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**FLOWER POWER:** Gisborne District Council's "garden team" of (from left) Angela Fischer, amenity and horticulture supervisor Belen Ballester, Mulatama Mulafiatama, Kees Albers-Connolly and David Murphy appreciate the positive feedback concerning the colourful flower beds decorating the city centre. Council staff, mayor Rehette Stoltz and the Gisborne Herald have all received complimentary feedback. Staff had worked tirelessly to add vibrancy to the city, said the mayor. **STORY PAGE 4**

Picture by Rebecca Grunwell

## Year-round drug ops

### Police move focus to meth and synthetics

by Murray Robertson

TAIRAWHITI police will focus on more harmful drugs like methamphetamine and synthetics instead of aerial cannabis operations.

But police will still target commercially grown cannabis, said area commander Inspector Sam Aberahama.

Nationally police have axed their annual aerial cannabis operations, which have seen thousands of plants pulled from isolated locations in Tairawhiti and elsewhere around the country for about 30 years.

In a statement on Wednesday police headquarters said, "A one-size-fits-all annual aerial

national cannabis operation no longer represents the most appropriate deployment of police resources."

Instead, each police district will prioritise their anti-drug operations to best meet the local needs.

"The decision to spread resources throughout the year, and increase surveillance focus on the drugs causing the greatest harm in the community, does not mean that police across the country will not investigate and prosecute people engaged in the commercial cultivation of cannabis," the statement said.

Inspector Aberahama said in Tairawhiti the intention

will be to refocus the way drug operations, including cannabis operations, are run.

"Instead of once a year, as has previously been the case with our aerial operations against cannabis plantations, we will strengthen our efforts throughout the year.

"It's absolutely critical that we keep applying pressure on those who are wreaking havoc in our communities through the distribution of destructive and harmful drugs," he said.

"Our goal is to focus on the more harmful drugs like methamphetamine and synthetics, but we will still also target commercial cannabis operations.

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# Numbers up at favourite camp sites in region

by Andrew Ashton

SUMMER camping in Gisborne is booming with hundreds more campers getting out and about — and they are not done yet.

Gisborne District Council has issued more than 1500 permits for its summer camping areas this season, to both domestic tourists and Gisborne locals.

Permit numbers are up by about 300 on the same period last year. Camping areas at Tokomaru Bay, Tolaga Bay and Pouawa have been in high demand, while the designated freedom camping areas at Kaiti Beach and Makorori are regularly at capacity, GDC confirmed yesterday.

As well, over 800 vehicles have been recorded as freedom camping this season. Unlike previous years, many of those freedom camping are passing through for fewer than three nights, a GDC spokeswoman said.

Camping compliance officers had visited sites daily and issued 78 infringements under the Freedom

Camping Bylaw since October, largely for not meeting the self-contained requirement of having a chemical toilet.

“This is an ongoing problem, as it puts excessive pressure on existing public facilities and creates environmental and health issues when people are inappropriately disposing of toilet waste,” monitoring and compliance team leader Kate Sykes said.

“On many occasions our officers have visited campers who have chemical toilets but aren’t using them.”

Other issues reported were around rubbish dumping and camping in prohibited areas, however education from compliance officers has been well-received.

“We’d like to thank the East Coast community who have also helped educate our visitors. As a council we welcome those coming into the region. We just ask they treat our environment respectfully and stick to the camping rules.”

Campers spoken to by The Herald



**MILLION DOLLAR VIEWS:** Pouawa summer campers Judy Miller holding Tigger, Sally Morgan, Roger Hill, Peter Miller and Penny Hill. Picture by Liam Clayton

at the still busy Pouawa campsite this week were keen on staying longer.

Sally Morgan said she came to the campground most years.

“It’s the best place in New Zealand. This is the best time to come, when no one else is around.”

Fellow Gisborne resident Judy Miller agreed.

“It’s a million-dollar view.”

Campers were also happy to have seen regular attendance by council officers over the summer.

“Michelle (Lexmond) from the council is pretty onto it,” Judy said.

Ms Lexmond is the council’s summer and freedom camping compliance officer.

Roger and Penny Hill are in their 35th year at the site and have seen the spot become more and more popular.

“There’s a lot more people about than there used to be,” Roger said.

“I think that can be attributed to the fact there are far more caravans and motor homes about than there used to be.”

## Watch out for little shorebird

THE behaviour of most beachgoers over summer in areas the native shorebird dotterel nest has been good says the Department of Conservation.

The Gisborne branch of DoC and the Gisborne District Council urged campers and other beachgoers in December to watch out for the little shorebirds nesting on beaches like Turihaua. DoC biodiversity ranger

Jamie Quirk says they don’t have specific numbers for the number of dotterel that were born over the nesting season.

“But we have had chicks hatching again this season. Most hatched last year and were gone by Christmas but there has been some secondary nesting,” Mr Quirk said.

He said people were keeping a respectful distance from the birds and allowed

them to nest and raise their chicks.

“We would like to remind anyone who is driving on the beach to be careful and look at where they’re going. Dotterels and other shorebirds nest on the ground and tend to be well-camouflaged, so it can be all too easy to disturb them, or worse. People with dogs in the area should also keep them well under control,” Mr Quirk said.

**KEEP AWAY:** The Department of Conservation is reminding beachgoers to watch where they are going as dotterels and other shorebirds nest on the ground and tend to be camouflaged.

Picture by Sarah Curtis

### LOOKING AHEAD



# weekender

## Searching for honeymooners

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### FOCUS ON THE LAND

- About 1500 head on offer today in the weekly Matawhero sheep sale — prices and comment.
- Ross Buscke calls time on judging the wool at the Wairoa A and P Show.
- Poverty Bay results from the Tux North Island and NZ Yarding Challenge and Handy Dog trials in Taupo.

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# NCEA results reflect best of a bad situation

by Jack Marshall

HIGH school exams are a stressful time of year with results having the power to decide which future study doors stay open.

For last year's exam-taking students there was that same pressure to perform well combined with a global pandemic locking them out of the school that were trying to teach them.

Gisborne Girls' High School student Holly Fisher says she made the best of a bad situation, with help from generous teachers.

"It was actually good. I didn't struggle at all because there was lots of support and the school handled it really well considering how little time they had. It all happened pretty quick," said Holly.

"There were Zoom calls and constant communication. You were always able to email them, even out of school hours, and they were still contacting us.

"Which probably wasn't the best for them," Holly said.

She estimates during lockdown she would study around four hours a day — one class in the morning and one in the afternoon, with a little exercise and food breaks in between.

"I was trying to keep a bit of a rhythm throughout my days.

"It was quite independent. You know, if you wanted to do it you did it."

Holly said some people who came back to school after lockdown had done no school work. She said the break sounded nice but it would be hell once they were back at

school.

Holly said a helpful change made due to the pandemic was the extended exam period, which gave students 10 more days to prepare for the tests.

Having studied physics, chemistry, biology, statistics and English, she is off to Palmerston North to study radiography in February, following her mother, who is a nurse, into healthcare.

After speaking with her mother, friends and family she became fascinated by the scans, X-rays and the physics behind the technology.

As part of her studies she will be on placement at a hospital.

Her first choice was at the busy Waikato Hospital where a lot happens but she says she is happy with her second choice — Gisborne.



**THE RESULTS ARE IN:** Gisborne Girls' High School student Holly Fisher passed her exams despite the pandemic and disruptions.

Picture by Liam Clayton

## End of aerial sweeps 'a good outcome'

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"We will investigate and we will prosecute, but that could happen at any time of the year."

Insp Aberahama said the end of the traditional aerial operations nationally was a good outcome for the districts.

"We will have more flexibility in how and when we run our anti-drug operations, while still being able to access the national tactical support that's available if needed."

Previously the RNZAF had provided aircraft to assist with the aerial operations.

The national police statement said police have a wide range of tactical options targeting the production, manufacture and distribution of illicit drugs.

"These tactics include intelligence gathering through a variety of methods including aerial searches, using informant information, general policing and public tip-offs," the statement said.

"Districts will make these operational decisions based on the requirements specific to each area.

"They work with the National Organised Crime Group throughout the year, to target the manufacturers and distributors of methamphetamine, synthetics and cannabis as these drugs are all known drivers of crime and revenue streams for organised crime groups."

