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TE NUPEPA O TE TAIRAWHITI

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GISBORNE'S world-class pump track opens to the public from 3pm today. The 260-metre asphalt cycle track, located at Alfred Cox Park, opens to bicycle riders. However, scooter riders are asked to stay off the track for another week so the asphalt can harden further.

Gisborne District Council leased the land to Tairāwhiti Adventure Trust, which funded the \$596,000 facility. It is hoped to hold national and international events on it. A pump track is like a small BMX track, with tight berms, hips, rollers and

double jumps that allow riders to build up speed without pedalling. The area around the track will be beautified and cleaned up. More on the opening in tomorrow's Herald.

Asher Nepia-Anderson, Tobias Smith, professional mountain bike rider Jayden Fleming, Cambridge-based BMX world champion Jessie Smith (formerly of Gisborne), Maddie Smith and Reave Nepia-Anderson. Front: Jax Nepia-Anderson.

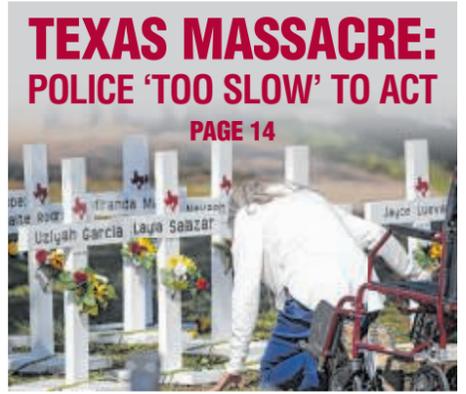
■ Ready to hit the track are, back row (from left):

Picture by Liam Clayton



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'A welcoming whare'

Design approval for new mental health and addictions facility

HAUORA Tairāwhiti has announced the construction of a new mental health and addictions care facility is expected to begin early next year.

The Te Whare Awhiora facility will be located on Gisborne Hospital grounds in front of its corporate building.

The \$23.3m project was designed in partnership with mana whenua, staff, stakeholders and local artist Nick Tupara.

Hauora Tairāwhiti said in a statement that the concept and preliminary designs have been approved for the fit-for-purpose building.

"The design supports safe (physical and wairua), high quality practice and holistic health and wellness for whānau.

"The facility will be a welcoming whare, with 10 beds, whānau spaces, flexible therapy rooms and a specially-designed outdoor courtyard to embed connection with nature within the building.

"The facility embraces a biophilic design which connects visitors and staff to the natural environment."

A key element of the design was the model of care which focused on whānau

(family) engagement, powhiri (welcoming) and putting whānau first, said Sonya Smith, Hauora Tairāwhiti's Te Ara Maioha mental health and addictions services group manager.

"We want people in our care and their manuhiri to have control over their own space and for this facility to connect to nature, with lots of daylight and a range of quiet and social spaces," she said.

"We'd like to thank everyone who has contributed to the designs so far, including people who have received care, mana whenua and local specialist staff.

"We'll continue working on the finer adjustments to ensure it reflects our people's needs."

Mode Design and Architects 44 led the design process. The project has been led by interim Health New Zealand's Health Infrastructure Unit and funded by the Government.

"We're excited about having a facility which will attend to the needs of our community for generations to come," Ms Smith said.

The building will gain both Zero Energy

DESIGN FINALISED: Artist Nick Tupara's impression of the new mental health and addictions facility to be located at Gisborne Hospital.



and Core Green certifications, international benchmarks in sustainability, which will reduce the ongoing cost and impact of the building on the community.

Tuta Ngarimu, the regional advocate for

anti-meth movement New Zealand 'P' Pull, said he was happy to see the investment come to fruition.

It was "great news" that the building process was finalised.

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SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS: Lytton High head girl Rhiannon Kapa and Gisborne Boys' High School head prefect Mairangi Campbell have won Te Ara a Kupe Beaton scholarships, which provide up to \$25,000 to help Māori students get to their preferred university. Rhiannon aspires to be a medical practitioner and "bring my skills home to Te Tairāwhiti" while Mairangi is passionate about law and science, and would like to be involved in energy production as a career.
Rhiannon picture by Paul Rickard, Mairangi picture supplied

Pathway to dream careers

Scholarship to open doors to choice of universities

by Matai O'Connor,
Kaupapa Māori reporter

TWO Tairāwhiti students planning their next steps in education have been awarded the Te Ara a Kupe Beaton Scholarship to help Māori students with those kinds of decisions.

Mairangi Campbell (Tūhoe, Te Whānau-ā-Apanui, Ngāti Porou), who is head prefect at Gisborne Boys' High School and Rhiannon Kapa (Ngāti Porou, Ngāpuhi), head girl at Lytton High, will receive personalised mentoring and education services worth up to \$25,000 to help them apply for and get accepted by their choice of universities.

The Te Ara a Kupe Beaton Scholarship was founded five years ago by Crimson Education to encourage young Māori representation on the global stage.

"I was filled with excitement and pride for my whānau and I," Rhiannon said after

finding out she had won.

"It felt like I had not only made my whānau, community and school proud, but also my tupuna and all those who came before me.

"Being recognised by Crimson Education and their amazing team as a recipient is such a privilege and I was overwhelmed with joy," Rhiannon said.

Her goal is to study medicine in the United States.

"I was born and bred on the East Coast and it is my childhood dream to not only return home and support the community that has always supported me, but also pave the way for the next generation of rangatahi Māori within the medical sector.

"I have always been surrounded by my whānau and developed so many

relationships within the communities where I have lived.

"From a young age I have been intrigued by the world of medicine, and my goal is to become a qualified medical practitioner — specifically a dermatologist and clinical surgeon."

Rhiannon hopes to achieve her full potential with the support of the scholarship.

"I want to bring my skills home to Te Tairāwhiti to provide my people with a culturally sensitive and professional health service."

Mairangi said he was stoked to learn he had won.

"I'll use the scholarship to find a clearer pathway for what I want to do."

Mairangi applied for the scholarship because he was interested in studying overseas.

He has chosen to pursue a career in law and also possibly science.

"I am passionate about these fields of work and I see a need for Māori leaders in this profession — not just to represent Māori in these fields but also to inspire other Māori too.

"I would like to be in a field involving energy production as I believe that there are innovations which can be made to improve the health and wellbeing of our population and environment," he said.

"In terms of law, I would be most interested in constitutional law — building a career towards politics."

■ **Crimson Education** was founded in 2013 by three students, including chief executive Jamie Beaton after he applied and gained admission to 25 of the world's best universities including Harvard, Stanford, Princeton and Cambridge. Its mission is to help students all over the world reach their ultimate university admissions goals.



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Barge facility on East Cape a long way off

by Andrew Ashton

FUNDING towards the development of a barging facility at Te Araroa has been labelled a “huge opportunity” but is a long way from becoming reality.

The Government yesterday announced funding for four projects to develop coastal shipping routes.

One of the projects involves providing new barge services at East Cape, Kawhia and the West Coast for Aotearoa Shipping Alliance.

The alliance is made up of West Coast-based Ngāti Waewae and Westland Minerals Sands Co, along with Taranaki-based Tainui Kawhia Incorporation and Te Araroa-based Te Rimu Trust.

Group spokesman Ray Mudgway said the proposal sought to build resilience into the three regions represented by members.

“We have very much shared values and shared visions and also the same challenges of where the cargo is and getting it to market, hence why we have come together.”

The government funding for the alliance’s proposal was a “shot in the arm”, he said.

“The concept here is by working for the long-term and thinking inter-generationally . . . we have a shipping solution for the future that ties in with what Te Rimu Trust is working on in Te Araroa.

“The key thing is the East Coast has a similar issue to what we have

on the West Coast of the South Island . . . vast resources that are a long way from port.”

The regions also had similar issues with flooding, slips and resilience of the roading network, as well as diversifying the economy.

“Shipping really unlocks those resources and makes them more economical.”

Mr Mudgway said he would be in Asia next week to finalise purchase of new barges for the project, which he expected would be in operation inside nine to 12 months.

The East Cape barge facility would be able to join in as soon as Te Rimu Trust was ready.

“The ships will be there to go.”

Te Rimu Trust chairman Richard Clarke, however, said the Te Araroa project was a long way away from starting.

“We are going through the community engagement. We are going through the consultation process, ecological research— both marine and onshore — so there’s a bit of work to do,” Mr Clarke said.

“We are still working with the community but when we started talking with these like-minded iwi, they had similar issues. They have stranded assets — they can’t get their logs out of areas. They have commodity they want to shift and they said we want to work together if we are successful in getting the facility built.

“The opportunity is there to be

part of a team. It’s the community and the Kahu whānau who are facilitating this.

“It’s a huge opportunity to unlock the economic potential of this area. It’s very exciting but there is a lot of work to be done.”

The trust’s barge facility was first proposed two years ago but was opposed by some in the community and rejected by Gisborne District Council, which declined to include the project in its Tairāwhiti 2050 Strategy.

Following that, the then-Infrastructure Minister Shane Jones approved in principle a deal to fund the project with \$45m of government funds.

“At this stage, discussions with relevant community, iwi and stakeholders remain ongoing and there is no firm outcome to report,” a Crown Infrastructure Partners spokesman said.

“Subsequently, up to \$2.8m has been allocated to fund feasibility, design, costing and consent work for the barging wharf proposed by Te Rimu Trust. The balance, being \$42.2m, has to date not been allocated or committed.”

The trust last year proposed to move the facility to an alternative site 500 metres east of the Karakatuwhero River mouth, as well as adding a maritime research centre, small boat ramp, waka ama launch area and search and rescue base.



ALL AT SEA: Contractors who installed the inner harbour boat ramp pontoon that broke apart in heavy tidal surges at the weekend face some potentially sticky questions. Gisborne District Council said the contractors would be “on-site within the next two weeks”. A segment (pictured) of the \$400,000 pontoon was retrieved yesterday after becoming dislodged and floating away. It was feared more would break off as swells peaked with the rising tide. “The council is monitoring the pontoon closely and developing a plan to remove all the remaining sections as soon as it is safe to do so,” GDC liveable communities director Michele Frey said. On Tuesday, the council removed two sections of the already-broken portions and was awaiting a contractor assessment. Picture by Liam Clayton

‘Devastating betrayal’

Stole \$450,000 from employers to feed gambling addiction

A WOMAN’S gambling addiction was at the root of her theft of nearly \$453,000 and “betrayal” of her employers, Gisborne District Court heard.

Danielle Sancia Grant, 34, was sentenced to two years and 11 months in prison for stealing nearly \$453,000 from Anne and John McDonald, lessees of the Vista Motor Lodge in Wairoa.

Mrs McDonald read her victim impact statement to the court, in which she said she and her husband offered Grant and her family support and friendship, and treated her as part of their family.

“I’m gutted and disappointed that our friendship meant nothing to you,” she said. “Financially I had to call and meet with the creditors for all the debts that had not been paid.

“John and I did not deserve this and we will be feeling the impact for the rest of our lives.

“We were willing to help and support your family. The opportunity would have been a way to get ahead with your lives.

“Trust is a huge thing in my eyes. Break it and I’m done.”

Judge Turitea Bolstad outlined the facts of the case.

The McDonalds managed the Vista Motor Lodge in Wairoa, and Grant worked for them.

Grant was increasingly entrusted with administrative work at the motel, including passwords to access business bank accounts to pay staff and bills.

The relationship developed into more than a working one, as the McDonalds

helped Grant and her family, allowing them to stay at the motel rent-free in exchange for work in the office.

By July 2020, Mrs McDonald noticed irregularities in the bank accounts but Grant reassured her it was a glitch and she would sort it out.

In October 2020, Mrs McDonald was hospitalised and Grant took over running the business.

When Mrs McDonald realised some months later the original transactions had not been corrected, she contacted police.

Grant made 420 transfers from the motel business account to her own

personal account, processing nearly \$453,000.

“We’ve heard about the impact of your offending,” the judge said. “Not only did you take from their business but you have taken from them personally as well.”

Crown prosecutor Dave Walker told the court the aggravating factors in the case were the very large sum of money involved — none of which had been recovered — the premeditation and the persistent offending, which had occurred over eight months.

“The one that hurt the victims the most was the breach of trust,” Mr Walker said.

“It was not a regular employer-employee relationship; the defendant and her family were treated as part of the family.

“At one stage the defendant made the comment that she had the back of the victims as they were her family. The betrayal has been devastating.”

The prosecution submitted a starting point of imprisonment in the range of four-and-a-half to five years, whereas counsel for the defendant, Vicky Thorpe, submitted a four-year starting point.

Ms Thorpe told the court that Grant recognised her gambling addiction and now expressed remorse.

“She has made a meaningful expression of remorse and willingness to go through a restorative justice process.

“She comes to the court clean and her offending was born of an addiction, and there are personal factors that led to that,” she said.

“Until this offending she has had a good record. The addiction issue took hold of her and overcame any sense of fairness or loyalty or good behaviour we should have expected.

“She describes becoming powerless under the addiction and she is not in a position to make reparation.

“Addiction is not something that chooses its victim.”

Ms Thorpe submitted the court could consider home detention because Grant had a suitable address.

She had already spent four months and

four days in custody.

In passing sentence Judge Bolstad noted both Crown and counsel acknowledged the offending was a result of Grant’s gambling addiction.

“In my view there is no connection between her background and her offending,” the judge said.

She did refer to pre-sentence reports that explained how the addiction arose.

“A term of imprisonment will be imposed today. While I would have liked to have imposed reparation upon you, the reality is you have no means to pay that reparation.”

The judge said the offending was deliberate, involved taking a significant amount of money from people who trusted her, had provided a home for her and her children, and who cared for her and her children. It was calculated offending.

“They are elderly and saved that money for their retirement. You have taken all of that from them.

“I accept that at the time you had an addiction problem. I also note that there was a lengthy period of time that you were on bail but I have nothing before me to show you have taken any steps to address that addiction.”

The judge adopted four-and-a-half years imprisonment as a starting point, with discounts for Grant’s guilty plea, previous good character, remorse and the contents of cultural and pre-sentence reports.

Release conditions were to be set by the New Zealand parole board.

Reparation was not imposed.

‘...we will be feeling the impact for the rest of our lives’

FAMILY NOTICES

Birthdays

Deaths

BARWICK, Donald Frederick (Don). — Passed peacefully 24th May 2022, aged 83 years. Loved husband of Barbara (nee Sutton) and loved Dad of Danielle, Peter, Lisette and Hamish. Special Grandad of Sylvie, Fraser, Janie and Patrick. Loved son of the late Fred and Mona Barwick. ‘Promoted to Glory’.

A service will be held (livestreamed via www.evansfuneral.co.nz) at Holy Trinity, 1.30pm, Monday, 30th May, followed by private cremation.

A special thanks to the staff of Dunblane for their great care given to Don.

The family requests that attendees please wear masks.

Donations can be made to The Alzheimers Foundation and The Waikanae Surf Club.

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William John Grant
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Nga Mihi Ra i to ra whanau, e te tau. Happy 30th birthday Son. Thinking of you on this special day. Miss you always.

Me te Aroha Nui o Mama (Char) xox



PAVARNO, Rowland.

— Passed away Tuesday, 24th May 2022 in his 77th year. Dearly loved husband of Christine and dearly loved father of Matthew and Natalie. Treasured poppa of Kayla and Braxton.

Rowlie will be at home until 10.30am Sunday 29th May for those wishing to pay their respects.

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In Memoriam

ROBERT GEORGE CHAFFEY (BUCK)

Hard to believe it's 50 years today. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Love always
Kev, Shar and Jul



WEDDING BELLS: Pat and John Hall on their wedding day, two months after they met on board the Seven Seas in the ship's library. Right, 60 years later they celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary with a family lunch at the Bushmere Arms.

Pictures supplied



Happiness and humour

by Renae Lolohea

IT was love at first sight when Pat Kellet spied John Hall with his feet up in the ship's library. 'We went for a drink and we have been going for a drink ever since,' she said.

They were aboard the Seven Seas as it sailed from England to Australia and New Zealand in 1961.

As John readied to disembark in Australia Pat gave him a love letter.

'We decided maybe we were more than just friends,' he said.

'I asked her to marry me and she said yes.'

They bought an engagement ring in Melbourne and Pat sailed home to New Zealand.

Separated by the Tasman Sea the couple kept in touch via letters, which they still have including the love letter from the Seven Seas.

Pat invited John to Auckland where the courtship continued.

John said dating 60 years ago would be "horribly boring" by modern standards "but we enjoyed it".

"Going to the movies, sitting and holding hands, going down to the beach and having a picnic, or just sitting and chatting," he said.

It was a short long-distance romance. Two months after the ship's library meeting they were married and soon starting a family in Auckland.

They had son Michael and a daughter Susan before moving to the Gisborne home they still enjoy today.

They added two more children, David and Lizzie.



REMINISCING: John and Pat Hall share a smile over the letter she wrote to him as he was about to disembark in Australia, 60 years ago.

Picture by Renae Lolohea

The Seven Seas love letter recently emerged as the couple celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary.

They said humour plays a vital role in their marriage.

"We are both pretty upbeat, nothing really seems to worry us," John said.

They agree tolerance and being a good listener are winning traits for a marriage.

"You do get your ups and downs, there is no question," she said.

"We both had a good sense of humour — that was a big help."

They have also shared a long association with Unity Theatre, almost from the day they arrived in Gisborne.

When asked to describe 60 years of marriage in one word, John said

happiness.

Covid restrictions meant they couldn't enjoy their wedding anniversary with all their family in February.

Instead, the lovebirds celebrated with a romantic dinner at The Works restaurant in Gisborne, where John gave Pat a diamond pendant.

To congratulate them on 60 years of marriage their children organised a family lunch at Bushmere Arms earlier this month, the same place they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

"As it turned out we didn't have to organise anything because our lovely children did a fantastic job of making a really, really lovely get-together," Pat said.

Working towards bilingual signs

by Wynsley Wrigley

BILINGUAL road signs saying Kura School are appearing in Gisborne.

Yesterday's regional transport committee heard that Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency supported te reo Maori being spoken and heard wherever possible, and the revitalisation of the language.

The road transport system was used by everybody, said NZTA regional relations director Linda Stewart. "We see the signs every single day, wherever we go."

Multiple agencies including Te Matawai (an independent agency aiming to promote the use of te reo Maori) and local government were working together to help establish bilingual signs across the Waka Kotahi network.

On Wednesday Transport Minister Michael Wood unveiled a new bilingual Kura sign outside Whangamarino School in Rotorua.

Ms Stewart said any signs that needed replacement would be replaced by bilingual kura signs.

Consultations will be held concerning other bilingual signs "over the course of the next couple of years".

Committee member Barney Tupara said kura was a generic Maori word for school, but other words were spelled differently among iwi and local consultation would be required.

He suggested that areas where marae were close to each other, such as at Waituhi and on the East Coast, could be other locations suitable for bilingual signs.

Bail applications denied for two murder accused

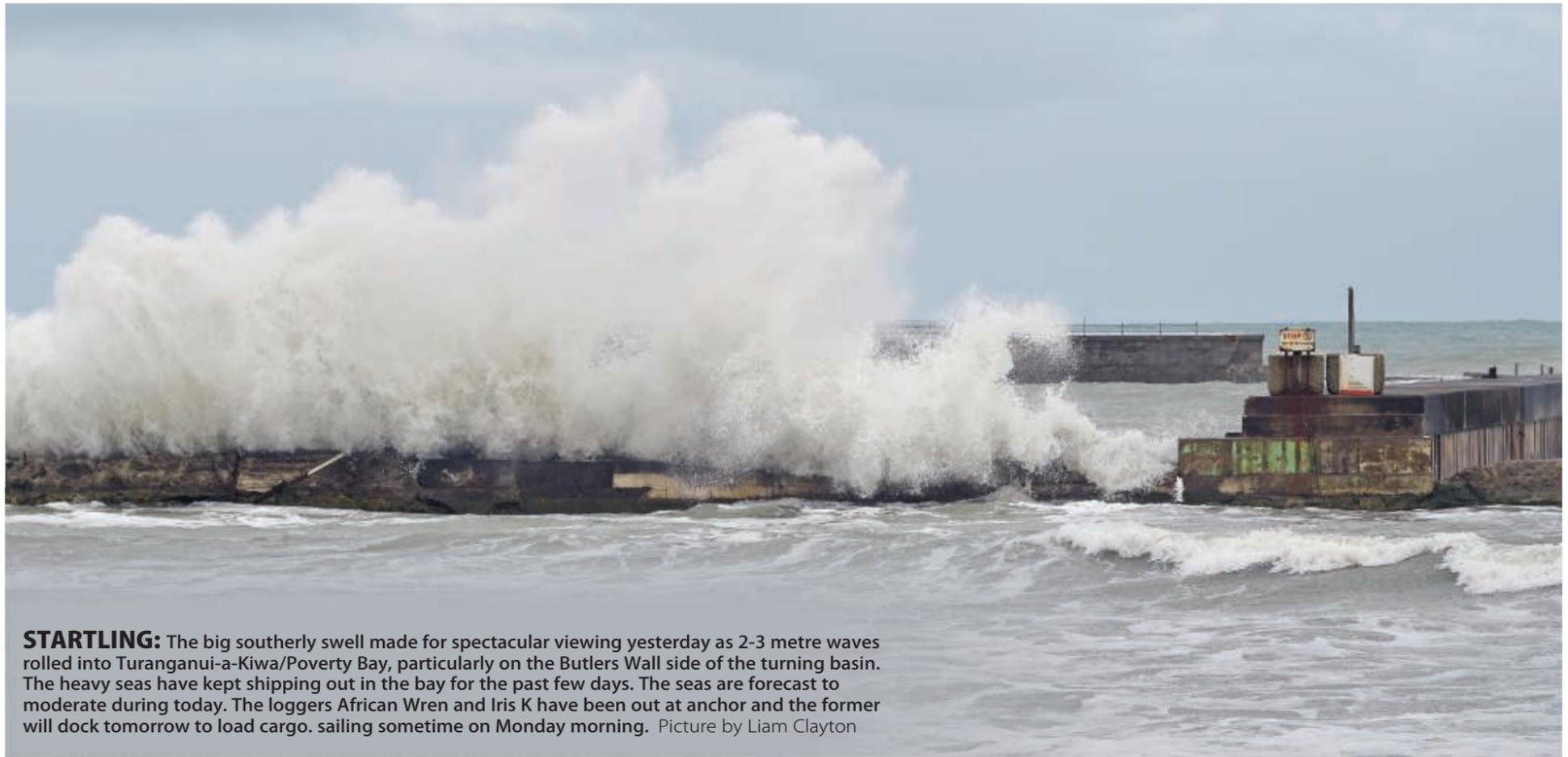
THE bail applications for two people charged with murdering 36-year-old Marea Smith were today denied.

Mercedes Grace, 30, and George

Hallet Walker, 36, were arrested and charged by Tairāwhiti CIB on April 13 in Auckland, where they had both gone after the shooting death.

They pleaded not guilty to a charge of murder with a firearm, and both have opted for a jury trial. That is now set for May 15 next year.

Marea Smith, a 36-year-old mother of six, was shot and killed in Elgin on March 25 this year. Grace and Walker were remanded in custody.



STARTLING: The big southerly swell made for spectacular viewing yesterday as 2-3 metre waves rolled into Turanganui-a-Kiwa/Poverty Bay, particularly on the Butlers Wall side of the turning basin. The heavy seas have kept shipping out in the bay for the past few days. The seas are forecast to moderate during today. The loggers African Wren and Iris K have been out at anchor and the former will dock tomorrow to load cargo, sailing sometime on Monday morning. Picture by Liam Clayton

GISBORNE DISTRICT COURT

KATARINA Trieste Gordon faced two charges of intentional damage.

Her counsel Alistair Clarke said Gordon had painted over an ex-partner's friend's motorcycle.

The only issue for sentencing was confirmation of reparation.

Reparation was \$6900 and Gordon could pay \$10 a week until she was fit to work.

Mr Clarke said the offending appeared to be impulsive while going through a break-up. Gordon had a limited history of offending.

Judge Warren Cathcart said that on November 14 last year, the vehicle was parked in Gordon's ex-partner's garage.

There was a disagreement between Gordon and her ex-partner and he asked her to leave the house. But because it was late, he let her stay overnight.

Gordon became concerned when her ex-partner invited someone to keep a watch over his property while he went to work.

That person saw her move his belongings.

Later, she messaged her ex-partner that she had accidentally spilled paint on some items, which included his friend's motorcycle and other utility items.

She sent photographs to her ex-partner, who then blocked her on Facebook.

It was not good behaviour, the judge said, noting that she had a limited criminal history.

He gave her a nine-month suspended sentence, considering it arose out of a break-up.

"You have to behave yourself," he told her.

She would pay reparation of \$6934, with arrangements to be made with the registrar.

A man was sentenced to community work for driving while disqualified, but spared further disqualification because of his efforts to gain his driving licence, and improve his employment.

Leighvyi Maynard told the court that even though his client, Leonard Te Waiho Gray, 38, had failed his learner's licence many times, he had

now managed to get it. He was also booked to get a restricted licence.

He had previously had a difficult time with work but was now holding a managerial position.

Mr Maynard asked the judge to look at a sentence of community work rather than further disqualifying his client from driving.

Judge Cathcart identified two issues — personal circumstances and those surrounding the offence.

On the morning of April 30 last year, Gray was stopped at a routine traffic stop. He was found to be driving while disqualified and the vehicle was impounded.

Gray told the officers that he did not have a licence but could get one in May.

In an affidavit submitted in September, Gray shared details about his personal circumstances.

He had four prior convictions of driving while disqualified.

He viewed the latest offending as a "dumb decision" because he did not think or regard it as a big deal.

Now, Gray realised the stacking up of convictions was "digging a deeper hole for him", the judge said.

Gray said he was sick of coming to the court and wanted to sort matters out and needed help in achieving this outcome.

If he failed to obtain a licence, the only type of paid work he would qualify for would be in the fields or as a labourer. With a licence he was looking at a better job as a manager.

"He sees the licence as the foundation upon which he can build future prospects," the judge said.

It was obvious from Gray's history that he struggled in the disqualified driving area.

To his credit, his earlier convictions fell in 2005 and 2007 which suggested Gray's obedience to disqualification had been mixed.

Even though he was convicted of driving with excess breath-alcohol in 2018 and 2020, it was not accompanied by driving while disqualified, which showed Gray was largely obedient to previous orders.

Judge Cathcart said given the gaps in current offending, Gray should be given an opportunity to advance

employment prospects.

"He wants to break this cycle and has taken steps to get his learner's licence. It was a struggle but he achieved the outcome," the judge said.

"I am satisfied in these circumstances disqualification will jeopardise his future employment."

The judge sentenced him to 90 hours community work in lieu of further disqualification.

LARISSA Te Kani-Love appeared for sentencing on a charge of driving while disqualified.

Counsel Leighvyi Maynard told the court an application for a community-based sentence instead of further disqualification had been filed and police had taken a neutral stance on it.

The court heard that on June 17 last year a vehicle was stopped for a routine traffic stop, Te Kani-Love was the driver and it was found that she had been indefinitely disqualified on April 13 the previous year.

