less burnout, and stay in organisations longer.

The three most important levers employers have at their disposal right now to boost their employees' engagement are:

1. Connect what employees do to what they care about

> Revise your organisation's mission statement to connect and align with employee values.

> Show how an employee's work is related to the organisation's purpose. Employees have to see a connection between their day-to-day work and the organisation's greater purpose.

> Encourage and fund employee engagement groups that represent diverse interests and goals. This team could centre on special team events/celebrations, or even wellness.

2. Try to make the work itself less stressful and more enjoyable

> Offer and provide employees the flexibility to try new work tasks, so they can discover

interests they have a natural affinity towards.

> Grant employees more autonomy.

Autonomy is critical to fostering motivation.

> Boost employees' sense of confidence.

People tend to avoid work tasks they lack the confidence to complete; thus, confidence is important to encourage employees to initiate tasks.

3. Create 'time affluence'

> Reward employees with time in addition to money. Rewarding employees with time (eg, extra time off) represents a direct route to increasing feelings of time affluence.

> Implement tools that discourage after-hours emails. Employees often report that their email inbox is the largest time drain, so using a tool that allows people to pause the inflow of emails after hours, can encourage employees to have more "off" time.

The world of work is constantly changing, and without the right people practices in place, it can negatively impact your bottom line. The

reality is, we're all human and exist outside of the workplace, so to engage employees, you have to recognise their holistic humanity and listen to their needs.

When we spend 40-plus hours a week working, every second counts. Refining your focus on employee engagement is the first step towards building a more "people-centred" and ultimately more productive and resilient workplace.

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SUPREME AND EASTLAND: Supreme Engineering owners Ellyce Hemmings and Alan Hemmings, with staff members Chris Hewitt, Shawn Smyth, Mike Evans, Adam Grimson and Chris Kweon. Picture by Liam Clayton

Engineering firm doubles in size with Eastland acquisition

by Andrew Ashton

THE stars aligned for returning Gisborne couple Ellyce and Alan Hemmings who decided to start up their own engineering firm in the middle of Gisborne's construction boom.

The couple came back from Dunedin and started Supreme Engineering in November, last year.

Since then the company has been on a meteoric rise, acquiring long-standing Gisborne business Eastland Engineering within just months.

They now intend to consolidate the two businesses under the Supreme Engineering brand, making it one of the largest general and structural engineering companies in Gisborne.

"It has always been my ambition to have my own business and I could see there was room for it in Gisborne. So, that's what led me to start my own company and it has just expanded quicker than we thought," Mr Hemmings said.

"We have inherited another five guys on the

floor, so now we have 10. We always wanted to expand but we didn't think it would be this fast — everything has just aligned.

"There's heaps happening at the moment. Gisborne is booming and there are a lot of projects, and a lot of development going on."

The company would continue to operate from two sites — the former Eastland Engineering workshop on Lytton Road and a

smaller workshop on Innes Street, which would continue to be used for stainless steel work.

Mr Hemmings said the company was pricing up a lot of jobs for schools around the area and looking to expand work with the likes of Cedenco and LeaderBrand, as well as dealing with existing clients in the building industry.

"We're up and down the Coast doing work but there's always job opportunities outside of that we are pursuing."

The couple, who are expecting their first child, said they were proud to be "Gizzy locals" and were dedicated to providing a good service for people of the area.



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Honey wine, mead in sweet spot

by Avneesh Vincent

Family business Mead A'mour has invested about \$100,000 to rebrand and expand its existing business of making wine and mead using East Coast honey.

The company was formed by Dennis and Kerry Greeks in August last year when Alchemy Beverages, a 16-year partnership between Mr Greeks and Barry Foster, and more recently a corporate manuka business, went into voluntary liquidation.

"For us it's a chance to make a fresh start, give a new identity to the company and offer something that is unique," said Mr Greeks.

Operating out of the same factory in the industrial subdivision, business under the new company name has started well — with 12,000 units of beverage sold in the first nine months of this year, up from 7000 units in all of 2020, and a number of growth opportunities coming on stream.

"We worked for a couple of months on changing the labels and getting our liqueur name the same brand name, '1st Night', as our mead," he said.

The research and development to create new label designs and make them industry compliant, with new company details for their alcoholic beverages, and print them, took an investment of around \$8000.

They were now focused on building their stocks.

"One of the challenges at the moment is that bottle stores have taken a hit from Covid-19. With the stores being shut down for the best part of two or three months, it made a strain not only in the cash flow but also we were losing good customers," he said.

One of Mead A'mour's regular customers had to stop her purchases due to a rent increase imposed by her landlord because of the pandemic.

"A customer like that would regularly take products worth more than \$2000 a month — for us, that is what we can use to pay our rent," said Mr Greeks.

Prior to the August lockdown mead was making a resurgence, with sales through supermarkets showing good growth — which has helped them keep "ticking on" during the pandemic.

Mead A'mour products are sold in about 30 bottle stores, tourist shops and all Countdown supermarkets around the country.

"We are a niche market but we are also looking to start a process to get into the other supermarket chain run by Foodstuffs.

"We have also been talking with one of our customers who is a distributor in Auckland with 400 traditional liquor outlets," he said.

Mead A'mour also exports its products, principally to Japan, China and Hong Kong. Last year it exported about two pallets, or 1320 units of beverage. This year Mr Greeks hoped to deliver about nine pallets to overseas customers.

The company also packages its beverages to overseas customer specifications in an OEM (original equipment manufacture) process.

"OEM is basically our recipe of wine and mead but somebody else's label on it, to suit their market," he said.

For example, a customer in Japan may like to have mead but the packaging doesn't make much sense to them. To avoid such a scenario, distributing companies abroad send them their artwork, preferred design and labelling standards such as a pregnancy warning to suit the needs of their consumers.

Mr Greeks said the company was also



MAKING MEAD: Dennis Greeks says mead is essentially fermented honey in water. It goes through three stages of fermentation, protein stabilisation and filtration before it can be delivered as a final product. Picture by Rebecca Grunwell



EXPANDING THE BUSINESS: Dennis Greeks says it has been a busy year for Mead A'mour. "I have been trying to get hold of the right people to promote our brand further. Earlier I got in touch with Frankie Walker who heads a business called Black Pineapple where he caters cocktails for events, and got some feedback on what we could potentially do for him with our products."

Picture by Rebecca Grunwell

working on expanding its beverage range to carbonated (non-alcoholic) drinks.

"We have done our research on our non-alcoholic drinks and sent out samples to who we think can be our key clients . . . and the feedback has been positive," he said.

Huka Honey Hive in Taupo was one client that was "excited" about the expansion into carbonated drinks, saying they would anticipate ordering more than three pallets a year.

"If we do that, we will be launching just with two or three collectives (in nearby regions)."

With people being more health conscious around carbonated drinks, the company would use honey and fruits as natural sweeteners — so no added artificial flavours and low-calorie.

Mr Greeks said they had already done the R&D for the carbonated beverages "product formulation wise", and could be looking to invest an additional \$7000 on labels and packaging when the timing is right.

Another bonus with non-alcoholic beverages was that they did not need to pay excise tax.

"In a way it's a chance for us to start small," said Mr Greeks.

"If we were to do 10 pallets a year of the non-alcoholics, it would bring us another \$10,000 worth of profitable turnover and that pays nearly half the rent for the year."

Mr Greeks said this career started for him more than 20 years ago as a cider maker for Brian Shanks at Bulmer Harvest.

He later purchased the mead section of the business from Mr Shanks, partnering with honey supplier Barry Foster, who owned a honey factory. They incorporated Alchemy Beverages in 2005.

Mead A'mour co-founder Kerry Greeks is unable to work for the business due to injury.

"Kerry is passionate about the products and is great to bounce ideas off. She keeps me grounded, playing devil's advocate with any business progression ideas."

Mr Greeks now hopes to further expand his business by promoting Mead A'mour products for cocktails in bars, as well as reaching into more households as a delectable item.

"The next phase for us will be the upcoming launch of our new website www.meadamour.com as the platform to connect with our consumers and offer unique, great-tasting beverages and recipes for all to enjoy. The website will give everyone the opportunity to purchase our products throughout NZ, whether that's by guiding consumers to their nearest stockist or via our online shop."



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MONDAY—TUESDAY'S TELEVISION GUIDE

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- 5pm The Chase** *TV*
Quiz show where contestants must stay one step ahead of The Chaser.
- 6pm 1 News At 6pm** *TV*
The latest news, sport, and weather.
- 7pm Seven Sharp** *TV*
Stories of the day from around New Zealand.
- 7.30 FINAL Fair Go** *TV*
Pippa Wetzell and Hadyn Jones present a show that advocates for consumer rights.
- 8pm Barkley Manor** *PG* *TV*
Krista attempts to crack Britney the Chihuahua's resting disdain-face; Nati throws a mega party for Max the bulldog's birthday.
- 8.30 RFDS: Royal Flying Doctor Service** *PGC* *TV*
The RFDS attempt to save the lives of two brothers when an explosion at an underground mine creates a mass-casualty event.
- 9.30 Big Fat Gypsy Weddings** *ML* *TV*
- 10.30 1 News Tonight** *TV*
- 11pm The Cricket Roadshow** *M* *TV*
Catch up on all the highlights and meet the people at the heart of cricket.
- 11.30 Greta Thunberg: A Year To Change The World** *TV*
(Part 2) Climate change activist Greta Thunberg sets off to the annual World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.
- TUESDAY**
- 12.40 Q+A With Jack Tame** *TV*
- 1.40 Te Karere** *TV*
- 2.05 Infomercials**
- 5.30 Te Karere** *TV*
- 6am Breakfast** *TV*
- 9am The Ellen DeGeneres Show** *PG* *TV*
- 10am Tipping Point** *TV*
- 11am The Chase** *TV*
- Noon 1 News At Midday** *TV*
- 12.30 Emmerdale** *PG* *TV*
- 1pm Cowboy Builders** *TV*
- 2pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show** *PG* *TV*
- 3pm Tipping Point** *TV*
- 4pm Te Karere**
- 4.30 Asia Unplated With Diana Chan** *TV*
- 5pm The Chase** *TV*

BRAVO

- 5.30 Shark Tank** *PG*
- 6.30 Botched** *PGLSC* *TV*
- 7.30 Snapped** *MVC*
Detectives investigate when two sisters' husbands turn up dead.
- 8.30 An Unexpected Killer** *16VC*
- 9.30 Accident, Suicide Or Murder?** *16C*
- 10.30 Snapped** *MVC* *TV*
- 11.25 Killer Couples** *MVC* *TV*
- TUESDAY**
- 12.15 Infomercials**
- 10am Catfish** *PG* *TV*
- 10.50 Botched** *PGLSC* *TV*
- 11.45 Snapped** *MVC* *TV*
- 12.40 Killer Couples** *MVC* *TV*
- 1.35 The Real Housewives Of New York City** *M*
- 2.35 Catfish** *TV*
- 3.30 Face Off** *PGC* *TV*
- 4.30 Love It Or List It**
- 5.30 Shark Tank** *PG*

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- 5.15 FINAL Doctor Who** *PG* *TV*
- 6.30 Home And Away** *TV*
Dean is keen to get into the surf; Nikau is finding his passion.
- 7pm Shortland Street** *PG* *TV*
- 7.30 Beauty And The Geek** *PG* *TV*
The Geeks must run gym class as expert fitness trainers.
- 8.40 First Dates Australia** *ML* *TV*
Singles go on matchmaker-approved blind dates.
- 9.45 Naked Attraction: Naughtiest Bits** *18LSC* *TV*
- 10.35 Two And A Half Men** *PG* *TV*
- TUESDAY**
- 12.30 Wynonna Earp** *MV* *TV*
- 1.15 Shortland Street** *PG* *TV*
- 1.40 Infomercials**
- 2.40 Selling Houses Australia** *TV*
- 4.15 The Middle** *TV*
- 4.40 American Housewife** *PG* *TV*
- 5am Infomercials**
- 6am Les Mills Born To Move** *TV*
- 6.25 Hey Duggee** *TV*
- 6.35 Clifford The Big Red Dog** *TV*
- 7am Eliot Kid** *TV*
- 7.25 SpongeBob SquarePants** *TV*
- 7.50 The Deep** *TV*
- 8.20 Darwin And Newts**
- 8.30 Dorothy And The Wizard Of Oz** *TV*
- 8.40 Book Hungry Bears** *TV*
- 8.50 Daniel Tiger's Neighbourhood** *TV*
- 9am Infomercials**
- 10am Les Mills Body Combat** *TV*
- 10.35 Mike And Molly** *PG* *TV*
- 11am Friends** *TV*
- Noon The Royals** *MC* *TV*
- 1pm The Best Of Judge Rinder** *TV*
- 2pm The Mindy Project** *PGC* *TV*
- 2.30 Home And Away** *TV*
- 3pm Shortland Street** *PG* *TV*
- 3.35 Bluey** *TV*
- 3.40 Get Clever** *TV*
- 4.05 We Bare Bears** *TV*
- 4.30 Friends** *TV*
- 5pm The Simpsons** *TV*
- 5.30 The Big Bang Theory** *TV*

