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## DEFYING THE ODDS

Michael Thorpe went for a ride on the Fox Street mountain bike tracks in the summer of 2019. It was to change his life after he suffered spinal injuries in a crash. He was told he would never walk again but remains determined to prove the experts wrong as he continues a remarkable journey of recovery. He is pictured with his family (from left) Phoenix Clarke, Willow Clarke and Jenine Ritchie. **STORY ON PAGE 4**

Picture by Renae Lolohea



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# Death prompts reforms

Recommendations implemented after prison fatality investigation

by Andrew McKenna

FOLLOWING the death of Kolby Heta in custody on March 17, 2017, the Department of Corrections instituted reforms intended to improve their handling of similar situations in future.

Heta, 33, of Gisborne, died as he was being moved 200 metres within Hawke's Bay Regional Prison under restraint.

A Coroner's inquest earlier this year found that his death could have been avoided.

The "fatal cardiac arrhythmia" that Mr Heta suffered was triggered by the emotional and physiological stress induced by the control and restraint procedure that he was subjected to".

An independent Corrections inspectorate investigation of April 2019, however, found the force Corrections officers used was

"necessary, reasonable and proportionate", and "appropriate" even when Heta began showing signs of medical difficulties.

Department of Corrections national commissioner Rachel Leota said: "the subsequent episode of unplanned control and restraint by corrections officers to relocate Mr Heta was necessary, and the responses of health services and custodial staff when Mr Heta began exhibiting medical difficulties were appropriate".

The Coroner's inquest this year would appear to be at odds with those earlier findings.

The Department of Corrections implemented two recommendations for Hawke's Bay Regional Prison and the rest nationally as a result of the inspectorate's findings.

"After receiving the report, we carefully

considered the inspectorate's findings, accepted all the recommendations and prepared a robust plan to promptly address every recommendation," Ms Leota said.

"Any time a person dies in our care, it is crucially important that we learn from it and make any appropriate changes to our operations to improve our processes and help prevent a similar incident from happening again."

Among the 11 recommendations were reviews of Corrections staff's management of inmate medical information, staff training to manage movement of prisoners, "building decision-making skills, such as the number and type of staff required for an incident", and developing guidelines for Health Services staff attending or observing force in control and restraint incidents.

All Corrections staff must now attend

annual tactical options refresher training, and staff are also trained to be aware of the medical effects of the use of force and control and restraint on inmates. The recommendations also include improved availability of spit hoods in prisons and buying more where necessary, reminders for Corrections staff to turn their body cameras on when involved in "use of force" incidents, and introducing aids such as restraint belts and chairs for relocating prisoners.

The recommendations are intended to avoid the future situations of the kind in which Kolby Heta died.

"On behalf of the Department of Corrections, I would like to again offer our sincere condolences to Kolby Heta's whanau and friends for their tragic loss," Ms Leota said. "Our thoughts continue to be with them."

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# Te Karaka Simmental stud sets NZ record average

by Murray Robertson

THE bull sale season in the region got off to a flying start yesterday when Gold Creek Simmentals at Te Karaka achieved a New Zealand record on-farm average for Simmentals.

The stud sold all 28 of the rising two-year-old bulls put up for sale for an average price of \$9200, a new New Zealand record average for Simmentals.

The top priced bull went for \$20,000, sold to Overland Simmentals, buyers from Waimate, inland from Oamaru.

Gold Creek studmaster Tom Sanson was thrilled with the outcome.

"The buyers went away happy, everyone got a good bull, and we lifted our average by more than two grand on last year," Mr Sanson said.

"We had a good-sized bunch of buyers too, with more than 150 people there."

"It was a great day."

Mr Sanson said prior to the sale that they were extremely proud of this year's line-up.

"It was, without question, our best line-up yet."



**GOOD PRICE:** A New Zealand record sale average for Simmentals was set at the Gold Creek Simmental bull sale yesterday at Te Karaka, with an average price of \$9200 across all 28 young bulls sold. The top-priced animal is pictured with studmaster Tom Sanson (left), and the buyer Simon Mcrea from Overland Simmentals.

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# Spaceship beats bird

## Jono and Sam in bottom two but escape elimination

by Chris Taewa

THEY live to build another day.

But it was only just for Gisborne/Upper Hutt combo Jono Samson and Dan Mulholland as another duo exited stage left on TVNZ's Lego Masters NZ last night.

Jono and Dan fell from the heights of victory euphoria to the nail-biting depths of potential elimination.

They were named among the bottom two in the latest challenge in which the five remaining pairs had to create a build from one piece of brick suspended from a cable.

Jono and Dan, however, had it easier than the rest.

Having won the previous challenge, the pair's reward was twofold. They got to have two suspended bricks for their build and an extra 30-minute period they could use at any time while the other teams had to sit and watch.

That was to prove vital.

"It's definitely going to challenge your technical ability," Brick Master and judge Robin Sather said of the build. "Make your story and concept really clear and have a lot of fun with it . . . do not hold back."

Jono and Dan went galactic for the 12-hour mission — a Dreadnought-like space battleship being attacked by alien bugs.

"We're gonna go big," announced Dan.

Big words as viewers soon found out.

"I don't know what to do. I don't know how to build it," Dan later lamented, resulting in him taking "time out" in the Brick Pit — the area where the millions of Lego parts are stored.

He returned but just how long was spent recharging was not made clear.

The Jono and Dan fans at home were concerned.

The Brick Master was concerned enough to say "I'm concerned."

And Jono and Dan, well, they appeared to be

metaphorically pooping bricks.

"We are stressing out," Jono said.

"I'm losing the plot," said Dan as he literally threw his toys.

"I've had enough," he said to his dog Smudge, now a regular on the set. "I've had enough."

He hadn't. He had a moment, regathered himself and got on with the show.

Five pairs under the microscope became four when Christchurch mothers Emily and Sarah played the "Golden Brick" they received for winning the first challenge of the series.

It earned them immunity from this elimination challenge. They clearly weren't confident about their mermaid creation which resembled more of a "salmon on a hook".

Jono and Dan's 170-brick-stud-long galaxy explorer under attack from "parasitic space bugs" got a mixed review from judge Sather.

"I think the (extra) half hour really helped you guys."

"Not a lot of tremendous story-oriented detail. I feel you could have done more . . . I know you suffered from some building inactivity during the challenge but you rallied and pulled off this really cool-looking ship."

"Kudos to you, good build."

"I'm a little bit worried," Dan said.

"I don't want to go home," Jono said.

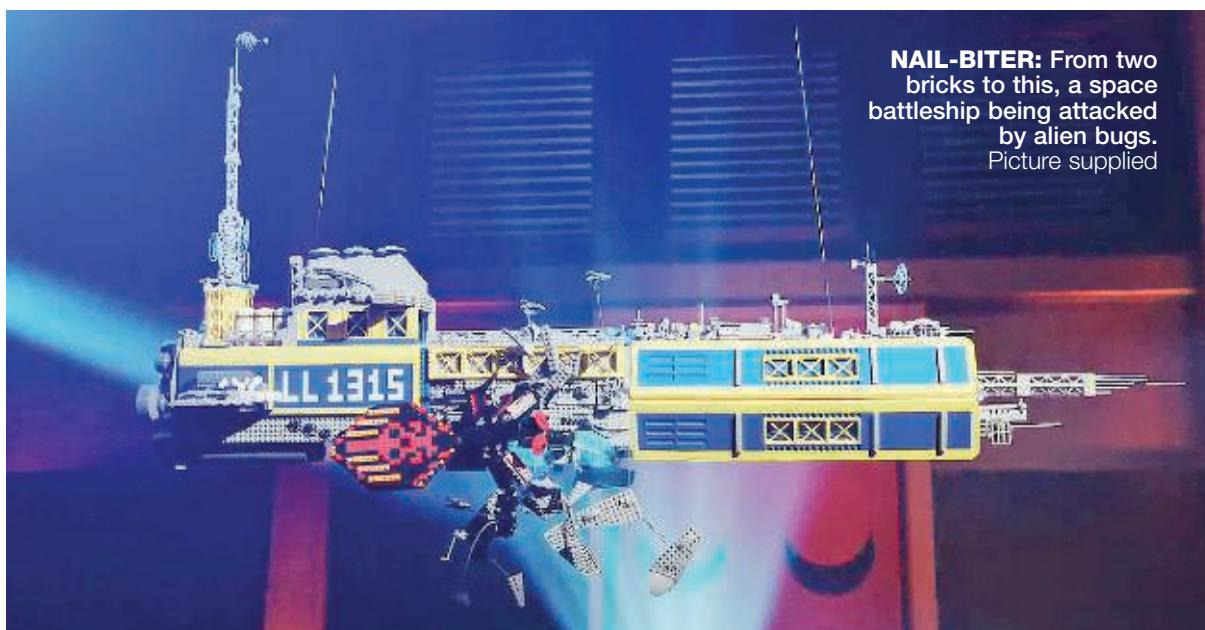
They and Christchurch husband and wife Amy and Adam — who built a flying penguin — were named in the bottom two.

Spaceship beats bird every time. Amy and Adam were shown the door.

The winners were South Island father and daughter Andrew and Georgie for their flying pig with moving wings and tail — features not lost on the judge.

They earned the "Golden Brick" in a bounceback from being in the bottom two on the previous episode.

Lego Masters NZ continues tonight on TVNZ2.



**NAIL-BITER:** From two bricks to this, a space battleship being attacked by alien bugs.

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## LOOKING AHEAD



### FOCUS ON THE LAND

- Buck Shelford to be the special guest at the Whangara Angus 'bull walk' on the property on Friday afternoon from 1pm.
- The AgriHQ report from the week points to the lamb kill tightening around the country.
- Log export prices at the wharfgate remain very similar to the prices in April, due to shipping rates and uncertainty round the China market.

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# Council transparency over pontoon questioned

by Avneesh Vincent

MORE members from the fishing community have expressed dismay at the \$400,000 pontoon at the inner harbour boat ramp breaking apart due to heavy tidal surges over the weekend.

Concern was raised late last year over what was felt to be a lack of consultation on the placement of a new pontoon in the inner harbour.

**'I laughed at the fact the council publicly said... that they had this designed by a specialist engineer and it would be designed for all marine circumstances or weather'**

— Boatie Peter Claffey

and did it their own way, and now it has failed."

Mr Wilson said while the pontoon could possibly be repaired, it would be better for the council to follow the initial plan of placing it around the edge of the wharf "rather than it stick out like a sore thumb".

"What's the point of asking people... and you go and do the opposite?"

"I think the council needs to be a little more transparent on what they are doing and how



**CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:** The broken pontoon at the inner harbour boat ramp is closed. Boaties have questioned the district council's decision to go ahead with its placement last year after they raised concerns about the potential heavy surge

Picture by Liam Clayton

they are going about it because from what I understand these costs come from ratepayer money," he said.

Fishing club member Peter Claffey, who was at the boat ramp yesterday, said he was unable to fathom how a \$400,000 pontoon could last less than six months since its installation.

"I laughed at the fact the council publicly said in the paper last time that they had this designed by a specialist engineer and it would be designed for all marine circumstances or weather."

"Also during my visit yesterday, I saw staff

from (contracted) recreational services water-blasting the ramp during the heavy surge.

"While it's important to clear off the algae and sticks coming in... waterblasting during high tides makes no sense and only costs more money for ratepayers," he said.

Mr Wilson said he hoped the council took on board what the boating community had to say as it was mainly boaties using it.

"It's for our benefit but on the same token we want it to be structurally sound and more user-friendly, and go the distance."

Council liveable communities director

Michele Frey this morning said the damage to the pontoon was disappointing.

"We have heard the concerns of Craig Miller (fishing club captain) on behalf of our boating community and we will be looking into this fully."

"As previously stated, council took advice from both marine and engineering specialists to provide a pontoon structure that would endure all marine conditions."

"We are now working to understand our available options. In the meantime, the pontoon remains closed until further notice."

# 'Compliance not consent'

## Gave in to sexual demands out of fear, jury told

A WOMAN told a rape trial jury her ex-partner kept insisting on getting back together and would show up to her house unannounced and drunk, leading to multiple physical and sexual assaults.

The 38-year-old accused, who cannot be named, went on trial yesterday in Gisborne District Court on 12 charges — five of unlawful sexual connection, two of indecent assault, two of rape and one each of impeding breathing/blood circulation, wilful damage and breaching a protection order.

Judge Warren Cathcart is presiding.

In her opening address, Crown prosecutor Lara Marshall said the trial was about the man's anger and obsession with his ex-partner and how he abused her in January last year.

The complainant and the accused were in a relationship since 2014. They lived together over the next five years and had two children.

The two separated mid-2019. The man moved out while the complainant and their two children remained at the house.

Their connection deteriorated, however, in July–August 2019, the man repeatedly arrived at the house uninvited and drunk, wanting sex.

Ms Marshall said the man indecently assaulted the complainant, verbally and physically abused her and damaged her property. He was charged by police and pleaded guilty for which he was punished in December 2020.

A final protection order was put in place. Ms Marshall said the current case dealt with matters from January 27, 2021.

The complainant was at home watching television at around 10pm and the children were asleep. The man had texted her throughout the day but she ignored him.

He drove at speed to the house where he was loud, drunk and holding a bottle. She went outside to calm him down.

The man demanded money, a part of their relationship property division which was being dealt with in a separate proceeding.

They went inside to talk. The complainant was frightened because she knew what the man was capable of and did not want her kids to be disturbed, Ms Marshall said.

The man made sexual advances. She resisted but did not want to trigger his anger. He pinned her down and put his hands on her mouth and nose. The woman complied with his demands, which led to hours of sexual offending against her.

When she refused to give him oral sex, the man got upset and smashed a picture in her bedroom. The woman relented again.

She was not consenting. She was complying because of the man's violence and force, and concerns for her children, Ms Marshall said.

The woman went to police the next morning.

Ms Marshall said the most important evidence in the trial was that of the complainant.

An audio recording the woman took while the incident was ongoing would be played in court. Police officers involved in the investigation would also give evidence.

Photographs and text messages leading up to the evening and morning after would be submitted.

Medical exams of bruising would be shown and scientific results and details of the man's previous offending against the complainant would also be submitted.

Ms Marshall told the jury the important concept of this trial was consent... "did she

genuinely consent to sexual activity?"

Consent had to be fully, voluntarily and freely given. "There is no consent if a sex act is allowed by the complainant because of force or threats of force or real fear of force."

In this case, the complainant did not consent because she was afraid. It was not "freely-given consent".

There was no dispute a protection order was in force and if any other charges were proved it would amount to a breach, she said.

Defence counsel Scott Jefferson told the court the issue was of consent and his client would more than likely give evidence.

The two were in a relationship for a number of years, had children and separated mid-2019, but contact continued.

There were times they did things together as a family unit. The man sometimes maintained the property and bought gifts for the children and complainant.

It was done as though the two were "in a relationship", Mr Jefferson said. Within that context, there was a bitter dispute about relationship property.

Mr Jefferson said the charges were being used as a weapon against the man. And because the man was reluctant to walk away from property, "she has ended up charging him falsely".

He asked the jury to keep an open mind.

As a part of the Crown's evidence an agreed summary of facts of the offending which occurred in 2019 was read.

In her evidence, the woman said she gave no indication to the man of getting back together. "I told him no, it was over."

The man showered her and the children with gifts but that came with conditions.

"He will give you something and a week later he will feel that I am in a relationship

with other men and take it off me."

The only communication the pair had was about the children, she said.

Sexual suggestions and communication about their relationship were constant when the man texted her so she ignored them.

The text messages transcript was submitted and read to court.

When the man showed up at her house that night, the complainant said she figured she had no options. She couldn't run away and leave the children behind.

"He ran towards me, had a bottle of alcohol, he shouted about money, he wanted his \$250K, he was angry and drunk. I did not ring the police because there was fear around him catching me ringing 111."

In previous offending, he saw her do that and snapped her iPhone, she said.

"He was drunk so what would he do if I rang 111."

Later, that night he entered her bedroom.

"He kept trying to touch me. I pushed his hands away and said no. He was being affectionate at this stage, wanting to touch me, wanting sex from me. I kept saying no and pushing away his advances."

The man snapped, she said.

"His whole demeanour changed, whole body language. He pushed me down on the bed, my wrists above my head, saying something along the lines of 'this is how it ends'."

When he put his hands on her mouth and nose, impeding her breathing, she gave in.

"I said, 'OK, OK, I'll do what you want' because I was scared he was going to kill me."

"And then he had an immediate change in demeanour and was almost happy again."

PROCEEDING

## Deaths

## FAMILY NOTICES

**SPENCE, Peter**  
Stanley. - Sunrise 2nd June 1930 - Sunset 21st May 2022. Peter passed away peacefully at his home, in his 92nd year. Adored husband and soulmate of Dorothea (Dot). Much-loved father and father-in-law of John and Carol, Robert and Elizabeth, and Megan and Bruce. Much-loved grandfather and great-grandfather to all his grandchildren. Loved brother of Tom.

In accordance with Peter's wishes, a private cremation has been held. Messages to the Spence Family, C/- PO Box 439, Napier 4140.



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## In Memoriam

**MCGREGOR,**  
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**Murray, Sandra, Sarah and Hone, Aleisha and Codi, James and Lauren, and moko Damian, Te Arahi, Indy-Rose, Te Aorere and Kaia**

**PRACTICE, PRACTICE:** "You want to learn to walk, you got to learn to stand. You want to stand, you've got to stand up thousands of times." Michael Thorpe with his physiotherapist Lorna Shasky-Hughes (on the floor), and Marianne Pavier.

Picture by Renae Lolohea



## SH35 closures on tomorrow

THE first of a series of periodic closures of State Highway 35 is happening tomorrow and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has encouraged motorists to plan for them.

SH35 between Kopuaroa Road and Ihungia Road, north of Te Puia Springs, will be closed for certain times tomorrow and on Thursday.

The closures will allow contractors to safely replace culverts.

Closure times tomorrow and Thursday will be 8.30am to midday, then 12.30pm to 2.30pm, and 3.30pm to 5pm.

## Chance to build global branding

A WORKSHOP to raise the profile of local businesses to global heights is to be held at Lawson Field Theatre this week.

We See Tomorrow First is part of the New Zealand tech story initiative undertaken and led by NZ Tech — a group of independent technology associations.

The workshop will help local entrepreneurs and businesses learn and use online toolkits developed by NZ Tech to tell their story and help overcome challenges.

"With the workshop, we are looking to enable businesses to have a hands-on experience," Trust Tairāwhiti digital technology sector enhancement lead Jared Johnstone said.

The online toolkits will allow organisations access to NZ Tech assets such as social titles, backgrounds and info graphics to help build and promote a better brand.

"It's a marketing tool for putting New Zealand technology as a sector and as a value proposition on the world map."

"It's the same way a tourism operator would use Qualmark or 100 percent Pure on their brand to display their brand quality."

Mr Johnstone said the workshop was about upskilling people on how to expose their brand to a wider audience and in the process generate the ability to gather more talents, secure investments and generate more transactions.

The one-day workshop is on Thursday from 9am to 12.30pm.

■ Interested businesses can book free tickets online at [bit.ly/3PHnV5A](http://bit.ly/3PHnV5A)

# 'I got the jump wrong'

## Fierce determination driving rehabilitation

by Renae Lolohea

MICHAEL Thorpe wasn't expecting a bike ride to change his life forever.

It was the summer of 2019 and Michael was riding Gisborne Fox St mountain bike trials.

"Just some fun, nothing crazy, and then I got the jump wrong," Michael said.

His stepson Phoenix was 10 and remembers the accident well.

"On the last jump, he fell over his handlebars, and there was a massive thump," he said.

"I was like, 'Are you OK?' He was like, 'No, this is serious' because he couldn't move."

Phoenix rang his mother Jenine Ritchie, who thought the call was a prank.

"I got a call from Phoenix and he said, 'Michael has come off his bike and he can't feel his legs'.

"My immediate reaction was is this some kind of freaking sick joke," she said.

Michael was taken to Gisborne Hospital where it was found the impact had compressed his spine leaving him paralysed from the chest down, with minimal function in his hands.

He was flown to Waikato Hospital for further treatment, where the spinal unit started with a goal-setting meeting.

"The first question is am I going to walk again," he said.

"They said, 'If you don't see flickers in your legs in the first few days, probably not'."

The 39-year-old was determined to prove them wrong.

"People were saying your life's completely over, and I didn't really pay much attention to those sorts of people," he said.

