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Why a closed door meeting on PEEL ST LOOS?

by Andrew Ashton

THE man responsible for obtaining protected status for the Peel Street toilets wants to know why councillors are talking about the building behind closed doors.

A Luke Donnelly-funded Environment Court action in 1999 resulted in the building receiving protected status.

However, this week he said he had been "bombarded" with phone calls after an item on today's Gisborne District Council's operations committee agenda listed the toilets as the subject of a public-excluded session.

Mr Donnelly, now living in Ruatoria, said he was "very concerned" the council could be trying to get the toilets demolished.

He rang the council and asked for the chance to talk to the chief executive or get permission to speak at the meeting, but was refused.

"I have a vested interest in this and a financial interest as well" he said.

The 1999 court action was funded to the tune of "tens of thousands of dollars . . . out of my own pocket".

Mr Donnelly said he was frustrated with the amount of "rigmarole" the district council was putting in the way of providing him with information on the meeting.

"This is winding up my dander."

The agenda stated the public-excluded section of the meeting involved Peel Street Toilets Legal Advice. The item was made public excluded to "maintain legal professional privilege".

The council originally signalled it wanted to demolish the 1921-built building in 1996 to enable street development as part of an imminent city centre upgrade.

Two years later the Bright Street toilet facility was opened as a replacement.

However, a campaign to save the Peel Street toilets and Edwardian-style building that houses them was launched, led by then-mayoral candidate Mr Donnelly.

About 2000 people signed a petition to save the loos.

An architect specialising in conservation at the time said while the building's architecture was "not great", it had "local significance" and "street presence".

In 1999, Mr Donnelly obtained an order from the Environment Court stopping its demolition just as bulldozers were being unloaded to do the deed.

The judge involved said a significant factor in the decision was a survey that found 62 percent of residents would prefer the building to be retained and facilities modernised. In addition, 43 percent felt the building had "historic or heritage" value.

"Clearly a significant proportion of the community considers the building to have sufficient heritage value to warrant its preservation."

Any move to demolish the toilets would require a successful, likely expensive, challenge in the High Court.

Two years ago, the council voted to spend $300,000 on earthquake-strengthening the building.

The work is expected to take place in the 2022/23 year.

TOILET ADVOCATE: Luke Donnelly outside the Gisborne courthouse in 1998 with around 2000 signatures supporting a petition calling for the retention of the Peel Street toilets. Mr Donnelly went to the Environment Court and was successful in getting an order to stop its demolition. Mr Donnelly has readressed the issue after learning the toilets were the subject of a public-excluded council meeting.
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'AN AWESOME SALE'

Stock a credit to new studmaster and team: auctioneer

by Murray Robertson

THE Eastland Hereford Bull Week sales ended on a high yesterday afternoon when Wilencote Polled Herefords at Ngatapa lifted its average and achieved a top price of $15,500.

The stud sold more than a dozen of its rising two-year-old bulls for five figures, including eight of the first nine animals sold.

The top-priced bull was bought by Mangatoitoi Station.

In the mid and late catalogue, they were still realising five figures, with lots 13 and 18 selling for $14,500, and Lot 22 for $14,000.

The 22 bulls sold realised a sale average of $10,522, which was up on the 2021 result.

"Some very good bulls sold here today and the average was very good, too, very acceptable," said auctioneer Neville Clark from Carrfields in association with PGG Wrightson.

"It was an awesome sale. The strength of the cattle and their presentation was well-rewarded.

"All the goodness of the Hereford breed was on display."

It was the sale debut for new studmaster Matt Humphreys, who has taken over from his father Peter.

"The stock were a real credit to Matt and his team," Mr Clark said.

"Matt has done a first-class job. He's obviously a very good stockman."

Matt said it was an outstanding sale for the stud.

"We hope everyone got the bull that they wanted."

The sale reflected the season they had had at Wilencote and around the region.

"My wife Megan and I were really happy with the local and wider support today."

Mr Clark said the result "augurs well for what's on the way later this month with the East Coast Angus sales".

SALE DETAILS: Poututu Station $14,000, $14,500, $12,000, $14,500, $14,000; D M Coop P/ship $12,000, $13,500; GM Williams $10,500, $5000; Mangatoitoi Station $14,000, $14,000, $15,500; Totangi Farm Ltd $7000, $5000; JB Byrne P/ship $5000; DV Maxwell P/ship $14,500; Waitangi Terrace Station $9000, $6000; EJ Gordon Livestock and agents $5000; Pukemata Station Ltd $8000; Piritaha P/ship $5000.

'Thanks for the support'

EARLIER in the day, the Mokairau Hereford stud at Whangara got 22 out of 24 of their young bulls away to new homes for an average sale price of $6150.

Lot 2 was the top priced animal at $9000, with two others going for $8500 and another at $8000.

Studmaster Peter Reeves said in his welcome how much he appreciated all the support he received following a quad bike accident earlier this year.

"The boys stepped up and kept the ship sailing while I was recovering.

"It's good to see you all here today."

Auctioneer Neville Clark said: "It's good to see you here, too, Pete."

He described Mr Reeves as "the epitome of tenacity" for the way he had recovered from serious injuries.

On the auction itself, Mr Clark said it was "a good type of sale and the better cattle made sufficient money:.

"Well done to the stud. The presentation was awesome and the amount of money they have spent on new genetics is showing up in the pen."

Mr Reeves thanked everyone for their spirited bidding.

"I'm heartened by the support the sale has received and while the average was down a little on last year, the remaining two bulls should sell.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the first responders who tended to me on the day of my accident and the staff in Waikato Hospital who I cannot speak highly enough of.

"Thanks to everyone who has supported me, particularly my family who has been with me all the way. I am recovering well, thanks to the goodwill of so many people."

SALE DETAILS: Holdsworth Paringahau $8500, $6000, $4500; Poututu Station $9000, $8500; EJ Gordon Livestock as agents $5500, $5000; Treble B Trust $5000; Te Aroha Farming Ltd $8000; Bill Fisher $6000; JB Byrne P/ship $7000; PGG Wrightson as agents $4500, $5000; Raro Station $5800, $5000; Rukunui Station $5500, $4800; Brown Family Farming $7000; Hiwiroa Station $6500; KR McLanachan $4500.

THANK YOU: Mokairau Station at Whangara sold 22 out of 24 bulls put up for auction yesterday. Studmaster Peter Reeves (pictured with wife Christine) thanked all those who have supported him in his recovery from a serious quad bike accident earlier this year, especially his wife and their family. Picture by Murray Robertson

SALE DEBUT: The Hereford bull sales ended strongly yesterday when Wilencote achieved the top price of $15,500 across the three sales for Lot 9 (right). It was the stud sale debut for Wilencote's new studmaster Matt Humphreys (above) and he was praised for the quality of the line-up. Pictures by Liam Clayton

LOOKING AHEAD

SPORTS

- Round 2 of premier club rugby kicks off with YMP v Pirates, Waikohu v HSOB and Ngatapa v OBM.
- Gisborne Thistle face a tough Central Federation football clash at home — second-placed Palmerston North Marist.
- A cracker premier netball game is on the cards as YMP take on Whangara.
- Super Rugby semis: Crusaders v Chiefs; Blues v Brumbies.

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Three Waters consultation with mana whenua 'ongoing'

by Matai O'Connor
Kaupapa Maori reporter

CONSULTATION with mana whenua representatives in Tairāwhiti on the Three Waters reform is continuing and progressing constructively, a Department of Internal Affairs spokesperson says.

As part of the Three Waters Reform proposals, Cabinet agreed to recognise and provide for iwi Māori rights and interests in the reforms with a specific focus on service-delivery.

It is proposed that iwi Māori will have a greater role in the new Three Waters system, including pathways for enhanced participation by whānau and hapū as these services relate to their Treaty of Waitangi rights and interests.

Meetings with iwi representatives and other relevant groups started in late 2020.

The Three Waters team's engagement with mana whenua of Tairāwhiti is now principally via an adviser appointed by mana whenua, the spokesperson said.

"This engagement is continuing via email, Zoom meetings and face-to-face meetings where appropriate.

"The insights gained from our engagement with iwi Māori including mana whenua of Tairāwhiti has fed directly into the Three Waters policy development process."

The department's Three Waters team does not provide updates to local authorities on its engagement with mana whenua as a matter of course.

However, in some cases there is some overlap between their engagement with local authorities and mana whenua for practical reasons and where appropriate.

For example, the Three Waters team met with mana whenua representatives who are members of the Rau Tipu Rau Ora Governance group last year as part of engagement with Gisborne District Council.

This engagement on Three Waters service delivery reforms is expected to continue throughout the reform programme lifetime, anticipated to take until July 1, 2024.

The water services entities, when live, will also be required to form relationships with mana whenua and resource this relationship.

Legislation was introduced to Parliament last week to create four new entities that will deliver the Three Waters services — drinking water, wastewater and stormwater. New Zealand's local authorities will be required to hand over their assets in relation to these services.

This district will be included in Entity C, which covers the entire East Coast of the North Island, Wellington and Tasman at the top of the South Island.

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Shareholding plan 'sewage'

Wairoa Mayor in renewed attack on water reforms

by Neil Reid, NZ Herald

ONE of local body politics' most vocal Three Waters critics — Wairoa Mayor Craig Little — has launched a renewed attack on the reforms, including likening a tweak to the proposed water asset ownership structure to a "load of sewage".

And he has confirmed his council is refusing to pay its membership fees to Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) after the organisation signed off on a non-binding agreement with the Government.

Under the plan — which will affect all of New Zealand's district and regional councils — control of New Zealand's drinking, storm and wastewater systems would be transferred from councils to four regional bodies.

The proposal has led to the creation of an opposition group, Communities 4 Local Democracy, which features 31 district and city councils. And in both rural and urban areas it has seen "Stop Three Waters" billboards being erected.

In late April the Government responded to 47 recommendations made by the Three Waters independent working group about the initial proposed reforms, with Local Government Minister Nanaia Mahuta stating: "We are now at a point where the case for change is well made and the policy has been robustly tested and improved.

"We have listened to concerns and now it is time to move forward with these reforms."

And last Thursday, Mahuta introduced legislation to Parliament that would create the four new water entities that will deliver the Three Waters services — drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater.

But Wairoa mayor Craig Little — part of a group of mayors and councils who have vowed to fight Three Waters' introduction — has described some of the "propaganda" around the reforms as "bulls***".

He also said he firmly believed the introduction of a public shareholding structure would not do enough to protect council-purchased and owned assets from being potentially privatised.

"They have come out with this shareholding thing to show that it solves the ownership (concerns) . . . what a load of sewage," Little told the Herald.

"The latest announcement is gosh they are doing these amazing 40 tweaks for us that the working group came up with. And it is just the biggest joke ever . . . they (the working group) could only tweak within the inner square . . . they couldn't tweak outside of that square.

"They were given the parameters and that is it.

"It is just another 'good' propaganda stuff . . . they are just trying to make out how wonderful it is."

WRONG MOVE: Wairoa Mayor Craig Little remains unconvinced about the proposed Three Waters reforms, saying the "one-size-fits-all" approach is not the answer for smaller councils like Wairoa's. Inset, signs like this one on a fence in Napier are appearing around the country. Pictures by Neil Reid

On the same day Mahuta introduced the Water Services Entities Bill into Parliament last week, the Timaru, Waimakariri and Whangarei district councils launched a legal challenge to see how Three Waters — and any subsequent reforms — could impact property rights.

The legislation will have its first reading today.

All three councils are part of the breakaway Communities 4 Local Democracy group. So too is Wairoa's district council.

Little said management within councils around New Zealand realised improvements could be made to its water operations, but what he said was a "one-size-fits-all" Three Waters model was not the right answer.

Despite the official Government line over Three Waters, Little said he could not accept that the needs of a small district like his — or others of similar size in New Zealand — would be prioritised by the four large regional bodies to be created.

While the Government is pushing ahead with the planned reforms, National leader Christopher Luxon — who is leading a poll revival for his party — has stated the legislation will be repealed if National is in government after next year's election.

"I am very disappointed that this Government is not listening," Little said.

"The country is telling them they don't want it, but they are going ahead with it as it is. I suppose the good news is that National has said they will overturn it.

"I don't know why Labour . . . is just not listening. The Prime Minister should wake up and start to listen.

"It just amazes me that they think they have come up with this wonderful solution when everyone has told them it is not.

"There comes a time when they have to think they are flogging a dead horse . . . that is all they are doing at the moment."

Little said the way the Government was pushing on with its Three Waters structure — including shelling out $34 million on contractors and consultants — made their stance look pre-determined regardless of feedback.

That spend included money on a publicity campaign selling the reforms to New Zealanders.

"They have wasted $34 million on contractors and consultants. That is just ridiculous," Little said.

"They could have split that around 67 councils and we could have got around $500,000 each. We could do a lot with $500,000."

Little has previously labelled a TV advertising campaign promoting the reforms as "a joke", adding "if we did that we would be run out of town".

Almost 50 complaints were laid with the Advertising Standards Authority over the content of the advertisements.

Mahuta also later acknowledged the execution of the TV campaign — which pointed the blame for a range of water failures firmly at councils — had been wrong.

One sum of money that is not being paid is the Wairoa District Council's membership fees to LGNZ.

Little said his council paid more than $30,000 to the group each year, money which he expected would see LGNZ advocate on their behalf.

But after LGNZ signed a non-binding Three Waters agreement with the Government, Little said "we have asked ourselves why are we paying this money when they have completely dropped the ball. Our subscription is on hold at the moment."

Local Government Minister Nanaia Mahuta says she understands some of the concern around Three Waters, but that change is needed.

"These changes will deliver clean and safe drinking water services at an affordable price for New Zealanders," she said.

"By investing in such critical infrastructure now we can help secure New Zealand's economy for future generations.

"Everyone accepts the need for change. Without reform our water infrastructure will continue to deteriorate.

"Households, businesses and communities would face genuine public health risks, services that don't meet their needs, and rising bills of up to $9000 a year per household just for water services."

Mahuta says that as a result of "years of underinvestment", across the country there were "threats to water quality".

"Pipes burst in our city streets, sewage flows into our waterways, and almost 500,000 New Zealanders in one year were forced to boil their water because of faecal contamination," she said.

"This is unacceptable and the costs to communities and ratepayers are just too big to ignore. We are acting now because others wouldn't."

Mahuta has previously acknowledged "anxiety around change".

But she has stressed that ensuring public ownership was a "bottom line" for the current Government, and that the bill contained "strong protections against privatisation that will ensure this essential infrastructure is safeguarded for future generations".

After its first reading, the bill will then be subject to a full select committee process where "further public submissions will be welcomed".

FAMILY NOTICES

Deaths

HALLIWELL, John Roland. — On 7th June 2022, peacefully, at Gisborne Hospital. Loved friend and husband for 68 years of Jan. Loved father and father-in-law of Tony and Gill, Julie and Kevin, and Glenn and Dianna. Loved grandad of Dane and Georgie, Reid (Moose) and Kate, Cindi and Daniel, Mitchell and Kayla, Tinks and Leighton, and Travis and Tee Jay. Loved great-grandad of Quinn, Nivayah, Lily, Cullen, Chloe, Taine, Pippa and Jed.

John's funeral service will be held at Evans Chapel, Ormond Road, at 2pm on Wednesday 15th June, followed by private cremation.
The service will be live-streamed via www.evansfuneral.co.nz

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MCINTOSH, Ben. — Beloved son of Colin and the late Linda. Grandson of Joy and Poppa Bruce. Much-loved son, brother, cousin, nephew, father and friend. Taken tragically, aged 36. RIP Ben.

Bereavements

HARIATA GREEN

E tere atu ana ngā whakamiha i te rau o te aroha i uta ki runga i a mātou te whānau o Hariata Green i ēnei wiki kua tahuri.

The whānau wish to express our appreciation for the love, kindness and support expressed towards us in our time of sorrow. We are truly blessed and forever grateful for the abundance of support.

Kua kōrengarenga te puna o roimata, o aroha i tō koutou whakaaro nui mai ki tō tātou Kōkā. E kore ngā mihi e ārikarika.

Bereavements

FOR TEDDY HAWEA TOROA

Kia Ora Koutou

Our whole family would like to express our deepest thanks and heartfelt appreciation for your love, kindness, concern, warm words, and your presence during this difficult time.

We are so very thankful for all the fond memories. It is through these memories that we'll continue to celebrate Dad's life and pay tribute to such a loving and caring man.

In loving memory of a wonderful husband, father, and papa.

Moe moe roa Daddy.

Arohanui,

Luana, Junelle and Hemi, Pania, Sisi, Sammy and Bianca, Makoare and Ayngel, Steven, and all the moko

Unveilings

SEYMOUR, Henry

Saturday 11 June, 11.30am

Taruheru Cemetery

The whanau welcome all those who wish to attend.

In Memoriam

SHERYL ERIN SMITH

One year has passed.
You asked for so little and gave so much.
Forever in our hearts.

Love you always, Andrew, Stelf and Ziggy xxx

'Function, not breed, the important thing'

by Wynsley Wrigley

A FEDERATED Farmers submission that dog control is mostly an urban issue received a sympathetic hearing as Gisborne district councillors debated the 2022-2023 fees and charges hearing report.

Councillors, sitting as the finance and performance committee, amended the recommendation suggesting the council adopt the final fees and charges, by adding that the definition of working dogs be widened.

Debbie Findlay, of Federated Farmers, said it was not appropriate for the council to limit the registration of working dogs to huntaway and heading dogs only.

Farmers used many different breeds.

"It is unclear why it is necessary to even list a breed in this category," she said.

"The function of the dog is what is important, not the breed."

Federated Farmers believed $54 was "a bit steep" for working dogs.

The equivalent fee in Nelson was $32.

Most dogs on farms were working dogs which did not need council services even if they were a pet.

"Most farms haven't seen a dog control officer on their property for years."

Farmers were responsible dog owners.

Farm dogs, whether working dogs or not, had a minimal impact on council resources.

Dog control costs should reflect the user-pays principle and fees should not be "smoothed" across the rural sector to make urban dog ownership more affordable.

Ms Findlay called for an easy online registration system and a discount for working dog teams.

Councillor Pat Seymour supported extending the definition of working dogs.

Landowners often used their dogs in pest control, she said.

But expecting council staff to find and determine whether dogs were working dogs was "a logistical nightmare".

Cr Shannon Dowsing agreed.

It could involve a six-hour return trip. Was that cost-effective?

He asked if the council had an understanding in terms of cost recovery with urban and rural dogs.

Cr Josh Wharehinga said he shared Cr Dowsing's cost recovery concerns. He suggested dog fees be retained until a more informed decision could be made with more information provided on cost recovery.

Councillors were told the district has 289 rural pet dogs, 4000 rural working dogs and about 6000 urban dogs.

Cr Tony Robinson asked if "the balance sheet" would be upset if 289 rural pets were lumped in with working dogs. "No," he said.

Cr Bill Burdett said working dogs and "those little mutts — we all have one — which chase possums, are essential. There shouldn't be any differential in charges.

"You can't differentiate between working dogs and pets, especially on farms."

Mayor Rehette Stoltz said she received two main types of dog complaints.

Farmers said they wanted lower charges for having 10 dogs or more.

And from the public, the main complaint was that they were not dog owners and should not have to pay a percentage of dog costs.

The fees are (if paid on time) $52 for rural working dogs (huntaway or heading), $96 for urban dogs, $143 for dangerous dogs and $142 for probationary dogs.

Fighting to clear name after stoush with GDC

by Matthew Rosenberg

ROAMING FREE: Wandering stock is an ongoing issue up the East Coast. Ruatoria-based Israel Baker (inset) has tried unsuccessfully to get his job back with Gisborne District Council as a stock control officer.
Main picture supplied, inset by Paul Rickard

AN animal control officer once responsible for keeping the roads clear in a part of the country notorious for loose stock is determined to clear his name with the local council.

Late last year, Ruatoria-based Israel Baker struck difficulty when his employer, Gisborne District Council, deemed it mandatory for all staff to require vaccination.

Unwilling to comply with the December 1 policy, he ultimately lost his job in February for failing to follow the rules.

But because Baker was negligent in contacting the council over his vaccine status and continued working into the New Year period, he was dismissed under serious misconduct.

"There was nothing for being loyal. If you don't comply, getting up at any ungodly hour of the night doesn't count for anything," Baker told Local Democracy Reporting.

"My thing was I'm not doing it for the money. Everywhere we go we just do it anyway, because it's someone else's son or daughter in the car."

On April 26, Baker wrote to the council and unsuccessfully pleaded for another chance at his old job, noting government mandates had changed since he was laid off.

He also detailed the situation and explained why he had been slow to respond to the council regarding vaccination.

Baker had worked for the council for six years on a permanent part-time contract, removing stock from State Highway 35 between Whangara and Potaka. Duties also included feeding animals at the pound on weekends.

While on paid leave under disciplinary investigation for his vaccine status, he had made himself available to cover after hours and on-call duties due to a staff shortage, he says.

On January 18, the council had emailed Baker's wife after struggling to contact him on his council email, which he says he couldn't access because of regular password updates.

But on that same day, his 10-year-old daughter was involved in a horse-related accident and flown to Gisborne Hospital, along with Baker's wife.

Returning from a fishing trip north of Hicks Bay at the time, Baker encountered a group of cattle which he stopped to attend to.

"My emotions were telling me to leave the cattle and to tend to my child, but my logic was telling me 'yes, my child is hurt, but she is safe'," Baker said in the email to council.

"So do I leave a potentially dangerous situation which could bring harm to another? No, of course not!"

After moving the cattle off the road, he arrived in Tikitiki just in time to see the helicopter lifting off with his wife and daughter inside.

With his wife away for over two weeks following a transfer to Starship Hospital, it wasn't until a later date that he saw the follow-up email regarding his vaccination status, and ultimately lost his job.

Baker argues the February 11 dismissal failed to take into account the nuance of his position: that he was working on call, normally during the night, and had very little contact with people.

Upset about the grounds on which he was dismissed, he now just wants to clear his name of serious misconduct, which he requested in the April email.

On May 27, one month later, he received a response which did not address that request.

The reply said although the government vaccination mandate had been lifted for some sectors, employers could still choose to implement or maintain employer vaccination requirements.

"As such our final decision relating to termination communicated to you on 11 February 2022 remains in place."

In relation to Baker's point about mandates lifting, the response told him those changes did not affect workplace policies.

The council's staff vaccination policy was set to be reviewed on March 1, but a request as to its current status is awaiting response under an Official Information Act request.

The email Baker received last month says it is still in place, however.

Gisborne District Council chief executive Nedine Thatcher Swann said it was not appropriate to comment on any employment matter between the council and an individual, for privacy reasons.

The council employs five animal control officers — three in Gisborne and two north of the city.

They work in collaboration with Waka Kotahi to control loose stock.

Gisborne's leafy greens on Air NZ menu

GISBORNE lettuce will be served to business-class flyers on Air New Zealand flights, the national carrier says.

The airline is unveiling its new Business Premier menu, which showcases the best of Aotearoa on a plate, and which will be officially launched and rolled out on all long-haul routes from October.

Air New Zealand general manager customer Leeanne Langridge said:

"Through customer research we found our Premium customers wanted more choice in the air, so we've added a build-your-own component to the main meal service. Customers can add the likes of seared salmon from Marlborough, free-range chicken from Waikato or bacon for greater protein, or streamed green vegetables or fresh, crisp salads picked straight from orchards and fields in Gisborne, Waikato or the Manawatū."

HONOURED: Detective Inspector David De Lange has been made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to the New Zealand Police and the community. Picture supplied

Honour for long service to police and community

A POLICE officer who has served Hawke's Bay and Tairawhiti for more than three decades was recognised for that service in the Queen's Birthday honours list.

Detective Inspector David De Lange has been made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to the New Zealand Police and the community.

He has been serving the Hawke's Bay and Eastern District communities for 35 years, 25 of those with the Criminal Investigation Branch.

Det Insp de Lange has spent several years overseeing the Hawke's Bay Crime Squad, leading several serious crime investigations including murder, assault and sexual crimes.

He spent four years as the leader of the Eastern District Child Protection Team, covering all Tairāwhiti and Hawke's Bay crime against children, developing police partnerships with other organisations including Oranga Tamariki and Ministry of Social Development.

Det Insp de Lange has led the Eastern District Organised Crime Team in the last 18 months covering Tairāwhiti and Hawke's Bay, successfully leading numerous covert and overt operations, responsible for the seizing of more than $2 million worth of assets.

"I am really humbled, but proud to receive the honour.

"I know it is a cliché to say that I accept it on behalf of others, but it is so true," he said.

"I have been privileged to work with so many good people who make it easy for me to do what I do and enjoy doing what I do.

"They all have the same goal of making our community and the people in it better now and in the future.

"My family have been very important in my journey and it's a reflection of the support they have given me over the years, especially my wife Ali, that I have been able to commit to the roles I have."

In his younger days Mr de Lange was a near 2m tall lock who played 40 matches for the Hawke's Bay Magpies from 1982 to 1987.

He also played rugby for police teams and the New Zealand Combined Services, and had a long association with Waipukurau HSOB and Hastings Celtic clubs.

He also had 22 years in school board governance, including as chair of the Mayfair Primary School board from 1998-2003 and a member of the Karamu High School board of trustees from 2004-2020. He was 12 years as chairman of the Karamu board.

Fined $110k for RMA breaches

Judge Brian Dwyer said he found the case a difficult one because of the state of Mr Lane senior's health, which he said might have affected his judgement.

Went ahead with building access track despite no consent

GISBORNE District Court was told that farm owners placed commercial considerations above environmental compliance in building a non-consented and inadequate forestry track that subsequently leached sediment into surrounding waterways.

Failing to gain consent cost Michael Joseph Timothy Lane fines totalling $110,000 in a prosecution brought by Gisborne District Council.

He pleaded guilty to four charges brought by the council under the Resource Management Act. Court costs of $130 were ordered on each charge.

The works he and his father Patrick Lane (now deceased) undertook on their farm were found to be deficient.

The ground was saturated and the track was unstable and lacking in stormwater and erosion control structures, the court heard.

Water ran down the track and flushed sediment into ephemeral streams and permanent watercourses nearby. That water in turn ran into Wairoa Stream, and then into Waimoko Estuary.

Wairoa Stream is a protected watercourse while the estuary is a habitat for eel and recognised as a coastal area of significance.

Despite two council abatement notices, the works had continued.

The earthworks took place at the 990-hectare farm at Whangara owned by Patrick Lane and consisted of a 2.7km track to a 393ha forestry block on the farm.

Patrick Lane was dying of cancer and was determined to put a succession plan in place for the property. Part of that plan was planting pines.

The court heard the area to be planted was classified in national environmental standards as red and yellow zones, with very high and moderate erosion susceptibility respectively.