CHOICE

- 5pm Gordon Ramsay's Ultimate Home Cooking** *PG*
- 5.30 Mysteries At The Museum** *PG*
- 6.30 Salvage Hunters**
- 7.30 Martin Clunes Island Of America** *PG*
- 8.30 Uncharted New Zealand**
- 9pm Rick Stein's Cornwall**
- 9.30 Joanna Lumley's Unseen Adventure** *PG*
- 10.30 Salvage Hunters**
- 11.30 Mysteries At The Museum** *PG*
- TUESDAY**
- 12.30 Gordon Ramsay's Ultimate Home Cooking** *PG*
- 1am Gordon Ramsay's Ultimate Home Cooking** *PG*
- 1.30 Gino's Italian Escape**
- 2am Money For Nothing**
- 3am Orang-utan Island**
- 4am Martin Clunes Island Of America** *PG*
- 5am Mysteries At The Museum** *PG*
- 6am Money For Nothing**
- 7am Gordon Ramsay's Ultimate Home Cooking** *PG*
- 7.30 Gordon Ramsay's Ultimate Home Cooking** *PG*
- 8am Orang-utan Island**
- 9am The Great Food Truck Race** *PG*
- 10am Gino's Italian Escape**
- 10.30 Mysteries At The Museum** *PGC*
- 11.30 Salvage Hunters**
- 12.30 Joanna Lumley's Unseen Adventure** *PG*
- 1.30 Uncharted New Zealand**
- 2pm Rick Stein's Cornwall**
- 2.30 Martin Clunes Island Of America** *PG*
- 3.30 How Do Animals Do That?**
- 4pm How Do Animals Do That?**
- 4.30 Jamie And Jimmy's Food Fight Club**
- 5.30 Mysteries At The Museum** *PG*

THREE

- 5pm Outback Opal Hunters** *PGL* *TV*
- 6pm Newshub Live At 6pm**
- 7pm The Project**
- 7.30 The Block Australia** *PG* *TV*
Josh and Luke have more problems than they know what to do with; it all gets too much for Ronnie.
- 8.40 FINAL Sydney Harbour Force** *TV*
Follow the elite team who work day and night to keep the world-famous waterfront running.
- 9.40 FINAL Cocaine: Living With The Cartels** *16* *TV*
When four casual cocaine users discover the effect Colombia's super-strength cocaine is having on Britain will they continue to use cocaine for fun?
- 10.30 Newshub Live**
- 11pm The Hui**
- 11.35 Newshub Nation** *TV*
- TUESDAY**
- 12.40 Infomercials**
- 6am The AM Show** *TV*
- 9am Infomercials**
- 10.30 Bondi Vet** *TV*
- 11.30 Newshub Live At 11:30am**
- Noon House Hunters Renovation** *TV*
- 1pm MOVIE The Christmas Temp** *PG* *TV*
2019 Romantic Comedy. An unemployed artist discovers a Christmas temp agency that matches her with a variety of festive jobs. Sara Canning, Robin Dunne.
- 2.55 Millionaire Hot Seat**
- 4pm Yard Crashers** *TV*
- 4.30 Newshub Live At 4:30pm**
- 5pm Outback Opal Hunters** *PGL* *TV*

PRIME

- 5pm Tagata Pasifika**
- 5.30 Prime News**
- 6pm The Force** *MC* *TV*
- 7pm Surveillance Oz** *PGV* *TV*
See the shocking, dangerous and sometimes hilarious incidents captured on CCTV.
- 7.30 American Pickers**
Mike and Frank travel America looking for rare artefacts and national treasures.
- 8.30 MOVIE Total Recall** *M*
2012 Action. A factory worker begins to suspect he is a spy after visiting a company that gives its clients implanted fake memories of a life they would like to have led. Colin Farrell, Kate Beckinsale, Jessica Biel, Bryan Cranston.
- 11pm The Late Show With Stephen Colbert** *PG*
- TUESDAY**
- 12am Love Island UK** *16LS*
- 1am Infomercials**
- 8am Ready Set Dance** *TV*
- 8.05 Blue's Clues And You** *TV*
- 8.30 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles** *TV*
- 9am Fishy Business** *TV*
- 10am The Office** *PGC* *TV*
- 11am Shipping Wars** *PGL* *TV*
- 11.30 Six Million Dollar Man** *PGV*
- 12.30 American Pickers** *TV*
- 1.30 Parks And Recreation** *PGC* *TV*
- 2pm The Late Show With Stephen Colbert** *PG* *TV*
- 3pm Wheel Of Fortune** *TV*
- 3.30 Jeopardy**
- 4pm American Pickers**
- 5pm 3rd Rock From The Sun** *PGL* *TV*
- 5.30 Prime News**

MAORI TV

- 5pm Pukana** *TV*
- 5.30 Te Mana Kuratahi** *TV*
- 6pm Haka Ngahau A-Rohe: Te Arawa** *TV*
- 6.30 Te Ao Marama**
- 7pm Globe** *TV*
- 7.30 Moosemeat And Marmalade** *TV*
- 8pm Summer Series**
- 8.30 MOVIE In My Blood It Runs** *PGC* *2019 Documentary*
- 10pm Ki Tua**
- 10.30 Whiua Te Paatai** *TV*
- 11pm Te Ao Marama**
- 11.30 Closedown**
- TUESDAY**
- 6.30 E Ki E Ki** *TV*
- 6.35 Waiata Mai** *TV*
- 6.45 Takaro Tribe** *TV*
- 7am Taki Atu Taki Mai** *TV*
- 7.10 Te Nutube** *TV*
- 7.20 Kia Mau** *TV*
- 7.30 Potae Pai** *TV*
- 7.40 Smooth** *TV*
- 7.50 He Rourou** *TV*
- 8am Ariki** *TV*
- 8.30 Oranga Ngakau** *TV*
- 9.30 Whanau Bake-Off** *TV*
- 10am Moosemeat And Marmalade** *TV*
- 10.30 Whanau Living** *TV*
- 11am Waiata Nation** *TV*
- 11.30 Tangaroa With Pio** *TV*
- Noon Te Ao Tapatahi**
- 12.30 Matangireia** *PG* *TV*
- 1pm The Outliers** *TV*
- 1.30 Toku Reo** *TV*
- 2.30 Ako** *TV*
- 3.30 E Ki E Ki** *TV*
- 3.35 Waiata Mai** *TV*
- 3.45 Takaro Tribe** *TV*
- 4pm Ariki**
- 4.30 Potae Pai** *TV*
- 4.40 Darwin And Newts** *TV*
- 4.50 He Rourou** *TV*
- 5pm Swagger** *TV*
- 5.30 Te Mana Kuratahi** *TV*



RFDS: Royal Flying Doctor Service 8.30pm on TVNZ 1



Beauty and the Geek 7.30pm on TVNZ 2



Total Recall 8.30pm on Prime

RNZ NATIONAL

- 5pm Checkpoint** With Lisa Owen.
- 6.30 Trending Now**
- 7.06 Nights With Bryan Crump.**
- 10pm News At Ten**
- 10.15 Lately** With Karyn Hay.
- 11.04 Nashville Babylon** With Mark Rogers.
- TUESDAY**
- 12.04 All Night Programme**
- 5am First Up** With Nathan Rarere.
- 6am Morning Report** With Susie Ferguson and Corin Dann.
- 9.06 Nine To Noon** With Kathryn Ryan.
- Noon Midday Report** With Mani Dunlop.
- 1.06 Afternoons** With Jesse Mulligan.
- 3.45 The Panel** With Wallace Chapman.
- 5pm Checkpoint** RNZ's weekday drive-time news and current affairs programme.

SKY SPORT 1

- 1am Gallagher Premiership** (RPL) Exeter v Saracens. From Sandy Park, Exeter.
- 3am Heartland XV v NZ Barbarians** (RPL) From Owen Delaney Park, Taupo.
- 5am Dubai Sevens** (HLS) Day One. From Sevens Stadium, Dubai.
- 6.30 Dubai Sevens** (HLS) Day Two. From Sevens Stadium, Dubai.
- 8am Heartland XV v NZ Barbarians** (RPL) From Owen Delaney Park, Taupo.
- 9.55 Gallagher Premiership** (RPL) Leicester v Harlequins. From Mattioli Woods Welford Road, Leicester.
- 11.50 Cricket: International** (RPL) India v New Zealand: Second Test, Day Four. From Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai.
- 1.50 French Top 14** (RPL) Lyon v Brive. From Matmut Stadium, Lyon.
- 3.50 Cricket: International** (HLS) India v New Zealand: Second Test, Day Four.
- 4.50 LIVE Cricket: International** India v New Zealand: Second Test, Day Five.

SKY 5

- 5pm Storage Wars** *PGL*
- 5.30 Pawn Stars** *PG*
- 6pm Ice Road Truckers** *PG*
- 7pm Border Security** *M*
- 7.30 NCIS** *MV*
- 8.30 RBT** *MC*
The team goes behind police lines to work against drink driving.
- 9.30 American Wreckers** *PGL*
The city of Belle, Missouri plays host to the car world's most brutal sport, Demolition Derby.
- 10.30 FBI** *MV*
- 11.30 Mountain Men** *PG*
- TUESDAY**
- 12.30 Wheel Of Fortune**
- 1am Jeopardy!**
- 1.25 Border Security** *M*
- 1.50 American Wreckers** *PGL*
- 2.40 RBT** *MC*
- 3.30 Ice Road Truckers** *PG*
- 4.20 FBI** *MV*
- 5.10 NCIS** *MV*
- 6am Jeopardy!**
- 6.25 Wheel Of Fortune**
- 6.45 Pawn Stars** *PG*
- 7.10 Storage Wars** *PGL*
- 7.35 Mountain Men** *PG*
- 8.25 Border Security** *M*
- 8.50 Ice Road Truckers** *PG*
- 9.40 NCIS** *MV*
- 10.30 FBI** *MV*
- 11.30 Pawn Stars** *PG*
- Noon Jeopardy!**
- 12.30 Wheel Of Fortune**
- 1pm American Wreckers** *PGL*
- 2pm Raw** *MVC*
- 5.05 Storage Wars** *PGL*
- 5.30 Pawn Stars** *PG*

PAY TV

- 5pm Crisis** *16VC* 2020 Thriller. Gary Oldman, Armie Hammer.
- 7pm Follow Me** *16VLC* 2020 Horror. Eager to push the limits, a social media personality travels to Moscow where he and his friends enter a cold world of mystery, excess and danger. Keegan Allen, Holland Roden.
- 8.30 Voyagers** *16V* 2021 Adventure. A crew of astronauts on a multi-generational mission descend into paranoia and madness, not knowing what is real or not. Colin Farrell, Tye Sheridan, Lily-Rose Depp.
- 10.20 Let Them All Talk** *ML* 2020 Comedy. Meryl Streep, Candice Bergen.
- TUESDAY**
- 12.10 The Outpost** *16VLC* 2020 Drama. Scott Eastwood, Orlando Bloom.
- 2.10 The Nomads** *M* 2019 Drama.
- 3.45 The Furies** *18VL* 2019 Horror.
- 5.10 Outback** *MVLC* 2020 Thriller.
- 6.35 Hunt For The Truth** *MVLS* 2016 Thriller.
- 8.10 Strange But True** *MLC* 2019 Thriller.
- 9.45 Bad Boys For Life** *16VLS* 2020 Action.
- 11.45 Irresistible** *MLS* 2020 Comedy.
- 1.25 Zack Snyder's Justice League** *16VL* 2021 Action.
- 5.20 The Craft: Legacy** *MC* 2020 Drama.

DISCOVERY

- 5.40 Air Jaws: Back From The Dead** *PG*
- 6.35 Air Jaws: Ultimate Breach** *Off* *PG*
- 7.30 The Spawn Of El Diablo** *PG*
- 8.30 Air Jaws Going For Gold** *PG*
- 9.30 Mega Jaws Of Bird Island** *PG*
- 10.30 Great White Double Trouble** *PG*
- 11.25 Laws Of Jaws: Dangerous Waters** *PG*
- TUESDAY**
- 12.15 The Laws Of Jaws** *PG*
- 1.05 The Spawn Of El Diablo** *PG*
- 1.55 Air Jaws Going For Gold** *PG*
- 2.45 Mega Jaws Of Bird Island** *PG*
- 3.35 Laws Of Jaws: Dangerous Waters** *PG*
- 4.25 Sharkwrecked** *PG*
- 5.15 The Laws Of Jaws** *PG*
- 6.05 Great White Double Trouble** *PG*
- 6.55 Mega Jaws Of Bird Island** *PG*
- 7.45 Air Jaws Going For Gold** *PG*
- 8.35 The Spawn Of El Diablo** *PG*
- 9.25 Legend Of Deep Blue** *PG*
- 10.20 The Laws Of Jaws** *PG*
- 11.15 Laws Of Jaws: Dangerous Waters** *PG*
- 12.10 Great White Double Trouble** *PG*
- 1.05 The Spawn Of El Diablo** *PG*
- 2pm Air Jaws Going For Gold** *PG*
- 2.55 Mega Jaws Of Bird Island** *PG*
- 3.50 Mechashark** *PG*
- 4.45 Jaws Awakens: Phred v Slash** *PG*
- 5.40 Crikey! It's Shark Week** *PG*



KEEPING IT LOCAL: Kat Lintott and Ben Forman, the co-founders of Wrestler advertising and branding company. Picture supplied via NZ Herald

Kiwi ad agency flies high with Allbirds partnership

by Damien Venuto, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — New Zealand shoemaker Allbirds may have recently listed on the US-based NASDAQ with an IPO raising US\$300 million (\$445m), but the company hasn't forgotten its roots.

Despite having a market cap in excess of \$2 billion, the company continues to call on little-known New Zealand ad agency Wrestler to lead all the creative, direction and filming for Allbirds campaigns rolled out around the world.

What makes this remarkable is that Allbirds could have its pick of virtually any advertising agency in the world. And yet it has opted to retain its connection with the Wellington-based crew that has been part of the story from the beginning.