Jenine recalls a comment made by the nurse looking after Michael on day two in Waikato hospital.

"He said, 'That's it mate, that's all you're going to get. At least you still got this (pointing to his head). I've seen worse,'" she said.

"And I was like, you fricking prick."

They stayed positive.

"Right in the early days, we were all about positivity and not necessarily believing what everybody had told us would happen," Jenine said.

"I think the power of the mind is more powerful than anybody telling you can't do something."

Michael was transferred to Auckland's

Middlemore Hospital for more treatment and within three months he was ready to go home, but the family home had to be modified for wheelchair accessibility.

The announcement of Covid meant there was limited time for the work, but family and friends chipped in to get renovations and modifications done.

The first Covid lockdown of 2020 meant no immediate access to home help or hands-on physiotherapy.

Gisborne's Lorna Shasky-Hughes has been working as a physiotherapist for more than 30 years, but had not worked with a spinal injury this severe.

An unorthodox treatment plan was hatched.

"We made the conscious decision that I'm going to go with what my body feels like doing, not what was a prescribed rehab," Michael said.

Lorna said allowing Michael to lead his physiotherapy sessions came with some amazing results.

"We've had this philosophy of there are no boundaries, there are no limits," she said.

"At the moment we're just going to push in whatever direction Michael wants to go and just go for it."

Michael's daily rehabilitation routine includes muscle strengthening, time in the pool, rolling along Gisborne walkways, and stretching.

He spends up to five hours a day pushing himself.

"I know I'm going to walk and it's just the effort that is required," he said.

"You want to learn to walk, you got to learn to stand. You want to stand, you got to stand up thousands of times."

While Michael focused on his rehabilitation Jenine was busy online researching treatment options, eventually leading them to Gisborne's Dr Rick Cirolli and stem-cell treatment.

When Michael first approached Dr Cirolli about the treatment, the specialist general surgeon said his injury was too severe for it to work.

"I said, 'Look, it's not going to work' and I discouraged him, but he twisted my arm," said Dr Cirolli.

"It was more of a compassionate treatment that I gave," he said.

Once again Michael's determination paid off, seeing great results from the treatment.

Dr Cirolli attributes the success to Michael's hard work with his rehabilitation.

"He was paralysed, using medical terms,



IN HOSPITAL: Michael during traction treatment to try to stretch out his spine.

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from the nipple down to the toes.

"He had no movement or sensation, and now he has sensation, pain, and he is nearly walking."

"So to me, this is a tremendous achievement," Dr Cirolli said.

Partner Jenine says Michael is still making physical gains.

"Michael's mindset is just phenomenal, he's just so positive and determined."

Physiotherapist Lorna says he's one-of-a-kind when it comes to his rehabilitation.

"I don't think I've ever met anybody quite so dedicated to the recovery and the rehabilitation," Lorna said.

Michael continues to discover new feelings and sensations and stepdaughter Willow Clarke says some are by accident.

"Sometimes I'm at the dinner table and I (accidentally) kick his legs and he's like 'Ow'."

Michael is still defying the odds with his recovery and remains focused on making his dream of walking a reality.

"I still don't know if I've got flickers in my legs, but I can stand, and I can walk in a pool," Michael said.

Michael and his family are determined to prove that a medical prognosis can be turned around through determination, hard work, and a positive outlook.

## Mice depleting biodiversity of ecosanctuaries

IF it weren't for mice, ground dwelling invertebrates such as caterpillars, spiders, wētā, beetles and even earthworms would be abundant in Aotearoa's ecosanctuaries.

This is the finding of Manaaki Whenua researchers Corinne Watts, John Innes, Deborah Wilson, Danny Thornburrow, Scott Bartlam, Neil Fitzgerald, Mark Smale, Gary Barker and Mahajabeen Padamsee, who recently published their research in the New Zealand Journal of Ecology on the impacts of house mice in an ecosanctuary.

House mice are one of the most widespread invasive mammals on the planet, owing to their rapid population growth rate, varied flexible diet, and close association with humans, lead author Dr Watts said.

"While larger predatory mammals keep mouse numbers in check, in areas where mice have no other predators and there is abundant food, populations can rapidly increase and cause substantial damage to the biodiversity of the area."

Although mammal-resistant fences have allowed multi-species eradication of mammals from ecosanctuaries on the mainland, maintaining eradication of house mice has proven difficult.

Over five years the researchers examined the impacts of mice on



**NUISANCE:** House mice are one of the most invasive mammals on the planet.

NZ Herald file picture

biodiversity at Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari by comparing forest blocks with relatively high and low numbers of mice.

"We managed two independently-fenced sites within the sanctuary to achieve high mouse numbers (up to 46 per hectare) at one site and undetectable mouse numbers at the second site," Dr Watts said.

"We then reversed these treatments by eradicating mice from the first site and allowing their numbers to increase at

the second."

During the research, 42,639 invertebrates were caught in pitfall traps and tracking tunnels were used to detect the footprints of wētā.

The researchers found strong evidence that mice reduced the abundance of ground-dwelling invertebrates, in particular caterpillars, spiders, wētā and beetles, and reduced the mean body size of some species.

In addition, earthworm abundance, biomass and species richness increased as the mouse population decreased in one study block.

Evidence also suggested invasive earthworm species made a faster recovery in abundance and biomass compared with native species.

"Mice are also a nuisance in ecosanctuaries, because as well as being predators they interfere with monitoring and pest control devices targeting other species," Dr Watts said.

"They potentially create burrows that jeopardise pest fence integrity and attract other predators into the ecosanctuary."

While the primary object of restoration in ecosanctuaries is often to restore pre-human ecological interactions and processes as much as possible, it is not about increasing the abundance of all taxa.

## Tracking migration habits of native eels

MIGRATORY fish species, river connectivity and ki uta ki tai (guardianship from the mountains to the sea), are important parts of the Department of Conservation's mahi.

Last Saturday, DoC celebrated World Fish Migration Day by placing the spotlight on tuna (native eels) and their partnership with Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō.

New Zealand tuna are long-distance voyagers, migrating from Tonga across the Pacific Ocean and settling in the fresh waters of Aotearoa. Some travel inland all the way to Lake Rotoroa in Nelson Lakes National Park.

In January, eight Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō rangatahi, as well as taiao (environmental) and cultural specialists from Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō, teamed up with DoC scientists to undertake a tuna survey and harvest.

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō environmental manager Dr Jen Skilton and DoC senior ranger Dr Melissa Griffin reflected on the survey, harvest and collaboration.

As part of the settlement of Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō with the Crown, the iwi can harvest tuna from Nelson Lakes for customary purposes.

"We have been taking small numbers of tuna from the lakes since 2012 and it is important to us that any harvest does not adversely affect the population," Dr Skilton said.

Part of her role was to investigate the sustainability of the cultural practice and for the iwi to learn more about the tuna populations in the lakes.

"That is where the monitoring comes in," she said.

DoC helped them set up a monitoring programme, which included collecting, measuring and weighing tuna. The aim was to gain insight into the population structure and the number of tuna in the lake which, as it was discovered, was quite high.

Dr Griffin said she heard about the harvest when working in Nelson.

"I had heard that iwi put out nets in Lake Rotoroa where the tuna are plentiful. I immediately thought, 'Wow, free data'."

When the harvest started, the iwi collected data to ensure sustainability. Most tuna are returned to the lake.

"Now we want to build on that, thinking about climate change and what impact it could have on the tuna," Dr Griffin said.

For the survey, the group put out 14 fyke nets at different spots around the lake baited with fishy cat food. The next day about 1000 tuna had been captured, with more than 100 in some nets. Some were huge — the biggest was more than 6kg and 1.5m long.

Most tuna captured were longfins, less than 1 percent were shortfins.

Dr Skilton said it was exciting to find these life stages in the lake, because it is quite a long way inland. Once they had weighed and measured the tuna, they were released back into the lake.

"It was great exposure for the rangatahi and gave them the opportunity to be around DoC rangers and see what the job involves."

"We are proud of the positive partnership we have with DoC at St Arnaud. In my role as pou taiao (environmental manager) I am committed to nurturing and growing this relationship. And then, of course, we want to share it with the world."

## Threatened shorebirds land on Portland Island

by Avneesh Vincent

EFFORTS to translocate rare shore plover proved successful earlier this month, thanks to ongoing mahi by the Department of Conservation.

DoC Shore Plover Recovery Programme lead and technical adviser ecology Dave Houston said nine tūturuatu (shore plover) were moved to Portland Island (Waikawa) as part of ongoing efforts to preserve the "rare and threatened species".

Hatched in January and raised at the Isaac Conservation and Wildlife Trust in Christchurch, the birds were flown to Napier on May 5 and escorted to Waikawa, a small island off the southern tip of Māhia Peninsula.

"The purpose of the release was to add genetic diversity to the existing population," Mr Houston said.

"We transferred eggs from Chatham Islands to the captive population in 2020 to improve diversity, and these birds are the first of the resulting offspring."

With only around 250 shore plover in the world, they have the highest possible threat ranking of Threatened: Nationally Critical.

Aside from the population of 70 adult birds on Waikawa, there are two birds on Motutapu Island in the Hauraki Gulf.

The rest of the wild population are in the Chatham Islands.

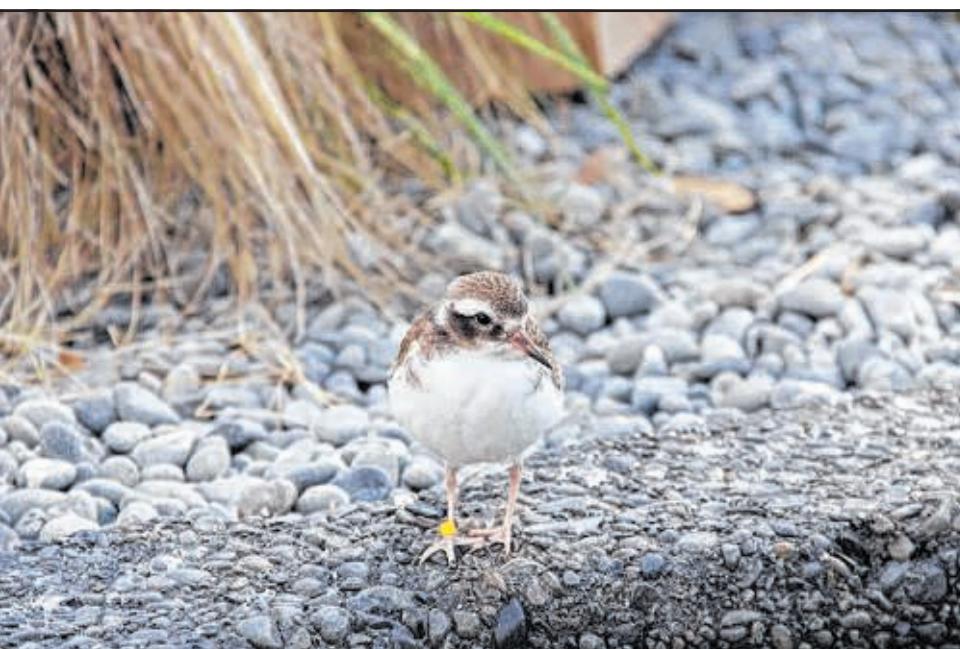
The Isaac Conservation and Wildlife Trust is one of three facilities that breeds shore plover for release.

"Shore plover are small, quirky shorebirds unique to New Zealand, with distinctive dark caps on their heads," Mr Houston said.

Tūturuatu's tendency to nest on the ground, as well as their territorial nature, make them highly susceptible to introduced predators such as rats, stoats and cats.

Their survival relies heavily on captive breeding, translocations to predator-free islands and island biosecurity.

Mr Houston said introduced pests, in particular ship rats, had exterminated tūturuatu from the New Zealand mainland by 1880. A small population survived on a rat-free island in the Chathams.



**FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS:** With a population of about 250, the survival of the endangered shore plover species, unique to New Zealand, relies on island biosecurity, breeding in captivity and predator-free islands.

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"Tūturuatu have proved exceptionally vulnerable to predators with incursions of rats and stoats severely impacting translocated populations on Waikawa, Mana and Motutapu Islands."

Attempts to establish populations on Mana Island in 2007 and Waikawa Island in 2012 were hampered by rat incursions, which resulted in the loss of more than 80 percent of the resident birds.

It was suspected that a single rat was the cause in both cases.

The translocation was done following DoC's New Zealand Shore Plover Recovery Plan published in 2001, Mr Houston said.

The goal was to maintain and/or establish wild tūturuatu at five or more locations with a combined population of 250 or more mature birds.

Having multiple self-sustaining populations meant that if something happened at one site, there would still be other secure populations.

Mr Houston said there had been numerous releases of shore plover on to predator-free islands since 1994 in an attempt to re-establish tūturuatu on the mainland.

"There will be future releases to add to the diversity."

The translocation was made possible through ongoing partnerships with the New Zealand Nature Fund, the Isaac Conservation and Wildlife Trust and Air New Zealand.

After being moved, the birds underwent a health and safety check on arrival to make sure they had not been injured in transit.

They were settled into the pre-release aviary, where they spent seven days acclimatising to the motu before being released into the wild, Mr Houston said.

"Even with the many challenges associated with this work, and a few setbacks along the way, successes like these are well worth celebrating."

# NZ joins new Indo-Pacific trade pact

by Katie Scotcher of RNZ

WELLINGTON — New Zealand has joined an alliance of Indo-Pacific nations aimed at countering China's influence in the region.

More than a dozen countries, including India, South Korea, Japan and Australia, have signed up to the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework, which was launched by US President Joe Biden in Japan last night.

The framework outlined areas

**“The Indo-Pacific region is of the utmost importance for New Zealand’s strategic and economic interests. We see this framework as an opportunity to enhance our strong partnerships as we continue to reconnect with the world.”**

—Jacinda Ardern

sceptical of the plan.

“At the moment, it’s very nondescript and until we have a little bit more flesh and bones on exactly what the intention of it is, it’s hard to judge whether it’s a thing that we should be putting massive effort into or simply being a party to.”

Ardern said the framework could lead to tangible outcomes.

enhance our strong partnerships with major regional economies as we continue to reconnect with the world.”

The US has been accused of being too focused on security in the Indo-Pacific, rather than the economy — allowing China to escalate its influence.

Professor of Strategic Studies at Victoria University of Wellington Rob Ayson said that was likely one of the reasons President Biden created the framework.

“... Set up rules where the United

States can work with partner countries which basically aid the disconnection of China from some of these trading partners and to, in a sense, aid the decoupling of China in the economic side of that regional competition.”

National’s Foreign Affairs spokesperson Gerry Brownlee was

“What’s been pitched isn’t a traditional trade arrangement but that doesn’t mean it can’t ease the pathway for trade ... it doesn’t mean that it can’t make progress on sustainability or digital issues and so as long as that subject matter’s on the table, I think it’s important that New Zealand is part of the talks.”

Geoffrey Miller, an international analyst with the Democracy Project, said the framework could lay the groundwork for future trade partnerships.

Under former President Donald Trump, the US abandoned the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership.

President Biden has never committed to re-joining.

Miller suspected that was because such a move wouldn’t be popular domestically, but said the new framework could pave the way for it to happen in future.

“They (the US) want to try to see things in a much longer-term way than perhaps the US has done in the past and they can see that China thinks in a very long term way. They want to match that. Even if this framework is not very exciting, they can see it as the beginning of something. The mood may change in the US over time and then they can go into the CPTPP which is something that is worthwhile.”

Ardern said the United States’ current focus was the Indo-Pacific framework.

New Zealand had pushed for the US to re-join the CPTPP and would continue to do so, she added. — RNZ

## Orange traffic light setting to continue

WELLINGTON — With New Zealand expecting to see Omicron cases rise during the winter, the Orange setting remains appropriate for managing this stage of the outbreak, Covid-19 Response Minister Chris Hipkins said today.

“While daily cases numbers have flattened nationally, they are again beginning to increase in the Northern region and hospitalisation rates have also increased slightly over the past month. In addition, our latest Covid-19 modelling indicates that under current conditions, there is a likelihood of a secondary wave of cases appearing,” Chris Hipkins said.

“The Covid-19 Protection Framework has effectively managed the Omicron outbreak at Orange.

“By following public health advice to remain at that setting, we can maintain some protections while ensuring businesses can continue to operate.

“I urge everyone to continue to be cautious and think about the health of others, especially those who are immunocompromised or at higher risk of long-term health impacts from infection. Please also get boosted, if you haven’t already.

“Self-isolation, vaccination and mask-wearing continue to be our main defences against Covid. People will continue to be required to wear a face mask in many indoor settings.

“It is encouraging to see case numbers remain steady, but there are other factors at play that tell us to remain cautious and not yet move to Green. These include the arrival of new strains of colds and flus, which will add to the workloads of our already busy hospitals.

“The next review of the traffic light settings will be in late June,” Chris Hipkins said.

# ‘It has been problematic’

Ardern vows to keep up 501 fight; Albanese acknowledges ‘friction’ over issue

by Michael Neilson, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — Jacinda Ardern has vowed to keep the pressure on Australia over its “501” deportation policy after reports a Kiwi woman was found dead at a detention centre in New South Wales.

It comes as new Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese acknowledges “friction” between the nations on the issue and amid renewed calls for Australia to end its “disgraceful” and “racist” policy, which disproportionately affects Kiwis.

Labor’s Albanese was officially sworn in yesterday as Australia’s 31st Prime Minister, ending nine years of conservative-leaning government.

Ardern said she’d met Albanese before, with her last “face to face” meeting in February in Australia.

Albanese had even called Ardern on his way to speak to supporters on Saturday evening, and they agreed to speak again the next day.

“I thought that was incredibly generous given his timetable that evening,” Ardern said.

There was “obviously a very strong relationship” with Australia regardless of leader or party, she said.

But Albanese had already acknowledged “friction” between the countries on certain issues, she said.

“I am not going to pre-empt any of those talks, but even acknowledgement of that friction is helpful.

“Because it has been problematic.”

In particular, Ardern said her position on the issue of deportations to New Zealand, of people with “little or no connection” to the country, had not changed.

Her comments referred to the “501” policy, where under section 501 of Australia’s Migration Act, the minister can refuse or cancel visas on character grounds if someone has “a substantial criminal record” or has been sentenced to imprisonment for a period of 12 months or longer.



**DEPORTED:** Over the past decade, thousands of people have been sent to NZ under the 501 policy.

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In theory, it has been promoted as ridding the country of serious criminal offenders, but in reality, many have been deported for relatively minor offences, and have spent far longer in centres awaiting deportation than in prison.

Over the past decade, this policy has seen thousands of people sent to NZ, some of whom had lived in Australia since soon after they were born, consequently separating them from family and support networks.

The policy has recently been linked to a dramatic rise in gang numbers and violent unrest in New Zealand, with even new chapters sprouting up, and has increasingly been a point of friction between the two countries.

Ardern famously called out former Prime Minister Scott Morrison on the topic during a press conference in Sydney in early 2020.

The issue boiled over in March last

year after a journalist from Australia’s Channel 9 harangued deportees as they were escorted in handcuffs to a passenger jet at Brisbane Airport.

In the news piece, Home Affairs Minister Peter Dutton said, “It’s taking the trash out, then we can make Australia a safer place.”

The New Zealand Herald later revealed the Australian Border Force had ignored the privacy of 501 deportees by giving their names to the Channel 9 journalist.

The new Labor Government has indicated it will continue 501 deportations but could change the ministerial direction to ensure decisions considered factors such as the time a person had been in Australia.

In particular, this would address the disproportionate impact of the policy on people from New Zealand, which Kiwi politicians have long said was “corrosive”

to trans-tasman relations.

“My approach has not changed,” Ardern said.

“We have always reserved the right for New Zealand to (deport people), and under certain circumstances we do. The area we have had grievance is where individuals are being deported who have little or no connection to New Zealand.”

“I will be utterly consistent, no matter whom the leader is in Australia, with raising that grievance.”

Her comments come after reports emerged from Australia that the body of a young Kiwi woman awaiting deportation was found at Villawood detention centre on Sunday morning.

The woman, believed to be about 27, was found about 10.45am soon after a room search by Serco officers.

Refugee Action Coalition spokesman Ian Rintoul said she had mental health issues and had requested her medication earlier in the morning.

It is believed the woman’s visa had been cancelled under the 501 policy.

“It is absolutely tragic, and reflects a serious problem across detention centres in Australia,” Rintoul said.