Defence counsel Doug Rishworth told the court that the Lanes assumed they would have access to the forestry block via a neighbouring property, although there was no written agreement.

"It was an assumption based on a relationship of 25 years that there would be no issue with planters accessing a track over the neighbouring property.

"Had that been done there would have been no need for earthworks," he said.

In late May 2021, the Lanes met with their neighbour to tell him planters would be using his track to get to a block but the neighbour denied them access.

Patrick Lane told council staff that he "panicked" when access was denied.

Prosecuting on behalf of the council, Adam Hopkinson said it was significant the defendant had approached the council on April 7 to discuss the forestry track. He was told then that he would need a consent and was sent application details for it. He did not progress it.

"The defendant knew a consent was needed from early on," Mr Hopkinson said.

Judge Brian Dwyer said he found the case a difficult one because of the the state of Mr Lane senior's health, which he said might have affected his judgement.

Mr Lane was at the time receiving radiation and chemotherapy treatment, and the court heard he had said he was "not in a fit state to make decisions".

"We need to acknowledge that due to pressures Mr Lane senior wasn't perhaps paying attention to detail that might otherwise have been required," the judge said.

Mr Hopkinson agreed but submitted that Michael Lane's title was project manager.

"On one hand I acknowledge the father had a large part to play, but on the other, the defendant stood on his own two feet," he said.

"Commercial considerations were placed above environmental compliance."

Mr Rishworth said the series of events involved "bad decisions, misguided decisions, but a lot of those were the father's decisions".

"The defendant has no previous history and is a fine, upstanding young man and regrets the situation he is in," he said.

Judge Dwyer noted the Lanes were not trying to make a profit.

"They were faced with a situation due to a lack of planning on the access issue, where they stood to lose some hundreds of thousands of dollars. The contractor had bought the trees and had his staff lined up. They were trying to stave off a significant loss rather than make a profit.

"You explained that you knew a consent was needed. You explained you would lose half a million dollars if you had to apply for a consent."

Patrick Lane ran the farm for 40 years and his son had returned only recently on being told of his father's terminal diagnosis. He had experience in building projects but not in forestry developments.

The judge found an aggravating factor that needed to be taken into account was the deliberate nature of the works being undertaken after the council advised them of the requirement for resource consents verbally and in writing — first on April 7 and again on June 3.

"You continued with the earthworks nevertheless in active defiance of legal compliance, which puts culpability at the very highest level," he said.

They were also aware winter was not a good time to build a new track.

The judge recognised several mitigating factors, including the collapse of assumed access arrangements with the neighbour at the last minute, Mr Lane senior's health situation and that he was determined to put in place legacy arrangements and a succession plan in light of his health.

That left Michael Lane in a difficult position and wanting to see his father's wishes through.

"It might be said the train was already proceeding down the track when you became involved," he said.

Council staff visited the property seven times and 1950 metres of track had been built in the red zone, with 740m in the yellow zone.

Staff sampled water on June 21 and July 1, 2021, and identified "massively high levels of solids" in streams at three locations.

The earthworks were found to be of a poor quality and required extensive remedial works over 2700m. The Lanes were given no credit for the remedial works they eventually undertook because it was "a situation that should not have happened in the first place".

In sentencing, Judge Dwyer said he appreciated the situation the defendant found himself in. The decision was made to proceed for understandable reasons, he said.

The court was told that fine sediment is the most pervasive and significant contaminant in New Zealand waters, and several times council officers found it in the protected watercourse.

The judge said that if not for the situation of Mr Lane senior's health, the fine would have been higher.

"I've done my best to reflect the way the situation was brought about by Mr Lane senior's terminal health situation."

SHOOTING INCIDENT: Police responding to an incident on Tiraumea Drive, Pakuranga last week. NZ Herald picture

'We will be coming'

Police promise crackdown as gang violence escalates

AUCKLAND — Utu (revenge) between warring motorcycle gangs is being blamed for the ongoing violence spilling into Auckland streets almost daily, with police vowing to "go hard" to stop it.

Police deputy commissioner Wally Haumaha told TVNZ's Breakfast that the escalating tit-for-tat shootings between the Killer Beez and Tribesmen was at a dangerous level that hadn't been seen for years and was putting everyone at risk.

There have been at least 23 drive-by shootings targeting homes in the last two weeks in Auckland.

Haumaha said teams were working around the clock to put an end to the drive-by shootings he claimed were sparked by revenge.

"The intimidation, the fear that people are feeling in the communities is something that we are addressing, and making the lives of these gang members, these two warring factions, as uncomfortable as they have made our people in our communities.

"But I want to reassure the public of New Zealand, and in particular the public of Auckland, that our teams are working 24/7 to address the behaviour that has been described as absolutely despicable.

"We will be coming for you."

He told Breakfast that police wanted to reassure people that investigations were being carried out into the shootings with "quite a significant" number of arrests and warrants issued.

Haumaha said there was no other tactic or option to address violence but to "go hard on what these gangs are doing to our communities and their blatant disregard for law and order".

Investigations into the drive-by shootings were making life uncomfortable for the gangs with high visibility patrols in the area, key messaging going out and working with community leaders, he said.

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Asked if police were communicating with gang leaders at the centre of the Auckland drive-by shootings, Haumaha confirmed dialogue "is open".

"I have had gang leaders from around the country contacting me looking at ways and means of infiltrating both factions of the Tribesmen and the Killer Beez to talk to these people.

"Of course when you have got one of the gangs that is intent on taking utu out on the other group, the whole escalation of violence between the two is something that we haven't seen in a long, long time."

Haumaha said police were going hard on the enforcement and disruption part, with 24 arrests and 11 firearms seized in recent weeks.

There remained a real fear that someone would be seriously injured or killed, particularly innocent victims caught in the crossfire.

Haumaha said these problems had existed in the community for many years and hadn't been quick fixes, with fourth-generation families brought up in the gangs complicated now by trans-national influences and the illicit drug market.

He said the country was witnessing a changing landscape of gangs, with the Tribesmen and Killer Beez drifting apart because of this.

Police Minister Poto Williams revealed the scale of the conflict under questioning in Parliament on Tuesday, saying the shootings were linked to the two gangs.

An Auckland councillor has described the gun violence as "shocking" and has called on family members of those involved to step in.

The escalation in violence across Auckland follows an earlier series of shootings in Northland in March, also linked to the two gangs. — NZ Herald

NZ stuck on 'steady Omicron plateau'

by John Weekes, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — We are no longer at the peak of the Omicron outbreak, but are navigating a steady plateau, a senior health official says.

"There is a small chance that in the future a more aggressive variant may be found in New Zealand," said Professor Ian Town, the Ministry of Health chief science adviser.

"We are still seeing further waves of Omicron around the world."

Town said Director General of Health Dr Ashley Bloomfield had assessed the current orange traffic light pandemic response setting as appropriate, but that would be reviewed next week.

"Obviously Covid-19 is not going away," Town added. "There remains a lot for us to learn."

It was still unclear which of the current Omicron variants was most likely to cause severe illness. The ministry's lead science adviser Dr Fiona Callaghan said the BA.2 variant was currently responsible for the vast majority of reported community cases.

And the likelihood of catching a new variant after falling ill with another Omicron subtype was also still not known, health officials said.

IAN TOWN

Kirsten Beynon, the ministry's chief testing adviser, said the Covid-19 elimination approach was over but it was important to monitor case numbers and any new variants.

She said open international borders would bring new variants to the country.

Yesterday, 7050 new community cases of Covid-19 were reported nationwide. There were also 24 further deaths of people with Covid. The ministry reported there were also 361 hospitalisations, with 14 in ICU.

Of the 24 deaths reported yesterday, two were from Northland, six were from the Auckland region, one was from Waikato, two were from the Bay of Plenty, one was from Lakes DHB area, one from Taranaki, one from Hawke's Bay, one from MidCentral, one from the Wellington region, three from Canterbury and five from Southern. Three people were in their 50s, two in their 60s, five in their 70s, seven in their 80s and seven were aged over 90.

Asked if New Zealand was still at the peak of the outbreak, Town said the country was instead on a "steady plateau".

Bloomfield appeared to have recovered after being diagnosed with Covid-19 12 days ago while attending the World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland.

"He seems to have made a remarkable recovery. I was talking to him just a few moments ago," Town said.

At least 1.2 million Covid-19 cases have been reported in New Zealand since the pandemic started. Officials and health experts have repeatedly said the real number of cases is likely to be much higher.

BRIEFS

Alleged killer in court

WHANGAREI — The man accused of murdering Northland woman Gaelene Joy Bright made a brief appearance in the High Court at Whangarei this morning.

The accused is charged with murdering Bright at Waimamaku on or about May 1, and with being unlawfully in possession of a firearm — a .22 rifle.

Counsel Leo Lafferty sought an adjournment saying he was arranging a private medical expert to see the accused.

The adjournment was not opposed by Crown prosecutor Mike Smith.

Justice Timothy Brewer granted further interim name suppression until the next call of the case on June 30.

The accused will be expected to enter a plea that day and the interim suppression order will also be revisited. — NZ Herald

Battle to save boy

CHRISTCHURCH — Rescuers spent 40 minutes trying to save the life of a seven-year-old boy who died when the 4WD vehicle he was in crashed in the Waipara River near Amberley.

North Canterbury emergency services were alerted to the accident at 5.35pm on Sunday where it was understood a vehicle left the road and plunged into the river.

Three people were involved in the incident, including seven-year-old Jurael Tutere Paul Jeffrey Bennett from Christchurch, who died at the scene. — NZ Herald

Former teacher jailed

DUNEDIN — A former Dunedin teacher who sexually abused pupils for more than a decade has been jailed for more than two years.

David Russell Bond, 70, appeared in the Dunedin District Court yesterday afternoon after previously admitting 20 indecent assaults against seven pupils when he taught at Otago Boys' High School between 2001-11.

The ex-teacher, now living in Cromwell, has served two terms of home detention in the past eight years for historic sex offences that emerged since his retirement.

His counsel, Anne Stevens QC, argued home detention was again appropriate given her client's age, but could not persuade Judge David Robinson, who sentenced him to 25 months imprisonment.

He said he was struck by a comment in a probation report that Bond appeared "blasé" about his crimes.

The defendant claimed he was not attracted to young men, not homosexual, and could not explain his motives. — Otago Daily Times

Car in flames on motorway

AUCKLAND — A serious multi-vehicle crash left a car in flames on Auckland's southwestern motorway near Mangere yesterday, causing major delays for northbound traffic.

Emergency services were called to the scene located between Massey Road and Bader Drive shortly after 6.15pm.

"The crash involved multiple vehicles, and one caught fire near the Massey on-ramp," a police spokesperson said. — NZ Herald

Missing woman's body found

PAIHIA — The death of a woman near Haruru Falls is not being treated as suspicious, police say.

Senior Sergeant Brian Swann, of Northland police, said a woman was reported missing from Haruru, near Paihia, at about 2.30pm on Monday.

The 72-year-old had gone for a walk at about 5.30am and had not been seen since.

Police were joined in the search by volunteers of Far North Search and Rescue, who located a body face-down in the water near Old Wharf Road at about 5pm.

Far North Search and Rescue president Donna MacCarthy said it was the volunteer group's second call-out of the day.

In the first, at around 6am, a person had been reported missing overnight in bush near Kerikeri.

In that case the person was found safe and well.

Meanwhile, the investigation of another death in the Bay of Islands is continuing.

The body of a woman aged in her 30s was found in Waipapa River, near Waipapa Landing in Kerikeri, by a member of the public on May 22.

Her people-mover was located nearby in the carpark of Cherry Park House, a council-owned arts centre beside the river.

It is believed she had been living in her vehicle at the time. Police are treating her death as unexplained. — Northern Advocate

‘IT WAS UGLY’

Widow vows to take legal action as husband’s body taken by whānau

by Māni Dunlop, RNZ

WELLINGTON — A wife is vowing to fight to get her husband back after she was left distraught when his body was forcibly taken from their home by his whānau and taken back to his marae.

Tommy Murray, 54, had a heart problem and died suddenly at a boxing gym last Tuesday in Lower Hutt.

He has been described as a big fella who was cheeky and very giving to those around him.

His wife Sara took him to their house in Naenae to lie before his cremation. His ashes were to be kept in Wellington.

Sara said she and her husband had spoken in depth about what he wanted after his death and he was clear he wanted to be cremated and remain close to her.

Her friends say she was inconsolable, and hardly responsive as she grieved her husband.

Tommy had a self-admitted chequered past but after being deported back to New Zealand from Australia a few years ago, he was focused on bettering himself for his whānau and reconnecting with this taha Māori (Māori identity). He recently received his mataora — full facial moko.

His wife said he had become disconnected from his culture and his whānau up north, but was wanting to change that.

On Sunday at about 8.30pm, some of Tommy’s whānau arrived at the Wellington home saying they came with aroha (love) and manaaki (support) to take him back to Whangapē to be buried.

Sara said there was never a discussion about that and the whānau took her husband’s body forcibly.

A spokesperson for Sara, who wishes to remain anonymous, said if being taken to Northland was what her husband had wanted, Sara would have supported it — even going as far as to say Sara would have preferred to bury him, but that is not what he wanted.

The decision had clearly been made by Tommy’s whānau, people with Sara said, and they were going to take the tupāpāku (body) no matter what.

Witnesses said things became violent and the family claims teenagers and others trying to stop the tupāpāku being taken were injured.

Holes were put in the wall, they said, and the lid to the coffin was taken separately — without the keys to secure it.

“When they walked in Sara opened the door. One of the ladies gave her a hug, but they were pushing (her) backwards into a room,” Sara’s spokesperson said.

TOMMY MURRAY

“One of the men said, ‘you have to help us take him home’, and that’s when she realised what was happening. Then all the chaos happened and they picked him up and it was ugly, very ugly.”

The ordeal was made worse by the coffin being taken away with the lid off.

Those claiming they were injured when the tupāpāku was being taken say they have medical records of the injuries, as well as CCTV footage of the coffin being taken. They say they will take legal action.

Tommy was taken up north and was buried at his urupā the next day.

RNZ has contacted the Murray whānau for comment.

It is understood the whānau’s reasoning was they were following tikanga and fulfilling the wishes of Tommy’s whānau who wanted to bury him in Whangapē.

For Māori, the tikanga, or protocol, is that you are buried in the whenua from which you come.

Cremation is an uncommon practice for Māori and in many cases goes against tikanga.

It is understood by some the essence of a person is in the bones — ngā koiwi, the most sacred part of the person — therefore it is believed they shouldn’t be tampered with.

In a statement, police said they spoke with both sides of the family in an attempt to have them come to an agreement.

Police said unfortunately that did not happen and the body was transported north by whānau.

The officers attending sought advice and it was determined that in this instance, police were not able to retrieve the body.

“We acknowledge the distress to all involved as they grieve their loved one, and appreciate the extra distress such a dispute can cause at what is already a difficult time.”

Severe storm warning across NZ

WELLINGTON — Weather authorities issued severe thunderstorm warnings for the central and lower North Island and top of the South Island as wild weather was forecast for many areas of New Zealand.

Emergency services in and around Wellington were dealing with surface flooding this morning.

A fire communications centre spokesperson said they had been called to Mana Esplanade in Porirua to deal with flooding.

MetService was urging drivers to be extra vigilant on the roads this morning.

MetService issued a severe weather warning just before 6.30am, saying it would affect Kāpiti Coast, Upper Hutt City, Hutt City, Porirua, Wellington and South Wairarapa.

Residents were warned that as storms approach they should take shelter — preferably indoors and away from windows — and to move cars under cover or away from trees.

The National Emergency Management Agency also advised people to get back to land if they on the water, secure loose objects around homes, check drains and gutters are clear and be ready to slow down or stop if out on the road.

Thunderstorms were possible across many parts of the country today with more rain forecast as an unstable northwest airstream moves over New Zealand.

Aucklanders woke to heavy rain in the early hours of this morning. More showers — with possible hail and thunder in the west — were also forecast.

“Thunderstorms are expected to affect western parts of the North Island from Waikato southwards until this evening, bringing localised heavy rain, hail and squally wind gusts,” MetService said.

Meanwhile, the Lindis Pass State Highway 8 and Crown Range Road in the South Island were under a snow watch.

MetService said one to two centimetres of snow could hit the summits of the roads today, with more snow forecast tonight.

Milford Road SH94 also has a warning in place up until at least 10pm tomorrow.

“More significant snow is then expected to affect the road from late this evening to late (tomorrow) evening, where 40-50cm of snow may accumulate above about 600m with lesser amounts down to about 400m.”

A severe thunderstorm watch also remains in force for Nelson, Buller, Taranaki, Whanganui and Manawatū.

A weather warning has been issued for Westland after MetService’s weather radar detected severe thunderstorms near Hokitika.

Torrential rain, large hail and damaging wind gusts are expected. Tornadoes are possible.

MetService warned that torrential rain could cause surface or flash flooding near streams, gullies and urban areas and make driving conditions hazardous. — NZ Herald

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Man fatally shot by police named

WELLINGTON — The man shot dead by police during a tense stand-off in Wellington on Tuesday was a good person who struggled with alcohol, his cousin said.

The New Zealand Herald can now name Sam Fakalago as the person who was fatally shot in Newlands after police were called to a Kingsbridge Place property for a family harm incident.

Police said Fakalago threatened officers and attempted to barricade himself inside the house with a knife to the throat of a woman inside the property.

After trying to speak with Fakalago, police fired several shots into the home, critically wounding him.

Acting Wellington District Commander Inspector Tracey Thompson said officers at the time were "gravely concerned" for the safety of the woman in the property.

She suffered non-life-threatening injuries and a child at the property, who escaped from the house before the shooting, was physically unharmed.

Fakalago's cousin, who did not want to be named, said he was a man who loved his kids.

He had been visiting his family before heading back up to Auckland where he was attending rehab, he said.

"He was trying to stay off the alcohol and get a job and that, just to support his kids."

The cousin was "gutted" to hear how Fakalago had died, and said he would try to do everything he could to help the children left behind.

Another friend said it had been an emotional rollercoaster since Fakalago died.

He was strongly critical of the police response.

"Why did you have to shoot eight times? That's what's really frustrating."

He believed the police had other options available to them.

Police have released few details on the shooting, citing the ongoing investigations into the incident. — NZ Herald

FINALLY FREED: Alan Hall leaves the Supreme Court in Wellington after his conviction for murder was finally quashed. NZ Herald picture

Court wipes Hall's murder conviction

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by Hazel Osborne, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — Alan Hall is a free man after his conviction for murder, a crime he has always maintained he never committed, was yesterday quashed by the highest court in New Zealand.

Chief Justice Helen Winkelmann delivered the history-making decision in the Supreme Court in Wellington yesterday afternoon.

Justice Winkelmann said the court was satisfied that a substantial miscarriage of justice had occurred.

"We can confirm the lamentable fact that significant parts of the criminal justice system have failed Mr Hall, with serious adverse consequences for him."

Justice Winkelmann said the justice system had also failed the family man Hall had been accused of killing.

Hall, imprisoned for 19 years for the murder, will consider seeking compensation for his ordeal. His family gave a standing ovation when the decision was delivered at 4pm.

Hall was 23 when he was accused of murdering Arthur Easton during a violent home invasion in October 1985.

But in the Supreme Court yesterday the Crown acknowledged there had been a miscarriage of justice after key evidence presented to the jury at Hall's 1986 trial was "materially altered".

Outside the court the relief of Hall's family was evident, with brother Geoff saying through tears that it had been an emotional time.

"We've won today. Our story is told and we are very proud of Alan."

Eldest brother Robert said Alan dedicated the victory to their late mum, Shirley.

"We had a meeting last night and Alan stood up and said it was all about mum."

When asked about compensation, Robert Hall said: "We're going to sit back and reflect. Take some time to make a good plan for his (Alan's) future."

In the three decades Hall has spent trying to clear his name, with evidence known about by the Crown since 1993, the family lost their mother and their home fighting for justice.

Shirley Hall died in 2012, but not before selling the family home in the Auckland suburb of Papakura to help pay for her son to overturn the conviction.

Last week Geoff Hall told The New Zealand Herald's Open Justice it was time to reclaim what was taken from them.

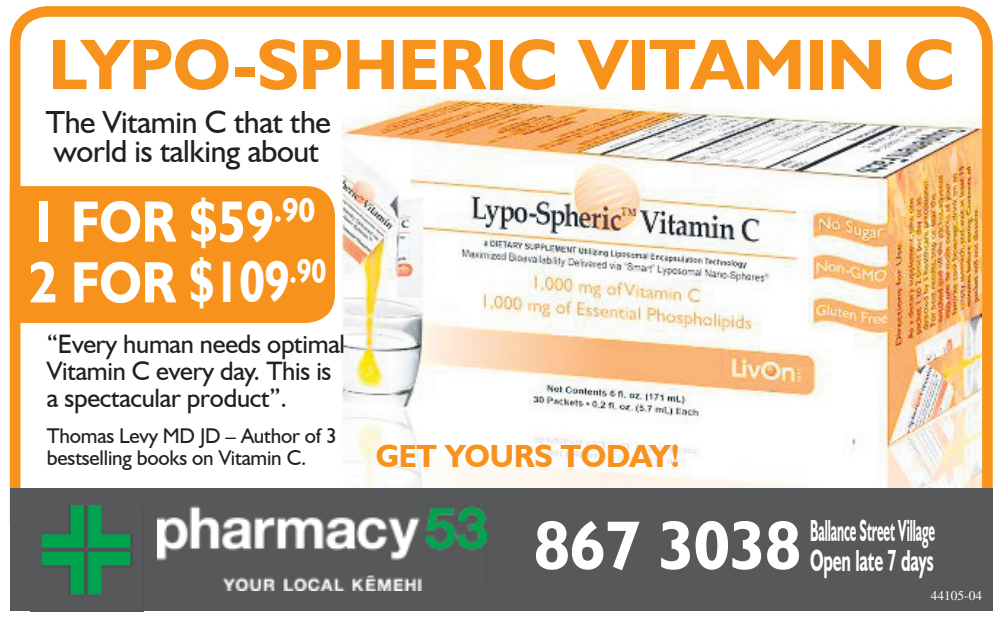
He said the family would be sitting down with their legal team to form an application for compensation to the Minister of Justice.

He was unsure of the process but said one thing was certain: "I'm going to make it a priority, one way or another, that the replacement of our family home happens".

However, he said ultimately it would be his brother's decision.

Private investigator Tim McKinnel said last week the question of compensation would be on the table.

"Alan and his family know we will do whatever they want us to do, but we're not getting ahead of ourselves," McKinnel said.



Kiwi wins appeal against deportation from Australia

by Gill Bonnett, RNZ

PERTH — A New Zealand woman placed in abusive Australian foster care has won an appeal against deportation from Australia.

She became a drug user, stabbed her partner in the chest and was convicted of wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

The woman, who has not been named, arrived in Australia in 1988 when she was 7 years old.

She went into foster care where she was sexually abused and ran away at the age of 15.

Her daughter committed suicide, she had drug and theft convictions, and had been in violent relationships.

The 41-year-old has two children and had been held at Villawood detention centre while she awaited her appeal, which followed a 4-year jail term for the assault on her partner.

Under amendments made to the Migration Act in 2014, the Australian Government can cancel visas for non-citizens on character grounds, including having been sentenced to prison for more than 12 months.

She appealed her deportation to the administrative appeals tribunal which said, in a decision released on Tuesday, that much of her offending could "best be described as petty crime or street offences".

"(Her) offending is directly related to her personal circumstances, including being sexually abused when she was in the care of the Government and placed in foster care, life's difficulties that followed, including living in Perth in fear that she may be returned to foster care if she returned to Queensland before turning 18 years of age, the birth of (her daughter) when in Perth, (her) tragic suicide, her inability to cope with life's stressors and financial difficulties, drug use and involvement in violent and abusive relationships generally, and her inappropriate response to violence directed at her."

In 2020, she received $95,000 in compensation from the Government for the abuse she suffered in foster care.

She bought her mother a car, took her mother and son on a holiday to the Gold Coast, paid off her sisters' debts and set up a $20,000 trust fund for her son.

A fortnight ago, another New Zealand woman held at the Villawood Immigration Detention Centre in Sydney died in a suspected suicide.

Australia's Labor party signalled before it was elected that it may review any exceptions or provisions for the discretion process regarding New Zealand "501" deportees.

Confidential

Victim Support report on bullying under wraps

RESTRICTED: Victim Support's charity board says the report into allegations of bullying was never intended to be a public document. Picture supplied

WELLINGTON — Victim Support has finally given the Ministry of Justice a full copy of a report into allegations of bullying and service failure but under the condition very few people see it.

The charity's board has, until now, sat on the document — saying it was never intended to be a public document.

The charity's chair, Lorraine Scanlon, told RNZ in a statement a copy of the report was shared with justice officials following assurances it would only be reviewed by a "restricted group" and kept confidential.

"Obtaining these confidentiality undertakings from the Ministry of Justice was critical to ensuring the National Board of Victim Support upholds its commitment to those people who accepted the invitation to participate in the investigation, that their identity would be protected, and that any information provided by them would be kept confidential and anonymous."

A copy of the report has still not been given to Victim Support staff or those who were interviewed as part of the investigation into the workplace. This is despite the report being anonymised by independent investigator Charlotte Stevens.

Scanlon told RNZ the charity made a "firm commitment" to anyone who participated in the investigation that their identity would be protected.

"Although the report does not specify names, there are references to roles performed and our people's stories, all of which can identify individuals. Further, to ensure the board fully understood the nature and extent of the concerns raised, and to allow us to take the required action, the report contains direct quotes and detailed feedback.

"The board's decision to keep the investigation report confidential is driven by these key considerations and by the need to honour our commitment to protect the deeply personal information shared by the 88 people who participated in the independent investigation. We firmly believe it would be highly inappropriate, and contrary to Victim Support's values, if the full report, which could identify those involved, was shared widely."

The Ministry of Justice has not yet responded to RNZ's request for comment on the development.

On Wednesday, Justice Minister Kris Faafoi urged Victim Support to be more transparent with its staff. "Justice officials met with Victim Support last week. I think it's fair to say that they weren't, and from the read-out I got from the meeting I wasn't, necessarily happy with the response Victim Support was giving to officials." — RNZ

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Shift to a plant-based economy

Uptake of vegan diet would reduce emissions: research

by Hamish Cardwell, RNZ

WELLINGTON — Governments are being warned that a mass move to a vegan diet — without meat or animal products — is imperative for the survival of humanity.

A group comprising Nobel laureates, 14 cities, and 40,000 individuals, are urging countries to transition to plant-based food at an international climate summit in Germany which started this week.

Research from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) shows greater uptake of the vegan diet would massively reduce emissions.