Wrestler co-founder Ben Forman explains that the partnership extends well beyond the current hype surrounding the IPO.

"(Allbirds founder) Tim Brown approached us when he was more known for his football prowess than anything else," recalls Forman. "He had this crazy idea of making woollen shoes."

Forman and his team had earlier attracted some attention for their Kickstarter campaign for Taika Waititi and Jemaine Clement's "What We Do in the Shadows", and this led Brown to approach them for some help pushing his audacious idea.

"We made this Kickstarter video and it went bananas, and, all of a sudden, Tim had to actually make all these shoes and deliver them."

The first ad Allbirds put out was to raise funds. Entrepreneurial journeys rarely run in a linear route and it would be around two years before the paths of Forman and Brown would cross again.

"He got in touch, and said: 'Hey man, things are up and running and we're now called Allbirds — and we're going to go for it.'"

By this stage, Allbirds had raised some money and moved its headquarters to San Francisco.

In a serendipitous twist, Forman and his partner and fellow co-founder Kat Lintott were heading to the United States at the time and met up with Brown while there.

This discussion led to Wrestler being commissioned to develop the brand launch video for Allbirds.

"Taking a step back now to look at the success of Allbirds from a storytelling perspective, I

think it's because it's always come from a super authentic place. They have always just had this mission of creating exceptionally great products that have amazing values at their core.

"The product and the purpose is all there. So when it comes to the storytelling, you don't have to be a cliché advertiser and make things up. You're just presenting what's already there."

Looking back at the small budget for that original launch video, Forman today jokes that he maybe should have asked to be paid in equity instead.

In November, Allbirds listed on the Nasdaq at US\$15, before rising swiftly to hit US\$29.90. Market uncertainty over the last couple of weeks has, however, seen the share price drop back down to around \$14.20.

As Allbirds went into growth mode after the launch video, it started to work with a few bigger agencies both locally and abroad.

Forman says that during this period, Wrestler grew up as an agency, improving its processes and identifying the kind of work it wanted to do. The Wrestler team has grown from a handful of staff in those early days to a respectable mid-sized agency of 25 staff.

"I couldn't help but see Allbirds as a dream client."

Forman says that all it took was one call to Brown.

Wrestler was then commissioned to work on a few projects alongside bigger agencies.

"All through 2020, we just kept doing more and more work for Allbirds," says Forman.

The project work was good, but Forman felt that he wanted the business partnership to be more formalised, so he called Brown again at the end of 2020.

"I had this plan of how I was going to word it to Tim, but he just front-footed it. He said: 'Hey man, we've loved working with you. What we love is the way you partner with us. It just feels like an extension of our team. So we want to make this a bit more official.'"

Wrestler wasn't put on a retainer, but the agency was given the certainty of a minimum set amount of work every year.

With Allbirds now on the stock exchange and moving beyond shoes into other areas, the pressure will only grow on Wrestler to ensure it keeps delivering interesting ways to tell the stories of one of New Zealand's most famous brands.

That was up on a net 58 percent in the three months ended September.

"Credit rationing, tax changes, lockdowns — nothing has shaken the public's confidence that house prices are going to keep rising. And, so far, they have been right," he said.

However, he expected the Reserve Bank's plan to gradually raise interest rates would test that confidence.

"Wildly-stretched house prices paired

Small firms embrace online sales

WELLINGTON — Small businesses are ramping up ICT (information and communications technology) spending as they shift more business online because of Covid-19.

Research from accounting software firm Xero shows information and communications technology spending has increased 25 percent compared to pre-pandemic levels.

The growth is higher than Australia and the United Kingdom.

Xero New Zealand and Pacific Islands managing director Craig Hudson said it was a marked difference to how local businesses used to approach ICT.

"It is shocking how many businesses before Covid didn't even have a website, for instance, or a retail shop that didn't have an e-commerce.

"Now they all need to and most of them have, because no one was coming into their shop."

While New Zealand led post-pandemic growth, it fell behind the UK when it came to the share of expenditure, Xero said.

In the UK, 4.4 percent of total small business expenses went to ICT, whereas New Zealand's spending was at 2.9 percent and Australia was further behind at 2.4 percent.

The top 25 percent of small business ICT spenders experienced an average sales jump of just over \$20,000 last year, the report said.

The bottom 25 percent saw sales fall \$24,000 over the same period.

"The data in the report is clear — the businesses embracing technology are pushing ahead, while the businesses who don't are being left behind," Hudson said. — RNZ

Charting a path to sustainability

by Emma Hatton, RNZ

AUCKLAND — A new report taking stock of the country's shipping sector reports an uneven playing field for domestic and international providers, and major problems that need to be fixed if resilience and environmental goals are to be met.

Commissioned by Waka Kotahi, the report found New Zealand shippers were being short-changed on a number of fronts compared with their overseas counterparts.

"There appear to be obvious and hidden subsidies distorting the level playing field," the report noted.

"Domestic coastal shipping operators pay emissions trading scheme (ETS) levies that are not imposed on competing international carriers."

Sourcing competitive fuel supplies was also a problem.

"New Zealand does not have adequate low sulphur fuel oil available. Ships are required to use low sulphur fuels, which means New Zealand ships must burn the more costly diesel.

"This may be an infrastructure problem — a lack of tank storage at ports and no distribution capability."

It also raised the complication of obtaining ships that meet New Zealand's carbon-emission requirements, and noted there had been much talk but not much action so far on biofuels as a viable alternative.

"Uncertainty around which fuel might be available, in what quantities, at what price, and their sustainability credentials, risks delaying important decisions and investments in the world's fleet and infrastructure.

"Zero-carbon fuel producers need to start entering the marine market in the early 2020s and grow in scale throughout the decade.

"By 2030, technology readiness and costs, which ultimately affects the price of the end-fuel, will need to lead to zero-carbon fuels being competitive against the conventional marine fossil fuels."

It also noted the lack of a sufficient dry dock for maintenance and upkeep,

meaning domestic ships had to go overseas at a cost of around \$1 million.

The Coastal Shipping Investment Approach State-of-Play report was commissioned by Waka Kotahi, to help determine priorities for \$30 million of funding earmarked for coastal shipping in the most recent National Land Transport Programme.

Transport minister Michael Wood said the Government was committed to diversifying the supply chain in an effort to make it more sustainable.

"We are still experiencing the serious consequences of Covid-19 on global supply chains, with unprecedented delays to freight, so it is essential that we increase our resilience against any future disruptions of this scale.

"Investing in the blue highway will make our supply chain more resilient, which is especially important given the strains that Covid-19 and global congestion have placed on it. The Kaikoura earthquake also showed how important it is to have a reliable alternative to move freight on top of road and rail," he said.

The lack of a level playing field has been something coastal shipping proponents have long raised issue with, in particular the provision in the act that let international carriers move domestic freight at all.

The report by independent consultants Pacific Marine Management was the first of three that will guide how the \$30m set aside will be spent.

It described ways domestic resilience could be improved in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, including separating domestic networks from international networks, a larger domestic fleet and better infrastructure to serve it.

"In order for larger ships to call at New Zealand ports, most port infrastructure will need to be rebuilt. Berths are too small and increased length, beam and draft poses issues for port entry."

Of New Zealand's total freight task of 278.7 million tonnes, coastal shipping carried about 10 million tonnes, or 3.5 percent.

Housing market confidence unshaken by measures to cool prices

WELLINGTON — Unstoppable confidence in the housing market continues despite measures to cool price growth.

The ASB Housing Confidence Survey for the three months ended October indicated a net 62 percent of respondents expected prices to rise.

"Kiwis' housing confidence has remained stratospheric all year," ASB bank senior economist Mike Jones said.

with steep rises in mortgage rates are not a palatable combination for home buyers," he said.

Despite the increased price expectations, the perceptions of whether it was a good time to buy were within a whisker of the all-time low struck in October 2016.

A net 23 percent of respondents nationally thought it was a bad time to buy a house, in Auckland the measure was a net 19 percent.

"We would not be surprised to see fresh lows before this cycle is done," Jones said.

"We suspect the house price upswing has got a little further to run, and the upward pressure on mortgage rates looks likely to remain."

"We think the pace of recent lifts in mortgage rates, and the prospect of more to come, will finally put the brakes on the feverish housing demand we have seen ever since lockdown 1.0."

Royal Performer confirmed for rescheduled Captain Cook Stakes

AUCKLAND — The abandonment of racing at Trentham on Saturday and the subsequent rescheduling of the Gr.1 Captain Cook Stakes (1600m) to Te Rapa this Saturday has played nicely into the hands of trainers Jenny and Bob Vance and their quality galloper Royal Performer.

The nine-year-old gelding had looked to be working nicely into form with a fast-finishing effort for third behind Demonetization in the Gr.3 Eagle Technology Stakes (1600m) at Te Aroha last weekend but had his trainers in a quandary as to where to give him his final lead-up to his first major summer target, the Gr.1 Cambridge Stud Zabeel Classic (2000m) at Ellerslie on Boxing Day.

With the transfer of the Trentham Group One to

Te Rapa, the race now provides the perfect lead-up to the Ellerslie feature for Royal Performer as well as a number of the Waikato and Auckland-based runners who missed out on a race at the weekend.

“It seems to have worked out perfectly for us, as we didn’t know where we would get a run into him (Royal Performer) before the Zabeel,” Bob Vance said.

“The timing is great as it is only a fortnight later to Ellerslie and there is hardly any travelling involved, unlike if we had gone to Trentham.

“I would say there are quite a few of the Waikato and Auckland horses who are thinking the same as us right now.”

Vance is happy with his charge, who may have

made things interesting if he had found clear air in the final 200m at his last start.

“He went a really nice race at Te Aroha, without much luck in the run home,” Vance said.

“Jonathan Riddell rode him and he came back in and said if he could have got some clear air, he felt like the horse was ready to finish off and get a lot closer to the winner.

“We have been very happy with him and he looks to be building nicely.

“He really needs to run at Te Rapa no matter what the track is, but a surface with just a little bit of cut in it would suit us best.

“His main aim is the Zabeel Classic and after that he will be back to defend his title in the Herbie Dyke Stakes (Gr.1, 2000m) at Te Rapa

in February.”

While they haven’t had many runners step out this season, Vance is looking forward to the summer months and more opportunities for his boutique stable.

“We have not had that many go around, but we have a few more coming along now,” he said.

“We have a couple of nice maidens ready to go while its Destinys Child is getting ready for the Hallmark Stud Stakes (Listed, 1100m) at Ellerslie on Boxing Day.

“She won that race two years ago and finished third last year.

“Ellerslie suits her as she is hopeless going left-handed, so it will be nice to be back racing there again.” — NZ Racing Desk

Manawatu harness at Palmerston North Tuesday Jetbet 6 TAB Doubles 2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Trebles 2-3-4, 5-6-7 Quaddies 1-2-3-4, 4-5-6-7 Place6 2-7

Selections
 Race 1: FULL OF HOPE, OUR GRACIE, LUMINOSITY
 Race 2: BOW MACH, ACESANDKINGS, LETSGODANCING
 Race 3: LADY LA SALLE, I WON'T BACK DOWN, NOWUCMENOWUDONT
 Race 4: SHARDS IN MANHATTAN, CARRERA LUCIA, MOP
 Race 5: GREENBACK BOOGIE, MANHATTAN SUNSHINE, INVISIBLE GIRL
 Race 6: TASMAN TEMPEST, PEMBROOK'S DESTINY, RAGING WHITEBAT
 Race 7: FRANCO HOFFMAN, MOGUL, GREATEST SHOWMAN

1 Get Vaccinated Trot 1.20
 \$9000, r40-r60 discretionary handicap stand, 2500m
 1 65336 Palisade (Fr) 1
 2 4750s Our Pegasus Pearl (Fr) 2 D Morrison
 3 s2729 Haka Pride (Fr) 3 K Marshall

4 03145 Break Free (10) 1
 5 8s977 Kristofferson (10) 2 E Phelan
 6 9P480 Alvira Hest (10) 3
 7 31567 Thank You (10) 4 S O'Reilly (J)
 8 s5898 Mackali (10) U1 F Schumacher
 9 35145 Leesa Castleton (20) 1 S Doody
 10 63979 Luminosity (20) 2 J Curtin
 11 00919 Full Of Hope (30) 1 D Butcher
 12 78s61 Our Gracie (30) 2 T Mitchell

2 Thanks Martin Wrigley For Your Service 1.54
 \$9000, non-winners 2yo+. mobile, 2000m
 1 s8754 Nicky Jay (Fr) 1 K Marshall
 2 s8776 Aurelia Cotta (Fr) 2
 3 s9988 Sipowicz (Fr) 3
 4 77 Bow Mach (Fr) 4
 5 Acesandkings (Fr) 5 T Mitchell
 6 s3520 Letsgodancing (Fr) 6 J Curtin
 7 s3443 Ideal Zen (Fr) 7 D Butcher
 8 s7637 Lavish Art (Fr) 21 S O'Reilly (J)

9 585 Artful Living (Fr) 22 F Schumacher
 10 84850 Leconte (Fr) U1

3 Mg @Cartown Pace 2.29
 \$9000, non-winners 2yo+. mobile, 2000m
 1 8s568 Nowucmenowudon't (Fr) 1 S Doody
 2 49823 I Won't Back Down (Fr) 2 K Marshall
 3 480s4 Lady La Salle (Fr) 3 T Mitchell
 4 45432 Big Skewy (Fr) 4 D Butcher
 5 67 Rocknoydon (Fr) 5 S O'Reilly (J)
 6 9008s Jordan's Jury (Fr) 6 F Schumacher
 7 706s0 Morrissey (Fr) 7
 8 97 Amoreena (Fr) 21
 9 30980 The Cobbler (Fr) 22
 10 080 Pacific Clipper (Fr) 23 J Curtin