“We are calling for a full judicial review.”

People awaiting 501 deportation made up about 80 percent of those in these centres, and the largest group “by far” was New Zealanders, Rintoul added.

Many ended up waiting in these centres for years, and most were held on “relatively trivial” offences, he said.

Rintoul said over the past near-decade since the “disgraceful” policy came into force both the Liberals and Labor had gone along with it.

But he hoped the new Government would offer a chance to put it under the microscope once again.

“We are hoping Ardern redoubles her efforts to press the new Labor Government. It really has to stop.”

On the woman who had died, Ardern said yesterday she had not been briefed and would seek further information.

# Govt earmarks \$473m for fourth Covid dose

by Thomas Coughlan, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — The Government has set aside nearly half a billion dollars for purchasing and rolling out another dose of the Covid-19 vaccine, and other Covid-19 treatments next year.

The money has been set aside for a possible fourth dose, if one is required, however Covid-19 Response Minister Chris Hipkins' office confirmed yesterday that a decision to roll out a fourth dose had not yet been made.

Budget documents published on Thursday include an estimate of \$284.3 million for implementing the Covid-19 immunisation strategy, and a further \$189.2m for the purchase of "additional Covid-19 vaccines from mRNA suppliers in 2022 and 2023."

A fourth dose would be paid for from that pool of funding — however, the Herald has been told the Government would also deploy surplus vaccine stock

it has on hand. This funding would take the Government's vaccine programme up to the end of the next fiscal year, in June 2023.

Some countries have begun rolling out a fourth dose of Covid vaccine. Israel and Germany offer a fourth dose to all adults. The UK rolled out a fourth dose to over-75s and other vulnerable groups in April.

A trial in the UK found fourth-dose Covid booster vaccines increase protection against Covid-19, particularly in people aged over 70.

However, the same study found any short-term protection against infection was likely to fall away fast.

In late March, director general of Health Dr Ashley Bloomfield said a decision on whether to offer a fourth dose would be made shortly.

He said the decision would consider whether there was "a good reason not to offer a fourth dose if there is evidence of

waning immunity".

"And there is some evidence of that," Bloomfield said, adding he would look overseas for evidence.

Officials are extending the time to look into whether New Zealand should roll out a fourth dose of the Pfizer Covid vaccine for vulnerable groups and front line health workers ahead of winter.

National's Covid-19 spokesman Chris Bishop said National supported spending on a fourth vaccination.

"We don't have any objections to the spending of the money on the fourth vaccine. Many other countries are rolling it out," Bishop said.

"My understanding is it's likely to be (for) 65-plus or (those with) underlying health conditions, it's likely to be voluntary," Bishop said.

"It's a sensible thing for the Government to be doing. They should probably get on with it and give people some clarity."

## Govt criticised for trying to ram through income insurance scheme

WELLINGTON — The Government is being accused of making a mockery of democracy in the way it's working on creating an income insurance scheme.

The Government last week passed legislation under urgency, allowing the ACC to work towards operationalising such a scheme, should it be established under subsequent legislation.

Finance Minister Grant Robertson allocated \$4 million via the Budget towards ACC doing this work, and set aside a further \$56.5m in "contingency" funding for 2023-2026. The Government did so ahead of the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) analysing and publishing submissions made as a part of a consultation process that took place between early February and late April.

The consultation raised the question of whether the scheme was even required, and whether it should be administered by ACC.

MBIE said a formal decision on whether the Government will proceed with it will be made in June or early July. However, it also said substantive legislation to govern the operation of the scheme is intended to be introduced in late 2022 and enacted in around July 2023 (likely ahead of the general election).

The director of Victoria University of Wellington's Institute of Governance and Policy Studies, Simon Chapple, said the poor process was "mind-boggling". He fears the Government is jumping the gun, working on the assumption the public wants and needs an income insurance scheme, without having properly campaigned or consulted on it.

The proposed scheme would see a claimant paid up to 80 percent of their income for up to seven months, in the event of a job loss due to redundancy or sickness. If they were unemployed after this time, they'd go into the regular welfare system.

The scheme is estimated to cost \$3.5 billion a year and would be compulsory. It would be funded by employees contributing 1.39 percent of their wages/salaries to the scheme (up to a certain level). This contribution would be matched by their employer.

Chapple noted Labour didn't campaign on introducing income insurance ahead of the 2020 election. It wasn't even included in its full election manifesto. Rather, Labour (in a tax policy document linked to its manifesto) committed to "investigating" such a policy.

He feared that when MBIE finally publishes its summary of submissions from the initial consultation, its write-up could be marred by Government's expressed support of the scheme.

MBIE's acting manager of income insurance policy, Francis van der Krog, said around 2000 people or organisations either made full submissions or answered a shorter-form survey. The officials are analysing the feedback and preparing a summary, which will be released "in due course".

MBIE, in its Regulatory Impact Statement, also explained that if the legislation wasn't passed, and the Government decided to proceed with the scheme, then ACC would be unable to expend funding provided, and would be obliged to put current implementation planning on hold until the scheme was passed into law. — NZME



## Kiwis to train Ukrainians in howitzer use

by John Weekes, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — New Zealand will send 30 troops to Britain to train Ukrainian forces in how to use a type of howitzer.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said the Defence Force personnel would stay in the UK until the end of July for L119 light gun training.

The 105mm calibre gun can be used in either offensive or defensive operations, according to the NZDF.

Ardern said New Zealand had been asked to help teach Ukrainians to use the guns, and Defence Force personnel would remain in the UK throughout the training.

Chief of Defence Force Air Marshal Kevin Short said 230 Ukrainians would be trained and each training session would take about one week.

Ardern said no further training request had been made.

The PM said the new deployment was another way New Zealand could support Ukraine.

The New Zealand Army said vehicles usually towed L119s into position but the guns could also be carried as a sling load underneath a helicopter for faster deployment.

The system included wheels, suspension, a recoil system, saddle and elevating gearbox, according to manufacturer BAE Systems.

"Normal manning for the light gun is with a crew of six but it can be adequately operated by a crew of just three," a BAE brochure added.

The ordnance comprised a one-piece, forged barrel of 30 calibre (3.2m) length and a manually-operated breech.

Former Defence Minister Ron Mark has visited Ukraine, and for weeks has been arguing New Zealand do more to help the country after

Russia's invasion.

Ardern said she was fond of Mark but disagreed with some of his recent comments and believed him being on the ground would not "add anything".

The howitzer training was more useful than having politicians visit in the middle of a war, she said.

The National Party supported the contribution and Cabinet decision announced today.

Sending troops to train Ukrainian soldiers was appropriate, and continued New Zealand's proportionate response to Russia's invasion, foreign affairs spokesman Gerry Brownlee said.

"The Government should be clear in signalling what next steps it is considering as part of New Zealand's ongoing response," he added.

The party's defence spokesman Tim van de Molen said the NZDF personnel and their expertise would help Ukraine's effort to defend against Russia's atrocities.

"It's important that New Zealand remains in step with our traditional partners in defence of our values," he added.

The Government has previously imposed five rounds of sanctions covering more than 700 individuals and entities connected to the Russian and Belarusian regimes.

New Zealand also previously approved deployment of a Royal New Zealand Air Force C-130H Hercules aircraft and NZDF personnel to the United Kingdom and Europe.

The aircraft was supposed to provide intelligence, liaison, transportation and logistics support to the international community's efforts to support Ukraine's self-defence.

In late March, nine New Zealand Defence Force personnel were deployed to the UK and

Belgium to support other countries with tasks including intelligence assessments.

The NZDF's open-source intelligence capability has also been used, and military equipment donated to Ukraine.

New Zealand has also invested approximately \$15.7 million to purchase military equipment for Ukraine, and commercial satellite access for Ukrainian Defence Intelligence.

New Zealand has also called for accountability for alleged Russian war crimes.

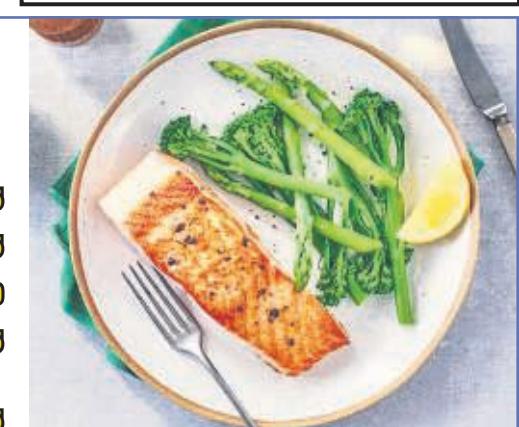
Vasyl Myroshnychenko, Ukraine's Ambassador to New Zealand, urged the Government two weeks ago to do more to support his country in its war with Russia.

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# Phone-using, unbelted drivers on candid cameras

AUCKLAND — A safety camera trial monitoring how many people drive while using their cellphones or while not wearing seatbelts will start today in Auckland.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency says no enforcement action will be taken during the trial and no motorists will receive infringement notices, warnings or any other communication from the agency as a result of the trial.

The six-month trial will operate across two Auckland state highways and one local road and all images taken will be deleted within 48 hours, except for "a small number of anonymised

"images" kept for reporting purposes.

The agency said the trial is the first of its kind in New Zealand.

While mobile phone use while driving and non-seat belt wearing were well-known issues, the agency did not have accurate information about the scale of them.

In a tweet, Waka Kotahi said the trial would provide useful insight into these issues and test the technology itself.

The trial is part of Road to Zero, the country's road safety strategy, which includes encouraging people to make

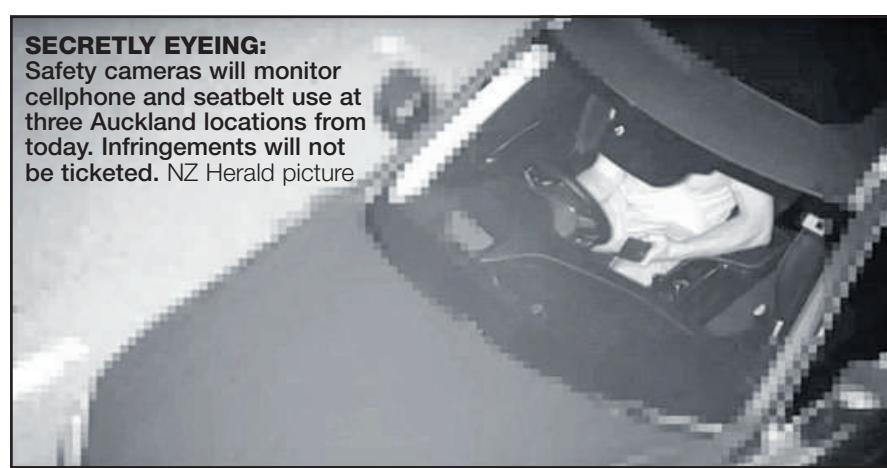
good choices on the roads, such as not using their phones while driving and wearing seat belts, the agency said.

According to Waka Kotahi, one person on average is killed every day on New Zealand roads while a further seven are seriously injured.

The vision of the Road to Zero strategy is to have no deaths or serious injuries in road crashes.

The transport agency said a privacy impact assessment of the trial had been carried out and it had worked with the Office of the Privacy Commissioner to "address all privacy matters".

**SECRETLY EYEING:**  
Safety cameras will monitor cellphone and seatbelt use at three Auckland locations from today. Infringements will not be ticketed. NZ Herald picture



# Simmering gang feud erupts

## Series of shocking drive-by shootings linked to rival groups

AUCKLAND — A series of tit-for-tat drive-by shootings targeting South Auckland homes over the weekend are believed to be linked to a feud between two formerly allied gangs.

The New Zealand Herald understands the terrifying incidents — one allegedly involving at least 44 shots fired at a house — are related to tensions between the Tribesmen and Killer Beez, with fears violence could continue to escalate.

In recent years the simmering tensions between the warring gangs have repeatedly boiled over into street violence in Auckland and Northland.

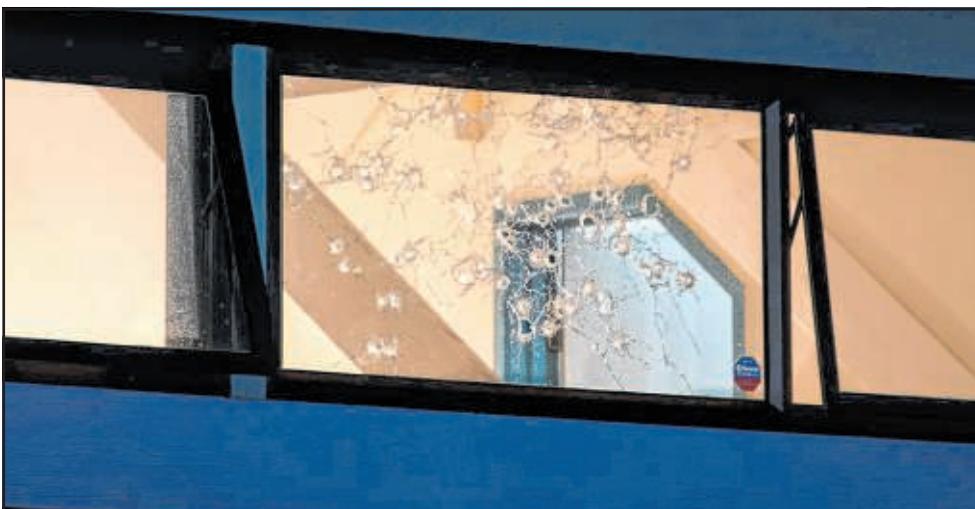
One of the latest known shootings happened shortly before midnight on Sunday in Phoenix Place, Papatoetoe. A window of a home was riddled with bullet holes. No one was injured.

A home was also targeted in Otara on Sunday night. On Saturday night there were three shootings — in Red Hill, Mangere and Flat Bush. The Flat Bush property is tied to a senior Killer Beez member, stoking fears the conflict could worsen.

Officers investigating the shooting at the gang-linked house in Red Hill told a local they had found 44 bullet casings on the driveway.

Detective Inspector Warrick Adkin, of Counties Manukau, confirmed to the Herald police believe the attacks are gang-related. But, Adkin said, on at least one occasion gunmen had targeted a home with no known gang links.

"It is extremely fortunate that no one has been harmed in these incidents ... These offenders have shown they have no regard for the safety of their community," Adkin urged people in the area to immediately report any suspicious behaviour.



**TERRIFYING:** A home in Phoenix Pl, Papatoetoe was riddled with bullets on Sunday night. NZ Herald picture

The Killer Beez began about two decades ago as a youth feeder street gang for the Tribesmen in Otara but relations between the groups soured as the Killer Beez gained power and influence.

They have not recovered since the shooting of Killer Beez president Josh Masters by his former friend, Tribesmen sergeant-at-arms Okusitino Tae, in 2019.

Masters was left paralysed by the shooting but is still a prominent figure at Killer Beez patching ceremonies and motorcycle runs. Tae pleaded guilty to a charge of wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and was sentenced to seven years in prison in 2020. There have been several public flare-ups in tensions characterised by shootings and beatings in the ensuing years, including in

Otara late in 2020 and in the Far North town of Kaikohe this year.

Manukau ward councillor and former long-serving South Auckland police officer Alf Filipaina said he was dismayed over the prevalence of gun crime in his area, saying it had become especially noticeable in the past three years.

"It's just shocking. People just don't care about using firearms."

Filipaina said he would be taking the issue up with Jill Rogers, Counties Manukau District Commander, to see if there was anything she or the council could do to help. "I'm quite adamant in putting the onus on the families who know where these firearms are."

He said anyone who had confidential information could call him. "I can

guarantee it will stay confidential."

Filipaina reiterated his call for more funding for youth workers, which he said had been highly effective when introduced in the area about 15 years ago, after a spate of homicides, before funding dried up a few years later.

"I've been a broken record. It wraps the family around, it goes into the family and finds out why they're doing this, why they're going into gangs," Filipaina said.

National Party police spokesman Mark Mitchell recently told the Herald the Government was not giving police enough powers to target gangs and get guns off the street. "The minute the public, who want to feel safe, hear shots in their community and there's people shooting each other, it creates a lot of trauma and unease." Police Minister Poto Williams said the recent Budget delivered \$94m to tackle gangs and organised crime "with strong enforcement being essential whilst at the same time working with communities to address the social factors that lead to people joining gangs in the first place".

"This is in addition to Operations Tauwhiro and Cobalt which work to break supply chains by preventing illicit assets and proceeds of crime from crossing the border and by disrupting firearms trafficking and violence," she said.

Operation Tauwhiro was started early last year to address and prevent firearms-related violence by organised crime groups.

Operation Cobalt is to launch in earnest next month and run for at least six months.

It is set to closely monitor and disrupt gang motorcycle runs and processions, while responding in force to gang-related violence and disorder. —NZ Herald

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## Drug dealer told to pay \$244k

CHRISTCHURCH — A drug dealer has been ordered to hand over \$244,000 after a court's ruling on criminal proceeds.

Daren Standen, 60, only came to the attention of police after officers were called out to a Christmas Day family harm incident in 2020. They found \$226,785 cash in a car, along with 35.85 grams of methamphetamine.

Standen was arrested and later admitted two counts of possession of meth for supply. He was sentenced to home detention.

The cash was seized on his arrest and restrained under the Criminal Proceeds (Recovery) Act 2009.

Justice Gerald Nation last week ruled

at the High Court in Christchurch on the forfeiture of the cash and a 2003 Audi Quattro car — a total value of \$244,065.00.

"It is important that criminals are denied the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of offending which causes so much harm within our communities," said Detective Sergeant Brendan Patten of Canterbury police.

"This ruling is a great result as these funds will now be used to support initiatives that help reduce this harm."

— Brendan Patten

this harm."

Police are yet to find the blue 2003 Audi Quattro, registration number MPK920, and welcome any information as to its



**'PHENOMENON':** Drone photograph of cross waves — swell approaching from two different directions — at Clark Island, Whangamata. Picture by Jack Burden

## Wave break shot 'pretty special'

by Heath Moore, NZ Herald

**WHANGAMATĀ** — A Kiwi photographer has captured an incredible aerial shot of a tartan-styled ocean wave break, which is being described by some as a "phenomenon".

Nelson man Jack Burden grew up visiting Whangamata when he was young and decided to return to capture images of the coastline.

But while sending his drone up to take in the sunset over Clark Island, he managed to capture the moment cross waves were breaking to form a unique pattern.

Burden told The New Zealand Herald that locals and holidaygoers often walk out to Clark Island and he was curious as to what the cross waves looked like from above.

"It's quite a special place for my family. As a kid I remember walking across to Clark Island and getting battered by the cross waves at low tide."

"When I finally picked up a drone I had this

idea to have a look and see what it was like from above.

"What struck me was how symmetrical the waves were. All the ratios seemed to work, which adds to the image. I knew it was pretty special."

The image was posted to social media and has since gone viral, racking up more than 50,000 likes and reactions.

Viewers from around the world were left gobsmacked, with many commenting they had never seen anything like it.

"What in the simulation glitch is that?" one said. "It's a glitch in the matrix."

Metservice said the phenomenon is "not as rare as you think" and described how the pattern is formed.

"You just need swell coming from two different directions, in this case 90 degrees between them," Metservice explained.

"Swell one — northwest, swell two — northeast."

# Sector confident foreign students will come to NZ

by Michael Neilson, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — Fewer than 10 percent of 5000 spaces set aside for international students have been filled in what National is calling "yet another failed border policy".

But while admitting the process has been slow and New Zealand risks losing out to competitors, such as Canada and Australia that have fully opened up their sectors, the industry is confident those spaces will be filled in the coming months.

At the end of March, the Government announced the border exemptions for the sector, which at its peak had been worth \$5 billion to the economy, had been decimated since the start of the pandemic in 2020.

The Government and sector representatives said they expected little trouble in filling what was the largest intake of foreign students since the borders closed two years ago.

But data released to The New Zealand Herald showed as of May 12, over a month after applications opened and a week after the first round closed, just 106 visas had been approved, or 2 percent.

After The New Zealand Herald approached Immigration NZ for comment on Friday its response on Monday included an updated figure of 431 visas having been approved or just under 9 percent.

The spaces had been allocated to different institutions based on 2019 enrolments, with universities allocated 1450 students, polytechnics 700, English language schools 1000, private institutions 850, and secondary schools 1000.

Students needed to be nominated by their education provider and the Ministry of Education before making an expression of interest.