# Glyphosate warning a worry for beekeepers

by Mark Peters

GISBORNE and East Coast manuka honey producers are left with little wriggle room following Japan's warning it will block New Zealand honey imports if tests at the border continue to show the presence of the herbicide glyphosate.

Glyphosate is the most widely used herbicide in the world, including in New Zealand. Monsanto's Roundup is the most recognised brand that uses the chemical.

Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare told the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) that if 5 percent of imported honey exceeds its glyphosate limit, it will stop the honey coming into Japan.

"Potentially they could do that and I've done nothing wrong," says Pauariki Honey managing director Mike King, whose business exports eight tonnes of manuka honey a year to Japan.

"Potentially we may no longer be able to export honey to Japan because other exporters have not abided by the new regulations.

"We collect honey from our bee hives throughout the northern Hawke's Bay and East Coast regions. All of our export honey and domestic sales honey gets tested for glyphosate."

MPI sets the New Zealand testing regulations while accredited laboratories such as Analytica do the actual testing.

MPI has deemed as acceptable a limit of 0.1 glyphosate per kilogram of honey. Japan's glyphosate limit per kg of honey, however, has been reduced to 0.01 milligrams. This is believed to be the lowest level in the world.

"Japan is now testing all honey from New Zealand at the border, after it detected glyphosate for the second time through random testing," Radio New Zealand reported.

"They're basically saying zero,"



**EAST COAST GOLD:** Although Pauariki Honey does not use the weedkiller glyphosate, managing director Mike King says Japan's warning to New Zealand beekeepers about the presence of minute traces of the chemical in some manuka honey imports is a concern.

Picture by Strike Photography

says Mr King.

"I think potentially it's an over-reaction, but our export clients are very particular. Maybe it's a step towards reducing the likelihood of adulterated honey getting into Japan."

To help ensure hives are not in areas subject to spraying at particular times of year Pauariki Honey works with farmers and landowners.

"We're in discussion with landowners about when they're doing their spraying but bees can fly several kilometres from their hives. From a block in Valley Road they could fly to Ormond or backyards where people have sprayed Roundup.

"Whether I have glyphosate in my honey is out of my and landowners' hands."

The prospect of stopping use of glyphosate raises a lot of economic questions, Mr King said.

"I don't use it but the product I do use costs me twice as much."

Japan has high standards and

pays "top dollar" for premium product, he said.

"Japan could be leading the way here, saying 'we don't want glyphosate in our food'. For us it's achievable but it's going to mean more costs for laboratory testing and potentially we may lose the ability to export our honey to Japan."

New Zealand laboratories can't test for glyphosate below 0.01 glyphosate per kilogram of honey, says Beebox honey producer Michael Burt. That amount is the equivalent of one pinch of salt in 10 tonnes of potato chips or one square in a roll of toilet paper stretched from New York to London, he said.

"So effectively, any detectable glyphosate residue makes honey ineligible for Japan."

Mr Burt wondered if the New Zealand company that wanted a point of difference in the manuka honey market had caught Japan's attention.

"They made a bit of noise about glyphosate testing. That

definitely caught the ears of international trading partners. Beekeepers around the world are struggling and see New Zealand honey sold 20 times more than they're having sales for.

"I think other markets will follow suit."

Because manuka honey is seen as a premium product, beekeepers who produce the honey are required to subject it to tests for many factors, including glyphosate, Mr King said.

"When I get a glyphosate test I get measurements on two other molecules that are created when glyphosate breaks down."

Bees are essential to the pollination of many crops and many areas beekeepers place their hives in use glyphosate, he said.

"In spring, when hives are set among kiwifruit, a lot of croppers are spraying their pastures."

One risk to beekeepers who export manuka honey is if one market closes people turn to other markets and those are quickly flooded, he said.

"My approach is to keep testing every batch and see if there's any pattern, if there's any area particularly linked to glyphosate."

Japan's strict testing regime became known four or five months ago, said WildCape Manuka Honey beekeeper Bill Savage.

"Most countries have MRLs (maximum residue limits) of 0.05."

MRLs indicate the maximum levels at which residues of agricultural compounds and veterinary medicines may be legally present in food for sale.

"Japan has MRLs of 'non-detectable'. There will be a certain amount of honey that will fall outside that space. Japan has always had strict, low residual limits.

"They're saying, 'get your shit together'."



## Bumper turnout expected at dig

MORE than 1000 children are expected to turn out tomorrow for the More FM annual pirate treasure beach dig.

A Facebook video showing what to expect at the beach dig had been seen by 4000 people, said Wainui Lions director of publicity Ian Stewart.

He estimated between 1500 and 2000 children could show up on the day.

The dig will be at Churchill Park from 3pm to 5pm.

Children pay \$3 to enter and can dig for discs which provide vouchers for various prizes as well as a unique number qualifying them for a prize draw. Prizes include a ride on the Trust Tairawhiti rescue helicopter.

Awards are also on offer for the best dress-up and the Lions train will be out to provide rides.

All proceeds go to the Lions' charitable trust and are then distributed to groups in the community.

## Keeping an eye on our rubbish

ARE you interested in taking action against ocean pollution? Do you want to contribute to New Zealand's progress toward Sustainable Development Goals Reporting?

On Monday at the Tairawhiti Environment Centre from 9am people are welcome to join a training workshop for Litter Intelligence, a citizen science platform that enables community groups to contribute to a growing national litter database by monitoring their local beaches and auditing the rubbish.

This free workshop will pass on the skills in surveying, data collection, and health and safety that will allow attendees to play an important part in this long-term, grassroots effort.

Participants will learn how to set up and run a survey, sort and record rubbish in an audit, and add data into the national database and solutions platform.

The workshop will go until 2pm and participants will travel to a beach to conduct a litter survey.

Any questions email [Ashawnelise@sustainablecoastlines.org](mailto:Ashawnelise@sustainablecoastlines.org)

People must register on the attendance form linked here: <https://tinyurl.com/yxdrpt9t>

## Road marking on Wainui Road

MOTORISTS should expect delays because of road resurfacing and line marking works on State Highway 35 next week.

Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency is advising work will take place at Kaiti and Wainui on Tuesday and Thursday.

"Stop/go traffic management will be in place on SH35 between Coldstream Road and Worsley Street in Kaiti on Tuesday, between 6am and 1pm, and on Thursday between 6pm and 6am," an NZTA statement said.

"Stop/go traffic management will also be in place on SH35 between Wairere Road and Wheatstone Road in Wainui on Tuesday between midday and 6pm, and on Thursday between 6pm and 6am.

"Traffic will be held at each worksite for a short time during the works. Motorists are advised to adhere to the speed restrictions and expect delays."

# Gisborne 'priority area' for housing

## Kainga Ora to deliver 160 homes by 2024

by Jack Marshall

CROWN agency Kainga Ora expects to deliver about 160 public housing places in the Gisborne district by June 2024, with around 40 transitional housing places to be delivered by 2022.

Gisborne was listed as a priority area yesterday when the Government announced the East Coast (including Hawke's Bay) would receive 340 to 590 extra public housing places and 100 to 170 transitional housing places over the next four years, as part of its Public Housing Plan.

The places are part of 8000 that were budgeted for last year, with the announcement yesterday specifying where those houses were going to

be built.

Yesterday afternoon Kainga Ora communications manager for central Martyn Watterson confirmed that house-building plans announced for Gisborne city late last year, to be built by early 2022, are part of the numbers announced yesterday.

"The 85 extra state homes to be delivered by Kainga Ora, as reported by the Herald last December, are part of the supply intentions in the Public Housing Plan released today," said Mr Watterson.

A spokesman for Te Tuapapa Kura Kainga - Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) later confirmed the numbers for Gisborne, of 160 public housing places by 2024.

New Zealanders needed houses to be able to live healthy, prosperous lives, he said.

"We need to build more public houses so people can move into them, and off the Housing Register, as quickly as possible."

"In the coming months, the next step is for Te Tuapapa Kura Kainga - the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development to work with Kainga Ora, Community Housing Providers, iwi and Maori groups, and local authorities, to firm-up who will deliver what and where.

"All of these providers will need to be involved to ensure successful delivery of the Public Housing Plan."

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by Wynsley Wrigley

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THE CBD is blooming.

Gisborne District Council's "garden team" are enjoying positive public feedback concerning the colourful large flower beds in the city centre, with the Dichondra silver falls "being the star of this summer season".