4 Royden Williams Photo. Retirement 2.54
 \$9000, 3yo+ f&m r52. mobile, 2000m
 1 35543 Maya Angelou (Fr) 1 J Curtin
 2 47866 Melody's Mischief (Fr) 2 K Marshall

3 11365 Mop (Fr) 3
 4 14144 Carrera Lucia (Fr) 4
 5 55927 Shards In Manhattan (Fr) 5 S O'Reilly (J)
 6 41300 Betstars Blue Jean (Fr) 6 D Butcher
 7 85034 Scelta Uno (Fr) 7 T Mitchell
 8 s5522 Smokinhotcheddar (Fr) 21

5 Haval@cartown Pace 3.24
 \$9000, r40-r45. mobile, 2000m
 1 22198 Greenback Boogie (Fr) 1
 2 s6943 Manhattan Sunshine (Fr) 2
 3 6776s Uncle Drew (Fr) 3 D Butcher
 4 70060 Invisible Girl (Fr) 4 J Curtin
 5 s7777 Dramatist (Fr) 5 K Marshall
 6 31509 Unchanged Memory (Fr) 6
 7 s0068 Waingaro Ideal (Fr) U1

6 The Cobb - Manawatu Cup This Thur 3.50
 \$9000, 2yo+ r45-r50. mobile, 2000m
 1 416 Call Security (Fr) 1 S O'Reilly (J)

2 28768 Rake (Fr) 2
 3 35842 Ticking Over (Fr) 3 D Butcher
 4 61380 Play Bay Ear (Fr) 4
 5 45820 Tasman Tempest (Fr) 5
 6 3212 Raging Whitebait (Fr) 6 K Marshall
 7 50000 El Dorado (Fr) 7
 8 s0023 Speciale Uno (Fr) 21 T Mitchell
 9 53580 Pembroke's Destiny (Fr) 22 J Curtin

7 Great Food @ The Cobb 4.15
 \$9000, 3yo+ r51-r70,r71-r75 w/c. mobile, 2000m
 1 52616 Greatest Showman (Fr) 1 T Mitchell
 2 s8204 Mac's Tomado (Fr) 2 K Marshall
 3 83105 Cha Cha B (Fr) 3
 4 4869s Doctor Tim (Fr) 4
 5 59423 Mahia (Fr) 5 D Butcher
 6 55451 Franco Hoffman (Fr) 6
 7 81175 Mogul (Fr) 7
 8 s9117 Superstar Legend (Fr) 21

Christchurch greys at Addington Tuesday Jetbet 9 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

Selections
 Race 1: SOZIN'S PRINCE, HOMEBUSH SNOW, ANNA JEM
 Race 2: GOLDSTAR NOLAN, KIKAU, NIGHTHAWK SWIFT
 Race 3: JINGILI JILL, BOOTSTRAP BILL, BALDRICK
 Race 4: GOLDSTAR PORTIA, LONGSHANKS, HOMEBUSH BOOTS
 Race 5: TAIERI SNAPSHOT, HOMEBUSH ALTEVA, OHOKA LACEY
 Race 6: GOLDSTAR RICKY, CULVIE BUN, HOMEBUSH LIAM
 Race 7: ROSEHIP, SOZIN'S PRINCESS, DAISY BEE
 Race 8: HOMEBUSH MAGGIE, LITTLE NOSEY, STUMPY BILL
 Race 9: CHATTY MAVIS, ADOBE FOX, HOMEBUSH FONZIE
 Race 10: GOLDSTAR SHAGGY, HOMEBUSH SAINT, OHOKA TOREY
 Race 11: UPSURGE, BARBER CUBED, YANIRA BALE
 Race 12: SINHA MAN, COFFEE BISCUIT, GOLDSTAR YANKEE

1 The Fitz Sports Bar Sprint 1.12
 \$1900, C0, 295m
 1 77787 Goldstar Chewy n/wtd Riley Evans
 2 22222 Sozin's Prince n/wtd John McInerney
 3 36544 Homebush Snow n/wtd John McInerney
 4 85837 Homebush Snoop n/wtd John McInerney
 5 8 Homebush Valden n/wtd John McInerney
 6 87655 Homebush Carson n/wtd John McInerney
 7 5 Goldstar Tommy n/wtd Riley Evans
 8 443 Anna Jem n/wtd Anthony Hart
EMERGENCIES:
 9 77755 Homebush Cinder n/wtd John McInerney
 10 86747 Homebush Ice n/wtd John McInerney

2 Addington Events Centre 1.29
 \$2100, C2, 295m
 1 12348 Nighthawk Swift 17.40 Matt Roberts
 2 51617 Amuri Jet 17.34 John McInerney
 3 52187 Homebush Honey 17.41 John McInerney
 4 11212 Goldstar Nolan 17.02 Riley Evans
 5 78328 Goldstar Whitey 17.25 S & B Evans
 6 23814 Kikau 17.37 Daniel Roberts
 7 87617 Miss Cairo 17.35 John McInerney
 8 42542 Gorilla's Smile 17.46 Allan Joyce
EMERGENCIES:
 9 87827 lylah Jewel 17.44 Craig Roberts
 10 65843 Swanson 17.39 Janine McCook

3 Active Electrical Christchurch 1.46
 \$2000, C1, 295m
 1 54464 Mustard Custard 17.80 Allan Joyce
 2 37464 Tane Mahuta 17.67 Lisa Waretini
 3 56534 Baldrick 17.54 John McInerney
 4 57776 Goldstar Farryn 17.47 Riley Evans
 5 38523 Jingili Jill 17.37 Mitchell & Smith
 6 48624 Bootstrap Bill 17.39 Michael Dempsey
 7 83578 Homebush Archie 17.44 John McInerney
 8 45387 Homebush Sayer 17.54 John McInerney
EMERGENCIES:
 9 66578 Homebush Hotshot 17.25 John McInerney
 10 46878 Mitcham Goldie 17.27 John McInerney

4 Clarkson's Sign Studio 2.05
 \$2300, C3, 295m
 1 13132 Goldstar Portia 17.17 Riley Evans
 2 85324 Homebush Stasser 17.23 John McInerney
 3 342F2 Homebush Boots 17.20 John McInerney
 4 43125 Longshanks n/wtd Ashley Bradshaw
 5 73147 Regal Jock 17.28 John McInerney
 6 75325 Barbara's Angel 17.47 John McInerney
 7 8F451 Beau View Winnie 17.43 J M Lane
 8 21215 Bushvale Briley 17.36 Janine McCook

EMERGENCIES:
 9 33756 Billy Ray 17.17 Norman Wanhalia
 10 14483 Goldstar Gigi 17.24 Riley Evans

5 christchurchgreyhounds.co.nz 2.21
 \$2000, C1, 295m
 1 24547 Ohoka Lacey 17.24 Lisa Waretini
 2 34553 Taieri Snapshot 17.26 Ray Casey
 3 1688s Atom Doll 17.76 Michael Dempsey
 4 18777 Punch On Buzz 17.28 John McInerney
 5 86757 Going Gorillas 17.34 Allan Joyce
 6 7531 Homebush Altena 17.48 John McInerney
 7 85877 Gracie Lee 17.30 John McInerney
 8 5855s Homebush Sugar 17.70 John McInerney
EMERGENCIES:
 9 66578 Homebush Hotshot 17.25 John McInerney
 10 77858 Homebush Jewel 17.47 John McInerney

6 Swimming Goat @ Stud 2.44
 \$2000, C1, 295m
 1 66487 Big Tiny 17.50 John McInerney
 2 23667 Impressive Amy 17.88 John McInerney
 3 s5524 Homebush Yuri n/wtd John McInerney
 4 24326 Homebush Liam 17.08 John McInerney
 5 12343 Culvie Bun 17.64 Anthony Hart
 6 67321 Goldstar Ricky 17.42 Riley Evans
 7 66375 Pascale Jewel 17.66 Mitchell & Smith
 8 67443 Fear Al Pounamu 17.62 Ray Casey
EMERGENCIES:
 9 66578 Homebush Hotshot 17.25 John McInerney
 10 87678 Amuri Early 17.55 John McInerney

7 Balcairn Stockfoods & Coprice 3.11
 \$2000, C1, 295m
 1 86483 Zola Black 17.41 Craig Roberts
 2 8127 Daisy Bee 17.47 Lisa Waretini
 3 12867 Amuri Liv 17.16 John McInerney
 4 33868 Opa's Mate 17.41 Ray Casey
 5 s4311 Rosehip 17.48 Anthony Hart

6 44775 Homebush Macho 17.42 John McInerney
 7 23215 Sozin's Princess 17.67 John McInerney
 8 15778 Primo Doll 17.86 Michael Dempsey

EMERGENCIES:
 9 66578 Homebush Hotshot 17.25 John McInerney
 10 77858 Homebush Jewel 17.47 John McInerney

8 greyhoundauctions.co.nz 3.35
 \$2000, C1, 295m
 1 84868 Chicago Head 17.40 John McInerney
 2 75564 Kildy's Whiskey 17.75 John McInerney
 3 53756 King Kong Blonde 17.56 Allan Joyce
 4 64626 Goldstar Willa 17.39 Riley Evans
 5 18232 Homebush Maggie 17.41 John McInerney
 6 85114 Little Nosey n/wtd Ashley Bradshaw
 7 55526 Stumpy Bill 17.47 Michael Dempsey
 8 43883 Opawa Storm n/wtd Lisa Waretini
EMERGENCIES:
 9 66578 Homebush Hotshot 17.25 John McInerney
 10 588s8 Crystal Candy 17.26 John McInerney

9 Selwyn-rakaia Vet Services 3.59
 \$2800, SPECA, 520m
 1 32845 Homebush Fonzie 30.22 John McInerney
 2 75242 Adobe Fox n/wtd Matt Roberts
 3 85684 Lenny Bee 30.89 Lisa Waretini
 4 65782 Opawa Jane 30.49 Lisa Waretini
 5 2121 Chatty Mavis 30.63 J & D Fahey
 6 28477 Nighthawk Fancy 30.38 Matt Roberts
 7 74568 Know Ego 30.32 Garry Cleeve
 8 22762 Impressive Mario n/wtd John McInerney
EMERGENCY:
 9 67878 Goldstar Devon 30.55 Riley Evans

10 Real Pet Foods Rolleston 4.24
 \$2000, C1, 295m
 1 25121 Goldstar Shaggy 17.20 Riley Evans
 2 2F864 Opawa Stubborn 17.30 John McInerney

3 76738 Hustle Ace 17.73 Norman Wanhalia
 4 85377 Culvie Pub 17.62 Anthony Hart
 5 12453 Ohoka Torey 17.48 Lisa Waretini
 6 62457 Impressive High 17.45 John McInerney
 7 23145 Homebush Saint n/wtd John McInerney
 8 7775s Homebush Vassy n/wtd John McInerney
EMERGENCIES:
 9 66578 Homebush Hotshot 17.25 John McInerney
 10 77773 Miss June 17.33 John McInerney

11 Addington Events Centre 4.50
 \$2100, C2, 295m
 1 74528 Elsa Blueblood n/wtd John McInerney
 2 54321 Upsurge 17.36 Alison Lee
 3 87411 Barber Cubed 17.24 Janine McCook
 4 51345 Yanira Bale 17.33 Riley Evans
 5 24446 Homebush Zack 17.26 John McInerney
 6 35284 Goldstar Darwin 17.41 Riley Evans
 7 53754 Mitcham King 17.47 John McInerney
 8 83662 Know Hinder 17.36 Garry Cleeve
EMERGENCIES:
 9 87827 lylah Jewel 17.44 Craig Roberts
 10 65843 Swanson 17.39 Janine McCook

12 Livamol Sprint 5.17
 \$2300, C3, 295m
 1 31388 Mitcham Ginny 17.27 John McInerney
 2 42648 Homebush Fanta 17.15 John McInerney
 3 34238 Homebush Gambler 17.14 John McInerney
 4 31235 Amuri Ruru 17.62 John McInerney
 5 11341 Goldstar Yankee n/wtd Riley Evans
 6 17711 Sinha Man 17.34 Janine McCook
 7 41511 Coffee Biscuit 17.27 Janine McCook
 8 31353 Souffle Sue 17.19 John McInerney
EMERGENCIES:
 9 33756 Billy Ray 17.17 Norman Wanhalia
 10 14483 Goldstar Gigi 17.24 Riley Evans

New South Wales races at Dubbo Tuesday

Selections
 Race 1: LEATHER JACKET LEW, FOREVER SPOTTED, ARCADIA POWER
 Race 2: SMOOTH ESPRIT, FLASHLIN, HOW'S IT KEV
 Race 3: SIZZLING LOVE, BILLABONG ISLE, SKYE LOVER
 Race 4: RHYTHMIC SONG, SUMO, EIGHTSIDES
 Race 5: CASTLEBAR ROAD, MISS KOJIKI, PASS THE CARD
 Race 6: RIDERS INTHE STAND, RUTILANT, POLISHED PENNY
 Race 7: PRIMAL SCREAM, DAREDEVIL, DENACE