As of May 12, there had been 3921 expressions and 3850 subsequent invitations to apply for a visa.

But Immigration NZ had received just 958 applications from students and of 116 applications decided, 107 had been approved.

Border and visa general manager Nicola Hogg said it was intended most students would arrive in New Zealand in time for a mid-2022 study start.

"We are confident applications will be processed on time. Processing applications is straightforward when applications are decision-ready and applicants have provided all the information required."

Universities NZ chief executive Chris Whelan said their sector was on track to fill its 1400 spaces, largely as many international students had been stuck overseas through the pandemic and were "desperate to return".

But, more generally, he said the spaces had proven difficult to fill.

The normal intake was about 7000 to 8000 students.

Whelan said part of the issue here was likely a lack of longer-term signals and timing.

"Students need time to sort themselves out, sort their lives out."

— Universities NZ chief executive Chris Whelan

countries where the sector is fully open — have met 10-year growth targets in a year.

"They have gone wherever they can that is open. Unfortunately, that hasn't been New Zealand."

He said another factor for further delays was likely the full border reopening from July 31.

But the timing of that opening, about two weeks after semester 2 begins, means few students are expected to arrive before semester 1, 2023.

National Party immigration and education spokeswoman Erica Stanford said the slow uptake showed there was little sense in putting a cap on applications in the first place.

"It was a good idea but poorly executed. Why the cap of 5000 students? Some schools were only allocated two or three students and said it wasn't worth their time.

"There was no health reason. And Immigration Minister Kris Faafoi says he's got 500 more staff, and millions more spent on processing, so why even cap numbers?"

"The bureaucracy has just made it so much harder. It's just another failed border exemption policy."

Stanford said New Zealand was missing out to other countries.

"Australia looked at us and saw we are closed and is now reaping the rewards."

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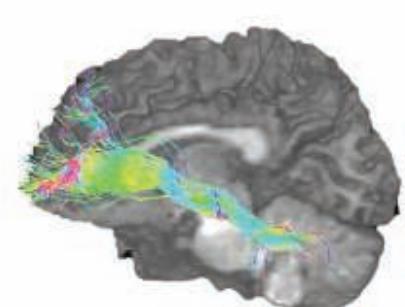
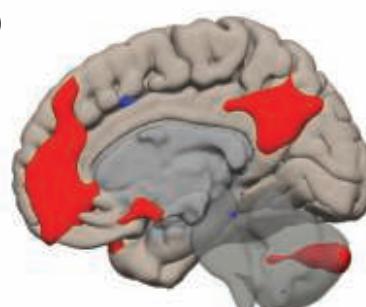
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# Low pay rise 'a slap in the face'

AUCKLAND — Care workers were out in force yesterday, protesting on streets across the motu over low pay rates.

The Government has offered a 3 percent pay rise, but workers have called that a slap in the face.

They say it is insulting after working through a pandemic and now facing the rising cost of living.

They are looking for an urgent pay increase before legislation that sets their pay and qualification requirements expires in just over a month.

The Government has so far indicated there is unlikely to be funding for more than 70 cents an hour per worker for an 18-month period.

Chants were heard across the country yesterday, workers yelling as they demanded better pay, and drivers honking their horns in support.

Rallies were held in Whangārei, Auckland, Hamilton, New Plymouth, Hastings, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin and Invercargill.

Care and support workers' pay rates, which are set by law, will soon expire.

In Hastings, care worker and union member Tamara Baddeley found out what you can buy with the offered 70-cent per hour pay rise.

"It gets you a 3B1 notebook, or two small onions, or a Chupa Chup — that'll feed the family — or one banana or a couple of carrots or two potatoes — that's really going to feed a family isn't it?"

She said she felt "undervalued, unappreciated and taken for granted".

"The 70-cent an hour pay offer they have given us is a slap in the face for all the hard

work and experience and skills that we as support workers, rest home workers and residential disability care workers have," she said.

In New Plymouth, Multiple Sclerosis New Zealand coordinator and former care worker Kelly Davy said she was devoted to her job, but felt undervalued with the proposed rise.

"It is physically and emotionally demanding. We are looking after other people's loved ones, which I do with love and heart and passion because I treat people how I would like to be treated."

New Plymouth E tū organiser Sue Carter said legislation had not addressed all the issues.

"It didn't solve any of the problems — it hasn't solved the staffing ratios," she said.

"Some staff are working 16-hour shifts. It hasn't solved the pressure that they have on them when there's only two staff to 29 residents. They need to be valued for that."

The call for the Government to act also came from employers.

NZ Health Group is the largest community health service provider, employing around 11,000 people, helping with in-home care across the country.

Its managing director Josephine Gagan said the current offer would not be good for her staff.

"What is being proposed at the moment from the Government is not acceptable and it is going to put our staff in a difficult situation.

"They are going to have to choose whether they leave or and they continue working in the sector and make a difference



**'UNDERVALUED AND UNAPPRECIATED':** Care workers from around the country protest the 3 percent pay rise they have been offered.

Northern Advocate picture

to these vulnerable people."

In a statement, Minister of Health Andrew Little said he was working with officials, unions and employers to secure a "modest" pay rise for these workers, which would be on top of the out-of-cycle 2 percent pay rise they received at the end of last year.

However, he wanted to put the "real effort" into the pay equity claim the unions wanted to work on.

"In 2016, homecare and support workers won a historic court case that gave them the right to pursue pay equity, but a deal done

with the previous Government barred them from the right to do it.

That legislation, the Support Workers (Pay Equity Settlement) Act 2017, is due to expire on June 30.

"That is where the real effort should be going, and my promise to home-care and support workers is that I will work with them to get them real pay equity. It is expensive, difficult and time consuming but it is the right thing to do. There is no place in 21st century Aotearoa for 1950s' attitudes to work predominantly carried out by women." — RNZ



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## Collapse unlikely despite drop in house prices: QV

**WELLINGTON** — The downturn in the property sector is gathering pace but is unlikely to turn into a full-blown collapse, according to the head of the country's biggest valuation firm.

Quotable Value said the fall in prices was getting more pronounced at the top and bottom of the market, with the top 25 percent most expensive properties falling an average 1.2 percent and the 25 percent least expensive homes averaging a 1.7 percent decline in the three months to the end of April.

The average house price fell 1 percent during the quarter.

QV general manager David Nagel said it was the first time in two years the top of the market had recorded no value growth and even longer since it had last posted

a loss, while it was the first loss at the bottom in more than two years.

He said rapidly rising interest rates, affordability constraints and much tougher lending rules were now taking a toll on all parts of the market.

"What we are seeing is a growing number of main centres experiencing declining home value levels at both ends of the market. Those losses are starting to mount, month to month, up and down the property ladder."

The fall was the largest in Papakura's lowest priced properties, which fell 10.8 percent, followed by Dunedin's cheapest down 8.1 percent, with an 8.2 percent fall in Hutt City's most expensive houses.

Nagel said there had been a swift turnaround in the market since the end of

last year.

"Back then, none of New Zealand's main centres were showing any negative growth whatsoever; now most of them are, with the few exceptions most notably Whāngarei, Christchurch and Invercargill, likely to join them in the coming months."

He said he had not seen such a rapid turnaround in the market in more than 30 years, and did not think it was over.

"This residential property roller coaster still has a way to go."

"While it is difficult to see things getting better any time soon, the likelihood of a collapse in property values remains relatively low," Nagel said.

He added that the market has only retraced to where it was towards the end of last year. — RNZ

## BRIEFS

### THL forecasting loss

**WELLINGTON** — Campervan rental business Tourism Holdings says it expects to report a smaller loss in the year ending June than had been predicted by some analysts.

The company said its statutory net loss for the 2022 financial year will likely be between \$2 million and \$4m, while the underlying net loss will be in the range of \$4.7m to \$6.7m.

A number of one-off items account for the \$2m difference in the two numbers, including a \$6.2m gain on the sales of Mighway, ShareACamper and Roadpass Digital.

It also includes \$5.1m of expected transaction costs related to the proposed merger with Apollo Tourism & Leisure, which is yet to get regulatory approval. — NZ Herald

### Drug firm profits soar

**WELLINGTON** — The drugmaker AFT Pharmaceuticals has more than doubled its full-year profit, with licensing of its flagship pain relief drug Maxigesic delivering strong results for the company.

Managing director and chief executive Dr Hartley Atkinson said Maxigesic performed as well as expected, but the company's broad portfolio of other products, like its lubricating eye drops, also delivered.

The company also introduced a dividend policy, with the board intending to pay its maiden dividend in 2023, in the range of 20-30 percent of net profit.

AFT said the second half of the year was stronger, with a traditional sales boost jump around Christmas, and it was also given a boost from previously delayed product launches.

It said all regions posted double-digit revenue growth, with its international business supported by the Maxigesic licensing income. — RNZ

### Ryman's record build rate

**AUCKLAND** — New Zealand's largest listed retirement business with around \$11 billion of assets could set an all-time record development rate, eclipsing work streams since being founded 25 years ago.

Yet Ryman Healthcare is also trading at a decade-low valuation of 1.5 times net tangible assets. Those are the observations of Craigs Investment Partners' research experts, doing a post-results analysis of the company whose full-year profit was out on Friday, up an astonishing 64 percent.

Stephen Ridgewell and Rob Morrison said Ryman's outlook was underpinned by a record level of sales enquiry and an increasingly diverse build programme. The company is now working at 16 sites here and in Australia, compared with 12 last year. — NZ Herald

### Kiwi Property Group up 14pc

**AUCKLAND** — Kiwi Property Group is enjoying rising profits and larger dividend payouts while advancing plans for a Drury town centre for 60,000 people.

But the large listed landlord is yet to conclude the sale of 3.2ha land at Sylvia Park to Swedish homeware giant Ikea.

The company, which boasts \$3.6bn of assets, announced its full-year result for the March 31 year, making 14 percent more than last year in net after-tax profit.

Kiwi has so far only reached a conditional agreement to sell the site across the railway line from the Sylvia Park mall at the back of Farmers. Ikea agreed to buy, subject to Overseas Investment Office approval. — NZ Herald



**SHORT-STAFFED:** Businesses are struggling with more and more staff calling in to work sick, as Omicron cases rise around the country.

RNZ file picture

with us for two months. We have asked all of our staff to ask their friends if they want some casual, some full-time or part-time work."

With just over a month in the orange traffic light setting, Botica said they could not afford to turn away customers.

"Four weeks does not cover the last quarter that we had that was extremely disrupted, let alone the quarter before that."

A return to the office in orange has meant catching the bus again for many, but many routes have been cancelled in recent weeks with bus drivers sick too.

First Union spokesperson Graham

McKean said drivers were bearing the brunt of Covid-19.

"It is a public-facing role even with masks. There's reasonably close interaction and many have caught the virus, which has a huge effect on their availability. It is like there is a second wave coming through."

He said Covid-19 interruptions were compounding an industry already severely short-staffed.

"The entire bus industry is at crisis level. They cannot attract and retain staff, Covid is but a small sum of the conversation. The whole industry itself is falling apart at the seams."

## SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

**WELLINGTON** — The New Zealand sharemarket opened the new week on a solid note, albeit on light trading, and companies reporting strong results are being rewarded.

The recipient this time was AFT Pharmaceuticals.

The S&P/NZX 50 Index rose steadily in the morning, then drifted off as news filtered through of an increase in Covid cases in Beijing. The index finished 49.06 points or 0.44 percent ahead at 11,316.46 after reaching an intraday high of 11,370.25.

There were 63 gainers and 72 decliners on the main board, with 26.55 million shares worth \$93.65 million changing hands.

AFT Pharmaceuticals surged 44c or 13.71 percent to \$3.65 after reporting a 155 percent rise in net profit to \$19.8m on revenue of \$130.3m, up 15.2 percent for the year ending

March. AFT's operating profit was \$20.4m and is forecasting \$27m-\$32m for the 2023 financial year. Its Maxigesic pain relief medicine is now sold in 46 countries.

Jeremy Sullivan, investment adviser with Hamilton Hindin Greene, said there were some decent results coming through in the latest reporting season, although the concerns of inflation and rising interest rates remain.

Fletcher Building reached a 17-month low after falling 5c to \$5.70.

"There are a lot of houses to be built, and inflation and logistics must be weighing on Fletcher," said Sullivan.

The a2 Milk Company rose 16c or 3.38 percent to \$4.89 after receiving a broker upgrade from sell to neutral and suddenly having the opportunity of increasing infant formula sales in the United States market, which

is facing a nationwide shortage.

Sullivan said the Food and Drug Administration has lowered the bar for other competitors to come in, and it may be easier to get a foothold in the US market, even if it is short-term.

Synlait, which processes a2 Milk products, increased 10c or 3.14 percent to \$3.28.

Skellerup Holdings, under pressure lately from selling by a local institutional investor, rebounded 19c or 3.62 percent to \$5.44.

Mainfreight increased \$1.86 or 2.48 percent to \$76.96; Pushpay Holdings rose 4c or 3.33 percent to \$1.24; Eroad rose 15c or 5.58 percent to \$2.83; and Accordant Group was up 5c or 2.42 percent to \$2.12.

Marsden Maritime Holdings gained 11c or 1.88 percent to \$5.95; Green Cross Health rose 6c or 4.88 percent to \$1.29; and Burger Fuel gained 1.5c or 5.71 percent to 30.5c.

Energy companies Meridian was up 10c or 2.22 percent to \$4.60; Contact gained 11c

to \$7.79; and Mercury increased 7c to \$5.83. Genesis Energy was up 1c at \$2.71.

Kiwi Property was up 3.5c or 3.45 percent to \$1.05 after reporting 14.1 percent increase in net profit to \$224.27m and 5.5 percent increase in revenue to \$246.82m for the year ending March.

There was a \$120.5m revaluation gain to its \$3.6 billion portfolio. Kiwi is paying a final dividend of 2.85c a share on June 22.

Stride Property increased 3c to \$1.73; Precinct Properties was up 3.5c or 2.57 percent to \$1.395; and Argosy gained 3c or 2.39 percent to \$1.285.

Tourism Holdings increased 6c or 2.17 percent to \$2.83 after narrowing its full-year guidance to a net loss of \$2m-\$4m.

The company is seeing increased demand for recreational vehicle travel in United States, Australia and New Zealand.

It is looking at the possibility of selling off a subsidiary, Kiwi Experience. — NZ Herald

## EDITORIAL

**New Indo-Pacific economic alliance**

New Zealand last night joined a United States-led alliance of 13 Indo-Pacific nations that seeks to counter China's influence by providing an economic counter-balance — helping to wean Asian countries off a reliance on trade with their giant neighbour, which has aggressively asserted its maritime claims and said "reunification" with Taiwan "must be fulfilled".

The Indo-Pacific Economic Framework is not a free-trade agreement but rather a broad (and somewhat vague) plan to help expand US "economic leadership" in the region. President Joe Biden faces too much opposition from both left and right to ink free trade deals, and that means no expanded access to the American market.

This new "economic framework" for Asian allies has a bold aim of setting international rules on the digital economy, supply chains, decarbonisation and regulations to help protect workers. It also aims to make supply chains more resilient.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has welcomed the opportunity to strengthen partnerships with major regional economies, and the benefits of deeper economic ties in the region for the United States.

It is the latest move in 25 years of erratic engagement from the US, despite a stated focus on the region and China's rise, as the Asian giant has increasingly flexed its economic and military muscles.

George W. Bush labelled China a "strategic competitor" during his 2000 presidential campaign, but then became preoccupied with his War on Terror. In 2007 "the Quad" was formed, a security dialogue between the US, Australia, Japan and India that China protested against, calling it an "Asian NATO". It was terminated the following year when Australia withdrew under its new prime minister Kevin Rudd.

In late 2011 Barack Obama spoke of a "pivot to Asia" and announced that the US and eight other nations had reached agreement on the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a free trade deal widely seen as the best way to combat Chinese influence. However, his administration was too mired in Afghanistan and the Middle East to achieve its Asia "pivot".

Donald Trump withdrew from the TPP and took a more confrontational approach to China, but alienated many allies. He did agree to revive the Quad in 2017, and it was during their latest summit in Tokyo that the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework was launched overnight.

Asian allies will hope the US is not sidetracked again. The fear for many will be that it elects another isolationist president in 2024.



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## Scientists shocked eruption did not obliterate volcano

**TONGA** — The Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai volcano that devastated Tonga after a massive eruption on January 15 is unlikely to erupt again, say scientists from New Zealand's National Institute for Water and Atmospheric Research (Niwa).

Niwa research vessel RV Tangaroa arrived back from a maritime expedition to Tonga last week.

Three people were killed and hundreds of homes destroyed from tsunamis generated from the massive eruption, estimated to be 500 times more powerful than the atom bomb that destroyed Hiroshima.

"The likelihood of another violent eruption happening anytime soon is quite low," said Kevin Mckay, who led Niwa's expedition to Tonga on board the RV Tangaroa.

"Just looking at the general cycle of these volcanos, they seem to have a two-and-a-half to three-year eruptive cycle. In my estimation, I think the chances of another violent eruption from this particular volcano in the near future are not very high at all."

The Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai volcanic eruption generated the second largest sound ever recorded since Indonesia's Krakatoa eruption in 1883. It also produced the largest atmospheric explosion ever recorded.

Given the magnitude of the record-breaking explosive eruption, Mckay said his team were shocked to find the volcano was still intact.

"With an explosion that violent — the biggest ever recorded — you would expect that the whole volcano would have been obliterated, but it wasn't," he said.

"While the volcano appeared intact, the seafloor showed some dramatic effects from the eruption. There is fine sandy mud and deep ash ripples as far as 50 kilometres away from the volcano, with gouged valleys and huge piles of sediment."

The RV Tangaroa mapped 22,000 square kilometres of the surrounding seafloor, which showed changes covering an area of 8000 square kilometres.

Its study was supported by The Nippon Foundation-GEBCO Seabed 2030 Project that aims to map the world's entire ocean floor by 2030.

Niwa scientists recorded up to 7 cubic kilometres of displaced material — the equivalent of five Wellington Harbours. Underneath this is Tonga's domestic internet cable, which was cut-off, causing a communications blackout in Tonga for three days.

It was not just the geological impacts that surprised the RV Tangaroa, much of the ecosystem and marine life had miraculously survived.

The expedition's marine biologist Dr Malcolm Clark said: "Although the seafloor on the volcano is largely barren, surrounding seamounts have pockets of normal biodiversity, such as corals, sponges, starfish, and mussels, indicating the resilience of such marine ecosystems and giving some hope for recovery."

More work needs to be done before we can be confident of how the ecosystem will respond, but these surviving animal communities indicate what kind of life may repopulate HT-HH. The sites sampled during the voyage give us a baseline for monitoring recovery in the future."

The most noticeable change was in the physical and chemical composition of the ocean and seafloor around the volcano.

Hundreds of samples were collected during the mission including 250kg of rock. Data from the samples showed that there was still ashfall in the ocean that had not yet settled on the seafloor.

"In the immediate aftermath of an eruption, volcanic ash fertilises microscopic ocean algae thanks to the ash's concentration of nutrients and trace metals — in this case, there was a bloom of life so big that we could see it from space," Niwa biogeochemist Dr Sarah Seabrook said.

"The unexpected persistence of the ash in the water column is creating prolonged impacts. For example, spikes in volcanic ash were coupled to the appearance of oxygen minimum zones — where oxygen levels in the water are at their lowest — which could have implications for important services provided by the ocean, such as food production and carbon sequestration." — RNZ

# Russian soldier gets life for war crime

**KYIV, Ukraine** — A captured Russian soldier who pleaded guilty to killing a civilian was sentenced by a Ukrainian court on Monday to life in prison — the maximum — amid signs the Kremlin may, in turn, put on trial some of the fighters who surrendered at Mariupol's steelworks.

Meanwhile, in a rare public expression of opposition to the war from the ranks of the Russian elite, a veteran Kremlin diplomat resigned and sent a scathing letter to foreign colleagues in which he said of the invasion: "Never have I been so ashamed of my country as on February 24."

Also, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy called for "maximum" sanctions against Russia in a video address to world leaders and executives at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

And on the battlefield, heavy fighting raged in the Donbas in the east, where Moscow's forces have stepped up their bombardment. Cities not under Russian control were constantly shelled, and one Ukrainian official said Russian forces targeted civilians trying to flee.

In the first of what could be a multitude of war crimes trials held by Ukraine, Russian Sergeant Vadim Shishimarin, 21, was sentenced for the killing of a 62-year-old man who was shot in the head in a village in the northeastern Sumy region in the opening days of the war.