Council amenity and horticulture supervisor Belen Ballester said staff had paid special attention to the planters in the CBD and enjoyed receiving many compliments from the public.

"We put so much effort into these gardens, so it's nice for the team to receive this feedback."

"It's good to know the community is saying how gorgeous the pots are looking. We feel proud of the hard mahi we are doing."

Maintenance work includes regular watering, feeding the planters with seaweed every 15 days, keeping them tidy and free of weeds, deadheading to promote the growth of new flowers and trimming.

"We also carefully consider the design and which species will be used for the following season.

"We look for a combination of colours and shapes and draw from past experience to know what works well in these planters."

Ms Ballester said Dichondra silver falls had been used in the past "but we didn't achieve the cascade effect seen this year,

so we are proud of the result".

Mayor Rehette Stoltz said she had also positive public feedback.

"I am proud of how our council recreational teams have worked tirelessly leading into the busy season to prepare not only our CBD, but also our other gardens and reserves for the summer season

"Feedback have been very positive and the beautiful flower pots in the CBD have been particularly popular and added a bit of vibrancy to the city streets."

Te Hapara Garden Club member Bev Miller said herself and daughter Amanda, visiting her home town during the holidays, had both commented favourably on the flower pots.

They looked nice and colourful and

beautified the CBD.

Mrs Miller said the flower pots reminded her of what she had seen in Germany with colourful and low-hanging gardens.

But she enjoyed the cascading nature of the Dichondra silver falls.

It was a good team who was responsible for the flower pots, she said.

The Herald has also received positive feedback though Letters to the Editor.

One writer said the flowers and other plants in the planters looked fabulous. "Thank you to whoever designed and planted the plants."

Another letter from "visitors from Tauranga" said the large pots in the main street looked beautiful.

"Well done those responsible for them."



**MORE SQUASH:** The second squash shipment of the season to leave Gisborne by sea has been swinging over the Eastland Port wharf since Wednesday morning on to the freighter Southampton Star. The ship will load about 1300 units (1400 tonnes) of cargo from Coxco, LeaderBrand and Four Seasons. Loading should be completed sometime this afternoon. The produce is bound for Japan and South Korea. Four further squash shipments are scheduled for this season, the next on board the Oriental Iris, due February 3. Picture by Liam Clayton





**NEW USE:** Shipping containers due to be shifted to Midway surf club as Gisborne Airport sponsored storage during the rebuild process. Right, the visiting DC3 aircraft seen from inside the new terminal at Gisborne Airport.

Pictures by Liam Clayton



## From baggage claim to surf lifesaving storage

SHIPPING containers that made a temporary baggage claim area at Gisborne Airport will be put to good use.

While the new Gisborne Airport terminal was being built, passengers collected luggage from a temporary baggage claim area, made up of two shipping containers. Now the terminal is finished — complete with indoor baggage carousel — airport operator Eastland Group is lending the containers to Midway Surf Life Saving Club, to store surf lifesaving gear while the new clubrooms are being built.

“As infrastructure operators, we sometimes have items that we use during one of our

construction projects that can be re-purposed to support a community project,” Eastland Group chief operating officer Andrew Gaddum said.

“In this instance, the surf club needed storage facilities for their gear during the construction of their new clubrooms. The containers are the logical solution, and we’re very happy to help out.”

The containers are stored near the car rental parking area at Gisborne Airport, and will be moved in the next few weeks.

The seats inside the new terminal give panoramic and close-up views of the apron

and planes landing and taking off and would have provided a prime view of a Douglas DC-3C-S1C3G arriving at Gisborne Airport on Friday.

The flight was part of one of New Zealand’s first organised nationwide tours since Covid-19 lockdown.

The aircraft was a chartered tour by Pacific Trailways carrying 17 passengers and tour company administration. The company’s logistics manager Jessica Cooper said planning was already under way for more trips to Gisborne.

“The passengers went out to the stingrays,

did a tour of the city and on the second day, they went up to the arboretum and they had the 15-minute four-wheel-drive tour and a lovely lunch, then they came out to the airport and we flew them out to Napier.

“Everybody, in particular the crew, said how much they love Gisborne.

“It’s a beautiful provincial place, everybody is so friendly and everything you need is there, it’s just so easy to get around with lots of lovely eateries.

“It would be great to organise weekend trips to Gisborne, it’s only an hour and a bit from Auckland, it’s just fantastic.”

# DISILLUSIONED: Former fast food outlet worker not confident conditions will change

by Mark Peters

NOW teaching dance, and loving it, Gisborne woman Halaena McKeague still feels for her former co-workers at Burger King who are working under the same conditions she tried as union delegate to improve.

After four years of flipping patties for the fast food outlet, plus the stress of working as union delegate, Miss McKeague’s decision to leave was compounded by what she saw as a veiled threat of dismissal in an email from a manager. But with a number of New Zealand employment law changes set to come into force this year, she hopes wages, sick leave, and work environment conditions improve.

The Government is expected this year to roll out sweeping changes to workplace relations with the aim of improving legislation around pay equity, sick leave entitlements and the minimum wage.

During her time as an employee at the fast food outlet Miss McKeague could not understand why some staff members who had been there longer than she had were paid less.

“One of the main issues was the discrepancy in pay,” she said.

“I was getting paid more than some people who had been there longer than me. In some cases they might not have quite completed the online training but were completely capable in the work environment.”

The starting rate for Burger King workers is \$19 an hour while the pay rate for Level 3 staff is \$19.55 an hour.



**DISILLUSIONED:** Halaena McKeague, former union delegate for Gisborne’s Burger King hopes wages, sick leave, and work environment conditions improve with planned changes to employment. Disillusioned with workplace conditions at Burger King, though, Ms McKeague has turned to the media.

Picture by Paul Rickard

“We would ask the restaurant and unit manager, but they would stall and stall and stall. I’d go back and ask them again.”

Despite a promise the disparity would be rectified by November last year, there was no change to workers’ pay, says Miss McKeague.

Workplace Relations and Safety Minister Michael Wood confirmed last month the Government would raise the minimum wage to \$20 per hour from April 1 this year.

“I think everyone agrees those who served us so well during lockdown — including supermarket workers, cleaners,

and security guards — deserve a pay rise,” he said.

The Equal Pay Amendment Act 2020 came into force in November. This lays out a process for employees and unions to make pay equity claims and to bargain for increases in pay rates where it is arguable the work is undervalued.

Labour has promised to introduce Fair Pay Agreements. Such agreements would cover both employees and dependent contractors, workers would be represented by registered unions during bargaining, and concluding agreements would need more than 50 percent

support from workers and more than 50 percent support from employers.

Labour has also promised to legislate to double minimum sick leave entitlements, from five days to 10 days a year.

After Miss McKeague aired her concerns to various media outlets, she received a letter from one manager she felt passive-aggressively threatened her employment with Burger King.

“It was threatening in a non-threatening way. Even (Unite Union secretary) Gerard Hehir said it was a threatening email. He said ‘he’s telling you to shut up’.

“I went into this knowing I might lose my job. My co-workers couldn’t speak up but I was in a position where I could. They’re overworked, underpaid and taken for granted.”

Miss McKeague took on the role of union delegate after the distribution of a nationwide Burger King cash prize.

The \$2500 cash prize was offered to the store that sold the most Whoppers (a Burger King product) in a \$10 deal. The winning store would distribute the prize among its staff.

The Gisborne branch won but there was a shortfall in the prize money distribution, said Miss McKeague.

“We were each given prezzie cards worth \$40. There were about 29 staff including the manager. It didn’t add up to the full amount.”

The actual amount per staff member should have been \$86.20.

“More than \$1300 was missing. We wanted to know if a manager

had got a bonus. I never got an answer but became union delegate off the back of that.”

One “story” about the missing money was that it had gone into a “Christmas do” fund.

“But that never happened,” says Miss McKeague.

As union delegate, her main focus was fairness and a pay upgrade for staff.

Her suspicion workers were seen as dispensable was reinforced during Level 3 of the Covid-19 alert response.

“I’m not sure why we had to open during Level 3. A lot of staff opted out because of health conditions such as asthma.”

To meet customer demand more staff were taken on and the small kitchen area became crowded and unsafe, she says.

Because the store didn’t go cashless during that time the “zero contact” recommendation was insufficient.