Judge Cathcart said Te Kani-Love had sworn an affidavit in support of her application, in which she accepted she was disqualified.

She had no alcohol in her system. She had an appointment with Work and Income to pay for the licence exam she was due to sit.

The vehicle she was driving was impounded and later released.

She now had her zero-alcohol licence.

She said in her affidavit that she was disappointed in herself because she had worked hard on observing her disqualification.

The potential impact of further disqualification from driving was concerning. The removal of her licence would impact her children, the judge said.

If she had her licence back, she would not pose a risk to the public.

There was no evidence of unsafe driving, the judge said.

While childcare responsibility on its own was not sufficient, in this case the impact was significant and real.

Mr Maynard asked for a lower threshold for community work.

Judge Cathcart sentenced her to 80 hours of community work.

Drug accused given chance to continue rehabilitation

A MAN who pleaded guilty in Gisborne District Court to possessing methamphetamine for supply was sentenced to nine months home detention.

Judge Turitea Bolstad said the Crown had a presumption of imprisonment for his offending, but she was swayed by his prospects for rehabilitation.

The court was told that Frederick John Bishop had completed a marae-based programme, had been directed to a more comprehensive rehabilitation programme, and had continued to attend regular counselling sessions. He had made progress and was due to start on a rehabilitation programme in Rotorua in the next few months.

The judge outlined the facts of the case. Police had executed a search warrant at Bishop's home, and when they arrived he ran out the back and threw items, which they later retrieved, over the fence.

The items were a plastic container containing three snaplock bags of methamphetamine, of 1 gram each, a larger container of 28g of methamphetamine, \$5640 in cash, digital scales and a cell phone.

Judge Bolstad noted that the packaging suggested he was dealing in retail amounts, but that the scale of his offending was moderate.

Counsel Alistair Clarke told the court that Bishop had not shown any entrenched tendency to offend in this way — although he did offend similarly in 2017. He had shown remorse and had taken full responsibility for his

offending.

"He has recognised he has let himself and his whānau down."

He told the court that Bishop had begun selling the drug to support his own habit, but he had now re-engaged with his partner and children.

At the time of the offending Bishop displayed a severe pattern of substance abuse, taking methamphetamine several times a day, the court heard. He had accumulated debts so had turned to dealing to repay that debt.

"The offending was fuelled by addiction," the judge said.

She referred to a cultural report on Bishop's background and recognised that life "was not easy" for him.

"I recognise that poverty was an issue for you as was your involvement with gangs, and the cultural report also identifies alcohol and drug use as an issue," she said.

She converted his term of imprisonment to 12 months home detention, which was further reduced by a third to reflect the restrictive bail conditions that had been imposed on him for the previous 17 months.

"You've got it all," she told him.

"You have attended a rehabilitation programme this time, and recognised the effect of offending on your whānau, who love you.

"I can tell you here and now that there is nothing more important than your family. So I'm going to give you another opportunity, but you need to know that it will be your last."

Rāhui against gun violence declared in Kaikohe

KAIKOHE — Community leaders in Kaikohe led a hiko through the town centre this morning calling for peace amid rising gang violence.

A collective of Kaikohe hapū (Ngāti Ueoneone, Ngāti Tautahi, Ngāti Whakaeke, Te Matarahurahu, Te Uri o Hua) placed a rāhui on the Northland town in response to the spate of shootings across Te Ika-a-Māui.

The collective says that gang violence must end before an innocent life is lost.

Te Tiahotanga spokesperson Mane Tahere says hapū need to look at the issue with a te ao Māori lens.

“Coming from a hapū level you understand your community, you know the people involved so it is a grassroots level approach.”

He said they could not wait before taking action and hapū had stood up and taken the lead because the community was on edge.

“We know when we see our whānau affected by these shootings we have to do something about it.”

The rāhui comes in the wake of escalating gang tensions in the region.

Gunshots were reported in the town on Tuesday afternoon and a gang member also assaulted a man on the main street in broad daylight last week.

Detective sergeant Chris Fouhy said search warrants were executed yesterday morning as part of the ongoing focus on gang activities in the Kaikohe area.

Police recovered \$35,000 in cash

and 80g of methamphetamine.

A 57-year-old man with gang associations has appeared in court charged with supplying methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine for supply, assault with intent to injure and disorderly behaviour.

While a complex issue, Tahere said Te Tiahotanga was committed to working for long-term solutions.

Tahere said there would be signage to indicate the rāhui prohibiting gun violence was in place.

“We want to make it clear that this is about whakapapa and whānau, including those in the gangs.”

He said hapū had an inherent responsibility and authority to look after its people. — RNZ



CALLING FOR ACTION: More than 150 people marched through Kaikohe this morning to take a stand against gang violence. RNZ picture

PM uses Harvard stage to challenge tech giants

Ardern calls for change as White House meeting secured

BOSTON — Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has secured a sought-after meeting with US President Joe Biden that was put at risk due to her pre-trip Covid infection.

Ardern confirmed today that the meeting with Biden would take place on Tuesday at the White House. She would also be meeting with Vice President Kamala Harris.

“My intention is to continue the conversation we had in the Capital yesterday,” she told media from Harvard University in Boston.

She would be discussing the Pacific region and pushing for the US to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP).

Ardern said she would also be passing on New Zealand’s “sorrow” following the devastating events in Texas, where 19 children and two teachers were killed in a shooting this week.

The top-level meeting was up in the air after Ardern’s recent bout of Covid-19.

The visit would break a long eight-year gap in between White House fixtures for New Zealand leaders.

The last visit by a New Zealand Prime Minister was John Key who went to see then-President Barack Obama in 2014.

The Covid-19 pandemic has meant Ardern and Biden have not met in person since Biden was elected in early 2021, although they have had phone calls and virtual meetings.

News of the upcoming official state visit has been welcomed by the NZUS Council, with the meeting seen as a boon for NZ-US relations and Kiwi exporters.

NZUS Council executive director Jordan Small said it was a rare event and offered New Zealand the opportunity to continue the push for the US to revisit its broader trade strategy in the region and address current challenges New Zealand companies experienced when looking to enter or expand in the US market.

“Make no mistake, this is a big deal and a continuation of the positive trend in our relationship. History shows that gaining an audience with the US President can open up new opportunities to cooperate internationally and enhance trade.”

Earlier today Ardern received a standing ovation from graduates at Harvard University after talking about New Zealand’s move to ban assault rifles and to liberalise abortion laws.

Ardern spoke to the 8000 graduates at the Harvard Commencement Ceremony



DEALING WITH THE BIG ISSUES: Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern is introduced as an honorary degree recipient before speaking at Harvard’s 371st Commencement in Boston. AP picture

in Boston in front of an audience of about 30,000.

Ardern used her address to call for social media to clean up their act, saying she was concerned about violence, extremism and conspiracy theories that stemmed from social media.

However, it was her comment on New Zealand’s move to ban mass assault rifles and gun reforms after the Christchurch terror attacks that got her the loudest applause.

The ceremony took place against the backdrop of mass shootings in the US.

The recent Texas and Buffalo shootings were marked with a moment’s silence for those killed in the shootings.

Ardern wore academic gowns after she was awarded an honorary degree as a doctor of law, her citation referring to her leadership after the mosque attacks and during Covid-19.

The main call in her speech was for more action by social media companies to try to tackle the spread of misinformation and radicalisation — saying it was becoming a threat to democracy.

Ardern prefaced that by saying she feared the world was at “a precipice” and needed to find a way to deal with big issues without resorting to violence, vitriol

or hate.

She took particular aim at social media companies and algorithms developed to direct people to content they might like.

Ardern said people naturally sought out views that were the same as theirs or that validated their own beliefs.

“And increasingly with the help of algorithms, what we seek, we are served, sometimes before we even know we’re looking.”

She used the Christchurch terror attack as an example, saying the terrorist had livestreamed the killing of 51 people, which had been widely shared and he had been radicalised online.

She did not directly mention the US shootings, but social media was also a factor in the Buffalo and Texas shootings.

Ardern said the tech companies signing up to the Christchurch Call had resulted in improvements on social media.

However, it was not enough.

“The time has come for social media companies and other online providers to recognise their power and to act on it.”

“That means upholding their own basic terms of service. That means recognising the role they play in constantly curating and shaping the online environments that we’re in.” — NZ Herald

BRIEFS

Bloomfield tests positive

WELLINGTON — Director General of Health Dr Ashley Bloomfield has tested positive for Covid-19, The New Zealand Herald understands.

Bloomfield has led New Zealand’s official public health response to the pandemic for more than two years.

Today it was revealed he has tested positive for the virus. Bloomfield is due to step down from the role in July.

The health chief is now among the 1,129,749 Kiwis to have contracted the virus since the pandemic began. — NZ Herald

Second booster approved

WELLINGTON — Hundreds of thousands of people will be eligible for a second Covid-19 booster shot.

People at high risk of getting very sick from the virus will soon be eligible for second boosters, Covid-19 Response Minister Chris Hipkins said today.

The jab can be received six months after the first booster.

Law changes will be needed to enable the booster roll-out from mid-June.

“A booster is important for our most vulnerable as we move into the winter peak,” Hipkins said.

He said older people, aged-care facility residents, disability care residents aged 16 years and over, and severely immunocompromised people aged 16 years and over could be eligible.

“Final decisions on the make-up of this group will be made within the next two weeks,” he added. — NZ Herald

Homicide inquiry launched

AUCKLAND — Police have launched a homicide inquiry after the body of a man was found on a Mt Albert walkway.

The discovery was made on Tuesday night on the Roy Clements Treeway, a walkway next to Mt Albert Grammar School that connects Alberton Avenue and St Lukes shopping centre.

Detective Inspector Chris Barry said the victim’s name could not be released yet, but police were in contact with his family, who were “understandably devastated”.

Barry asked anyone in the area on Tuesday evening who saw anything to contact police, including anyone with dashcam or CCTV footage.

A firearm was not believed to be involved but Barry would not be drawn on other potential weapons. There was “absolutely no indication” that the man’s death was gang-linked or related to recent gang activity in Auckland. — NZ Herald

Arrests made after shootings

AUCKLAND — The Police Minister says arrests tied to a spate of gang-related shootings are being made, promising a crackdown on the violent gun crime that has left Auckland on edge.

Since the weekend, about a dozen brazen shootings have taken place across the city’s suburbs, with homes of innocent people peppered with bullets in the crossfire between the Killer Beez and Tribesmen gangs.

On Wednesday night bullets shattered windows as two more homes were hit, in Massey and Mellons Bay.

Minister Poto Williams said she was confident the suburban shootings would slow down. Arrests had been made, she said. — NZ Herald



RAM-RAIDED: Omokoroa Minimart and Takeaways owners Joana and Saed Rajput. They are hopeful the Government's \$6 million crime prevention programme will make a difference. NZ Herald picture

Store owners welcome \$6m programme

by Maryana Garcia, Bay of Plenty Times

TAURANGA — A \$6 million Government retail crime prevention programme has arrived “a bit too late” for Bay of Plenty store owners hit by thefts and ram raids.

But some say the assistance gives them hope.

Police Minister Poto Williams yesterday announced \$6m from the Proceeds of Crime Fund would be invested in a police-managed crime prevention programme.

“This funding will enable police to work closely with vulnerable small retailers to identify effective and practical solutions based on the particular features of each location,” Williams said.

Police will establish and manage the programme of funding, with work beginning in Auckland and expanding if required.

It comes as local police reported the number of ram raids in the Bay of Plenty have tripled between 2019 and 2021.

Omokoroa Minimart and Takeaways owner Saed Rajput hoped the programme would be made available to retailers in the Bay of Plenty.

Rajput bought the minimart in July 2021 and said he invested his heart, soul and savings into the business.

“I spent a lot of time to get the trust of people, a lot of money to fix the store,” Rajput said.

Then, just as the minimart and takeaway food business began to do well, Rajput's store was broken into for the first time.

“They didn't get anything (that time).”

But then 10 days later there was another break-in and two months after that, Rajput hid in the back of his shop as it was ram-raided.

“I have trauma now,” Rajput said.

“I keep waking up in the middle of the night, checking cameras, checking the shop.”

If a fourth break-in happens, Rajput said, the business would not be able to cope.

“My insurance didn't cover the ram raid. There are too many bills to pay.

“I'm not getting money from anywhere and my savings are gone.”

Rajput said he was happy to hear the Government was thinking of small businesses.

“It would take some percentage of my burden away.”

Rotorua and Te Puke Jewellery store owner Rod Pearce believed the programme could be very helpful.

“Anything that is positive like that would be awesome,” Pearce said.

“We have taken a hammering and there are other retailers that have not been robbed, but they're living in fear.”

Pearce said he would like to see the programme target the ram raiders and thieves before they committed the crimes and not just afterwards.

G.A.S. Lake Rotoma store manager EJ Martin said the \$6m programme was “pretty good” news.

The rural station was ram-raided in March last year.

“We just got some bollards put in a couple of months ago,” Martin said.

Martin thought the programme would be particularly helpful in bigger towns and cities where offending was even more common.

Kawerau mayor Malcolm Campbell said the news was “a bit late” for people like him.

Campbell's butchery was burned down as a result of a ram raid in October.

“Anything that can help people secure themselves from ram raiders has got to be a good thing, but I have to say it is sort of like the ambulance at the bottom of the cliff,” Campbell said.

“You can have all the cameras but there won't be any consequences and that's where the issue lies.”

Campbell said he didn't believe all offenders needed to go to jail, but that there needed to be more consequences for parents.

“Police work very hard. But then these kids walk out of court giving them the finger guns.

“Anything that can help people save businesses is a good thing, but I say the devil is in the detail.”

Rotorua Lakes Council deputy chief executive community wellbeing, Anaru Pewhairangi, said the programme was sure to be welcomed by businesses.

“(The) council already works closely with our police and we would be keen to understand more about the programme to see whether there is any way that we may be able to contribute to this locally.”

Pacific partners ‘neglected’ by New Zealand: National

by Katie Scotcher, RNZ

WELLINGTON — The Government is being criticised for letting its relationships with Pacific islands drift, as China tries to boost its influence in the region.

Leaked documents have revealed Beijing is proposing a region-wide deal with almost a dozen countries in the Pacific.

Beijing's offer covers police training, biometrics like fingerprints, new trade arrangements and scholarships.

National Party foreign affairs spokesperson Gerry Brownlee said if signed, the agreement could be a relationship catastrophe for New Zealand and our closest neighbours.

It was a relationship, he said, that had changed in recent years.

“It comes down to how much Pacific nations are respected by their counterparts in New Zealand, I think.

“I was foreign minister for a brief time, but the first trip that I took out of New Zealand was in the Pacific, because I genuinely believe that it is an important relationship, or a series of relationships, that we should maintaining, and I think some of that has slipped over the last couple of years.”

Former Foreign Affairs Minister Winston Peters agreed the Government had let things drift.

“You can't let a vacuum develop because a vacuum will soon be filled and is being filled now. We are paying the price for not paying attention. I know charity begins at home, but our home is the Pacific. That is why it has always been critical.”

Reports of China's latest proposal for the Pacific comes just days after the United States formed an economic alliance of a dozen Asia-Pacific nations, aimed at countering Beijing's dominance in the region.

At such a critical time, Brownlee said Foreign Affairs Minister Nanaia Mahuta needed to explain how she would improve New Zealand's Pacific relationships.

“Or else she is going to watch it shift away from our part of the world, through the northwest of the Pacific and into China.”

China's foreign minister Wang Yi landed in the Solomon Islands yesterday, where he is expected to sign a security pact.

Australia's new foreign minister Penny Wong arrived in Fiji yesterday.

Mahuta has made one trip to the Pacific during her time as Foreign Minister, visiting Fiji earlier this year.

Travelling has been difficult because of strict Covid-19 border controls in many of the island nations.

ACT's foreign affairs spokesperson Brooke Van Velden said that is not an excuse now.



NANAIA MAHUTA

“People are already sunning themselves in Rarotonga; she should be there.

“She should cancel her next month's plans and get to the Pacific to show that we are still friends before they believe China are better friends than us.”

The Government had pointed to the Pacific Islands Forum as the place to discuss China's growing influence and its proposed deal for the region.

But a date for that critical meeting has not yet been set.

Mahuta said when she first became foreign minister, borders were closed around the world due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

“It was the most difficult time to try to meet in person with any country, let alone the Pacific.”

She said as soon as border settings allowed it she visited Fiji and she intends to visit other parts of the Pacific.

Mahuta said border settings in the Pacific are more stringent than anywhere else in the world and she will respect that.

But she said that has not stopped her from engaging with ministers and officials at a senior level over issues such as Covid, RSE workers and climate change.

Mahuta said development partners working in the Pacific may need to work together more closely in the future and align in the interests of Pacific outcomes.

There would be significant implications for the region if China's 10-country pact were to be signed, she said.

“That is why New Zealand has been very consistent in terms of saying that we need to lift these issues up to the Pacific Island Forum to have a more strategic conversation.”

She said with the level of urgency that has been put on meeting with certain Pacific nations, the response may be to pause in order to have a strategic discussion.

Mahuta said New Zealand wants to ensure that “the values and interests of the Pacific are put at the heart of our regional decision making”.

“We need the Pacific Island Forum to be that forum where super powers don't pick off certain Pacific nations, but they meet within the context of our regional architecture.”

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Guildford convicted and discharged over supervision breach

by David Clarkson, NZ Herald

CHRISTCHURCH — Former All Black Zac Guildford says he had a drink in February when his life was “at rock bottom”, before his sentencing for stealing from his grandfather.

Guildford has been convicted and discharged for breaching an intensive supervision order by consuming alcohol.

The drink led to police attending an incident at 33-year-old Guildford’s home, where they found he was intoxicated.

The incident happened before he was sentenced in March for stealing from his grandfather to fuel a secret gambling addiction.

Guildford, now living in the South Island,

pleaded guilty to the breach in the Christchurch District Court yesterday, and was sentenced by Judge Quentin Hix.

Guildford had been serving a sentence of two years’ intensive supervision after being convicted of punching a woman in December 2019.

He broke the order in February, prior to being sentenced on separate charges for stealing more than \$40,000 from his grandfather and deceiving a friend out of \$60,000.

He described the conviction and discharge yesterday as “the best possible outcome”.

Guildford had got into a cycle of addiction, but that ended before the March sentencing when he hit “rock bottom”.

He had put in a lot of hard work and described himself as being “in a beautiful head-space”.

He was now in weekly contact with his grandfather, the court heard.

“I really just had to own my s***,” he said.

His debt to his grandfather, who was left \$34,000 out of pocket after some of the money had been repaid, had been resolved, Guildford told The New Zealand Herald outside court yesterday.

He declined to talk about repayments but said his relationship with his grandfather was “back on track”.

Defence counsel Teresa Penman had told Judge Hix that the breach pre-dated the March



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sentencing, and she argued that if it had been dealt with at that time, no extra penalty would have been imposed.

Judge Hix accepted that and accepted Community Probation’s recommendation for a conviction and discharge.

ROAD TO ZERO Deaths a reminder of danger of driving under the influence

by Belinda Feek, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — New figures show nearly 60 percent of people who died in crashes over a five-year period had some form of drug or stimulant in their system.

Statistics from the Independent Expert Panel on Drug Driving reveal blood samples analysed from 1069 crash victims between 2013 and 2018, showed that 59 percent were affected by either drugs, alcohol or both.

The data was revealed in coroner investigations that saw a man crash with six drugs in his system, while two others had alcohol levels at more than four times the legal limit.

Coroners are endorsing the Government’s continued progress around police carrying out random roadside testing in its LTA (Drug Driving) Bill, which is now awaiting its third reading in Parliament.

In a decision released last week, Coroner Matthew Bates found Jeremy Robert Clayton had a blood-alcohol level five times the legal limit.

The 30-year-old crashed and died on Whitehall Rd, Karapiro, on March 22, 2020, after a day drinking beer and clay shooting with friends.

He left to head home at about 7.40pm.

There were no witnesses to the crash, but a serious crash investigation found Clayton was travelling on Whitehall Road when his vehicle crossed the centre line on a bend before colliding with a bridge abutment.

His vehicle then dropped into the stream bed below and burst into flames.

Toxicology results found the Waikato man had a blood alcohol level 204mlgs per 100 millilitres of blood.

The legal limit for a driver over 20 is 50mlgs.

Coroner Bates said Clayton’s death served as a reminder of the dangers of drink driving.

He asked Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to consider Waikato serious crash

Statistics from the Independent Expert Panel on Drug Driving 2021 show that between 2013 and 2018 there were 1342 driver fatalities. ESR analyses of blood samples from 80 percent, or 1069, of those people showed:

- 41 percent had not used alcohol or other drugs,
- 27 percent were positive for alcohol,
- 25 percent had used cannabis,
- 7 percent had used both alcohol and cannabis, but not other drugs,
- 8 percent had used methamphetamine,
- 8 percent had used opioid type drugs, and
- 7 percent had used sedative-type drugs.

unit recommendations of installing painted edge lines on Whitehall Road along with a protective Armco barrier on the bridge abutments.

He also recommended the transport agency consider incorporating the section of road where Clayton died into their programme of Road to Zero works.

Jarryd Brett Davidson was driving without his correct lenses and with a blood alcohol level five times the legal limit when he crossed the centre line and crashed into a bus.

The 24-year-old had spent the night of January 11, 2019, drinking with friends before heading south on Gowing Drive, Meadowbank, Auckland the following day.

At the same time, the bus, carrying several passengers, was heading north.

Gowing Drive is a designated bus route, but with vehicles allowed to park on either side, the passing distance between vehicles was “very narrow”, Coroner Tania Tetitaha found.

As the bus approached 72 Gowing Drive, it crossed the centreline by 30cm.

As Davidson approached 72 Gowing Drive, his car crossed the centreline by one metre into the northbound lane, colliding with the bus.

Toxicology results found Davidson’s blood level was 257mlgs. MDMA and tramadol



DEADLY CRASH: Jarryd Davidson died in a traffic accident between a car and bus in Meadowbank, Auckland, in 2019. NZ Herald picture

were also confirmed in his blood.

Davidson was travelling between 83kmh and 94kmh at the time of the crash. The speed limit is 50kmh.

The serious crash unit found speed, drugs, and alcohol factors in the crash, along with the fact he wasn’t wearing his correct lenses, which was a condition of his licence.

Auckland Transport investigated and proposed to introduce traffic calming measures on Gowing Drive, along with banning parking around bends.

Coroner Tetitaha found that had the traffic calming measures been in place at the time of the crash, it might have prevented his death.

She supported Auckland Transport’s proposed measures, which also include moving a bus stop further down Gowing Drive.

“There is merit in making recommendations that support these proposed traffic calming measures being put in place as soon as possible to prevent further deaths in this area,” she said.

Barry Paul O’Sullivan, 64, was travelling south on State Highway 1 at Karapiro on January 25, 2020, when witnesses saw his vehicle travelling “oddly”.

At about 6am he was seen veering out of his lane to pass a truck. However, he collided into the path of an oncoming van.

Despite evasive manoeuvres by the van’s driver, the vehicles crashed and O’Sullivan, who was not wearing a seatbelt, died at the scene.

Toxicology analysis found amphetamine, methamphetamine, cannabis, THC, Ephedrine, and phentermine in his blood.

While O’Sullivan’s sleep patterns prior to the crash were unknown, there were several indicators that the collision was fatigue-related.

The SCU considered that fatigue was a contributing factor in the crash.

Coroner Bates endorsed a recommendation by Waikato SCU Constable Chris Johnston that a central wire median barrier be installed where the crash occurred.

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RED WARNING: Serious floods have hit the West Coast of the South Island twice in the past year.
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Forecasters surprised by spate of extreme events

by Jamie Morton, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — A spate of damaging weather events — including three deluges in recent months — has surprised even MetService meteorologists.

Today marks three years since the national forecaster introduced its “red warnings”, advisories reserved for the most extreme weather, and it has since had to issue seven.

But six of them — including a Westport deluge that left about 450 homes damaged or uninhabitable, and Canterbury floods that covered swathes of farmland — have occurred in just the past 12 months.

“When we introduced the system, we had expected one or two events per year,” said Lisa Murray, head of weather communications.

“It’s fair to say we have been somewhat surprised by six in the past year, three of which have happened in the first five months of 2022.”

Between 2010 and 2019, 14 weather events triggered local states of emergency.

Recent events have included another West Coast deluge, in February, that forced hundreds to evacuate, and storms in March and April causing hundreds of millions of dollars in damage on the North Island’s East Coast.

“We work closely with regional councils ahead of issuing the red warnings and during the events to understand local

concerns,” MetService severe weather manager Elke Louw said.

“The more forewarning we can provide, the more time communities have to prepare and stay safe.”

While each event was different, recent ones shared some common threads.

Most coastal regions had been having periods of severe or strong ongoing marine heatwaves — especially in the North Island, with waters in the Wairarapa up to 3C above average for this time of year.

“Warmer waters around us means the air above it heats up. There is more moisture in the air and this feeds into any weather system, especially those that come from the tropics, which means we are seeing more intense weather events,” Louw said.

A big influence is La Niña, an ocean-driven climate system that has been meddling with our weather since late last year, and may do again later in 2022 if a rare “triple dip” of these events plays out.

For New Zealand, La Niña meant more northeast winds from the subtropics, leading to higher-than-usual rainfall in the northeast of the North Island, as seen in autumn’s big East Coast storms.

Some of these downpours had come in the form of snaking, moisture-packed systems called “atmospheric rivers”.

“These can stall over a part of the country, delivering continuous rainfall for a number of days, or are a highway for deep tropical

lows to come visiting,” Murray said.

“A warmer atmosphere due to climate change will make more moisture available in these atmospheric rivers which can get dumped on our doorsteps.”

On average, every degree of warming was adding an extra 7 percent of moisture into the atmosphere, intensifying visiting weather systems.

“For example, a tropical cyclone is likely to have more energy now as opposed to 50 years ago — so can be more intense and more damaging.”

Scientists have already estimated the extreme rainfall that caused Canterbury’s flooding last year was 10 to 15 percent more intense because of human-driven climate change — with a similar-sized influence also observed in last year’s Westport disaster.

“Studies have shown us that we can expect an increase in the intensity of big rainfall events, especially in areas like the west coast of the South Island,” Murray said.

“So, with more extreme events in the future, then it is likely that Aotearoa will have more red warnings.”

The Government recently put out for consultation its draft National Adaptation Plan, which aims to determine how New Zealand should meet climate-driven impacts, and fund the costs that come with them.

Some 675,500 Kiwis already live in areas prone to flooding.

Former principal suspended for ‘failing to keep students safe’

by Dubby Henry, NZ Herald

GREYMOUTH — The former principal of Gloriavale Christian School has been banned from leading a school for three years after failing to report a teacher’s sexual abuse of a nine-year-old girl.

Faithful Pilgrim has admitted he “failed dismally as a principal” when he did not report the offending to police, and certified the teacher’s “good character” so he could renew his teaching licence.

Pilgrim was principal at the secretive Christian community’s West Coast school in 2012, when a teacher named Just Standfast indecently assaulted a nine-year-old girl in his class.