Shishimarin, a member of a tank unit, had claimed he was following orders, and he apologised to the man's widow in court.

His Ukraine-appointed defence attorney, Victor Ovsyanikov, argued his client had been unprepared for the "violent military confrontation" and mass casualties that Russian troops encountered when they invaded. He said he would appeal.

Ukrainian civil liberties advocate Volodymyr Yavorsky said it was "an extremely harsh sentence for one murder during the war". But Aarif Abraham, a British-based human rights lawyer, said the trial was conducted "with what appears to be full and fair due process", including access to an attorney.

Ukrainian prosecutors are investigating thousands of potential war crimes. Russian forces in Mariupol bombed a theatre where civilians were sheltering and struck a maternity hospital. In the wake of Moscow's withdrawal from around Kyiv weeks ago, mass graves were discovered and streets were strewn with bodies in towns such as Bucha.

Before Shishimarin's sentencing, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that Moscow was unable to defend the soldier but will consider trying to do so "through other channels".

Mary Ellen O'Connell, an expert on international law at the University of Notre Dame, said that putting Shishimarin on trial could prove "extremely detrimental to Ukrainian soldiers in the hands of Russia".

She said Russia may decide to hold "show trials" of Ukrainians to boost the morale of its own soldiers and spread disinformation.

"Maybe it would have happened without the Ukrainians beginning trials,"



**WAR CRIMINAL:** Russian Sergeant Vadim Shishimarin listens to his translator during a court hearing in Kyiv, Ukraine, on Monday. The court sentenced the 21-year-old soldier to life in prison for killing a Ukrainian civilian, in the first war crimes trial held since Russia's invasion.

AP picture

oil, a complete cutoff of trade and a withdrawal of foreign companies from the country.

"This is what sanctions should be: They should be maximum, so that Russia and every other potential aggressor that wants to wage a brutal war against its neighbour would clearly know the immediate consequences of their actions," said Zelenskyy, who received a standing ovation.

On the battlefield, Russian forces increased their bombardment of the Donbas, the eastern industrial heartland of coal mines and factories that Russia is bent on capturing.

Donetsk's regional governor, Pavlo Krylenko, said three civilians died in Russian attacks there Monday and heavy fighting continued near the Luhansk region. The Donbas consists of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

He said the Russians were decimating cities in their attempt to take them over. Only about 320,000 people out of the region's pre-war population of 1.6 million remain, and Russian forces are targeting evacuation efforts, he said.

"They are killing us. They are killing the locals during evacuation," Krylenko said.

In the Luhansk region, UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric said, local authorities reported that a bridge leading to the administrative centre of Sievierodonetsk was destroyed, leaving the partially encircled city reachable by just one road.

Some who fled the Donetsk region shared their suffering.

"We haven't been able to see the sun for three months. We are almost blind because we were in darkness for three months," said Rayisa Rybalko, who hid with her family first in their basement and then in a bomb shelter at a school before fleeing their village of Novomykhailivka. "The world should have seen that."

Her son-in-law Dmytro Khaliapin said heavy artillery pounded the village. "Houses are being ruined," he said. "It's a horror." — AP

## Warning as Sydney faces spike in mushroom poisonings

**SYDNEY** — There's been a spike in the number of people being poisoned by eating wild mushrooms in NSW, with authorities warning ingesting the fungi can be fatal. Fourteen people presented at emergency

departments suffering the symptoms of wild mushroom poisoning between April 29 and May 19, NSW Health said.

Nine cases occurred in the past week, with three people having to be admitted to hospital.

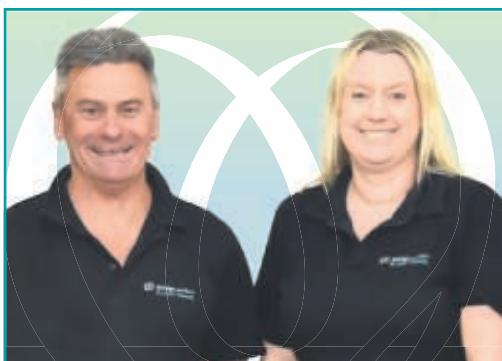
Between May 1 and May 18, the NSW Poisons Information Centre received 56 calls about mushroom exposure, with 37 cases related to foraging for mushrooms or mushrooms being ingested for

recreational purposes.

Genevieve Adamo from the NSW Poisons Information Centre said constant moisture from the wet weather in NSW this year had extended the mushroom season. — AAP



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# Victim wanted gun reform

**Supermarket shooting victim Kat Massey, 72, laid to rest**

BUFFALO, New York — In the late 1980s, Katherine "Kat" Massey was tired of the perpetually overgrown lot on state property on her street, so she sent a letter on "Cherry Street Block Club" letterhead to the governor which led to it being cleaned up.

Ms Massey was the only one who knew that the letterhead — and the block club — were her own creations and that she was the only "club" member.

It was the kind of stop-at-nothing advocacy Ms Massey, 72, was always known for, those who knew her said at her funeral on Monday (local time) as mourning continued for victims of the racist attack on a Buffalo supermarket.

"She was the mayor in every neighbourhood that she lived in," said US Representative Brian Higgins, one of several elected officials who joined family, friends and former co-workers inside Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church for a celebration of her life.

Ms Massey was among the 10 Black people killed on May 14 when a white gunman in body armour targeted shoppers and workers at a Tops Friendly Market in a predominantly Black



**CALLED FOR EXTENSIVE FEDERAL ACTION ON GUN CONTROL:** Katherine Massey, 72, who was killed in the Buffalo supermarket shooting, was farewelled on Monday. Twelve months ago she wrote a letter to the Buffalo News concerned about escalating gun violence in Buffalo and other major US cities.

Buffalo News 2011 file picture via AP

neighbourhood of Buffalo. Three others were injured in the attack, which federal authorities are investigating as a hate crime.

The alleged gunman, 18-year-old Payton Gendron, of Conklin, has been charged with murder and is being held without bail.

Just before the start of a funeral service filled with laughter and tears, family members approached Ms Massey's open casket, pulling their facemasks aside and

bending down to kiss her goodbye.

In reflections published in the funeral programme, Ms Massey wrote she considered herself "a single parent with 35,000 adopted children attending Buffalo's public schools" and recounted renting a broccoli costume, which she accessorised with leopard gloves and sunglasses, to perform a rap song she wrote at one school's health assembly.

Ms Massey worked for 40 years at the health insurance company Blue Cross

Blue Shield, retiring in 2011. She wrote to her family in January 2020 that she felt like her death was near. Two people had told her she looked like her mother, she said, just as her sister Patti and brother Robert Jnr had before they died.

"I take that as a sign my time here is ending," she wrote.

"I told Patti don't let me be a wimp when it's my time and I believe she will do so," she wrote. "And don't none of you be wimps either!!"

Last May, Ms Massey, who wrote for the Buffalo Challenger and Buffalo Criterion newspapers, wrote a letter to The Buffalo News, addressing "escalating gun violence in Buffalo and many major US cities" and calling for "extensive" federal action and legislation.

"Current pursued remedies mainly inspired by mass killings — namely, universal background checks and banning assault weapons — essentially exclude the sources of our city's gun problems," the letter read. "Illegal handguns, via out of state gun trafficking, are the primary culprits."

Additional funerals for the victims are planned throughout the week.

On Saturday, 32-year-old Roberta Drury, the youngest of those killed, was remembered as friendly and kind with a bright smile. She had moved to Buffalo a decade ago to tend to her brother in his fight against leukaemia.

"There are no words to fully express the depth and breadth of this tragedy," Friar Nicholas Spano, parochial vicar of Assumption Church, said during the funeral service in Syracuse.

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# Bid to stop ‘hurricane of hunger’

DAVOS, Switzerland — The head of the UN's World Food Programme is telling billionaires it's "time to step up" as the global threat of food insecurity rises with Russia's war in Ukraine, saying he's seen encouraging signs from some of the world's richest people, like Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos.

Agency executive director David Beasley built upon a social media back-and-forth he had with Musk last year, when the Tesla chief executive challenged policy advocates to show how a US\$6 billion donation sought by the UN agency could solve world hunger.

Since then, "Musk put \$6bn into a foundation. But everybody thought it came to us, but we ain't gotten any of it yet. So I'm hopeful," Beasley told The Associated Press at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, where some of the world's biggest elites and billionaires have gathered.

"I don't know what it's going to take," he said of Musk. "We're trying every angle, you know. Elon, we need your help, brother."

Musk and Bezos didn't immediately respond to emails or other messages seeking comment.

Beasley's challenge came as a new study projected that nearly 1.9 billion people could face food insecurity by November. Eurasia Group and DevryBV Sustainable Strategies presented the report at the Global Citizen NOW Summit in New York on Monday, saying that as many as 243 million people could fall into food insecurity due to what UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres has called "hurricane of hunger" heightened by the war in Ukraine.

"The projections are bleak right now,"



**ANSWERING UN CALL FOR HELP:** Elon Musk, the world's richest man, donated about 5 million shares of Tesla stock worth roughly US\$5.7 billion at the time to an unidentified charity in November, according to a regulatory filing. AP picture

Global Citizen chief executive Hugh Evans said. "This doesn't have to happen. A lot of institutions are failing people."

Evans said he hoped that launching the Global Citizen Impact Fund, which would only require payment on pledges based on results, would convince ultra high net worth individuals to donate more since they would already have proof of the effectiveness of their gifts.

In the short-term, though, Erna Solberg, former prime minister of Norway and a Global Citizen board member, said at the summit that "Agenda Item #1" is to get the grain already harvested in Ukraine out of the country through its ports.

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## Flaws in Depps' story: surgeon

**FALLS CHURCH** — A hand surgeon testified on Monday that Johnny Depp could not have lost the tip of his middle finger the way he told jurors it happened in his civil lawsuit against ex-wife Amber Heard.

The finger injury, which occurred in a March, 2015, fight in Australia between Depp and Heard, has been one of several key points of dispute in the lawsuit. Depp says he was injured when Heard threw a vodka bottle at him. Heard has said she never saw specifically how it happened, but that it occurred on a night when an enraged Depp sexually assaulted her with a liquor bottle.

Depp is suing Heard for libel in Fairfax County Circuit Court over a December, 2018, op-ed she wrote in The Washington Post describing herself as "a public figure representing domestic abuse". His lawyers say he was defamed by the article even though it never mentioned his name.

Depp has denied he ever struck Heard, and says she was the abuser in the relationship. Heard has testified about more than a dozen separate instances of physical abuse she says she suffered at Depp's hands.

In testimony on Monday, surgeon Richard Moore testified about the severed finger as jurors saw gruesome photos of the injury. He said that Depp described that his palm was down on a bar when it was struck by the bottle.

Moore, who did not treat Depp, testified that Depp's description is unlikely, in large part because his fingernail remained intact. Moore said if the fingernail was exposed, as Depp described the placement of his hand, it would have been damaged. Moore also said there would have been other cuts on the rest of his hand from the glass that shattered on impact.

While Depp told the jury that Heard severed the finger by throwing a vodka bottle, at the time of the accident he told people and sent text messages saying he'd done it to himself. At one point he said the finger had been pinched between solid accordion doors.

Depp now says he lied to protect Heard. Moore testified that getting the finger pinched in accordion doors would be consistent with the injury. — AP

## 'US would intervene to defend Taiwan'

TOKYO — President Joe Biden said Monday (local times) the US would intervene militarily if China were to invade Taiwan, declaring the commitment to protect the island is "even stronger" after Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

It was one of the most forceful presidential statements in support of Taiwan's self-governing in decades.

Biden, at a news conference in Tokyo, said "yes" when asked if he was willing to get involved militarily to defend Taiwan if China invaded. "That's the commitment we made," he added.

The US traditionally has avoided making such an explicit security guarantee to Taiwan, with which it no longer has a mutual defence treaty, instead maintaining a policy of "strategic ambiguity" about how far it would be willing to go. The 1979 Taiwan Relations Act, which has governed US relations with the island, does not require the US to step in militarily if China invades, but makes it American policy to ensure Taiwan has the resources to defend itself and to prevent any unilateral change of status by Beijing.

A White House official said Biden's

comments did not reflect a policy shift for the United States, a point echoed more firmly by Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin, asked by reporters if Biden's answer indicated the US would do more to help Taiwan than it has done to help Ukraine and whether the US was making a commitment to send troops to help Taiwan in the event of an invasion.

"As the president said our One China policy has not changed," Austin said at the Pentagon. "He reiterated that policy and our commitment to peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait. He also highlighted our commitment under the Taiwan Relations Act to help provide Taiwan the means to defend itself. So, again, our policy is not changed."

But Biden's words drew a sharp response from mainland China, which has claimed Taiwan to be a rogue province.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin expressed "strong dissatisfaction and resolute opposition" to Biden's comments.

"China has no room for compromise or concessions on issues involving China's core interests such as sovereignty and

territorial integrity."

He added: "China will take firm action to safeguard its sovereignty and security interests, and we will do what we say."

Speaking alongside Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, Biden said any effort by China to use force against Taiwan would "just not be appropriate", adding that it would "dislocate the entire region and be another action similar to what happened in Ukraine".

China has stepped up its military provocations against democratic Taiwan in recent years, aimed at intimidating it into accepting Beijing's demands to unify with the communist mainland.

"They're already flirting with danger right now by flying so close and all the manoeuvres that are undertaken," Biden said of China.

Under the "One China" policy, the US recognises Beijing as the government of China and doesn't have diplomatic relations with Taiwan. However, the US maintains unofficial contacts including a de facto embassy in Taipei, the capital, and supplies military equipment for the island's defence. — AP

## New pictures reveal PM drinking at No.10



Boris Johnson

LONDON — Boris Johnson has been pictured drinking at an event in Downing Street during lockdown.

ITV News has published four photos, saying they were taken on November 13, 2020 at a leaving do for the PM's director of communications, Lee Cain.

The Metropolitan Police have issued fines relating to No.10 gatherings on that date.

A No.10 spokeswoman said the Cabinet Office and the police had had access to information, including photographs.

The BBC has been told that at least one person who attended has been fined by the police. Mr Johnson himself was not.

After the leaked pictures were published, Labour's deputy leader Angela

Rayner said the PM had "demeaned his office" and "the British people deserve better".

She added: "Boris Johnson said repeatedly that he knew nothing about law-breaking — there's no doubt now, he lied. Boris Johnson made the rules,

and then broke them."

Liberal Democrat deputy leader Daisy Cooper said the images show Mr Johnson

"has taken the British people for fools" while the SNP's Ian Blackford called him a "charlatan and a liar".

Both called on Conservatives MPs to remove Mr Johnson from office.

The former leader of the Scottish Conservatives, Ruth Davidson, said the PM's position was untenable, while veteran Tory MP Sir Roger Gale said the new images were "damning" and suggested Mr Johnson should quit.

Scottish Conservatives leader Douglas Ross, who had previously urged Mr Johnson to quit over the party controversy, said: "The PM must outline why he believes this behaviour was acceptable."

— BBC

# Solution to Urenui sewage leaks one step closer

by Robin Martin, RNZ

Taranaki — Raw sewage leaks at popular North Taranaki holiday spots are a step closer to being solved after land has been bought for a wastewater treatment plant.

New Plymouth District Council voted this week to spend \$3.3 million on 41 hectares of land in Onaero, across two properties.

Waters Manager Mark Hall said the deal would speed up the building of a \$31 million plant, which is included in the 10-Year Plan (2021-2031).

"This land came onto the market unexpectedly and it is rare to have something of this size available in the right location, so we acted quickly."

"The Urenui/Onaero wastewater project is in the budget, so it's pleasing we can begin this important piece of mahi to get rid of pollution in this important awa a couple of years earlier than scheduled."

Mana whenua and local residents lobbied hard for a long-term solution to wastewater seeping into the Urenui River.

A Ngāti Mutunga citizen-science project in 2019 first revealed the scale of the problem and proved old septic tanks were the source of contamination in waterways at Urenui and Onaero.

A rahui on swimming and gathering fish and shellfish has been in place on the Urenui River, from Okoki Pa to the river mouth, since November 2020.

Rūnanga o Ngāti Mutunga Chief Executive Mitchell Ritai said it was great that a site had been identified for this project.

"One of the challenges we've face over these last few years is the amount of discharge from septic tanks into our rivers, especially Onaero and Urenui rivers, and this sees a way for that to be addressed."

Ritai said it was particularly significant for the people involved in the Curious Minds citizens science project.

"So to be able to have a reticulated system that all of our wastewater from our two communities is going into, a plant that allows it to be taken care of so it's not contaminating our waterways, is a real win — a real success for us."

New Plymouth mayor Neil Holdom said Urenui and Onaero had in a sense become victims of their own popularity.

"So if you think about it, they're just those cool coastal settlements with old baches that probably people used to go to for a few weeks, and now people are living in them the septic tanks are way past the end of their life and the land has just become saturated, and we've got the leachate coming out of that into waterways."

He said the NPDC had spent the last two years helping residents fix and maintain their septic tanks and working on wastewater issues at both the Onaero and Urenui campgrounds, but there was more



**LEACHATE ENTERING RIVERS:** A rahui on swimming and gathering fish and shellfish is in place on the Urenui River, from Okoki Pa to the river mouth.

Picture supplied

work to do.

"The plan will be that if we can secure the consent, we'll build a wastewater plant out there, and instead of putting the treated effluent into a pipeline out to sea, which is what we do in New Plymouth, we'll be discharging to land."

"So the idea is that the land is sufficient to run a discharge-to-land process, and based on our forecast growth for both Onaero and Urenui it should cater for at

least 30 years of growth, if not more."

Ritai said a discharge to land option was preferable to iwi.

"Our preference is always to discharge to land as opposed to discharge to waterways, so it's great that a possible solution could be designed that allows that treatment and that discharge to happen to land."

The next step would be for council to further consult with mana whenua, locals and

direct neighbours as part of the consenting process.

By the numbers: New Plymouth District Council's wastewater system:

- NPDC processes an average of 25 million litres of wastewater each day
- The wastewater is from more than 25,850 properties in the district
- It flows via 34 pump stations
- The sewer network covers 631km

# 'Neglected, mistreated, exploited'

## RSE scheme needs an overhaul, says Green Party MP

by Finau Fonua of RNZ

WELLINGTON — Pacific Island Recognised Seasonal Employers' (RSE) workers are being neglected, mistreated and exploited in New Zealand, according to a submission reviewed by a Parliament select committee.

In the submission made by the Amalgamated Workers Union of New Zealand (AWUNZ), a ni-Vanuatu RSE worker stationed in Otago complained of overcrowded backpacker-like accommodation conditions where workers were only allowed three-minute showers.

He said workers were scared to join unions and he suspected many who did join were then blacklisted.

"The rules are too restrictive. One is that we are not allowed visitors. As an Islander, the rules are offensive to our culture," said a ni-Vanuatu worker who did not want to be named.

"It's overcrowded . . . there's no privacy to talk to your wife. There are no heaters in the room and we are not allowed to buy extra heaters . . . it gets too cold in winter. We get three-minute showers. On a hot sunny day, when you come back, you need a good shower . . . three minutes is not enough."

"There have been a lot of threats that we won't be allowed to return to New Zealand if we join a union. There's a real fear for the boys . . . since 2018, there have been 20 to 40 boys who joined (a union) and they never returned."

The submission has struck a chord with the Green Party, which released a press statement calling on the Government to reconsider a recent immigration reset,



**CALL FOR BETTER CONDITIONS:** According to a report reviewed by a Parliament select committee, Recognised Seasonal Employers' (RSE) workers are being neglected, mistreated and exploited in New Zealand.

NZ Herald picture

to be more inclusive of Pacific Island migrants.

"The RSE scheme needs an overhaul," said Green Party MP Ricardo Menendez March, who was part of the parliamentary committee that reviewed the submission.

"We need far better conditions for RSE workers. We don't want to hear stories of overcrowded accommodation and not being afforded the same rights as New Zealand citizen workers."

More than 7000 Pacific Island seasonal workers are estimated to be in New Zealand, harvesting and pruning fruits in orchards throughout the country as part of the Recognised Seasonal Employers

scheme, which has been hailed as a success by many for helping to alleviate the poverty of countries like Tonga, where nearly a quarter of adults survive on less than \$22 a day.

But many critics look down on the system as exploitative, outsourcing the poor and desperate to get cheap labour for a job that attracts few Kiwis.