1 Ritchie Bros Xmas Race Meet 4.05
 \$24,000, 3yo & up Class 1/Maiden SW, 2210m
 1 01805 Beyonmore wh (9) 59 89 Madeline Owen (a2)
 2 s0848 Discreet Star (2) 59 89 J Pracey-Holmes
 3 03069 Jungle Rush w (5) 59 87
 4 62s14 Leather Jacket Lew (3) 59 100 G Buckley
 5 47653 Forever Spotted (6) 57 95 R Jones (a)
 6 89656 Arcadia Power (1) 56.5 92 M A Cahill
 7 s7400 Buster Fontein h (4) 56.5 85
 8 66308 Moculta Warrior (8) 56.5 87
 9 s5803 Our Party Animal (7) 55 95 Jackson Searle (a2)

2 Wayne Mallison Painter 4.40
 \$24,000, Maiden SW, 1310m
 1 07s29 Bavarian Watts h (2) 59 87 Ms B Stower
 2 64907 Direct Vision (6) 59 82 R Jones (a)
 3 9s Fact Finder (9) 59 89 J Rogers

4 9s233 Flashlin (11) 59 92 Ms T Jeffries
 5 30 Foxwell (16) 59 93 M A Cahill
 6 07784 How's It Kev (1) 59 87
 7 63880 Realcoolt (5) 59 84 Ms M Weir
 8 3s554 Smooth Esprit (18) 59 92 G Buckley
 9 6s Tropic Sands (17) 59 90 K Dunbar
 10 65544 Silver Scissors h (7) 57 100 C Gallagher
 11 40805 Supreme Vision (8) 57 92 A Cavallo
 12 75 Chart Topper h (13) 55.5 89 C Waddell (a1.5)

EMERGENCIES:
 13 9s458 Kiss 'n' Run (3) 57 86
 14 96 Cranky Creed h (10) 55.5 89
 15 06986 Sasil Esroh (15) 55.5 88
 16 47s85 Press Estate (12) 57 95 A Cavallo
 17 05964 El Jay h (4) 59 83
 18 99s76 Outrein (14) 57 89

3 Porters Plumbing Handicap 5.20
 \$24,000, F&M Maiden, 1010m
 1 Crystal Beanz (14) 59 92 M A Cahill
 2 5876s Arimathea (10) 58.5 99 Ms E Webster-Hawes
 3 9s Be My Cardh i (11) 58.5 91 G Buckley
 4 4488 Elegant Poetess (8) 58.5 95 R Jones (a)
 5 2s Rubick Sun h (9) 58.5 100 A Morgan
 6 46280 Obey h (6) 58 99 Ms E Meredith (a2)
 7 0 Tikabel (16) 58 82 A Banks
 8 5582 Billabong Isle (1) 57 97 Ms K Bell-Pitomac
 9 9 Cuddles (4) 56.5 88 Ms A Stanley (a2)
 10 7 Royal Samer h (13) 56.5 89 C Waddell (a1.5)
 11 94 Sizzling Love (3) 56.5 95 C Gallagher
 12 633s4 Boongarra Girl (15) 56 94 A Cavallo

EMERGENCIES:
 13 5s744 Dollar Pursuit (2) 56.5 96
 14 47843 Skye Lover (5) 55 97
 15 57666 She's Super (12) 55 97
 16 0s405 Watchkeeping (7) 55 88 Matthew Palmer

4 Geoff Hayes Memorial Hcp 5.55
 \$24,000, C,H&Gs Maiden, 1010m
 1 02s Eightsides (4) 59 94 J Pracey-Holmes
 2 0s522 Rhythmic Song b (8) 59 96 Ms B Stower
 3 3597s Maramoti h (12) 58.5 100 Ms E Meredith (a2)
 4 Centurion (7) 57.5 93 Ms K Bell-Pitomac
 5 Sandras (11) 57.5 93
 6 6s All I Wish For (14) 57 100 M A Cahill
 7 86627 No Debt h (5) 57 100 C Gallagher
 8 6s824 Sumo (17) 57 95 Ms R Murray
 9 5040s Bernforme h (13) 55 91 A Cavallo
 10 990s Lucobey h (2) 55 86 G Buckley
 11 90206 Lucid Dreamer (10) 55 85 K Dunbar
 12 540s7 Suomenlinna (9) 55 90 A Morgan
EMERGENCIES:
 13 00695 Arctic Rover (6) 55 93
 14 000s8 Shortball (16) 55 90
 15 0090s Bunyip Bluegum (1) 55 84
 16 80000 Chrome Caste h (3) 55 86
 17 0004s Leviticon h (15) 55 81

5 Maas Group Handicap 6.35
 \$24,000, Class 2, 1110m
 1 s411s Castlebar Road tcwh (8) 59.5 94 A Cavallo
 2 s27s1 Our Blue Moon w (16) 59.5 100

3 37s15 Ranuncula t (7) 59 97 Jackson Searle (a2)
 4 22331 Miss Kojiki (1) 58 100 Matthew Palmer
 5 22352 Pass The Card dw (13) 58 100 Ms M Weir
 6 58860 Urus h (18) 57 91 Madeline Owen (a2)
 7 94757 Deepstar dw (17) 56.5 97 G Buckley
 8 2251s Green Opinions w (15) 56.5 100 G Buckley
 9 84140 Verdi h (9) 55.5 96 D Stanley (a3)
 10 70s23 Don't Question Me h (4) 55 94 C Gallagher
 11 2847s Blackadder th (10) 55 94 A Morgan
 12 26364 Sniper Excels (12) 55 91 J Pracey-Holmes

EMERGENCIES:
 13 2s339 The Exchequer t (5) 55 95
 14 148s3 Club Supreme dw (11) 55 94
 15 1585s Bacinblac w (2) 55 88 Zara Lewis (a3)
 16 4107s Zurbaran th (6) 55 91 K Dunbar
 17 88022 Beau Zariz (14) 55 90
 18 59899 Can I Rock w (3) 55 93

6 Dubbo Pet Medical Centre 7.10
 \$24,000, Benchmark 58, 1610m
 1 48812 Honeywine cdwhb (4) 60.5 96 R Jones (a)
 2 5s16 Rutilant b (1) 59.5 100 M A Cahill
 3 35451 Coupla cdw (6) 59 95 Ms T Jeffries
 4 735s0 King Red dw (10) 59 88 B Griffiths (a)
 5 61821 Winter Moon d (13) 58 99 C Gallagher
 6 25132 Riders Inthe Stand wb (2) 55.5 100
 7 63217 Polished Penny c (5) 55 98 J Pracey-Holmes
 8 14531 Nepenthes dwh (9) 55 96 A Cavallo
 9 26486 Eye Will w (12) 55 85
 10 04004 Ivy's Belle dw (8) 55 100 Ms B Stower

11 47676 Persian Front (3) 55 93 G Buckley
 12 46000 Sadler's Rest dw (16) 55 90 Ms R Murray
EMERGENCIES:
 13 19624 The Browzer bh (15) 55 93 Ms E Meredith (a2)
 14 93002 Wiseman d (14) 55 97 Madeline Owen (a2)
 15 68434 Nitty Gritty dw (11) 55 93
 16 20528 Another Sonette (7) 55 96

7 Adors Party Hire 7.45
 \$24,000, Benchmark 66, 1010m
 1 94244 Bengalla Bay dw (16) 61 99 R Jones (a)
 2 s251s Daredevil dwh (2) 61 94 A Cavallo
 3 0260s The Bald Eagle w (11) 61 92
 4 324s1 Primal Scram td (17) 60 99 Ms B Stower
 5 13s29 Mornay tdw (1) 59.5 98 M A Cahill
 6 83622 Gaffly tdw (12) 59 95 J Pracey-Holmes
 7 84384 Panuara cw (6) 59 92 Ms K Bell-Pitomac
 8 14353 Denace tw (4) 58.5 100 C Gallagher
 9 3236s Redirect (13) 58.5 94 G Buckley
 10 685s5 Sons Of Bourke tcwhb (8) 58 97 A Morgan
 11 55614 Tells Tails tcwhb (14) 57 99 Ms E Meredith (a2)
EMERGENCIES:
 12 4849s Toulon Factor wh (7) 56 93
 13 23440 Witness Collector th (10) 55.5 96 C Waddell (a1.5)
 14 1337s Alaskan Aura tcwh (5) 55.5 93 K Dunbar
 15 s6345 Call Me Trinity dwh (15) 55 94
 16 45473 Billy Bent Ear cdwh (3) 55 90
 17 99s5s Bowie's Boy dw (9) 55 78

Legend: T – Won at track. C – Won at this distance on this course. D – Won at this distance on another course. M – Won in slow or heavy going. B – Beaten favourite at last start. H – Trained on track. N – Won at night. S – Spell of three months. F – Fell. P – Pulled up. L – Lost rider. TV – Featured on Trackside TV.

NOTICE BOARD

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MON, TUE 1.30pm, 6pm
DUNE (M) MON, TUE 1.50pm, 5pm, 8.15pm
ENCANTO (M)
MON 1.15pm, 3.30pm, 5.45pm.
TUE 10.30am, 1.15pm, 3.30pm, 5.45pm
ETERNALS (M)
MON, TUE 2.40pm, 5.35pm, 8pm
FALLING FOR FIGARO (M) TUE 11.15am
NO TIME TO DIE (M)
MON, TUE 8pm
PETITE MAMAN (PG)
TUE 11.15am
RON'S GONE WRONG (PG) MON, TUE 3.45pm
THE POWER OF THE DOG (R13)
MON, TUE 8.20pm
VENOM: LET THERE BE CARNAGE (M) MON, TUE 1.15pm, 3.30pm, 5.50pm, 8.40pm
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Meetings

RADIO NGATI POROU CHARITABLE TRUST
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

The **Agenda** will include:

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

Meetings

POURAU INCORPORATION
(Proprietors of Pourau Station Inc)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of owners will be held at: **BDO Offices, 1 Peel Street, Gisborne at 11am, SATURDAY, 11th December 2021**

If you wish to attend the AGM virtually please register your email address with the secretary on proprietors of pouraustation@gmail.com before 4pm Friday 10th Dec.

If you wish to attend the AGM in person you must abide by the required Covid protocols in place at the time. It is recommended that you are fully vaccinated for your protection and the protection of others.

AGM notices complete with Agenda items, Proxy, Nomination forms etc are available on the incorporation website: <https://pourau.nz/>

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday 11 December 2021
10am - 12pm
at Hauiti Hauora

All welcome – nau mai, haere mai!
Lunch to follow.
RSVP 8626 629 for catering purposes please.

Meetings

WAIKOHU STATION (Hicks Bay)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

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

Meetings

TE MARAE O TE POHO O RAWIRI
Notice of AGM

WHEN: FRIDAY, 17 December 2021
WHERE: Te Pohu o Rawiri Marae
TIME: 5:30pm
Order of Business:

Whakatau tangata/whakatau wairua

1. Present/Apologies
2. Minutes of Previous AGM
3. Matters Arising
4. Audit Report
5. Matters Arising
6. Chairperson's Report
7. General Business
8. Trustee Elections

Retiring trustees (by rotation) are: Hine Wharehinga – seeking renomination
Norm Ngaira - retiring
Awhi Wylie – retiring

WE HAVE THREE VACANCIES THAT REQUIRE FILLING

For nomination forms please email tephoorawiri@gmail.com or you can pick up forms from the Pa, Mon to Fri 9:30am – 3pm.
Mauria mai he pereti kai

AGENDA

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

Election - For two positions caused by the resignation D. T Wi Repa and Tony Stainton. Nomination duly completed by nominator and candidate must be lodged at 92 Iranui Rd, Gisborne 4010 or can be emailed to lance@hob.nz, alternatively sent to PO Box 22098 Hicks Bay 4054, no later than 5pm, Thursday, 9 December 2021

- General Matters

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

Acting Chair
Lance Rickard

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Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHER CLAIMANTS

All persons having a claim against the estate mentioned below are required to send particulars of such claim certified as owing as at the date of death of the deceased to Rishworth Wall & Mathieson, Solicitors, PO Box 55, Gisborne 4040, (or email: office@wainuichambers.co.nz) within one month from the date of publication of this notice.

Creditors and other claimants are warned that after that date the executors may administer or distribute the estate having regard only to claims received.

This notice is published under Section 79 of the Trusts Act 2019.

HARVEY, Beullah Tipiwhenua of Gisborne, Kaitiaki who died on 11 May 2021.

FARMING

Livestock

MEADOW hay cutting soon, \$7.50 + GST. Ph 027 390 6851, 862 7765

Meetings

MEHAKA TAUHORE TANGIWAI PARAPARA TAUHORE WHANAU TRUST AGM

17.12.21
Virtual meeting 5pm
AGENDA:

- Report Chair, Secretary and Treasurer
- General Business
- Request for removal of shares
- Election of Trustees

Nominations close on 16.12.21, 1pm.
Email: 0704bishop@gmail.com

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Deadline to advertise is 2pm Thursday.

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BED settee, 6mths old, grey upholstery, excell cond \$499. Ph 863 1093.

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MAHOGANY wall unit, excell cond, 1.790m h x 1.2m w x 395 d, \$150. Fridge/freezer \$100. Ph 021 175 5151.



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Business 869 0616

Public Notices



Spread the Joy of Christmas

The Gisborne Herald are collecting gifts under our Christmas tree for The Salvation Army.

If you, your family or business would like to give a gift to a child up to the age of 17, please bring it into our office, 64 Gladstone Road. Please specify boy/girl and age if wrapped.

The Salvation Army are committed to caring for people, transforming lives and reforming services.



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Solution to CODE-CRACKER Extra 1185



SUPERCARS CHAMPS: Chaz Mostert (right) and Lee Holdsworth celebrate after winning the 2021 Supercars Championship Bathurst 1000 at Mount Panorama yesterday. AAP picture

Mostert, Holdsworth take Bathurst 1000

MOTORSPORT

BATHURST — Chaz Mostert is making a habit of saluting in the Bathurst 1000 with popular veterans.