Standfast forcefully kissed the girl, touched her bottom and exposed his penis. She told her mother who immediately told Pilgrim what had happened. In response, he moved the teacher to a Year 11 boys’ class, which he claimed removed any risk of reoffending.

Despite knowing about the abuse, he certified that Standfast was of “good character and fit to be a teacher” so he could renew his practising certificate that year, and again in 2016.

Police only learned of the assault in 2018 when it was reported by the girl’s father, who had left Gloriavale. Standfast pled guilty to a charge of sexual conduct with a child under 12 and was sentenced to six months of community detention and two years of intensive supervision.

At the time, the girl’s father told NZME he believed his daughter had been groomed, and that Standfast had other victims who had been pressured to stay quiet.

In 2020, Pilgrim was stood down while the Teaching Council began an investigation into claims he had failed to keep Gloriavale’s students safe from abuse. He resigned later that year.

The council’s disciplinary tribunal has now found Pilgrim guilty of serious misconduct. His claims that Standfast was fit to be a teacher and of good character were “plainly and unambiguously wrong” and reflected poorly on his own fitness to be a teacher, the tribunal said.

According to the agreed summary of facts, Pilgrim admitted he knew about the allegation, and that he had also heard a rumour about inappropriate conduct by Standfast about 25 years earlier.

Signing Standfast’s certificate had been foolish, he said.

Pilgrim, 66, remains a member of the Gloriavale community. His practising certificate will expire in 2024. His son Abraham Pilgrim is now the school’s principal.

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Prison staff stood down amid police corruption probe

by George Block, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — Several Corrections staff including three managers have been suspended from work as part of a lengthy corruption investigation at Rimutaka Prison.

Five staff members were placed on special leave yesterday following allegations of staff misconduct, Corrections chief custodial officer Neil Beales said in a statement.

It is understood three are managers. The Upper Hutt prison is the subject of a long-running police investigation into what the Department of Corrections dubs “integrity concerns”.

Allegations against staff include

smuggling contraband, inappropriately accessing prisoner information and failing to maintain professional boundaries.

Beales said since November 2020, police have been “referring instalments of information obtained during their inquiries” to the counter-corruption Integrity Assurance Team within Corrections.

“The information relates to alleged workplace misconduct that may breach our code of conduct,” Beales said.

“As we have said previously, we welcome the inquiries being undertaken by police at Rimutaka Prison since July 2020, and staff are continuing to assist police with these inquiries.”

“Our inquiries identified 10 staff whose

alleged actions were of concern and we have decided they should be investigated further.”

Of the 10 staff, one has resigned.

Two were already on gardening leave. Five additional staff have been placed on “special leave”, Beales said.

The final four staff, including the two already on gardening leave, will be spoken to by senior management shortly, Beales said yesterday.

He confirmed the staff included members of the management team and “varying levels” of Corrections officers.

“We are investigating a range of allegations of staff misconduct.

“This includes introducing contraband

(including food and cellphones), workplace bullying, failure to follow procedures critical to the safety and security of the prison, failure to maintain professional boundaries, and inappropriately accessing prisoner information.”

None of the allegations relate to sexual misconduct, Beales said.

“We will not tolerate this type of behaviour in our prisons.

“We expect a high standard of conduct from all employees. The nature of our work means we must act beyond reproach at all times.”

Detectives from the police National Organised Crime Group are continuing to run their investigation.

Schools still using MoE's quake-prone buildings

WELLINGTON — The Ministry of Education is clearing out its quake-prone head office, at the same time as some schools are still using their quake-prone buildings.

A new seismic assessment has scored the Wellington office block, with room for 1000 workers, at just 25 percent of New Building Standard (NBS).

Ministry workers have until Monday to vacate.

But schools have for years been using and are still using 29 buildings that are rated earthquake-prone, or under 34 percent. One of those is partially occupied.

There are six other quake-prone buildings not in use.

The ministry said it took a “consistent” approach to decisions around both corporate and school buildings.

Its engineering strategy group, along with experienced earthquake engineers, reviewed assessments and advised on continuing to occupy a building, leader of Infrastructure-Hautū and Digital Scott Evans said.

“These recommendations are based on the nature of the engineering risk and an assessment of the practical steps that can be taken to eliminate or minimise the risks.”

RNZ has asked how many of the 29 buildings are in a high-risk quake zone.

Minimising risk to students and staff went in hand with supporting daily operations “with minimal disruption”, until a long-term plan could be developed, Evans said.

The ministry took swift action at its head office based on a partial seismic assessment targeted at the floors.

Floors have provoked confusion, because

TAKING ACTION: The Ministry of Education has closed its Wellington head office because the building does not meet earthquake standards.

RNZ picture



there are two sets of guidelines in play — and while the newer 2018 rules are superior, the older 2017 rules are those with legal standing. The newer ones will, typically, score a building lower than the older guidelines, if it has hollowcore precast concrete floors.

Engineers called last year for officials to clear up the mess.

The ministry's engineers appear to have used the 2018 rules to arrive at the 25 percent rating.

Stuff quoted the building's landlord saying the ministry's move was a kneejerk reaction in response to the guideline shifts.

The ministry said decisions on risks to core structural strength, such as at its head office, are looked at differently from non-core problems, such as with cladding (although it can fall off in an earthquake).

“This approach aligns with the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Act 2016, the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and is consistent with the 2018 WorkSafe guidance that confirms that a low seismic rating does not necessarily mean the building should be vacated.”

Last year the ministry admitted it had not been tracking how many schools had been fixed, so they were no longer rated as earthquake-risk (a technical category that covers buildings rated 34-67 percent NBS, with sub-34 percent being quake-prone).

This was despite it being a stated medium-term goal to strengthen all school buildings to 67 percent NBS as far as practicable.

When the ministry first went looking a few years ago, it found 130 school buildings were under 34 percent NBS. — RNZ

Council approves financial help for Bromley residents

by Courtney Winter, NZ Herald

CHRISTCHURCH — Residents living near the Christchurch wastewater treatment plant in Bromley say the council's community support package is not good enough.

The plant was damaged in a fire in November last year, releasing a smell on the area that has been described as “putrid” and “foul”.

Up to 3300 households affected by the stink will be eligible for a one-off payment of \$200, to help deal with the impacts of the fire. Bromley resident Caleb Saunderson said it won't make a difference.

“It's not good enough in any way, shape or form. They have sort of dropped the ball. I don't think a blanket one-off payment of \$200 is going to solve anything.

“To me, it seems like hush money, take your \$200, shut-up and thank your benevolent overlords, you know?”

He said the response he has heard from the community is that nobody is happy with it.

“People are quite angry about it, it is kind of insulting.

“Not only have they limited the area, which in my opinion isn't large enough because it is affecting a lot more people than just 3000-odd houses, but they haven't listened to what the community is saying.”

The Christchurch City Council approved a community support package to assist those living nearest to the plant yesterday.

From Monday, residents who live within the area bounded by Buckleys and Pages roads, State Highway 74 and Linwood Avenue will be able to apply for the cash payment.

The council has committed \$1 million towards the community support package.

Some of that money could be used to support schools and early learning centres in the immediate area.

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Orr warns against passing costs on to customers

by Brian Fallow, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — Reserve Bank governor Adrian Orr delivered a stern message to the nation's price-setters on Wednesday.

When the bank releases a monetary policy statement, it has several audiences to address simultaneously.

One is the general public, who are probably most interested in what the more aggressive tightening it has signalled will mean for their mortgage rates and house prices. Short answer: nothing good.

Then there are the brash young men in dealing rooms, as it is via the wholesale financial markets that the Reserve Bank acts on the world. The forward track for interest rates the bank has now pencilled in, is in line with market pricing two weeks ago, even if mounting concerns about spluttering global growth saw some easing since then.

But the most important group whose attention the bank needs to get, and whose expectations and behaviour it needs to influence, are the people who actually set consumer prices.

They are the thousands of people who decide what their businesses will charge for the goods or services they sell.

And the message to them is that the bank is "resolute" in its determination to lean against growth in aggregate demand until it is back in balance with the economy's ability to meet that demand. And right now, that ability is very constrained. Translated from central bank language, the bank's message to price-setters is this: Firms face all sorts of supply-side cost pressures, like disrupted supply chains, shipping costs, high global oil prices, Covid-related absences and wage inflation as people trade up in a very tight labour market.

The central bank can't do much about any of that, but it can — and will — affect how many

customers are out there for firms to pass those costs on to.

The key message, therefore, is not to assume there will be enough demand to accommodate passing on the cost-push inflation they are experiencing with commercial impunity.

It is not just expenses and the bottom line that businesses need to worry about; it's the top (revenue) line too. At some point, maybe sooner than they think, raising prices becomes counter-productive.

The sooner enough firms get that message, the sooner the value of the dollars in which they, and the rest of us, are paid will stop evaporating.

Inflation is the highest it has been for 30 years. Getting it under control back then was a brutal business.

Asked about the risk of recession Orr said: "Is it in the range of possible outcomes? Of course. (But) we need to slow the growth in demand until it is better aligned with the ability to supply that

demand. In the absence of that, inflation will keep going higher."

The statement acknowledges the global threats to both inflation and growth but still forecasts GDP growth in New Zealand's trading partners to hold up above 3 percent a year for the next three years. Asked how confident he could be of such forecasts, given the recent news flow out of the two largest economies, Orr said there was a huge band of uncertainty around that number.

"China in particular is so important to us and it is going through significant Covid challenges at present, as well as the broader geopolitical issues... It is a risk for us."

The bank offered scant support for the Opposition's campaign to pin as much blame as possible for inflation and higher mortgage rates on a spendthrift Government. The statement describes the current level of government spending as "very high", but expects it to ease from the middle of this year.

National MP drops the R-word

Another builder goes under

by Anne Gibson, NZ Herald

TAURANGA — A National MP yesterday quizzed the Reserve Bank about pressures on the multibillion-dollar construction sector tipping the economy into recession and cited a Tauranga builder's failure as an example.

Andrew Bayly, National's building and construction spokesman, said he was concerned about pressures on the sector.

Tauranga's Oceanside Homes is in liquidation with a \$518,000 shortfall, leaving two homes unfinished and a long list of creditors. The first liquidator's report was out yesterday.

Yesterday, Bayly addressed the finance and expenditure select committee on the Reserve Bank's monetary policy statement, which came out on Wednesday.

"I asked Governor Adrian Orr: is trouble in the construction and building sector one of the biggest risks to the economy and whether we might go into a recession," Bayly said.

Afterwards, Bayly said he was now even more convinced about economic risks from the building sector struggling to keep up with demand and threats to financial security.

Shareholders put Wellington's Armstrong Downes into liquidation this month with an \$8.7 million shortfall. Liquidators said on Wednesday the company had \$17.6m liabilities but just \$8.9m in assets and 320 unsecured creditors claiming \$9.2m.

In Tauranga's Oceanside case,



CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY HURTING: National MP Andrew Bayly says Oceanside Homes' failure is indicative of wider building industry issues. NZH picture

liquidator David Thomas has projected a \$518,537 shortfall.

He said two homes on Tauranga's outskirts were unfinished and he was concerned about the situation. Unsecured creditors were owed \$448,000. The sole director was Claudia Fisher and the business stopped trading three days ago.

Bayly said that was illustrative of wider issues.

"Everyone knows we're consenting up to 50,000 homes. But people can't complete all those homes," Bayly said, citing the national Gib board shortage via Fletcher Building's Winstone Wallboards which has around 93 percent of the market.

"Builders get to the stage of putting up

the plasterboard and when they can't get it, it means they simply can't complete the house.

"We're now accumulating a backlog of unfinished houses. But also people won't go ahead because prices are rising. I think we're overestimating how many houses are being completed," Bayly said.

Builders who had entered into fixed contracts were now really "getting hammered. I raised with the Reserve Bank this morning that builders now are finding it increasingly difficult to get access to finance. If you're a three-man builder doing three spec houses a year, selling them to get cash flow for the next one. But if they can't get the Gib, there is no way to complete houses. Builders

are beginning to get squeezed by the merchants and can't get access to new products".

Many builders had increasing stock credit with their merchants which put those outlets under pressure.

"With the triple CCCFA rules, buyers can't get access to credit and can't commit to buying apartments or buildings off the plan. They can't get a long-term commitment for financing.

"House prices are coming off because people can't get access to credit," he said.

The Reserve Bank's MPS noted house prices had fallen 5 percent since November.

Bayly said developers two years ago could have got a project away with 50 percent of people buying off the plans. But now banks were saying they were not going to lend to developers on that basis.

"So where do they go for money? High-priced property lenders, but most of them can't get money so an increasing number of developments are coming on to the market."

Bayly said the reason he raised the issue is that around 280,000 people are employed in the construction sector and changes could have serious ramifications for the economy.

"This could tip the economy into a recession. I'm not hoping for it and the Reserve Bank isn't projecting that. But we need to see some action around freeing up the supply of products, trying to ensure the Government is supporting the sector.

"We should be building houses during times when house building falls away, not trying to compete with the market at the time there are real supply shortages."

SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — Global operators Mainfreight and Rakon produced record earnings, but this time the investors were wary as the New Zealand sharemarket dropped more than half a percent for the third day running.

The S&P/NZX 50 Index traded strongly for most of the day and then eased late afternoon to close at 11,102.84, down 0.63 percent after reaching an intraday high of 11,244.73.

There were 55 gainers and 88 decliners on the main board, with 41.71 million shares worth \$156.96m changing hands.

Matt Goodson, managing director of Salt Funds Management, said the local market "is a little bit heavy — the selling orders are dominating the buying orders, as has been the case for several months now".

"The movement in Mainfreight was surprising given its strong result, but I guess it had been foreshadowed and trading volume was light," he said.

Global transport and logistics company Mainfreight finished \$1 ahead at \$76 on trade worth \$5.03 million after announcing another record result for the year ending March. Net

profit was up 88.9 percent to \$355.4m on revenue of \$5.22 billion, up 47.2 percent.

It is paying a final dividend of 87c a share on July 22. Mainfreight's share price went as low as \$74.50 and as high as \$78 during the day.

Mainfreight said the Air and Ocean, Warehousing and Transport divisions had significantly contributed to profitability and growth, and net profit from businesses outside New Zealand now made up 72 percent of the group total.

Rakon declined 11c or 6.75 percent to \$1.52 despite reporting record earnings for the year ending March. Net profit rose 244 percent to \$33.11m on revenue of \$171.96m, up 34 percent. Operating earnings (ebitda) were \$54.4m, up 132 percent.

Rakon told the market that revenue was driven by continued demand and growth in 5G telecommunications networks and precision positioning applications, as well as opportunities created by global chip shortages.

Market leader Fisher & Paykel Healthcare, down 35c to \$19.55, held an Investor Day and talked about the three new high-flow products it

has launched into the global markets.

Ryman Healthcare, due to fall out of the MSCI global index next Tuesday, continued to climb, gaining 21c or 2.07 percent to \$10.35.

AFT Pharmaceuticals was up 8c or 2 percent to \$4.09; Chorus gained 11c to \$7.32; Green Cross Health increased 5c or 3.085 percent to \$1.35; Gentrack collected 5c or 3.23 percent to \$1.60; and Chatham Rock Phosphate picked up a further 7c or 12.96 percent to 61c.

Insurer Tower, unchanged at 68.5c, reported a 72 percent fall in net profit to \$2.93m on revenue of \$214.13m, up 5 percent for the six months ending March. Tower said the lower profit related to the impact of large storm events in New Zealand and the Tonga volcanic eruption.

Tower is maintaining its full year guidance of \$21m-\$25m net profit and is paying an interim dividend of 2.5 cents a share on June 30.

Goodson said Tower produced a good result, with premium rises dealing with inflationary cost pressures and only masked by the big-ticket claims.

Among energy companies Contact was down 20c or 2.61 percent to \$7.46, and Mercury also fell 20c or 3.45 percent to \$5.60.

Genesis Energy, up 3c to \$2.72, has launched a \$225m, 30-year green capital bond, with the

ability to accept \$60m over-subscriptions.

Eroad plunged 26c or 8.72 percent to \$2.72 after reporting a net loss of \$9.62m on increased revenue of \$114.9m for the year ending March. Eroad has fallen from a high of \$6.70 set in late July last year.

Eroad, which merged with Coretex, told the market it was in a period of significant transition to build greater growth and was forecasting revenue of \$150m-\$170m in the 2023 financial year.

Pacific Edge fell 6c or 7.23 percent to 77c after reporting a loss of \$19.78m on revenue of \$11.44m, up 49 percent, for the year ending March. Total laboratory throughput of Cxbladder rose 46 percent to 23,086 tests and commercial test volumes increased 48 percent to 19,196.

Other decliners were a2 Milk down 12c or 2.48 percent to \$4.72; Auckland International Airport shedding 9.5c to \$7.25; Hallenstein Glasson falling 15c or 2.75 percent to \$5.30; and Briscoe Group decreasing 13c or 2.17 percent to \$5.86.

DGL Group fell 15c or 4.48 percent to \$3.20; SkyCity Entertainment was down 5c or 1.84 percent to \$2.67; Napier Port shed 8c or 2.83 percent to \$2.75; and Vulcan Steel declined 31c or 3.1 percent to \$9.68 and NZME was down 5c or 3.7 percent to \$1.30. — NZ Herald

EDITORIAL

China pushing for new regional order

The South Pacific is very publicly “in play” all of a sudden in the great geopolitical rivalry of the 21st century between a rising China on one hand, and the United States and its allies on the other.

Australia and New Zealand are central players in this high-stakes contest for influence, as the traditional regional powers and guarantors of stability and security — on request — and disaster relief.

China is seeking to reshape the regional order, advancing from the influence it has gained through development assistance to a full suite of strategic goals, while we want to uphold democratic ideals such as respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms — as well as maintain and build on our own trade, security cooperation and aid relationships.

China’s foreign minister and a 20-strong delegation are on an eight-nation tour of the South Pacific promoting an ambitious economic and security agreement — the draft of which was revealed by Reuters on Wednesday — that it hopes will be signed by 10 Pacific nations next week.

The draft communique covers policing, security and data cooperation. China also wants to be a key responder on the humanitarian and disaster front, and gain access to the Pacific’s maritime domain.

It is a shift from a previous preference for bilateral agreements to a multilateral one that shows China’s growing confidence in its relationships and how it engages with Pacific countries.

It is also a counter-move to a pre-emptive and growing Western security focus in the Pacific, and the launch earlier this week of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework — a US-led alliance of 13 nations that includes Australia, New Zealand, Japan and India that aims to provide an economic counter-balance to China’s influence in the wider region.

The communique and a five-year action plan were sent to the island nations ahead of a foreign ministers’ meeting on May 30. At least one of the invited nations has pushed back, leaking the pre-determined “agreement” and saying it showed China’s intent to control the region and “threatens regional stability”.

The island nations are almost certain to resist this bid by China to become their guarantor of security and a strategic partner on all fronts. The measure of success for China will be new bilateral deals that fulfil its aims with some of them. There is also an opportunity for the Pacific nations to take advantage of this attention to gain more development support from all partners.

Bouquets and brickbats ETS ban for permanent exotics misses concerns

Re: The blue highway, May 26 story.

Given the enormous significance of the Government’s multimillion-dollar investment in Sir John Clarke’s family’s log barging proposal for the Tairāwhiti economy but, more particularly, the bulk of Ngāti Porou forestry estates that until now have been classified as uneconomic, it is in order to:

a) extend a big thank you to all those (including senior members of the previous Labour-led Government) who persisted with this enlightened idea while suffering ill-judged opposition from a small band of dissident locals, and

b) expect a genuine apology

from all those members of council, led by the deputy mayor, who contemptuously maligned both the Clarkes and the Minister at the time, Shane Jones, who had done due diligence and decided to back the idea until it became a reality.

Thankfully, we have people in this district of such generous character that allowed them to continue in spite of the pressure from a precious few.

Hopefully, this is a sign that councillors of the future will be more willing to back ratepayer ideas that are proven will work for the good of all.

Well done Sir John and your team.

CLIVE BIBBY

Re: Pines seen as key part of solutions, May 25 editorial.

I have to agree with you Jeremy.

I have been very vocal in trying to arrest the loss of good productive farmland to pines in our region and all around our country.

This Government’s reaction to propose a total ban on permanent stands of exotic trees in the ETS shows how out of touch they are with what the real concerns are. Allowing foreign people and companies to come into our country and convert productive farmland into pines, with all revenue garnered from them to be sent offshore — that is the issue!

The proposal to ban all exotic trees from the ETS is a step way too far. There needs to be flexibility in the ETS to enable land owners to put the right tree in the right place.

The Government should look to ban any foreign-owned companies from being able to put exotic trees into permanent carbon farms.

Also, as part of any consent granted for foreign individuals or companies to purchase and convert our land, these

entities should be tied to having to harvest those trees. This would prevent them from claiming carbon credits for the next 16 years then selling the property to someone else who would have to do the harvesting. This would then mean that they have to be in the game for the long haul.

That’s what they are claiming in their applications to the OIO.

This would also leave them unable to make a quick buck at the expense of local communities.

A total ban on exotic trees entering the ETS would also lead to some areas on farms, that should be planted to prevent erosion, no longer being planted. Exotic trees are all trees that are not native to NZ. Land owners should be being encouraged to plant these areas in some form of exotics, willows or poplars, and should be able to collect revenue from them should they meet the other criteria in the ETS. No one in their right mind is going to harvest poplars and willows planted to stabilise hillsides.

TOBY WILLIAMS

It’s not your home, is it . . .

Re: Above comment. I’m guessing that you don’t live in the Te Araroa or Wharekahika

surrounds, Clive. Nor Shane Jones nor Sir John.

ALLAN POLLOCK, Wharekahika

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

A precarious position there

Re: Another pontoon piece retrieved after breaking away, May 26.

Good to see all possible steps to protect your staff here, GDC.

No lifejacket, no harness or tether line, wearing boots with a 3.0 metre fall on to the pontoon (if lucky) then into turbulent waters — if not

already crushed between the pontoon and steel piling.

Who is in charge of GDC health and safety here?

Should this be investigated by WorkSafe NZ?

I would not be at all happy for ratepayers’ money to be used to pay the fine!

PETER MILLAR

Steak memory is fading . . .

Re: More cost-of-living relief, May 25 letter.

You know things are looking grim

when you can’t remember what steak tastes like.

PERRY ANDERSON

Grievances need airing, in interests of justice

Congratulations to Clive Bibby on “Rally defences for battle of ideas” . . . has to be one of his best columns yet.

“Our MSM (mainstream media) have become the front-line troops operating on behalf of a democratically elected government, in defence of those half-truths and lies that are repeatedly offered to us — a wilful sabotage.” Yes indeed Clive, I agree.

Of course, some of our regular local correspondents, by totally ignoring letters that expose such criminal offending as the assault on a protester at the anti-mandate protest at Parliament by a uniformed police sergeant, are either willingly or tacitly supporting the premise that justice should be done only if it supports “our side” of the Government’s saga — but not if it shows that some of the protesters have genuine grievances.

If there was any doubt that protesters had grievances against police and “the system” prior to and during the protests, Stuff’s video shows there is little doubt that they have now.

While correspondents such as me should not be allowed to be “judge and jury” on this particular matter, it should be a matter that the courts decide on — as the full Stuff video, which as previously stated has had at least 100k viewings, would be compelling evidence if produced in a court hearing.

So far The Gisborne Herald stands alone in having printed my letters making reference to the video in question and not labelling it as “fake news”. It stands head and shoulders above other publications in that respect.

Now let us see if Stuff itself or the rest of the MSM will

do some genuine investigative journalism regarding the incident mentioned.

Rest assured, this is a matter which cannot and will not remain hidden. When it surfaces, the loss of credibility of MSM and even some public officials will be both spontaneous and far-reaching, if they have not acted in the interests of justice per se.

DENNIS PENNEFATHER

Footnote from Ed: Asked about this incident yesterday, the police media team advised of the wide-ranging investigation by the Independent Police Conduct Authority, as well as the response sent to media who inquired at the time, which was:

“This is an extremely difficult working environment for our front-line staff. However, police have been exercising their powers fairly and professionally, and have used force

proportionate and relevant to the circumstances.

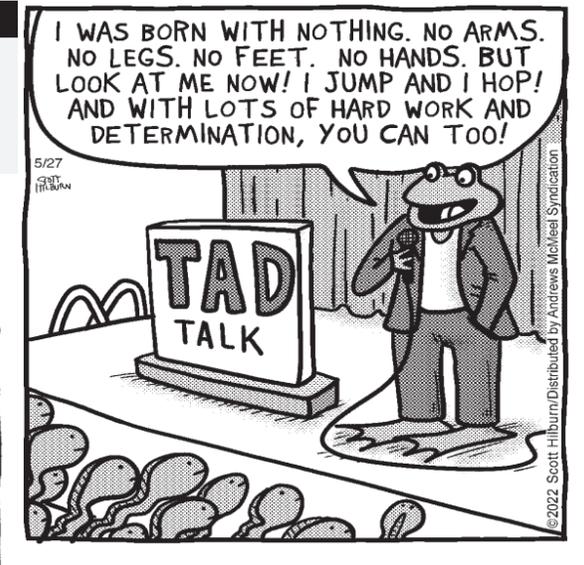
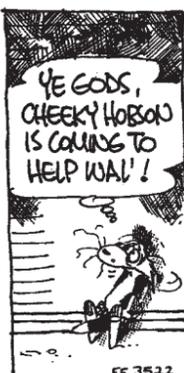
“Images and videos often do not provide the full context of the protest activity and the situation police staff face. Police will not comment on individual arrests.”

In late March the Independent Police Conduct Authority announced an investigation and review of policing of the occupation and protest at Parliament. At that time it had received nearly 1900 complaints, many from people who were not at the protest but were concerned about police actions.

The IPCA said the investigation would “provide the public, police and other key stakeholders with an independent assessment of the information police had, the decisions police took, the tactics used, and whether the approach taken to policing the protest as it evolved was lawful, proportionate, and appropriate”. It expected to complete the work and report on it by March 31, 2023.

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PARTS OF UKRAINE ARE IN RUINS: Damaged buildings ruined by attacks are seen in Irpin, on the outskirts of Kyiv, Ukraine, on Thursday. AP picture

Russia slams sanctions, blames West for crisis

KYIV, Ukraine — Moscow pressed the West on Thursday to lift sanctions against Russia over the war in Ukraine, seeking to shift the blame for a growing food crisis that had been worsened by Kyiv's inability to ship millions of tonnes of grain and other agricultural products due to the conflict.

Britain immediately accused Russia of "trying to hold the world to ransom", insisting there would be no sanctions relief.

Russian President Vladimir Putin told Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi that Moscow "is ready to make a significant contribution to overcoming the food crisis through the export of grain and fertiliser on the condition that politically motivated restrictions imposed by the West are lifted", according to a Kremlin read-out of the call.

Ukraine is one of the world's largest exporters of wheat, corn and sunflower oil, but the war and a Russian blockade of its ports has halted much of that flow, endangering the world's food supplies.

Many of those ports are now also heavily mined.