It comes as the New Zealand agriculture sector releases its idea for a plan to price emissions.

Animal agriculture is responsible for a third of human-caused methane emissions, with the gas particularly damaging, although the effect is comparatively short-lived compared to emissions from things like cars or the industrial sector.

IPCC expert reviewer Dr Peter Carter said the global climate catastrophe could not be averted without the elimination of meat and dairy from diets.

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Vegan Society Aotearoa spokesperson Claire Insley said humans have six years to make large cuts in emissions or the planet will blow past the 1.5 degrees of warming beyond which there are catastrophic consequences.

She said it was absolutely vital that humans broke their meat habit.

"Diet is something that you can change really easily, really quickly, you don't need any new technology for it, we don't need to get a silver wand and make any magic happen.

"We can do (it) right now."

Insley said far more people can be fed with plants per hectare than by animal farming.

"We don't have the resources to have eight billion people eating meat and dairy . . . it just doesn't exist on this one planet that we are on, so we do actually have to move towards a plant-based diet.

"And . . . the quicker we do that the quicker we will be saving our land, the quicker we will be saving our water resources, and actually it improves our human health."

She cited an Otago University study from 2020 which showed savings to the health system if New Zealanders switched to a totally plant-based diet of up to $20 billion over the lifetime of the current population.

She said younger people were more keen to make the switch to vegan because they were not as bound to a tradition of eating meat, and they were also the ones who would have to live in a world which would be severely impacted by climate change.

VEGANISATION: A group comprising Nobel laureates, 14 cities, and 40,000 individuals, are urging countries to transition to plant-based food at an international climate summit in Germany which started this week. RNZ picture

New Zealand ranks fourth in the world in Google searches about veganism.

Insley noted that New Zealand officials successfully argued the term 'sustainable' be used rather than 'plant-based' diet in the influential summary document of the latest IPCC climate report — although it does appear in the underlying report.

The Plant Based Treaty group says humans are "eating their way to extinction", and instead "must face the inconvenient truth and begin global negotiations to provide a worldwide transition to a plant-based economy".

It said there were many co-benefits to shifting to a plant-based food system.

"It would reduce air, land and water pollution, improve food security and food justice, reduce healthcare costs and provide economic savings for consumers.

"A shift to a vegan diet would also have positive impacts on multiple public health crises including diet-related diseases, with reduced deaths from heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some cancers."

KiwiSaver funds cop double whammy

WELLINGTON — First home buyers and retirees with their money sitting in conservative KiwiSaver funds have been hit with a double whammy that has seen the value of their investments dragged down even further than higher risk growth funds.

But experts say the funds remain a good option for those who need access to their money within a three to four-year time frame.

Figures from Morningstar show conservative funds fell 1.4 percent on average in the year to March 31 compared to the 2.8 percent average rise in growth funds.

Financial author and former adviser Martin Hawes said the expectation was always that a conservative fund would be low risk but not no risk. "A conservative fund will be less risky than a balanced fund," he said.

"It is shares that show generally the most volatility.

"But having said that bonds do show volatility and that is because bonds within a KiwiSaver portfolio are mark-to-market — that is the value of them is assessed every day according to interest rates."

Unfortunately bonds and shares have both fallen in value at the same time resulting in a double whammy for those in conservative funds which typically have around 60 to 80 percent invested in bonds and cash.

Hawes said that seldom happened.

"You expect them to be negatively correlated as shares fall, and fixed interest, bonds usually rise. But we are not seeing that at the moment."

Falling bond prices have been driven by rising interest rates as bonds with lower coupon rates are worth less.

But Hawes said now was not the time for retirees to be cashing out and moving all their KiwiSaver money into term deposits.

"We are meant to buy in gloom to sell in boom. But most of us do precisely the opposite.

"If you were selling out right at the moment that would mean you were selling into gloom."

Hawes said the best course was to hang on and use up cash in the bank or term deposit money first.

"I do think retired people should hold the equivalent of one or two years as expenditure which means they can use that, they can draw down on those bank deposits rather than drawing down on the portfolio at the moment."

Financial adviser Liz Koh said those heading towards retirement should build up a cash buffer rather than putting everything into KiwiSaver.

"People make the mistake, as they get close to retirement, of piling everything into KiwiSaver which isn't necessarily the right thing to do.

"In those last few years before retirement it's about building up some of those cash balances in the bank so you have got that spending money for the first few years of retirement and then leave your KiwiSaver in more of a balanced fund or even part of it in a growth fund."

Tom Hartmann, personal finance lead at Sorted, said retirees who were drawing down on their KiwiSaver over time should also remember that the figure they see as the account balance is not what they have but what their investments are worth at a given time.

"That is what they would be worth if they sold them all today. It is a temporary thing that goes up and down.

"And this is hard to remember because when we look at a bank account balance we think that is how much we have.

"But actually an investment account balance is not how much you have it's what your investments are worth on a given day. And lately they happen to be worth less because that is what is happening in the market. But they are only really worth less if you are selling them all today."

Hartmann said those who moved the money into term deposits or the bank would be crystallising that lower value.

"You are turning what your investments are worth into what you have.

"But if you don't do that and ride the ups and downs in value that are bound to come with this then actually you will find when markets head up that your investments are worth that much more.

"So depending on what the markets do this might be a blip, not a big deal. It is certainly not a loss until you sell the investments in that fund."

What about first home deposits?

Unlike retirees, first home buyers are likely to need to take all or most of their KiwiSaver money out when they buy a first home.

Koh said savers had to choose a fund if they wanted to use KiwiSaver to buy a first home and a conservative fund could be the "lesser of all evils".

"The conservative fund is probably still less volatile than one that has a higher exposure to shares."

Koh said while their money was potentially going backwards in a conservative fund property prices were also coming down.

"It is not necessarily a gloomy situation for those people.

"If you had falling KiwiSaver funds and rising property prices then that would obviously be disastrous. But we are in a situation where everything is suffering in some way now.

"There is no one good place to put your money — it is just a case of where can you put it that creates the least loss, as opposed to the maximum gain."

She said one option was to put the money into a defensive or cash fund.

"It just depends on the time frame in which you will potentially purchase.

"If it was within the next year or so you might want to go defensive."

Hartmann said those who were about to start shopping for a first home should consider moving their money into a defensive or cash fund. But he said they needed to look closely at what was in those funds as some also invested in bonds. — NZ Herald

$65m debacle

Port dumps automation plan, losses could multiply further

by Andrea Fox, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — Auckland Council cannot shy away from its responsibility in the debacle that has led to Ports of Auckland ditching its costly and controversial container terminal automation project, says senior councillor Chris Darby.

And he believes the $65 million the Auckland Council-owned port company will write off as a result of the decision "can be multiplied several times" when lost value and lost opportunity is considered.

The troubled port's new board of directors and chief executive have decided to abandon the project, which, eight years from launch, had yet to be near full implementation.

The distraction and disruption of the project — always considered by sector observers a risky mission given the difficulties of implementing it in an operational port — has been blamed for worsening the supply chain crisis and driving up freight costs in the post-pandemic shipping space crunch.

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> —Chris Darby

Darby, a strong critic of the port's performance who last year accused the council of being a "lazy" port owner, said the $65m write-off cited by new chief executive Roger Gray, in the job just 10 weeks, is "a bottom-end number".

"You can't quantify the dollar value of the lack of confidence in (the port), the lost business, the congestion at the port that's not linked to global supply chain issues but the port (performance) itself."

Darby, who is standing for re-election in the North Shore this year, said there was "no shying away from the responsibility sitting with the ultimate parent (the council)".

"To suggest otherwise does not reflect the ultimate governance responsibility of the mayor and all councillors. It's just how it is and you've got to take it on the chin."

Outgoing mayor Phil Goff and council chief executive Jim Stabback said the decision to cancel the project, which has been plagued by delays and stoppages outside Covid interruptions, was "appropriate to the circumstances". They have asked the port board to review the project as soon as possible.

Goff noted there had been a substantive shake-up of the port leadership in the past 12 months and moves taken to strengthen council oversight of the port company.

"The decision by POAL's previous chief executive and former board is of deep concern to council, as the sole shareholder of the ports," he said.

"I have consistently expressed the view that when it comes to implementing new technology, being at the cutting edge of implementing that tech carries a high level of risk.

"I am concerned the former chief executive and board did not do sufficient due diligence to determine how those risks would be managed before committing to significant capital expenditure."

Darby said councillors had tried to get information about the automation project from the port company, without success.

"We came late to demanding answers but when we did, in confidential sessions, we were quite rudely strung along, and with short answers that did not address our questions.

"We have tried to extract information but we came late to ask those questions."

Asked for his message to Auckland ratepayers, Darby said new chair Jan Dawson, appointed by the council late last year, and new CEO Gray "have actually shown the strength expected of them by council".

"They've promptly undertaken two reviews (of the project) and made a clear call to cancel — and communicated that promptly to all parties, something that's been lacking in the past. It's come to a head because of clear leadership."

Darby said he expected further shakeups within the port company.

The port had a long journey ahead to regain the confidence of Aucklanders and the freight and supply chain sector.

"Aucklanders can have confidence, as I do, in the new regime. It's dealt with the biggest problem."

Maritime Union national secretary Craig Harrison said the port's leaders had made "a pretty hard decision to walk away".

"We've long said the port was too small. It's encouraging they've made the decision now, not in 12 months. We've been vindicated."

Harrison said it was a "totally different port" under Gray's leadership.

"He's not frightened to knock management heads together. He's made a difference in a short time."

Shipping giant Maersk, among lines to introduce Auckland congestion charges on containers due to congestion and delays at the height of issues at the port, said it preferred not to comment on the automation decision, but trusted the decision of the board.

Maersk said it looked forward to improvements in port productivity and the reinstatement of regular berthing windows over time.

SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — Yesterday's shock Reserve Bank of Australia's 50 basis point hike took everyone by surprise, with a flow-on effect in New Zealand's benchmark index, while Fonterra's announcement of a new share buyback programme hiked the stock.

The S&P/NZX 50 Index remained flat at 11,266.24. Turnover was $106.6 million and 65 stocks rose, while 74 stocks fell. The Australian central bank lifted its cash rate target by 50 basis points to 0.85 percent yesterday, with further rises likely.

Mike Houlahan, of Electus Financial, said many were expecting the hike to be 25bp to 40bp. "If you were to compare it to New Zealand, we've looked a lot more like a learner driver in terms of how we've implemented monetary policy over the years."

ASB senior economist Mike Jones said the RBA took a leaf out of the Reserve Bank of NZ's book yesterday.

"The cash rate hike to 0.85 percent was because of rising inflation pressures and the still very low level of interest rates," he said.

Meanwhile, Fonterra Shareholders' Fund units spent most of the afternoon near the top of the index, ending the day up 1.7 percent to $3.05.

Fonterra Co-operative Group's shares were also up 14 percent to $2.85. The jump followed Fonterra's announcement of its share buyback programme, which will allow it to allocate up to $50m to an on-market share buyback programme starting on June 30.

Fonterra chair Peter McBride said, "The co-op considers the prevailing price has undervalued Fonterra shares, which is a key reason for announcing this buyback."

In December last year, Fonterra Shareholders' Fund chair John Shewan told the fund's annual meeting that the fund had "run its course".

ASB economist Nathaniel Keall said dairy prices have lifted at the latest global dairy trade auction.

A higher milk price — north of the $9 mark — also loomed, Keall said.

A2 Milk Company shares were flat at $5.14 per share in early evening trading, while Synlait Milk was up 0.88 percent to $3.43. Honey products maker Comvita was up 5.7 percent to $3.34.

Fisher & Paykel Healthcare helped tug the index into positive territory as the stock jumped 2.3 percent to $20.57.

Smith said the stock was still going through a "settling down process" as the healthcare company makes its way out of a prosperous pandemic environment and into a more uncertain one.

NZ Automotive Investments also rose 12.6 percent to 89 cents per share in early afternoon trading. Yesterday, Sky Network Television shares fell 7.2 percent to $2.45 after Sky confirmed it had its eye on buying radio and advertising business Mediaworks, recently valued at $150m.

Sky's shares got out on the right side of the bed yesterday morning but dropped 2.9 percent to $2.38.

Smith said Sky going after the acquisition of MediaWorks instead of being acquired itself hadn't been well received by investors.

Chatham Rock plummeted 10.4 percent to 37 cents before ending the day down further to 35 cents. Westpac Bank shares fell 6.5 percent to $24.56, and Australia and New Zealand Banking Group also dropped two percent to $26.80.

The NZ dollar was trading at 64.73 US cents at 3pm in Wellington, down from 64.69 cents.

— NZ Herald

EDITORIAL

Farm emissions plan out for debate

He Waka Eke Noa, the plan released yesterday to reduce New Zealand's agricultural greenhouse gas emissions, looks likely to completely please no one and face opposition from climate activists.

Following three years of work with government agencies and Maori, the agriculture sector has released its proposals to put a price on farming emissions, and incentivise farmers to both reduce and offset them.

The plan would see farmers pay a levy on the greenhouse gases their farms release, and be able to claim a discount for emissions-cutting actions and carbon dioxide absorbed by vegetation. In exchange, the farming sector wants some power over the levies' cost and some influence over an agency that would be established to process the payments and audit farmers.

From 2025, most farms would calculate how much methane, nitrous oxide and carbon dioxide they create, as the basis for the levy they pay. Some could actually bank a useful rebate or credit, depending on how they have reduced emissions or offset them by planting trees.

However, in return farmers want some power to negotiate how expensive the levies will actually be.

The Green Party is among the strongest critics of the plan, which climate activists say is doomed to failure. This created an awkward situation for Minister of Climate Change James Shaw who is also the co-leader of the Green Party, when he announced the scheme at a press conference yesterday.

He thanked the agriculture sector and all who had worked on the plan, but stopped short of endorsing it. Instead he said he would wait for more advice from officials and from the Climate Change Commission.

Agricultural methane and nitrous oxide contribute nearly half the country's total emissions. They are not subject to the Emissions Trading Scheme, which has been a serious bone of contention.

However, the Zero Carbon Act requires New Zealand to reduce nitrous oxide to net zero by 2050 while methane must fall 10 percent by 2030 and by 24-47 percent by 2050.

He Waka Eke Noa recommends that farmers should pay not more than $110 for each tonne of methane until 2028, which is the equivalent of $4.40 for a tonne of carbon dioxide.

This leaves us with a situation in which farmers feel they have swallowed a dead rat, as the popular saying goes, but climate activists say it is far too soft. Reconciling those conflicting views is a major challenge for the Government.

Electoral reform: the common good

by Marcus Roberts
Maxim Institute senior researcher

OUR interest in the electoral process is generally confined to every three years when there is an outbreak of feverish activity. On election day we go down to the local school hall, give our two votes and then go home to discover that we have elected, yet again . . . some politicians.

Unless we are particularly engaged, we generally don't give much thought to the process by which we choose our governments. However, some recent developments give us all a chance to think more deeply on our electoral framework from first principles rather than on what is politically useful.

A couple of weeks ago Green Party MP Golriz Ghahraman had her Member's Bill on Electoral Reform pulled from the ballot. This bill proposes many sweeping changes to the way our democracy works including lowering the voting age to 16 and lowering the threshold at which a party enters Parliament to 4 percent.

A week later, the Government announced the terms of reference for its (long-planned) Independent Electoral Law Review and established a review panel to carry it out.

This has likely sounded the death-knell for Ghahraman's bill since the Government would not go to the trouble of setting up the review panel to then shortcut its process by passing a bill that covers many of the same areas.

The members of the review panel have until November 2023 to release a summary of the issues they will review, engage broadly with the public, release a draft report, engage with the public again over that draft, and then deliver a final report to the Minister of Justice.

The panel is tasked with reviewing the term of Parliament, the overall design of our electoral legislation, the administration of parliamentary elections, and considering the recommendations made by the Electoral Commission in its 2012 review of New Zealand's MMP system.

Although November 2023 may seem like a long time away, the areas that the panel is looking at are both very broad and deeply important to the way in which New Zealand's democracy operates. So it's not surprising political commentator Bryce Edwards has noted that the panel's time frames "are fairly urgent" and that they are not in keeping with the ideal situation where "major constitutional reform should be done slowly with maximum public debate".

Given that time is short, we should start thinking now about our electoral system. And when we do have a chance to contribute to this debate, let's do so from a deeper perspective than simply which changes we think will benefit our preferred political team.

Some questions to consider might be: on what basis do we include or exclude groups of people from being able to vote? Is the stability of government more important than Parliament representing the vote of the people?

Of course, it's difficult to accurately predict the longer-term political impact of any particular change. But asking — and answering — some deeper questions will more likely improve the common good for all New Zealanders. That's worth voting for.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

What's total debt transfer?

Re the clarification in Friday night's paper, that GDC will be able to transfer its water asset debts to the new Three Waters entity — among that, $1.2 million for a new UV facility at the Waingake treatment plant.

As a ratepayer who likes to make up his own mind, I would be interested in what the total Gisborne water debt is that the proposed new Three Waters entity will take from us long-suffering ratepayers.

FRANK MURPHY

Footnote from Ed: Council debt related to its Three Waters assets was $38 million at the end of its last financial year — at June 30, 2021.

OIA request over incident

Yesterday I received an acknowledgement from New Zealand Police that they have received an Official Information Act request from me relating to the identification of the police member who arrested and charged Mr Phil Peters at the mandate protest on February 23/24, 2022, and in case the officer who "interacted" with Mr Peters in the now alleged "eye-gouging incident" was not the arresting officer then I have requested his details as well.

This is not a privacy issue in relation to Mr Peters' privacy as he has identified himself as the alleged victim of the matter shown publicly on Stuff videos, which are still available to the general public and have been viewed over 100k times.

The police department has stated that I should expect a reply to my OIA request by July 7, 2022. The fact that I have made this request does not prohibit any other members of the public from making the same request.

DENNIS PENNEFATHER

Rail required

Re: Support for rail line reinstatement, June 8 story.

I hope 2022 brings more open-minded councillors and in particular the mayor on board. The previous mayor was part of the port's anti-rail "blue highway" propaganda designed to cancel rail. The railway option will save millions if the wharf upgrade is stopped now.

WINSTON MORETON

Needs fixing

Re: Tokomaru Bay protest over perpetual leases, June 7 story.

That law was made for the Pakeha to get rich and the land owners who are Maori get pennies. This law has to be overridden and the Government has to step in and make it right — because it's not right!!

VIRGIL WILSON
WHAKATAKA, Whanganui

Dealing with our waste

When we take our recycling to the kerbside or transfer station it feels better than just putting it in a rubbish bag destined for landfill. It's also cheaper in terms of rubbish sticker requirements.

But does Gisborne District Council know how much of our "recycling" actually gets recycled? And what is the true cost of transporting it, not just to a landfill in Paeroa but shipping it overseas? How much does this really cost ratepayers, and communities overseas — and the planet?

My understanding is that 90 percent of Aotearoa's kerbside recycling is shipped overseas instead of getting recycled here. Between 2018 and 2021, more than 46,000 tonnes of "recycling" was shipped to Malaysia and Thailand.

Unfortunately, when our recycling arrives in these countries a lot of it gets burned, buried or on-sold rather than getting recycled.

How much does GDC know about what happens to our "recycling" when it leaves the district?

What are the greenhouse gas emissions associated with trucking waste out of the district and shipping recycling thousands of miles across the ocean? What happens to it when it lands in other places?

What are we doing to deal with plastic, metal and paper recycling within the region?

When Council says they have a goal of zero waste for Tairawhiti, do they really mean it? If we had to deal with it here, would it help us change our consumption habits and expectations around packaging of products purchased?

MANU CADDIE

Competition a good thing

Re: Word on the street . . . about supermarkets, June 4.

Competition is always good. ALDI has generic branding and lower prices all round. Gizzy needs more competition, with the current food price hikes and inflation going through the roof.

FIONA CARMODY
Perth, WA

Yes, it's a long road though. The current two major supermarket chains say they are working on what the country has asked for, but no change in lowering prices will come soon enough — and they're not in a hurry to allow other competitors in. The Government needs to step in NOW and put restrictions and restraints around the two, and force prices down.

CHEZ

I live in Quirindi, Australia and half a cabbage costs $6.49. Tomatoes $12.99/kg. I wish we could buy a whole cauliflower for $5 . . .

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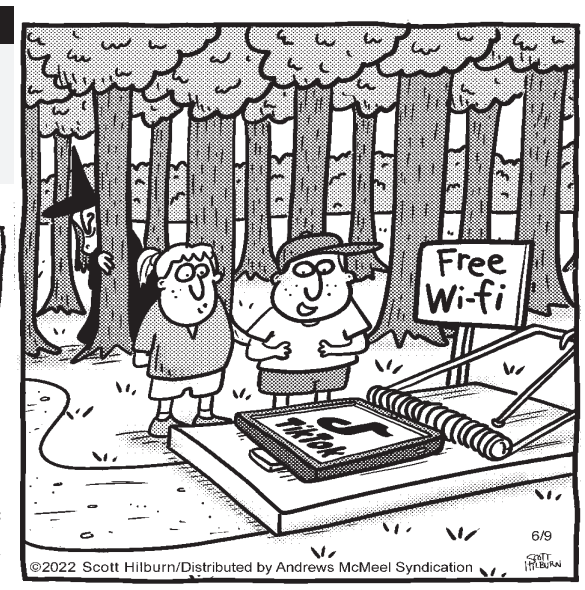

Berlin driver hits school group killing 1, injuring 9

BERLIN — A man drove a car into a German school group in a popular Berlin shopping district on Wednesday (local time), killing a teacher and seriously injuring nine people, authorities said. He was quickly arrested.

The man drove into people on a street corner around 10.30am, got the car back on the road and then crashed into a shop window about a block away, police said.

The driver was apparently detained by passers-by and then arrested swiftly by a police officer near the scene.

Berlin's top security official, Iris Spranger, said the woman killed was a teacher on a trip to the German capital with students from a secondary school in the central German state of Hesse.

Authorities spent hours working to determine whether it was a deliberate attack or an accident. On Wednesday evening, Spranger made it clear on Twitter that authorities now believe it was the former, describing it as an "amok act by a psychologically impaired person".

Six people sustained life-threatening injuries and another three were seriously injured, said fire service spokesman Adrian Wentzel. — AP

More bodies found in Mariupol as a global food crisis looms

BAKHMUT, Ukraine — Workers pulled scores of bodies from smashed buildings in an "endless caravan of death" inside the devastated city of Mariupol, authorities said on Wednesday (local time), while fears of a global food crisis escalated over Ukraine's inability to export millions of tons of grain through its blockaded ports.

At the same time, Ukrainian and Russian forces battled fiercely for control of Sievierodonestk, a city that has emerged as central to Moscow's grinding campaign to capture Ukraine's eastern industrial heartland, known as the Donbas.

As the fighting dragged on, the human cost of the war continued to mount. In many of Mariupol's buildings, workers are finding 50 to 100 bodies each, according to a mayoral aide in the Russian-held port city in the south.

Petro Andryushchenko said on the Telegram app that the bodies are being taken in an "endless caravan of death" to a morgue, landfills and other places. At least 21,000 Mariupol civilians were killed during the weeks-long Russian siege, Ukrainian authorities have estimated.

The consequences of the war are being felt far beyond Eastern Europe because shipments of Ukrainian grain are bottled up inside the country, driving up the price of food.

Ukraine, long known as the "bread basket of Europe", is one of the world's biggest exporters of wheat, corn and sunflower oil, but much of that flow has been halted by the war and a Russian blockade of Ukraine's Black Sea coast. An estimated 22 million tons of grain remain in Ukraine. The failure to ship it out is endangering the food supply in many developing countries, especially in Africa.

Russia expressed support on Wednesday for a UN plan to create a safe corridor at sea that would allow Ukraine to resume grain shipments. The plan, among other things, calls for Ukraine to remove mines from the waters near the Black Sea port of Odesa.

But Russia is insisting that it be allowed to check incoming vessels for weapons. And Ukraine has expressed fear that clearing the mines could enable Russia to attack the coast.

Ukrainian officials said the Kremlin's assurances that it wouldn't do that could not be trusted.

European Council President Charles Michel on Wednesday accused the Kremlin of "weaponising food supplies and surrounding their actions with a web of lies, Soviet-style".

While Russia, which is also a major supplier of grain to the rest of the world, has blamed the looming food crisis on Western sanctions against Moscow, the European Union heatedly denied that and said the blame rests with Russia itself for waging war against Ukraine.

"These are Russian ships and Russian missiles that are blocking the export of crops and grain," Michel said. "Russian tanks, bombs and mines are preventing Ukraine from planting and harvesting."

The West has exempted grain and other food from its sanctions against Russia, but the US and the EU have imposed sweeping punitive measures against Russian ships. Moscow argues that those restrictions make it impossible to use its ships to export grain, and also make other shipping companies reluctant to carry its product.

Turkey has sought to play a role in negotiating an end to the war and in brokering the resumption of grain shipments. Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu met on Wednesday with his Russian counterpart, Sergey Lavrov. Ukraine was not invited to the talks.

Meanwhile, Moscow's troops continued their painstaking, inch-by-inch campaign for the Donbas region with heavy fighting in and around Sievierodonetsk, which had a prewar population of 100,000.

It is one of the last cities yet to be taken by the Russians in Luhansk, one of the two provinces that make up the Donbas. — AP

'I don't want it to happen again'

4th grade Uvalde survivor tells of fear killer would return

WASHINGTON — An 11-year-old girl who survived the mass shooting at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, recounted in video testimony to Congress on Wednesday (local time) how she covered herself with a dead classmate's blood to avoid being shot and "just stayed quiet".

Miah Cerrillo, a fourth-grader at Robb Elementary School, told lawmakers in a pre-recorded video that she watched a teacher get shot in the head before looking for a place to hide.

"I thought he would come back so I covered myself with blood," Miah told the House panel. "I put it all over me and I just stayed quiet."

She called 911 using the deceased teacher's phone and pleaded for help.

Nineteen children and two teachers died when an 18-year-old gunman opened fire with an AR-15-style rifle inside Robb Elementary School on May 24.

It was the second day lawmakers heard wrenching testimony on the nation's gun violence.

On Tuesday, a Senate panel heard from the son of an 86-year-old woman killed when a gunman opened fire in a racist attack on Black shoppers in Buffalo, New York, on May 14. Ten people died.

In the video on Wednesday, Miah's father, Miguel Cerrillo, asked his daughter if she feels safe at school anymore. She shook her head no.

"Why?" he asks. "I don't want it to happen again," she responds.

The testimony at the House Oversight Committee came as lawmakers work to strike a bipartisan agreement on gun safety measures in the aftermath of back-to-back mass shootings.