“At the beginning of lockdown we had to deal with head office but they went ‘radio silent’ for days before lockdown. There was a lot of confusion about whether we’d be paid if the store closed.

“You had to work until the day of lockdown but the number of Covid cases kept going up and up. I told staff ‘if you feel unsafe, or have a pre-condition or have kids at home, tell management.’”

“Just before Covid-19 hit a team of union members tried to negotiate a new union agreement for more sick leave and better sick pay. We didn’t reach an agreement and collective bargaining hasn’t taken place.”

Burger King has not responded to The Gisborne Herald’s questions about Miss McKeague’s concerns.



# US under Biden could lead to climate-action changes in NZ

by Harry Lock, RNZ

WELLINGTON — Some academics say the new Biden administration could mean more pressure on New Zealand's Government and industries to clean up their carbon emissions faster.

The new US president — Joe Biden — yesterday signed a whole host of executive orders.

One of those orders has recommitted the US to the Paris climate accord. This means that in 30 days' time, the US will once again be part of the global accord.

Biden also cancelled the controversial Keystone XL Pipeline, which environmentalists and Native American groups had fought against for more than a decade.

It was an early indicator of an administration which was now looking to galvanise international efforts to combat the climate crisis.

Biden's climate-action plan showed he wanted to make the US the global climate-change police.

Part of it included a promise to "name and shame global climate outlaws", which would be determined through a new Global Climate Change Report, which would "hold countries to account for meeting, or failing to meet their Paris (accord) commitments".

However, the new US president also wanted countries to adopt a new, "sustained effort to dramatically increase global climate ambition".

Professor of political science and international relations at the University of Canterbury, Bronwyn Hayward, said it would be important for New Zealand not to fall behind.

"Now, when we really see the rubber hitting the road, and actual, real action being taken from a really big superpower, New Zealand will have to step up.

"We are really quite at risk at the moment of not realising how far we have to go in order to actually become a modern, low-carbon trading economy."



**US TO REJOIN PARIS CLIMATE ACCORD:** US President Joe Biden prepares to sign a series of executive orders — including to bring the US back into the Paris climate accord — at the Resolute Desk in the Oval Office just hours after his inauguration.

Agencies picture via RNZ

Over the past 30 years, out of all 45 "annex 1" countries, New Zealand had the second-worst record of emissions increases.

Since 1990, carbon emissions have increased by nearly 60 percent. The only country worse than us was Turkey.

A recent report by the Ministry for the Environment found New Zealand had exceeded its national share of consumption-based emissions by more than a factor of 6.5.

A new climate power The swift action Biden took on his first whirlwind day in office demonstrated a radical shift in priority for the US: from the previous president who took the country out of the Paris accord, to a new president who immediately ushered it back in.

However, the new leader's agenda showed his administration were keen to clean up their own house as well.

Biden has promised to invest \$1.7 trillion over the next 10

years, which would set the US on the path to being carbon neutral by 2050.

It was expected Biden would scale up his nation's own Paris accord targets when they first joined under then-President Barack Obama.

Back then, the targets were to reduce emissions by between 26-28 percent below 2005 levels by 2025.

Now, environmentalists were hoping Biden would increase it to a 40 percent, or even 50 percent, reduction by 2030.

New Zealand's Government has an emissions-reduction target of 30 percent on 1990 levels.

Foreign Affairs Minister Nanaia Mahuta yesterday welcomed the news that the US would return to the Paris Agreement.

Mahuta tweeted: "In these challenging times, we all need to work together for the wellbeing of people and the planet."

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# CEO of Oranga Tamariki quits

WELLINGTON — Controversial Oranga Tamariki chief executive Grainne Moss has decided to step down.

The decision comes after repeated calls for her to resign amid a number of scathing reports bringing the ministry into question.

Moss has been under pressure since a Newsroom investigation into attempts by social workers to remove a week-old baby from its mother in Hawke's Bay sparked multiple inquiries and reports.

In a statement, Moss said it had been a privilege to lead the ministry for over four years, through a time of significant transformation, challenge and change.

However, it was the right time for her to step down and make way for new leadership at the agency. "I feel the focus has been on me rather than how we work together to improve the wellbeing of children," she said.

Public Service Commissioner Peter Hughes said Moss was a dedicated public servant and leader who had made a number of significant improvements in what was one of the biggest and toughest roles in the public service.

"I commend Mrs Moss for doing what is, at this time, in the best interests of the agency," Mr Hughes said.

"What she has done today is selfless." She has accepted a new role as the chief executive leading the public service's pay-equity work.

"Mrs Moss led the successful pay-equity claim for social workers at Oranga Tamariki/Ministry for Children and was also part of the team which developed and delivered pay equity to aged care workers. As such, she has significant experience and expertise."

Sir Wira Gardiner set to take over temporarily

Sir Wira Gardiner would step in as acting chief executive, and the recruitment process for a new head would be getting under way shortly.



Grainne Moss. RNZ picture

Sir Wira (Ngati Awa, Ngati Pikiao, Te Whanau-a-Apanui and Te Whakatohea) had been involved in significant interactions between the Crown and iwi on Treaty settlements, and negotiating between parties on complex issues.

He was the founding director of the Waitangi Tribunal, head of the Iwi Transition Agency and founding chief executive of Te Puni Kokiri, the Ministry of Maori Development.

Last month, one of Oranga Tamariki's most senior Maori leaders, Hoani Lambert, resigned, saying that his departure was not a protest against Moss.

When asked last year about rumours of her departure, Moss remained adamant she had the confidence of her leadership team and was committed to her work at the ministry.

However, Minister for Children, Kelvin Davis, had refused to express his confidence in Moss.

On December 14, when Moss confirmed Lambert had resigned, she said she would not step down. She said she was looking forward to continuing the work of Oranga Tamariki.

In November, Moss also refused to step down following a submission to the Waitangi Tribunal's urgent inquiry into Oranga Tamariki, in which she admitted the children's ministry was yet to eliminate structural racism, or fully adopt the recommendations of a 1998 report.

Dame Tariana Turia was among those who had insisted Moss should step aside.

During the Waitangi Tribunal hearing investigating the ministry's role in uplifting Maori babies from their whanau, Dame Tariana said Moss "kept on blaming the Crown" for the shortcomings at Oranga Tamariki, which was an "unusual approach".

Dame Tariana said she did not have confidence in Moss. — RNZ

# Govt criticised over 'underwhelming' housing plan

by Yvette McCullough, RNZ

WELLINGTON — The Government has been slammed for its "underwhelming" Public Housing Plan.

Yesterday it unveiled where it intends to build 6000 public and 2000 transitional housing places between now and 2024 — places already promised in last year's Budget.

Emergency housing providers and the opposition say with demand skyrocketing, the government needs to do much more to address the housing shortage.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern backed her government's record, and the ambition of its Public Housing Plan.

"This is the largest public housing build programme since the 1970s," Ardern said.

"We are working at a cracking rate on public housing."

The Labour-led government has built more than 4500 state

homes since its 2017 election win and intends to pass 18,000 by the end of 2024.

But with 22,500 people on the ever-growing public housing waiting list, Monte Cecilia Housing Trust chief executive Bernie Smith hoped for more.

"It was just totally underwhelming. Sadly there's no reflection of the growing housing wait register, you know, we should be looking at double these sorts of numbers to keep up with the growing need," Smith said.

While he applauded the plan's focus on working with community and iwi providers, Smith felt there was a glaring omission.

"From a South Auckland perspective there's nothing around Pasifika housing and we know in South Auckland Pasifika homelessness is huge."

National Housing spokesperson Nicola Willis said yesterday's announcement was "cynical".

"This is a hopelessly

inadequate response to New Zealand's housing shortage. It's nothing but a re-hash of previously announced proposals and very underwhelming for the thousands of New Zealanders who are increasingly being locked out of the private market."

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It was was "a drop in the bucket", and the government needed to hurry up and make it easier for everyone to build new houses, Willis said.

"The government will never get there through state house building alone, the government simply can't keep up with the surging demand as people are

priced out of the private market."

But Ardern said National fanned the flames by selling off state houses and her government was committed to fixing the housing crisis.

"There is no silver bullet to fix the housing crisis, but that is not a reason for inaction. It's a reason to tackle this issue on multiple fronts and on an ongoing basis.