"So many people see this RSE scheme and think it's fantastic. They'll say 'look at this beautiful village type housing' but they're not seeing the other side", AWUNZ regional organiser Michelle Johnstone said.

Johnstone said many seasonal workers

were being conned by unscrupulous employers, which included overcharging seasonal workers for rent and utilities. She said because they are bonded and non-citizens, they cannot leave their accommodation and find other employment.

"They pay everything from accommodation to health insurance, and the costs just keep rising every year. I mean, they're supposed to be making a living here and sending money back home. I mean, it's hard enough for them to survive here alone and they're getting paid minimum wage," Johnstone said.

"RSE workers need to be able to have bargaining power with their employer because they're bonded to their employer if they have a disagreement or feel they're not getting a fair choice, or even abused. They can't leave their accommodation and get another job."

The stories of abuse are not unique to the AWUNZ, New Zealand's second-largest trade union, First Union has also expressed its concerns.

"We're still getting a lot of reports", said Dennis Maga, its general secretary.

"Some employers have been imposing restrictions that workers cannot socialise within their communities and they also implement curfews . . . if they're not back by 10pm, then penalties are imposed. We've also heard complaints about poor accommodation."

"Some employers are very supportive of their employees, but then there are also employers who believe that isolating their workers is the best way so they can keep them away from outside influence, which we don't understand."



**ONE FOR EACH OF YOU:** Every junior rugby player in the Poverty Bay Rugby Football Union district has received a rugby ball through the ongoing sponsorship of Bayleys Gisborne. That amounts to 1000 balls. Receiving their balls from PBRFU junior activator Mitchell Purvis at training sessions at Barry Park on Friday are (from left) Rhilee Joseph, Fa'avae Tofi, Tawhiao Kingi Ferris, Braylin Pomana and Liam Brown.

Picture by Liam Clayton

## WATCH YOUR DIET

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

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BREAD	DISH	HEART	ORGANIC	VEGETABLES
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CALORIES	FIBRE	JUICE	PROTEIN	WATER
CARBOS	FISH	LACTOSE	REDUCED	WHEAT
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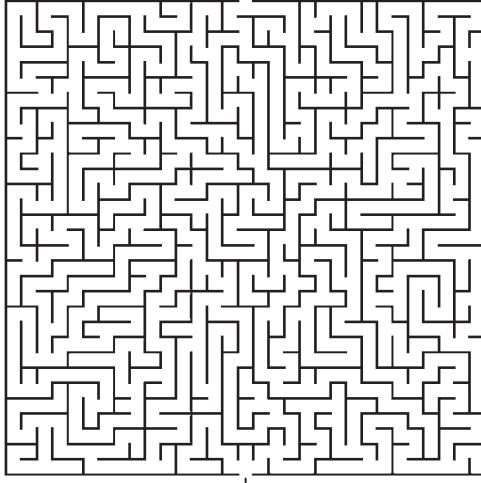
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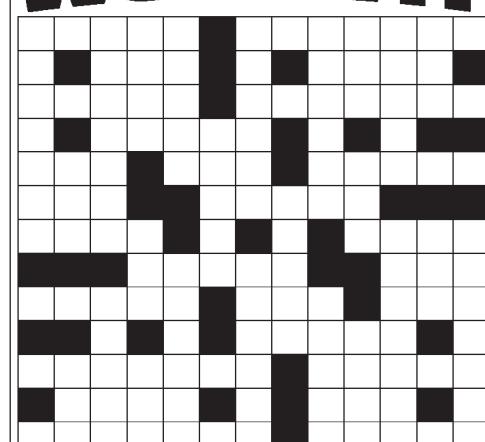
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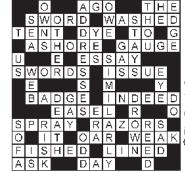
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## TRIO

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

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## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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## TUESDAY—WEDNESDAY'S TELEVISION GUIDE

## TVNZ 1

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

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

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

**7.30 The Casketters** The death of a beloved Tipene whanau member is complicated by Francis's health issues; Kaiora's nursing skills leave a lot to be desired.

**8pm Lap Of Luxury** Explore the exclusive, luxury lodges of New Zealand and Australia. The Manse, Te Whare Ruruau, Owhaoko and Dairy Flat Farm and Lodge.

**8.30 First Responders** PG Teams in rescue helicopters, ambulances and boats attend desperate emergencies.

**9.30 Coronation Street** PG

**10.30 1 News Tonight**

**11pm Shortland Street** PG

**11.30 Sunday** A weekly in-depth current affairs show, hosted by Miriama Kamo.

## WEDNESDAY

**12.25 FINAL Diana's Decades** MS 3/3.

**1.15 Te Karere**

**1.40 Infomercials**

**5.35 Te Karere**

**6am Breakfast**

The Breakfast team presents news, entertainment, sports and weather.

**9am The Ellen DeGeneres Show** PG

Ellen DeGeneres brings her brand of humour to daytime talk.

**10am Tipping Point**

**11am The Chase**

**Noon 1 News At Midday**

**12.30 Emmerdale** PG

**1pm Hollyoaks** PG

Ste makes a surprising admission to Liberty; the Maaliks resort to an intervention for Shaq.

**2pm Coronation Street** PG

**3pm Tipping Point**

**4pm Te Karere**

**4.30 Neighbours** PG

Susan makes an awkward request; Chloe and Nicolette team up.

**5pm The Chase**

## BRAVO

**5.30 Shark Tank** PG

**6.30 Bar Rescue** PGLC

**7.30 Rich Kids Go Skint** PG

**8.30 The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills** M

**9.30 Below Deck Down Under** M

**10.30 Killer Couples** MVC

**11.25 Accident, Suicide Or Murder?** MVC

## WEDNESDAY

**12.15 Infomercials**

**10am Hoarders** PG

**10.55 Bar Rescue** PGLC

**11.45 Killer Couples** MVC

**12.40 Shark Tank** PG

**1.35 The Real Housewives Of New York City** M

**2.35 Hoarders** PG

**3.30 Top Chef** PG

**4.30 Shark Tank** PG

**5.30 Shark Tank** PG

**KEY** Closed captions; Repeat; (HLS) Highlights; (RPL) Replay; (DLY) Delayed; 16 Approved for persons 16 years or over; 18 Approved for persons 18 years or over; C Content may offend; L Language may offend; M Suitable for mature audiences; PG Parental guidance recommended for younger viewers; S Sexual content may offend; V Contains violence.

## TVNZ 2

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**5pm The Simpsons** Homer makes a dodgy deal with a travel agent in exchange for a discounted holiday.

**5.30 Friends**

Chandler's fear causes problems when Phoebe brings a dog home; Rachel's assistant gives her a Thanksgiving surprise.

**6pm Big Bang Theory** PG

**6.30 Home And Away** PG

**7pm Shortland Street** PG

**7.30 Lego Masters NZ** PG

The Monochrome Challenge is a one colour build.

**8.30 NCIS: Hawaii** 16

A Japanese sailor is killed on American soil. The case is linked with the murder of the victim's girlfriend in Japan.

**9.25 FBI: International** 16

Raines goes rogue when his sister goes missing in Kosovo; Kellett and Forrester face more scrutiny from inside the bureau.

**10.20 CSI** 16

**WEDNESDAY**

**12.10 Bionic Woman** MVC

**12.55 Emmerdale** PG

**1.20 Infomercials**

**2.20 Bob Hearts Abishola** PGC

**2.40 MasterChef Australia**

**3.35 Pennyworth** 16VLC

**4.35 Neighbours** PG

**5am Infomercials**

**6am Les Mills Born To Move**

**6.25 Children's Programmes**

**9.10 Infomercials**

**9.40 Les Mills Body Attack**

**10.10 Home And Away** PG

**10.40 Shortland Street** PG

**11.10 The Mindy Project** PGC

**11.45 Charmed** M

**12.40 Heroes** PG

**1.35 The Drew Barrymore Show** PG

**2.30 Lego Masters NZ** PG

**3.30 The Feed**

**5pm The Simpsons** PG

**5.30 Friends** PG

**EDEN**

**5pm Mysteries At The Museum** PG

**6pm Money For Nothing**

**7pm Paramedics On The Front Line** PG

A man has collapsed by the side of a road; a 15-year-old girl and a two-year-old boy are both having seizures.

**8pm Newshub Live At 8pm**

**8.30 Can I Improve My Memory?** PG

Chris Eubank, Len Goodman, Amber Gill, Anna Richardson, and Nina Wadia master a general knowledge topic, before being quizzed.

**9.30 Turquoise Fever**

**10.30 Paramedics On The Front Line** PG

**11.30 Baggage Battles**

**WEDNESDAY**

**12am Infomercials**

**6am Animal Cribs** PG

**7am The Pioneer Woman**

**7.30 Valerie's Home Cooking**

**8am Gok Wan's Easy Asian**

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**9am Mysteries At The Museum** PG

**10am Money For Nothing**

**11am Restored**

**Noon Turquoise Fever**

**1pm Can I Improve My Memory?** PG

**2pm Paramedics On The Front Line** PG

**3pm Mystery Of The Lost Island** PG

**4pm Bobby And Giada In Italy**

**5pm Mysteries At The Museum** PG

## THREE

**5pm Gold Rush** PG

Parker and his grandpa hunt for a new Klondike claim; Tony's operation grinds to a halt; Todd's crew discards paydirt.

**6pm Newshub Live At 6pm**

**7pm The Project**

**7.30 Bondi Rescue** PG

**8pm Bondi Rescue** PG

**8.30 NCIS** M

NCIS investigates the death of a man on a cruise ship whose body is discovered in the ship's sauna by McGee's mother-in-law.

**9.25 NCIS: LA** M

NCIS investigates the apparent suicide of a Navy intelligence officer; Deeks plans to redo the garden without Kensi's input.

**10.25 Newshub Late**

**10.55 The Hui**

**11.30 Newshub Nation**

**WEDNESDAY**

**12.40 Infomercials**

**5.30 AM Early**

**6am AM**

**9am Infomercials**

**10.30 Match Game** PG

**11.30 Newshub Live At 11.30am**

**Noon Married At First Sight:** US PG

**1pm MOVIE Text To Kill** M

2015 Thriller. Teens band together to investigate the source of anonymous messages that threaten to expose their secrets. Emily Tennant, Keenan Tracey.

**3pm Cutthroat Kitchen** PG

**4pm Yard Crashers**

**4.30 Newshub Live At 4:30pm**

**5pm Gold Rush** PG

## PRIME

**5pm Netball Zone** Round 11.

Behind the scenes, features and previews to upcoming matches.

**5.30 Prime News**

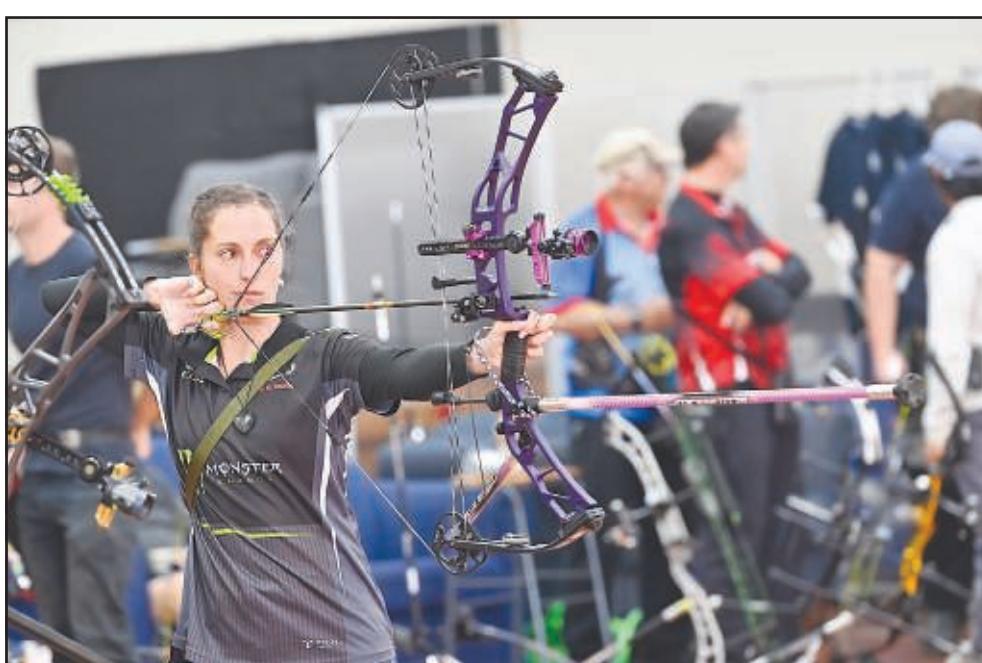
**6pm Storage Wars** PGL



**AT CLOSE QUARTERS:** Lytton Old Boys player Patrick Ferry and YMP B's Vishal Singh dispute possession in a Poverty Bay men's club hockey game on the turf at Harry Barker Reserve. Ferry scored twice as the reigning champions went on a goal-scoring rampage, thumping a depleted YMP 22-0.



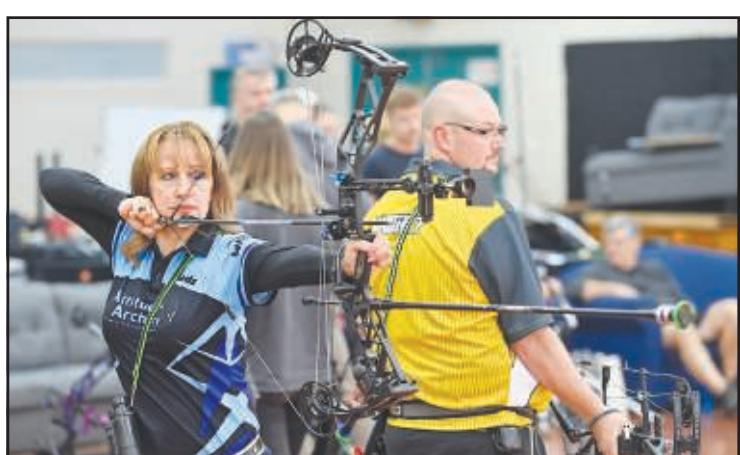
**HANDIWORK:** Waikohu's Humaria Higgins gets a hand to the ball before Gisborne Girls' High Senior A goal attack Lily Hawea can get her mitts on it. Waikohu powered to a 42-21 win in the premier-grade netball game, consigning the students to the "challenge" stage where they face the top two sides from premier reserve. Following challenge games throughout the grades, the make-up of this year's senior grades will be decided.



**AS STRAIGHT AS AN ARROW:** Local archer Chloe Underdown-Rickard eyes the 10-point zone of the target at the Gizzy Vegas Shoot. Gisborne Archery Club hosted what has become a popular event, where the competitive and social aspects of sport combine for a fun two days. Archers of all disciplines and from several regions ventured to Gisborne for the tournament.

#### Pictures by Paul Rickard

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**WORLD CLASS:** The Gizzy Vegas Shoot attracted some of the best archers in the country, including Auckland Linda Lainchbury — a multiple world champion in field archery and world cup round winner in the compound discipline, among other national and international successes.



**LIKE A THIEF IN THE DAY:** A Levin AFC player steals the ball from Gisborne Thistle striker Jarom Brouwer in a Central Federation football game at Childers Road Reserve. The visitors won 3-1 — their first victory of the season — although it did not lift them off the bottom of the table. Thistle are just ahead of them on goal difference. Whanganui Athletic are top of the table.



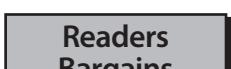
**NO PARTING OF THE RED SEA FOR THIS MOSES:** Waikohu fullback Moses Christie is tackled around the legs by YMP second five Brian Whaitiri-White in a Poverty Bay premier club rugby game at Barry Park. Christie's three conversions proved vital in a 21-17 victory.



**INTO SPACE:** YMP first-five Peia Fililava splits the Waikohu defence in a top-of-the-table Poverty Bay premier club rugby game. Both teams went in with three-from-three records and it was Waikohu who made it four victories on the trot, 21-17.

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TUE, WED 11am,

1.35pm, 6.45pm

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TUE, WED 1.20pm,

5.50pm

NOBODY HAS TO KNOW (M) TUE, WED 3.40pm, 8.10pm

OPERATION MINCEMEAT (M)

TUE, WED 1pm, 6pm

THE BAD GUYS (PG)

TUE, WED 3.50pm

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TUE 11am, 3.40pm,

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TUE, WED 11.15am,

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**3 Smart Laundromat 12.29**

\$12,000, maiden highweight, 1600m

1	5236 Cleat	(18)	68.52	N Downs (3)
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\$12,000, maiden 2yo, 1200m

1	3 Leodox	(9)	57.5 51	R Elliot
2	30 Winexpress	(16)	57.5 49	S Weatherley
3	Kiwi Shark	(6)	57.5 47	C Barnes
4	Lippy	(12)	57.5 47	J Riddell
5	Magical Road	(15)	57.5 45	T Newman
6	Rare Company	(10)	57.5 45	O Bosson

**1 Westbrook Wines 11.21**

\$12,000, maiden, 2200m

1	8442s Smug	(15)	58.5 53	T Thornton
2	P132s Caballo Noir	m (3)	58.5 52	A Lawson-Carroll (a4)
3	0s020 Uhrted	(6)	58.5 51	M J Sanson (a4)
4	0s94 Meandeel	(1)	58.5 50	J Fawcett
5	66 Sachin	(12)	58.5 46	E Nicholas (a3)
6	00550 Te Atatu Memphis	(2)	58.5 46	T Yanagida
7	70 Luca Deli	(7)	58.5 45	M McNab
8	04343 Nassak Diamond	(16)	56.5 52	K Asano (a)
9	88838 Ruhia	(14)	56.5 50	C Grylls
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# Pulse on track for playoffs Shock retirement

## NETBALL

THE Pulse continued their march towards the ANZ Premiership Finals Series and are now just a win away from topping the table after beating the Tactix 62-49 in Wellington.

While the Tactix had bursts of intensity, the Pulse were unrelenting — in particular their co-captains, Tiana Metuarau and Kelly Jury, leading by example at opposite ends of the court.

The Pulse look certain to make the Finals Series, putting themselves in a strong position to challenge the table-topping Mystics for the title of minor premiers.

The Tactix are out of playoff contention in fifth place.

The tussle between goal attack Metuarau and Tactix goal defence Karin Burger lived up to the hype. But Metuarau had the upper hand from the start — her exceptional feeding, rebounding and shooting commanding the Pulse attack.

A run of three with five minutes to go put the Pulse in a strong position, after the Tactix made a series of costly mistakes off their centre passes.

But the Pulse were guilty of

simple errors too, allowing the Tactix to get back within spitting distance, 14-12, at the end of the first spell.

The see-sawing continued in the second quarter, with the Pulse racing out to a five-goal advantage, only for the Tactix to reel it back to one. In the midcourt, captain Kimiora Poi led by example — despite some aggressive opposition from her Pulse opposite, Erikana Pedersen.

But then the Pulse defence ratcheted up to the next level right through court, smothering the Tactix, who were forced to look backwards as much as they did forwards. That allowed the Pulse to cut off the flow to Tactix shooters, Ellie Bird and Te Paia Selby-Rickit, with goal keep Kristiana Manu'a at her spoiling best (earning her MVP honours).

A stunning run of eight suddenly put the Pulse out to a nine-goal lead, denying the Tactix a goal for five minutes. So the Tactix brought on fresh legs, Kate Lloyd at goal keep and Vika Koloto at wing attack.

But at halftime the difference was into double digits — 32-22 in the home side's favour.

The Tactix came back firing at

the start of the third quarter, but the Pulse were unrelenting — especially goal defence Kelly Jury who made life difficult for Bird in particular, and read the game adeptly, making three intercepts and six deflections by three quarter time.

Metuarau continued to dominate on attack, throwing herself into everything, unafraid to put up shots, and standing strong under the hoop for any rebounds.

Lily Fletcher entered the game for the Tactix at wing defence just before the break, but by then the difference had crept out to 12, the Pulse up 48-36.

Again the Tactix returned to the court with passion, their defence forcing the Pulse to hold the ball too long looking for options. A run of five for the Tactix near the end of the game brought the gap momentarily back within single digits.

But the Pulse showed no signs of tiring, and pushed it out again; coach Yvette McCausland-Durie bringing her bench on court to soak up the roar of the crowd for the final minutes.