Representative Carolyn Maloney, panel chairwoman, called the hearing to focus on the human impact of gun violence and the urgency for gun control legislation.

"I am asking every member of this committee to listen with an open heart to the brave witnesses who have come forward to tell their stories about how gun violence has impacted their lives," Maloney said. "Our witnesses today have endured pain and loss. Yet they are displaying incredible courage by coming here to ask us to do our jobs."

But even as some lawmakers shed tears alongside the witnesses, the hearing displayed the contentious debate over gun control Congress has faced repeatedly after mass shootings. Several Republicans turned the conversation to the individuals who abuse guns and how "hardening schools" could help protect students.

Rep Andrew Clyde,who owns a gun store, said that one of the things he learned in his military service was that "the harder the target you are, the less likely you will be engaged by the enemy". He called on schools to keep doors locked, provide a single point of entry and "a volunteer force of well-trained and armed staff, in addition to a school resource officer".

The parents of victims and survivors implored lawmakers not to let their children's deaths and pain be in vain. After Miah spoke, her father told lawmakers that he testified because "I could have lost my baby girl".

"But she is not the same little girl that I used to play with," Cerrillo said. "Schools are not safe anymore. Something needs to really change."

Also testifying was Zeneta Everhart, whose 20-year-old son Zaire was wounded in the Buffalo mass shooting.

Everhart told lawmakers it was their duty to draft legislation that protects Zaire and other Americans.

She said that if they did not find the testimony moving enough to act on gun laws, they had an invitation to go to her home to help her clean her son's wounds.

"My son Zaire has a hole in the right side of his neck, two on his back, and another on his left leg," she said, then paused to compose herself. "As I clean his wounds, I can feel pieces of that bullet in his back. Shrapnel will be left inside of his body for the rest of his life. Now I want you to picture that exact scenario for one of your children."

The parents of Lexi Rubio, who died in her classroom in Uvalde, also testified. Felix and Kimberly Rubio recounted finding out about their daughter's death hours after leaving Lexi's school awards ceremony on the morning of the shooting.

To get to the elementary school, Kimberly Rubio said she ran barefoot for a mile with her sandals in her hand and with her husband by her side. A firefighter eventually gave them a ride back to the civic centre.

"Soon after we received the news that our daughter was among the 19 students and two teachers that died as a result of gun violence," she said, fighting through tears.

She said that Lexi would have made a positive change in the world if she had been given the chance.

"Somewhere out there, there's a mom listening to our testimony, thinking I can't even imagine their pain, not knowing that our reality will one day be hers unless we act now," Kimberly Rubio said.

Dr. Roy Guerrero described in stark terms the carnage he witnessed at the local hospital as he tried to treat the injured.

He went to the area of the hospital where two dead children had been taken.

The bodies were so pulverized, he said, "that the only clue to their identities was the blood-splattered cartoon clothes still clinging to them, clinging for life and finding none." — AP

'JUST STAYED QUIET': Miah Cerrillo, a fourth grade student at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, and survivor of the mass shooting in which 19 students and two teachers were killed, appears on a screen during a hearing on gun violence on Capitol Hill in Washington, on Wednesday (local time). AP pictures

'DAUGHTER IS NOT THE SAME GIRL': Miguel Cerrillo, father of Miah Cerrillo, wipes his eye as he testifies during a House Committee on Oversight and Reform hearing on gun violence. He says Miah is not the same little girl that he used to play with. "Schools are not safe anymore. Something needs to really change," he said.

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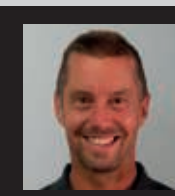

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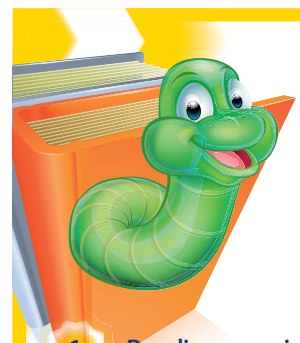

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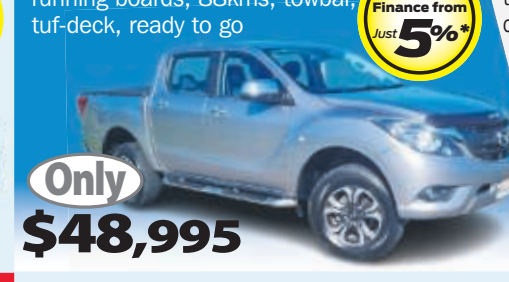

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Weinstein to be charged in UK over assault claims

LONDON — British prosecutors have authorised police to charge former film mogul Harvey Weinstein with two counts of indecent assault against a woman in London in 1996.

The Crown Prosecution Service said in a statement that "charges have been authorised" against Weinstein, 70, following a review of evidence gathered by London's Metropolitan Police.

Police said the alleged offences against the woman, now in her 50s, took place during July and August 1996.

After revelations about Weinstein emerged in 2017, British police said they were investigating multiple allegations of sexual assault that reportedly took place between the 1980s and 2015.

Unlike many other countries, Britain does not have a statute of limitations for rape or sexual assault.

Weinstein, the co-founder of the Miramax entertainment company and The Weinstein Company film studio, was once one of the most powerful people in Hollywood, having produced films such as "Pulp Fiction" and "The Crying Game".

He became the most prominent villain of the #MeToo movement after women began to go public in 2017 with accounts of his behaviour.

Weinstein is serving a 23-year sentence after his 2020 conviction in New York for raping an aspiring actress in a New York City hotel room in 2013 and sexually assaulting production assistant Mimi Haleyi at his apartment in 2006. He is jailed in California, where he was extradited last year, and is awaiting trial on charges he assaulted five women in Los Angeles and Beverly Hills from 2004 to 2013. — AP

Train crash kills 22

TEHRAN, Iran — A passenger train travelling through eastern Iran struck an excavator and nearly half its cars derailed before dawn on Wednesday (local time), killing at least 22 people and injuring 87, officials said.

The derailment near the desert city of Tabas was the latest disaster to strike the Islamic Republic in recent weeks as Tehran struggles under US sanctions and any return to its nuclear deal with world powers remains in doubt.

The train, operated by the state-run Islamic Republic Railway, carried some 350 people as it travelled from the town of Tabas, some 550 kilometres southeast of Tehran, to the city of Yazd. The route had began as an overnight train out of Iran's holy city of Mashhad.

Based on images after the crash, it appeared the train's locomotive passed the excavator and the later cars somehow hit the digger and caused the derailment, though authorities did not immediately explain how the disaster happened in the rural scrubland near a railway bridge.

"Passengers were bouncing in the car like balls in the air," one unnamed injured passenger told Iranian state television.

The state-run IRNA news agency gave the casualty figures, citing emergency officials.

Rescue teams with ambulances and helicopters arrived in the remote area where communication is poor. Over a dozen people suffered critical injuries, with some transferred to local hospitals, officials said.

Aerial footage of the desert site of the disaster showed train cars on their side, with some rescuers running at the scene as they tried to care for those injured.

State TV later aired images from a hospital where the injured received treatment. One of those injured told the broadcaster they felt the train suddenly brake and then slow before the derailment.

SIX ARRESTS ORDERED IN RELATION TO CRASH: Iranian Red Crescent Society, rescuers at the scene where a passenger train partially derailed near the desert city of Tabas, killing 22 people. The train hit an excavator. Authorities have ordered the arrest of six people allegedly involved in causing the crash, but no information about why they were suspected was relaesed. AP picture in eastern Iran, Wednesday, Iran, Wednesday, June 8, 2022. AP picture

The incident happened some 50 kilometres outside of Tabas.

Initial reports suggested the train collided with an excavator near the track, though it wasn't immediately clear why an excavator would have been close to the train track in the dark. One official suggested it could have been part of a repair project.

Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi offered condolences over the crash and announced an investigation would be undertaken into its causes. On Wednesday night, authorities ordered the arrest of six people allegedly involved in causing the crash, but they released no other information about why they were suspected.

Iran's worst train disaster came in 2004, when a runaway train loaded with gasoline, fertiliser, sulfur and cotton crashed near the historic city of Neyshabur, killing some 320 people, injuring 460 others and damaging five villages. — AP

Gymnasts seeking US$1bn

Simone Biles, others sue FBI for failing to act on assault allegations

DETROIT — Olympic gold medalist Simone Biles and dozens of other women who say they were sexually assaulted by Larry Nassar are seeking more than US$1 billion from the FBI for failing to stop the sports doctor when the agency first received allegations against him, lawyers said on Wednesday (local time).

There's no dispute that FBI agents in 2015 knew that Nassar was accused of assaulting gymnasts, but they failed to act, leaving him free to continue to target young women and girls for more than a year. He pleaded guilty in 2017 and is serving decades in prison.

"It is time for the FBI to be held accountable," said Maggie Nichols, a national champion gymnast at Oklahoma in 2017-19.

Under federal law, a government agency has six months to respond to the tort claims filed on Wednesday. Lawsuits could follow, depending on the FBI's response.

The approximately 90 claimants include Biles, Aly Raisman and McKayla Maroney, all Olympic gold medalists, according to Manly, Stewart & Finaldi, a California law firm. Separately, 13 claims were filed by others in April.

"If the FBI had simply done its job, Nassar would have been stopped before he ever had the chance to abuse hundreds of girls, including me," said former University of Michigan gymnast Samantha Roy.

Indianapolis-based USA Gymnastics told local agents in 2015 that three gymnasts said they were assaulted by Nassar, a team doctor. But the FBI did not open a formal investigation or inform federal or state authorities in Michigan, according to the Justice Department's inspector general, an internal watchdog.

SEX ASSAULT SURVIVORS: United States gymnasts from left, Simone Biles, McKayla Maroney, Aly Raisman and Maggie Nichols, arrive to testify during a Senate Judiciary hearing about the Inspector General's report on the FBI's handling of the Larry Nassar investigation on Capitol Hill. Olympic gold medalist Ms Biles and dozens of other women who say they were sexually assaulted by Larry Nassar are seeking more than US$1 billion from the FBI for failing to stop the now convicted sports doctor when the agency first received sexual assault allegations against him, lawyers said on Wednesday (local time). AP file picture

Los Angeles agents in 2016 began a sexual tourism investigation against Nassar and interviewed several victims but also didn't alert Michigan authorities, the inspector general said.

Nassar wasn't arrested until the fall of 2016 during an investigation by police at Michigan State University, where he was a doctor.

The Michigan attorney general's office ultimately handled the assault charges against Nassar, while federal prosecutors in Grand Rapids, Michigan, filed a child pornography case.

The FBI declined to comment on Wednesday on the former gymnasts' financial claims, referring instead to remarks last year by FBI Director Christopher Wray, who acknowledged major mistakes.

"I'm especially sorry that there were people at the FBI who had their own chance to stop this monster back in 2015 and failed. And that's inexcusable," Wray told victims at a Senate hearing.

At that same hearing, Biles, widely considered to be the greatest gymnast of all time, said an "entire system" enabled the abuse. Maroney recalled "dead silence" when she talked to FBI agents about Nassar.

The Justice Department in May said that it would not pursue criminal charges against former agents who were accused of giving inaccurate or incomplete responses during the inspector general's investigation.

Failures by federal law enforcers have led to major settlements, including $127.5 million for families of those killed or injured in 2018 at Florida's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. The FBI received a tip about five weeks before 17 people were killed, but the tip was never forwarded to the South Florida office.

Michigan State University, was also accused of missing chances over many years to stop Nassar. — AP

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5pm The Chase
Quiz show where contestants must stay one step ahead of The Chaser.
6pm 1 News at 6pm
The latest news, sport, and weather.
7pm Seven Sharp
Stories of the day from around New Zealand.
7.30 NEW Your Garden Made Perfect PG
Recently divorced, mother-of-two, Steph, is excited about making a fresh start by transforming her garden.
8.45 Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby PG
Monica and Giles are working at Copenhagen's Nimb Hotel in Tivoli Gardens. Their duties include riding rollercoasters and booking avant-garde restaurants.
10.05 Coronation Street PG
11.05 1 News Tonight
11.35 Shortland Street PG

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12.05 It's Your Fault I'm Fat PG
1.05 Rose West and Myra Hindley: Untold Story 16LC
2am Te Karere
2.25 Infomercials
5.30 Te Karere
6am Breakfast
The Breakfast team presents news, entertainment, sports and weather.
9am Lingo
Adil Ray hosts a word-based quiz show.
10am Tipping Point
11am The Chase
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Noon 1 News at Midday
12.30 Emmerdale PG
1pm Hollyoaks PG
Leela jumps to Sid's defence; Sam makes a revelation; James makes a shocking announcement.
2pm Coronation Street PG
3pm Tipping Point
4pm Te Karere
4.30 Neighbours PG
Nicolette and Paul uncover Glen's secret; Terese feels like she is losing her family.
5pm The Chase

BRAVO

5.30 Million Dollar Listing NY PG
6.30 Bar Rescue PGLC
7.30 Ghost Hunters PGC
8.30 Below Deck: Sailing Yacht M
9.30 The Real Housewives of Orange County M
10.30 Killer Couples MVC
11.20 Buried in the Backyard MVC

FRIDAY

12.10 Infomercials
6am Infomercials
10am Hoarders PG
10.50 Bar Rescue PGLC
11.40 Killer Couples MVC
12.35 Buried in the Backyard MVC
1.30 The Real Housewives of New York City M
2.30 Hoarders PG
3.30 Top Chef PG
4.30 Shark Tank PG
5.30 Million Dollar Listing NY PG

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5pm The Simpsons PG
Mr Burns tries to relive his glory days and crosses paths with a mysterious music mogul.
6pm The Big Bang Theory PG
Amy is caught in the middle of Sheldon and Penny; Leonard tries to spice up his long-distance relationship with Priya.
6.30 Home and Away PG
7pm Shortland Street PG
7.30 Ten 7: Aotearoa PG
A look at the people and communities affected by crime in Aotearoa.
8pm Highway Patrol PG
8.30 The Ex-Best Thing M
Josiah and Geraint pick from prospective partners to try to find each other their next best thing.
9.30 Filthy House SOS
Jon and Brennan bring Britain's filthiest and most cluttered houses back to life.
10.30 Ten 7: Aotearoa PG
11pm CSI 16

FRIDAY

12.50 Extant 16
1.35 Emmerdale PG
2am Infomercials
3am Wentworth 16VLC
3.50 How to Get Away with Murder M
4.35 Neighbours PG
5am Infomercials
6am Les Mills Born to Move
6.30 Children's Programmes
9.10 Infomercials
9.40 Les Mills Grit Cardio
10.10 Home and Away PG
10.40 Shortland Street PG
11.10 The Mindy Project PGC
11.40 Charmed M
12.40 Heroes PG
1.35 The Drew Barrymore Show PG
2.30 Sabrina the Teenage Witch
3.30 The Feed
5pm The Simpsons PG
5.30 Friends

EDEN

5.05 Mysteries at the Museum PG
6pm Money for Nothing
7pm Prue's Great Garden Plot
Prue and John transform a barren site into a flower-filled courtyard and turn a roof terrace into an oasis.
8pm Newshub Live at 8pm
8.30 Finding Alice M
9.30 High Arctic Haulers PG
10.30 Prue's Great Garden Plot
Prue and John transform a barren site into a flower-filled courtyard and turn a roof terrace into an oasis.
11.30 Flea Market Flip

FRIDAY

12am Infomercials
6am My Cat from Hell PG
7am The Pioneer Woman
7.30 Valerie's Home Cooking
7.55 Rick Stein's India
9.10 Mysteries at the Museum PG
10.05 Money for Nothing
11.05 Restored
Noon High Arctic Haulers PG
1pm Finding Alice M
2pm Prue's Great Garden Plot
3pm My Cat from Hell PG
4pm I Hart Food
4.30 Comfort Food Tour
5pm Mysteries at the Museum PG

THREE

5pm Gold Rush PG
6pm Newshub Live at 6pm
7pm The Project
7.30 7 Days M
New Zealand comedians pit their wits against the week's news and each other.
8.30 New Zealand Today 16
In Golden Bay, Guy Williams visits someone who has gone off the Covid-19 conspiracy deep-end; he investigates slippery tiles causing chaos with Picton's elderly.
9pm Comedians Giving Lectures 16
Nish Kumar lectures on 10 Ways the World Could End, Natasia Demetriou speaks about the Anatomy of the Vagina and Tom Allen explains Why We Make Bad Decisions.
9.30 The Outsiders
10.30 Newshub Late
11pm NCIS M
11.55 Infomercials

FRIDAY

5.30 AM Early
6am AM
9am Infomercials
10.30 Gold Rush PG
11.30 Newshub Live at 11.30am
Noon Ready to Love M
1pm MOVIE Cradle Swapping M 2017 Drama.
Amanda Clayton, Brandon Barash, Laura Wiggins.
3pm Cutthroat Kitchen PG
4pm Room Crashers
4.30 Newshub Live at 4:30pm
5pm Gold Rush PG

PRIME

5pm Netball Zone
5.30 Prime News
6pm Storage Wars PGL
Darrell and Brandon are excited to steal treasure from Dave's backyard.
7pm Pawn Stars PGC
7.30 FINAL Designing Dreams
Architect Michael O'Sullivan takes Matthew Ridge on a tour of his favourite designs in New Zealand.
8.30 FBI: Most Wanted MV
A hacker triggers a fatal car crash. The perpetrator's ransomware demands escalate and he has a chilling final target.
9.30 Bull MC
Bull needs a Christmas miracle when he takes on a sports agency assistant charged with providing a client with lethal drugs.
10.30 The Crowd Goes Wild
11pm UFC on Sky
11.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert PG

FRIDAY

12.30 Infomercials
8am Henry Danger PGV
8.25 The Loud House PG
8.50 The Moe Show
9am Wheel of Fortune
9.30 Evil MVC
10.30 Big Love MC
11.30 Royal Pains MC
12.30 Whose Line is It Anyway? PGC
1pm House MVSC
2pm The Late Show With Stephen Colbert PG
3pm Wheel of Fortune
3.30 Jeopardy
4pm Pawn Stars PGL
5pm Fish of the Day PGC
5.30 Prime News

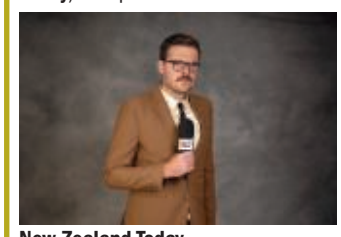
MAORI TV

5pm Paia
5.15 Haka Life
5.30 Taikura Kapa Haka Festival
6pm Haka Ngahau a-Rohe: Te Tai Tokerau
6.30 Te Ao Marama
7pm Fresh PG
7.30 Funny Whare: Gamesnight PG
8pm The Casketeers PG
8.30 Lucky Dip
9pm Queer and Here PG
9.30 Ahikaroa MLC
10pm Mura o te Ahi PG
10.30 He Aha to Say?
11pm Te Ao Marama
11.30 Closedown

FRIDAY

6.30 Pipi Ma
6.40 Mahi Pai
6.50 Takaro Tribe
7am Darwin and Newts
7.10 Tamariki Haka
7.20 Te Nutube
7.30 Kia Mau
7.40 Cube
7.50 Huritua
8am Tribe
8.30 Oranga Ngakau
9.30 Whanau Living
10am Hangi Pit Masters
10.30 Toi Te Ora
11am Mura o te Ahi PG
11.30 Fresh PG
Noon Te Ao Tapatahi
12.30 Iwi Anthems
1.05 Off the Grid With Pio
1.30 Ako
3.05 Pipi Ma
3.15 Mahi Pai
3.25 Takaro Tribe
3.35 Darwin and Newts
3.45 Tamariki Haka
3.55 Te Nutube
4.05 Kia Mau
4.15 Cube
4.25 Huritua
4.35 Te Pou Herenga o Kia Aroha
5pm Paia
5.15 Haka Life
5.30 Polyfest

Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby, 8.45pm on TVNZ 1



New Zealand Today
8.30pm on Three

FBI: Most Wanted
8.30pm on Prime

RNZ NATIONAL

5pm Checkpoint With Lisa Owen. News and current affairs programme.
6.30 Trending Now
7.06 Nights With Bryan Crump.
10pm News At Ten
10.15 Lately With Karyn Hay.
11.04 Music 101 Pocket Edition

FRIDAY

12.04 All Night Programme
5am First Up With Nathan Rarere.
6am Morning Report With Susie Ferguson and Corin Dann.
9.06 Nine To Noon With Kathryn Ryan.
Noon Midday Report With Mani Dunlop.
1.06 Afternoons With Jesse Mulligan.
3.45 The Panel With Wallace Chapman.
5pm Checkpoint With Lisa Owen.

PAY TV

SKY SPORT 1

5pm Highlanders Documentary
6pm UFC Fight Week 275
6.30 UFC on Sky
7pm GrassRoots Rugby
8pm Inside Netball
8.30 The Crowd Goes Wild
9pm Highlanders Documentary
10pm UFC on Sky
10.30 GrassRoots Rugby
11.30 French Top 14 (RPL)
Racing 92 v Toulon. From Paris la Defense Arena.

FRIDAY

1.30 French Top 14 (RPL) Lyon v La Rochelle. From Stade Gerland.
3.30 Currie Cup (RPL)
Cheetahs v Pumas. From Toyota Stadium, Bloemfontein.
5.30 Inside Netball
6am UFC on Sky
6.35 LIVE Football: UEFA Nations League
Spain v Switzerland. From Geneva Stadium, Switzerland.
9am Tennis: Roland-Garros (RPL) Woman's Singles Final.
Noon UFC on Sky
12.30 Super Rugby Pacific (RPL)
Quarter-final Two: Chiefs v Waratahs.
2.30 Super Rugby Pacific (RPL)
Quarter-final Four: Brumbies v Hurricanes.
4.30 GrassRoots Rugby
5.30 Rugby Heaven

SKY 5

5pm Storage Wars PG
6pm Pawn Stars PG
7pm Border Security M
7.30 The Mentalist MVC
Rigsby and Van Pelt go undercover as a couple to investigate a death linked to a radio love doctor.
8.30 Treadstone M
9.30 Seal Team 16VC
10.30 Person of Interest M
11.30 Ax Men ML

FRIDAY

12.30 Wheel of Fortune
12.55 Jeopardy!
1.20 Border Security M
1.50 Seal Team 16VC
2.40 Treadstone M
3.30 Storage Wars PG
3.55 Storage Wars PGL
4.20 Person of Interest M
5.10 The Mentalist MVC
6am Jeopardy!
6.25 Wheel of Fortune
6.45 Pawn Stars PG
7.10 Pawn Stars PG
7.35 Ax Men ML
8.20 Border Security M
8.50 Storage Wars PGC
9.15 Storage Wars PG
9.40 The Mentalist MVC
10.30 Fringe 16V
Noon Pawn Stars PG
12.25 Wheel of Fortune
12.50 Treadstone M
1.40 Seal Team 16VC
2.30 The Mentalist MVC
3.20 Ax Men ML
4.10 Jeopardy!
4.35 Wheel of Fortune
5pm Storage Wars PGC

MOVIES PREMIERE

6.50 Those Who Wish Me Dead 16VL 2021 Thriller.
Angelina Jolie, Finn Little.
8.30 Joe Bell MVLSC 2020 Drama. A working-class father embarks on a walk across the US, crusading against bullying after his son is tormented for being gay. Mark Wahlberg, Connie Britton.
10.05 Chaos Walking MV 2021 Sci-fi. Tom Holland, Daisy Ridley.
11.55 Words on Bathroom Walls MLC 2020 Drama.
Charlie Plummer, Taylor Russell.

FRIDAY

1.45 The Nest 16L 2020 Drama.
Jude Law, Carrie Coon.
3.30 The Tax Collector 18VLSC 2020 Action. Bobby Soto, Shia LaBeouf.
5.05 The Silencing MVLSC 2020 Action. Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Annabelle Wallis.
6.40 Dirt Music MLS 2019 Drama.
Kelly MacDonald, Garrett Hedlund.
8.25 South of Heaven 16VLSC 2021 Action.
10.25 Nobody 16V 2021 Action.
11.55 Music MVLC 2021 Drama.
1.40 Monster Hunter MVC 2020 Action.
3.20 Long Story Short ML 2021 Comedy.
4.55 Come Play MC 2020 Horror.

DISCOVERY

5.40 Outback Opal Hunters PG
6.35 Aussie Gold Hunters PG
7.30 Aussie Gold Hunters PG
8.30 Gold Rush: White Water MLC
9.30 Undercover Billionaire PG
10.30 Bering Sea Gold MLC
11.25 Naked and Afraid MLC

FRIDAY

12.15 Guardians of the Glades MLC
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 It's Made PG
6.30 How Do They Do It? PG
6.55 How the Universe Works PG
7.45 Guardians of the Glades MLC
8.35 Demolition Down Under PG
9.25 Fast N' Loud MLC
10.20 Gold Rush: White Water MLC
11.15 Aussie Gold Hunters PG
12.10 How Do They Do It? PG
12.35 How It's Made PG
1.05 Blowing Up History PG
2pm Naked and Afraid MLC
2.55 Alaskan Bush People MLC
3.50 Gold Rush MLC
4.45 Gold Rush: Parker's Trail MLC
5.40 Outback Opal Hunters PG

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CELEBRATION OF KOTAHITANGA

by Matai O'Connor,
Kaupapa Māori reporter

Half of the voice actors in the upcoming The Lion King Reo Māori whakapapa or have a connection to Tairāwhiti.

The Lion King Reo Māori will be bringing te reo to movie screens across the globe when it premieres later this month.

Actors Mataara Stokes (Simba), Arihia Cassidy (Nala), Matu Ngaropo (Scar), Tuterangi Ruha (young Simba), Te Haakura Ihimaera-Manly (young Nala), Ani-Piki Tuari (Shenzi) and Ngapaki Moetara (Sarabi) all whakapapa or have a connection to the rohe.

Along with these actors, Pumbaa and Timon will be voiced by Matai Rae and Justin Rogers, Zazu will be voiced by Whatanui Flavell, Jase Te Patu and Antonio Te Maioha will play hyenas Banzai and Ed, and Te Wehi Preston will voice Rafiki.

The actors were chosen from hundreds of auditions after Matewa Media and Walt Disney Animation put the call out in September last year.

The cast worked with a team of te reo experts from each rohe to perfect the five different mita (dialects) that will be celebrated in the film.

The Tainui mita has been chosen for Simba, Mufasa and the rest of the lions of Pride Rock, in a nod to the Kiingitanga movement.

Timon and Pumba will hail from Te Taitokerau, Rafiki from Tūhoe, Zazu from Taranaki and the hyenas from Ngāti Kahungunu.

Arihia Cassidy (Ngāti Porou, Te Whānau ā Apanui, Ngāti Whātua ki Kaipara) from Ruatoria, 27, did not rush to apply for the role.