Seven years after winning Australia's most famous motor race with Paul Morris, Mostert has succeeded with Lee Holdsworth.

After first racing at Mount Panorama in 2004, Holdsworth is a Bathurst 1000 champion on his 18th attempt.

Morris made history in 2014 when he won at

his 22nd start — the longest wait for a maiden Bathurst victory.

Holdsworth was left without a full-time drive this year but managed to score a seat in Mostert's flying Walkinshaw Andretti United Commodore.

"I've deadset not had a car anywhere as good as that," Holdsworth said.

"It was just an absolute pleasure to drive all week.

"I still feel like I'm in a bit of a dream."

— AAP

JUMBO CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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ACROSS: 1 Scary, 4 Reach for the sky, 11 Inter, 14 Globe, 15 Fabrication, 16 Forehead, 19 Venture, 20 Stony, 21 Liberally, 24 Shrubbery, 26 Craved, 27 Ashore, 31 Opera, 32 Stallion, 34 Substitute, 38 Sleeper, 39 Stella, 40 Swayed, 41 Herb, 42 Lobster, 45 Drawbridge, 50 Doubted, 54 Reek, 55 Octave, 56 Rascal, 57 Feigned, 60 Accumulate, 61 Overdone, 62 Inane, 65 Seesaw, 66 Remote, 67 Samaritan, 72 Suspected, 73 Bumpy, 74 Destiny, 79 Provisos, 80 Battlefield, 81 Flour, 82 Lobby, 83 Bread and butter, 84 Shots.

DOWN: 2 Calmed, 3 Robot, 5 Edam, 6 Curator, 7 Facing, 8 Rate, 9 Hooligan, 10 Yeoman, 11 Idealistic, 12 Tier, 13 Radiate, 17 Argue, 18 Deregulate, 22 Abate, 23 Monument, 25 Harness, 26 Centaur, 28 Apollo, 29 Pillow, 30 Ascend, 33 Later, 35 Embed, 36 Cede, 37 Used, 42 Larva, 43 Breeches, 44 Recall, 45 Do a stretch, 46 Axel, 47 Barcode, 48 Issues, 49 Grand, 51 Oven, 52 Begonia, 53 Eyeing, 58 Immaturity, 59 Knead, 63 Homeward, 64 Tires, 65 Scalpel, 68 Appoint, 69 Aplomb, 70 Superb, 71 Insult, 75 Tilth, 76 Bomb, 77 Stun, 78 Flue.

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MEDIUM

SUDOKU

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

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

A sudoku grid has a single unique solution, which can be reached without using guesswork.

SOLUTION IN NEXT PUBLICATION.

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DOUBLE CROSSWORD

No.11,465

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CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- Told a story connected with the family (7)
- This can be made into a fine meal (5)
- See 3 Down
- Cast in a diabolical mould (7)
- News of how the dancing group performs (11)
- Rural surroundings for national team (11)
- Film advertisement attached to the back of the car (7)
- It takes a bit to tone up (5)
- See 3 Down
- Social etiquette for country houses, we hear (7)

DOWN

- Back in the choir, one talented vocalist (5)
- Sailor Brown checked stuff (6)
- 9Ac and 21Ac. We saw Sun Hotel rebuilt in Australia (3,5,5)
- In truth, war tends to cause frustration (6)
- Roman landmark could present an optical illusion (7)
- One who says a rosy future lies in good hands (7)
- Groups of lessons provided by culinary experts (7)
- He's the first to receive callers (7)
- Fastened description of sacred Greek island up (6)
- In the course of the French telephone call (6)
- A scratch number of points (5)
- On the road it may be followed by a van! (3)

SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLE 11,464

QUICK
 Across: 1 Peal; 3 Lethargy; 9 Refined; 10 Panel; 11 Malnutrition; 13 Uplift; 15 Degree; 17 Prerequisite; 20 Climb; 21 Against; 22 Doggedly; 23 Brad.
 Down: 1 Paramour; 2 Awful; 4 Endure; 5 Hypothetical; 6 Rancour; 7 Yell; 8 Insufferable; 12 Dejected; 14 Lurking; 16 Squall; 18 Inner; 19 Acid.

Quick Crossword answers also fit the large grid

QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- Mistake (7)
- Condescend (5)
- Enter (3,2)
- Freedom (7)
- Data (11)
- Censorship (11)
- Split (7)
- Expel (5)
- Conjecture (5)
- Shed (7)

DOWN

- Slumber (5)
- Movement (6)
- Charge (3)
- Thoroughfare (6)
- Share (7)
- Fire (7)
- Alien (7)
- Inquisitive (7)
- Gratify (6)
- Article (6)
- Frighten (5)
- Indistinct (3)

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THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

by Eugenia Last

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Emily Browning, 33; C. Thomas Howell, 55; Tom Waits, 72; Ellen Burstyn, 89.

Happy Birthday:

Put in the effort and you will reap the rewards. A fast pace, quick mind and creative imagination will take you where you want to go. It's up to you to take advantage of the opportunities that come your way and to enjoy the life adjustments you make. Share your enthusiasm with others, and take a leadership position. Your numbers are 2, 12, 20, 29, 34, 37, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19):

Lean on someone who is always there for you. The added reinforcement will give you an edge. Be smart about the way you handle your peers, and you will gain respect and support that will tip the scale in your favor. 4 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):

Keep an open mind, but don't take unnecessary risks that put you in a compromising position. A minimalist approach will save you time and money and help you avoid an argument with someone who can influence your status or reputation. 2 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

Assess a situation, make your move and finish what you start. Living up to your word will help ward off criticism and interference. A steady pace and articulate plan will lead to victory. Refuse to let emotional manipulation slow you down. 5 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22):

Map out what you can do before committing to something that may not be feasible. An act of kindness shouldn't put you in a vulnerable position. Get your facts straight, and find a novel way to reach the specified requirements. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

Don't tempt fate. Stick to a schedule, and take care of your responsibilities. Don't get involved in gossip or show gullibility when dealing with peers. A resourceful approach will help you avoid wasting valuable time and letting someone make you look bad. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Mull things over. Be smart by easing into any change that comes your way; things will turn out better than anticipated. A networking event will pay off. Self-improvement will give you the boost you need to excel. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Consider what's essential, and concentrate on keeping the peace and being honest about how you feel and what you plan to do next. Don't let emotions stand in the way when it comes to your happiness, health and financial well-being. 2 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Do your part and make a difference. Look for solutions instead of complaining about what's wrong. Change begins with you, and documenting everything will help you keep a tab on who does what and what helps the most. Romance is encouraged. 4 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Dive in, take charge and get things done. Take the initiative, and you will turn an idea into something concrete. Refuse to let someone's negativity or misleading rhetoric come between you and what you are trying to accomplish. Finish what you start. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

Concentrate on getting things done on time. Use your imagination, and you'll find a way to outmaneuver anyone who tries to compete with you. Use your physical attributes to your advantage. Don't exaggerate or make unrealistic promises. Truth matters. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

A last-minute change will limit what you can do, causing doubt and stress. Have a backup plan in place before you commit to someone or something that has the potential to run amok. Keep your goals as simple as possible. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):

Don't let anyone take advantage of your kindness and generosity. Offer only what you can afford and what will not compromise you mentally, emotionally or financially. A little romance will lighten the mood and enhance a meaningful relationship. 3 stars

Birthday Baby:

You are unique, resourceful and open-minded. You are passionate and impulsive.

STAR RATINGS

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

Rangnick's Man Utd, Spurs on the up

FOOTBALL

MANCHESTER — Manchester United under their new interim manager Ralf Rangnick, and Tottenham Hotspur fired by Antonio Conte, have both continued their recoveries from poor starts to the season with victories in the Premier League.

United, with German manager Rangnick taking the reins for the first time, beat Crystal Palace 1-0 at

Old Trafford thanks to a late goal from Brazilian midfielder Fred.

Fred curled in a 77th-minute winner, handing Manchester United the victory at Old Trafford.

United had struggled to create clear chances on Sunday against Patrick Vieira's well-drilled side but the oft-criticised Fred beat Vincente Guaita with a wonderful strike from the edge of the box after being set up by substitute Mason

Greenwood.

Palace should have gone ahead minutes earlier but Jordan Ayew missed from point-blank range at the back post after James Tomkins had headed down a corner.

Rangnick took over from caretaker manager Michael Carrick on Friday.

His side have moved up to sixth place in the table on 24 points, a point behind Tottenham, who went fifth after carving out a third successive win, defeating

struggling Norwich 3-0 at home.

Meanwhile, Conte's Tottenham enjoyed a comfortable 3-0 win at home to bottom club Norwich City, the North London club's third straight win under their new Italian boss.

Manchester City lead the League on 35 points with second-placed Liverpool on 34 and Chelsea, who suffered a 3-2 defeat at fourth-place West Ham on Saturday, in third on 33 points. — AAP

SPORTS BRIEFS

Man City top the EPL table

LONDON — On a day in which three teams led the Premier League standings, it was champions Manchester City that remained there for first time this season.

While Chelsea faltered, City displayed total dominance in a 3-1 win at Watford that was their 31st in the calendar year.

It was a fifth straight league win for City, who are one point ahead of Liverpool and two in front of Chelsea after 15 rounds.

West Ham shook up the title race by beating the Blues 3-2 at home in the early game, and Liverpool then needed an injury-time goal from Divock Origi to earn a 1-0 victory at Wolverhampton that put Jurgen Klopp's team on top for a few hours.

Liverpool — who scored four goals in each of their past three games — needed a strike from substitute Origi in the fourth minute of stoppage time to get the job done at stubborn Wolves.

Newcastle United finally won, 15 games into the season, with Callum Wilson on target late in the first half against fellow relegation strugglers Burnley. — AP

Saudi F2 marred by crashes

AUSTRALIA'S young motor racing star Oscar Piastri is on the verge of lifting the Formula Two title after winning a dramatically shortened, crash-hit race in Saudi Arabia — but he's been left relieved that none of his rivals were badly injured.

Two of the Melbourne driver's competitors, Theo Pourchaire and Enzo Fittipaldi, had to be airlifted to hospital on Sunday after a worrying shunt at the startline in the penultimate race of the Formula One feeder series on the tight Jeddah circuit.

But both Frenchman Pourchaire and Fittipaldi, grandson of Brazilian Formula One double world champion Emerson Fittipaldi, had been conscious and extricated from their cars by medical crews, the governing body FIA said in a statement later.

Piastri then went on to claim victory when the feature race was restarted, only for proceedings to be red-flagged again and the race called off following another crash. — AAP

'Astonishing life' of Eileen Ash

LONDON — Eileen Ash, who earned a place in sporting lore as the oldest-ever former test cricketer, has died at the age of 110, the England and Wales Cricket Board has announced.

Ash, a right-arm seamer, made seven appearances for England either side of the Second World War after making her test debut against Australia in 1937.

Domestically, she represented the Civil Service Women, Middlesex Women and South Women before retiring in 1949.

During her remarkable life she was also seconded to M16 during the war and played golf until the age of 98.

ECB managing director of women's cricket Clare Connor said: "Our sport owes so much to its pioneers and Eileen was one of them. I am deeply sad to be saying goodbye to her today." "Our thoughts and prayers are with Eileen's family as they come to terms with losing such a wonderful woman and the end of an astonishing life." — PA

Matildas prepare to party

SAM Kerr has scored twice as Chelsea defeated Arsenal 3-0 in the Women's FA Cup final at Wembley to secure the domestic treble.

Kerr had missed two good chances in the first half of Sunday's encounter, striking the bar with one, but she would not be denied and she struck in the 57th and 77th minutes after England's Fran Kirby had put Chelsea ahead in the third.

"We knew if we keep pushing at some point they would go in and they did," Kerr said.

True to form, the ebullient Matildas captain was left celebrating with the bottle of champagne awarded to her as player of the match afterwards, declaring: "This will go down a treat — I can't wait to party!" — AAP

Brilliant goal to Celtics' Rogic

AUSTRALIAN international Tom Rogic has added another goal to his exotic collection at Celtic to help keep the Bhoys in the hunt for the Scottish title and bring a smile to manager Ange Postecoglou's face.

The Socceroo's 19th minute strike in the 3-0 win at Dundee United was being hailed as a contender for goal of the season in Scotland amid his hugely impressive performance at Tannadice on Sunday.

The moment of brilliance left Postecoglou hailing the 28-year-old midfielder that he's admired over the years for club and country as a "special footballer". — AAP

Drama in Saudi GP

MOTORSPORT

by Martin Moravec, DPA

JEDDAH — Lewis Hamilton has won the inaugural Saudi Arabian Grand Prix after title rival Max Verstappen was ordered to hand him first place after a dangerous move as the Briton was poised to overtake.

In a dramatic race where the lead changed hands due to safety cars, a pit-stop and two race restarts because of crashes on the new twisting street circuit, Mercedes' Hamilton took the honours to go level on points with Red Bull's Verstappen at the top of the standings.

It sets up one of the greatest finales in the history of F1 in the final race of the season in Abu Dhabi next Sunday, with Verstappen nominally ahead in the standings because of race wins.

Hamilton had tried to pass the Dutchman and after the pair touched, Verstappen was told to give his rival first place.

The 24-year-old then slowed down so much when Hamilton tried to overtake again that they came into contact another time.

Verstappen was then given a five-second penalty for the original infringement and seven-time world champion Hamilton, with a damaged front wing, went by to claim his 103rd F1 victory in a wild race.