The Mystics and Pulse meet in a top of the table clash in Auckland this weekend. — RNZ

## RUGBY LEAGUE

WARRIOR star Chanel Harris-Tavita is planning to walk away from the NRL at the end of the year.

The 23-year-old told AAP he will be taking a break from rugby league after just 44 first grade games, revealing he has lost his love for the sport.

"I want to take a break from rugby league," Harris-Tavita told AAP. "I've made the decision in the last couple of weeks."

"Over the last year I haven't been enjoying it as much as I want to, even though being an NRL player was something I dreamed of as a kid."

Harris-Tavita will leave the Warriors at the end of the season, saying he knew in his gut he was making the right move to take time off after his contract expires.

He added that the decision was not related to mental health.

"I have felt guilty when I think about the decision I'm making," he said.

"There are plenty of kids out there that would love to be in my position. Stepping back from the game might look like I'm taking it all for granted."

"I just think it's the best decision for me. Each time I told a family member or friend, it was like a weight had been lifted off my shoulders. I was scared to say it out loud, let alone tell my family, friends, and

teammates. Most of the people I told were shocked, but they were all very supportive, which I'm thankful for."

"I'm extremely grateful for the experiences I've had and the people I've worked with."

"Soon it'll be time for a change of scenery."

Harris-Tavita said he intends to use 2023 to travel and continue a newfound hobby of writing, but he still wants to represent Samoa or New Zealand at this year's Rugby League World Cup.

He was offered a new deal with the Warriors during pre-season but held off from signing, saying the delay was partly due to knowing "deep down" he wanted a break from the sport.

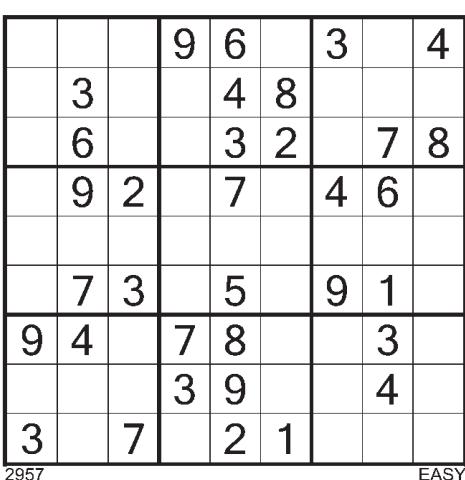
"I was trying to delay the contract decision," he said.

"Deep down, I knew I didn't want to sign another contract and I was trying to hide that feeling from everyone including myself."

"A couple of weeks ago my manager was coming to Brisbane to negotiate my contract and I said to myself: 'am I going to grow some balls and make this decision now or am I just going to keep everyone else happy?'"

"Before that I was practically lying to everyone about what I wanted to do."

— NZ Herald



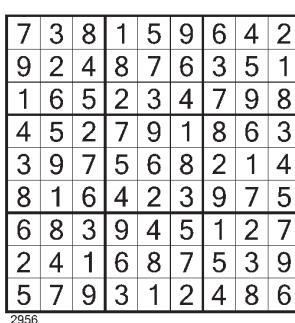
## SUDOKU

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

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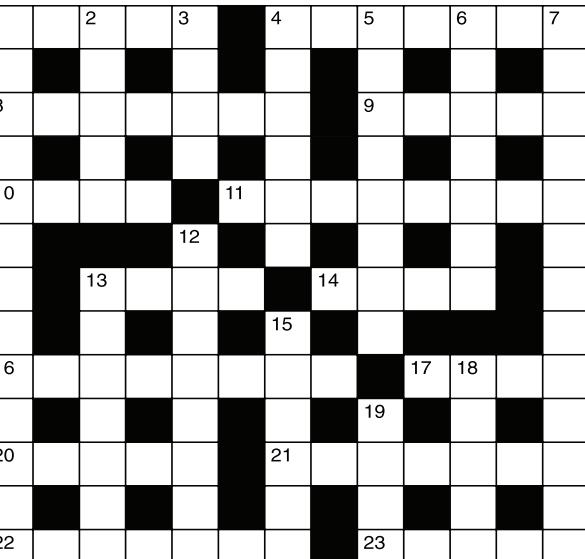
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Quick Crossword answers also fit the large grid

### CRYPTIC CLUES

#### ACROSS

- Naval force to escape the first of the torpedoes (5)
- Those who dock sailing vessels (7)
- Could be a topical source of fuel (4,3)
- Have greater success in an open-air celebration (5)
- It sounds like part of a gun location (4)
- Humble countryman about fifty is affable (8)
- I've a lot of tender flesh inside (4)
- See 20 Across
- In some mixture the girl produces a sugary extract (8)
- Place for shipping wine (4)
- 20 and 14Ac. Confection made of honeyed flesh? (9)
- Cheer her neat arrangement (7)
- A hundred on trial question the verdict (7)
- A certain amount of dough needed for cheap jewellery (5)

#### DOWN

- Shows resolution when confronted with the score! (5,3,5)
- Compel payment that is absolutely correct (5)
- The sort to do a key job (4)
- They are traded in the stock market (6)
- False description of Janus (3-5)
- This is removed from an obsolete pamphlet (7)
- Is it delivered by the laconic judge? (5,8)
- Container holding unusual test recording (8)
- Serf at home near French town (7)
- What the cardinal assumes is made from thread (3,3)
- Has to change bad language (5)
- A thousand embroiled in strike – it's a racket (4)

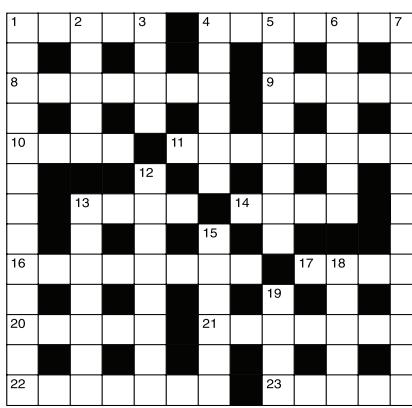
### QUICK CLUES

#### ACROSS

- Circumference (5)
- Esteem (7)
- Incentive (7)
- Presage (5)
- Diminutive (4)
- Final (8)
- Disclaim (4)
- Certain (4)
- Excitement (8)
- Sharp (4)
- Be (5)
- Finished (3,4)
- Distrust (7)
- Wood-nymph (5)

#### DOWN

- Innocence (13)
- Mature (5)
- Detest (4)
- Outcome (6)
- Roomy (8)
- Etch (7)
- Triangular (5-8)
- Disturb (8)
- Fire (7)
- Obliquely (6)
- Ambassador (5)
- Happy (4)



## THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

by Eugenia Last

### CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Aly Raisman, 28; Demetri Martin, 49; Octavia Spencer, 52; Mike Myers, 59.

### Happy Birthday:

Participating in something you believe in or a cause you want to help will promote good connections with people who have plenty to share and offer that interests you. Dig in and set priorities that will lead to a fundamental role in something that makes you feel good about your contribution and gives you the platform to make a difference. Your numbers are 6, 14, 19, 26, 33, 38, 41.

### ARIES (March 21-April 19):

Take better care of your emotional, physical and financial well-being. Go over personal papers and update essential documents. Revisit your spending habits and put a budget in place. Don't argue with someone you love. Be mindful and keep the peace. 3 stars

### Taurus (April 20-May 20):

Don't let inconsistency be your downfall. Work through issues before you share them with others. Don't put yourself in the hot seat unintentionally. Look out for your interests, and find an efficient way to get ahead. Do and be your best. 3 stars

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

Do your part and contribute something worthwhile. Step out of your comfort zone if it will help someone fit in to your plans with ease. Speak up and act quickly, and you'll make a difference. Take precautions to avoid injury or illness. 4 stars

### CANCER (June 21-July 22):

Take the high road. Don't let anger settle in when intelligence and change can help turn things around. Go directly to the source and discuss your concerns and solutions. Take care of contractual, financial and medical issues. 2 stars

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

Pick up information and skills that will help further your interests. Taking a trip, attending a networking event or talking to someone you respect will offer insight into how to handle business and financial matters. Update your image, and make fitness a priority. 5 stars

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Initiate change by taking bold steps forward. Make your plans clear, and you'll gain the support and information you need to proceed. Pace yourself; taking on too much all at once by yourself can be detrimental to your health. 3 stars

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Let the past go. You'll hold yourself back if you let bad feelings fester or dwell on something you cannot change. Self-improvement and interacting with people who bring out the best in you will help you leave negativity behind. 3 stars

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

You'll feel liberated if you do something different or original. Think outside the box, and take part in activities and challenges that make you concentrate and use your physical skills to accomplish something extraordinary. Make a change or move for the right reason. 3 stars

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Spend more time sorting through junk and stuff you no longer use. Hard work will be rejuvenating when you see what you accomplish. Decluttering your space will help you think more clearly and ease unnecessary stress. Romance is on the rise. 5 stars

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

You'll face opposition if you are open with a friend, relative or peer. Do what works best for you, and take care of matters personally to avoid interference. A change at home will be helpful and encourage you to do what's best for you. 2 stars

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Do what makes you happy. Take control of your life, set standards, and live by the rules that encourage you to look and do good and be the person others look up to and respect. Be a leader, not a follower. 4 stars

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):

Be unique, do things your way and dazzle everyone with your ingenuity and ability to bring about positive change. Share your thoughts with someone you know you can count on for support, and you'll receive insightful feedback and hands-on help. 3 stars

### Birthday Baby:

You are energetic, outgoing and sensitive. You are friendly and generous.

### 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.



CHARLOTTE WILLOUGHBY (LEFT) AND GRACIE KEENAN (CENTRAL)



MJ TOI (TE WHARAU)

## Primary school badminton

Pictures by Paul Rickard



BECKS KIRIKINO (WAIKIRIKIRI)



JOEL HORUA (WAIKIRIKIRI)



GRACIE KEENAN (CENTRAL)



CLEO BRENCHLEY (TE WHARAU)

## BIZminton draw

### MERCANTILE BADMINTON

THE enthusiasm and laughter continued at BIZminton last Thursday.

After two nights of play the skill level has improved. Players are now making tactical decisions to outwit their opponents.

It's been fantastic to see some former juniors returning to the courts.

The draw for the third night of competition, on Thursday, is —

**6pm:** Court 1, Mahaki-Ewe-Karoro v Carbon Crusaders; Court 2, GDC Smashers v WSP; Court 3, Ex U15 v Hauiti; Court 4, Fruitworx v Mallu Boys.

**7.15pm:** Courts 1 and 2, Woollie Warriors v Taua; Courts 3 and 4, Uawa v Slammers.

**Bye:** Stanley Family.

**Duty team:** Slammers (sweep courts at the end of night).

Anyone with any concerns is asked to contact Linda White.

## Ormond Te Wharau, Hinemoana win tournament

### BADMINTON

ORMOND Te Wharau won the boys' round robin and Hinemoana (Horouta Wananga) won the girls' at the 2022 Primary School Interschool Badminton Competition held at the Badminton Centre this month.

Schools taking part were Te Wharau, Waikirikiri, Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Horouta Wananga and Central, along with one player from Ormond.

"Miscommunication" resulted in two schools missing out, and illness caused one school to pull out.

Separate competitions were run for boys and girls, with teams of four playing doubles in a round-robin competition.

Thanks were extended to Albie Nepia, from Waikirikiri, who co-ordinated the day, and the student leaders from Waikirikiri, who umpired for the day.

Teachers, learning support staff, parents and Badminton Eastland volunteers also contributed to the success of the day.

Teams were exceptionally competitive, while players were enthusiastic and ready to learn and try new skills. They enjoyed their matches, and the

sportsmanship was "fantastic".

#### Results —

**Boys' round robin:** Ormond Te Wharau def Tane Kahurangi (Te Wharau) 4 matches to 2; def Tangaroa Maraenui (Horouta Wananga) 4-2; def Waikirikiri Tama Toa 5-1; def Central Destroyers 5-1.

Tane Kahurangi def Tane Ma (Te Wharau) 6-0; def Tangaroa Maraenui 5-1; def Central Destroyers 6-0.

Tangaroa Maraenui def Tane Ma 6-0; def Central Destroyers 6-0; def Waikirikiri Tama Toa 3-3, 55 points to 46.

Waikirikiri Tama Toa def Central Destroyers 4-2; def Tane Ma 6-0.

Tane Ma def Central Destroyers 3-2 (one game 6-6).

**Winners:** Ormond Te Wharau. **Runners-up:** Tane Kahurangi (Te Wharau).

**Girls' round robin:** Hinemoana (Horouta Wananga) def Central Flowers 4-2; def Kotiro Ma (Te Wharau) 2-1, three games drawn so on countback 62 points to 52; def Kotiro Ataahua (Te Wharau) 4-1, one game 8-8; def Waikirikiri Kohine Toa 6-0.

Kotiro Kahurangi (Te Wharau) def Central Flowers 5-1; def Kotiro Ma 6-0; def Kotiro Ataahua 4-2; def Waikirikiri Kohine Toa 6-0.

Central Flowers def Kotiro Ataahua 4-2; def Waikirikiri Kohine Toa 5-1.

Kotiro Ataahua def Waikirikiri Kohine Toa 5-1.

**Winners:** Hinemoana (Horouta Wananga). **Runners-up:** Kotiro Kahurangi (Te Wharau).

# BMX champion opens new track

BMX by Andrew McKenna

YOUNG BMX riders will enjoy a great opportunity to catch up with New Zealand champion Jessie Smith this Friday.

Jessie is a multi-world BMX champion, and she won the 14 years, 15 years and 16 years titles before moving to the junior elite (under-19 category).

She will be in Gisborne to help open the new pump track from 3pm on Friday.

Speaking to the Herald from her home in Cambridge this week, Jessie said she was excited about coming back to her home town.

"I'll be doing a bit of coaching with the kids, helping them out and emceeing," she said.

"Gisborne created the athlete that I am today and it's me giving back to my community where it all started. A lot of people in the community don't know me because we moved away, but it's my home and it will hold a close place in my heart. I'm grateful for their support and I'll give back in any way I can."

Jessie and her whanau left Gisborne for her to pursue further training opportunities and easier access to tracks, but she is delighted about the new facility opening in Gisborne on Friday.

"It's an incredible opportunity for tamariki to have a world-class facility," she said.

"From what I can see it looks phenomenal, and when summer rocks around a lot more riders will come and hang out in Gizzy."



**SEAMLESS LINES:** BMX champion and Gizzy girl Jessie Smith carving lines at the pump track in Cambridge where she placed third. She is coming to Gisborne to open the new pump track this Friday at 3pm.

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Unfortunately Friday won't be an opportunity to see Jessie in action because she's still recovering from knee surgery three weeks ago. She had a crash in November in Rotorua and has been battling a niggling injury since then, but she takes it all in her stride.

"I should be back on track hopefully in April next year, but possibly by the end of this year," she said.

She's no stranger to injuries, suffering a more severe crash that took her out of the Tokyo Olympics. It was a crash that knocked

her confidence as well, and she struggled with self doubt and her mental health at the time, something not uncommon for high performance athletes.

Jessie has done remarkably well, considering BMX is the "poor cousin" of cycling and does not garner the support that other, maybe more high profile sports, receive.

She has a mentor in Sarah Walker who competed in the 2008 and 2012 Summer Olympics, and won silver in the Women's BMX in London, but Jessie would welcome further official support.

"Technically there is no BMX (Olympic) team so I'm on my own," she said.

"The Tairawhiti Adventure Trust have helped me get on my feet and will be helping secure sponsorship, but I'm training to my own schedule."

She participates in training camps in the Netherlands where she receives solid support.

Jessie will be heading to Europe later in July to support her older brother, who is also a BMX rider, in France at the world championships, but for now she's looking forward to coming back to Gisborne.

She'll be celebrating a cousin's birthday in Wairoa on Saturday and, of course, encouraging youngsters to have a go at the pump track come Friday afternoon.

"Anyone can ride," she said.

"All you need is a helmet."

# Goalscorers wreak turf terror

HOCKEY by Murray Robertson

THE YMP A women and Lytton Old Boys top side went on scoring rampages in Gisborne hockey at the weekend, scoring 38 goals between them.

Sizeable scores were also recorded by Ngatapa, Gisborne Boys' High School and GMC Green.

LOB HPY Advisors overwhelmed YMP B 22-0 in the men's competition.

Jed Skuse was the chief destroyer with six goals, Jayden McKay and Elliot St John both scored five times, and Oliver Shivnan chimed in with a hat-trick.

"It was total dominance by LOB, although player numbers affected YMP, which LOB capitalised on," hockey commentator Tony Scragg said.

YMP A trounced GMC Kowhai 16-1, Courtney Onekawa scoring seven times, Kodi Campbell getting a hat trick and Nancy Tarawa, a brace.

"It was 1-1 early on, but in the second half YMP piled on the goals, scoring in both general play and from penalty corners," Scragg said.

"It shows YMP form at this early point in the season," Scragg said.

Ngatapa were way too good for Waituhi, winning 11-0 in the women's competition.

Sinnead Flannery scored three, and Kate Pahina and Jamie Tombleson got a brace each.

"That was the biggest win Ngatapa have been able to achieve against Waituhi," Scragg said.

"It will have boosted their confidence,

after they competed well against YMP A the previous weekend.

"Ngatapa must be feeling good about themselves. Waituhi, on the other hand, have some defensive work to do."

INA Contracting GMC Green comprehensively defeated Amber Dental Gisborne Girls' High School 5-0.

"GMC got off to an early lead," Scragg said.

"Girls' High contained them for a while but it never looked like anything other than a GMC win."

YMP B beat Te Aowera 3-0.

"YMP B have back-to-back victories to start the season, but it was closer than some expected," Scragg said.

"Well done, TA, for keeping it tight."

In the best of the men's games, YMP A and Waituhi fought out a pretty even contest, YMP winning 4-2.

"YMP led 2-0 after the first quarter, then Waituhi pegged one back and it was 2-1 for a fair while," Scragg said.

"Then YMP jumped out to a 4-1 lead in the second half and Waituhi left their run too late to catch them."

In the other men's game, Gisborne Boys' High School beat LOB Masters 6-0.

"My son Aiden shouted dinner that night," Scragg said.

"The Masters held them to a 1-0 lead at halftime, but in the second half we just ran out of legs."

"It shows those PE lessons during the week really pay off for the students."

**Results — Women:** GMC Kowhai 1 (Jo Sim) YMP A 16 (Courtney Onekawa 7, Kodi Campbell 3, Nancy Tarawa 2, Mel Knight, Maia Rickard, Grace Kuil,



**LANDSLIDE:** Lytton Old Boys' Jed Skuse shoots and scores one of his six goals past YMP B defender Nicholas Pincott and through the guard of goalkeeper Colin Richardson. LOB won against an undermanned YMP B team. Picture by Paul Rickard

Sheridan Moetara); Ngatapa 11 (Sinnead Flannery 3, Kate Pahina 2, Jamie Tombleson 2, Emily Willock, Hannah Allison, Molly Clarke, Kate McKibbin) Waituhi 0; INA Contracting GMC Green 5 (Shannon Williams 2, Noeline Smith, Jade Stafford, Tori Wharepapa) Amber Dental GGHS 0; YMP B 3 (Aisha Twigley, Kim Waititi, Ash Tarawa) Te Aowera 0.

**Men:** YMP A 4 (James Torrie 2, Heath Tupara, Thomas Rutene) Waituhi 2 (Aubrey Brown 2); YMP B 0 LOB HPY Advisors 22 (Jed Skuse 6, Elliot St John 5, Jayden McKay 5, Ollie Shivnan 3, Patrick Ferry 2, Dave Melville); GBHS 6 (Lachie Falloon 2, Austin Fergus, John Broad, Jack Wilcock, Jack Fletcher) LOB Masters 0.

# Playing to strengths pays off for Area school

RUGBY by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

WHAT Laman Davies says is sinking in to the next generation.

The Ngati Porou East Coast scrum coach and scrum anchor of coast club rugby defending champions Uawa had his Tolaga Bay Area School-Kahukuranui charges playing to their strengths in the local 18 grade last week.

The hosts at Uawa Domain beat a gutsy Gisborne Boys' High School third 15 50-0, with eight tries on a cool, grey afternoon before 120 spectators.

Uawa captain and tighthead prop Keaton McIlroy won the toss, chose an end and TBAS-Kahukuranui kicked off with a nor'wester at their backs.

Both packs contained beefy front-rowers but McIlroy's skill and power drove the home team's engine. He carried the ball strongly, as did loosehead prop Manaia Puha and impressive No.8 Te Rautangata Kururangi-Williams.