Greens co-leader Marama Davidson said while this was a good first step the government needed to move much faster.

She thought it should take advantage of cheap borrowing to build even more state homes.

"Covid has already pushed us well over the normal debt target that some governments try and keep, but actually we're in a crisis for housing and now more than ever we can really be prioritising our full financial instruments to be investing in a massive upscale of public housing," Davidson said.



Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern. RNZ picture by Samuel Rillstone

Ardern promised action on housing in the coming months, with initiatives to cool the property market, and help first home buyers expected in late February.

High-level announcements will also be made about the Resource Management Act then — and Ardern said the May Budget would have a specific focus around "supply-side issues".





**VERY-INFECTIOUS COVID VARIANTS:** The Ministry of Health says there have been 29 samples of the UK variant and seven of the South African variant confirmed in managed isolation facilities here in New Zealand so far. File picture

# More cases of new Covid-19 variants in NZ

AUCKLAND — Genome sequencing of Covid-19 cases in managed isolation has revealed more people in the country who have the new, very-infectious variants.

ESR testing and whole genome sequencing has identified 11 cases of the UK strain and six cases of the South African in quarantine since January 6.

The Ministry of Health said there were now a total of 29 samples of the UK variant and seven of the South African variant.

It said all of these were detected in managed isolation and were consistent with overseas exposure.

“We expect we will continue to see both the UK variant and South African variant in positive cases in our managed isolation facilities here in New Zealand as these forms of the virus become increasingly common around the world.”

All positive Covid-19 tests in New Zealand were sent to ESR to attempt whole genome sequencing as part of ongoing surveillance, the Ministry of Health said.

Through testing, the Ministry of Health was aiming to better understand the new variants to “inform and refine” their overall elimination strategy.

“In particular, optimising our current stringent border processes,” they said.

The Ministry of Health has introduced further measures to strengthen the border, which include a day 0/1 test and pre-departure testing for all

## Bubble bliss *Emotional scenes as first Cook Islands flight arrives in New Zealand*

AUCKLAND — The first twice-weekly flight from the Cook Islands landed at 10.50am yesterday, following the establishment of a one-way travel bubble between the two countries.

Mii Nolan was at the Auckland Airport with her mother, and said it was an historic moment. She had been waiting for her daughter and two grandsons. “We’re feeling emotional because we haven’t seen them. We talk to them, but seeing them is totally different.”

Mangere resident Richard Lyden was there to meet his wife, who had been in the Cook Islands for six weeks to see a sick family member. He believed a travel bubble with the Pacific should have been opened a long time ago. Auckland Airport’s Scott Tasker said there was a deep clean of the transit area before the flight arrived. — RNZ

passengers except those from Australia, Antarctica and most Pacific Islands. — RNZ

# NCEA results ‘some of the best’, despite lockdowns

by John Gerritsen, RNZ

WELLINGTON — NCEA results are out and it appears most teenagers overcame the disruption caused by the pandemic and did well in the national qualification.

Education Minister Chris Hipkins said the provisional 2020 results were similar to previous years and, in some cases, even slightly better.

That is despite the one national and Auckland lockdowns, which robbed students of weeks of classroom time.

Hipkins said he was especially pleased that level 3 results for school-leavers had improved.

It appeared more students had achieved their NCEA certificate through internal assessment before they sat their exams, but it was not yet clear how the results were influenced by extra “learning-recognition credits” that students received last year, he said.

Auckland schools went through two lockdowns and many students in the city were particularly nervous about their NCEA results.

Mangere College principal Tom Webb said its NCEA achievement rates were among the best the school had ever recorded, despite the disruptions.

“We’ve been really pleased with our results, they’re some of the best results we’ve had as a school,” Mr Webb said.

He believed it was due in part to a heightened sense of urgency among students last year.

“Definitely the learning recognition credits had some impact, but even without those, as we were tracking through the year, we were seeing better

engagement from the students when they were at school.”

The school had also focused more on the needs of individual students and what they needed to do to achieve their NCEA certificates, Mr Webb said.

James Cook High School principal Grant McMillan said he owed his staff a morning tea shout because the pandemic had not stopped the school from continuing a trend of improving NCEA pass rates.

“We’re really pleased. Our pass rates are in line with or actually better than the trend we’ve set over the past three or four years,” Mr McMillan said.

The extra credits that were allocated were useful for some students, but most did not need them to get their NCEA certificates, he added.

“The learning-recognition credits have had an effect for a small number of students, but even without those, based on the work we’ve done and the trends over the past three years, we would have exceeded our expectations for 2020 anyway.”

Papatoetoe High School principal Vaughan Couillault said the school’s level 1 pass rate was similar to 2019, but its pass rates at levels 2 and 3 appeared to be slightly better.

However, Kaipara College principal Steve McCracken said his school’s results had dipped. “We’ve had a decrease from anywhere between three to 10 percent in our academic performance compared to 2019.

“For us, it was purely because (of the disruption) of Covid-19 in 2020 and that lack of face-to-face contact with our kids, in what was a really disruptive and uncertain time for them.” — RNZ

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# Monthly flashback

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At the end of each year The Gisborne Herald looks back at the best photos and shares with you all. Pictures all by The Gisborne Herald photographers or as stated.

**CHERRY ON TOP:** Cherrywood Joinery owner Matt Peters (right) and production manager Chris Roux with furniture the business made and donated to Wainui Playcentre. Sitting at low tables are (from left) Poppy Young (6), Freddie Hughes (3), Florence Hughes (2) and Sarah Hughes.



This busy scene at Wild Stems Florist tells the happy story of a hugely busy Mother's Day for florists. "It was one to remember," said Michelle, who is pictured with partner Hollie Murrell, Rusty the dog and employee Pam Wilson.



This picture was one of several posted on the Damon Meade Studio Facebook page and shows what is known as a Flower Moon rising over Tuahine Point.



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It's a bird, it's a plane. A Royal New Zealand Air Force Boeing 757 aircraft over Gisborne.



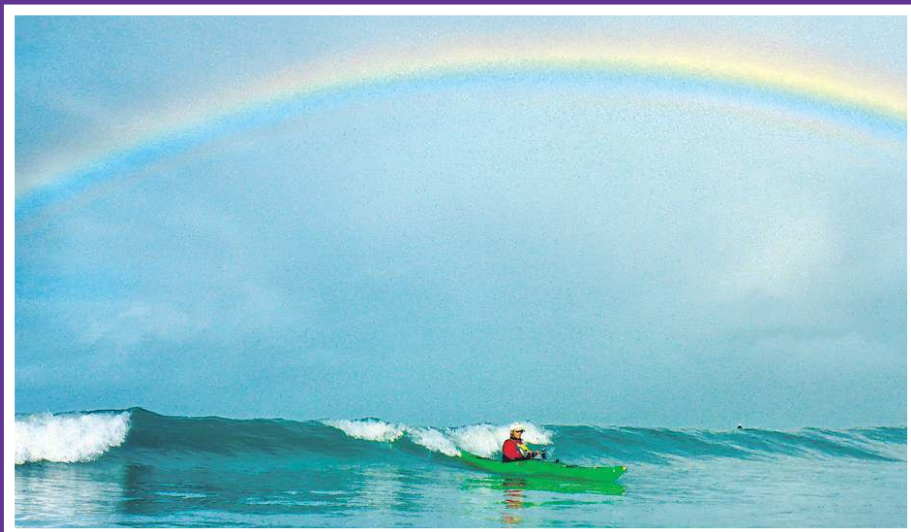
Gisborne firefighters (from left) Shane Vermeulen, Leon Kahn, Peter Clark, Dave Covell, Carl Shaw, Tim Lister and Bernie Bull ready to respond on International Firefighters' Day being marked worldwide.



A song by Gisborne Girls' High School students Keira Batten-Coogan (above) and Malia Suluka (left), titled Enough, earned a share of first place in the Play It Strange annual peace songwriting competition.



Enjoying a spin at the Botanical Gardens are Keylaine Scheirber, 9, and Ciahn Ebbett-Couper, 3.



Deb Volturno catches a wave in her sea kayak at the Roberts Road surf break under a glorious rainbow. Picture by Paula Renouf

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# Cooked kereru

Footage emerges of kereru being cooked; investigation under way

WELLINGTON — Department of Conservation (DoC) authorities are investigating after footage emerged online of a man apparently plucking and cooking a kereru.