"I've been racing a long time, but that was incredibly tough. I tried to be as tough and as sensible as I could out there, with all my experience over the years," Hamilton said.

Verstappen, booed by some of the crowd, said: "It



SOLID RIVALRY: Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton holds the trophy aloft in front of second-placed Red Bull driver Max Verstappen. Hamilton's win sets up one of the greatest finales in the history of F1 in Abu Dhabi next weekend. AP picture

was eventful, a lot of things happened that I don't fully agree with.

"I slowed down, I wanted to let him by, I was on the right but he didn't want to overtake and we touched."

Australian Daniel Ricciardo emerged from the drama to finish fifth in his McLaren, behind third-placed Mercedes driver Valtteri Bottas and fourth-placed Esteban Ocon for Alpine.

Hamilton got away from pole smoothly with Verstappen, third on the grid after hitting a wall in qualifying on an otherwise flying lap, failing to make an immediate attack.

Bottas, who ultimately finished third, stayed between the title contenders with his Mercedes but the midfield racers showed early on that

overtaking was possible on the high-walled track, before a series of bizarre events intervened.

Mick Schumacher in his Haas suffered the first crash into the barriers.

That led to the pack being bunched behind the safety car and Hamilton immediately pitting on lap 10 in a strategy gamble.

Verstappen in contrast stayed out to assume the lead with Bottas also coming in.

A red flag was then waved, meaning all the cars had to come into the pitlane, with Verstappen changing tyres while still in the lead.

The huge stroke of luck for Verstappen meant he began on "pole" for the restart but Hamilton immediately got past him only for the Red Bull

man to retake the lead but by cutting the corner as Esteban Ocon tried to go past both.

A multiple car crash at the back of the restart meant yet another race suspension.

Race control gave Red Bull the option of restarting from third place because Verstappen cut the corner, in order to avoid a full investigation.

They accepted and Ocon took over as the leader, with Hamilton second.

On the second restart, Verstappen made a superb move on the inside to quickly get beyond Ocon and Hamilton to lead once again.

Hamilton made it into second and then hunted down Verstappen before the late chaos between the pair put him ahead and pushed Mercedes towards the constructor's title.

GBHS prove too strong for Horouta

GISBORNE Boys High School have notched their first win of the season with a convincing victory over Horouta.

Chasing 123-to-win, Galaxy World GBHS cruised home in the 21st over with seven wickets in hand after strong performances from the whole team.

The Siteworx Civil Horouta team struggled again to find partnerships that would see them post a defendable total.

Captain David Situ said they weren't good enough

and GBHS made them pay, deserving the win.

While they are still searching for form with the bat, knowing that several players in the team have the talent, he said there were still positives.

"Heyan (Ranasinghe Ranasinghe) and Bruno (Judd) batting for about 10-to-20 overs and making sure we didn't get completely rolled," he said.

Judd and Billy Morse bowling eight overs on the trot was also a positive as the team looks for how they

change their approach going into the semi-finals.

Captain Nathan Trowell led the wicket-takers in the first innings, with three, as six GBHS players took wickets.

His 36-not-out missing out on the top score by just one run to opener Cohen Loffler, who paired with Luke Fisher for a 60-run opening partnership.

Trowell said he was "stoked" to have picked up the win, after a great team performance with the bat and ball.

"We bowled very well early and picked up early and crucial wickets.

"It's good to see us back scoring runs which we will have to address next weekend into the semis."

Final scores:
Horouta 122/10 after 36.5 overs (Harmanpreet Gill 20; Bruno Judd 2/53).
GBHS 126/3 after 20.4 overs (Cohen Loffler 37, Nathan Trowell 36; Travis O'Rourke 2/26, Trowell 2/21, Daniel Foster 2/22).

See more on page 32.

How Patel made NZ sports history in city of his birth

CRICKET by Kris Shannon, NZ Herald

AFTER picking up four wickets on the first day of the second test against India, Ajaz Patel said: "This is what dreams are made of."

What happened next was the stuff of pure fantasy. Patel wrote a new page into the annals of New Zealand sport, becoming the third bowler in the 144-year history of test cricket to take 10 wickets in one innings.

The Black Caps — or, rather, Patel — bowled out India for 325 shortly after lunch at Wankhede Stadium. The tourists' batsmen then removed some of the gloss, collapsing to 62 all out, but the state of the match suddenly seemed much less significant.

In a scarcely believable 48 overs across four sessions, Patel put his name alongside England's

Jim Laker, in 1956, and India's Anil Kumble, in 1999 — three men to have completed the perfect 10.

The fact Patel achieved the feat in Mumbai — the city where he was born and lived until immigrating to New Zealand aged eight — only added to the unfathomable nature of proceedings.

On the eve of the test, the 33-year-old spoke of his excitement about returning to India's largest city once more, this time wearing a silver fern on his cap.

And after removing the Indian top order on Day 1, Patel called it a dream come true, flourishing in his first chance to play in front of the family members he usually sits beside in the stands on trips to Wankhede.

It would have required the wildest of imaginations for Patel to envisage the events of Day 2. He finished the innings with figures of 47.5 overs, 12 maidens, 10 wickets for 119 runs.

Since 1985, Sir Richard Hadlee's 9-52 has loomed large for Kiwi sport fans. New Zealand's greatest bowler recorded that haul at the Gabba, playing Australia, one of the toughest tests in the sport.

But facing India on the subcontinent also ranks rather high in that particular category, and Patel tore through the hosts in unprecedented fashion.

That tear resumed in the second over of the second day, as Patel snared two scalps in as many balls.

Wriddhiman Saha was the first victim of the morning, trapped in front by an arm ball, as Patel knelt down to kiss his home turf in celebration of his third five-wicket bag in tests.

One ball later he was delivering a kiss of death to Ravi Ashwin, sending down a delivery so deceiving the batsman thought he had been given out caught

behind. Incredibly, with the balls on the ground, Ashwin briefly attempted to lodge a review.

Patel continued to extract fierce turn, deftly changing his pace and release point while controlling his length, but India managed to advance to lunch on 285-6.

Any rearguard, however, was quickly undone by Patel. Opener Mayank Agarwal had been leading that effort, bringing up his third 150 before being snaffled well by Tom Blundell. Axar Patel was the next to fall, trapped in front, and Patel needed only one more over to complete the set.

First, he got Jayant Yadav to hole out to Rachin Ravindra. Then, three balls later, Mohammed Siraj skied one high close to the wicket and Ravindra took the historic catch, setting off a swarm of celebration around New Zealand sport's newest hero.



WINNING NUMBERS

DRAW No. 2122

WINNING NUMBERS	BONUS NUMBER
02 09 21 24 29 39	18

Total Lotto prizes \$3,027,593

DIVISION	PRIZE MONEY	No. OF WINNERS
ONE 6 winning Nos	\$200,000	5
TWO 5 winning Nos plus the Bonus No.	\$19,614	12
THREE 5 winning Nos	\$623	375
FOUR 4 winning Nos plus the Bonus No.	\$54	995
FIVE 4 winning Nos	\$31	15,152
SIX 3 winning Nos plus the Bonus No.	\$21	21,479
SEVEN 3 winning Nos	Bonus Ticket	208,607



WINNING NUMBERS	02 29 21 39
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Total Strike prizes \$997,900

TOTAL	PRIZE MONEY	No. OF WINNERS
Four out of Four	\$600,000	1
Three out of Four	\$831	55
Two out of Four	\$68	3752
One out of Four	Bonus Ticket	97,059

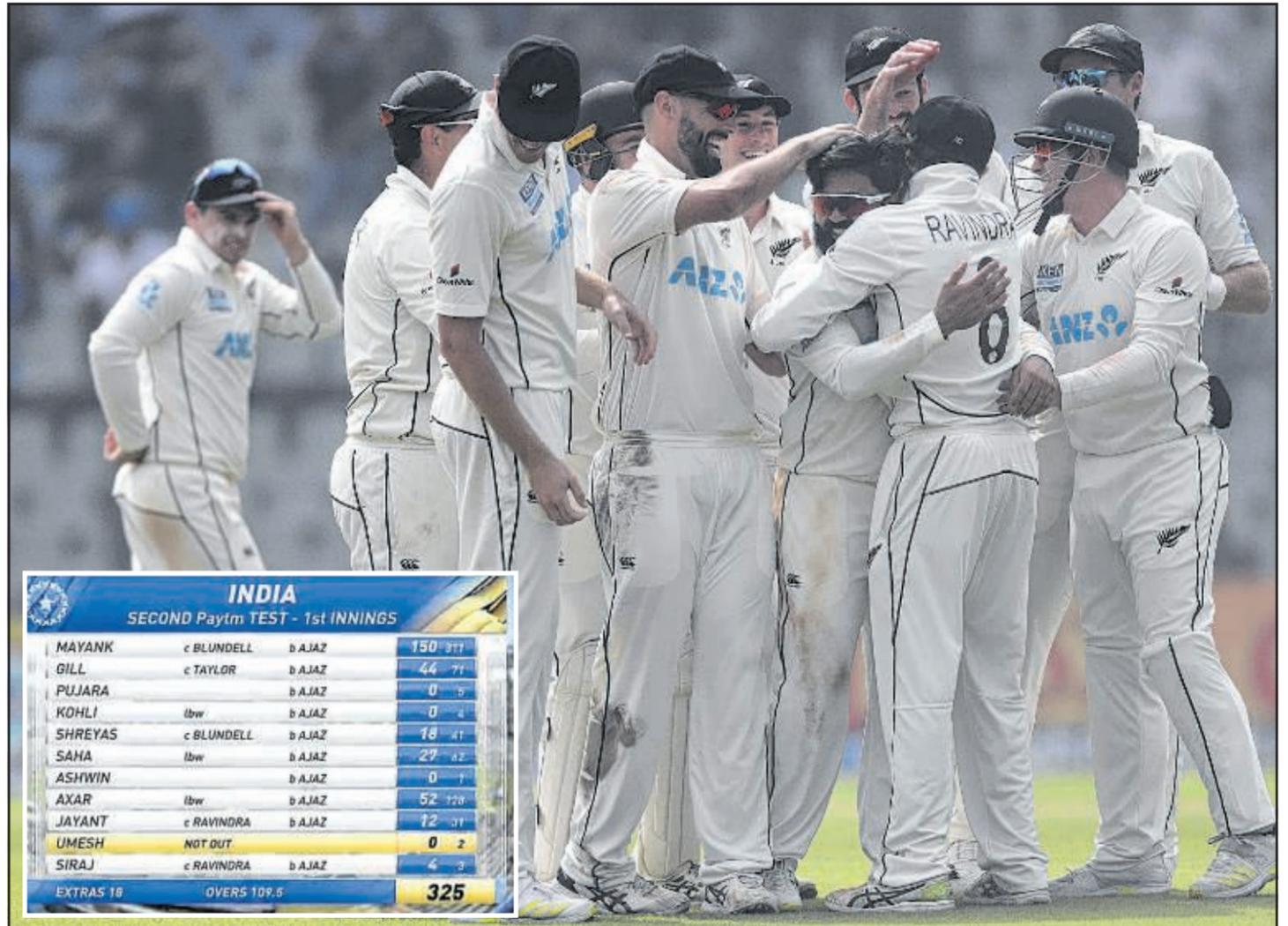


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ONE Lotto Division 1 + winning Powerball No.	ROLLOVER	0
TWO Lotto Division 2 + winning Powerball No.	\$26,695	2
THREE Lotto Division 3 + winning Powerball No.	\$1305	22
FOUR Lotto Division 4 + winning Powerball No.	\$95	86
FIVE Lotto Division 5 + winning Powerball No.	\$56	1174
SIX Lotto Division 6 + winning Powerball No.	\$37	1620
SEVEN	Bonus Ticket + \$15.00	15,927

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MAGIC MOMENT: New Zealand's Ajaz Patel and teammates celebrate the dismissal of India's Mohammed Siraj during Day 2 of the second cricket test in Mumbai, India. It was Patel's 10th wicket of the innings. AP picture, scoreboard via Twitter

India close to victory

But 10-wicket bag the match highlight

CRICKET by Kris Shannon, NZ Herald

ANOTHER historic day for Ajaz Patel was not enough to prevent India from edging closer to a crushing second-test victory in Mumbai.

Patel picked up four more wickets to go with the perfect 10 he took in the first innings as India declared on 276-7 midway through the third day.

That gave the hosts a commanding 539-run lead and, in the half hour before tea, Tom Latham was dismissed by Ravichandran Ashwin for six.

Will Young (20) and Ross Taylor (six) departed quickly after tea, but Daryl Mitchell (60) and Henry Nicholls (36 not out) added 73 for the fourth wicket to wrestle back some respectability and send the test to the fourth day.

Mitchell fell in the final hour though, as did Tom Blundell, run out for a duck in a shocking mix-up, leaving the Black Caps at 140-5, a whopping 400 runs away from victory and staring down the barrel of one of their largest defeats.

The series will almost certainly belong to India but, in an unceasing schedule of international cricket, few will remember

their 1-0 triumph once the next fixtures begin.

What will live long in the memory is the remarkable efforts of Patel.

After snaring four scalps on Day 1 and completing the full first-innings set with six more on Day 2, Patel's one-man show rolled on during Day 3.

His four wickets gave him overall figures of 14-225, leaving him behind only Sir Richard Hadlee's 15-123 against Australia in 1985 as the second-best match analysis by a New Zealand bowler.

Patel's performance also counted as the best in tests against India — overtaking Ian Botham's 13-wicket haul in 1980 — which would have been impossible for him to imagine when he was growing up in Mumbai.