"I remember seeing it and thinking it would be cool, but I completely forgot about it until my brother told me to send in an application two days before the deadline," Cassidy said.

She submitted a video and was contacted by the production team for an interview. After doing a few more takes with some notes, she was told over Zoom that she was going to play Nala.

"I was so shocked. I am grateful and excited for people to watch this beautiful film, and to hear it in our reo makes my heart sing. I am so stoked about that," she said.

"To be in something like this at this point in my life is one of my greatest achievements."

Tamariki will be able to hear their reo in a film like this, which will help normalise it, Cassidy said.

She said one of the challenges was making sure her mita was correct.

"There was plenty to learn from the experience."

Mataara Stokes (Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Porou) works in film and television, predominantly in costume and photography.

He has done a couple of television shows and worked in theatre.

A part of him thought he wasn't good enough, but he also felt proud that he got a role.

"I was reminded that this is bigger than me, it's about the next generation and those who hear our reo being spoken. This is about the survival of our reo Maori."

He said Lion King is his favourite Disney movie so it "buzzes him out" that he is playing Simba.

Ngapaki Moetara (Waikato, Ngāti Ruanui, Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Whanaunga, Ngāti Tuwharetoa) who lives in Tairāwhiti and is playing Sarabi, said it is surreal being a part of the te reo Māori version of Lion King.

"It is surreal to watch a movie that I loved while growing up, and then getting to be a part of giving a voice to the te reo version of it. It was hard for me to get the right tone in some of the sentences, but well worth the challenge," Moetara said.

"It means a lot to me, mostly because we have a language that was at risk of being lost through colonisation. A lot of work and hard yards have been laid to nurture it to what it is now.

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"A highlight is getting to see te reo Māori flow on the big screen and those seminal songs being translated and recreated by Rob Ruha and his team. It is going to be amazing," she said.

Rick Dempsey, senior vice president of Disney Character Voices International, said it has been a phenomenal effort.

"The passion and excitement for this version is evident in the talented performances and direction across the board. The translation works incredibly well with the lip-syncing and timing.

"It is thrilling to see all of the hard work come together with such fantastic results."

Performance and musical directors Rachel House (Moana Reo Māori, Hunt for the Wilderpeople) and Rob Ruha (Moana Reo Māori) reunited with the Matewa Media team to deliver reimagined films in te reo.

"Kia taorotia te reo Māori ki ngā uri puta noa, puta noa! In order for our language to thrive it must reach the hearts and homes of our people," producer Tweedie Waititi said.

The Māori language versions of these beloved films will release in line with national celebrations.

The Lion King Reo Māori is set to premiere in New Zealand and Australia this month to align with Matariki, and Frozen Reo Maori will premiere three months later in September to align with Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, Māori Language Week.

"This is a massive kaupapa and I'm stoked with how all the mita is sitting within one film. I can't wait for the motu to see it. One of our biggest goals we set out to achieve is kotahitanga (unity) and I believe this film is a celebration of that," Waititi said.

The Lion King Reo Māori will premiere in Auckland on June 21, and will be available at the Gisborne Odeon and other participating cinemas in New Zealand and Australia from June 23. The film will then be available to stream on Disney+ later this year.

MATAARA STOKES

ARIHIA CASSIDY

ArtsGuide

VISUAL ARTS

Pumanawa
An exploration and celebration of whakapapa. featuring art from Steve Gibbs, Christopher Huriwai, Piupiu Maya Turei, Georgina Watson and Skawenatti (Turtle Island).
Hoea! Gallery, 67 Gladstone Road.

Sea of Positivity
A collection of intuitive, abstract paintings and 3D wall sculptures inspired by ocean seascapes. Tairāwhiti Museum, until July 3.

Textiles Alive
For their latest exhibition, four textile artists have set themselves the challenge to focus on creating oversized fabric artworks all presented in their uniquely individual styling. Tairāwhiti Museum, until June 12.

Let Me Be Myself
Developed by Anne Frank House in the Netherlands, and viewed by more than 10 million people in 80 countries, this exhibition explores what life in hiding was like for Anne, her family, and the other occupants of Prinsengracht 263. Tairāwhiti Museum, until July 24.

WAR MEMORIAL Theatre.
Smokefree Rockquest
Friday June 17th
Matariki Glow Show
Wednesday June 22nd
10.00am & 11.30am
7 Days Live
Friday June 24th
7.30pm
Dancefit Studios – Encore
Friday July 1st, 1.30 & 6.30pm
Saturday July 2nd, 6.30pm
On Sale Monday June 13th
The Boss
Bruce Springsteen Tribute
Thursday August 25th, 7.30pm
LAWSON FIELD Theatre.
Chamber Music NZ presents
Tararua - Bird Like Men
Saturday July 9th, 7.00pm
Flash Mob Entertainment
Anita Wig'lit
Life of a Funny Girl
Saturday July 30th, 8.00pm
Centre Stage Theatre Co
Rock of Ages
August 12th-August 20th
TICKETEK
Tickets on sale from Gisborne i-SITE
Accepting bookings for functions, events, meetings and conferences.
Email halls@gdc.govt.nz
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TALENTED MUSICIANS: Venetian Trio, from left, Megan Potroz, Holly Flyger and Romie Roseman were awarded best group by adjudicator Jonathan Tanner at the 2022 Chamber Music Contest. Picture supplied

Venetian Trio score top marks

by Avneesh Vincent

A score of young musicians swayed the crowd with their symphonies at Gisborne Girls' High School on Tuesday.

But it was a trio of Beethovenians who swept the competition to reach the central regional finals for New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT) Chamber music contest.

Venetian Trio took a page out of Beethoven's diary and played the 18th century classical favourite, Adagio Cantabile.

Members Holly Flyger, Megan Potroz and Romie Roseman opted to play the clarinet, an instrument that marries perfectly with the sentiment of the music.

Their performance took the audience on a journey to help them empathise with the maestro's tragic sentiments when he discovered his deafness.

The melancholic and comical sounding notes of the clarinet produced a sonic fabric that complemented the tale of grief.

Adjudicator Jonathan Tanner praised the group for their clarity in communicating the "feel of the piece".

"That is how they stood out. They knew what they were doing, were more in command of their instruments and showed us what we should feel when we hear the music."

An experienced chamber musician and violinist with the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra, Tanner awarded the adjudicator's award to another group of youngsters, Nom Tribut.

The group impressed the audience with their take on pieces from Tim Burton's Corpse Bride and their theatrical use of costumes.

Tanner appreciated the groups efforts on playing the piano and synth while emphasising notes to "pop out the sounds".

"They tried the theatre and they worked on the flow of the music, which wasn't extreme and it worked."

Girls' High was one of 300 school groups nationwide that participated in the competition.

The central regional finals will be held in Wellington on July 2.

Brush up on your film skills

The Vista Foundation 48Hours is the longest-running and largest short film event in New Zealand and this year marks its 20th year.

Filmmakers have just 48 hours to write, shoot, and cut a film. And to give a helping hand to local filmmakers, a workshop on filmmaking is being held locally next month.

The Gisborne Future Filmmakers Workshop will be held on Saturday, July 2, from 4pm to 8.30pm at Rāngai Studios.

The 48 hours of filmmaking has been described as "one of the most ridiculously fun weekends spent on this planet", and while it is a fun event, plenty of serious filmmakers get involved, and some beginners get their start there.

The idea is to pull together a group of friends, a camera or two, if you're lucky a strong editor, and undoubtedly a good dose of sleep deprivation.

The brief to filmmakers includes technical elements to incorporate into the film and a genre.

The event has become a rite of passage and a serious challenge for first-time filmmakers and those with more experience.

This year will mark the eighth year Tom Paton has taken on city manager duties for our region after competing in Gisborne and Wellington since 2006.

As the city manager of a smaller region, he has watched how our competitors have done nationally, and noticed local crews coming close but not close enough to make it into the finals.

They tend to be dominated by mainly Auckland and Wellington submissions where there are thriving film industries and a much larger pool of teams competing.

The great news this year is that 48Hours organisers have taken this feedback on board and launched a series of filmmaking workshops to tour the regions in the lead up to the big weekend.

The Gisborne Future Filmmakers Workshop is open to anyone and everyone interested in filmmaking, and it is free.

"I'm stoked with the support from 48Hours to put on these workshops, not just for Gizzy but for all the regions," Tom said.

"We're excited to be hosting this workshop at Rāngai, Tairāwhiti's very own film and TV production studio. I'll pull out all the stops to make it an evening not to be missed. It will be a great chance to upskill filmmaking talents, learn from some of the best in the business and network with like-minded people from our region."

The workshop will be in three parts. Part one is all about producing a film project and will be run by VF48Hours managers Ness Patea and Ruth Korver.

In the second part, experienced writer Duncan Sarkies will offer some tools for generating story ideas and leading a creative writing workshop.

In the third section, local director and production designer Josh O'Neil will have a 40-minute Q&A session, hosted by NZ Film Commission's head of talent development, Dale Corlett.

The workshop will finish with a networking event to meet and connect with local filmmakers and talk all things film. The aim is to provide a professional development opportunity and an experience that will inspire all regional filmmakers. You may even find a 48Hours team.

The workshop is for writers, videographers, actors, editors, musicians and everyone and every age in between.

The Gisborne Future Filmmakers Workshop will be held on Saturday, July 2, 4pm to 8.30pm at Rangai Studios, 235 Gladstone Road. Registration is free but seating is limited so book at https://tinyurl.com/44cr6uxp or head to eventfinda and search 48 Hours.

ThisWeek

Thank Smash it's Friday
Overdrive, the rowdiest teenagers in town, perform a combination of originals and covers, before Wairoa-based Hydra hit the stage. Smash Palace, Friday, 8pm. $10 at the door.

Danny Byrd
Drum and bass icon and king of the dance floor is heading to Sugar Night Club this Friday, 9pm. Tickets $25+bf from ticketfairy.com

COMING UP

No Place Like Dome
Come and celebrate Dome Theatre's 15th birthday, Saturday, June 18, 8pm. The line-up includes The Night Moves, The Oh So Lonelys, Sound Collective and DJ Kirst. Free entry.

Skram
To celebrate the release of their debut album, Walk Into The Sun, Skram will play at Smash Palace, Saturday, June 18, 5pm. Tickets from undertheradar.co.nz

Lead Zipline
Smash Palace, Sunday, June 19, 7pm. Tickets from $35+bf at eventfinda.co.nz

Gisborne Choral Society
Presents Vivaldi's Gloria and assorted works at St Andrew's Church, 2pm, June 26. Proceeds to go to Red Cross appeal for Ukraine.

THEATRE

A Skull in Connemara
Unity Theatre's Norman Maclean-directed A Skull in Connemara is on tonight, tomorrow and Saturday. Tickets from eventfinda.co.nz or from the Gisborne i-SITE.

Auditions for Clue on Stage
Join Evolution Theatre Company for one of the most hilarious mystery experiences of all time. No experience necessary, just come ready to read for the role of a lifetime. All roles are for adults. Evolution Theatre, 75 Disraeli Street, Saturday, June 19, 11am.

The Secret Garden
Evolution Theatre, Disraeli St. June 30 to July 10. Tickets from trybooking.com

Avenue Q The Musical
Musical Theatre Gisborne, on stage June 24 to July 8. Tickets from eventfinda.co.nz or i-SITE.

Rock of Ages
Gisborne Centre Stage presents Rock of Ages, coming to Lawson Field Theatre, August 12 to 20. R16. Tickets from ticketek or from the Gisborne i-SITE.

Got something going on?
Let The Guide know at
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In the moment

by Mark Peters

Life imitated art in the folds of a large canvas/painting hung by a man atop a ladder for Wairoa artist Joanna Joseph's 2021 exhibition of raw land and seascapes.

The rouched canvas echoed something of the bucked, slashed, animate, inchoate energy Joseph finds in the land and sea of Mahia Peninsula. The rugged energy also echoes something of the way the artist works.

"Free-hanging works on canvas are tactile, there's movement in the canvas. It's almost like you can see boils underneath come through. It gives it more power. It's like surfing — more immediate"

The Wairoa artist is also a longboarder. And a drummer with two bands.

While the free-hanging canvases and some smaller works in Joseph's previous exhibition presented Mahia's coastal landscapes, her exhibition, Introducing Joanna Joseph, which opens tomorrow at Paul Nache Gallery, is more a view from the sea.

"It's more to do with being out surfing and being in the sea and looking back at the land," Joseph says.

"Since last year, my work is based on the angles and sweeps of sea and land. This exhibition is more to do with my perception from the water and looking back to the land."

Along with a wetsuit and longboard, in the back of her van Joseph carries a box of drawing materials that includes a roll of wallpaper.

"The wallpaper is easier to manhandle, to roll around the drawing board and clip on to the board. It's often windy or stormy out there so I get inspired. Often I'm tired after the surf so the drawings are what you get straight after. Some drawings are wet studies, done with chalk and pastel and turps to spread it around."

Joseph does not paint directly from the drawings but uses them to help generate ideas.

"It's the immediacy I try to capture. I use the drawings to bounce off. I have them on the wall but I don't paint from them, I get the ideas from them."

The process of painting can be seen in the work's physicality, in the scarps, gorges and boils of Joseph's land and sea forms. Wrestled in oils up and down the canvas they become almost animistic in their muscularity.

GETTING PHYSICAL: An exhibition of large-scale works by Wairoa artist Joanna Joseph opens at Paul Nache Gallery tomorrow at 6pm. The exhibition opening will be followed by a gig by Joseph's band Hydra at Smash Palace at 8pm. $10 entry.
Picture by Paul Nache

"It's intuitive," says Joseph.

"You can't be precious. That's just not me. I'm rugged as; you have to be like that surfing. You have to put on your wetsuit and there's sand in everything. Drumming is the same. It's not comfortable, you have to be in the moment."

The opening of Introducing Joanna Joseph will be followed by a gig by one of Joseph's bands, Hydra, at Smash Palace.

"I'm entertaining people all night," says the artist, longboarder and drummer.

Illuminating the creative history of Tairāwhiti

In the depths of winter, Matariki is about to light up.

From July 9 to 17, Te Tairāwhiti Arts Festival will bring the riverside to life with illuminated contemporary Māori art and design.

Te Ara I Whiti should appeal to everyone, with installations, music and kai. Last year 16,000 people experienced it.

This year the event is one of a number of Matariki celebrations across the rohe.

Chief executive and artistic director of the festival, Tama Waipara, said the collaborative effort highlighted the richness of the creative history and genius of Tairāwhiti.

"We have no shortage of stories and artists here," he said.

"Matariki is a season that belongs to us all and I think this year is the first time as a nation we are looking to acknowledge this particular time of year and what it means."

Matariki is a time for reflection, a chance to gather perspectives, a time to look up, inwards, and to plant new ideas.

"Matariki represents that reset time and we have never needed a reset more than we do right now."

Te Ara I Whiti promises another spectacular exhibition of mahi toi (artworks) at Kelvin and Marina parks. Once again curated by Melanie Tangaere-Baldwin, exhibiting artists include Ngaire Tuhua, Randal Leach, Te Naiti Tīhema, Chevron Hassett, Erena Koopu and Angus Muir.

It was a challenge to choose just six artists for Te Ara I Whiti, but Mr Waipara said the final group brought diversity of form and expression.

"This installation is at the centre of our Matariki offering. We are participating and partnering with other community kaupapa who are also acknowledging Matariki."

He said that this year there were fewer works in Te Ara I Whiti, but the scale and intent of the trail had deepened.

The Te Pūtahi Stage is back to showcase local musical artists and talent, with each evening featuring live music and kai or coffee carts.

The arts festival team is excited to see whānau of all ages coming to Te Ara I Whiti.

"I love that everyone comes and feels a sense of connection," Mr Waipara said.

"Last year I sat across the river and the sounds of whānau out together to see the works was uplifting. It is something the community truly owns."

Te Tairāwhiti Arts Festival has partnered with community kaupapa celebrating Matariki including: Tautua Arts, who are running three events between June 20 and 25; Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, which is offering a twilight night market; Tairāwhiti Voyaging Trust, hosting wānanga on traditional navigation aboard the waka; Muriwai Weavers, running weekend workshops for the public; and TAITECH, hosting poetry workshops open to everyone.

Many gallery spaces around Gisborne will host special exhibitions for Matariki.

"The festival is dedicated to realising the creative abundance of our place," Mr Waipara said.

"Our region has been through so much lately, and while it is important to support each other in emergency response and crisis, it is also essential to continue to nurture our resilience and innovation. I believe our creative spaces do that."

For more information head to https://tetairawhitiartsfestival.nz

LIGHTING THE RIVERBANKS: Te Rerenga Te Whai by Johnny Moetara.
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STAR-STUDDED DRAMA: Colin Firth, left, and Odessa Young star in Mothering Sunday. AP picture via Sony Pictures Classic

Exploring war, love and memory

by Jocelyn Noveck, AP Film Writer

History is factual. History is chronological. History is linear. But memory? Memory is none of those things.

Memory is selective, memory is jumbled, memory travels in different directions. And so does *Mothering Sunday*, Eva Husson's affecting and visually pleasing — if languorous — meditation on love and loss, based on a woman's memory of an impactful day that reverberates through her long life.

At first, the leaps between time periods — from the postwar '20s to the '40s to the '80s — can feel jarring. Soon enough, though, Husson makes us understand that this is how memory works, and the rhythm makes sense.

But *Mothering Sunday*, based on the 2016 novella by Graham Swift and deftly adapted by Alice Birch, isn't just about memory. It's also about war — namely World War 1 and the devastation it wrought on countless villages like the English one here, which lost an entire generation of sons.

It's about love, too, and sex, and also about class — the indelible line that divides our two lovers, played with true intimacy by a fresh-faced and thoughtful Odessa Young and Josh O'Connor, very far from his repressed Prince Charles in *The Crown*.

For the bracing intimacy — and the unabashed nudity — one can thank director Husson, who brings her very French, sexually frank approach to the stuffy British upper class.

But perhaps most affectingly, *Mothering Sunday* is about grief, etched indelibly on the faces of parents who have lost children.

You've never seen a sadder or more desperate Colin Firth, as a father who tries to shoo away his grief with hopelessly fake cheer.

These efforts do nothing to help Olivia Colman's Clarrie, his wife, a once-vivacious woman who's inhabited a bitter shell since the death of their two sons in the trenches. Clarrie has few lines but utters them with a restrained agony you won't soon forget.

If that couple weren't enough dream casting, we have none other than Glenda Jackson, playing protagonist Jane Fairchild's older self, a half-century into the future. But more on that in a moment.

Most of the action takes place in 1924, on a spring day in a pretty village where three families are lifelong friends.

Jane (Young), maid of the Niven household, is serving breakfast when she's offered the day off by her employers (Firth and Colman). It's Mothering Day — aka Mother's Day — but Jane is an orphan. So she heads off on a bicycle to tryst with her secret lover, law student Paul Sheringham, the only one of five boys, between the three families, who survived the war.

Their love, of course, is forbidden. Jane even had to witness the engagement of her long-time lover to the daughter of the third family (while serving them all dinner, no less).

The wedding is approaching, and on this Sunday, the families are gathering by the river to celebrate. But first, Paul makes passionate love to Jane, then leaves her to explore the large family house naked, a liberating moment that sees her running her fingers along the books in the library — a hint of her future as a writer.

This is no happy luncheon, however, and not just because of a shocking event that will soon transpire.

When Godfrey (Firth) tries to make a cheery toast, Colman's Clarrie erupts, giving harrowing voice to the permanent pain they all feel.

These 1924 scenes are toggled with extensive 1940s-era scenes, with a now older Jane (still Young) who is writing and working in a bookstore. There, she meets her new love, Donald (Sopé Dìrísù), as they connect over philosophy.

Sandy Powell's wonderful costumes transition from meticulously created '20s dresses to a chic '40s belted coat that Jane wears with a smart beret.

What we don't quite get to understand is what kind of a writer Jane is becoming. There's no voiceover narration, so we only hear a few words here and there, uttered by Jane in dreamlike memories.

This gap becomes even more noticeable in the final chapter, when Jackson graces the screen all too briefly. The elderly Jane has just won a big literary prize.

"I've won all the prizes," she says wearily to the waiting press outside, wondering what more there is to say. "Every single one."

It would be nice to know more about the brilliant writer Jane has become. We do get a lovely visual connection between the two Janes, eyes meeting across the decades. What are they thinking?

As with much of the film, it's something that looks great, but remains just a bit out of reach.

Mothering Sunday, a Sony Pictures Classics release, has been rated M by the Motion Picture Association of America "for sexual content, graphic nudity and some language". Running time: 104 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

FilmGuide

DOME CINEMA

Lunana: A Yak in the Classroom

A disillusioned schoolteacher is transferred to the most remote school in the world, cut off from modern life deep in the Himalayan glaciers. In a classroom with no electricity or even a blackboard, he finds himself with only a yak and a song that echoes through the mountains.

Escape from Mogadishu

Rival diplomats from North Korea and South Korea become trapped as civil war rages in Mogadishu, Somalia. With no aid forthcoming from either government, their only shot at survival requires them to work together.

Haute Couture

A woman at the end of her career as head seamstress at a fashion-house workshop decides to help a 20-year-old girl who stole her handbag.

ODEON MULTIPLEX

Jurassic World Dominion

This is the sequel to Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom, the sixth instalment in the Jurassic Park franchise, the final film in the Jurassic World trilogy and the conclusion of the storyline started in the original Jurassic Park trilogy. Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum and Sam Neill appear together in the franchise for the first time since Jurassic Park (1993). Dominion is set four years after the events of Fallen Kingdom. Dinosaurs now live alongside humans in a fragile balance. Chris Pratt also stars.

Mothering Sunday

A romantic drama following the life of Jane Fairchild (Odessa Young) who, as an orphaned maid in the years following World War 1, has an affair with the son of her employers' neighbours. Jane's lover, Paul (Josh O'Connor), is due to marry Emma (Emma D'Arcy), who was unofficially engaged to Paul's friend James, who died in the war. Paul and Emma have mixed feelings about their engagement but feel compelled to marry.

How to Please a Woman

Australian film about a woman who buys a failing removals firm and turns it into a business where handsome men help around the house.

The Bob's Burgers Movie

A ruptured water main creates a sinkhole in front of Bob's Burgers, blocking the entrance and ruining the Belchers' plans for a successful summer. While Bob and Linda try to keep the business afloat, the kids set out to solve a mystery that could save their family's restaurant.

Top Gun: Maverick

After more than 30 years of service as one of the Navy's top aviators, Pete "Maverick" Mitchell is where he belongs, pushing the envelope as a courageous test pilot and dodging the advancement in rank that would ground him. Training a detachment of graduates for a special assignment, Maverick must confront the ghosts of his past.

The Northman

Viking story based on the Scandinavian legend that inspired Shakespeare's Hamlet. Stars Alexander Skarsgard, Ethan Hawke, Nicole Kidman and Willem Dafoe.

Downton Abbey: A New Era

A Crawley family excursion to the South of France is the setting for the second feature film based on the characters of the deliciously addictive television series.

Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness

A few months after the events of Spider-Man: No Way Home, Dr Stephen Strange, with the help of both old and new mystical allies, travels into the multiverse to face a mysterious new adversary.

The Bad Guys

Animated film in which criminal animals pretend to mend their ways.

Sonic the Hedgehog 2

Further adventures of the supersonic hedgehog.

The Lost City

Sandra Bullock, Channing Tatum, Daniel Radcliffe and Brad Pitt have a ball hamming it up in this story of a studious romantic novelist rescued by a book-cover model from the clutches of a billionaire seeking a lost city of riches.

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Every match. Every catch. Every build-up. Every snarl-up. Every che
n-up. Every getaway. Every hideaway. Every road-trip. Every toe-dip
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Filly Legarto impresses on debut

MATAMATA — Trainers Ken and Bev Kelso could have another star daughter of Proisir on their hands.

Two-year-old filly Legarto carries the same colours as her Group One-winning stablemate Levante, and didn't let them down, winning on debut over 1100m by 3-1/4 lengths at Matamata yesterday.

"I thought it was a really good run," Ken said.

"I was quite happy to run third halfway down to get some rating points, but she won by three and a quarter lengths. In that last 50m she got away from them.

"I thought it was quite impressive."

Already taken by the progeny of Proisir, Ken went to New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sale last year looking for a filly and was taken by Legarto in Highline Thoroughbreds' Book 2 draft.

"We were looking for another nice Proisir filly at the sales and Phillip (Brown) and I spied this one," he said.

"She is a lovely filly and we paid $90,000 out of Book 2. She has Levante's owners plus a few other families, and Bev and I have a share in her as well."

While winning convincingly on a Heavy10 track yesterday, Ken believes his filly is more suited to firmer ground.

"I don't think she is a mudder," he said. "I am always worried about horses in this sort of ground at this time of year — are they just a mudder?

"Ryan Elliot, who has ridden her at the trials, said she is not just a mudder, and Taiki (Yanagida) said the same thing today."

The spelling paddock now beckons the promising filly, with plenty of targets on offer in the spring.

"It wasn't our intention to be running her in this sort of ground anyway," Ken said. "But through trial cancellations and not getting in the field at Avondale, she has been in work for quite some time.

"I think we are inclined to give her a small break now and bring her back for three-year-old races.

"There are some nice three-year-old races in the spring."

Kelso is now looking forward to the return of his stable star Levante, who is likely to head across the Tasman in the spring following her pleasing fourth placing in the Gr.1 Newmarket Handicap (1200m).

The mare is likely to be aimed at features in Melbourne in the spring, with options over both sprint and mile trips.

"She is still spelling at the moment. I went and had a look at her yesterday and she looks amazing," Ken said.

"We haven't set a plan for her yet, but she definitely won't be going to Hastings.