Russia is also a significant grain exporter.

Kremlin spokesperson Dmitri Peskov said the West "must cancel the unlawful decisions that hamper chartering ships and exporting grain".

His comments appeared to be an effort to lump in the

UK Foreign Secretary Liz Truss said Putin was 'trying to hold the world to ransom' by demanding sanctions be lifted before allowing Ukrainian grain shipments to resume.

blockade of Ukrainian exports with what Russia said were its difficulties in moving its own goods.

Western officials dismissed those claims.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken noted last week that food, fertiliser and seeds were exempt from sanctions imposed by the US and many others — and that Washington was working to ensure countries knew the flow of those goods should not be affected.

With the war grinding into its fourth month, world leaders had ramped up calls for solutions.

World Trade Organisation Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala said about 25 million tonnes of Ukrainian grain was in storage and another 25 million tonnes could be harvested next month.

European countries have tried to ease the crisis by moving grain out of the country by rail — but trains can only carry a small fraction

of what Ukraine produces, and ships are needed for the bulk of the exports.

At the same time, the Russian Defence Ministry has been proposing a corridor to allow foreign ships to leave Black Sea ports and another to allow vessels to leave Mariupol on the Sea of Azov.

Mikhail Mizintsev, the head of Russia's National Defence Control Centre, said 70 foreign vessels from 16 countries were in six ports on the Black Sea — including in Odesa, Kherson and Mykolaiv.

He did not specify how many might be ready to carry food.

Ukraine, meanwhile, expressed its scepticism.

Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said his country was ready to agree on safe corridors in principle, but that it was not sure if it could trust Russia.

He said the issue was how to ensure that "Russia will not violate the agreement on the safe passage and its military vessels will not sneak into the harbour and attack Odesa".

UK Foreign Secretary Liz Truss said Putin was "trying to hold the world to ransom" by demanding sanctions be lifted before allowing Ukrainian grain shipments to resume.

"He's essentially weaponised hunger and lack of food among the poorest people around the world," Truss said while on a visit to Sarajevo.

"What we cannot have is any lifting of sanctions, any

appeasement, (as that would) simply make Putin stronger in the longer term."

Putin said "it's impossible and utterly unrealistic in the modern world" to isolate Russia.

Speaking via video to members of the Eurasian Economic Forum, which included several ex-Soviet nations, he said those who try would "primarily hurt themselves", citing broken food supply chains among the economic problems the West was facing.

Michael Carpenter, the US ambassador to the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, urged its members to provide Ukraine with what it needed to defend itself against Putin's "revanchist delusions".

If Russia achieved "success" in Ukraine, "there would be more horrific reports from filtration camps, more forcibly displaced people, more summary executions, more torture, more rape, and more looting", Carpenter said in Vienna.

On the battlefield, Russian forces were continuing to press on with their offensive in several parts of the eastern Donbas region, according to the General Staff of the Ukrainian military.

That industrial heartland of coal mines and factories was now the focus of fighting after Russia had suffered a series of setbacks and shifted to more limited goals. — AP

Apocalyptic mood shrouds Davos, Germany urges global co-operation

DAVOS, Switzerland — German Chancellor Olaf Scholz expressed hopes on Thursday for global co-operation on climate change, hunger and war, while dozens of climate activists demonstrated in the Swiss town of Davos as a meeting of global elites ended with many words but little concrete action to solve the world's most pressing crises.

The German leader ratcheted up his criticism of Moscow's military onslaught in Ukraine during a speech on the last day of the World Economic Forum's annual gathering.

He said Russian President Vladimir Putin "wants to return to a world order in which the strongest dictate what is right, in which freedom, sovereignty and self-determination are not".

Scholz said today's world was no longer bipolar as it was during the Cold War era — when the United States and the Soviet Union dominated geopolitics.

"When we realise that our world is becoming multipolar, then that must spur us on to even more multilateralism, to even more international co-operation."

As he spoke, about 50 young people protested across town, with banners that read "Cut the (BS)!" and "There is no Planet B" — adding a coda of condemnation to the gathering of elites in Davos that is often derided for being more about talk, business and relationship-building than any real action.

Forum organisers rejected such claims, insisting they wanted to improve the state of the world by drawing in decision-makers.

The gathering in the Swiss Alps — twice suspended over the Covid pandemic — had been overshadowed by the war in Ukraine, rising food and fuel prices, and signs that governments had not been doing enough to fight global warming.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba and others made the journey or joined by video link to drum up support for their country's gruelling and uncertain campaign to oust Russian forces.

Russian President Vladimir Putin's campaign had drawn international scorn and unsettled his allies, and as a result, Russian business and government envoys who had been staples at Davos since the end of the Soviet Union were not invited this year.

Scholz reiterated his conviction that Putin would not win the war, saying the Russian leader "has already failed to achieve all his strategic goals". He noted that "a capture of all of Ukraine by Russia seems further away today than it did at the beginning of the war".

However, Kuleba voiced little hope that the war could come to a negotiated end, or even a pause, anytime soon.

"The moment Russia will agree to a cease-fire will be the moment it will be one step away from losing the war," he told reporters late on Wednesday. "They (the Russians) will agree to a cease-fire with only one purpose: to save themselves from losing the war. Until then, this war will continue."

Kuleba had pressed for Western powers to supply Ukraine with weapons like multiple-launch rocket systems and pointed to a "saga" about obtaining Gepard tanks from Germany, among other things his government had discussed with Berlin.

"We clearly understand that Germany will not be a country that will lead the process of supplying Ukraine with heavy weapons we need," Kuleba said. "Let's make it clear: if we don't get heavy weapons, we get killed."

The upshot of Ukraine's efforts was to rally countries around a budding democracy with ambitions to join the European Union — the free-world and free-market club — in the face of an onslaught by a Russian regime that clamps down on dissent and centralises power in one man: Putin.

Also on many minds in Davos was the deadly school shooting in Texas.

More broadly, battles against global warming, a food crisis, and cyberattacks by hackers from Russia and beyond had exposed how progressive leaders from civil society, corporations and government had struggled to cope with simultaneous crises. — AP

Over 40 towns shelled in Donbas push: Ukraine

KYIV — Russian forces have shelled more than 40 towns in Ukraine's eastern Donbas region, forcing Ukrainians to bury their dead in mass graves.

After failing to seize Ukraine's capital, Kyiv, or its second major city, Kharkiv, in its three-month-old war, Russia was now trying to take full control of the Donbas.

Russia had poured thousands of troops into the region, attacking from

three sides in an attempt to encircle Ukrainian forces holding out in the city of Sievierodonetsk and its twin, Lysychansk.

Their fall would leave the whole of Luhansk province under Russian control — a main Kremlin war aim.

"The occupiers shelled more than 40 towns in Donetsk and Luhansk region, destroying or damaging 47 civilian sites, including 38 homes and a school. As a result of this

shelling, five civilians died and 12 were wounded," the Joint Task Force of Ukraine's armed forces posted on Facebook.

It said 10 Russian attacks were repelled, four tanks and four drones destroyed, and 62 "enemy soldiers" killed.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's office on Thursday said 11 high-rise buildings were destroyed in Sievierodonetsk and eight

in Lysychansk.

Zelenskyy said Russian troops were heavily outnumbering Ukrainian forces in some parts of the east and Kyiv had been trying unsuccessfully to arrange a prisoner swap with Moscow.

Ukrainian prisoners of war held in the Russian-backed self-proclaimed Luhansk and Donetsk People's Republics now numbered about 8000, Luhansk official Rodion

Miroshnik was quoted by Tass news agency as saying.

"There are a lot of prisoners," Miroshnik said.

"Now the total number is somewhere in the region of 8000.

"That's a lot — and literally hundreds (of prisoners of war) are being added every day."

Reuters was unable to independently confirm the battlefield reports.

— Reuters story via RNZ

Cops 'unprepared' in Texas rampage

UVALDE, TX — The father of a child killed by a gunman who went on a shooting rampage at a Texas elementary school says police were slow to move in and were unprepared.

Javier Cazares is the father of fourth-grader Jacklyn Cazares, one of 19 youngsters who died, along with two teachers in a classroom at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde.

Cazares said he raced to the school when he heard about the shooting and arrived while police were still massed outside the building. Cazares said he was upset that police were not charging in and raised the idea of going in himself along with several others.

However, authorities said the shooter, Salvador Ramos, had fired at a school security officer outside and once inside the school, he also shot at two arriving police officers, who were both injured.

Texas Department of Public Safety Director Steve McCraw said law enforcement did immediately "engage" Ramos and contained him inside the locked classroom.

The standoff ended when the 18-year-old shooter was killed by a Border Patrol team.

US 'needs to take action now' to protect children

Education Secretary Miguel Cardona said on Thursday that he was ashamed the United States was "becoming desensitised to the murder of children" and that action was needed now to prevent more lives from being lost in school shootings like the one in Uvalde, Texas.

Cardona spoke at a House Education and Labor Committee hearing two days after the gunman, armed with an AR-15-style rifle, stormed into the elementary school. The massacre, which followed the fatal shootings of 10 people this month at a Buffalo, New York, grocery store, had revived the



PRECIOUS LIVES LOST: A woman kneels as she pays her respects in front of white crosses with the names of the children killed at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. Law enforcement authorities faced questions and criticism on Thursday over how much time had elapsed before they stormed the Texas elementary school classroom and put a stop to the rampage by the gunman who killed 19 children and two teachers. AP picture

debate over gun control.

On Thursday, the committee chair, Bobby Scott, opened the hearing by holding a moment's silence in memory of those who had died in Texas. While the hearing was primarily about the Education Department's budget and priorities, Cardona started his testimony by addressing the shooting.

"After Columbine, after Sandy Hook, after Parkland, after each of these and other massacres, we as educators did our best to look parents in their eyes and assure them that we'd do everything to protect their babies," Cardona said, referencing school shootings in Colorado, Connecticut and Florida.

However, he said all the actions taken in response to those earlier school shootings — including active shooter drills, online early detection tools and more secure building entrances and perimeters — "are no match for what we're up against".

"We need action now" to protect America's children. "Let's not normalise this," he said.

"Let's use every ounce of

influence that we have to get something done to help prevent this from happening again."

Cardona said he would be "failing you as secretary of education if I didn't tell you I was ashamed, (because) I am . . . that we as a country are becoming desensitised to the murder of children. I'd be failing you as secretary of education if I didn't use this platform to say that students and teachers and school leaders are scared."

The Cabinet member did not go as far as his boss, US President Joe Biden, who in an emotional address on Tuesday said, "When in God's name are we going to stand up to the gun lobby?"

Biden had previously called for a ban on assault-style weapons, tougher federal background check requirements and laws aimed at keeping guns out of the hands of people with mental health problems. The fight over guns had been split largely on party lines.

Senate Republicans on Thursday blocked a domestic terrorism bill that would have opened the debate on gun safety. Rather than regulate

guns, some Republicans had proposed arming teachers to deter school shootings.

Cardona rejected that. "And the solution of arming teachers, in my opinion, is further disrespect to a profession that's already beleaguered and not feeling the support of many folks," he said.

Scott, in his opening remarks, called school shootings "too common an occurrence" in America. "We could have prevented a lot of these if elected leaders valued children and families more than guns," he said.

"Instead, time and time again, Congress has failed to enact any sensible or widely supported proposals to respond to these tragedies and prevent another one from happening."

However Republican Virginia Foxx, the top Republican on the committee, cautioned against a quick rush to action. "We must be thoughtful about how we discuss and handle school safety and mental health issues.

"Federal changes should not be made in haste," Foxx said. — AP

GLOBAL BRIEFS

Belarus is sending troops to Ukraine border: Lukashenko

MINSK — Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko said on Thursday he was forming a southern military command and sending battalion tactical groups to the area that bordered Ukraine.

Lukashenko did not give any details, but battalion tactical groups typically consisted of mechanised infantry including tanks.

The territory of Belarus was used for rocket attacks on Ukraine, but the military of Belarus did not take part in the Russian ground operation.

Ukrainian authorities expressed concern that Belarus could agree to a wider participation in the war. — AP

Warning over China documents

PALIKIR, Federated States of Micronesia — The president of the Federated States of Micronesia says he has serious concerns about the details of two leaked Chinese government documents, which are to be tabled at a meeting next week.

David Panuelo warned that the sovereignty of Pacific Island countries was at stake, and that the outcome of one of the documents could result in a cold war — or even worse — "a world war".

Panuelo has written to the leaders of 18 Pacific nations, including the leaders of New Zealand and Australia, as well as to the Secretary-General of the Pacific Islands Forum, specifically about the China-Pacific Island Countries Common Development Vision.

The other document was a five-year plan to implement the outcomes of the Vision into action.

In his letter, he said the Common Development Vision and Monday's meeting was a "smokescreen" for a larger Chinese agenda, and further warned that China was looking to exert more control over Pacific nations' sovereignty.

He urged leaders in the region to look at the Chinese Vision document carefully before making any decisions. In particular, Panuelo noted that the Vision sought to "fundamentally alter what used to be bilateral relations with China into multilateral issues".

The Common Development Vision, among other things, "seeks Chinese control and ownership of our communications infrastructure, as well as customs and quarantine infrastructure . . . for the purpose of biodata collection and mass surveillance of those residing in, entering and leaving our islands, ostensibly to occur in part through a cybersecurity partnership", he warned.

Panuelo said the proposed China-Pacific leaders meeting on Monday in Fiji was being held with an intent to "shift those of us with diplomatic relations with China very closely into Beijing's orbit, intrinsically tying the whole of our countries and societies to them". — RNZ

Covid cases falling globally

GENEVA — The number of new coronavirus cases and deaths are still falling globally after peaking in January, the World Health Organisation (WHO) says.

In its latest weekly assessment of the pandemic, the United Nations health agency said there were more than 3.7 million new infections and 9000 deaths in the past week, drops of 3 percent and 11 percent, respectively.

Covid cases had risen in only two regions of the world — the Americas and the western Pacific.

Deaths increased by 30 percent in the Middle East but were either stable or had decreased everywhere else.

The WHO said it was tracking all Omicron subvariants as "variants of concern".

It noted that countries which had a significant wave of disease caused by the Omicron subvariant BA.2 appeared to be less affected by other subvariants like BA.4 and BA.5, which were responsible for the latest surge of disease in South Africa. — AAP

Trump must testify in probe

NEW YORK — Former US president Donald Trump must testify under oath in the New York Attorney General's civil investigation into his business practices, an intermediate state appeals court has ruled. A four-judge panel unanimously upheld a trial court decision from February enforcing subpoenas for Trump and his two eldest children, Donald Trump Jr and Ivanka Trump, to provide deposition testimony in Attorney General Letitia James' investigation. "Once again, the courts have ruled that Donald Trump must comply with our lawful investigation into his financial dealings," James said in a statement.

"We will continue to follow the facts of this case and ensure that no one can evade the law."

Alan Futerfas, one of Donald Trump's lawyers, did not immediately respond to a request for comment. — AAP



'NO GOING BACK FOR RUSSIA'

Finland's prime minister said on Thursday that Russia's actions in Ukraine were a turning point for the world and relations with Moscow could not go back to how they were before the Russian invasion.

Prime Minister Sanna Marin made her comments during a trip to Ukraine that included visiting the towns of Irpin and Bucha where Ukraine suspects Russian troops carried out atrocities, an allegation that was denied by Moscow.

"Finland supports all the actions of the International Criminal Court to consider these crimes, collect evidence for future proceedings and convict Russia," Marin said after meetings with Ukraine's president and prime minister. — Agencies

Left, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy meets with PM Marin in Kyiv, Ukraine. Picture via AP

Heard ends testimony

FALLS CHURCH — Amber Heard told jurors on Thursday (local time) that a harassment campaign waged against her by ex-husband Johnny Depp has left her humiliated and scared for her life from multiple death threats, and she just wants “Johnny to leave me alone”.

Heard was the final witness in the six-week libel trial Depp brought against his ex-wife. With cameras in the courtroom, millions of people have followed the trial, and interest seemed to gain momentum as the weeks went on and both Depp and Heard testified about the ugly details of their relationship.

Online and at the courthouse, Depp’s fans have overwhelmingly dominated the narrative, with groupies lining up overnight to get one of the few spots in the courtroom and wave at Depp as he walked in and out. Heard has been booed by spectators on the street as she enters and leaves the courthouse.

“The harassment and the humiliation, the campaign against me that’s echoed every single day on social media, and now in front of cameras in the courtroom — every single day I have to relive the trauma,” Heard said as she fought back tears. “Perhaps it’s easy to forget I’m a human being.”

On cross-examination, Depp lawyer Camille Vasquez told Heard that “your lies have been exposed to the world” and questioned her about people who contradicted portions of her accounts.

“I know how many people will come out of the woodwork to be in support of Johnny,” Heard responded.

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.

Heard said she hopes the lawsuit will allow her to regain her voice, and said she had the “right as an American” to publish an article that described her experiences and how they relate to the national debate over domestic violence.

“Johnny has taken enough of my voice,” she said. “I have the right to tell my story.”

She said Depp has been fixated on revenge ever since she filed for divorce and obtained the restraining order against him. She referenced earlier testimony in which Depp texted Heard’s disgruntled former personal assistant and urged her to “come over for a spot of purple and we’ll fix her flabby a— nice and good!!!”

“Johnny promised me — promised me — that he’d ruin my life, that he’d ruin my career. He’d take my life from me,” Heard said.

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.

The final witness on Thursday morning for Depp’s side was a hand surgeon, Richard Gilbert, who said he thinks the injury that occurred to Depp’s middle finger could have occurred as Depp describes it. — AP



RAZZLE DAZZLE ELVIS: Priscilla Presley, left, and Austin Butler, who plays Elvis, pose for photographers at the Elvis photo call at the Cannes 75th international film festival, in southern France, on Thursday. AP pictures

Elvis makes splash at Cannes

CANNES, France — Baz Luhrmann’s Elvis brought hip-shaking swagger to the Cannes Film Festival on Wednesday (local time), debuting a grand and glitzy portrait of the Memphis rock ‘n’ roll legend on the French Riviera.

Luhrmann’s film, the largest and flashiest Hollywood film making its world premiere in Cannes, brought Tom Hanks (Colonel Tom Parker) and Austin Butler (Elvis), to Cannes’ famed red carpet. Joining them, too, was Priscilla Presley, Elvis’s ex-wife, who has enthusiastically endorsed Luhrmann’s movie.

At a festival seeking to shrug off two years of pandemic, expectations were high that Luhrmann, who also premiered “The Great Gatsby” in Cannes, would bring Cannes’ biggest and most extravagant party.

Elvis, though, isn’t just a big-screen tribute to Presley. It centres on the singer’s long and tortured relationship with manager



THE COLONEL: Tom Hanks, left, and Olivia DeJonge, who star in Elvis, at the premiere of the film at the Cannes 75th international film festival.

Tom Parker, a former carnival worker whose control over Presley was widely criticised as unethical and harmful to Presley.

Warner Bros. will release Elvis in theatres on June 24. — AP

Spacey charged in UK

LONDON — Actor Kevin Spacey has been charged with four counts of sexual assault against three men, say British prosecutors.

The announcement on Thursday (local time) came as the actor was in court in New York testifying in a different case.

The Crown Prosecution Service said Spacey “has also been charged with causing a person to engage in penetrative sexual activity without consent”.

The alleged incidents took place in London

between March 2005 and August 2008, and one in western England in April 2013. The alleged victims are now in their 30s and 40s.

Rosemary Ainslie, head of the service’s Special Crime Division, said the charges followed a review of evidence gathered by London’s Metropolitan Police.

Spacey, a 62-year-old double Academy Award winner, was questioned by British police in 2019 about claims by several men that he had assaulted them. — AP

Ray Liotta dies, aged 67

LOS ANGELES — Ray Liotta, the blue-eyed actor best known for playing mobster Henry Hill in Goodfellas and baseball player Shoeless Joe Jackson in Field of Dreams, has died. He was 67.

Liotta’s publicist, Jen Allen, said he was in the Dominican Republic shooting a new movie and didn’t wake up on Thursday (local time) morning.

Police in the Dominican Republic said they received a call just before 6am on Thursday at a hotel where Liotta was staying with his fiancée and found the actor dead.

Robert De Niro, who co-starred with Liotta in Goodfellas, said in an emailed statement: “I was very saddened to learn of Ray’s passing. He is way too young to have left us.”

Another Goodfellas star, Lorraine Bracco, who played Henry’s wife Karen Hill, tweeted on Thursday that she could be “anywhere in the world and people will come up and tell me their favourite movie is Goodfellas. Then they always ask what was the best part of making that movie. My response has always been the same . . . Ray Liotta.”

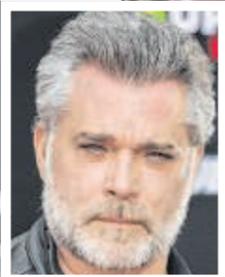
Liotta was also mourned by Alessandro Nivola, who recently appeared with him in The Sopranos prequel The Many Saints of Newark, and by the film’s writer and producer David Chase. Nivola called Liotta dangerous, unpredictable, hilarious, and generous with his praise for other actors. Chase said in a statement: “We all felt we lucked out having him on that movie.”

The Newark, New Jersey, native was born in 1954 and adopted at six months at an



LETHAL CHARM: Ray Liotta, with Lorraine Bracco, is at his best in Goodfellas.

File picture



RAY LIOTTA

orphanage by a township clerk and an auto parts owner.

Liotta always assumed he was mostly Italian — the movies did too. But later in life while searching for his birth parents, he discovered he was actually

Scottish.

Though he grew up focused on playing sports, including baseball, during his senior year of high school, the drama teacher asked him if he wanted to be in a play, which he agreed to on a lark. Whether he knew it or not at the time, it planted a seed, though he still assumed he’d end up working construction. And later, at the University of Miami he

picked drama and acting because they had no maths requirement attached. He would often say in interviews that he only started auditioning for plays because a pretty girl told him to. But it set him on a course. After graduation, he got an agent and soon he got his first big break on the soap opera “Another World”.

It would take a few years for him to land his first big movie role, in Jonathan Demme’s Something Wild as Melanie Griffith’s character’s hotheaded ex-convict husband Ray. He was 30 years old at the time and hadn’t had a steady job in five years.

In an interview in 1993, he told The Associated Press that he wanted to get the

part on his own merits even though he knew Griffith. When that didn’t work, he “phoned Melanie”.

“I hated doing it, because that’s politics for me; calling someone to help you out. But I kind of realize that’s part of what it’s all about,” he said.

The turn earned him a Golden Globe nomination. A few years later, he would get the memorable role of the ghost of Shoeless Joe Jackson in Field of Dreams, Ebert continued.

In a 2012 interview, Liotta said that, “It didn’t matter the size of the role, or even the genre, Liotta always managed to stand out and steal scenes in both dramas and comedies, whether as Johnny Depp’s father in Blow or Adam Driver’s bullish divorce lawyer in Marriage Story. He got to be a victim of Hannibal Lecter in the 2001 film Hannibal and played Frank Sinatra in the TV movie The Rat Pack, which got him a Screen Actors Guild nomination. He also starred opposite Jennifer Lopez in the series Shades of Blue.”

Liotta has one daughter, Karsen, with ex-wife Michelle Grace and was engaged to be married to Jacy Nittolo at the time of his death.

He also had a number of projects recently wrapped and upcoming, including Cocaine Bear, supposed to come out in February, and the Apple TV+ crime series Black Bird. He was due to start another film soon too: The Substance with Demi Moore and Margaret Qualley.

“The business is rough, no matter where you’re at in your career,” Liotta said in 2012. “You know, what can I say, I still like playing pretend. And it’s sure a fun way to make a living.” — AP

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CITY ON FIRE

by Don Winslow
published by HarperCollins

In 1980s Providence, Rhode Island, the Italian and Irish crime syndicates are co-existing in relative peace, sharing the organised crime spoils of the city.

The Italians have the drugs, gambling and protection, while the Irish have the docks, unions and the loan sharks, an arrangement negotiated by the heads of the two families.

Sons Pat and Liam Murphy and Peter and Paul Moretti are the next generation, itching to take over from their fathers.

The fuse is lit during the annual summer clambake at Pasco Ferri's, the big boss who runs all of Southern New England, when Liam crosses the line with Pam, Paul Moretti's girlfriend.

Moretti's crew, not about to let the disrespect slide, decide to teach him a lesson by beating him up so badly that he ends up in hospital.

Had Pam not gone to visit Liam in hospital, things may have ended there.

But not long after the visit, Liam and Pam are an item.

The insult is more than Paul can handle and so begins the war between the two.

In the middle is Danny Ryan. His father used to be the head of the Irish Mob before the alcohol got to him and the Murphy family took over.

Danny is married to Terri Murphy, his boss's daughter, and is best buddies with Pat Murphy, his brother-in-law.

He dreams of starting over someplace new.

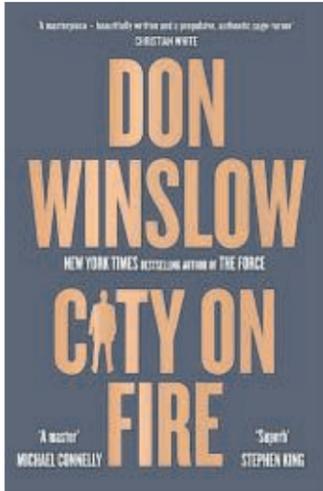
Once a fisherman, now a dockworker with a side hustle as a collector for his father-in-law's loan sharking operation, Danny is a man who cares for his people, dysfunctional family members or fellow mobsters.

Danny is now involved in a conflict he can't escape and it is up to him to step up and protect his family, friends and the only home he has ever known.

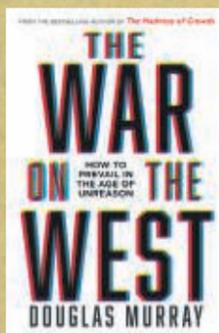
Winslow's *City on Fire* is a riveting and compulsive read.

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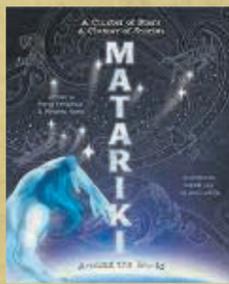
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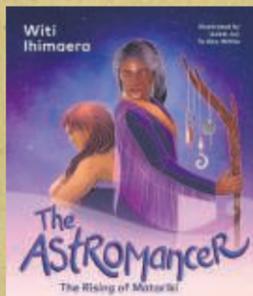
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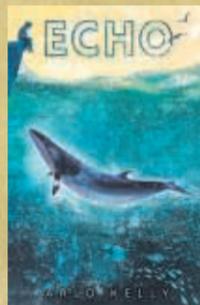
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The beauty of difference

THE SECRET WORLD OF CONNIE STAR

by Robbi Neal
published by HarperCollins

This is an absolute gem of a novel set in Ballarat, Victoria, Australia in the years leading up to, during and after World War 2.

Connie was born in 1934 and right from the start her mother Flora knew she was an independent soul.

Connie's father was the pastor of the Baptist Church in Ballarat. He had three children to his first wife before she died giving birth to Danny, the third baby.

He married Flora a year later.