The Instagram story posts included a video and an image, along with the text, “take nan to the police lol” and “compiling evidence to put away nan”, followed by police emojis. The video showed a woman, presumably the poster’s nana, plucking the bird, and the photo showed the kereru in a large metal cooking pot.

Kereru are a protected species under the Wildlife Act and fines for killing the native wood pigeon can reach up to \$100,000 or two years in prison.

DoC has confirmed it is investigating.

“Kereru are an absolutely protected species under the Wildlife Act 1953 and cannot be possessed without permission (whether alive or dead),” a DoC spokesperson said.

“Any person breaching the Act may face prosecution. No further comment will be issued while the investigation is under way.”

Newshub has contacted the person who posted the video and image to Instagram.

Forest and Bird said while kereru were not threatened with extinction, it was “never okay” to kill and eat protected native birds.

In 2016, Ngapuhi leader, Raniera Sonny Tau, was sentenced to community detention and fined \$24,500 after shooting five kereru.

Tau was charged after five frozen kereru wrapped in newspaper were found in his checked-in luggage at Invercargill airport on June 16, 2015.

He admitted possessing them but said his daughter’s partner, Douglas James Sadlier, had shot them.

Later, both men admitted concocting that story and were charged with perverting the course of justice.

Tau was also charged with killing the birds.

Judge Callaghan confirmed a fine of \$12,000 for shooting the birds and ordered Tau to pay \$12,500 in reparation to DoC towards the cost of investigating the case.

He was also ordered



**EXPECT TO BE FINED, HEFTILY:** The penalty for killing protected wildlife, such as kereru, is a fine up to \$100,000 — or imprisonment. Picture by Greg Bowker

him to undertake 100 hours of community work.

Last year, a Dunedin man who shot a kereru from his backyard was ordered to do 175 hours of community work.

Truck driver Travis Jamie-Lee Parsons, 22, told the Otago Daily Times after charges were laid that it was simply a case of bad luck.

The defendant said he was shooting at a target, missed and the bullet inadvertently hit the native wood pigeon.

His mother, too, was keen to have a say at the time. “It’s a lot of drama over nothing. It’s just a bloody pigeon. I don’t care what you call it.”

The position changed some months later, however, when Parsons pleaded guilty to charges of hunting protected wildlife and discharging a firearm near a dwelling.

“I’ve no doubt you knew what you were shooting at,” Judge Michael Turner said to Parsons.

— NZ Herald/Newshub

## Third gun incident in Auckland rattles 72-year-old neighbour

AUCKLAND — A 72-year-old man who has a heart condition says he will sleep with a large club by his door following a shooting in West Auckland on Wednesday night.

Officers were called to the house on Glengarry Road in Glen Eden shortly before midnight, where a man and a woman were injured.

It is the third gun incident in the Auckland region under investigation.

A neighbour, who RNZ has agreed not to name, told Morning Report how the incident unfolded.

At around 11.45pm, he heard a car cruising by and when he looked out of his window, he saw it was a silver estate car with no lights and it stopped in front of a neighbour’s house.

“Four guys got out, dressed in white hoodies, black jeans and trainers and ran into the property.”

“I heard the gunshot, the bang. They ran out, jumped back in the car, and drove off with no lights on towards Glen Eden.”

“I heard a woman screaming and about three or four other people yelling.”

The man phoned the police and shortly afterwards a 4WD vehicle that visited the property regularly arrived and the man went into the property. When he came out again he started driving up and down the street as though he was looking for someone. A few more 4WD vehicles arrived and also joined the search and began driving up

and down the street.

Once the police and ambulance arrived, guards were placed in front of the property.

The neighbour, who has a heart condition and also cares for an invalid wife, said it had been a scary situation.

“I know they (the original carload of people) saw me because I put the outside lights on and went out on to the porch. But, I just keep my head down with my neighbour . . . and I keep a big club at the side of my cupboard.”

He said he came from the back streets of Liverpool so he had seen “a bit in my youth” but now that he was elderly he was more nervous.

Detective Senior Sergeant Mike Frost said the incident was not believed to be a random event.

Police were looking into an early morning drive-by shooting in Mt Roskill, which was also not believed to have been random.

A number of shots were also fired at a house on McCullough Avenue on Tuesday, causing damage to vehicles and windows but causing no injuries.

And, on Monday, a Manurewa dairy owner was shot in the leg during a robbery, with cash and cigarettes being stolen.

Police believed at least two offenders had been involved.

Det Sen Sgt Frost was urging anyone with information on any of the shootings to contact the Waitemata police. — RNZ



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# All major banks now offering 2.29pc rate

by Tamsyn Parker, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — Two more major banks have joined the fray to offer a super low rate on the one-year fixed-term mortgage front.

BNZ this morning released a rate update dropping its one-year rate to 2.29 percent, matching that of ANZ and Westpac, while ASB has also dropped its rate to match it.

Westpac was the first bank to offer the 2.29 percent rate on January 11 and ANZ followed suit earlier this week.

TSB is also continuing to match the rate of the Australian-owned majors.

The 2.29 percent rate is the lowest for the major banks but other banks are still cheaper.

Heartland Bank is still the cheapest, according to interest.co.nz, with a rate of

1.99 percent fixed over one year.

HSBC is also lower than the majors, with a rate of 2.25 percent.

BNZ also dropped its two-year fixed-term rate to 2.59 percent, matching that of ASB, although Heartland Bank is still offering the lowest rate for two years at 2.35 percent.

Those who want to grab the BNZ classic specials must have at least 20 percent equity or deposit lined up.

ANZ and Westpac also have conditions on their specials.

Those wanting to nab the ANZ rate must have 20 percent minimum equity and an ANZ transaction account which

their salary is direct-credited into.

Westpac's rate is only available to customers with 20 percent equity in owner-occupied homes.

While low-interest rates can be appealing, homeowners are advised to first check with their bank or mortgage broker to find out if the associated break fees make the savings worthwhile.

The low rates currently on the market come at a time of growing concern about the state of the property market in New Zealand.

Real Estate Institute of New Zealand (REINZ) data showed Auckland median

house prices hit \$1 million for the first time in October last year, and the national median shot up 19.8 percent from \$605,000 last year to \$725,000.

And those high prices have done little to dampen buyer enthusiasm as, in November, the highest number of houses were sold since March 2007.

Economists are now predicting that house prices could rise by as much as 13 to 16 percent in the next few months.

This will only put further pressure on the many Kiwis currently locked out of the housing market, with home ownership rates at the lowest level since 1951.

Rapidly increasing house prices also have repercussions for those on the property ladder, with data from credit agency Centrix showing that nearly one in five over-65s still have a mortgage.

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# Tesla fever hits Kiwis

## The speculative stocks pulling millions from NZ investors

by Damien Venuto, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — Investors are responding to record low interest rates by taking a punt on some highly speculative stocks — and there's one brand that's particularly alluring.

Data released by retail investment platforms Sharesies and Hatch show that New Zealanders have invested more than \$160 million in electric car company Tesla.

Sharesies co-CEO Leighton Roberts says that about 20,000 local investors have put US\$30m (\$42m) toward Tesla since the company's shares became available on the platform in August last year.

The business led by Elon Musk has also been a huge hit on Hatch, where Kiwis have invested almost \$120m in the much-hyped stock.

Hatch general manager Kristen Lunman says Tesla has emerged as the single most popular stock traded on the platform since 2018, coming in ahead of a tech-heavy pile including another electric car make, Nio, as well as Apple and Amazon.

"I'm not surprised Tesla is our most popular share," Lunman says.

"Kiwi investors have told us that they believe in Elon Musk's mission to change the world with long-range electric vehicle and battery technology."

Tesla has also emerged as one of the most popular stocks internationally, with retail investors piling in through trading platform Robinhood in the US market.

The company recently hit key production milestones and is tipped to maintain profitability in the coming years, but analysts have long expressed concern about Tesla's valuation.



**INVESTMENT:** Elon Musk's Tesla has become a firm favourite among retail investors in New Zealand. AP picture

Tesla's stock price has exploded from about US\$88 at the beginning of January 2020 to US\$844 this week, giving the company a market capitalisation of US\$800 billion and pushing founder Musk ahead of Microsoft's Bill Gates and Amazon's Jeff Bezos in global wealth rankings.