In terms of daring and elusiveness, Tolaga Bay Area School fullback Te Amoi Ratapu split and stepped by much larger opponents throughout the match. His opposite, Lukas Fry, was named Gisborne's MVP (most valuable player) for his commitment in defence and determination with the ball in hand.

Fry's try-saving cover tackle on Kururangi-Williams 12 minutes into the game and lock Jacob Scholefield's hauling down of McIlroy in the 63rd minute were equally memorable, but the Big Blue Crew had far more possession and better field position.

This was only the second game of the season for TBAS-Kahukuranui, and the first for the Gisborne Boys' High third 15, who were watched by director of sport Simon Murphy and principal Andrew Turner.

That players such as Scholefield and his captain, openside flanker Zion Birch, were still winning their own lineout ball at game's end was a fact not lost on Turner.

"We were pleased and proud of the fact that our boys never gave up, because Uawa were strong in every facet of play," he said.

Uawa were disciplined and constructive, using their size and presence to great effect. Their runners consistently made good metres and the hosts led 22-0 at halftime.

Ratapu (25th minute, 67th min) and lock Orongo White (35m, 55m) both scored twice while Kururangi-Williams (17m), TBAS-Kahukuranui MVP McIlroy (28m), centre Zaius Waru (6m) and reserve lock Adam Williams (57m) scored a try apiece, with White kicking four conversions and Tama Kururangi, one.

Davies sees rugby as a positive influence on his crew: "We really appreciate the input in time and travel from Gisborne Boys' High School, referee Miah Nikora — ably assisted by Kyros Brooking — and everyone else who made the trip here. This grade and this game are huge for our kids."

# Potential for growth 'endless'

RUGBY by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

ARIO Rewi could do great things for Ngāti Porou East Coast rugby on and off the field.

Rewi, 29, of Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Manawa and Tuhoe descent with affiliations to Te Whānau a Takimoana of Rangitukia, will continue as an outdoor experience tutor for the Eastern Institute of Technology for the next two weeks and yesterday took on another role of incalculable importance — that of the NPEC women's rugby development officer.

Saturday was a whirlwind for the new Sky Blue RDō: Radio Ngāti Porou "Round-up" with Charlie Moses to promote women's rugby, Ario coaching the Ruatoria City under-13s at Enterprise Cars Whakarua Park and refereeing senior age-group teams before picking up an assistant referee's flag in support of Whetu Haerewa at Kahuitara for Hikurangi versus Pango Productions Waipu.

On Sunday morning, she trained for the NPEC women under Haerewa and 2021 NPEC captain Shirley Mullany-Mato of Tihirau Victory Club at Kawakawa mai Tawhiti.

After lunch, Rewi coached the Ruatoria City women's team.

"The potential for growth on the Coast in rugby is endless," she said.

"If what we've achieved in the past 10 years is anything to go by, I dare say we're tracking well towards our goal of fielding a team in the Farah Palmer Cup (FPC).

"I've played with and learned from extraordinarily talented Ngāti Porou women what it takes to make it to FPC and beyond."

From the age of five to 12, Rewi was educated at Te Pai o Te Riri school in

Tikitiki, during which time she played for Waipu.

She played on the wing for Tokararangi, moved to second five-eighth and is now a flanker/No.8 with TVC.

"I'm a sucker for punishment and enjoy the physicality of rugby, so you'll often find me at a ruck, at the breakdown or — if I'm lucky — dashing to the try line.

"My grandfather Ngarongotoa (Bidois) Raroa played as a loosehead prop alongside my papa, hooker Puke Manuel, for the Rangitukia Rangers, Wanderers, Waiapu, NPEC.

"I've lived and breathed rugby all my life. My brother Alliott and I played on opposite wings for Waipu as kids; I played in the Eastern Bay of Plenty secondary schools' competition, and for the Steamers u18s.

"Magical memories I hold near and dear to my heart include being captain of the Tauhara/Taupō nui a Tia College team in an undefeated season as Bay of Plenty secondary schools' champions overall, and winning the Hamo Te Rangi Trophy for three years straight alongside my TVC sisters.

"I'm passionate about Ngāti Porou and our rich history, our intergenerational passion for a game that transcends age, gender, economic status and stereotypes.

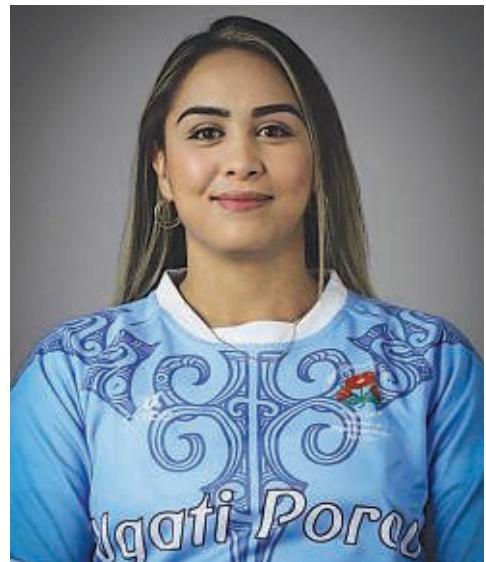
"Witnessing the growth of women's rugby on the coast has been one of the great joys of my life; coaching juniors for the past six years has been incredibly rewarding and fulfilling.

"My goal's to be the kind of woman my daughter Marangairoa, 3, could emulate, because I'm incredibly passionate about my new role, which will involve treating people with dignity and respect as I emphasise the importance of women's health and wellbeing.



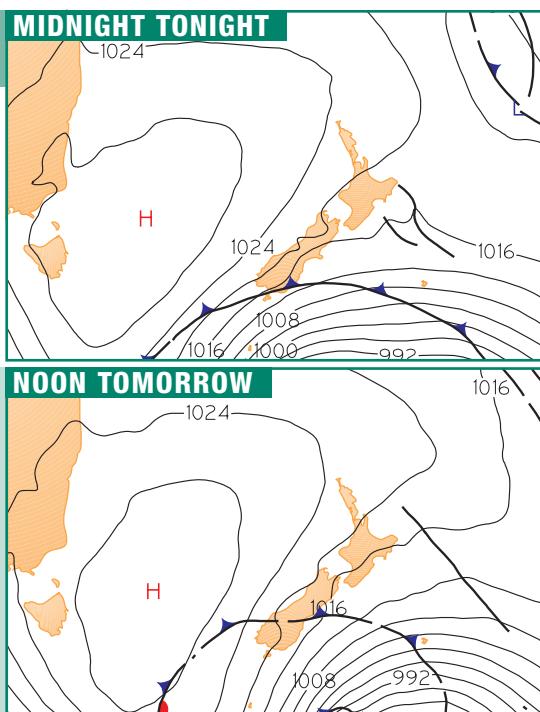
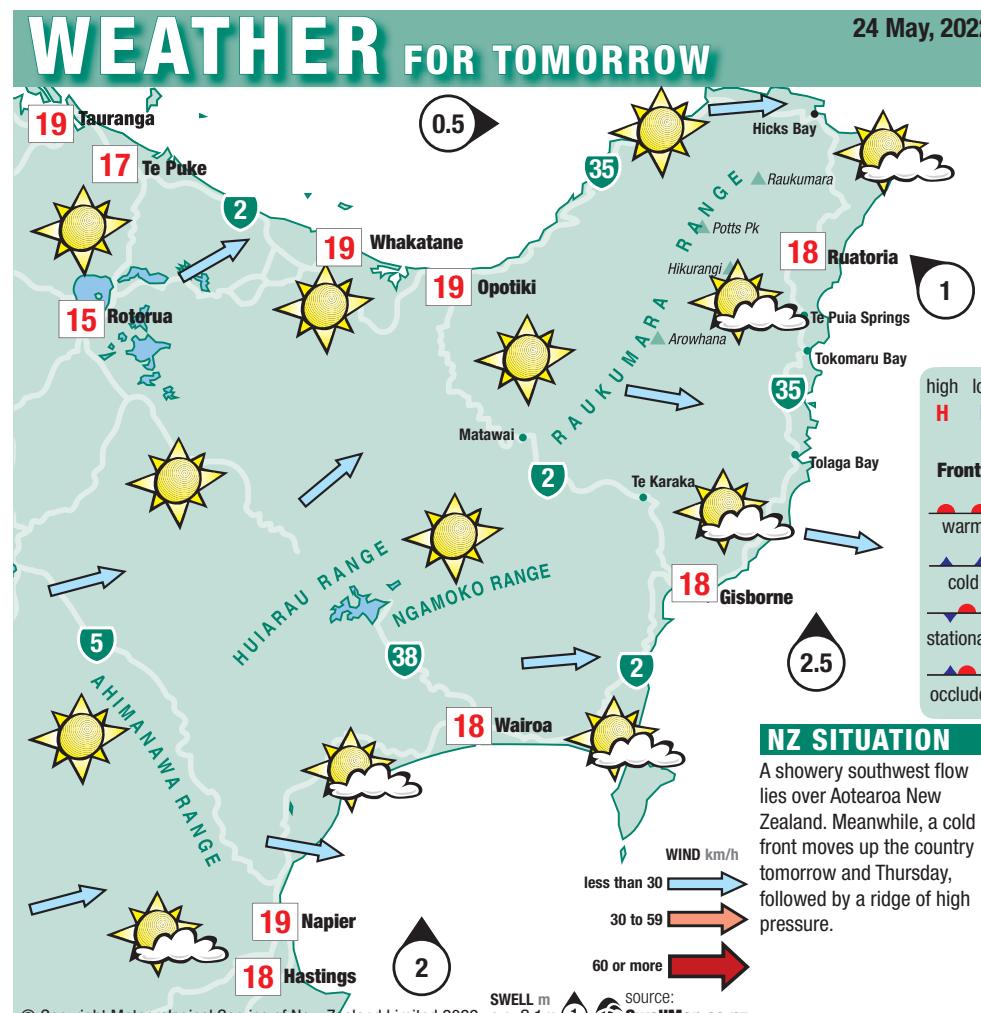
**NEW SHERIFF:** Ario Rewi has become the new women's rugby development officer for the Coast. She is heavily involved with east coast rugby having played, coached and refereed.

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"Rugby can be a tool to ensure positive outcomes for women and their families.

"It doesn't matter who you are or where you're from, if you're Ngāti Porou, then chances are you've participated in some capacity — as a ball-boy/girl, tee-boy/girl, assistant ref, ref, gate keeper, uniform washer, cleaner, cook, Junior Advisory Board member, committee member, coach, manager, bar manager — and in some instances (particularly if you're a woman), you've been all of the above at the same time!"



<b>GISBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b> May 25	<b>Thursday</b> May 26
am 3 6 9 noon 3 6 9 pm	am 3 6 9 noon 3 6 9 pm
Hicks Bay H 2:08am 2:37pm	Hicks Bay L 8:23am 8:45pm
Waipiro Bay H 1:55am 2:24pm	Waipiro Bay L 7:58am 8:20pm
Tolaga Bay H 1:43am 2:12pm	Tolaga Bay L 7:46am 8:08pm
Gisborne H 1:26am 1:53pm	Gisborne L 7:43am 8:05pm
Wairoa H 1:08am 1:35pm	Wairoa L 7:25am 7:49pm
<b>SUN-MOON-MAORI FISHING GUIDE</b>	Maori fishing guide by Bill Hohepa
Rise 7:11 am Set 4:58 pm	Rise 7:12 am Set 4:58 pm
Rise 1:32 am Set 2:21 pm	Rise 2:36 am Set 2:45 pm
Best at 8:01 am 8:23 pm	Best at 8:45 am 9:06 pm

<b>GISBORNE READINGS</b>	
Auckland showers	18
Hamilton showers	17
Tauranga fine	19
Rotorua fine	15
Taupo fine	15
Napier fine	19
New Plymouth fine	17
Palmerston North fine	16
Wellington showers	16
Christchurch showers	15
Queenstown showers	12
Dunedin windy	13
<b>TODAY IN HISTORY</b>	
1989	— Rather wet conditions from East Cape to Northern Hawke's Bay were caused by strong moist southerlies in the south-western sector of a depression. Rainfalls of 75mm were common and Gisborne recorded 112 mm.
<b>SUNSHINE hours</b>	
On Monday, 23 May	7.6
To date for May	127.9
Average for May	146.0
To date this year	864.8
Average year to date	882
<b>WIND km/h</b>	
Max gust on Mon 23 May	S 35
<b>RAINFALL mm</b>	
24 hours to 9am, Tue 24 May	0.0
To date for May	41.1
Average for May	88.0
To date this year	636.9
To date last year	316.4
<b>EVAPOTRANSPIRATION mm</b>	
Daily average for past week	1.6
<b>TEMPERATURE °C</b>	
Maximum	17.7
Minimum	2.2
Grass minimum	-1.6
<b>BAROMETRIC PRESSURE</b>	
At 9am 24 May (hPa)	1020.4
At 9am 24 May (inches)	30.13
<b>WORLD TOMORROW</b>	
Adelaide showers	14 19
Amsterdam showers	8 18
Bangkok rain	25 32
Beijing fine	20 29
Berlin cloudy	10 22
Brisbane showers	15 22
Buenos Aires showers	13 15
Cairo fine	18 36
Canberra fine	4 16
Cape Town cloudy	13 17
Delhi fine	21 38
Frankfurt fine	9 22
Geneva fine	11 20
Hong Kong drizzle	25 29
London rain	10 17
Los Angeles fog	15 27
Melbourne fine	8 19
Moscow fine	3 12
New York cloudy	14 18
Paris showers	9 19
Perth fine	10 21
Singapore thunder	25 34
Stockholm rain	7 20
Suva thunder	22 30
Sydney showers	12 20
Tokyo cloudy	17 25
Toronto showers	11 18

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# GEAR NAMES TEAM



**CHALLENGE LAID OUT:** Ngāti Porou East Coast lays out a challenge to South Canterbury during last years season. NPEC head coach Hosea Gear has named his squad for the up coming Queens Birthday weekend clash against Poverty Bay.

Picture by Paul Rickard

## Coast squad for QBW derby clash

RUGBY by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

QUEEN'S Birthday will be a bruising weekend.

Enterprise Cars Ngāti Porou East Coast head coach Hosea Gear, who two days ago at 38 proved for the Classic All Blacks in Madrid that his rugby prowess on the big stage remains, has named a 37-man squad with a combined total of 474 caps.

The Sky Blues are without their outstanding captain and back-row forward of the past two years, Hone Haerewa, but many of the men up for selection on June 4 have known ups and downs and come through both the wiser for it.

Nine debutants are in the squad. Gear likes what he's seen so far.

"I'm in regular communication with a lot of them about where I want them to be at, and what I want them working on," Gear said.

"I'm pretty happy with the squad. We have a lot of boys

from last year plus new faces to continue our growth. We've lost Hone, Sam Parkes and Te Rangi Fraser but that gives others a chance to step up and take their opportunity."

Strongman Perrin Manuel, the imperturbable scrum-anchor, is an excellent tighthead prop. He, along with Uawa captain Patrick Allen, Tokararangi titan Riki Waitoa and a host of other tough nuts make this pack a formidable unit.

All of the inside backs selected are capable. The Coast have goal-kicking options and their outside backs — such as BJ Sidney of Uawa and Kris Palmer of Hikurangi — have the ability to defuse pressure situations and lead counter-attacks.

If both forwards and backs click for the Coast, Gear — in his third season with the Sky Blues — will see more progress towards the polished but passionate, creative yet disciplined final product that he believes they can become

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New women's rugby development officer

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## SPORTS SHORTS

### Giants driver wins NZ title

GISBORNE Giants superstock driver Josh Prentice 5G won the Autumn Superstock New Zealand Championship held at Meeanee, Hawke's Bay, at the weekend.

Wellington-based Prentice took a first and two seconds in the three-race final series to win comfortably.

"He was a level above everybody else," Gisborne Speedway Club superstock rep Trevor Mullooly said.

Gisborne's James Clarke, driving 29G, finished fourth in the event, which attracted more than 30 cars.

### Rain washout ends in draw

THE Black Caps four day tour match against Sussex has ended in a draw with rain washing out the final day's play in Hove.

The first day was also completely lost to the weather. New Zealand finished on 40 without loss in their second innings with a lead 135 runs. The Black Caps now head to Chelmsford for the second tour match against a Counties XI starting on Thursday night.

Neil Wagner, Devon Conway, Daryl Mitchell, Kane Williamson and Tim Southee will join the squad on the eve of the match, with their roles in the match still to be determined.

The first Test against England starts at Lord's on June 2. — RNZ

### Matterson blues Origin asset

RYAN Matterson's versatility could be decisive in the State of Origin selection race with the in-form Parramatta lock certain he is ready to end a three-year wait for his first NSW jersey.

Matterson is firming as a chance to claim the Blues' No.14 jersey when coach Brad Fittler unveils his side for Game I on Sunday as NSW battle injuries on several fronts.

South Sydney captain Cameron Murray will make a last-ditch effort to prove his fitness by playing on Saturday, while Isaah Yeo will be the man to start at lock for the Blues. But injuries to Victor Radley and Ryan Papenhuyzen leave Matterson as a likely pick on the bench, with the Eels star in the best form of his career. — AAP

### Teen backed for Maroons

BRISBANE teenager Selwyn Cobbo has been backed by NRL teammate Kotoni Staggs to handle the State of Origin stage as the 19-year-old's case to be a Queensland bolter builds momentum.

Maroons coach Billy Slater will name his team on Monday for the June 8 series opener in Sydney, with Cobbo firmly in the discussion after his electric start to the 2022 season.

Despite having played just 18 first-grade games, Cobbo's nine-try haul in Brisbane's recent five-game winning run has put him firmly on Slater's radar. After a hat-trick in the 38-0 Magic Round mauling of Manly, Cobbo added a double to continue his hot form as the Broncos smashed Newcastle 36-12 last Friday at McDonald Jones Stadium. With North Queensland confirming on Monday that winger Kyle Feldt is out for six weeks with a medial collateral ligament tear, the queue for spots in the Queensland backline is shortening. — AAP

### GS on verge of series sweep

STEPHEN Curry scored 31 points and Andrew Wiggins added 27 as the Golden State Warriors beat the Dallas Mavericks 109-100 for a 3-0 lead in the NBA Western Conference finals.

Klay Thompson scored 19 with a pair of big fourth-quarter 3-pointers as the Warriors moved within a victory of a return to the NBA Finals, three years after the end of a run of five consecutive trips that yielded three championships. Golden State, who swept Portland in their most recent West finals in 2019 before Toronto won the title, go for the sweep in Game 4 in Dallas.

No team has rallied from 3-0 down to win an NBA playoff series. Luka Doncic scored 40 and beat the first-quarter buzzer with a 32-footer that got the crowd going with the Mavericks again at home trailing 2-0, as they did against top-seeded Phoenix before winning the West semi-final series in seven games.— AP

### NGĀTI POROU EAST COAST SQUAD

Saturday, June 4

**Forwards:** Perrin Manuel (Waiapu), Jody Tuhaka (Uawa), Semisi Akana (Uawa), Myles Muir-Lardelli-Tawa (Uawa), Hirini Delamere (Tihirau Victory Club), Mike Chambers-Raroa (Tokomaru Bay), Hakarangi Tichborne (Ruatoria City), Blake Beard (Hikurangi), Wyntah Riki (Tokomaru Bay United), Patrick Allen (Uawa), Riki Waitoa (Tokararangi), Will Bolinford (Waiapu), Trent Proffit (Hikurangi), Richard Green (Waiapu), Khian Westrupp (Uawa), Rafael Tuhera (Hikurangi), Tuterangi Ngarimu (Ruatoria City), Hoani Te Moana (TVC), Jack Richardson (Ruatoria City), Moana Mato (TVC).

**Backs:** Hamuera Moana (Waiapu), Josh Dearden (Uawa), Neihana Ratahi-Brown (Ruatoria City), Rapata Haerewa (Tokararangi), Ngarangi Haerewa (TVC), Carlos Kemp (Uawa), Tawhao Stewart (Uawa), Tutere Waenga (TVC), Te Manu Herewini (TVC), Jesse Fleming (Ruatoria City), Teina Potae (Tokararangi), Fabyan Kahaki (Hikurangi), BJ Sidney (Uawa), Kris Palmer (Hikurangi), Verdon Bartlett (TVC), Bless Perese-Elliott (TVC), Shayden Stevens (Uawa).