Connie was definitely different. Greatly influenced by her father's teachings, Connie saw angels, to whom she regularly chatted and shared jokes with. She also saw demons, who were always ready to destroy someone's happiness.

When she started school Connie didn't mix with the girls in her class. She wasn't interested in the things they talked about.

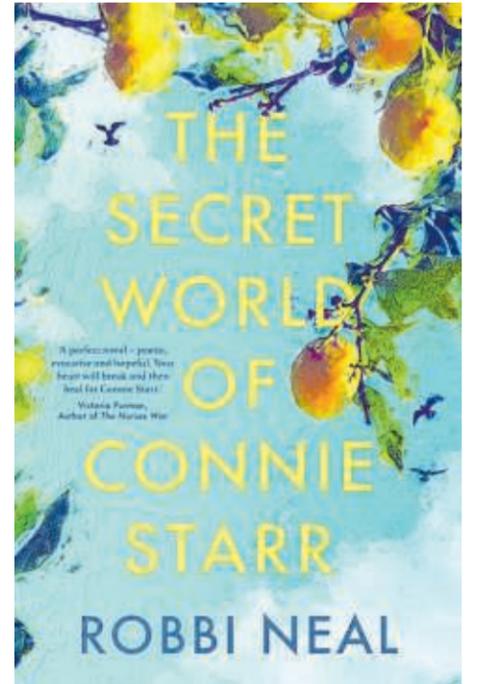
She hung out with Danny and the two boys who lived next door, Michael and Gabriel, or Mike and Gabe.

They were named after the archangels their mother Birdie believed in. They raced around town, playing, swimming in the river, exploring everywhere.

When not with them, Connie sat on a branch of their lemon tree, hiding and watching everyone in the neighbourhood. She enjoyed discovering their secrets and revealing them at inappropriate moments.

When Connie was five, everyone was talking about Hitler and a possible war in Europe. By the time she was seven, the men in Ballarat were heading off to war, including her beloved older brother Thom.

On his second attempt to lie about his age and join the army, he managed to escape his father's home and headed



off to Darwin in 1942. He didn't have to leave Australia before the war came to him.

During the war there was severe rationing, a polio outbreak and careless, amorous American soldiers on leave, all leaving their mark, creating turmoil for the women and children left in Ballarat.

After the war, some men returned, but few were unscathed. Others came to Ballarat from parts of Europe as they had no home to return to.

This is the story of a community, the relationships formed, the effects of war on men and the consequences for the women, including a teenage Connie Starr.

As a reader I became invested in all the characters, became part of their lives and absolutely loved their story. I highly recommend this novel. — KP

Perfectly poised prose

YOUNG MUNGO
by Douglas Stuart
published by Pan Macmillan

Douglas Stuart burst on to the literary scene with his Booker Prize-winning debut *Shuggie Bain*, set in the council estates of Glasgow.

His second novel, *Young Mungo*, is eerily similar in its backdrop. Both Shuggie and Mungo love their alcoholic mother, have older siblings who can't wait to leave home, and like boys instead of girls, something not at all accepted in Glasgow in the 1990s.

At 16, Mungo is the youngest of the Hamilton children. He and sister Jodie live at home with their Mo-Maw, while eldest brother Hamish lives with his young girlfriend and their baby.

Hamish is known as Ha-Ha, the leader of a gang of ruthless teenage boys, the "Prodders", who fight the local "Fenian" Catholics.

Set in 1993, we follow Mungo throughout two periods, "The May After" and "The January Before".

The first is set over a few harrowing days after Mungo's mother sends him on a fishing trip with two men from her local AA group.

There is such a sinister feeling to these chapters.

The men, St Christopher and Gallowgate, have both been in prison and despite being in AA are determined to drink as much as

possible while camping at Loch Lomond.

"The January Before" shows us the budding relationship that forms during the school holidays when Mungo meets James Jamieson at an old dovecote near where they live.

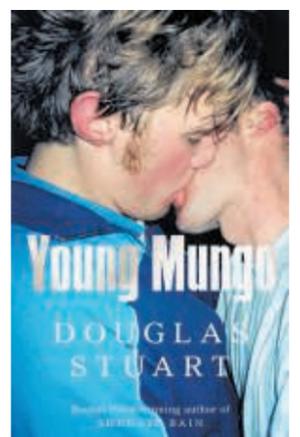
As they fall in love they make plans to leave the estate together, but it will all unravel when Ha-Ha finds out who his brother has been spending time with.

To Hamish, there is nothing worse than a "Fenian", except perhaps that Mungo could be gay.

After Ha-Ha's discovery and Mungo's exile to the Loch, Mungo will have to find all the strength within him to try to find a way back to safety, and to James.

Utterly heartbreaking, Douglas Stuart has written another astonishing story of a young man who will capture your heart.

Young Mungo is about love and violence, the meaning of masculinity, loyalty to family and oneself, and yet is still full of hope. — CP





WARM WATER: NZ King Salmon in Pelorus Sound has been forced to close farms due to rising sea temperatures. NZ Herald file picture

Rising sea temps too much for King Salmon

by Samantha Gee, RNZ

NELSON — The country's largest salmon producer says it is being forced to close farms and let go of staff due to warmer water temperatures brought on by climate change.

New Zealand King Salmon will fallow three farms in the Pelorus Sound by next summer, with one kept to run trials.

It comes after a summer blighted by unusually high fish mortalities.

Between December and February, trucks from Havelock and Picton made 160 trips to the Blenheim landfill, dumping 1269 tonnes of dead fish and waste.

February alone saw 632 tonnes of fish waste dumped, more than seven times the 90 tonnes that were dumped in February 2021 and up from the 194 tonnes dumped in February 2020.

New Zealand King Salmon chief executive officer Grant Rosewarne said while the Pelorus sites were suitable for nine months of the year, they were now too warm to farm through summer.

"What we have tried to do in the past is develop better technology, better practices, better ways of farming the fish to lower their stress so that

they can tolerate the temperatures and get through the summer, but we have now come to the view that there's no amount of that that's successful, so the prudent thing then is to just avoid the summer."

Rosewarne said it was the first time the company has had to close farms due to rising sea temperatures as a result of climate change.

"I have often said we're a bit like the canary in the coal mine. When it comes to global warming we have got a cold water species that's very susceptible to half a degree change or one-degree change.

"That's what we're seeing in the Pelorus and we're very much hoping to work with the Government, for them to mitigate climate change as they have committed to do."

While the closures would reduce the harvest volume, Rosewarne said the lower mortality costs would provide for a more stable, predictable operation.

New Zealand King Salmon reported a net loss of \$55.7 million in the 2022 financial year.

The Pelorus farm closures would result in a forecast decline in production in the 2023 and 2024 financial years to 5700 and 6500 tonnes respectively, with a 200-tonne

increase predicted for 2025.

Rosewarne said the closures would also result in redundancies with around 120 positions affected. It had already lost around 59 staff due to natural attrition and with another 60 positions still to go.

The situation was a "real tragedy" for the company and its people and could have been avoided if the company had enough cool water space for farming, he said.

The outcome of New Zealand King Salmon's application to build an open-ocean farm in the Cook Strait — called Blue Endeavour — is expected in September.

Rosewarne said the company was optimistic about the future and had signed up to the Government's aquaculture strategy to sustainably grow the industry in New Zealand.

"We think the aquaculture industry could become New Zealand's most valuable industry and the greenest primary sector at the same time if we were supported."

The three Pelorus Sound farms will be decommissioned and the nets removed before next summer, but the pens will remain to be used as nurseries if the Blue Endeavour application is successful.

Shattered family pays tribute to 'amazing mum'

CAMBRIDGE — The family of Margaret Evelyn, who died in Cambridge last week after she was hit by a falling tree, has paid tribute to an amazing woman and mum who had plenty of life left in her.

Evelyn, 81, had just finished at the gym — where she was a regular — and was waiting for a friend on the edge of Cambridge's Victoria Square last Friday during a strong storm that reportedly included a small tornado.

She had been sheltering under a large pin oak tree to avoid the weather when it tipped and fell on her.

Emergency services worked hard to free Evelyn before she was taken to Waikato Hospital, where she later died.

Kristen Hapi — one of Evelyn's three sons — told The New Zealand Herald his mother's passing was unexpected and sudden, given how full of life she was.

"Seriously, she had 20 more years left in her," Kristen said.

His grandmother, Evelyn's mother, had lived into her 90s and Kristen said his mother was twice as healthy.

It was for that reason she would have detested being referred to as elderly, Kristen said.

"Mum would have hated being called elderly because she was fit, healthy, vibrant, had all her marbles, and she was an amazing mother and an amazing woman."

Originally Margaret Evelyn Freundlich, her Jewish Austrian parents escaped the Holocaust and settled in New Zealand before she was born on July 26, 1940 in New Plymouth.

She trained as a primary school teacher before studying te reo Māori at Waikato University.

Proficient in the language, she would be one of the country's first bilingual teachers at Rakaumanga Kura Kaupapa Māori.

People who first arrived at the scene last week did all they could to help Evelyn, including talking to her and attempting to dig her out from under the tree.

Kristen said he was grateful to those who assisted, as well as police who allowed family time to say their goodbyes while she was at the hospital.

Brett Hapi, another of Evelyn's sons based in Australia, extended gratitude from the entire family to those who shared heartfelt messages regarding their loss.

"It means the world to us . . . thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

He said the family was "shattered" Evelyn's life had ended in such circumstances, but again referenced how grateful they were to be supported by first responders, members of the public, the local council and hospital staff.

Waipā District Council said the tree was felled by "freakishly" high winds.

The tree was a healthy pin oak that was about 80 years old.

It had been pruned at the start of April and there had been no previous concerns about it, council group manager customer and community services Sally Sheedy said.

"It has been described to me as a mini-tornado, which looks to have lifted a perfectly healthy tree out of the ground."

Franz Josef caught in the middle of fault lines

FRANZ JOSEF — The Alpine Fault runs directly through Franz Josef, dividing the town in two.

The fault is the longest natural straight line on earth, over 800km of fault line running between the Australian and Pacific tectonic plates.

The township, with the same name as the nearby glacier, is located on the West Coast, about 170km south of Greymouth.

Local business owner and volunteer firefighter Tim Gibb said an earthquake on the fault could cause widespread damage.

"The main fault rupture is expected to be right through the middle of the Mobil station, the police station and one of the motels, but nobody knows for sure."

The petrol tanks could lift out of the ground and rupture, causing fuel to flow through drains and roads, Gibb said.

"If that sparks, the town would be levelled and set on fire. There would be no way to put the fire out."

Over the last 8000 years, there has been a major earthquake on the Alpine Fault roughly every 300 years. The last one? 1717.

As a result of research over the last two decades, we now know that there is a 75 percent likelihood of an earthquake on the Alpine Fault in the next 50 years, and an 82 percent chance it will be over eight on the Richter scale.

This one — AF8, as it's called — we can prepare for.

DoC South Westland operations manager Wayne Costello said Franz Josef could lose access to services people use every day.

"Water, sewerage, power, all of that stuff is going to be gone."

"We could be isolated for six months. Every

road bridge is going to be out. It's not just Franz Josef, but all the way down to Haast.

"If we have lots of people in town we will try to get them away from here as quickly as possible because it's less burden for us while we stay here and try to put the pieces back together."

Geotechnical reports have recommended moving the entire township of Franz Josef a few kilometres up the road.

Dr Caroline Orchiston, science lead for the AF8 campaign, says moving communities isn't something that is likely to happen in advance of an Alpine Fault earthquake.

"If you talk to people on the West Coast, they are very attached to their communities and their place. I wouldn't recommend anyone moves just

because of the threat of this event, but what I would recommend is that they work really hard to build their preparedness and their community resilience well in advance of this earthquake."

The AF8 campaign is a collaboration between Civil Defence Emergency Management and Alpine Fault scientists to communicate the scientific evidence to the communities that need to hear about it.

Costello says he doesn't think people in the area are ambivalent about it.

"I think they care about it because most people are doing things to be prepared."

For further information about AF8 visit <https://af8.org.nz/> and for how you can best prepare visit getready.govt.nz — NZ Herald



FRIDAY—SATURDAY'S TELEVISION GUIDE

TVNZ 1

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 Repair Shop PG The designers are off to the cathedral city of Salisbury to transform three very different shops.
9.45 Selling Houses Australia
10.50 1 News Tonight
11.20 Shortland Street PG
11.50 Good With Wood PG
12.45 Schitt's Creek ML
1.35 Te Karere
2am Infomercials
5.30 Religious Programming
6am Te Karere
6.30 Country Calendar
7am Rural Delivery
7.30 Infomercials
8.30 Religious Programming
9am Asia Unplated With Diana Chan
9.30 Tagata Pasifika
10am John And Lisa's Weekend Kitchen
11am Who Wants To Be A Millionaire UK
12.10 Miranda PG
1.25 Sarah Beeny's Renovate Don't Relocate
2.25 Bling
3.30 My Unique B&B
4.30 A New Zealand Food Story
5pm The Chase

BRAVO

5.35 Shark Tank PG
6.35 Bar Rescue PGLC
7.30 Les Miserables MVS
10.30 Killer Couples MVC
11.25 Accident, Suicide Or Murder? MVC
12.20 Infomercials
10am Shark Tank PG
10.50 Keeping Up With The Kardashians PGLC
11.50 Keeping Up With The Kardashians PGLC
12.50 Southern Charm PGLSC
1.45 Southern Charm PGLSC
2.40 Tiny House Nation PG
3.40 Hoarders PG
4.35 Ghost Hunters PGC
5.35 Bar Rescue PGLC

TVNZ 2

5pm Big Brother Australia PG
6.30 Home And Away PG
7pm Shortland Street PG
7.30 Travel Guides Australia In NZ M
8.30 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown M
9.30 Dinner Date M
10.30 Paranormal Caught On Camera M
11.30 Love Life 16LS
SATURDAY
12.05 Kung Fu MV
12.50 Evil 16
1.35 Emmerdale PG
2am Infomercials
3am America's Got Talent
6am The Wiggles' World
6.10 Postman Pat
6.25 Apollo's Tall Tales
6.35 PJ Masks
7am Love Monster
7.10 Madagascar: A Little Wild
7.30 SpongeBob SquarePants
7.55 Turbo Fast
8.20 The Croods: Family Tree
8.40 Dragons: Riders Of Berk
9.05 Ninjago
9.15 Power Rangers Beast Morphers
9.40 The Simpsons PG
10am Fresh PG
10.30 The Walkers PG
11am Would I Lie To You? PG
12.10 America's Got Talent
1.10 Mike And Molly PG
2pm The Good Witch PG
2.50 Star Trek: Discovery PGV
3.55 Star Trek: Strange New Worlds PGC
5pm Superman And Lois PG

EDEN

5pm Mysteries At The Museum PG
6pm Money For Nothing
7pm This Time Next Year UK PG
8pm Newshub Live At 8pm
8.30 Dancing On Ice PG
10.30 This Time Next Year UK PG
11.30 Flea Market Flip SATURDAY
12am Infomercials
6am Cat v Dog PG
7am The Pioneer Woman
7.30 Valerie's Home Cooking
8am I Hart Food
8.30 Comfort Food Tour
9am Mysteries At The Museum PG
10am Money For Nothing
11am Restored
Noon Dancing On Ice PG
2pm This Time Next Year UK PG
3pm Little Giants PG
3.30 Little Giants PG
4pm The Best Thing I Ever Ate
4.30 The Best Thing I Ever Ate
5pm Mysteries At The Museum PG

THREE

5pm Gold Rush PG
6pm Newshub Live At 6pm
7pm The Project
7.30 Jack Reacher M
10pm Newshub Late
10.30 The Rookie M
11.25 7 Days M
12.20 Infomercials
6am Charles Stanley PG
6.30 Infomercials
9.30 Newshub Nation
10.30 Kevin McCloud's Rough Guide To The Future PG
1.30 Dancing With The Stars NZ
3pm Dancing With The Stars NZ
4pm Buddy v Duff PG
5pm Dodgeball Thunderdome PG

PRIME

5pm Fish Of The Day PGC
5.30 Prime News
6pm Storage Wars PGL
7pm The Ditch
7.30 Pawn Stars PG
8.30 Law And Order: Organized Crime MVC
11.30 Raw PVC SATURDAY
12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert PG
1.30 Infomercials
6am Infomercials
8am Top Wing
8.25 The Moe Show
8.35 We Bare Bears PG
9.15 Monster Beach PG
9.30 Ben 10 PG
10.50 Judge Judy PG
11.20 Whose Line Is It Anyway? PGC
12.30 Rugby: First XV Whangarei Boys' High v Rosmini College.
2.15 Super Rugby Pacific (HLS) Crusaders v Reds.
2.30 We Bare Bears PG
3pm Monster Beach PG
3.15 Ben 10 PG
3.35 Wheel Of Fortune
4pm Judge Judy PG
5pm Honey Wars PGL
5.30 Prime News

MAORI TV

5pm Paia
5.15 Haka Life
5.30 Taikura Kapa Haka Festival
6pm Te Arawa
6.30 Te Ao Marama
7pm Pacific Island Food Revolution
8pm Kai Safari
8.30 Intrepid Journeys
9.30 Skindigenous
10pm Rage Against The Rangatahi PG
10.30 Ki Tua
11pm Te Ao Marama
11.30 Closedown SATURDAY
6.30 Waiata Mai
6.40 Purakau
6.50 Taki Atu Taki Mai
7am Tamariki Haka
7.10 Smooth
7.20 Te Nutube
7.30 Kia Mau
7.40 Cube
7.50 Paia
8am Polyfest
8.30 Kuroana
9.30 Korero Mai
10.30 Ako
11am Haka Ngahau A-Rohe
Noon Te Whare Rakau
12.30 Ariki
1pm Whakatauki
1.30 Karanga: The First Voice
2pm Whaikorero
2.30 Iwi Anthems
3pm Intrepid Journeys PG
4pm Marae DIY
5pm Kai Safari
5.30 Shear Bro



Interior Design Masters with Alan Carr, 8.30pm on TVNZ 1



Jack Reacher 7.30pm on Three



Law and Order: Organized Crime 8.30pm on Prime

RNZ NATIONAL

5pm Checkpoint With Lisa Owen. News and current affairs programme.
6.30 Trending Now Highlighting the RNZ stories people are sharing online.
7.06 Nights With Bryan Crump. Entertainment and information.
10pm News At Ten
10.15 Lately With Karyn Hay.
11.04 The Mixtape SATURDAY
12.04 Whakamaori
6.08 Storytime
6.55 News 2 Me
7.08 Country Life
8.10 Saturday Morning With Kim Hill.
12.10 Mapuna
1.06 Music 101 With Charlotte Ryan.
5pm The World At Five
5.30 Tagata O Te Moana

SKY SPORT 1

6.15 Super Rugby Pacific (HLS) Hurricanes v Rebels.
6.30 Super Rugby Pacific (HLS) Highlanders v Waratahs.
7pm LIVE Super Rugby Pacific Crusaders v Reds. From Orangetheory Stadium, Christchurch.
10pm LIVE Japan Rugby League One Elimination Match: Honda Heat v Green Rockets. SATURDAY
12am World Sevens Series (HLS)
1.25 World Sevens Series (HLS)
2.55 LIVE Currie Cup Bulls v Pumas.
5am Darts: Premier League (RPL) Night 16.
7.30 UFC On Sky
8am Aotearoa Rugby Pod
8.30 Currie Cup (RPL) Bulls v Pumas.
10.30 Super Rugby Pacific (HLS) Crusaders v Reds.
10.55 LIVE Super Rugby U20 Blues v Crusaders.
12.55 LIVE Super Rugby U20 NZ Barbarians v Hurricanes.
3pm LIVE Super Rugby Pacific Fijian Drua v Chiefs.
5.20 First XV Rugby (HLS) Christ's College v Christchurch Boys' High.

SKY 5

5pm Counting Cars PG
5.30 Pawn Stars PG
6pm Storage Wars PGL
6.30 Storage Wars PGL
7pm Border Security M
7.30 The Mentalist MVC
8.30 Pawn Stars PGC
9.30 Pawn Stars PGC
10.30 Person Of Interest M
11.30 Ax Men ML SATURDAY
12.30 Wheel Of Fortune
1am Jeopardy!
1.25 Border Security M
1.50 Pawn Stars PGC
2.40 Pawn Stars PGC
3.30 Storage Wars PGL
3.55 Storage Wars PGL
4.20 Person Of Interest M
5.10 The Mentalist MVC
6am Counting Cars PG
6.30 Counting Cars PG
6.55 Borderforce US: The Bridges PG
7.45 Traffic Cops PGVC
8.35 RBT MC
9am South Beach Tow 16VLC
9.30 South Beach Tow 16VLC
10am Pawn Stars PGL
11am NXT PGV
Noon SmackDown MVC
2.05 South Beach Tow 16VLC
2.35 South Beach Tow 16VLC
3.05 Mighty Machines PG
3.35 Mighty Machines PG
4.05 Traffic Cops PGVC
5pm Borderforce US: The Bridges PG

MOVIES PREMIERE

6pm Wonder Woman 1984 MV 2020 Action. Gal Gadot, Chris Pine.
8.30 Let Them All Talk ML 2020 Comedy. A celebrated author goes on a cruise in an effort to find fun and happiness, while she heals old wounds. Meryl Streep, Candice Bergen.
10.20 Crisis 16VC 2020 Thriller. Gary Oldman, Armie Hammer. SATURDAY
12.15 Archenemy 16VLC 2020 Action. Joe Manganiello, Skylan Brooks.
1.45 Archive MLC 2020 Drama. Theo James, Stacy Martin.
3.35 The Empty Man 16VC 2020 Horror. James Badge Dale, Stephen Root.
5.50 In The Heights PGL 2021 Musical. Anthony Ramos, Melissa Barrera.
8.10 Six Minutes To Midnight MV 2021 Drama. Eddie Izzard, Judi Dench.
9.50 Fatman 16V 2020 Comedy. Mel Gibson, Walton Goggins.
11.30 Target Number One 16VLS 2020 Thriller. Josh Hartnett, Antoine Olivier Pilon.
1.35 Words On Bathroom Walls MLC 2020 Drama.
3.25 The Nest 16L 2020 Drama.
5.10 The Marksman MVL 2021 Action.

DISCOVERY

5.30 Outback Opal Hunters PG
6.30 Dirty Jobs MLC Robbuster, Galvanizer.
7.30 Gold Rush MLC Ends of the Earth.
8.30 Aussie Gold Hunters PG Gold Fever.
9.30 Sydney Harbour Force PG
10.30 Mysteries At The Museum PG
11.25 Naked And Afraid MLC SATURDAY
12.15 Barnwood Builders PG
1.05 Blowing Up History PG
1.55 Gold Rush MLC
2.45 Naked And Afraid MLC
3.35 Bering Sea Gold MLC
4.25 Homestead Rescue: Raney Ranch PG
5.15 Outback Opal Hunters PG
6.05 How Do They Do It? PG
6.30 Dino Hunters PG
7.20 Outback Opal Hunters PG
8.10 Outback Opal Hunters PG
9am Outback Opal Hunters PG
9.55 Outback Opal Hunters PG
10.50 Outback Opal Hunters PG
11.45 Bering Sea Gold MLC
12.40 Deadliest Catch: Bloodline PG
1.35 Gold Rush MLC
2.30 Gold Rush: White Water MLC
3.50 Aussie Lobster Men PG
4.45 Aussie Lobster Men PG
5.40 Aussie Lobster Men PG



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DOWNTON ABBEY: A NEW ERA (PG)
FRI, SAT 12.50pm, 5.45pm

HAUTE COUTURE (M)
SUN 10.40am

HOW TO PLEASE A WOMAN (M)
FRI, SAT 1.20pm, 3.25pm, 6.25pm

NOBODY HAS TO KNOW (M)
FRI, SAT 10.40am

OPERATION MINCEMEAT (M)
FRI, SAT 12.50pm, 8pm

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2 (PG) SAT 3.45pm

THE BAD GUYS (PG)
SAT 10.40am

THE BOB'S BURGERS MOVIE (PG) FRI, SAT 11am, 3.45pm, 5.45pm

THE LOST CITY (M)
FRI, SAT 3.25pm, 8.40pm

THE NORTHRMAN (R16)
FRI 3.40pm, 8.20pm
SAT 8.20pm

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RUATAUPARE MARAE AGM

SUNDAY 5TH JUNE 2022, ST FRANCIS HALL, RUATOREA

- 9.30am – Karakia
- 10.30 – Kaputi
- 11am – Hui re: Church: Hato Matiu
- 12.30 – AGM COMMENCES
- Previous Minutes
- Auditor's Report
- Election of Officers
- General Business

*A special meeting to follow AGM

Nau mai, haramai e te whanau

Kura Whangapirita (Heketari)

RUATAUPARE MARAE KI TUPAROA

TRUSTEES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10am, Saturday June 4th 2022, St Francis Hall, Ruatorea

- Mihi/Karakia
- Previous Minutes
- Election of Officers
- Update of Marae Build
- General Business

'Tou rourou, Taku rourou'

Connie Ferris (Chairwoman)

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Auckland races at Pukekohe Saturday

Meeting 2 TAB D. 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 T. 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 8-9-10 Q. 2-3-4-5, 7-8-9-10 PL6 5-10

Selections
Race 1: DESTINY'S DELIGHT, FLIP 'N' EASY, MODERNEISE
Race 2: OSAKA, MASETTO, THUNDER
Race 3: ELYSIAN FIELDS, RUBYSHOWOFF, SHE'S APPLES
Race 4: SHEZ CLASS, CONTAGIOUS, LEEDOX
Race 5: SERESIN, MAGAWA, REKINDLED EXPRESS
Race 6: SELVA VERDE, EL BANDOLERO, NOTHINSWEETABOUTME
Race 7: STAR TREASURE, CRYSTALLIZE, SHOSHONE
Race 8: ORANGE PEARL, ALCHEMIA, FUNNY GIRL
Race 9: SEAJETZ, CASTLE BAY, GAGLIARDI
Race 10: HOT SALSAS, SERESIN, MADAME LE FAY

13 Modernise (9) 56.5 45 A Goindasamy (a)
14 6s The Letter (11) 56.5 45 T Yanagida
EMERGENCIES:
15 0 Serena's Spirit (8) 56.5 45
16 0s7 Santenay (15) 56.5 45
17 88s Faye's Warrior (12) 56.5 45 K Asano (a)
18 0s79 Vanity (3) 56.5 45
19 05000 Ocean Cruiser (17) 58.5 45 L Satherley

2 Roger Gill Motors 11.40
\$35,000, open handicap, 1500m
1 00402 Masetto (3) 61.5 91 R Elliot
2 04084 Quiz Kid (6) 58.5 85 Tayla Mitchell (a4)
3 0s461 Osaka (2) 57.5 83 M McNab
4 37568 Manrico (1) 56 80 Callum Jones (a3)
5 75224 Thunder (8) 55.5 79 M J Sanson (a4)
6 56s70 Sweet Clementine (5) 55 82 A Calder
7 74s94 Le Sablier (7) 54 80 M Hashizume (a2)
8 56511 Calpurnia (4) 54 78 L Satherley