Tesla's current valuation is greater than that of Toyota, Volkswagen, General Motors, Daimler, Hyundai, Ferrari, Volvo, Great Wall Motors and Honda combined — despite the fact that many of these companies have made long-term investments in electric vehicles themselves.

Viewed another way, Tesla's market valuation is currently five times that of McDonald's — a company that has consistently pulled in an annual gross profit of over US\$10 billion (\$14bn) over the past decade.

Analysts and media columnists have made no secret of their scepticism about the carmaker's inflated valuation.

"Tesla continues to produce more irrational exuberance than vehicles," scoffed an Australian Financial Review column in December last year.

"Old-school analysis finds nothing in Tesla's fundamentals to justify a valuation of 141 times forward earnings. The stock even looks expensive if you believe the group could monopolistically supersede the world's traditional carmakers."

These comments also come at a time when market watchers are increasingly using the C-word — crash — about markets full of grossly over-valued companies.

This month, veteran investor Jeremy Grantham, chief investment strategist at GMO, told the Telegraph that the US equity market was now more overvalued than it was on the eve of the Great Crash of 1929 and that it was inevitable the bubble would eventually pop.

Grantham went on to warn that the cyclically adjusted price-to-earnings ratio — a measure that compares corporate earnings over the last 10 years with the price of stocks — was edging towards record levels last seen during the dotcom crash of 2000.

The \$160m in local money invested in Tesla through Hatch and Sharesies comes largely out of the savings of retail investors, hoping to make better returns than they can from record low interest rates.

Tom Hartmann, personal finance lead for the Commission for Financial Capability, says it is difficult to determine how much harm could be caused by a crash in Tesla stock without knowing each investor's personal circumstances.

*Additional reporting by Jamie Gray*

## Mercury raises profit forecast on better hydro

WELLINGTON — Power generator and retailer Mercury said it had revised its operating earnings guidance upward for the current year to June thanks to an increase in hydro generation and a strong trading performance.

The company now expects to report earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, amortisation and financial instruments (EBITDAF) of \$535 million, up from a previous guidance of \$505m.

The company's EBITDAF for the June 2020 year came to \$494m, down \$12m on the prior year.

In an update for the December quarter, Mercury said hydrology and thermal fuel concerns saw the full-year 2021 futures price increase from \$122/MWh at Otahuhu and \$111/MWh at Benmore at the start of the quarter to \$136/MWh and \$121/MWh, respectively.

Longer-dated futures also increased, with the 2022 futures price lifting from \$100/MWh to \$119/MWh at Otahuhu and from \$85/MWh to \$101/MWh at Benmore.

In the following quarter, Mercury said electricity futures prices rallied after Rio Tinto announced that it planned to keep its majority-owned Tiwai Point aluminium smelter open until 2024.

Separately, Mercury chief executive Vince Hawksworth announced changes to his executive structure, with seven executive roles reporting to him. The roles are the current positions of chief financial officer, chief marketing officer and general manager people and performance and newly created roles of general manager generation, general manager portfolio, general manager sustainability and general manager customer.

Disestablished executive roles are general manager retail and digital, general manager hydro/wholesale, general manager geothermal and safety, and general manager corporate affairs. — NZ Herald

## SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — Wall Street pushed to new record highs on the day new United States President Joe Biden was inaugurated — and the New Zealand sharemarket caught the celebration spirit by rising more than half a percent.

The S&P/NZX 50 Index was up 85.74 points or 0.66 percent to 13,112.19 on solid trading of 69.6 million shares worth \$201.65 million — with the leading energy stocks making a recovery. There were 100 gainers and just 45 decliners over the whole market of 184 stocks.

Matt Goodson, managing director of Salt Funds Management, said the local market took a positive lead from the developments in the US, driven by the reality that fiscal expansion would be greater under Biden, and that Covid hospitalisations have peaked as the vaccine is rolled out.

Goodson said the markets so far were

ignoring Biden's tax policy of increasing the corporate rate (from 21-28 percent) and cracking down on schemes to minimise tax obligations. But there would be more open trade policy which was good news for the world and particularly New Zealand. "So there's a bit of a mixed bag out there."

The NZ dollar strengthened again against the US greenback, trading between a low of US71.69c and a high of 72.10c during the day.

The gentailers bounced back, with Contact Energy rising 35c or 4.13 percent to \$8.83; Meridian gaining 32c or 4.35 percent to \$7.68; Mercury up 19c or 2.8 percent to \$6.97; Genesis increasing 3c to \$3.80; and Trustpower up 6c to \$8.51. Wind farm specialist Tilt Renewables climbed 24c or 4.22 percent to \$5.93.

In the battle to be the biggest market stock, Meridian resumed the top spot with capitalisation of \$19.68 billion after Fisher &

Paykel Healthcare, on \$19.16bn, fell 43c to \$33.26. There was unusually high activity in Pushpay Holdings with 21.8m of its shares worth \$34.7m traded, suggesting an investor may be establishing a shareholding position in the software firm. Pushpay's share price rose 8c or 5.26 percent to \$1.60.

Among the blue chips, Freightways gained 7c to \$10.55; Ryman Healthcare increased 21c to \$15.46; Summerset Group Holdings rose 22c or 1.82 percent to \$12.32; Port of Tauranga was up 15c to \$7.65; and Skellerup Holdings climbed 14c or 3.69 percent to \$3.93.

Mainfreight was down 79c to \$67.30; a2 Milk declined 10c to \$10.91; Chorus shed 15.5c or 1.88 percent to \$8.10 Tourism Holdings lost 6c or 2.56 percent to \$2.40; and Harmony fell 10c or 3.33 percent to \$2.90 after a strong rise the day before. Property stocks had another good day. Stride Property gained 4c or 1.72 percent to \$2.36; Precinct Properties increased 4.5c or 2.68 percent to \$1.725; and Kiwi Property was up 2c to \$1.27.

AFT Pharmaceuticals climbed 11c or 2.16 percent to \$5.21; Seeka gained 5c to \$4.90; NZME was up 2c or 2.82 percent to 73c; and Smartpay Holdings rose 5.5c or 5.61 percent to \$1.035.

All the leading indices in the US reached new highs overnight. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 0.83 percent to 31,188.38, the S&P 500 Index rose 1.39 percent to 3851.85, and the technology-driven Nasdaq Composite climbed 1.97 percent to 13,457.25.

The technology stocks are roaring back. Amazon was up 4.6 percent to US\$142.62 (\$198.49), Google rose 5.4 percent to US\$1880.07, Apple increased 3.3 percent to US\$132.03, Microsoft gained 3.65 percent to US\$224.34, Salesforce.com moved ahead 3.08 percent to US\$223.44, and Netflix reached a new high of US\$586.34, up 16.85 percent.

Alibaba founder Jack Ma reappeared in public after criticising Chinese regulators and its share price rose 8.52 percent to US\$265.

— NZ Herald



EDITORIAL

# Public Housing Plan a letdown

Fixing New Zealand's housing crisis is a priority, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said yesterday as the Government revealed a Public Housing Plan that identified where 8000 new state houses promised in the Budget last year would be built by June 2024 — with Gisborne named as one of several provincial focus areas.

In May last year when the Budget was delivered, Treasury forecast a "substantial" 6 percent slump in house prices in 2020; instead they rose by 19 percent — greatly exacerbating this key driver of the housing crisis, helping to swell the public-housing waiting list to 22,500, and seemingly warranting a step-up in state-housing plans.

Emergency housing providers and the Opposition have slammed the plan as underwhelming, considering the scale of the problem.

"This is the largest public housing build programme since the 1970s," is Ardern's response.

Her Cabinet would "leave no stone unturned" in working to fix the housing market, she said — forgetting perhaps that she has ruled out touching one of the biggest levers at the Government's disposal, a capital gains tax.

Ardern also said the Government's plan would be unveiled over the coming months, and this year's Budget would include a package to "address housing supply".

While Gisborne's housing crisis and growing public-house waiting list is getting Government attention, the regional breakdown provided to The Herald late yesterday is a let-down.

Late last year Crown agency Kainga Ora announced 85 extra public houses would be built by late 2021/early 2022, with its regional programme director saying: "This is just the tip of the iceberg for Gisborne. There's still a lot to do."

He then added, "it's only a drop in the ocean about what is coming subject to the Public Housing Plan being released to us".