"To get to Hastings you really have to go to the Foxbridge (Gr.2, 1200m), which comes up too early, and she is still out." — NZ Racing Desk

Auckland harness at Alexandra Park Friday — Meeting 5

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: **ALDEBARAN FLAME,** EMMA FROST, DIAMANT BLEU
Race 2: **IDEAL KINGDOM,** NEPTUNE, PRIVATE EYE
Race 3: **SON OF A SUN,** TRIFOLIUM, DRUM N BASS
Race 4: **MIDFREW LUCRE,** MR CHIP, MERCURY RISING
Race 5: **CALL ME TROUBLE,** AFLYIN SPUR, GAZ MAN
Race 6: **MELANION,** ZARIAS, HARDER THAN DIAMONDS
Race 7: **NELSON'S BOY,** IDEAL TOMADO, CLAUDE

1 Blackmore Virtue & Owens 6.32

$14,500, 3yo+ r46-r55 discretionary handicap stand, 2700m

1 — **Reign** *SCRATCHED*
2 40475 **Aldebaran Flame** (Fr) U1 M Hurrell (J)
3 81928 **Flying Scotsman** (Fr) U2 A Poutama
4 48198 **Safrakova** (10) 1 S McCaffrey
5 12751 **Diamant Bleu** (10) 2 M McKendry
6 34149 **Emma Frost** (10) 3
7 06424 **Alana** (10) 4 L Chin
8 P6066 **Superfast Ninja** (10) 5 Z Butcher
9 57007 **Isla Elsie** (10) U1 P Ferguson
10 88435 **Aldebaran Keepa** (10) U2 T Mitchell

2 Daily Freight Pace 7.00

$12,000, non-winners 2yo+. mobile, 2200m

1 4249s **Ronda** (Fr) 1 M Pemberton
2 23s22 **Private Eye** (Fr) 2 M W White
3 4 **Neptune** (Fr) 3 M McKendry
4 68s **Lincoln River** (Fr) 4 T Mitchell
5 **Ideal Kingdom** (Fr) 5
6 667s5 **Major Grace** (Fr) 6
7 **Watchit** (Fr) 7 T Herlihy
8 23382 **Ohoka Creed** (Fr) 8 A Harrison (J)
9 9s472 **Next To Me** (Fr) 21 Z Butcher
10 3543 **Perfect Bet** (Fr) 22 D Butcher

3 Dayaveg Trot 7.28

$12,000, 3yo+, non-winners w/c special handicap stand, 2200m

1 253s7 **Cyclone Kadabramelia** (Fr) 1 T Herlihy
2 32522 **Trifolium** (Fr) 2 L Neal
3 23445 **Cyclone Lebron** (Fr) 3
4 82426 **Son Of A Sun** (Fr) U1 M McKendry
5 76909 **My Hope** (30) 1 D Butcher
6 6405s **Who's Queen** (30) 2 M Pemberton
7 4s210 **Cyber Attack** (30) 3 Z Butcher
8 0849s **Drum N Bass** (30) 4 B Hackett
9 3s704 **Love And Faith** (30) 5 P Ferguson
10 41867 **Keystone Comet** (30) 6 A Poutama

4 NZ Onion Co. Pace 7.55

$14,500, 3yo+ r49. mobile, 2200m

1 47663 **John Wayne** (Fr) 1 S Abernethy
2 65214 **Four Kisses** (Fr) 2 L Hollis
3 71497 **Manny** (Fr) 3 S Phelan
4 32244 **Mercury Rising** (Fr) 4 M McKendry
5 32461 **Midfrew Lucre** (Fr) 5 Z Butcher
6 s2221 **Mr Chip** (Fr) 6 T Herlihy
7 980s7 **Riverboy Ben** (Fr) 7 T Mitchell
8 P9200 **Berani** (Fr) U1 D Butcher

5 Primor Produce Trot 8.24

$17,500, r58-r81 discretionary handicap stand, 2700m

1 26181 **Bohemian Rhapsody** (Fr) 1 T Herlihy
2 78574 **Presidential Jewel** (Fr) 2 B Mangos
3 12637 **Jasinova** (Fr) 3 L Chin
4 81091 **Gaz Man** (Fr) U1 P Ferguson
5 73810 **Special Way** (10) U1 M McKendry
6 62146 **Anditover** (20) 1 T Macfarlane
7 13313 **Aflyin Spur** (20) U1 T Mitchell
8 971s2 **Call Me Trouble** (20) U2 Z Butcher
9 2443s **Kings Landing** (30) 1 T Hanara (J)
10 16251 **Invictus** (40) 1

6 Powell Transport Pace 8.52

$17,500, 3yo+ r54-r65,r66-r70 w/c. mobile, 2200m

1 s4483 **Cashlodo Flybye** (Fr) 1 B Butcher
2 32112 **Simply Sam** (Fr) 2 M McKendry
3 52222 **Zarias** (Fr) 3
4 61483 **Mr Kaplan** (Fr) 4 T Herlihy
5 45431 **Outlaw Man** (Fr) 5 D Butcher
6 33842 **Melanion** (Fr) 6 M Hurrell (J)
7 s1492 **Harder Than Diamonds** (Fr) 7 T Mitchell
8 75131 **Mimi E Coco** (Fr) 8 (J,Cl)

7 The Alex Bar Eatery 9.20

$12,000, r36-r60. mobile, 2200m

1 85384 **Pacing Hope** (Fr) 1 A Harrison (J)
2 17694 **Voodoo Prince** (Fr) 2
3 P1722 **Nelson's Boy** (Fr) 3
4 67134 **Piiki Whara** (Fr) 4 S Abernethy
5 23326 **Ideal Tomado** (Fr) 5 M W White
6 64551 **Riverman Sam** (Fr) 6 M McKendry
7 6s567 **Brookies Jaffa** (Fr) 7 D Butcher
8 41644 **Claude** (Fr) 8 A Poutama

Christchurch greys at Addington Friday — Meeting 9

TAB D. 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 T. 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 7-8-9, 10-11-12 Q. 2-3-4-5, 9-10-11-12 PL6 7-12

Selections

Race 1: **URI BALE,** NIGHTHAWK ZEUS, OFF GRID
Race 2: **YUM CHA,** OPAWA MAIA, HOT MILO
Race 3: **ORISHA BALE,** HOMEBUSH DOVE, FEELING FANCY
Race 4: **GO IVY,** EMPTY GARDEN, OPAWA EMMA
Race 5: **GOLDSTAR ODETTE,** ADOBE POPPETS, DALTON BAXTER
Race 6: **GO ALBINO,** GOOFY ADOBE, OPAWA PEGGY
Race 7: **MYSTERIOUS LADY,** SINHA MAN, AMURI SPOT
Race 8: **REDDY MOTH,** EL PADRINO, GLIMPSE
Race 9: **OPAWA PICK,** OPAWA DUCHESS, PALESA BALE
Race 10: **GRANDE VUE ACE,** AMURI EARLY, CLARK'S A LARK
Race 11: **DOUBLE THUNDER,** MEHIRA, AMURI JET
Race 12: **MADE THE CUT,** MITCHAM MAGIC, BARBARA'S ANGEL

1 The Fitz 2 Sports Bar 12.05

$2000, C0, 295m

1 2453 **Nighthawk Zeus** nwtd Matt Roberts
2 37736 **Chanelle** nwtd Craig Roberts
3 36865 **Homebush Opal** nwtd John McInerney
4 38 **Homebush Lennon** nwtd John McInerney
5 53 **Homebush Cricket** nwtd John McInerney
6 36 **Off Grid** nwtd Ray Casey
7 8547 **Homebush Classy** nwtd John McInerney
8 26s1 **Uri Bale** 17.39 Craig Roberts
EMERGENCIES:
9 67 **Nick Baxter** nwtd John McInerney
10 77 **Homebush Sassy** nwtd John McInerney

2 kiwikiwihounds.co.nz Adoption 12.23

$3500, C0, 520m

1 54 **Sum Sum** nwtd Ashley Bradshaw
2 22 **Yum Cha** nwtd J M Lane
3 F5743 **Mr Muggins** nwtd John McInerney
4 44435 **Mega Fun** nwtd Malcolm Grant
5 864Fs **Opawa Graeme** nwtd Robin Wales
6 35257 **Opawa Cody** nwtd Robin Wales
7 532 **Opawa Maia** nwtd Robin Wales
8 62284 **Hot Milo** nwtd J & D Fahey
EMERGENCIES:
9 437 **Go Eve** nwtd Robin Wales
10 8864 **Libelle** nwtd Craig Roberts

3 Balcairn & Coprice Food 12.41

$2000, C0, 295m

1 63376 **Homebush Sadie** nwtd John McInerney
2 28735 **Princely Asset** nwtd John McInerney
3 5236 **Like Axle** nwtd Matt Roberts
4 486 **Rowdy Shadow** nwtd Janine McCook
5 264 **Homebush Cheeky** nwtd John McInerney
6 1 **Orisha Bale** 17.40 Craig Roberts
7 46243 **Feeling Fancy** nwtd Daniel Roberts
8 23222 **Homebush Dove** nwtd John McInerney
EMERGENCIES:
9 67 **Nick Baxter** nwtd John McInerney
10 77 **Homebush Sassy** nwtd John McInerney

4 Swimming Goat @ Stud 1.00

$3300, C1, 520m

1 35663 **Paris Bandit** nwtd Janine McCook
2 62641 **Empty Garden** 30.37 Daniel Roberts
3 14688 **Replica Ruler** nwtd Bob Pringle
4 56325 **Opawa Emma** 31.18 Robin Wales
5 18777 **Smash Devil** 30.50 Malcolm Grant
6 33867 **Angry Jane** 30.12 Matt Roberts
7 21421 **Go Ivy** 30.03 Bruce Dann
8 85436 **Wrinkly Wayne** nwtd John McInerney
EMERGENCIES:
9 65824 **Goldstar Yogi** nwtd Riley Evans
10 66756 **Goldstar Truman** 30.15 Riley Evans

5 Travel Bug Charlie On Insta 1.19

$2000, C0, 295m

1 55442 **Adobe Poppets** nwtd Matt Roberts
2 3F223 **Goldstar Odette** nwtd Riley Evans
3 44 **Homebush Solo** nwtd John McInerney
4 57385 **Homebush Vinny** nwtd John McInerney
5 33 **Dalton Baxter** nwtd John McInerney
6 6s476 **Ohoka Belfast** nwtd Ray Casey
7 64558 **Homebush Bluey** nwtd John McInerney
8 5 **Laredo Jewel** nwtd Craig Roberts
EMERGENCIES:
9 67 **Nick Baxter** nwtd John McInerney
10 77 **Homebush Sassy** nwtd John McInerney

6 Dyna Elwyn @ Stud Stakes 1.38

$3300, C1, 520m

1 65445 **Infinity One** 30.41 Lisa Waretini
2 54366 **Replica Rebel** nwtd Bob Pringle
3 45275 **Call The Tune** 30.35 Malcolm Grant
4 52532 **Goofy Adobe** 30.48 Matt Roberts
5 25574 **Opawa Peggy** 30.39 Bruce Dann
6 62165 **Wandering Star** nwtd Daniel Roberts
7 16633 **Go Albino** 30.36 Robin Wales
8 22444 **Opawa Neville** 31.11 Robin Wales
EMERGENCIES:
9 65824 **Goldstar Yogi** nwtd Riley Evans
10 66756 **Goldstar Truman** 30.15 Riley Evans

7 Flair Sprint 1.56

$2400, C2/3, 295m

1 51331 **Mysterious Lady** 17.43 Alison Lee
2 25131 **Amuri Spot** 17.43 John McInerney
3 45511 **Mine Hunter** 17.21 Janine McCook
4 27861 **Homebush Jessie** 17.37 John McInerney
5 886s6 **Joyful Tears** 17.41 Matt Roberts
6 36738 **Tokyo Bird** nwtd Craig Roberts
7 65874 **Miss Adobe** 17.11 Matt Roberts
8 23341 **Sinha Man** 17.23 Janine McCook
EMERGENCIES:
9 54861 **Goldstar Mauney** 17.04 Riley Evans
10 85815 **Princely Cash** 17.29 John McInerney

8 Springston Hotel Dash 2.12

$2200, C2, 295m

1 13445 **Reddy Moth** 17.21 Anthony Hart
2 22142 **El Padrino** 17.40 Calum Weir
3 52467 **Denarau Delight** 17.32 Malcolm Grant
4 22443 **Glimpse** nwtd Lisa Waretini
5 55823 **Impressive Sonic** 17.36 John McInerney
6 25666 **Homebush Grimmen** 17.36 John McInerney
7 77231 **Taieri Snapshot** 17.26 Ray Casey
8 F5s46 **Delaroche** 17.49 Rosemary Blackburn
EMERGENCIES:
9 54861 **Goldstar Mauney** 17.04 Riley Evans
10 85815 **Princely Cash** 17.29 John McInerney

9 Camside Stud Stakes 2.31

$3600, C1/2, 520m

1 86221 **Frank** 30.29 John McInerney
2 71733 **Opawa Pick** 30.23 Robin Wales
3 32342 **Diamond Crusade** 30.23 Malcolm Grant
4 87877 **Palesa Bale** 30.00 Craig Roberts
5 44571 **Quetzal Bale** 30.32 Daniel Roberts
6 21485 **Dark And Dusty** 30.42 Matt Roberts
7 11344 **Belle Ame** 30.37 Ashley Bradshaw
8 57442 **Opawa Duchess** 30.35 Lisa Waretini
EMERGENCIES:
9 65824 **Goldstar Yogi** nwtd Riley Evans
10 66756 **Goldstar Truman** 30.15 Riley Evans

10 Bolty @ Stud Stakes 2.48

$2200, C2, 295m

1 43654 **Clark's A Lark** 17.52 Alison Lee
2 38877 **Opawa Stubborn** 17.30 John McInerney
3 57266 **Goldstar Quinn** 17.42 Riley Evans
4 73847 **Horse Range Gold** 17.38 Malcolm Grant
5 82113 **Grande Vue Ace** 17.49 Bob Pringle
6 27658 **Homebush Ranger** 17.50 John McInerney
7 22264 **Amuri Early** 17.26 John McInerney
8 85262 **Zola Black** 17.41 Mitchell & Smith
EMERGENCIES:
9 54861 **Goldstar Mauney** 17.04 Riley Evans
10 85815 **Princely Cash** 17.29 John McInerney

11 Racing Again 13 June Dash 3.08

$2200, C2, 295m

1 11335 **Homebush Sparkle** 17.42 John McInerney
2 75775 **Amuri Jet** 17.34 John McInerney
3 12642 **Goldstar Smiles** 17.34 Riley Evans
4 55153 **Opawa Jaws** 17.07 Lisa Waretini
5 22752 **Little Nosey** 17.45 Ashley Bradshaw
6 22113 **Double Thunder** 17.20 Malcolm Grant
7 12756 **Rowdy's Message** 17.33 Janine McCook
8 11662 **Mehira** 17.37 J M Lane
EMERGENCIES:
9 54861 **Goldstar Mauney** 17.04 Riley Evans
10 85815 **Princely Cash** 17.29 John McInerney

12 Rose & Thistle Sprint 3.29

$2700, C4, 295m

1 37743 **Barbara's Angel** 17.33 John McInerney
2 12654 **Made The Cut** 17.11 Anthony Hart
3 54785 **Mitcham Magic** 17.03 John McInerney
4 51378 **Thunder Hallows** 17.11 Ashley Bradshaw
5 17822 **Right On Ramsay** 17.30 Ashley Bradshaw
6 56872 **Little Kid** 17.21 Janine McCook
7 77611 **Lautrec** 17.32 Rosemary Blackburn
8 11165 **Helsinki** 17.31 Ashley Bradshaw
EMERGENCY:
9 56858 **Goldstar Ange** 17.22 Riley Evans

Palmerston North greys at Manawatu Friday — Meeting 3

TAB D. 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 T. 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 7-8-9, 10-11-12 Q. 2-3-4-5, 9-10-11-12 PL6 7-12

Selections

Race 1: **BIG TIME KIA,** OPAWA ZIVA, HIGHVIEW BRUCE
Race 2: **OPAWA LIGHTNING,** HIGHVIEW JESS, LIBERTY TAKER
Race 3: **SWEET LUELLA,** THRILLING ZIGGY, BIG TIME TANIWHA
Race 4: **ALLEGRO ASHER,** BIG TIME PIKEY, ALLEGRO PEACHES
Race 5: **WONDER WOMEN,** HIGHVIEW TOBY, HIGHVIEW SAMMY
Race 6: **THREE SHIRT DAY,** BEES AND BIRDS, ALLEGRO SMOOCH
Race 7: **BIG TIME FLAME,** LAR GRAND SOPHIA, XANTHONE
Race 8: **BIG TIME KAYLEE,** BLINKEN LILY, HIGHVIEW ANNA
Race 9: **BIG TIME FAYE,** THRILLING MURPHY, CHECK ME OUT
Race 10: **ALLEGRO ENVY,** BIG TIME YONKERS, MEXICAN CUTIE
Race 11: **THRILLING BANDIT,** BIG TIME HOTSHOT, BIG TIME BOSTON
Race 12: **HINT OF MINT,** BIG TIME REWARD, DRUNKEN LULLABY

1 Tab Mega Multi Buster 12.50

$2100, C1, 375m

1 1 **Big Time Kia** 21.74 Lisa Cole
2 33826 **Oscar's Reality** nwtd K A Lincoln-Papuni
3 82464 **Shake A Leg** nwtd Mark Goodier
4 53276 **Social Virtigo** 21.66 Richard Waite
5 26313 **Opawa Ziva** nwtd Marcie Flipp
6 2s136 **Highview Bruce** 21.93 G & S Fredrickson
7 35685 **Dream Bush** nwtd Marcie Flipp
8 57827 **Love Race** nwtd Richard Waite
EMERGENCY:
9 57837 **Adobe Fox** nwtd K A Lincoln-Papuni

2 Greyhound As Pets 1.10

$2200, C2, 375m

1 33714 **Big Time Carnage** 21.97 Susie Kite
2 21222 **Opawa Lightning** nwtd Marcie Flipp
3 33226 **Liberty Taker** nwtd Mark Goodier
4 34251 **Go Royce** 21.93 Marcie Flipp
5 31143 **Highview Spud** nwtd S J Phillips
6 21132 **Highview Jess** 21.66 G & S Fredrickson
7 62231 **Big Time Tea** 21.63 Lisa Cole
8 15412 **Buddy** 21.75 K A Lincoln-Papuni

3 Premier Meeting 24th June 1.28

$3500, C0, 457m

1 2432 **Thrilling Ziggy** nwtd K A Lincoln-Papuni
2 3 **Sweet Luella** nwtd Marcie Flipp
3 65522 **Billie Bruiser** nwtd K A Lincoln-Papuni
4 35 **Bay Hill** nwtd Bill Hodgson
5 86 **See Silly Sally** nwtd Bill Hodgson
6 84474 **Go Norman** nwtd Marcie Flipp
7 62 **Straight Shot** nwtd Bill Hodgson
8 2 **Big Time Taniwha** nwtd Lisa Cole

4 Total Bodyshop Supplies 1.47

$2700, C4, 375m

1 42185 **Big Time Tasha** 21.63 Lisa Cole
2 62222 **Allegro Peaches** nwtd Lisa Cole
3 2115F **Allegro Asher** 21.89 Lisa Cole
4 s7334 **Big Time Gigi** nwtd Lisa Cole
5 54256 **Big Time Nala** nwtd Lisa Cole
6 61541 **Big Time Pikey** 21.73 Lisa Cole
7 71817 **Idol Meghan** 21.82 Marcie Flipp
8 85617 **Kiosk** 21.61 D Bell

5 Red Snapper Seafoods 2.04

$3600, C1/2, 457m

1 64585 **Wonder Women** 25.96 Bill Hodgson
2 34357 **Highview Sammy** 25.90 G & S Fredrickson
3 — ~~**Vacant Box Three**~~ *SCRATCHED*
4 67645 **Brickman** nwtd Maree Gowan
5 65345 **Eddie Everest** 26.25 G & S Fredrickson
6 — ~~**Vacant Box Six**~~ *SCRATCHED*
7 3218 **Highview Toby** 26.49 G & S Fredrickson
8 36535 **Van Ivan** 26.34 K A Lincoln-Papuni

6 $15k Sprint Heats June 17 2.22

$3600, C5, 375m

1 45283 **Bees And Birds** 21.43 Lisa Cole
2 14365 **Three Shirt Day** 21.42 Lisa Cole
3 — ~~**Vacant Box Three**~~ *SCRATCHED*
4 11316 **Highview Susie** 21.47 G & S Fredrickson
5 — ~~**Vacant Box Five**~~ *SCRATCHED*
6 13134 **Allegro Smooch** 21.58 Lisa Cole
7 — ~~**Vacant Box Seven**~~ *SCRATCHED*
8 31111 **Big Time Katy** 21.26 Lisa Cole

7 $15k 660m Feature June 24 2.39

$4000, C3, 457m

1 35672 **Xanthone** 26.52 Deb Edlin
2 15545 **Big Time Flame** 26.02 Lisa Cole
3 — ~~**Vacant Box Three**~~ *SCRATCHED*
4 84744 **Lar Grand Sophia** 25.89 Lisa Cole
5 48363 **Big Time Jimmy** 25.97 Lisa Cole
6 — ~~**Vacant Box Six**~~ *SCRATCHED*
7 63224 **Allegro Pippa** 25.97 Lisa Cole
8 65221 **Coiled Spring** 26.09 Bill Hodgson

8 $30k 457m Heats June 17 2.57

$4700, C4, 457m

1 55423 **Blinken Lily** 25.89 G & S Fredrickson
2 22188 **Highview Anna** 26.00 G & S Fredrickson
3 78531 **Big Time Ripper** 25.92 Lisa Cole
4 86537 **Dapper Rapper** 26.14 Brian Marsh
5 15572 **Big Time Kaylee** 25.78 Lisa Cole
6 52617 **Big Time Odette** 25.95 Lisa Cole
7 32255 **Big Time Seattle** 25.95 Lisa Cole
8 11133 **Highview Howard** 25.99 G & S Fredrickson

9 Outback Trading Company 3.19

$2400, C2/3, 375m

1 14615 **Big Time Faye** 21.58 Lisa Cole
2 72717 **Al's Loaded** 21.85 Lana Pearce
3 63678 **Thrilling Murphy** nwtd K A Lincoln-Papuni
4 73858 **Check Me Out** nwtd K A Lincoln-Papuni
5 — ~~**Vacant Box Five**~~ *SCRATCHED*
6 16523 **Opawa Lyndsay** 21.84 Marcie Flipp
7 72734 **Big Time May** 21.98 Mark Goodier
8 71636 **Rapid Renegade** 21.96 Richard Waite

10 Sect'ls @ pngreyhounds.kiwi 3.38

$2400, C3, 375m

1 43616 **Big Time Girly** 21.64 Mark Goodier
2 s8511 **Allegro Envy** 21.59 Lisa Cole
3 65311 **Wifi Wilbur** 21.98 G & S Fredrickson
4 57s21 **Mexican Cutie** 21.76 Kettlewell & Phillips
5 77522 **Big Time Yonkers** 22.08 Lisa Cole
6 32146 **My Bentley** 21.91 Marcie Flipp
7 85134 **Thrilling Otis** 21.53 K A Lincoln-Papuni
8 31348 **Nutty Nuts** 21.81 Marcie Flipp

11 Big Barrel Palmerston North 3.56

$2400, C3, 410m

1 21253 **Thrilling Bandit** 23.55 K A Lincoln-Papuni
2 24345 **Big Time Hotshot** 23.17 D P Symes
3 14141 **Allegro Drake** 23.46 Lisa Cole
4 56156 **Zamah** 23.04 Deb Edlin
5 76433 **Big Time Star** 23.07 Lisa Cole
6 53753 **Big Time Boston** 23.36 Lisa Cole
7 24612 **Big Time Scooter** 23.49 Marcie Flipp
8 11624 **Big Time Kilty** 23.49 Lisa Cole

12 Dog Speed On Senz 11am Sun 4.18

$3600, C4/5, 410m

1 27125 **Big Time Reward** 23.22 Lisa Cole
2 11261 **Hint Of Mint** 23.02 G & S Fredrickson
3 — ~~**Vacant Box Three**~~ *SCRATCHED*
4 26343 **Drunken Lullaby** 23.39 Richard Waite
5 11443 **Screaming Viking** 23.00 Marcie Flipp
6 — ~~**Vacant Box Six**~~ *SCRATCHED*
7 62372 **Bigtime Brody** 23.07 Lisa Cole
8 23223 **Portelli Punk** 23.15 K A Lincoln-Papuni

Legend: T – Won at track. C – Won at this distance on this course. D – Won at this distance on another course. M – Won in slow or heavy going. B – Beaten favourite at last start. H – Trained on track. N – Won at night. S – Spell of three months. F – Fell. P – Pulled up. L – Lost rider. TV – Featured on Trackside TV.

Queensland win thrilling opener

RUGBY LEAGUE

SYDNEY — Valentine Holmes scored a try, kicked two goals and combined with fellow veteran Cameron Munster to help guide Queensland to a 16-10 win against New South Wales in the State of Origin series opener last night in front of more than 80,500 fans in Sydney's Olympic Park.

New South Wales scored first, with centre Jack Wighton barging over near the left corner in the 15th minute, but Queensland hit back through Dane Gagai five minutes before the break to take a 6-4 halftime lead.

The Queenslanders extended the margin to 12 points with tries to skipper Daly Cherry-Evans in the 49th and Holmes in the 54th and then held on desperately in the last eight minutes after Cameron Murray scored to get the Blues back within a converted try.

The Maroons defence held firm with Blues lock Isaah Yeo getting within reaching distance of an equaliser in the last play of the game.

It was the first time since 2017, when coach Billy Slater and his assistants Cameron Smith and Johnathan Thurston were all playing for the Maroons, that Queensland has won an Origin contest in Sydney.

They now go to Perth for Game 2 on June 26 hoping to clinch the series ahead of hosting the third and final game in Brisbane on July 13.

New South Wales won the series 2-1 in 2021 without playing a game at home because of restrictions in place for the Covid pandemic, but now face the uphill task of having to win twice away from home to retain the trophy in the biggest annual grudge contest in Australian sport.

It was a successful coaching debut for the 38-year-old Slater, who picked four rookies in his 17-man squad and stuck with some veterans who were his Origin teammates before he retired in 2018. — AP

Weekend football draw

CENTRAL Federation League, SATURDAY, 2.30pm: Childers Road Reserve 1, ALH Gisborne Thistle v Palmerston North Marist.

Pacific Premiership, SATURDAY, 2.30pm: CRR 2, ALH Thistle Reserves v Maycenvale.

Eastern League 1, SATURDAY, 12.30pm: Nelson Park 1, Thistle Youth v Heavy Equipment Services Gisborne United Premiers.

2.30pm: Wainui, 1st Class Decorators Wainui Sharks v HES United Firsts.

Eastern League 2, SATURDAY, 12.30pm: NP 2, Smash Palace Shockers v Thistle Vintage; Wainui, Sunshine Brewing Wainui Salty Dogs v HES United Seconds.

2.30pm: Wairoa, QRS Wairoa Athletic v Coates Associates Wainui Demons; NP 1, Tatapouri Bohemians v Gisorne Pro Roofing Bohemians.

Eastern League 3, SATURDAY, 12.30pm: CRR 1, Gizzy Bobcat Services Thistle v Ngatapa Silkies; CRR 2, Tumu Thistle v HES United Thirds.