3 JBM & Associates 12.15
\$15,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 1400m
1 08s87 Bugatti (13) 59 62 M McNab
2 8528s Come Back Tiger (10) 59 62 (a4)
3 s997s Iffie Shows (15) 59 62 R Elliot
4 21576 Flat Track Bully (12) 58 60 Y Kumagai (a4)
5 00s30 Rockwithattitude (3) 57.5 59 L Satherley
6 — Call Me Evie SCRATCHED
7 35158 Elysian Fields (11) 57 62 S Spratt
8 18890 Zouperb (17) 57 62 S Phelan
9 00s68 Rabada (5) 57 58 A Goindasamy (a)
10 45075 Memories (9) 56.5 61
11 59237 Rubyshowoff (4) 56.5 61 A Calder
12 9s7s0 Decadence (8) 56 60 M Cameron
13 0s09s She's Apples (1) 56 60 C M Lindsay (a4)
14 54669 Bunkers (14) 55 58 M Hashizume (a2)
EMERGENCIES:
15 5s080 Bella Dora (7) 55 58
16 3s46s Raggedy Doll (6) 54.5 57
17 80s80 Cannsea Clearly (2) 54 55
18 00 Miss Capricorn (16) 54 45

1 HR Fiskens & Sons Ltd 11.05
\$15,000, maiden, 1200m
1 37s Flip 'n' Easy (2) 58.5 50 A Calder
2 05s Who's Sam (1) 58.5 47
3 56 Elusive Fighter (7) 58.5 46 K L Chung (a4)
4 0s Game Patrol (14) 58.5 46
5 — El-Caballo SCRATCHED
6 Our Big Boy (6) 58.5 45 Callum Jones (a3)
7 Roland Garros (4) 58.5 45 M McNab
8 Destinys Delight (13) 56.5 47 B Grylls
9 5s0 Madiran (10) 56.5 46 S Spratt
10 Gimmeallyourlovinn' (5) 56.5 45 M Cameron
11 Go Lucinda (16) 56.5 45 (a4)
12 Miss Sazerac (18) 56.5 45 M Hashizume (a2)

4 Auckland Futurity Stakes 12.50
\$70,000, 2yo sw, 1400m
1 3 Leodox (2) 57 51 R Elliot
2 Orsome Dude (7) 57 45 (a)
3 Rare Company (5) 57 45 (a)
4 2442 Contagious (3) 55 54 M McNab
5 3 Shez Class (8) 55 52 M Hashizume (a)
6 05298 Timeless (4) 55 51 J Fawcett
7 534s9 Feel The Thunder (1) 55 50 T Newman
8 6650 Nosnevents (6) 55 45 Callum Jones (a)
9 0 Sassyness (9) 55 45 M Cameron

5 Franklton Auctions 1.27
\$30,000, 3yo sw+p, 1400m
1 92431 Rekindled Express (12) 58.5 67 (a4)
2 77721 Reverberations (4) 58.5 67 M Hashizume (a2)
3 31253 Lingjun Xiongfen (3) 57.5 64 T Yanagida
4 21302 Seresin (8) 57.5 64 M Cameron
5 58014 Call Me Flint (11) 57.5 63 (a1)
6 19 Love Affirmations (2) 57.5 63 A Calder
7 8s21 Magawa (5) 57.5 63 K L Chung (a4)
8 01 Smart Rocks (1) 57.5 63 R Elliot
9 08s87 Bugatti (9) 57.5 62 M McNab
10 10s64 Rosberg (6) 57.5 62 K Asano (a)
11 4421 Eve's Song (10) 55.5 63 T Newman
12 00 Miss Capricorn (7) 54 45 M J Sanson (a4)

6 Mount Shop 2.02
\$30,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 2100m
1 15624 El Bandolero (3) 59 63 M J Sanson (a4)
2 10s99 Oneoutofthebox (13) 58 65 M McNab
3 74145 Khan Hunter (9) 57.5 60 (a1)
4 46234 Selva Verde (4) 57 63 C M Lindsay (a4)
5 70652 Burgundy Dancer (2) 57 59 L Satherley
6 67s75 Nothinsweetaboutme (7) 56 61 (a4)
7 31578 Jabella (5) 55.5 60 Callum Jones (a3)
8 00738 Happy Remark (6) 55.5 56 Y Kumagai (a4)
9 80676 Cleese (12) 55 55 D Danis
10 05457 Leica Warrior (11) 55 55 J Fawcett

11 980s8 Renegade Fighter (10) 55 55 M Hashizume (a2)
12 08s96 Solid Contact (8) 55 55 K L Chung (a4)
13 91800 Side Hustle (14) 54.5 58 B Grylls
14 80940 Charmingaffair (1) 54 57 T Thornton

7 Haunui Farm 2.37
\$35,000, open handicap, 1100m
1 7222s Crystallize (5) 62 95 (a4)
2 66111 Tighlign (7) 58.5 88 C M Lindsay (a4)
3 — Aero-De-Paris SCRATCHED
4 1510s Shoshone (2) 55.5 86
5 3110s Palm Springs (4) 54.5 84 D Danis
6 27427 Mega Bourbon (3) 54 79 M McNab
7 55533 New York Jazz (10) 54 78 T Newman
8 44665 Breezon (6) 54 76 S Spratt
9 54s22 Star Treasure (8) 54 73 M Hashizume (a2)
10 s4177 Diamond Pegasus (1) 54 70 K L Chung (a4)
11 50s1s Odnpower (9) 54 62 Tayla Mitchell (a4)

8 Barfoot & Thompson 3.12
\$30,000, rating 74 benchmark, 1200m
1 26s01 Funny Girl (6) 59 74 S Spratt
2 11s9s La Romance (10) 58.5 69 R Elliot
3 2110s Oneroa (9) 58 72
4 64480 El Tirador (15) 58 68 (a1)
5 4191 Orange Pearl (12) 58 68 A Calder
6 — Bullybrook SCRATCHED
7 7900s Ever So Easy (2) 57.5 67 M Hashizume (a2)
8 116s Kamakaze (3) 57.5 67 J Fawcett
9 62s11 Alchemia (16) 56 68 T Yanagida
10 144s5 El Noir (4) 56 68 M McNab
11 7115s Aubree (17) 55.5 67 C Barnes
12 128s4 Caminata (14) 55.5 67 K Asano (a)
13 34815 Diamond Girl (5) 55.5 67 T Newman
14 40271 Joey's Gift (11) 55.5 67
EMERGENCIES:
15 030s3 Lord Valentine (7) 55 62 D Danis
16 6267s Pushka (13) 54 57
17 70000 Happy Ego (8) 54 57
18 40s4 Up 'n' Gone (1) 54 56

9 Franklin Long Roofing Ltd 3.47
\$30,000, rating 74 benchmark, 1600m
1 48s41 Seajetz (12) 60.5 75 M Hashizume (a2)
2 56s37 Packing Joy (7) 57.5 69 M McNab
3 036s2 Teen Titan (11) 57.5 69 M J Sanson (a4)
4 7s254 Ziegfeld (2) 56.5 71 S Spratt
5 85241 Gagliardi (8) 56 70 (a3)
6 542s1 Hot Pinx (5) 55.5 69 M Cameron
7 82431 Castle Bay (14) 55 68 A Calder
8 386s7 Ata Rangī (9) 55 64 D Danis
9 19s0s Queen Of Soul (10) 54.5 67 (a1)
10 3330s Chevron (4) 54.5 63 T Newman
11 728s7 Corinne (13) 54 65 K Asano (a)
12 02158 Rising Road (3) 54 63 C M Lindsay (a4)
13 200s0 High Glass (6) 54 61 (a4)
14 89s00 Rising Ransom (1) 54 61 Callum Jones (a3)

10 Dunstan Salute 4.22
\$30,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 1400m
1 21302 Seresin (18) 59.5 64 (a1)
2 747s6 Chillax (14) 59 63 D Danis
3 10s62 Hot Salsa (15) 59 63 D Danis
4 90504 Keats (11) 59 63 C M Lindsay (a4)
5 20s39 Notabdpahlan (4) 59 63 A Calder
6 69s52 Powerful Moss (2) 59 63 M Cameron
7 34431 Hard Nose (7) 58.5 62 R Elliot
8 s4317 Rockspell (10) 58.5 62 T Yanagida
9 25940 On Demand (12) 57.5 64 Y Kumagai (a4)
10 36917 Terene (19) 57.5 64 C Barnes
11 1 Gwen's Daughter (6) 57 63
12 02158 Rising Road (5) 57 63
13 335s1 Madame Le Fay (13) 56.5 62 M McNab
14 3341s Well I Never (3) 56.5 62 K Asano (a)
EMERGENCIES:
15 35188 Elysian Fields (16) 56.5 62
16 8528s Come Back Tiger (1) 58.5 62 (a4)
17 08s87 Bugatti (8) 58.5 62
18 — Call Me Evie SCRATCHED
19 s997s Iffie Shows (9) 58.5 62
20 18890 Zouperb (17) 56.5 62

Wellington races at Trentham Saturday

Meeting 4 TAB Doubles 2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Trebles 2-3-4, 5-6-7 Quaddies 1-2-3-4, 4-5-6-7 Place6 2-7

Selections
Race 1: FANTASY FLIGHT, TRISHA LEA, RAUCOUS
Race 2: LOCHARBURN, ARGYLL, TITLETATTLE
Race 3: HAPPY STAR, CHASE, KUSUDA
Race 4: OLD TOWN ROAD, TIMES TICKING, SPRING TIDE
Race 5: HURRY CANE, PRINCE LEO, VERRY FLASH
Race 6: ROCKET SCIENCE, RACED EVENS, LILHOOVESGOTMOVES
Race 7: FARAGLIONI, LA BELLARINA, MISTEREX

6 38s43 Fantasy Flight (4) 65.5 69 D M Parker (1)
2 Pete's Joinery Steeplechase 1.15
\$30,000, Rst open stp SW+P, 4000m
1 2375s Shamal (3) 69 88 L Douglas (a3)
2 015s8 Argyll (5) 67.5 69 S Phelan
3 s5721 Locharburn (2) 67.5 69 S Fannin
4 s4704 Tell Me More (6) 67.5 67 E Farr
5 82p5s Zinzan (7) 66 57 H McNeill
6 9s075 Ritesaidzed (1) 66 50 S Karmicnik
7 s7043 Tittletattle (4) 64 55 G Walsh

3 John Griffith & Co 1.53
\$30,000, rating 74 benchmark, 1600m
1 659s2 Happy Star (3) 62.5 79 L Sutherland (a4)
2 27220 Chase (7) 60 74 D Turner
3 13344 Flying Surf (1) 57.5 73 F Lazet (a3)
4 36913 Champagne Sunday (6) 57.5 69 W Pinn (a1)
5 s6466 Vatican News (8) 57 68
6 299s5 Facetime (4) 56 70 T Tairaoa (a2)
7 16s08 Kusuda (10) 55.5 69 R Hannam

1 Equivets NZ Hurdle 12.35
\$30,000, Rst open hurdle SW+P, 2500m
1 46s96 Alfie Dee (2) 67.5 83 B Lammas
2 417s2 Raucous (1) 67.5 69 S Phelan
3 Ps568 Phelan Foxy (3) 66 57 G Walsh
4 s0908 Mr Fahrenheit (6) 66 50 H McNeill
5 0s8s5 Trisha Lea (5) 65.5 75 S Fannin

8 59s09 Rocktilyoudrop (2) 55 64 Ashvin Mudhoo (a2)
9 81402 Du'blues (9) 54.5 67 C Dell
10 49581 Indy Fox (5) 54 64 M K Hudson

4 Southey Sayer Accountants 2.28
\$35,000, open handicap, 1400m
1 6128s Spring Tide (1) 62 98 L Sutherland (a4)
2 0530s Deerfield (2) 59.5 93 S O'Malley
3 7290s Tavis Court (5) 59.5 93 Ashvin Mudhoo (a2)
4 246s5 Times Ticking (6) 56.5 87 R Hannam
5 8670s Charlie Horse (9) 54 80 D Turner
6 6s162 Amusez Moi (8) 54 78 L Allpress
7 s0884 Cruz Ramirez (4) 54 78 W Pinn (a1)
8 20s22 Old Town Road (7) 54 76 C Dell
9 369s6 Rock Island Line (3) 54 76

5 Jubilee Cup 3.03
\$60,000, open handicap, 2200m
1 235s1 Verry Flash (7) 60 86 T Tairaoa (a2)
2 s806 Hurry Cane (1) 59 84 S McKay
3 76666 No Loitering (3) 56 78 R Hannam

4 90s82 Prince Leo (8) 54 74 C Dell
5 s5051 Cross Roads (4) 54 72 L Allpress
6 43721 Amathusia (5) 54 68
7 254s0 Nedwin (6) 54 68 L Sutherland (a4)
8 86401 Lurid (2) 54 65 W Pinn (a1)

6 Autumn Sprint Champ 3.38
\$50,000, rating 74 benchmark Final, 1200m
1 0542s Raced Evens (11) 61 80 L Sutherland (a4)
2 260s5 Durham Lad (12) 59.5 73 F Lazet (a3)
3 50s78 Bellacontte (8) 57.5 73 S O'Malley
4 58079 Chikira Lass (6) 56.5 71 A Allen
5 1010s Hallelujah Brother (7) 56.5 67 D Turner
6 s5148 Puke Park (13) 56.5 67 H Schofer (a1)
7 53332 Raffie (1) 55.5 69 L Allpress
8 s1223 Rocket Science (5) 55.5 65 R Hannam
9 36612 Fiano (3) 55 68 Ashvin Mudhoo (a2)
10 30s41 Tumbleweed (4) 54.5 67 W Pinn (a1)
11 32304 Lilhoovesgotmoves (9) 54 64 T Tairaoa (a2)

12 92516 Gurtlyn (10) 54 63
13 07s16 Sunlit Lane (2) 54 63

7 Masterton RC Life Members 4.13
\$30,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 1400m
1 636s4 Boston Strong Boy (7) 59.5 64 L Sutherland (a4)
2 240s3 Hooks (2) 59 63 S O'Malley
3 1 One Bold Cat (16) 59 63
4 200s9 Hooter (3) 58.5 62 L Allpress
5 735s0 Venato (8) 58.5 62 H Schofer (a1)
6 759s5 Misterex (11) 58 61 W Pinn (a1)
7 5610s Teroti (5) 58 61 J Mudhoo (a4)
8 150s5 Hot Chocolate (14) 57.5 64 L Douglas (a3)
9 90269 Sanibel (15) 57.5 64
10 — My Father's Gun SCRATCHED
11 20907 Justaskpercy (6) 57 59
12 183 Faraglioni (12) 56.5 62 R Hannam
13 81808 Roni (1) 56.5 58 D Turner
14 319s7 La Bellarina (18) 55.5 60 T Tairaoa (a2)
15 750s5 Rosiellicious (13) 55.5 60 S McKay
16 26767 Sacred Pearl (9) 55.5 60 C Dell
17 28705 This Lady Rocks (17) 55.5 60 Ashvin Mudhoo (a2)
18 037s0 Odysseus (4) 55 55
EMERGENCY:
19 7s15 Pride Of Aspen (10) 57 63

Queensland races at Eagle Farm Saturday

TAB D. 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 T. 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 8-9-10 Q. 2-3-4-5, 7-8-9-10 PL6 5-10

Selections
Race 1: BELLE SAVOIR, BARB RAIDER, SMIRK
Race 2: STEEL PRINCE, THE FEARLESS ONE, STARDOME
Race 3: BIGBOYROY, BALLISTIC BOY, LUNAKORN
Race 4: EXO LADY, TWIN STARS, SWISS EXILE
Race 5: ZAAKI, YONKERS, KUKERACHA
Race 6: KISS SUM, PRINCE OF BOOM, RANCH HAND
Race 7: SOXAGON, BLONDEAU, TAKSU
Race 8: PATERNAL, DARK DESTROYER, CABOCHÉ
Race 9: VENCH HAND, PAULELE, SCALLOPINI
Race 10: TAHITIAN DANCER, NAJMATY, DIRTY THOUGHTS

6 71516 Swords Drawn w (7) 54 97 Ms S Collett
7 51264 Seat Of Power wn (2) 54 92 B Thompson
8 13231 Stardome tdwn (9) 54 100 M R Du Plessis
9 64408 Alakahan dw (10) 54 92 C Williams
10 23863 Smart Meteor twh (1) 54 91 Jaden Lloyd (a)
11 81670 Humbolt Current tdw (4) 54 91 W Pike
12 62116 Splendiferous wb (14) 54 96 T Clark
13 00984 Sweet Thomas w (8) 54 88 Ms R King
14 51943 Traduce tn (16) 54 85 R Fradd
15 16112 Soprano Supreme (11) 54 97 K Mc Evoy
16 22121 The Fearless One d (6) 54 58 C J Grylls

3 Lord Mayor's Cup 2.18
\$150,000, 3yo & up SW+P Group 3, 1800m
1 04800 Kolding tw (4) 60.5 77 N Rawiller
2 7s407 Hungry Heart (2) 58.5 94 W Pike
3 04s80 Berdibek dw (11) 57.5 95 J Bowman
4 1s696 Zayydani td (7) 57 94 L Nolen
5 s80s0 Ballistic Boy twh (9) 57 98 B Stewart
6 32s00 Criaderas wn (10) 56 91 S Clipperton
7 31553 Bigboyroy dwn (12) 56 100 J Mc Donald
8 8s457 Djukon dwb (5) 56 96 J Orman
9 09329 Star Of Michelin tw (1) 56 98 N Callow
10 6s780 Barade td (6) 56 89 J Byrne
11 08044 Lunakorn wn (3) 54 92 K Mc Evoy
12 13278 Galaxy Belle cdw (8) 54 91 T Clark

4 Sires' Produce Stakes 2.53
\$1,000,000, 2yo SW Group 2, 1400m
1 121 Twin Stars d (4) 57 92 K Mc Evoy
2 36s21 Swiss Exile tw (11) 57 95 S Clipperton
3 65s88 Mishani Warfare thn (10) 57 82 J Morris
4 214s4 Brereton (16) 57 89 Ms J Kah
5 11s15 Capital Tower wh (6) 57 92 J Orman
6 12066 Calgary Stampede (7) 57 74 R Maloney
7 51541 Cocobrew Express cw (19) 57 84 L Tarrant
8 210s3 Thelwell wn (17) 57 87 Justin P Stanley
9 312 Liberty Steps (21) 57 92 B Mc Dougall
10 8s11 Resonator w (12) 57 100 T Clark
11 12773 Merchant Prince wn (3) 57 88 L Nolen
12 114 Green Shadows cw (18) 57 89 N Rawiller
13 53s18 Allude th (13) 57 81 M R Du Plessis
14 53s11 Victory Moments w (20) 57 84 Ms S Collett

15 s31s4 Robusto w (14) 57 92 J Bowman
16 16s12 Exo Lady twb (2) 55 96 J Byrne
17 12103 Sheeza Bether (15) 55 93 W Pike
18 6s215 Tyresa cbh (22) 55 67 L V Cassidy

EMERGENCIES:
19 21 Ringmaster d (23) 57 86 T Berry
20 22 Basquiat b (5) 57 92 B Avdulla
21 13 Owen County dw (8) 57 86 O Bosson
22 23 Political Debate (1) 57 92 J Mc Donald
23 434 Metallicity b (9) 57 84

5 XXXX Doomben Cup 3.28
\$1,000,000, WFA Group 1, 2100m
1 s2121 Zaaki tw (10) 59 100 J Mc Donald
2 13330 The Chosen One (3) 59 52 O Bosson
3 7s613 Kukeracha tw (5) 59 89 J Orman
4 52661 Yonkers cwn (1) 59 94 J Bowman
5 s4382 Great House wb (9) 59 89 W Pike
6 11s34 Huetor w (2) 59 86 K Mc Evoy
7 s6s00 Maximal (6) 59 58 N Rawiller
8 7s956 Esti Feny (8) 59 76 R Maloney
9 20212 Polly Grey dw (7) 57 95 T Clark
10 21125 Coventina Bay w (4) 57 84 Ms S Collett

6 Fred Best Classic 4.03
\$250,000, 3yo SW Group 3, 1400m
1 40s66 Alpine Edge t (9) 57 92 R Fradd
2 4s111 Prince Of Boom wh (3) 57 100 J Orman
3 s9722 Kiss Sum (2) 57 79 N Rawiller
4 24091 Ranch Hand cw (16) 57 99 T Berry
5 91611 Flying Crazy cdw (15) 57 95 K Mc Evoy
6 s5612 Minsk Moment tw (4) 57 94 J Byrne
7 110s4 I Am Lethal d (18) 57 68 B Avdulla
8 50530 Bend The Knee db (19) 57 86 R Maloney
9 1s115 Vilana dw (11) 57 89 S Clipperton
10 12s53 Battleton wb (17) 57 98 J Mc Donald
11 422s4 Meritable (12) 57 85 W Pike
12 s1124 Loch Eagle dw (20) 57 94 J Bowman
13 7s113 Arentee th (14) 57 93 N Callow
14 s4119 El Vencador dw (1) 57 78 O Bosson
15 111 He's All Mingo wn (5) 57 89 B Thompson
16 36245 Startantes twbh (10) 55 98 Ms J Kah
17 83036 Mokulua w (13) 55 86 L V Cassidy
18 19s54 Bulloo w (7) 55 89 A Malloyon

EMERGENCIES:
19 152s7 Mystic Aroma hn (6) 55 82 M R Du Plessis
20 339s1 Bump'n'run wn (8) 57 65

7 TAB BRC Sprint 4.38
\$250,000, Quality Group 3, 1300m
1 4s68s Alligator Blood tw (18) 59 75 T Clark
2 0s145 Gem Song tdw (15) 59 88 J Bowman
3 29s61 Emerald Kingdom tdwh (12) 58.5 94 J Orman

4 — I Am Superman SCRATCHED
5 s35s1 Soxagon tw (6) 58 91 B Stewart
6 108s2 Buffalo River w (10) 57.5 100 O Bosson
7 44s70 Niccanova tw (2) 57.5 91 A Allen
8 s61s2 Scallopini twh (16) 57.5 94 B Thornton
9 006s3 Dawn Passage w (19) 56 92 J Parr
10 2s3s6 Desert Lord tw (11) 55.5 96 C Williams
11 22s15 Tycoonist dwn (7) 55.5 92 J Mc Donald
12 388s1 Blondeau dw (17) 54 94 L V Cassidy
13 19s28 Oscar Zulu dwb (1) 54 98 K Mc Evoy
14 127s4 Holyfield w (3) 54 95 Ms S Collett
15 6s522 Gospodin dw (14) 54 92 R Dolan
16 s2121 Taksu dw (8) 54 66 W Pike
EMERGENCIES:
17 3s410 Vinco tdwh (9) 54 70 B Thompson
18 60217 Irish Songs w (4) 54 82 T Berry
19 s2221 Sir Warwick tdwn (13) 54 90 J Byrne
20 s110s Skins tw (5) 54 76

8 Queensland Derby 5.18
\$1,000,000, 3yo SW Group 1, 2400m
1 82827 Tutukaka t (11) 57 92 J Orman
2 1s721 Dark Destroyer tw (1) 57 100 S R Weatherley
3 4s522 Caboche t (9) 57 92 J Mc Donald
4 12373 Menazzi tn (17) 57 87 N Rawiller
5 13151 Pinarello (20) 57 89 L G Innes
6 13203 Red Wave b (13) 57 90 K Wilson-Taylor (a)
7 16164 Southern Stock twh (19) 57 93 L V Cassidy

8 s6948 Balmaurice t (16) 57 79 B Stewart
9 21503 Sea Treasures w (14) 57 90 Ms R King
10 12342 Ting Tong w (18) 57 95 A Malloyon
11 04010 Satirical Glory tw (12) 57 74 J Byrne
12 31042 Paternal w (3) 57 98 J Bowman
13 75529 Dark Rebel w (21) 57 83 J Parr
14 51151 Global Ausbred w (5) 57 94 K Mc Evoy
15 1115 Impel Gazelle w (15) 57 79 B Thompson
16 63212 Anything Goes wb (4) 57 90 R Maloney
17 69655 Nest Egg (6) 57 84 Ms S Collett
18 s5484 Villaden (7) 57 83 B Avdulla
EMERGENCIES:
19 22115 Turn Me Over w (10) 57 78 Ms J Kah
20 41103 Velvet Lady wb (2) 55 77 T Clark
21 s3302 Kipling's Journey wh (8) 57 81 M R Du Plessis

9 TAB Kingsford-Smith Cup 5.58
\$700,000, 3yo & up WFA Group 1, 1300m
1 5s350 Private Eye tdw (16) 59 68 B Avdulla

2 57304 Laws Of Indices w (21) 59 69 Ms R King
3 21273 Elisberg dw (12) 59 62 N Rawiller
4 181s4 Eleven Eleven wn (4) 59 98 J Bowman
5 133s2 Apache Chase twh (6) 59 99 J Byrne
6 s7986 Wild Planet dw (19) 59 87 W Pike
7 47s55 Rothfire twh (14) 59 99 J Orman
8 s6072 Olmedo w (3) 59 93 B Loy
9 5s764 Signore Fox tdw (11) 59 88 B Thompson
10 — Sierra-Sue SCRATCHED
11 4s313 September Run wbn (7) 57 99 C Williams
12 152s3 Entriviere dw (17) 57 96 O Bosson
13 10332 Paulele w (8) 57 100 J Mc Donald
14 2s107 Isotope wh (13) 57 93 R Maloney
15 23272 Away Game tw (18) 57 99 J Allen
16 s2626 Brooklyn Hustle cw (5) 57 94 Ms J Kah
EMERGENCIES:
17 s61s2 Scallopini twh (9) 59 94 B Thornton
18 44s70 Niccanova tw (10) 59 91 A Allen
19 93803 Jamaica (15) 59 90 T Berry
20 24091 Ranch Hand tw (1) 57 94 K Mc Evoy
21 40s66 Alpine Edge t (2) 57 87 R Fradd

10 Helen Coughlan Stakes 6.34
\$150,000, 3yo & up F&M SW+P Listed, 1200m
1 33120 Babylon Berlin dwb (19) 58 78 R Maloney
2 972s1 Vulpine dwn (17) 57.5 100 R Wiggins
3 5s571 Written Beauty cdwn (21) 57.5 98 W Pike
4 9s045 Dirty Thoughts dw (6) 57.5 89 J Bowman
5 116s3 Salateen dwb (2) 56.5 95 J Byrne
6 14s60 East Asia twb (3) 56.5 92 J Orman
7 23290 Kisukano cdwn (16) 56 89 S Clipperton
8 s3539 Majestic Shot dw (13) 56 89 L Magorrian
9 94s92 April Rain wn (14) 56 86 J Mc Donald
10 44s14 Juan Diva d (8) 56 92 C Williams
11 1530s Tycoon Evie tcd (9) 56 65 M R Du Plessis
12 47040 Starla dwn (18) 56 73 N Rawiller
13 8s541 Redoute's Image cdw (11) 56 89 B Avdulla