Although the spinner would have preferred his production led to a different outcome, that was never likely after New Zealand, in reply to 325, had been skittled for 62 on Day 2.

India had the match essentially won when they reached stumps on 69-0, choosing to spend Day 3 racking up time in the middle ahead of a series against South Africa.

INDIA			
SECOND DAY TEST - 1st INNINGS			
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GILL	c TAYLOR	b AJAZ	44 71
PUJARA	b AJAZ		0 5
KOHLI	lbw	b AJAZ	0 4
SHREYAS	c BLUNDELL	b AJAZ	18 41
SAHA	lbw	b AJAZ	29 42
ASHWIN	b AJAZ		0 1
AXAR	lbw	b AJAZ	52 120
JAYANT	c RAVINDRA	b AJAZ	12 31
UMESH	NOT OUT		0 2
SIRAJ	c RAVINDRA	b AJAZ	4 3
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Medvedev seals Cup for Russia

TENNIS by Tales Azzoni, AP

MADRID — Russia's 15-year wait for a Davis Cup title ended on Sunday after another clutch performance by Daniil Medvedev.

He capped his amazing year with a 7-6 (7), 6-2 win over Marin Cilic in the second singles match to give Russia an insurmountable 2-0 lead over Croatia and its first Davis Cup title since 2006.

It was the fifth consecutive straight-set victory in the Davis Cup for the No.2 Medvedev, who three months ago defeated Novak Djokovic to win the US Open for his first Grand Slam title.

"It was a pretty amazing two weeks because it's never easy to come here at the end of the season," Medvedev said.

"It feels (like) the best weeks of my career."

Andrey Rublev earlier beat Borna Gojo in straight sets to put the Russians ahead at the Madrid Arena.

Russia's other Davis Cup title was in 2002. Croatia also was seeking its third title after triumphs in 2005 and 2018.

Russia completed a sweep of team events after the women's team won the Billie Jean King Cup finals in Prague last month. The last nation to do the double had been the Czech Republic in 2012.

The triumph also capped a special week for Russia captain Shamil Tarpishev, the longest-serving Davis Cup captain. He first captained in 1974, and appeared in his 100th match as captain in the semifinals against Germany.



VICTORY CELEBRATION: The Russian Tennis Federation team celebrate with the trophy after winning the Davis Cup tennis final at the Madrid Arena in Madrid, Spain, today. AP picture

The Russian team is officially being called RTF (Russian Tennis Federation) in the competition amid its ongoing doping suspension in international sport.

After a tight first set, Medvedev broke serve twice in the second against the 30th-ranked Cilic to comfortably clinch

the victory.

"It was a tough match all day long," Medvedev said. "The tiebreak is a matter of a few points. I made a double-fault on the set point that was probably a big mistake, but I'm happy that today it was enough to win. It was a really tough

match."

Rublev had converted on his first match point to clinch a 6-4, 7-6 (5) win over Gojo, who arrived at the Davis Cup Finals as the 279th-ranked player, but had won all his three matches.

It was the third consecutive victory for the fifth-ranked Rublev after a loss against Spain's Feliciano López in the group stage.

Gojo had no break opportunities throughout the match against Rublev, who converted one of his eight to grab the first set and eventually clinch the win in the second-set tiebreaker.

Croatia got past Serbia and the top-ranked Novak Djokovic in the semifinals, while Russia ousted Germany.

The Russians won a group that included defending champion Spain and Ecuador, then advanced past Sweden in the quarterfinals. Croatia won a group with Australia and Hungary, then defeated Italy in the last eight.

The International Tennis Federation and the Kosmos Tennis group that is behind the competition said that next year four cities will host the group stages, with another venue — likely Abu Dhabi — hosting the knockout rounds.

Madrid was the sole host of the competition over a seven-day period in 2019. This year, Innsbruck in Austria and Turin in Italy were added as hosts over an 11-day period.

The event was not played in 2020 because of the coronavirus pandemic.

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WEATHER FOR TOMORROW

6 Dec, 2021

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 Fronts: warm, cold, stationary, occluded
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MIDNIGHT TONIGHT

NOON TOMORROW

GISBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT

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Waipiro Bay	H 9:29am 9:45pm L 2:54am 3:27pm	Waipiro Bay	H 10:22am 10:39pm L 3:46am 4:22pm
Tolaga Bay	H 9:17am 9:33pm L 2:42am 3:15pm	Tolaga Bay	H 10:10am 10:27pm L 3:34am 4:10pm
Gisborne	H 9:00am 9:21pm L 2:40am 3:14pm	Gisborne	H 9:55am 10:17pm L 3:35am 4:11pm
Wairoa	H 8:39am 9:07pm L 2:22am 2:58pm	Wairoa	H 9:35am 10:03pm L 3:18am 3:56pm

SUN-MOON-MAORI FISHING GUIDE

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☀ Rise 5:37 am Set 8:22 pm	☀ Rise 5:37 am Set 8:23 pm
🌙 Rise 8:02 am Set 11:35 pm	🌙 Rise 9:15 am
🐟 Best at 3:20 am 3:52 pm	🐟 Best at 4:23 am 4:53 pm

NZ SITUATION

A ridge of high pressure builds over most of Aotearoa New Zealand on Wednesday and Thursday. A front arrives over the lower South Island late Wednesday, remaining stationary and weakening there Thursday then drifting northwards on Friday.

GISBORNE CITY

TOMORROW	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy, with the odd shower. Northwesterlies developing.	Partly cloudy. A few afternoon or evening showers likely. NW.	Partly cloudy. A few afternoon showers. Light winds.	Fine with light winds.

GISBORNE REGION

Partly cloudy. Isolated showers. Northwesterlies.	Partly cloudy. Scattered showers, mainly in the afternoon and evening. Northwesterlies.	Partly cloudy. A few showers, mainly in the afternoon and evening. Light winds and sea breezes.	Fine with light winds.
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GISBORNE SUN PROTECTION ALERT

8:40 AM - 5:15 PM PROTECTION REQUIRED
Even on cloudy days
Data provided by NIWA

NZ TOMORROW

Auckland	showers	24
Hamilton	showers	25
Tauranga	showers	23
Rotorua	showers	22
Taupo	showers	23
Napier	showers	25
New Plymouth	rain	21
Palmerston North	rain	22
Wellington	showers	17
Christchurch	showers	16
Queenstown	fine	20
Dunedin	fine	16

GISBORNE READINGS

Taken at the Airport, for the 24 hours to 9am, Monday 6 Dec 2021

SUNSHINE hours	7.5
On Sunday, 5 Dec	22.8
To date for December	238.0
Average for December	238.0
To date this year	2232.7
To date last year	2232.7

WIND km/h
Max gust on Sun 5 Dec NW 44

RAINFALL mm
24 hours to 9am, Mon 6 Dec 0.0
To date for December 1.2
Average for December 64.0
To date this year 1041.9
To date last year 844.8

EVAPOTRANSPIRATION mm
Daily average for past week 4.0

TEMPERATURE °C
Maximum 26.6
Minimum 13.4
Grass minimum 10.2

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE
At 9am 6 Dec (hPa) 1020.7
At 9am 6 Dec (inches) 30.14

TODAY IN HISTORY

1970 — The hottest North Island December temperature of 35.2 degrees was recorded at Ruatoria during blustery dry northwesterly conditions. The average daily maximum temperature for Ruatoria in December is 22.9 degrees.

WORLD TOMORROW

Adelaide	fine	13 21
Amsterdam	drizzle	1 6
Bangkok	fine	18 29
Beijing	fine	-3 9
Berlin	cloudy	-3 1
Brisbane	showers	20 29
Buenos Aires	fine	19 27
Cairo	fine	9 21
Canberra	showers	12 25
Cape Town	fine	15 23
Delhi	fog	10 22
Frankfurt	cloudy	1 5
Geneva	fine	0 4
Hong Kong	fine	17 23
London	rain	3 7
Los Angeles	fine	11 19
Melbourne	showers	15 18
Moscow	rain	-4 1
New York	fine	2 6
Paris	drizzle	2 7
Perth	fine	16 37
Singapore	showers	24 33
Stockholm	fine	-13 -8
Suva	thunder	24 30
Sydney	showers	17 26
Tokyo	drizzle	8 14
Toronto	fine	-7 -3

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ON THE TEE: Gisborne's Tessa McDonald is at No.1 in the Hawke's Bay-Poverty Bay team competing in the women's national interprovincial in Timaru this week. HBPB start their campaign against Northland tomorrow afternoon. Herald file picture

A little underdone but history on her side . . .

GOLF by Chris Taewa

GISBORNE'S Tessa McDonald only needs to look back to last year for inspiration at the women's national interprovincial golf tournament in Timaru this week.

McDonald is once again at No.1 in the Hawke's Bay-Poverty Bay side who start their team matchplay campaign tomorrow afternoon.

The rest of the side are all Hawke's Bay players — veteran Janie Field at No.2, Kathy Olsen at No.3, Martha Manaena at No.4, Kayla Van De Ven at No.5 and Rahiri Ellison team reserve.

McDonald led by example at the 2020 national interprovincial in Auckland.

She won five matches and lost two at the top of the order as HBPB finished seventh out of the 13 provinces, a significant improvement on the previous year.

Full-time work and the Covid-19

situation sees her go into this week a little underdone, but matchplay is McDonald's forte and her history at the event indicates more success.

HBPB have a bye in Round 1 tomorrow morning, then start their week against Northland in the afternoon.

They face Taranaki and Canterbury on Wednesday, Aorangi on Thursday and Bay of Plenty and Manawatu-Wanganui on Friday.

Positional playoffs are on Saturday morning, with the final on Saturday afternoon.

Auckland are gunning for a sixth consecutive title after a perfect team record in 2020.

Meanwhile, Taranaki men celebrated history at the men's national interprovincial in Ashburton on Saturday.

They beat Hawke's Bay 3-2 in the final to secure a historic first national crown.

Poverty Bay-East Coast were 12th out of the 13th provinces.

Baxter ton sets up HSOB win

CRICKET by Jack Malcolm

A HEROIC Dave Castle limped out to help High School Old Boys dash OBR's hopes of a monumental comeback in premier cricket on Saturday.

Bollywood Stars HSOB, at 152-4 and needing only 13 runs to win, looked as if they would coast home.

But Coastal Concrete OBR took four wickets in consecutive overs to seize momentum.

The spin of Ian Loffler (2-25 off eight overs) and Amit Vyas (2-11 off 3.3) took two wickets apiece, including that of centurion Baxter Mackay (102), just as the game looked to be beyond reach.

Mackay was the standout performer across both innings. A patient yet persistent approach saw him dispatch 15 boundaries on his way to the first premier cricket century of the season.

Teaming up with Ajay Kumar (36), they produced a fifth-wicket partnership of 110 runs that seemed to have sealed the win for HSOB.

Shortly before the wicket-taking exploits of Loffler and Vyas, OBR looked as if they would see some respite after a big appeal for a stumping, but the decision was not out.

Despite thinking they had got their man and made a breakthrough, OBR rallied and were able to force Castle out to the crease, sporting a suspected groin tear after he fell awkwardly in the field.

HSOB technically had a man to spare, but the speed at which the wickets fell meant they could not be found in time when Loffler took his team's eighth wicket.

A game that had been a near-certainty now hung on a knife's edge for the next four balls as Castle saw out the last ball of the over before Marshall Norris hit a boundary to win the game and save Castle from running.

With the bat, OBR came out strong, but ultimately struggled to make meaningful partnerships that would have set a more challenging total.

Josh Adams was the star of the innings; his 54 runs coming as the two OBR openers struggled to find runs, Paul Stewart earning just two from 33 deliveries.

The opening HSOB bowling attack of Marshall Norris (0-33 off six overs) and Cody Andrews (2-39 off six) constricted the start of the innings, but Adams was able to find gaps and keep the scoreboard moving.

Aided by Nick Greeks (30) and Ian Loffler (31) through the middle of the innings, 164 after 37 overs seemed like a par score.

HSOB's bowling attack had seen six wicket-takers, with the pitch looking to favour the team with the ball.

OBR captain Greeks said Adams and



CENTURION: Baxter Mackay's 102 for High School Old Boys against OBR on Saturday was the first premier grade ton this summer. He is pictured slicing the ball into a gap during a match against Gisborne Boys' High School this season. File picture by Paul Rickard

Stewart kept the scoreboard ticking over early, setting a good foundation for the latter part of the innings.

"I was very happy with how everyone chipped in. Again, though, not batting our 40 overs kept us 20 to 30 runs short of what we thought was a winning total."

Two early catches in the HSOB innings could have made the difference in what he said was "another good battle".

"Baxter's century was constructed, and he played exceptionally well through his whole innings, proving the difference at the end of the day."

HSOB captain Carl Shaw said he was proud of how they were able to fight back after OBR had made a "really good start" through Adams.

"Jagroop (Singh) led the way again, showing beautifully how good line and length builds pressure and leads to wickets.

"Unfortunately for Jagroop it's hard not to give the best performance to Baxter and his brilliant century.

"There were wonderful shots the whole way through, all around the ground. It was (a) really well crafted (innings).

"OBR never ever give up, which was why they made the final few overs so exciting. Building the pressure . . . right till the last run, and they had the chance of winning."

OBR 164 (Josh Adams 54, Nick Greeks 30, Ian Loffler 31; Jimmy Holden 2-35, Paul Stewart 2-33, Ian Loffler 2-25, Amit Vyas 2-11).

HSOB 167-8 (Baxter Mackay 102, Ajay Kumar 36; Cody Andrews 2-39, Dave Caste 2-22, Jagroop Singh 2-21, Carl Shaw 2-16).

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