Women's Eastern League, SUNDAY, 10.30am: Rectory, Gisborne Girls' High School v HES United; CRR 2, Tatapouri Marist Thistle v Gisborne Laundry Services Wainui Riverina; Campion, Campion College v Bohemians.

Junior football, SATURDAY

First Kicks 4v4 — 8.15am: Watson Park 8, Kaiti Takitimu v Makaraka Marvels; WP 6, St Mary's Stars v Makaraka Magic; WP 3, Manutuke Tahi v Kaiti Horouta; WP 1, Makauri Dragons v Bayleys Ngatapa Turtles; WP 4, Manutuke Rua v Sonrise Wildcats; WP 5, Te Wharau Kiwi v Makauri Dynamos; WP 11, Awapuni Green v Mangapapa Hail; WP 12, Te Hapara Kiwi v Awapuni Yellow; WP 2, Te Wharau Weta v Ngatapa Fantails; WP 9, Wainui Dolphins v Central Strykers; WP 10, Wainui Dodgers v Central Ninjas; WP 7, Wainui Drifters v Central Smashers.

9.45am: WP 1, Mangapapa Tornadoes v Mangapapa Storm; WP 6, Ormond Young Guns v Ngatapa Raptors; WP 8, Te Hapara Kea v Wainui Dinosaurs.

Fun Football 5v5 — 9am: WP 3, Manutuke Wha v Wainui Cyclones; WP 11, Mangapapa Floods v Central Tigers; WP 10, Te Wharau Toa v Mangapapa Sizzlers; WP 4, Mangapapa Mist v Central Defenders; WP 5, Mangapapa Twisters v Wainui Cobras; WP 12, Te Wharau Taniwha v Mangapapa Whirlwinds; WP 9, Ormond Soccer Rockets v Awapuni Leopards; WP 6, Te Hapara Whio v Awapuni Purple; WP 7, St Mary's Comets v Awapuni Red; WP 8, St Mary's Firebirds v Awapuni Blue; WP 1, Makauri Chiefs v Wainui Cheetahs; WP 2, Makauri Cougars v Ngatapa Falcons.

9.45am: WP 5, Makaraka United v Ngatapa Kiwis; WP 4, Mangapapa Landslides v Sonrise Eagles; WP 3, Manutuke Toru v Central Warriors; WP 2, Wainui Colts v Wainui Crusaders.

Bye: Kaiti Maia.

Mini Football 7v7 — 8.15am: WP 15, Te Wharau Kea v Wainui Bears; WP 13, Ngatapa Hurricanes v Te Hapara Takahe; WP 14, Awapuni Jaguars v Makauri Braves; WP 16, Mangapapa Quakes v Kaiti Kiwa.

9.15am: WP 16, Te Wharau Kereru v Wainui Bluebelles; WP 17, Ormond Sharks v St Mary's Asteroids; WP 15, Makaraka Rangers v Makauri Bears; WP 13, Central Crushers v St Mary's Angels; WP 14, Central Seekers v Mangapapa Thunder.

10.15am: WP 14, Wainui Blitz v Awapuni Bobcats; WP 15, Wainui Breakers v Wainui Broncos; WP 16, Wainui Bullets v Awapuni Wildcats; WP 13, Ngatapa Wolves v Kaiti Paoa.

Bye: Central Athletic.

Mini Football 9v9 Dev — 9.15am: WP 21, Awapuni Panthers v Ngatapa Rebels; WP 18, Manutuke v Ormond All Stars; WP 19, Kaiti Rangatira v Sonrise Sharks; WP 20, Mangapapa Lightning v St Mary's Terminators.

10.15am: WP 21, Mangapapa Blizzards v St Mary's Sweepers; WP 18, Puhi Kaiti v Central Stags; WP 20, Central Chiefs v Te Wharau Rangatira; WP 19, Te Wharau Tuakana v Te Hapara Toroa.

11.15am: WP 18, Makaraka Phoenix v Central Braves.

Mini Football 9v9 Exp — 8.15am: WP 18, Mangapapa Hurricanes v St Mary's Strikers; WP 19, Wainui Aces v Wainui Avengers; WP 20, Wainui Thunder v Central Gold; WP 21, Wainui All Stars v Makauri Marauders.

Gisborne Super League

Intermediate — 8.30am: Nelson Park 6, Martins Party Hire Hotspurs v Pultron Wanderers; NP 5, Passion Posies United v Gisborne Pro Roofing Rovers.

9.45am: NP 5, Coastal Radiology Rangers v LOST Surfboards Albion; NP 6, Trimble Forestry Town v Baty AirCon Athletic; NP 4, Fence Gisborne City v Pit Stop Phoenix.

College — 8.30am: NP 1, Chrisp & Davidson Wanderers v Botanical Beauty Hotspurs; NP 2, Columbus Café Corinthians v Glenn's Glass Dons; NP 4, Mitre 10 Athletic v Emerre & Hathaway Town.

9.45am: NP 2, Dynamic Rehab Academicals v Morley Design Thistle.

SUDOKU

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2970 MEDIUM

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

To solve the puzzle, each row, column and 3x3 grid within the larger grid must end up containing each number from 1 to 9, and each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

A sudoku grid has a single unique solution, which can be reached without using guesswork.

SOLUTION IN NEXT PUBLICATION.

7	9	2	8	6	4	1	5	3
3	5	8	1	2	9	6	7	4
6	1	4	5	3	7	2	9	8
8	3	9	6	5	1	7	4	2
1	4	5	7	8	2	3	6	9
2	7	6	9	4	3	8	1	5
4	6	3	2	1	5	9	8	7
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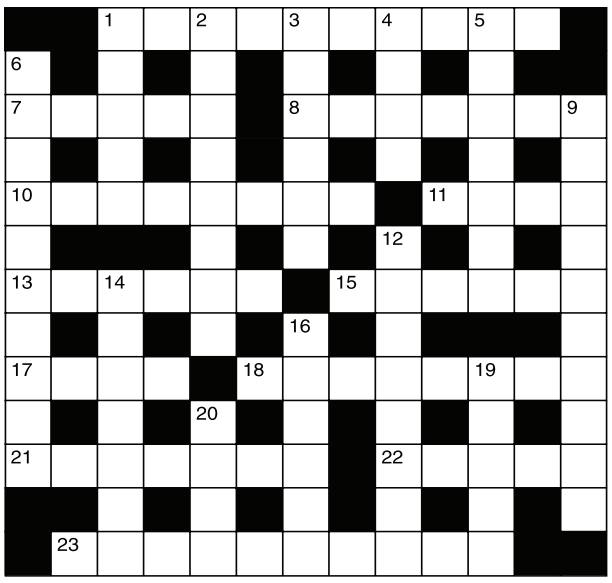
2969

DOUBLE CROSSWORD

No.11,612



CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

1. Marvellous bit of bowling that can be enchanting? (5,5)
7. The value of a new timer (5)
8. Coal pit out of sight (7)
10. Despair when sheep loo is moved (4,4)
11. Raise 51 feet (4)
13. It provides cover for those in flight (6)
15. Person breaking leg in wringer (6)
17. One in the community (4)
18. Investigate the sequel (6,2)
21. So larch is cultivated by student (7)
22. Disease a girl has a right to take to America (5)
23. 'Angry' and 'irate' used in these (10)

DOWN

1. A boy's money (5)
2. Appoint a senior teacher and make progress (3,5)
3. Rough or rough-hewn (6)
4. Head for the spread (4)
5. Short of resin and a ruler (7)
6. Are they of less than sixty minutes between midnight and dawn? (5,5)
9. Job for the landlord in the mail? (10)
12. Trip as winter arrives in America? (4,4)
14. Not one in there, perhaps (7)
16. Hire some sub or rowing boat (6)
19. Hospital rooms under the control of a guardian? (5)
20. Beers in the sale? (4)

Quick Crossword answers also fit the large grid

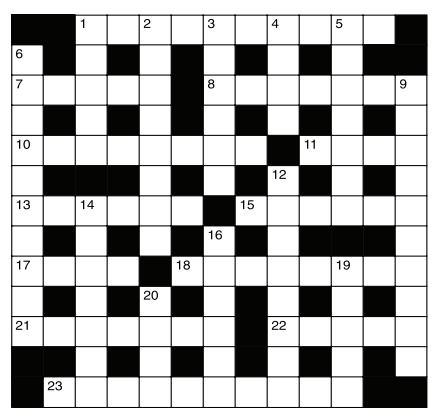
QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

1. Predominance (10)
7. Be (5)
8. Rear (4,3)
10. Outside (8)
11. Unyielding (4)
13. Score (6)
15. Disclose (6)
17. Raised (4)
18. Outlook (8)
21. Competitive (7)
22. Well done! (5)
23. Downcast (10)

DOWN

1. Aim (5)
2. Wholeness (8)
3. Writer (6)
4. Wicked (4)
5. Fissure (7)
6. Delightful (10)
9. Destruction (10)
12. Prudent (8)
14. Perform (7)
16. Gaol (6)
19. Precise (5)
20. Pageantry (4)



SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLE 11,611

QUICK

Across: 6 Blubber; 7 Total; 9 Inn; 10 Inference; 12 Translation; 15 Earthenware; 17 Masculine; 19 Sly; 21 Flush; 22 Execute. Down: 1 Slant; 2 Ebb; 3 Lean; 4 Momentary; 5 Halcyon; 8 Fellow; 11 Criticise; 13 Needle; 14 Capable; 16 Plate; 18 Next; 20 Act.

CRYPTIC

Across: 6 Romanic; 7 Lethe; 9 And; 10 Rehearsal; 12 Sedimentary; 15 Mind-readers; 17 Get-at-able; 19 Arm; 21 Stoop; 22 Propose. Down: 1 Downs; 2 Lay; 3 Rice; 4 Secretary; 5 Theatre; 8 Defend; 11 Pendragon; 13 Ice cap; 14 Pimento; 16 Dress; 18 Lyre; 20 Ups.

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

Friday, June 10, 2022

by Eugenia Last

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:
Kate Upton, 30; Leelee Sobieski, 39; Shane West, 44; DJ Qualls, 44.

Happy Birthday:
Choose your words wisely. Misinterpretation will stand between you and what you want. Leave nothing to chance or up to others to handle for you. Explore how you feel about your options; take the path that suits you best. Don't feel married to someone's ideas and plans when you have your own to pursue. Balance and integrity will enhance the outcome. Your numbers are 7, 15, 19, 23, 32, 36, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19):
Be realistic. Don't believe everything you hear or take on more than you can handle. Emphasize what you can do to tidy up loose ends. A heart-to-heart chat with a friend or relative will help you put your life in perspective. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):
Take care of money matters, your reputation and your position. Leave nothing to chance or up to someone likely to step in and take over. Keeping your opinions and plans to yourself will make your life easier. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):
Do the research. A biased opinion will cause uncertainty, leaving you in a vulnerable position. Go over details, rules and regulations, and make sure you have taken care of anything that can negatively influence what you are trying to achieve. 5 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22):
Get expert advice before initiating change or starting something new. Make sure your plans fit your budget, and prepare to go the distance before you begin. A physical change will help decide how you want to evolve. 2 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):
Challenging yourself physically will ease stress. Put your energy into something that matters to you, and you'll find a way to make a difference. Home improvement projects will give you a new lease on life. Stick to a budget. 4 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):
A change will lift your spirits and put you in the mood to get out and have fun with friends or spend a romantic day with someone you love. Worry less about what others think. Do what makes you happy. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):
You'll have the drive and stamina to get things done. Refuse to let someone get in your way or take over. Map out your plan and go about your business. What you learn through experience and doing things yourself will pay off. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):
Keep life simple. Don't get into an emotional tiff with a friend, relative or peer. Plan your next move or fix up your space to make it easier to handle your responsibilities. Find an exciting way to use your talents. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):
Make yourself comfortable by improving your surroundings. Take charge of your happiness, and don't give anyone the chance to ruin your day. Get together with someone who challenges you to be better. A partnership looks promising. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):
Spend more time pampering and pleasing yourself. A couple of changes at home will make you feel at ease and assist you in distancing yourself from someone who is a bad influence. Say no to unrestrained behavior. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):
Take a moment to figure out what others want or expect from you. Don't feel you have to make a change because someone else does. Stick close to home and work on projects that will make you feel good about your life. 5 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):
Keep personal and financial information to yourself. The fewer things others know about you, the easier it will be to avoid being asked for handouts and favors and feeling the need to take on responsibilities that don't belong to you. Protect your assets and reputation. 3 stars

Birthday Baby:
You are persistent, innovative and thoughtful. You are ambitious and diligent.

STAR RATINGS
FIVE STARS: Nothing can stop you now. Go for the gold.
FOUR STARS: You can pretty much do as you please. It's a good time to start new projects.
THREE STARS: If you focus your efforts, you will reach your goals.
TWO STARS: You can accomplish a lot, but don't rely on others for help.
ONE STAR: It's best to avoid conflicts. Work behind the scenes or read a good book.

Game ends early after injury

RUGBY by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

THERE'S no more important consideration in sport at any level than player safety.

And so Poverty Bay referee Damien Macpherson did the right thing in calling an early end to the game between the Gisborne Boys' High School first 15 and St John's College on Saturday.

GBHS beat a brave St John's outfit 54-0 here on Rectory No.1 after leading 42-0 at halftime.

The Duane Hihi-coached Gisborne team scored eight tries — a double to No.8 Reuben Whaitiri, with one each to right wing Taimana Teneti, fullback Cohen Loffler, left wing Luka Russell, tighthead prop Nathaniel Hauiti, openside flanker Ben Phelps and reserve fullback Kaiaio Tangira-Kerekere.

Hauiti's co-captain, first five-eighth Carlos Hihi, kicked six conversions and Russell, one, before referee Macpherson, a first-class official, blew the whistle for fulltime in the 58th minute of play.

Lock Kaia Gate, who has consistently been one of Boys' High's best-performed forwards this season, took their MVP (most valuable player) award.

Hihi senior said: "Both teams were depleted with injuries and sickness, but we were glad to finally get this exchange off the ground after the game on April 14 had to be postponed. At the start, we were a bit messy and discipline was lacking; once we settled into our work, we expressed ourselves and put points on the board. I was happy with our physicality in the contact zone, but not always our execution."

St John's head coach and director of rugby Matt Wyatt gave a nod to class: "I was impressed by Carlos for Gisborne, but also by our boys. We achieved what we needed to — we gave the wider squad members a run before our Central North Island competition game against St Paul's Collegiate School in Hamilton next weekend."

Tighthead prop Riley Toomer, deputising for regular captain and rake Dylan Homan, said: "Gisborne gave us a very hard time with their quick defence up in our faces constantly. They had size and speed but I thought we showed a lot of heart in that game. Our boys kept playing hard."

Toomer won the toss and chose to kick off. Hihi junior opted to play with the wind from the Rectory end.

Gisborne opened the scoring in the fifth minute.They took a tighthead at a scrum set seven metres on their own side of halfway, 10m off the right touch. Whaitiri picked the ball up, found Phelps in support and on his carry, Boys' High made it to the opposition goal-line. Two rucks later, Whaitiri scored 10m to the right of the posts.

Carlos Hihi converted all seven of the GBHS first-half tries.

In the 12th minute, from the left side of the ground on attack in St John's 22, Teneti caught the ball off a cross-field bomb from Hihi and scored. Whaitiri's second try came from a five-metre scrum, set five metres to the right of the posts in the 17th minute. In the 21st minute, on attack in the home team's half, St John's hard-running second-five Paea Pulu's pass right-side was picked off by GBHS centre Xavier Tuapawa. He found Loffler, who showed decent wheels in sprinting 63m to score. The score became 28-0.

In the 22nd minute, a St John's bomb from inside their own 22 was defused by GBHS five metres on the visitors' side of halfway and Russell, left side of the ground, weaved his way back through traffic to score next to the posts.

In the 27th minute, the Boys' High pack took a tighthead from a five-metre defensive scrum for St John's. It took two rucks for Hauiti to get within striking distance. He scored 12m to the right of the posts.

After halftime, the score became 47-0 with a well-deserved try to Phelps in the right corner. As with Russell's score, St John's had put boot to ball from a defensive scrum, the hosts caught it just on the opposition's side of halfway. Over five phases, they built momentum and then finished accurately.

Phelps's try was not converted at 47-0, but Russell converted the eighth and last — to Tangira-Kerekere — in the 55th minute. From a five-metre attacking scrum set five metres off the right touch, GBHS shifted the ball twice and the reserve fullback scored a metre to the left of the posts. The score became 54-0.

Two minutes later, blindside flanker Tebwaatau Tangau — one of the visitors' best and bravest on what had been a tough day for St John's — fell awkwardly in a tackle. The seriousness of his injury necessitated the game's shifting to Rectory 2. St John's wished to continue. With Pulu being injured shortly thereafter, the referee blew for fulltime.

In the lead-up to the game against St John's, Hauiti's priority for his pack was scrummaging and accurate execution of set-piece play. Insofar as they could be achieved, both things were done.

The game was played in excellent spirit by both teams.

St John's never shied off in the tackle: scrum-anchor Toomer and reserve halfback-cum-starting-hooker Harry Campbell were among the visitors' best.

Gisborne Boys' High played good rugby, and will encounter stiffer Super 8 opposition away this Saturday, in Napier BHS at 12 midday.

Defending Warriors culture

George addresses criticism amid Brown's exit

LEAGUE

WARRIORS chief executive Cameron George has defended criticism around the culture of the club, following a string of poor results and the departure of their head coach.

Currently riding a five-game losing streak, the Warriors parted ways with head coach Nathan Brown earlier this week after the 48-year-old informed the club his situation had changed and he would no longer be able to commit to moving to New Zealand to see out the final year of his deal in 2023.

The club moved quickly, releasing Brown and appointing Stacey Jones to take his place in an interim capacity.

The move comes just a couple of weeks after form prop Matt Lodge was released from his contract, receiving a payout reportedly around $700,000 due to a number of factors including relocation and frayed relationships with front office staff.

The club's news cycle over the past month and the lack of effort in their performances has prompted many to question the culture behind closed doors, and George has been quick to defend it, noting that members of the club who are leaving are doing so on personal grounds, not professional.

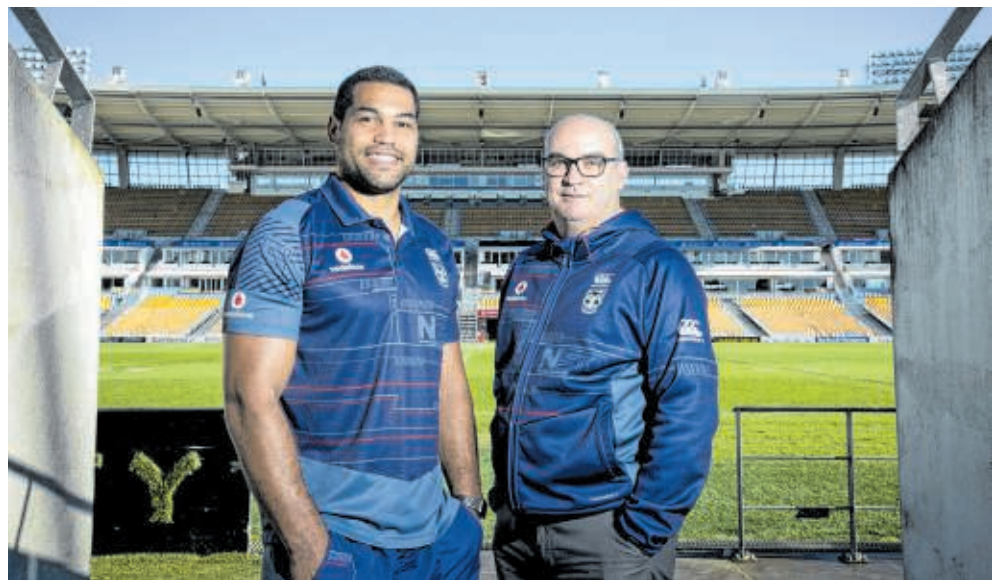
"We have a really good culture. If anyone wants to challenge that, they can," George said.

"Unless you live in it, unless you understand it, unless you've been a part of it, you'll never get it.

"Are things going our way? Absolutely not. We're not proud of it, we're not pleased with it. Are we looking forward to getting home? Absolutely we are. You take anyone out of their home environment for three years and you'll see some cracks certainly appear.

"The situation we're in, things change rapidly. And they're personal changes, not necessarily professional changes. There's not one person or player leaving here or has decided to leave here on a professional basis. It's all been personal situations.

"It's not like they're just leaving us and running to other clubs on a professional basis; it's all to do with their personal side of things and as a footy club that cares for family and a footy club that understands what family means — particularly after the last three years — that's something we take very seriously when someone comes and sits down with us and puts that discussion on the table."



SCRUTINY ON CLUB: Former Warriors prop Adam Blair and Warriors CEO Cameron George on the home ground of the Warriors. George has defended the club and the culture as it has been critcised due to many players leaving and the shock exit of the head coach Nathan Brown earlier this week. NZ Herald picture

Speaking on NRL 360 on Tuesday night, Brown explained his departure from the club. He said his daughters did not want to relocate to Auckland from their home in Sydney and he wasn't willing to choose his job over his family.

While his family live in Australia, Brown's contact with them has been limited over the past couple of years — as has been the case with every member of the team at their Australian base — as they have been based mostly in Redcliffe, north of Brisbane.

He did not immediately walk out on the team, however. After informing the Warriors of his position for 2023, the club made the decision to move on immediately rather than have Brown see out the current campaign.

"I've heard that Browny quit. That's not the case," George explained. "He did say to us that he can't be there in the long term and that's his reason; we respect that. What we then had to do, I had to recommend to Mark how best we manage our way forward, and that is to look after the club in the short and long term, hence why we agreed on the decision we undertook."

With Jones now at the helm in the interim for the remainder of the season, the club have the luxury of time in their search for Brown's long-term replacement.

They hope to find a replacement within the next couple of months.

While many names have already come out of the woodwork as possible candidates, George has a clear idea of the type of coach the club needs need.

"To be honest, I want to see someone be a bit of a hard arse. We need to steel up our defence, we need to steel up our attitude, and that is right across the board," he said. "Someone who can bring a bit of a hard edge I think would be really good. Everyone carries it in a different way and I just like the simple approach to footy. "If someone comes to us and presents well and has a very simple philosophy and has the effort areas really strong, I think they are the key attributes that can help our club with the playing rosters that we have got over here." — NZ Herald

SPORT SHORTS

More Kiwi world qualifiers

BRAD Mathas and Georgia Hulls have both booked their places at the World Athletics Champs after winning their respective events at the Oceania Championships in Queensland

Mathas secured his spot by leading home a Kiwi one-two in the senior men's 800m final, winning in a time of 1:53:60. . . just ahead of Michael Dawson. Hulls was similarly dominant as she sprinted to an emphatic victory in the 200 — clocking 23.45 to resist the best of the Australian challenge and add her name to the World Championships team.

Mathas will next travel to Europe and base himself in Germany to finetune his preparations for the World Championships. Hulls will head back to New Zealand for a few days before flying out to France to train with New Zealand 400m hurdles record-holder Portia Bing. Risoe Elliott won the 400, Connor Bell the discus, Max Atwell the decathlon and Para-athlete Danielle Aitchison the 200. — RNZ

Jamieson plan: 'Get Root'

NEW Zealand bowler Kyle Jamieson reckons the tourists have had to think long and hard about how they take on England match-winner Joe Root.

Former captain Root delivered victory for the hosts in the opening Test of the series, reeling off an unbeaten fourth-innings century at Lord's. If his elegant knock was not enough of a reminder to the Black Caps' bowlers, the International Cricket Council provided another on Wednesday morning when its latest ranking table moved Root back up to No.2 in the world. He remains just behind Australia's Marnus Labuschagne, but three spots above the Kiwis' leading light Kane Williamson — and he could go into top spot with a strong showing at Trent Bridge this week.

Jamieson, who took six wickets at the home of cricket, confirmed Root was the name on everyone's lips during the bowlers' meeting in Nottingham. —AAP

Mickelson wont quit the tour

PHIL Mickelson has declared he won't quit the PGA Tour as he prepares to feature in the opening event of Greg Norman's LIV Golf Invitational Series. Mickelson, speaking publicly for the first time since the end of his self- imposed four-month exile, said he wouldn't follow fellow Americans Kevin Na and Dustin Johnson, who've both resigned from the US-based tour to play in the new, lucrative Saudi-backed series. He also revealed he would be playing in next week's US Open at Brookline. The six-time major champion reiterated several times while being grilled at a news conference at the Centurion course on Wednesday about Saudi sportswashing, that he didn't condone human rights violations. And after his previous derogatory comments about Saudi Arabia, he apologised for "saying and doing a lot of things I regret and for the hurt it's caused a lot of people." — AAP

More US golfers move to LIV

BRYSON DeChambeau and fellow major winner Patrick Reed are the latest big names jumping from the PGA Tour to the rival LIV Golf International Series. Both are expected to compete in the upstart circuit's first event in the United States, scheduled for June 30-July 2 at Pumpkin Ridge in Portland, Ore. DeChambeau's agent, Brett Falkoff of GSE Worldwide, confirmed the reports to ESPN. DeChambeau, 28, and Reed, 31, would give the Saudi-backed LIV Golf tour at least nine former major winners on its growing roster, along with Phil Mickelson, Dustin Johnson, Martin Kaymer, Sergio Garcia, Charl Schwartzel, Louis Oosthuizen and Graeme McDowell. Reed has nine PGA Tour victories, highlighted by his triumph at The Masters in 2018. Mickelson says he will not follow Dustin Johnson in quitting the PGA Tour as he prepares to feature in the opening event of the LIV Golf Invitational Series near London tonight. — RNZ

Brumbies lose centre

THE ACT Brumbies have welcomed back loose forward Rob Valetini but lost centre Len Ikitau to suspension for the Super Rugby semifinal against the high-flying Blues on Saturday. Valetini will start at number eight in the clash at Eden Park, with Pete Samu switching to openside flanker and Tom Hooper retaining his spot on the blindside. Ikitau was suspended for three weeks after being red-carded for a high tackle on Hurricanes first-five Aidan Morgan in the quarterfinal in Canberra over the weekend. The Blues name their team today. All Blacks captain Sam cane makes his return from injury from the bench for the Chiefs who meet the Crusaders in Christchurch Friday night. Josh Ioane will start at fullback in place of an ill Emoni Narawa. — RNZ

Golf Roundup

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Poverty Bay

A RETURN to regular golf last month has quickly reached a high for Di Sherratt — victory in the Kahlenberg Cup women's pairs.

Sherratt and Rosie Spence defeated Jan Utting and Marg Lane 3 and 2 in the handicap matchplay final on a glorious Gisborne day yesterday.

"It was a miracle," a delighted Sherratt said. "I can't believe we won."