14 — Selburoe SCRATCHED
15 71075 Stolen Jade dwn (5) 56 80 J Parr
16 30s25 Miss Hipstar twh (1) 55 86 L V Cassidy
17 000s1 Najmaty (15) 55 67 T Berry
18 84777 Glorious Ruby tdh (7) 54.5 85 L Tarrant
EMERGENCIES:
19 17100 Boomtown Lass cdwh (22) 55.5 9

Victorian races at Caulfield Saturday

TAB doubles 1-2, 4-5, 8-9 Trebles 3-4-5, 7-8-9 Quaddie 2-3-4-5, 6-7-8-9 Place6 4-9

Selections

Race 1: STARRY LEGEND, DEXELATION, ZORRO'S DREAM
Race 2: MCKEON, JAMARRA, MAGNASPIN
Race 3: GENERAL FIREPOWER, CHARTRES, OCEANA BLUE
Race 4: GENTILITY, THORNTARI, FIRST DIVISION
Race 5: LA VINA, DIAMONDS INTHE SKY, DANCE TO DUBAI
Race 6: SIG POSITANO, SACRED PALACE, GALENUS
Race 7: GRANDSLAM, WITCHACHAR STAR, BERMADEZ
Race 8: HOSIER, VISINARI, THINK 'N' FLY
Race 9: AGREEABLE, GOOD AND PROPER, ZOIST

6 165s3 Nothing Silly w (8) 56.5 97 Z Spain
7 45 Atlantic Ocean (2) 56 94 B Prebble
8 Atlantis Tycoon (10) 56 75 D Thornton
9 4 Cosmic Aura (6) 56 85 C Newitt
10 Sutadamu (7) 56 75 E Brown
11 McKeon (5) 54 85 Ms L Meech

3 Lamaro's Hotel Handicap 3.00
\$130,000, 3yo, 1600m

1 s3418 Chartres cw (9) 58 92 E Brown
2 320s3 Blazerro w (10) 57.5 96 Z Spain
3 11471 Oriental Legend wn (3) 54.5 96 M Cartwright (a1.5)
4 s1042 General Firepower wbn (2) 54 100 M Dee
5 23252 Hopon Harry (4) 54 100 J Childs
6 12330 Deprivation n (1) 54 91 Ms L Meech
7 00s34 Cheerful Moment dw (7) 54 83 J McNeil
8 s3739 Kyokushin (6) 54 86 Ms A Kelly (a2)
9 2341 Naval Seal dw (8) 54 92 B Prebble
10 1s3 Oceana Blue b (5) 54 93 W Price (a1.5)

4 Rod Griffiths Mem'l Trophy 3.35
\$130,000, 3yo Fillies Benchmark 78, 1100m

1 12s30 Authentic Jewel dw (7) 60 100 L German (a2)
2 15s13 Coco Rox dw (5) 58.5 95 J Childs
3 48193 Morning Melody dn (13) 55.5 90 D Oliver
4 3115s Jezulenoco cd (9) 55 81 D Thornton
5 s6241 Sweet Mary w (12) 55 87 J Fry
6 s1277 Lempicka d (6) 54.5 92 J Richards (a2)
7 2s489 Winning Verse (17) 54.5 55 M Dee
8 67652 Fumiko d (15) 54 95 J McNeil
9 16s1 Miss Balvenie dw (4) 54 93 B Prebble
10 22617 Verbano dw (8) 54 85 Dean Holland
11 2427s Thorntari dw (16) 54 72 L King
12 6s14s First Division (14) 54 66 H Coffey
13 1s Gentility (11) 54 71 Ms L Meech
14 31s22 Speed Lover d (1) 54 87 Ms A Kelly (a2)
15 31323 Starlea d (3) 54 95 M Cartwright (a1.5)

EMERGENCIES:

16 10s4 Ravaged Award (10) 54 89 B Mertens
17 3s531 Melanie (2) 54 56 T Nugent (a1.5)

5 Catanach's Jewellers 4.10
\$130,000, 4yo & up Mares Benchmark 78, 1100m

1 34s16 Forever Free cdwn (9) 61.5 85 L McNeil (a3)
2 s146s Galgani w (15) 59.5 90 J Richards (a2)
3 280s4 Selburose dwn (1) 59 100 B Prebble
4 0s735 Belsielle cw (17) 58.5 99 Ms A Kelly (a2)
5 21427 Little Stevie wn (5) 58.5 95 D Thornton
6 677s1 Dance To Dubai cdn (18) 58 100 Ms C Hefel (a2)
7 4534s Diamonds Inthe Sky tc (10) 57.5 79 Ms L Meech
8 606s8 La Vina w (13) 57.5 93 J Fry
9 5s940 Awapuni Princess tdw (6) 57 94 M Cartwright (a1.5)

10 7s630 It's Kind Of Magic w (7) 56.5 94 M Dee
11 9s540 Pandora Blue dw (2) 56.5 74 J McNeil
12 s115s Starlight Scope w (14) 56.5 64 D Oliver
13 61179 Francine d (4) 56 92 D Bates
14 10126 Reite Den Blitz dn (11) 56 94 Dean Holland

15 128s4 Daralina Belle w (3) 55.5 67 H Coffey
EMERGENCIES:
16 s000s Zimowy wn (19) 55.5 55 C Newitt
17 4134s Megamea w (8) 55 60 D Stackhouse
18 1964s Apres La Mer wn (16) 54 93 T Nugent (a1.5)
19 1s205 Star Of Manhattan dw (12) 54 90 W Price (a1.5)

6 Take It To The Neds Level 4.45
\$75,000, Benchmark 78, 1200m

1 134s0 Sound Machine (19) 62 77 L McNeil (a3)
2 61123 Galenus dwbn (6) 61 97 Ms L Lafferty (a3)
3 23415 Sacred Palace cdwb (9) 60 90 D Bates
4 37s32 Sig Positano dwn (16) 59.5 100 W Egan
5 106s7 Just Jake dw (12) 58.5 93 J Mott
6 664s6 Ocular w (15) 58.5 91 T Stockdale (a2)
7 7s826 Whipcracker Way dwb (8) 58.5 95 Ms A Kelly (a2)
8 12801 As I Please dw (1) 58 86 Ms L Meech

1 Martin Collins Polytrack 1.50
\$130,000, Benchmark 100, 1000m

1 1s530 Dixelation dw (1) 60 89 Ms A Kelly (a2)
2 07s00 William Thomas tdw (3) 56 86 M Dee
3 4s513 Starry Legend dw (4) 53 95 J McNeil
4 61275 Zorro's Dream dw (6) 53 92 W Price (a1.5)
5 72412 Ashford Street w (2) 53 100 T Nugent (a1.5)
6 15138 Young Liam dwn (7) 53 92 J Richards (a2)
7 s1492 Tycoon Humma d (5) 53 90 Ms L Meech

2 Stow Storage Solutions 2.25
\$130,000, 2yo, 1200m

1 30221 Jamarra dw (4) 59 96 B Allen
2 33s21 Shalield dw (1) 58 91 D Oliver
3 2 Magnaspin (3) 57 100 M Walker
4 — Metallicity SCRATCHED
5 1 Proud Conquest d (1) 57 89 J McNeil

New South Wales races at Randwick Saturday

TAB D. 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 T. 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 8-9-10 Q. 2-3-4-5, 7-8-9-10 PL6 5-10

Selections

Race 1: THE DRAMATIST, SUNGBLUE, TWIG
Race 2: BACKROWER, OWEN COUNTY, MONTEBELLO'S CHARM
Race 3: ZOROCAT, AND WE DANCED, NARRATED
Race 4: TWO UP, LANCASTER BOMBER, CALGARY QUEEN
Race 5: SHAMELESS MISS, BONNY EZRA, ARABOLINI
Race 6: DEMOCRACY MANIFEST, WARRIOR HERO, COMRADE ROSA
Race 7: ANDERMATT, DRAGONSTONE, SURREAL STEP
Race 8: ANIMATE, FENDER, HANDLE THE TRUTH
Race 9: FRENCH MARINE, IMRAHOR, ZOROCAT
Race 10: AMERICAN PRESIDENT, NEVER SECOND, GARRISON

2 Precise Air Handicap 1.35
\$130,000, 2yo, 1400m

1 — Basquiat SCRATCHED
2 13 Owen County dwh (3) 57.5 99 R Hutchings
3 1 Backrower wh (10) 57 100 K S Latham
4 451 Tango Fame dw (6) 57 94 C Schofield
5 3 Dirty Merchant (2) 56.5 94 T Sherry
6 Field Marshal h (8) 56.5 92 B Ryan
7 26s2 Golden Queen h (1) 56.5 95 J Ford
8 1 Amati w (7) 56 97 J Collett
9 — Brookhaven SCRATCHED
10 4 Montebello's Charm (5) 56 91 Ms A Collett
11 5s0 Capital Elle (9) 54.5 88 Ms E Hennessy (a3)
12 9s7 Controlocacy (4) 54.5 93 T Schiller (a2)

3 Canterbury League Club 2.10
\$130,000, 3yo & up F&M Benchmark 78, 1400m

1 88035 Nicci's Fling cw (8) 61.5 88 T Schiller (a2)
2 514s0 Strange Charm dwn (5) 61 93 D Gibbons (a3)
3 23421 Ita dw (3) 60 97 R Jones (a2)
4 s6033 Zorocat tw (9) 60 91 Chris C Williams (a2)
5 2116s My Demetra dwhn (6) 57.5 70 T Sherry
6 5110s Nothinsweetaboutme tdwh (4) 57 68 R Bayliss
7 22s2 And We Danced (1) 56 100 C Schofield
8 22s1 Narrated dw (2) 55.5 88 Ms E Hennessy (a3)
9 25s87 Rathvilly Miss dwb (7) 54 90 J Collett

4 Midway Handicap 2.45
\$100,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 72, 1200m

1 32053 Lancaster Bomber dwn (6) 61 95 D Gibbons (a3)
2 0218s Caesars Palace wh (11) 60 67 Ms E Hennessy (a3)
3 53142 Calgary Queen dw (2) 59 99 J Collett

4 2889s Saqoun w (8) 59 73 K S Latham
5 0s820 Different Strokes t (1) 58.5 91 J Ford
6 32224 Two Up dw (7) 58.5 91 R Jones (a2)
7 68s18 Rebel Shadow wn (12) 58 94 T Schiller (a2)
8 422s2 Budhwar dw (10) 58 100 Chris C Williams (a2)
9 0s354 Dalaalaat d (5) 57 94 C Schofield
10 33511 Don Luigi dw (13) 56.5 97 R Bayliss
11 660s5 Just Field w (3) 55 70 A Adkins
12 52846 Damaged (9) 54.5 94 T Sherry
13 50136 Rover w (4) 52.5 83 Ms A Collett

5 Wilson Asset Management 3.20
\$130,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 78, 2400m

1 60231 Bonny Ezra w (7) 60.5 94 T Schiller (a2)
2 67556 Our Candidate cdw (5) 60 84 D Gibbons (a3)
3 53562 Feel The Rush w (4) 57.5 99 R Hutchings
4 s7723 Mission Phoenix h (8) 56.5 97 T Sherry
5 25121 Shameless Miss dw (1) 56 100 C Schofield
6 71214 Arabolini dwb (2) 54.5 94 Ms E Hennessy (a3)
7 80s65 Penelope Cruise w (3) 52.5 78 J Ford
8 79655 Marakopa w (6) 52 77 Ms L Day

6 Cancer Foundation 3.55
\$130,000, 3yo Benchmark 72, 1200m

1 2420s Lease (15) 60 70 T Schiller (a2)
2 337s1 Warrior Hero dwh (9) 60 100 SCRATCHED
3 — GocoRox SCRATCHED
4 12s11 Democracy Manifest dw (16) 59 100 J Collett
5 62531 Park Avenue tw (10) 58.5 92 K S Latham
6 — Rebel Shadow SCRATCHED
7 24s18 Rubincocchi w (5) 58 96 Ms A Collett
8 928s2 Blow Dart w (12) 58 92 J Innes Jnr
9 1176 Shadow Devil dwh (13) 57.5 59 T Sherry
10 36s52 King Kapa w (1) 57 88 B Ryan
11 115s4 Dehorned Unicorn dw (4) 56.5 95 Ms K O'Hara
12 16s Huesca wh (7) 56.5 59 J Ford
13 1442s Kanazawa (2) 56.5 62 G Schofield
14 s1665 Comrade Rosa dwh (8) 56 93

9 7200s Barbie's Fox cdw (4) 58 69 L German (a2)
10 s9s22 He's A Hotshot d (7) 58 95 J McNeil
11 07s51 Jigsaw tdwn (17) 58 99 M Walker
12 s6158 Vici dn (3) 58 93 D Stackhouse
13 46135 Our Little Ted dwn (11) 57.5 81 A Darmanin
14 — Centimental SCRATCHED
15 s8555 Latino Blend w (5) 56.5 95 D Oliver

7 Neds Punters Toolbox 5.25
\$130,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 100, 2000m

1 s0629 Secret Blaze tdwn (5) 59.5 85 L McNeil (a3)
2 s0315 Grandslam cdb (8) 59 97 Ms L Meech
3 32s00 Criaderas w (2) 57 81 J McNeil
4 51201 Bermadez w (4) 56 100 D Oliver
5 5s760 No Effort tdwn (3) 56 84 L King
6 64243 Pancho dw (9) 56 92 B Prebble
7 11311 Witchacher Star w (11) 56 97 B Mertens
8 00s58 Port Guillaume dw (7) 55 82 M Dee
9 29383 Don't Doubt Dory wn (1) 53 89 Ms C Hefel (a2)
10 79s65 Attention Run w (10) 53 85 Ms A Kelly (a2)
11 s8324 Queen Takes King dw (6) 53 87 W Price (a1.5)

8 Colin Little Handicap 6.05
\$130,000, Benchmark 84, 1600m

1 3s00s Game Keeper dw (12) 63 57 Ms C Gaudray (a3)
2 44s62 Mystery Shot tdw (17) 62 88 W Price (a1.5)
3 1s9s1 Hosier dw (13) 61 95 Ms A Kelly (a2)
4 s9s17 Tokorangi t (16) 61 84 L McNeil (a3)
5 8s635 Scottish Dancer tdw (6) 60 90

6 3311s Independent Road tw (5) 59.5 53 M Dee
7 165s7 Parure td (3) 59.5 84 Ms L Lafferty (a3)
8 32111 Sir Davy dw (1) 59.5 97 E Brown
9 38314 Think 'n' Fly cdw (2) 59.5 89 J McNeil
10 3516s Just Benjamin tw (4) 58.5 71 B Prebble
11 24483 Guizot tdwn (11) 58 86 H Coffey
12 s9141 Major Artie dwn (8) 58 92 C Newitt
13 977s0 Pythagoras dw (15) 57.5 77 J Mott
14 40s11 Visinari wn (14) 57.5 100 J Childs
15 1s280 Typhoon Harmony dw (18) 57 92 D Thornton

9 Schepes Handicap 6.40
\$130,000, Benchmark 84, 1400m

1 20s29 Adelaide Ace td (11) 60.5 81 E Brown
2 33114 First Accused dwn (7) 60.5 80 L McNeil (a3)
3 s3114 Majorist dw (10) 60 84 Ms C Gaudray (a3)
4 63808 Morriss tw (17) 59.5 76 J Mott
5 17s70 Paul's Regret dwn (2) 59.5 82 J Richards (a2)
6 s88s6 Khoekhoe tw (6) 59 86 Ms T Bull (a3)
7 151s9 Falls tdwn (12) 58.5 80 D Oliver
8 4367s Mr Exclusive tdw (5) 58.5 51 B Mertens
9 647s1 Agreeable cw (16) 58 90 M Cartwright (a1.5)
10 4748s Keats (3) 57.5 52 Ms L Lafferty (a3)
11 — Left Hand Man SCRATCHED
12 s1506 Maritana w (1) 57.5 85 Ms C Hefel (a2)
13 3545s Good And Proper dw (8) 56 69 D Thornton

EMERGENCIES:

14 0s11s D'aguilar dwn (14) 57.5 71 W Egan
15 014s9 Cambourne dw (4) 57 100 Ms A Kelly (a2)
16 221s6 Francesco Guardi d (13) 57 86 B Prebble
17 — Sonaree SCRATCHED

South Australia races at Murray Bridge Saturday

TAB D. 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 T. 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 8-9-10 Q. 2-3-4-5, 7-8-9-10 PL6 5-10

Selections

Race 1: QUEMAN, LAKEHURST, MISTER ME
Race 2: TEST THE LAW, JAY JAY FLYER, THANKS BRUCE
Race 3: FONSALETTE, STARTS WITH HELLO, COVERED CALL
Race 4: JEDIAH, VAIN FOX, CHICAGO STORM
Race 5: IRISH BUTTERFLY, TOYETIC, SANTELMO FUEGO
Race 6: HUNTLEY LADY, REJINSKY, SIDEARM
Race 7: SUNNY GREEN, VALLEY OF DARKNESS, HATEECH
Race 8: TILL IT'S OVER, INSAAF, OURKHANI
Race 9: CALYPSO REIGN, MUNSTER, EXTRA TIME
Race 10: JAAMINT, BOLT BY, CASTLE OF KINGS

9 Ladies Lunch (4) 55.5 97 J Toeroek
10 More Reward (12) 55.5 80 Ms A Jordsjo
11 Te Piro (9) 55.5 84 J Holder
12 Wandinja Gal (11) 55.5 80 Ms C Jones

3 Festival Hire Plate 2.37
\$40,250, 2yo & up Maiden SW, 1200m

1 6344s Covered Call (12) 58 70 A Chung (a3)
2 48s44 Freddy The Eagle (6) 58 79 P Gatt
3 9s295 Seafaring (1) 58 74 Ms S Logan (a2)
4 9s4 Blue Luna (4) 57.5 80 E Wong (a3)
5 09s Field Of Steel (10) 57.5 59 Ms M Collett (a3)
6 63 Sir Arminius (5) 57.5 87 R Hurdle
7 2 Starts With Hello (3) 57.5 100 J Toeroek
8 0 Weekend Warrior (7) 57.5 72 J Maund
9 44952 Yeah Yeah Nah (13) 56 89 B Vorster
10 596s6 Apollo Girl (2) 55.5 77 Ms S Metcalfe
11 — Exopipi SCRATCHED
12 s4564 Fonsalette (9) 55.5 65 Ms J Eaton
13 48s7s Legless Lady (8) 55.5 79 J Holder

4 Carlton Draught Plate 3.12
\$40,250, 2yo & up Maiden SW, 1200m

1 4s5 Dreamtime Warrior (12) 58 93 C Rawiller (a2)
2 30s0s Segal (13) 58 79 A Chung (a3)
3 4s Anjopin (10) 57.5 69 Ms S Logan (a2)
4 24s Chicago Storm (4) 57.5 83 B Vorster
5 Jediah (2) 57.5 79 D Caboche
6 — Stadium Of Light SCRATCHED
7 452s4 Vain Fox (6) 57.5 100 D Tourneur
8 5754s Brazen Eagle (5) 56 81 J Maund
9 54s68 Alaskan Storm (7) 55.5 98 P Gatt
10 60s Distant Lady (9) 55.5 72 Ms C Jones
11 6 Go Artie (11) 55.5 71 Ms T Voorham (a2)
12 Lady De Lune (3) 55.5 75 Ms A Jordsjo
13 9 Maja (1) 55.5 85 J Potter

5 Mulch N More 3.47
\$54,750, Benchmark 80, 2500m

1 79734 Prince Ziggy wn (7) 58 86 J B Opperman (a2)
2 32452 Irish Butterfly tw (13) 57.5 100 D Tourneur

3 21181 Toyetic w (1) 57 95 Ms A Jordsjo
4 67118 Young Hostess w (4) 55.5 99 L Neindorf (a2)
5 21366 Capricorn Ridge w (11) 55 90

6 26373 Santelmo Fuego dw (9) 55 96 Ms J Eaton
7 7s852 Arrowtown Girl (3) 54 73 B Vorster
8 68997 Smiling Assassin w (2) 54 89 Ms E Boyd
9 21365 Quebecois (10) 54 85 Ms M Collett (a3)
10 89701 Staying Strong w (5) 54 77 D Caboche
11 00817 Swankyoff tw (12) 54 85 C Murray
12 s0406 Ironical cw (6) 54 81 Ms C Puls
13 75971 Sirmaze w (8) 54 67 B Price (a2)

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2 11s29 Howl w (3) 60 95 P Gatt
3 6s547 Regal Capital d (1) 60 65 D Caboche
4 8s154 Rejinsky dw (4) 59.5 95 Ms M Collett (a3)
5 1776s L'I Hank t (12) 58.5 71 C Rawiller (a2)
6 53410 Wotuwant d (2) 58.5 93 R Hurdle
7 0370s Reward With Return dwn (8) 57.5 70 Ms J Eaton
8 256s0 Mr Have A Chat (5) 56 87 Ms S Logan (a2)
9 228s4 Sidearm (14) 55.5 100 B Price (a2)
10 371s1 Snappy Li'l Thing dw (7) 55.5 98 Ms C Puls

11 7s12s The Gov (11) 55.5 92 J Toeroek
12 720s8 Kishstar cw (13) 54.5 86 E Wong (a3)
EMERGENCIES:
13 213s Huntley Lady t (10) 54 83 B Vorster
14 30s43 My Ruby d (9) 54 92 Ms C Jones
15 527s4 Magic Delta dwn (15) 54 86 D Tourneur

7 Northpoint Murraylands 4.57
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1 124s3 Short Stories w (4) 61.5 97 B Price (a2)
2 49s00 Clap dw (16) 60 98 D Toottell Snr
3 s4079 Dissolute dw (17) 60 95 P Gatt
4 14s8 Kolokar w (13) 60 97 J Toeroek
5 13658 Lianne cdw (3) 60 99 C Rawiller (a2)
6 10s71 Sunny Green (7) 60 91 A Chung (a3)
7 37781 Toorak Warrior dwn (12) 59.5 91 Ms T Voorham (a2)

8 73211 Yowza (14) 59.5 84 D Caboche
9 16s29 Beachhaven w (2) 59 94 J Holder
10 23240 Justakidd (5) 58.5 97 B Vorster
11 123s En Francais db (15) 58 88 L Neindorf (a2)
12 — Sabaku SCRATCHED
13 02315 Hateech dw (10) 56.5 100 J B Opperman (a2)
14 287s1 Wynter Lady dw (8) 56.5 81 C Murray

EMERGENCIES:
15 15698 Two Odd Sox tc (6) 58.5 91 R Hurdle
16 s2273 Valley Of Darkness tw (1) 56 73
17 7689s Enzed Beer dw (11) 57.5 69 J Potter
18 3170s Keysor w (9) 57.5 67 Ms S Metcalfe

8 Magic Millions Handicap 5.37
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1 s5066 France's Boy w (1) 61 82 Ms S Logan (a2)
2 32322 Thrill Kill w (4) 61 97 C Rawiller (a2)
3 78773 Crown Mint w (17) 60 88 B Price (a2)
4 238s5 Ourkhani tw (13) 59 91 Ms C Jones
5 — Hopon-Harry SCRATCHED
6 1s031 Till It's Over w (11) 58.5 97 Ms C Puls
7 14320 Flow Meter w (16) 58 90 J Maund
8 3s100 King Of Pharaohs w (9) 58 84 C Murray
9 337s0 Sasun tdw (19) 58 85 R Hurdle
10 42s69 Wild Imagination t (8) 58 100 J Toeroek
11 76540 Danish Fortune w (3) 57.5 89 J B Opperman (a2)

12 67313 Rapid Raiser tw (7) 57.5 94 L Neindorf (a2)
13 52043 Residue w (2) 57.5 100 P Gatt
14 40800 Going Gaga w (14) 57 71 Ms A Jordsjo
15 s4641 Watch Hill w (5) 57 92 B Vorster
16 0s421 Insaaf w (10) 56.5 92 J Holder

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17 21226 Prince Of Fences wb (12) 56.5 66 Ms J Eaton
18 17s96 Conegliano w (18) 55 84 Ms S Metcalfe
19 35524 Neva Doubt Us dw (15) 55.5 88

9 Premi-Air Refrigeration 6.17
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2 35s00 Catesby dn (15) 61 80 Ms M Collett (a3)

3 42327 Terbium dwn (10) 60 62 B Price (a2)
4 20s12 Calypso Reign tdwn (11) 59.5 95 Ms S Logan (a2)
5 s8002 Extra Time dw (17) 59 100 J Holder
6 8s353 Left Hand Man tw (13) 58.5 91 A Chung (a3)

7 52742 Magnetic Edge dw (7) 58.5 90 J Maund
8 026s5 Solar Gale db (3) 57.5 78 B Price (a2)
9 5697s Extreme Thrill dw (16) 57 64 J Toeroek
10 39s90 Perfect Route tw (8) 56.5 65 B Vorster
11 4s198 Toff Lovu cdw (12) 56.5 87 P Gatt
12 130s8 Tommy Blue dw (4) 56.5 58 E Wong (a3)
13 1s07s Hankstar t (18) 56 68 Ms T Voorham (a2)
14 317s7 Noname Lane tdw (6) 56 94 R Hurdle

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15 12271 Munster cdw (2) 56 100 Ms J Eaton
16 56500 Street Life dw (5) 56 79 Ms S Metcalfe
17 66126 Aguillette dw (14) 54.5 95
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2 115s0 Ichibansan t (1) 61 83 R Hurdle
3 361s5 Jaamint dw (14) 61 95 Ms S Logan (a2)
4 34s15 Trumpsta cw (2) 61 87 Ms C Jones
5 44018 Annika dw (12) 60.5 82 A Chung (a3)
6 219s3 Boom Boom Sweet d (6) 60.5 82 J B Opperman (a2)
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9 433s1 Bolt By tw (4) 60 93 Ms T Voorham (a2)
10 214s1 Castle Of Kings w (9) 60 95 B Price (a2)
11 2746s Echo Boomer d (15) 60 94 C Rawiller (a2)
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14 10455 Unlaced twb (16) 59.5 82 Ms J Eaton
15 34912 Lacrima d (3) 59 94 B Vorster
16 68400 Stryke In Style w (5) 59 85 J Toeroek

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17 22858 All Hard Wood dw (20) 59 72 J Maund
18 s2430 Lomax w (11) 58 81 Ms E Boyd
19 557s0 Native Blue tw (7) 58 76 B Vorster
20 1s295 Jean Valian (8) 57 91 C Murray

UPHILL BATTLES

North End, Taradale away will be tough

FOOTBALL by John Gillies

GISBORNE Thistle's top two football teams face tough challenges away from home tomorrow.

ALH Gisborne Thistle play Manawatu club North End at Memorial Park in Palmerston North at 2.45pm tomorrow.

North End had their first Central Federation League win of the season last Saturday — 3-0 against third-placed Massey University.

Before that, they had a 0-0 draw with Palmerston North Marist, now in second place; a 1-0 away loss to league leaders Whanganui Athletic; and a 2-0 home loss to fourth-placed Napier City Rovers Feds.

Now they are out to get a winning run going at the expense of the seventh-placed Jags.

ALH Thistle Reserves play Taradale in a Pacific Premiership game in Taradale at 3pm tomorrow.

Taradale beat Western Rangers 2-1 away from home last weekend, courtesy of a last-minute penalty from former Gisborne Thistle player Brandon Josling, who also scored Taradale's other goal.

The result left Taradale fourth in the eight-team league, three places above Thistle.

Both Thistle teams will be without some key players tomorrow, but the coaches are confident in the quality of their replacements.

The first team will be without goalkeeper Mitchell Stewart-Hill, sent off against Levin last Saturday, and striker Jarom Brouwer, who has training commitments with the police over the next few weeks in Wellington.

Thistle head coach Garrett Blair hopes Brouwer will be available for subsequent games in Palmerston North during his Wellington stay — the next would be against Massey University on June 4 — but he is not banking on it.

Leo Maisey, who came on in the 57th minute against Levin, will replace Brouwer in the line-up tomorrow.

Thistle goalkeeping coach Mark Baple will take Stewart-Hill's place in goal.

Blair said the attitude at training this week was "really positive".

"We've had a bit of a culture shift," he said.

"The boys are looking and feeling a lot more cohesive. I'm hoping the renewed enthusiasm carries through to Saturday's fixture."

While he hadn't seen any footage of North End in action this season, he recalled that they had pushed Thistle all the way at Childers Road Reserve last year and were unlucky not to leave with at least one point from the game.

North End coach Scott Robson, whose appointment was announced in January, was a defender who played over a hundred games in the successor to the National Soccer League, the New Zealand Football Championship, for YoungHeart Manawatu and Team Wellington.

He was in Chatham Cup-winning teams twice, with Wellington Olympic and Wairarapa United, and was awarded the Jack Batty Memorial Cup for player of the final when Wairarapa won it in 2011.

He should know a thing or two.

Thistle's likely line-up will be Baple in goal; Alex Davies at right wingback and Kuba Jerabek — returning from injury — at left wingback; Daniel Venema, Ryan Anderson and Ander Batarrita as the central defensive trio; Ash McMillan and Kieran Venema as the holding midfielders; Matt McVey as the attacking midfielder; and Cullen Spawforth and Maisey as strikers.

Substitutes are likely to be Nick Land, Sam Patterson and PJ Goodlett.



BACK ON THE FIELD: Thistle Reserves midfielder Cory Thomson (left) lays off the ball under pressure from a Napier City Rovers Prems player. Thomson is expected to be back in action tomorrow after being out with injury. File picture by Paul Rickard

CENTRAL FEDERATION									PACIFIC PREMIERSHIP								
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PN Marist	5	3	1	1	11	3	8	10	HNW Premiers	6	4	1	1	17	12	5	13
Massey Uni.	4	3	0	1	9	3	6	9	Maycenvale	6	2	4	0	16	9	7	10
Napier City Rov.	5	2	0	3	9	7	2	6	Taradale	6	3	1	2	13	7	6	10
North End	4	1	1	2	3	3	0	4	Napier Marist	6	2	1	3	9	8	1	7
Napier Marist	3	1	0	2	4	10	-6	3	West. Rangers	5	2	0	3	15	13	2	6
Gis. Thistle	4	1	0	3	7	14	-7	3	Thistle Res	6	1	0	5	11	19	-8	3
Levin	5	1	0	4	6	19	-13	0	Napier City	6	1	0	5	8	27	-19	3

Land is unlucky not to start, just as McMillan would be unlucky were he to miss out. Both put in good, honest performances against Levin, and both complement the type of game that Kieran Venema plays.

Patterson and Goodlett give attacking options if Thistle need to try something different to break down North End.

The Jags are flying to this game, so they're giving themselves every chance.

Thistle Reserves player-coach Craig Stirton has three subs — if he includes himself — for the trip to Taradale.

He has lost striker PJ Goodlett to first-team duty and midfielder Raydon Semmens

to a calf injury, but he has players returning from injury, too.

The Thistle Reserves line-up will look something like Tom Talbot in goal; Tim Hofman at rightback and Levi Julies at leftback; Brad Hill and Tyler Barwick (grandson of former Thistle wing wizard Wilson Pears) as double centrebacks; Reece Brew and a fit-again Cory Thomson as central midfielders; Alex Shanks on the right of midfield and Gee Gaurav on the left; and Davie Ure and Travis White up front.

Subs are likely to be Stirton, Shehab Altour and, back from a broken hand, Lukas Rickard.

SPORTS SHORTS

Carrington quickest in Poland

DAME Lisa Carrington was fastest in qualifying for the K1 500 final at the second Canoe Sprint World Cup regatta in Poland. Carrington won her heat and semifinal to make this weekend's final. She won the corresponding race last weekend in the Czech Republic. The five-time Olympic champion also helped K4 500 teammates Alicia Hoskin (of Gisborne), Olivia Brett and Tara Vaughan into their final as the third fastest. The two men's K4 500 crews failed to make their A final while Ben McCallum and Max Brown missed out on the K1 1000 final. Carrington and Hoskin team up in the K2 500 heats tonight after winning bronze at the first World Cup event. — RNZ

Half-century to No.10 Henry

AN unbeaten half-century from fast bowler Matt Henry has pushed the Black Caps through to a respectable 298 for eight after the first day of their second tour match against a County Selection in Chelmsford. Captain Tom Latham decided to bat first but the local bowlers soon made inroads, with Latham out for 11, Devon Conway 4 and Tom Blundell 8.

Will Young scored 46, Darryl Mitchell 58 and Colin de Grandhomme 39. No.10 batter Henry was unbeaten on 65, while Cam Fletcher was on 22.

The pair put on 79 for the ninth wicket. Nottinghamshire spin bowler Liam Patterson-White took three wickets.

England bowler Ollie Robinson withdrew from the game just before the toss with a stiff back. The first test against England starts at Lord's on June 2. — RNZ

Solid start for Kiwi Fox

AUCKLAND golfer Ryan Fox has returned to the World Tour in Europe and has made a solid start to the Dutch Open. After his disappointing end to the US PGA Championship last weekend, Fox has opened with a two under par 70 in the Netherlands.

That has him tied for 29th... five shots behind the leader Joost Luiten of the Netherlands. Fox is playing two of the next three European events as he attempts to qualify for the next major, the US Open. He's currently ranked fourth in European qualification with the top ten making the US Open field. — RNZ

Coates backed for Maroons

CRAIG Bellamy has said his star winger Xavier Coates should be one of the first picks for Queensland when incoming Maroons coach Billy Slater names his State of Origin squad on Monday. Coates scored his 11th try of the season in the Storm's 28-8 win over Manly on Thursday, flying high to take a Cameron Munster bomb to crush hopes of a Sea Eagles revival. It moved him to second on the NRL try-scoring tally, one behind his injured teammate Ryan Papenhuyzen. It equalled his previous season's best with his former club, Brisbane, in just 11 games. — AAP

Clay still an issue but wins

DANIIL Medvedev still has issues with clay courts, but the world No.2 cantered into the French Open third round with a 6-3 6-4 6-3 win against Serbia's Laslo Djere. The Russian, who reached the quarter-finals at Roland Garros last year after four consecutive first-round exits, struggled at times on Thursday but his elasticity eventually made up for his lack of natural ability to move around on the slow surface.

Medvedev found himself down a break in the first set but his brilliant defence helped him claw his way out of trouble on Court Philippe Chatrier.

He will now meet the No.28 seed, Miomir Kecmanovic, also of Serbia. Medvedev arrived in Paris with only one match on clay under his belt after a hernia procedure in April. — AAP

Waratahs look to stop Blues

THE NSW Waratahs' chances of knocking over Super Rugby Pacific's ladder-leading Blues have soared after the visitors named a raw and much-changed team.

Young loose forward Anton Segner is the only starting player retained for Saturday night's final-round match at Leichhardt Oval from the powerful side that began last weekend's last-gasp win over the Brumbies. Eight of the players named took no part in that match.

The likes of All Blacks playmaker Beauden Barrett and impressive league convert Roger Tuivasa-Sheck are staying behind in Auckland along with skipper Dalton Papalii and other first-choice players. It appears a sensible move by the Blues to rest players and avoid risk of injury ahead of the quarter-finals with top spot already locked down following a run of 12 straight wins, and it certainly boosts the Waratahs' chances of rising from sixth. — AAP

Hicks Bay confidence high

But Ruatoria City aim to put a spanner in the works

RUGBY by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

WELL might Aaron King have a skip in his step.

The veteran Hicks Bay coach's team head into Week 3 of Enterprise Cars Ngati Porou East Coast club rugby on the back of a marvellous 15-10 win against defending champions Uawa at Uawa Domain.

There was no tougher assignment in the competition seven days ago, and with the infusion of confidence that result brought, there's no stopping them now, unless Ruatoria City can pull it off.

King said: "There was a good vibe leading into last Saturday, and Rapata Haerewa at first-five encouraged communication during the game. I just want our boys to keep believing in themselves, and stay up in defence. Some good Tokararangi lads — a few champions — have come into our team, stepped up and we're all learning."

King's opposite, Ian Logan, wants to see City make their first-up tackles count at Kawakawa mai Tawhiti, and show more patience with the ball in hand.

Both Jesse Haenga (Pango Productions Waiapu) and Lisa Muller (Tokomaru Bay United) are of similar mind.

United beat Hicks Bay 12-10 on May 14 — a wonderful result for a club that has always fought hard for its community and rugby on the Coast.

Muller, formerly of City, wants discipline and confidence to win the day. Her captain, tighthead prop Mike Chambers-Raroa,

wants the same.

Haenga has two great scrummagers to help ensure that his team will be competitive up front — a scrum anchor as worthy as Chambers-Raroa in Perrin Manuel, and captain and hooker Grayson Mauheni.

The scrums could be absorbing — hard-fought, or old-school dynamite.

The prospect of that last eventuality at George Nepia Memorial Park in Rangitukia is small but at Te Kura Mana Maori o Whangaparaoa, Cape Runaway, Tihirau Victory Club have the players and resources to play stunning open rugby no matter what the result.

Tighthead prop Hirini Delamere, No.8 Hoani Te Moana and fullback Verdon Bartlett have, in the past 10 years, been top drawer for both TVC and NPEC. But Hikurangi are never easy to beat, and the Kyil Beach-led version are a great mix and a balanced side. Lock Pakanui Webb, openside flanker Beach and No.8 Trent Proffit are best described as "uncompromising".

TVC know better than to leave them any opening.

TIHIRAU VICTORY CLUB: Tuamutu Poihipi, Whetu Tukaki, Hirini Delamere, Peeti Delamere, Frank Henderson, Haimona Waititi, Manaia Nyman, Hoani Te Moana (c), Bless Perese-Elliott, Ngarangi Haerewa, Dion Hignett-Koopu, Tame Anderson, Willy Ford, Ron-Paul McRoberts, Verdon Bartlett. R: Benny Haerewa, Donny Raimona, Darryl Jackson, Hamiora Ngatoro, Nate Henry, Keegan Rowley, Floyd Haerewa.

HIKURANGI: Winiata Blane, Paraki Pahau, Putahi Morice, Savaan



LEADING FROM THE FORWARDS: TVC's No.8 and captain Hoani Te Moana tries to get by Uawa open side flanker Tanira Nepia in the East Coast final last year. Uawa managed to win and are defending champions this year.

Picture by Paul Rickard

Beardsley, Pakanui Webb, Tapui Blane, Kyil Beach (c), Trent Proffit, Daniel Low, Te Aho Morice, Hone Manuel, Karau Keelan, Fabyan Kahaki, Zyon Collins, Kris Palmer. R: Hone Brooking, Marsh Wilson, Maui Baker, Mohi Harrison, Mo Keelan, Billy Manuel, Karaitiana Kenworthy, Te Aotahi Tuhaka.

HICKS BAY: Manahi Brooking (c), Aaron Reedy, Dylan Biddle, Meiha Waitoa, Kamaia Te Kani-Ruha Ruha, Wiremu King-Taufa, Kazius Unuwai, Weihana Delamere, Tiera Brown-Biddle, Rapata Haerewa, Pohoikura Maro Waitoa, Te Whetu Waitoa, Pamona

Samupo, Rangi Te Kani, Irie Noanoa. R: Anton King, Te Hewa Ruha, Joshua King, Chris Tipene, Jackson King, Blue Walker, Rawiri Hoerera.

RUATORIA CITY: Pera Bishop, Len Lloyd, Boss Blackbee, Tuterangi Ngarimu, Nathaniel Fox, Rhys Walker, Jack Richardson (c), Tanetoa Parata, Neihana Ratahi-Brown, Keenan Kaiwai, Sébastien Tutu, Corey Walker, Taiaho White, Travis Tawera, Pakanui Tawera. R: Atonio Walker-Leawere, Lorne Boyce-Goldsmith, John Brown, Travis Tawera, Shaun Aupouri, Tawhai Aupouri.

PANGO PRODUCTIONS WAIAPU: TBC.

TOKOMARU BAY UNITED: Mike Chambers-Raroa (c), Codey Ellis, Wyntah Riki, Ben Satterthwaite, Henry Subtil, Lachie Nelson, Gilman Papuni, Daniel Leach, Petera Smith, Les Te Reo, Beritane Milner, Niao Te Awa-Rakaroa Savage, Tom McLean, Reihana Chase, Uziah Parata. R: Wiremu Raihania, Christian Lawton, Chad Chambers, Seb Chambers, Harry Papuni, Sam Thelwall, Trei Nepe-Apatu, Liam Te Kawa, Donny Baker, Ethan Smallbone.

SIMON SHUKER'S CODE-CRACKER Extra 1210

EACH number in our Code-Cracker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 4 represents N, so fill in N every time the figure 4 appears. You have one letter in the control grid to start you off. Enter it in the appropriate squares in the main grid and solve the starter word. Fill in other squares in the main and control grids with the found letters and look for the next word. Follow the word trail through the puzzle to its completion. Visit www.codecracker.co.nz

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Wales confirm test in November against ABs

RUGBY

WALES have confirmed their November tour date with the All Blacks for a second successive year.

Last year the All Blacks produced one of their best performances in the disappointing end of season tour when they defeated Wales, then Six Nations champions, 54-16 in Cardiff.

Wayne Pivac's men will now be seeking revenge when they host the All Blacks on November 5.

Ian Foster's side are expected to play Japan in Tokyo en route to Wales and Scotland, before finishing the year with a headline test against Eddie Jones's England at Twickenham on November 19.

Most tickets for the Wales-New Zealand match have risen by £10 with the top price now standing at £105 (\$204 NZD).

Wales, who finished fifth in this year's Six Nations with one win, next face the daunting task of travelling to South Africa for three tests in July, before

hosting New Zealand, Argentina, Georgia and Australia in November.

"Wayne and his Wales squad will relish the opportunity to get back out on the pitch after a tough Six Nations tournament," Welsh Rugby Union chief executive Steve Phillips said.

"In international rugby you always want to test yourselves against the best teams and we will be facing each of the very best sides in the world in the year ahead.

"With a three-test tour of South Africa preceding the 2022 Autumn Nations Series, we will be taking on the full set of Rugby Championship opposition. These matches, together with the 2023 Six Nations Championship, will form a vital part of Rugby World Cup preparation."

The All Blacks' first test of the year will be against Ireland at Eden Park on July 2, part of the northern giant's three-test tour of New Zealand, ahead of the Bledisloe Cup and Rugby Championship. — NZ Herald

Kokkinakis finds new Kyrgios

TENNIS

THANASI Kokkinakis promises he's not two-timing his buddy - but he's enjoying his new doubles fling at the French Open with a crazy partner who's even more 'flarey' than Nick Kyrgios.

The 'Special Ks' have taken a grand slam break after their scene-stealing Australian Open triumph, with Kyrgios deciding to give the clay-court grind a miss.

But in the absence of his volatile buddy, Kokkinakis has teamed up with Alexander Bublik, who Kyrgios has previously predicted would eventually follow him as the sport's most unpredictable and entertaining showman.

Although it's so far going swimmingly, with the new pair already having edged through the first round of the doubles at Roland Garros, Kokkinakis promises he and Kyrgios will still recommence their doubles bromance amid Wimbledon's strawberries and chill. — AAP

WAIKOHU ON THE CUSP

RUGBY by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

THE defending premier-grade club rugby champions have swept all before them . . . so far.

A win at home against Larsawn Ngatapa tomorrow will guarantee GT Shearing Waikohu the Premier Cup for first-round honours in Civil Project Solutions Premier Rugby.

But should Ngatapa win by more than seven points — and East Coast Farm Vets YMP beat Enterprise Cars OBM and take a bonus point in the process — then YMP could win the first round.

YMP have four bonus points to Waikohu's three and although the champs beat them 21-17 at Barry Park in a top-of-the-table clash in Week 4, YMP did not concede four tries.

So if YMP were to get up and Waikohu to falter at this point, it could be said that YMP's defence the previous Saturday — even in a loss — had swung it for them.

Waikohu's clash with Ngatapa at Te Karaka Domain will be as tough as old boots regardless of the permutations, and the visitors know it.

Ngatapa coach Heith Hawea, his sturdy captain, blindside flanker Dan Law, and the rest of the 22-man match day squad know what's coming.

It is an epic presence that shunts representative forwards off their own goal-line and brushes by inside backs and referees alike: Waikohu tighthead prop Jarryd Broughton.

Hawea said: "We've scrummaged well so far this season, but they're a different beast in that department; it's going to be a good test for us."

Waikohu skipper and halfback Mario Counsell is the master of a monster pack, and a thinking man's player to boot: "Our aim is to be a bit more disciplined

around the ruck: to improve in the small, 1 percent areas."

Ngatapa have the know-how up front and a spark out wide to go with it. Field position could be all for Ngatapa. Both Ngatapa and Waikohu are proud country clubs; what should be a full house in near-perfect conditions will appreciate that from 2.45pm tomorrow.

MONEY can't buy love in rugby.

And neither can a price be put on those special trophies contested between clubs.

Last weekend, OBM beat Kevin Hollis Glass Pirates 37-0 at Barry Park to take the Keith Webber Memorial Shield.

Tomorrow they and YMP will duke it out with Johnny Matenga in mind. Johnny passed away in 2018 and the taonga (treasure) contested by the two clubs he played for is a wonderful work by Steve Smith.

All the energy that can be expended in the battle for it will be, but no one is better suited to harnessing the passion of YMP players than head coach Kahu Tamatea.

"I want the boys to use the ball, build phases and take the opportunities we get," he said.

Tamatea comes from one of the club's great rugby families, and OBM captain and blindside flanker Rikki Terekiia hails from a club that respects all opposition.

He expects physicality to the nth degree on Oval 1 tomorrow.

"They have good players around the ruck so we'll have to be sharp around the rucks," he said.

"YMP also have some game-breakers that we need to shut down. One-on-one tackles will need to be made."

FOR intensity and desperation, look no further than High School Old Boys and Pirates on Oval 2 tomorrow.



BIG MAN COMING THROUGH: Waikohu prop Jarryd Broughton making a run through the YMP defence during their entertaining and close match last week seeing Waikohu taking the win over a very strong YMP team. Waikohu remain undefeated and look to continue their unbeaten run against Ngatapa tomorrow at Te Karaka.

Picture by Paul Rickard

Desperation breeds panic in weak players and teams, but it can also make some throw off the shackles, become bold, play to win.

Neither HSOB nor Pirates have won a competition game this season, although HSOB did out-run Eastern Bay of Plenty posse Te Teko — known as "Texas" — here a fortnight ago.

In the aftermath of a great match-effort against Ngatapa last Saturday, HSOB head coach Danny Boyle could content himself with the knowledge that his blue-and-whites (although Ngatapa had seized the day 34-20) had

been gutsy.

"It was an awesome effort by our boys," he said.

"Accuracy at the breakdown is something we'll work on this week. But all up we were very proud of the performance and it was good to have time with ball in hand."

What a game it will be tomorrow if neither team can get away from the other and both are still in the contest late in the piece.

Pirates captain and hooker Bernard Nepe said simply: "There are no excuses. We'll be there ready to play on Saturday."

WEATHER FOR TOMORROW

27 May, 2022

GISSBORNE CITY

TOMORROW	morning min 7 Partly cloudy. Light winds.	SUNDAY	morning min 4 max 16 Mostly cloudy. Northeasterlies developing.	MONDAY	morning min 10 max 18 Periods of rain. Northeasterlies.
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GISSBORNE REGION

Partly cloudy. Isolated showers, mainly north of the City, clearing by evening. Light winds.	Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers from afternoon. Northeasterlies developing.	Periods of rain, possibly heavy. Northeasterlies, strong or gale near the coast.	TUESDAY Rain, clearing and becoming fine. Northwesterlies.
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NZ SITUATION
A high dominates the weather this weekend. However, from late Saturday a low pressure system moves towards the country from the north, with associated front affecting the far north late Sunday. The front then is expected to move across the country on Monday.

WIND km/h
less than 30
30 to 59
60 or more

FRONTS
warm
cold
stationary
occluded

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MIDNIGHT TONIGHT

NOON TOMORROW

GISSBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT

Saturday May 28		Sunday May 29	
am	pm	am	pm
Hicks Bay	H 4:47am 5:21pm L 11:04am 11:29pm	Hicks Bay	H 5:35am 6:08pm L 11:52am
Waipiro Bay	H 4:34am 5:08pm L 10:39am 11:04pm	Waipiro Bay	H 5:22am 5:55pm L 11:27am 11:52pm
Tolaga Bay	H 4:22am 4:56pm L 10:27am 10:52pm	Tolaga Bay	H 5:10am 5:43pm L 11:15am 11:40pm
GISSBORNE	H 4:05am 4:38pm L 10:21am 10:47pm	GISSBORNE	H 4:54am 5:27pm L 11:10am 11:36pm
Wairoa	H 3:48am 4:15pm L 10:00am 10:30pm	Wairoa	H 4:37am 5:03pm L 10:49am 11:18pm

SUN-MOON-MAORI FISHING GUIDE

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Rise 7:13 am Set 4:57 pm	Rise 7:14 am Set 4:56 pm
Rise 4:40 am Set 3:34 pm	Rise 5:42 am Set 4:01 pm
Best at 10:10 am 10:32 pm	Best at 10:55 am 11:18 pm

NZ TOMORROW

Auckland	fine	18
Hamilton	fine	16
Tauranga	fine	16
Rotorua	fine	14
Taupo	fine	12
Napier	fine	16
New Plymouth	fine	16
Palmerston North	fine	15
Wellington	fine	15
Christchurch	fine	15
Queenstown	fine	14
Dunedin	fine	15

TODAY IN HISTORY

1989 — Heavy rain caused serious problems for Wairoa townfolk. They had to contend with surface flooding around their homes and businesses. State Highway 2 remained impassable for two days. Freight trains on the Napier - Wairoa link were delayed due to slips on the track.

For the latest weather info including Weather Warnings visit metSERVICE.co.nz

GISSBORNE READINGS

Taken at the Airport, for the 24 hours to 9am, Friday 27 May 2022

SUNSHINE hours
On Thursday, 26 May 0.2
To date for May 144.9
Average for May 146.0
To date this year 881.8
Average year to date 896

WIND km/h
Max gust on Thu 26 May S 37

RAINFALL mm
24 hours to 9am, Fri 27 May 0.0
To date for May 56.5
Average for May 88.0
To date this year 652.3
To date last year 334.8

EVAPOTRANSPIRATION mm
Daily average for past week 1.8

TEMPERATURE °C
Maximum 12.9
Minimum 6.3
Grass minimum 1.5

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE
At 9am 27 May (hPa) 1029.4
At 9am 27 May (inches) 30.40

WORLD TOMORROW

Adelaide	showers	10 17
Amsterdam	fine	8 15
Bangkok	thunder	25 31
Beijing	cloudy	21 36
Berlin	showers	8 16
Brisbane	fine	15 25
Buenos Aires	cloudy	8 15
Cairo	fine	21 38
Canberra	showers	8 16
Cape Town	showers	13 17
Delhi	thunder	27 40
Frankfurt	cloudy	8 18
Geneva	fine	12 22
Hong Kong	showers	26 31
London	fine	9 17
Los Angeles	fog	14 22
Melbourne	fine	8 16
Moscow	rain	8 16
New York	thunder	18 25
Paris	fine	10 19
Perth	fine	11 22
Singapore	fine	26 35
Stockholm	rain	6 14
Suva	thunder	22 29
Sydney	showers	12 21
Tokyo	fine	17 29
Toronto	fine	13 24



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First international medal

Gisborne's Hoskin teams up with Lisa Carrington

PADDLING

GISBORNE kayak paddler Alicia Hoskin has her first international medal and is looking forward to more success with Olympic great Lisa Carrington.

Hoskin and Carrington, who also has Tairāwhiti family links, teamed up in the K2 500 metres and took away the bronze medals for third place in an ICF (International Canoe Federation) World Cup meeting in Racice, in the Czech Republic, last weekend.

Hoskin, 22, raced at the Tokyo Olympics last year, and said she was excited to be paddling with Carrington, whose total Olympic medal haul is five golds and one bronze.

"We're figuring it out as we go, because it's Lisa's first time in the second seat for a really long time," said Hoskin, who said she was grateful to be the stroke for a legend.

The combination will race again in Poland this weekend. Finishing ahead of the New

Zealand pair at the weekend were the Olympic silver-medal-winning Polish crew and a young, powerful German crew.

Hoskin said it was exciting to be racing crews of such a high calibre.

"It gave me a confidence boost that we can stick to our race plan even when the pressure comes on," she said.

This result comes off the back of a successful national regatta for Hoskin.

She contracted Covid-19 six weeks before the nationals and missed a vital block of training.

Hoskin followed medical advice for a slow but progressive return to training and was able to compete in the K1 200m and 500m, the K2 200m and the K4 200m. At the end of it she had four national titles and a silver medal.

Her father Craig is also in Europe as he was selected as an international technical official for the Czech and Polish regattas.

The women's K4, led by Tokyo Olympians Carrington and Hoskin, made the A final and

placed sixth — an excellent result considering it was the first senior international regatta for Olivia Brett and Tara Vaughan.

Vaughan is only 18 and had never even competed as a junior internationally.

On the men's side, the regatta got off to an exciting start with two NZ men's K4 500m crews. Both teams had strong performances in the heats and then had to battle each other in the semis where Ashton Reiser, Ben McCallum, James Munro and Gisborne's Zach Ferkins reached the B Final. The other K4 had equipment issues in their semifinal.

In the C Final of the K1 1000m, Gisborne paddler Quaid Thompson finished fourth in a time of 3 minutes 36.76 seconds, 2.76s behind the Ukrainian winner.

Another New Zealand paddler, Ben McCallum, carved eight seconds off his personal best in his heat, then placed second in the 1000m C Final, in 3:34.50, in his first senior international event.



PAIRED WITH OLYMPIC GREAT: Alicia Hoskin won an international bronze medal in the K2 500 metres with Olympic great Dame Lisa Carrington at the International Canoe Federation World Cup meeting held in the Czech Republic. The pair will continue their campaign together when they will race in Poland this weekend.

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