The former member of country club Tahunga has only played in patches since she and husband Tim shifted into the city and joined Poverty Bay several years ago.

She decided to get out and play more this year and said the Kahlenberg Cup was "a good way to get back into it".

Clearly it was.

Sherratt, off 38, and Spence, off 29, had a blow-for-blow clash against Utting, off 18, and Lane, off 35.

"I think we halved one hole," said Sherratt, who acknowledged Utting as having to give all the shots.

"It was hard (for Jan). They had to play out of their skins."

Sherratt said it was the first Kahlenberg title for both of them.

The Kahlenberg Plate final was a close encounter. Lynne Holmberg and Odette Thompson beat Leigh Fletcher and Jenny Williams on the 18th.

WEDNESDAY — Kahlenberg Cup women's pairs matchplay final: Rosie Spence/Di Sherratt def Jan Utting/Marg Lane 3 and 2.

Plate final: Lynne Holmberg/Odette Thompson def Leigh Fletcher/Jenny Williams.

Women's stableford: S Spence 42, J Tietjen 39.

Twos: M Shanks.

Juliet Rickard cup 9-holers' matchplay final: Sue Ellwood def Sandy Armstrong.

SUNDAY — Men's stableford, division 1: M Jefferson 38, A.White 38, S Jeune 33.

Division 2: B Morrissey 38, G Marchbank 37, L Hewson 34.

Twos: D Hall.

Approach: G Brown.

SATURDAY — Men's stableford, division 1: A Abrahams 39, V Richardson 37, G Morley 37.

Division 2: M Smith 36, J Phillips 36, B Simpson 35, S Francks 35.

Twos: A Hayward

Approach: D Wright.

THURSDAY (June 2) — Men's stableford, division 1: D White 38, I Murphy 34, G Morley 33.

Division 2: M Thomas 33, M Smith 32, M Gemmell 31.

Twos: I Murphy, W Mortleman.

Approach: J Van Helden.

Electrinet Park

WATCH out for The Miss Fits.

That's the warning for the Te Kanawa Cup men's pairs top seeds as they prepare for a baptism by fire introduction to matchplay golf.

The Miss Fits, aka Paul Wellard and Rob Taylor, disposed of Young Guns Te Ariki Pomana and Silas Brown 4 and 3 to book a round of 16 clash with No.1-ranked Chris Fox and Matthew Downie for the highly sought-after trophy.

Fox and Downie, under the team name No 1 Deer, are new to the matchplay game and as the first seeds in a 31-pair competition earned a bye into round 2.

The defending champions were among those who fell at the first matchplay hurdle.

Matt Henwood and Craig Christophers, aka Trust The Process, lost on the 16th to Derek Craven and Josh Hayes.

Also out are former Te K winners Anaru Reedy and Pete Tamatea, who were well beaten by second-seeded Ian Loffler and Steve Webb.

Pete Stewart's run of success over the past couple of weeks ended as he and Josh Hayes were dumped 3 and 2 by James Witika and Steve Phillips.

The Two Tones — Tony Akroyd and Tony Leggett — blasted past Sel Peneha and Dave Te Maro 5 and 4. An Akroyd two on the par-3 14th sealed it in style.

Others to advance were Master Cards John Collier Sr and Cliff Nepe; the Carpenipia combo of Wayne Carpendale and Phil Nepia; Rolls Royce father and son pair Steve and Zach Rolls; Rod Moore and Duane Mauheni; Shaun Nepe and Charlie Uili; Booze Bros Dan Collier and Ray Walford; and John Collier jr and Waiti Tamatea

As of yesterday, three round 1 matches were still to be played.

SUNDAY — Women's net: J Foot 99-20-79 on c/b.

Drawn two: P Johansen.

Men's stableford: J Witika.

Twos: T Akroyd.

SATURDAY — LGU, silver division: R Taiapa 95-16-79 on c/b.

Bronze division: S Maisey 106-24-85.

Men's stableford: A Pahina 36.

TUESDAY (May 31) — Veterans' stableford: R Maxwell 42, C Carpendale 37, S Phillips 34, G Williams 32, R Taiapa 32, E Morley 32.

Twos: D Te Maro, S Phillips.

SUNDAY (May 25) — John Penny women's qualifying round, net: K Hay 75 on countback.

CUP FINALISTS: The finalists in one of Poverty Bay Golf Club's most prestigious women's trophies — the Kahlenberg Cup pairs — are (from left) Marg Lane, Jan Utting, Rosie Spence and Di Sherratt. Spence and Sherratt won the matchplay final 3 and 2.

Picture supplied

Patutahi

REGAN Hindmarsh found the sweet spot and the back of the hole to stunning effect in the Sunday stableford.

The big-hitting Hindmarsh fired 4-under 66 off his scratch handicap to win the senior men's division with 40 points.

His flawless round numbers-wise included four birdies and he was six points clear of the field in his division.

Reuben Mottart's improvement continues. He won the junior division with 83-18-65, for 42 points.

SUNDAY — Men's stableford, senior division: R Hindmarsh 40, S Pohatu 34, D Pohatu 34, P Hokianga 34, G Brown 33.

Junior division: R Mottart 42, L Jamieson 39, K Jones 33, M Smith 33, D Skudder 30.

Twos: M Smith.

FRIDAY — Meat pack 9-hole stableford, senior division: R Moleta 20, J Neilson 20, D Russell 18, D Pohatu 17.

Junior division: D Somerton 22, B Williams 20, S Maynard 18, R Mottart 16.

Tolaga Bay

WATT a man. Mark Watts made it two wins in two weekends in the club stableford on Sunday.

Watts mixed 10 pars with eight bogeys in his 76-8-68, for 37 points, and beat Zac Taiapa on countback.

SUNDAY — Stableford: M Watts 37, Z Taiapa 37, T Reedy 36, P Tuapawa 34.

Mahia

RUSTY Smith was more like a well-oiled machine on his way to the overall men's title of the HB Kingi par competition.

Smith started the holiday weekend tournament slowly with a minus-3 effort but shifted gears over the next two days, finishing +6 on the Sunday and +5 on Monday.

Viv Kyle won the women's crown.

RESULTS, HB Kingi par competition, Saturday results — Men: D Waihaki sq, R Smith -3, Wade Wesche -3, C Pitman -4, Wayne Wesche -4.

Women: V Kyle -1, T Smith -7.

Sunday results — Men: R Smith +6, Wade Wesche +3, C Pitman +1, N Jones +1, N Davey sq.

Women: V Kyle -2.

Monday results — Men: R Smith +5, D Waihaki +2, Wade Wesche +2, Wayne Wesche -4, B Maher -5, T Smith -5.

Women: T Smith -1.

Men's overall winner: R Smith.

Women's overall winner: V Kyle.

COMING UP: SATURDAY, Northern Hawke's Bay women's 27-hole open foursomes, 9.30am tee-off, entries to Renee 0273718682; SUNDAY, presidents' competition.

Waikohu

TE Rata Ritchie showed winter conditions aren't a problem in his stableford-winning round on Sunday.

Ritchie shot 90-22-68, for 38 points.

SUNDAY — Stableford: T Ritchie 38, T Smith 35, K Tamanui 31, E Wynyard 26, A Tamanui-Nunn.

COMING UP: SATURDAY, Waikohu men's open, 11am tee-off, be early to get a heart check and chance to win a voucher, contact Tama Brown 0274493473, note the club does not have eftpos; SUNDAY, club competition.

Te Puia Springs

IRITANA Ngarimu is on a roll.

Fresh from success in the Poverty Bay women's interclub pennants and a subsequent win in the Te Puia Springs club competition, she was back in the winner's circle on Sunday.

Ngarimu won with 36 points while Peter Harrison's 37 headed the men.

SUNDAY — Women's stableford: I Ngarimu 36, M Puke 26.

Men's stableford: P Harrison 37, M Higham 35, N Dewes 33.

Twos: P Harrison.

COMING UP: SUNDAY, Busby Cup men's competition, first round, draw to be made on the day.

Junior crossword

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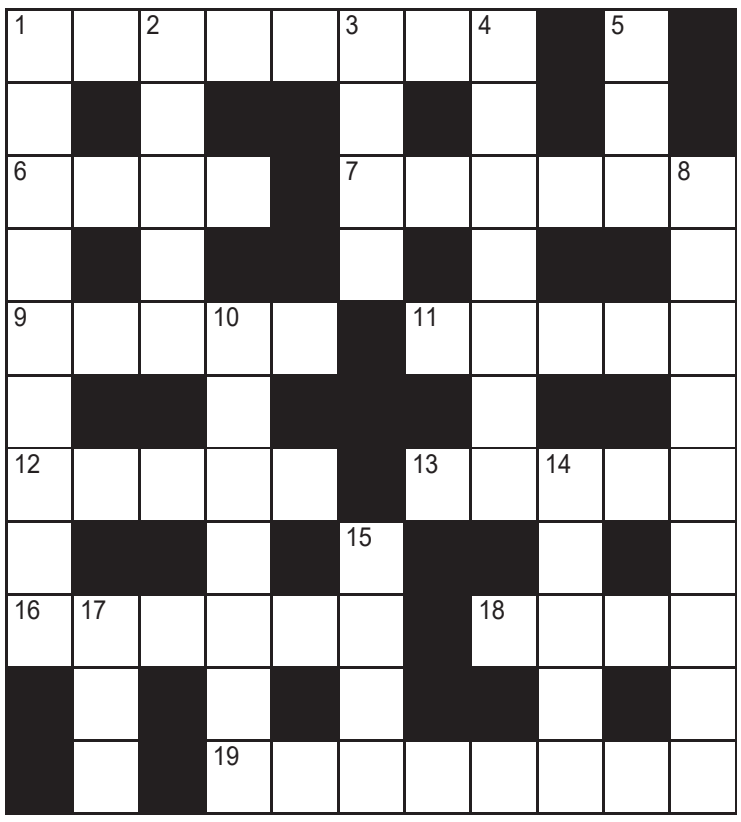

Across

1. An item of luggage (8)
6. A precious metal (4)
7. A stabbing knife (6)
9. By yourself (5)
11. Flying creatures (5)
12. Beneath (5)
13. A small-growing tree (5)
16. The skin over your eye (6)
18. A happy cat will __ (4)
19. A day of the week (8)

Down

1. Your signed name (9)
2. House made of snow (5)
3. Counts up (4)
4. A common language (7)
5. A gorilla is one (3)
8. A jam flavour (9)
10. Knitting sticks (7)
14. Circular (5)
15. What an editor does (4)
17. Opposite of no (3)

DeChambeau, Reed to join tour

GOLF

BRYSON DeChambeau and Patrick Reed are the latest major winners to join the LIV Golf Invitational series, according to reports sweeping the Centurion course on the eve of the first tournament in England.

Two more of the game's biggest names defecting to the breakaway tour represents another coup for Australian golf legend Greg Norman as his Saudi-backed series continues to gather huge momentum in its launch week.

DeChambeau, the 2020 US Open champion, and Reed, the 2018 Masters winner, are set to compete in LIV Golf's first US event at Pumpkin Ridge in Portland, Oregon, at the end of the month.

No-one from LIV Golf would comment on the multiple reports linking the pair to the lucrative tour which is offering NZ$284.5m of prize money in its first year.

— AAP

Big games on the cards

HOCKEY by Murray Robertson

MATCHES between arch-rivals GMC Green and YMP A in the women's division and Gisborne Boys' High and Lytton Old Boys in the men's competition are shaping up as the games of the round in Poverty Bay club hockey.

The INA Contracting GMC Green and YMP A women's clash at 2pm on Saturday on the Hain Farming Turf at Harry Barker Reserve speaks for itself.

"Both teams go in unbeaten," hockey commentator Tony Scragg says.

"Neither have been put to the test to this point of the season and this sort of game will more than anything be about the mental side. The winners will have a mental edge moving forward in the season."

GBHS take on LOB HPY Advisors at 7.30pm tomorrow night.

"Boys High will put them to the test," Scragg says. "The students' performance against Waituhi, that ended in a draw, said a lot about the character of the young team.

"The Advisors will need to be on song in their defensive circle."

The round starts tonight with YMP B women against Ben Holden Fencing Ngatapa at 6.30pm.

"YMP B are unbeaten too so far this season," Scragg says. "Tonight, though, will be a really big test for them against a Ngatapa team who have been performing well against the other top teams in the women's competition.

"I think Ngatapa might sneak through by the narrowest of margins."

The other Friday night fixture pits YMP A men against LOB Masters at 6pm.

"The Masters defended well against the Advisors two weeks ago," says Scragg, who plays for the Masters. "But we will need to be wary of a very good attacking side in YMP. We expect plenty of goals — double figures probably.

YMP B men face Waituhi on Saturday at 12.30pm.

"Waituhi all the way there," Scragg says. "They'll be red hot favourites against a YMP B side who have been struggling. The B team will look to keep the scoreboard respectable."

Paikea women take on Te Aowera at 3.30pm on Saturday.

"The ladies in pink of Paikea should be too strong and by a margin.

The round concludes at 5pm with the match between GMC Kowhai and Waituhi.

Scragg says both go in having yet to register a point so will be hungry for victory.

REPLAY: A feature match in the hockey this weekend has to be the replay of last year's womens' grade grand final when YMP A take on GMC Green. Last year's action featured Moelani Tureia-Siataga for YMP and the Green Machine's Kelsey Teneti. File picture

WEATHER FOR TOMORROW

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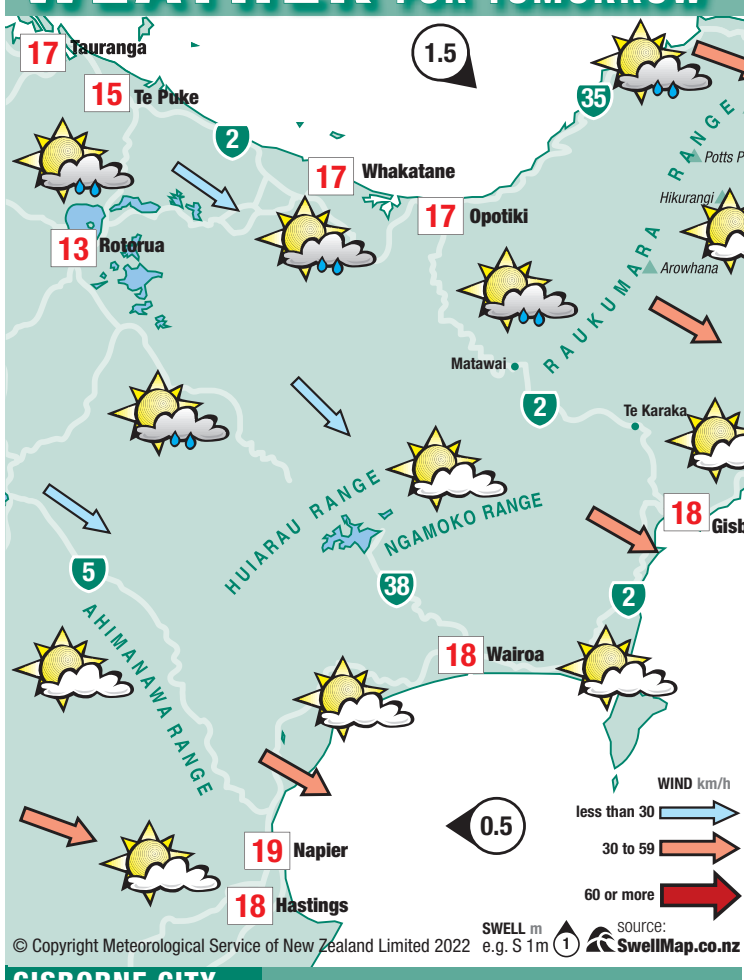

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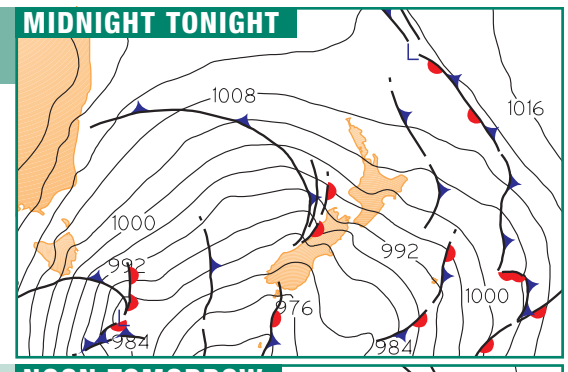

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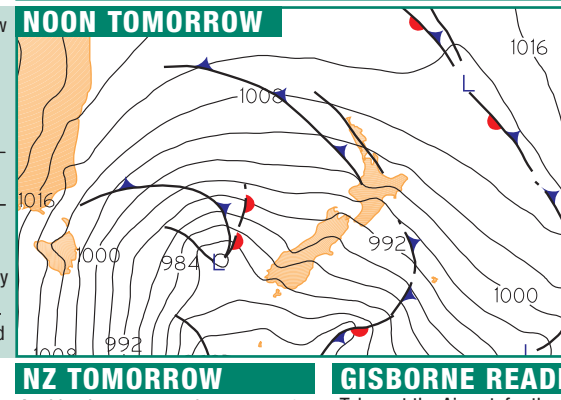
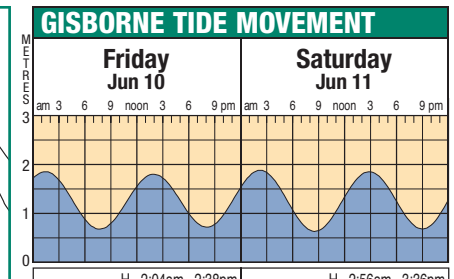


GISBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT



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	L	8:00am	8:21pm		L	8:55am	9:18pm
Tolaga Bay	H	1:39am	2:13pm	Tolaga Bay	H	2:31am	3:11pm
	L	7:48am	8:09pm		L	8:43am	9:06pm
Gisborne	H	1:25am	1:57pm	Gisborne	H	2:15am	2:51pm
	L	7:43am	8:05pm		L	8:33am	8:59pm
Wairoa	H	1:08am	1:37pm	Wairoa	H	1:58am	2:29pm
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SUN-MOON-MAORI FISHING GUIDE

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Rise	7:21 am	7:22 am
Set	4:53 pm	4:53 pm
Set	1:52 am	3:00 am
Rise	1:55 pm	2:22 pm
Fair — Best at	7:58 am, 8:21 pm	
Good — Best at	8:45 am, 9:10 pm	

NZ SITUATION

An unsettled westerly flow lies over Aotearoa New Zealand through to Monday with several troughs moving through the country.

NZ TOMORROW

Auckland	showers	17
Hamilton	showers	15
Tauranga	showers	17
Rotorua	showers	13
Taupo	showers	12
Napier	fine	19
New Plymouth	rain	17
Palmerston North	rain	14
Wellington	windy	15
Christchurch	showers	14
Queenstown	showers	9
Dunedin	showers	12

TODAY IN HISTORY

1953 – Widespread rain throughout Hawke's Bay brought flooding to some areas. Several roads were covered with surface water, some impassable. The Wairoa River was in moderate flood, with many slips on the Napier-Gisborne railway. Stock losses in this area were serious, particularly in pigs and poultry.

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GISBORNE READINGS

Taken at the Airport, for the 24 hours to 9am, Thursday 9 Jun 2022

SUNSHINE hours	
On Wednesday, 8 Jun	5.8
To date for June	34.5
Average for June	122.0
To date this year	937.0
Average year to date	953
WIND km/h	
Max gust on Wed 8 Jun	NW 44
RAINFALL mm	
24 hours to 9am, Thu 9 Jun	0.0
To date for June	35.9
Average for June	111.0
To date this year	710.4
To date last year	374.1
EVAPOTRANSPIRATION mm	
Daily average for past week	1.1
TEMPERATURE °C	
Maximum	20.3
Minimum	10.3
Grass minimum	6.6
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE	
At 9am 9 Jun (hPa)	1001.8
At 9am 9 Jun (inches)	29.58

WORLD TOMORROW

Adelaide	showers	9	16
Amsterdam	showers	11	20
Bangkok	thunder	25	32
Beijing	cloudy	18	29
Berlin	cloudy	12	23
Brisbane	fine	6	18
Buenos Aires	fine	7	13
Cairo	fine	26	41
Canberra	fine	2	11
Cape Town	cloudy	13	23
Delhi	thunder	29	42
Frankfurt	fine	9	23
Geneva	fine	10	24
Hong Kong	thunder	25	28
London	showers	11	22
Los Angeles	fine	19	31
Melbourne	showers	9	14
Moscow	rain	16	27
New York	fine	17	24
Paris	fine	15	23
Perth	showers	13	22
Singapore	thunder	24	33
Stockholm	showers	12	23
Suva	showers	19	28
Sydney	fine	9	17
Tokyo	cloudy	18	25
Toronto	fine	13	23

GISBORNE CITY

TOMORROW	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
morning min 10, max 18	morning min 11, max 18	morning min 9, max 18	
Partly cloudy. Gusty northwesterlies.	Partly cloudy. Gusty northwesterlies.	Partly cloudy. Gusty northwesterlies.	Cloudy. Strong northwesterlies.

GISBORNE REGION

TOMORROW	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
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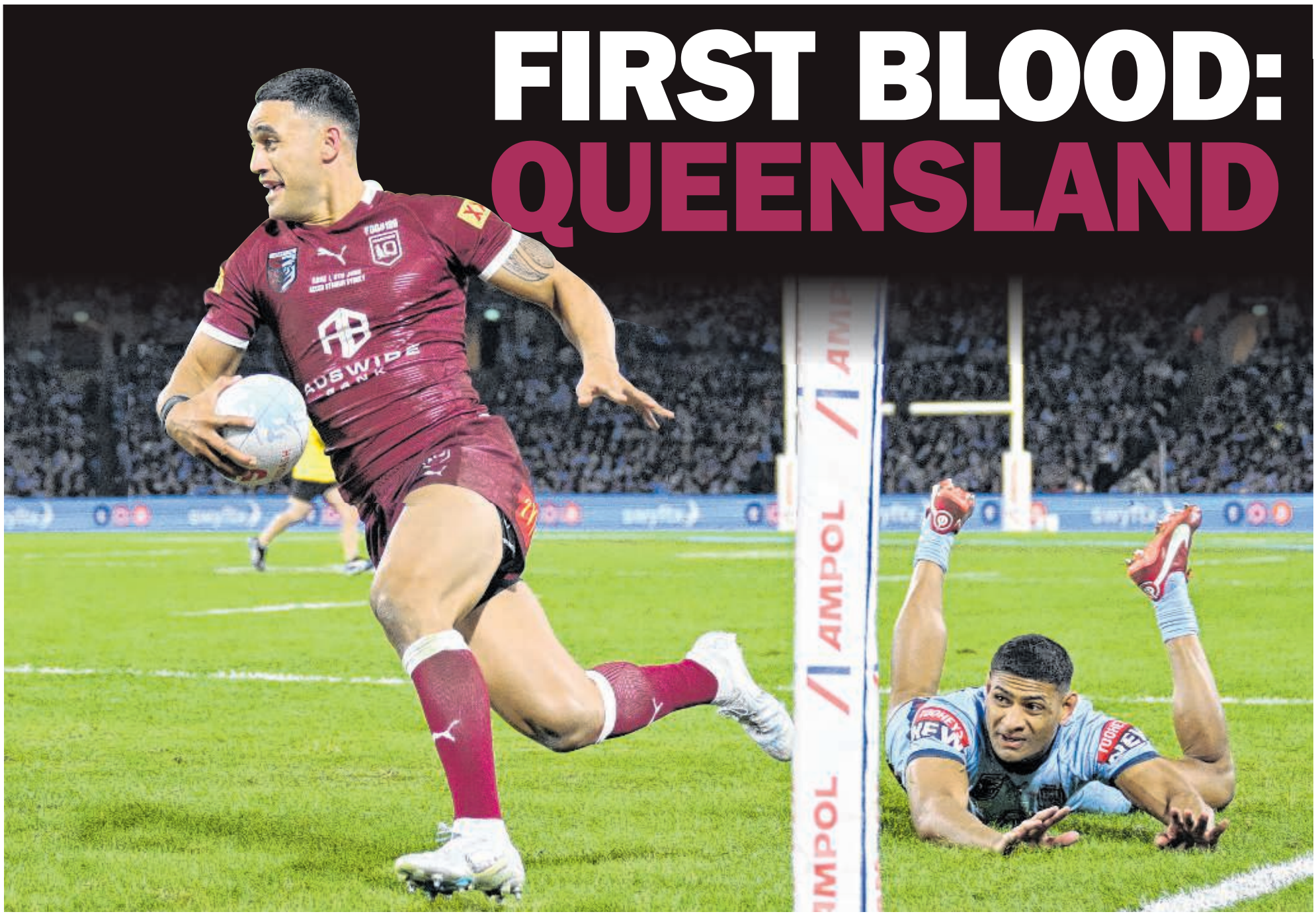

HOLMES RUN: Valentine Holmes of the Maroons runs in to score a try during Game 1 of the 2022 State of Origin series against New South Wales Blues at Accor Stadium in Sydney. The Maroons managed to secure the win16-10 in the thriller of a opener. More on page 24. AAP picture

Convincing wins in competitive matches

NETBALL
by Sherrill Beale and Murray Robertson

WAIKOHU and High School Old Girls ran out convincing winners in the premier grade netball in the YMCA last night but the matches were more competitive than the scores indicate.

In the first of the Pak'nSave premier matches F45 HSOG defeated Gillies Electrical Girls High School senior A 57-46.

HSOG were up 16-10 at the end of the first quarter then 30/25 at halftime, 44/36 at three-quarter time.

They started this game strongly.

Player/coach Alex Sinclair led her team well. She displayed great elevation in securing intercepts, rebounds and tipped balls, as well as linking the defence end with the attackers.

When given the chance HSOG moved the ball at speed through the court and looked as though they were going to pull ahead convincingly.

However Girls' High dug in their toes, worked together on defence and stopped the flow of the ball through the court to prevent the scoreline blowing out.

The students won the second quarter and lost the next two quarters by only three goals.

It was a competitive game with both teams having to work hard.

In the second match last night Claydens Waikohu 1 outplayed JT Contracting Horouta Gold 60-36.

There was only a goal in it after the first period, 14/13 to Waikohu, but they were up 33-23 at halftime, and then led 50-30 at the three-quarter mark.

It was a close first quarter but Waikohu came out strongly in the second period by tightening their defence, pressuring Horouta's ball carrier and capitalising on the errors to power ahead.

Waikohu showed the depth in their bench as they made changes at each quarter but the team play and the understanding between players remained strong and consistent. The whole team made Horouta Gold work hard to get the ball in to their shooters.

The premier match this Saturday in the YMCA sees YMP 1 against Whangara Old Girls 1 at 9am.