Well, that plan seems to have grown the "drop" of late last year to its own ocean, with drops to come.

The 85 houses announced then are part of the Public Housing Plan announced yesterday, within which Kainga Ora expects to deliver about 160 public housing places in the Gisborne district by June 2024. This represents a significant slowdown in state-house building here from 2022; with 85 to be added over the next 15 months, say, then 75 over the following 27 months.

That 40 transitional houses are to be delivered by 2022 could do no more than meet some of the growing demand for emergency housing now delivered by motels.

# Deserve best representation Root-cause low turnout

Having read most of the drivel from our so-called academics I feel that, although I am not a person of letters, my perceived "degree" of common sense may be able to contribute a little to the Maori wards discussion.

My foremost concern is that there has been no mention of the rights of us humble ratepayers. Or our right to the best, not better, representation and the best local government available.

The recent performance of our council gives the impression that the lunatics are actually running the asylum. Our council has no backbone and is completely unable to make a decision without the help of expensive consultants.

If we could be convinced

that changing the system of selection could give us the "best" administration available, go for it.

I am not a born-and-bred Tairāwhiti east coaster, but in the 50 years I have lived here I have seen good and bad councillors, which is defined by human behaviour not race.

Should we not learn from history? Patronisation in the past has really not done a lot of good.

I believe that employing or electing people because of religious beliefs, colour, political beliefs, race or even if they are right-handed does not automatically get the best talent for the job — and as we deserve the best, maybe this act of patronism would be better used in some other forum.

PHIL NEWDICK

Re: On voting, representation - January 21.

The responses to my letter are typical of what we have seen over the last few weeks of discussion. None of them have provided any substantial or compelling support for Maori wards. Nor have any of you addressed the root cause of the problem — low Maori voter turnout. Instead you demand the token representation that will be granted whether they vote or not. This is not an ideal basis for any kind of unity or partnership, and surely that is what we should

be striving for. So please, no more cheap Google searches or extracts from a dictionary, offer a solution.

Finally, when you resort to attacking the messenger, not the idea, then you have lost the debate. To keep repeating "racist" every time you are challenged is puerile. This is not a Maori-bashing issue, it is a democracy issue — it just happens this time to involve Maori. What would you say if the same issue arose involving another ethnic group?

K. THOMPSON

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

### Flying symbol of separatism

Residents curious as to the council's thinking on certain policy matters could well take note of the Tino Rangatiratanga flag flying by council's main entrance.

Surely council must be aware that this flag is contentious in some people's eyes. That it represents the desire of some Maori for self-government? That it originates from the Maori independence

movement and is a symbol of protest?

Perhaps this is the explanation for council decisions and actions in recent times.

This ratepayer objects to any symbol of separatism or dissent being on council property, and thereby receiving council endorsement.

ROGER HANDFORD

### Time to move together

Re: Considering a new GDC ward structure, January 19 editorial.

Interesting read here, I'd even ask about opting out of the city ward to instead vote in a Maori ward where my whakapapa is linked to. At least there is time to have conversations before the structure is consulted on.

I've sat back and observed this issue and there are many views out there. I look at the present structure, where it's like iwi have a seat outside of council. The views

held may be classed as an external stakeholder, which certainly doesn't meet the future vision of where iwi are heading. We just need to look at the water scenario and see more can be achieved by having a voice inside and outside of council.

It's time to heal from the hurt and move together, unlocking a strong economy for both partners and building stronger relationships.

MARY LIZA MANUEL

### Forget wards, Starting on close border the journey

Enough of the GDC Maori wards rubbish (honestly, who really cares), we should all be more worried about the thousands of people coming back to New Zealand. We have been fortunate — the rest of the world has been having their winter and we are still in our summer, but that will all end soon. I for one do not want to go to another lockdown. Time for a petition to stop letting them in!

H. HANNAM

Re: 'We want to see equity', January 14 story.

Tautoko this kaupapa. Great to see Pakeha moving to counter unfair, racist power relations in Aotearoa — whether in legislation or to challenge groups that want to maintain positions of dominance. By supporting Maori representation on local council, Pakeha can begin to respect their Treaty partners and start on the journey to recognising the tino rangatiratanga of tangata whenua. Tena korua Aimee and Maree.

BARRY McLERNON, Taranaki

## Port seeking major, 20-year environmental consent ...

Earlier this month in these columns the editor printed a response from Eastland Port Ltd in reply to my letter about the port's application to dredge the harbour. I have since established the port is now in negotiation with iwi group Te Tai Uru after being prompted by Rongowhakaata. Kudos again to Rongowhakaata.

My concern is the application was initiated during the Covid-19 alerts and who was working then?

It was advertised in this newspaper last August; but not in the Auckland Herald and Dominion Post.

This is a major, important 20-year environmental consent affecting the surf beaches and a matter of national importance. Sludge dumping is as despoiling, in my opinion, as sewage dumping.

It also appears, at first

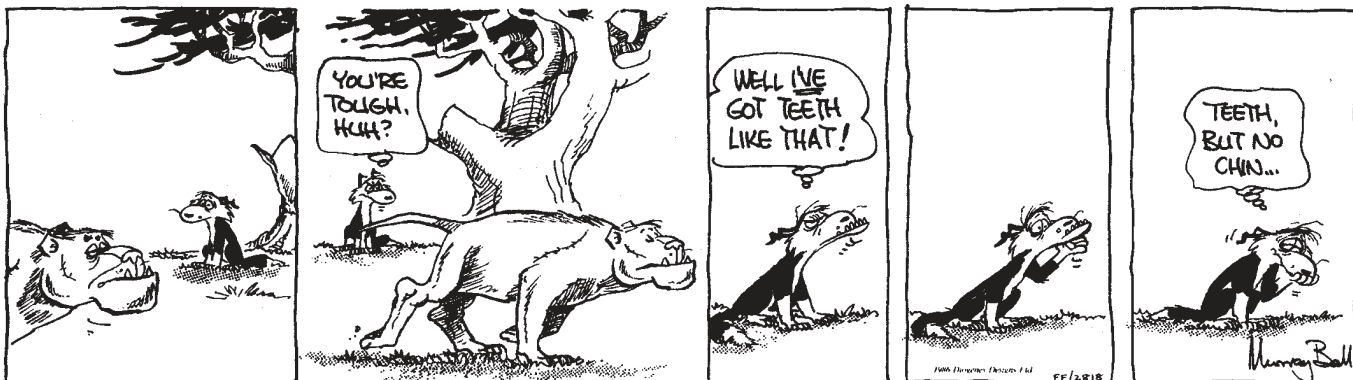
glance, that the amount and areas to be dredged along the river side are considerably in excess of existing rights, which makes this proposal more than a renewal.

Finally, I was informed this week by the council's planning consultant who is managing this project that: "given the late nature of your submission, a decision will need to be made by the Hearing Commissioner/s whether this can be accepted". To which I publicly respond; let us hope those commissioner/s will comprise local councillor/s and not outside appointees as has been the case so far with previous applications by the Eastland Group/Port. How much do we spend on planning consultants to stop our elected councillors making the big calls?

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# World leaders cheer US return to climate fight

BERLIN — World leaders breathed an audible sigh of relief that the United States under President Joe Biden is rejoining the global effort to curb climate change, a cause that his predecessor had shunned over the past four years.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and French President Emmanuel Macron were among those welcoming Biden's decision to rejoin the Paris climate accord, reversing a key Trump policy in the first hours of his presidency.

"Rejoining the Paris Agreement is hugely positive news," tweeted Johnson, whose country is hosting this year's UN climate summit.

Macron said that with Biden, "we will be stronger to face the challenges of our time. Stronger to build our future. Stronger to protect our planet."

The Paris accord, forged in the French capital in 2015, commits countries to put forward plans for reducing their emissions of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, which is released from burning fossil fuels.

Former President Donald Trump had questioned

the scientific warnings about man-made global warming, at times accusing other countries of using the Paris accord as a club to hurt Washington. The US formally left the pact in November.

"The United States departure from it has definitely diminished our capacities to change things, concretely to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions," said Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo.

"Now we are dealing with an administration that is conscious of what is at stake and that is very committed to use the voice of the United States, a voice that is very powerful on the international level," she said.

Biden put the fight against climate change at the centre of his presidential campaign and immediately launched a series of climate-friendly efforts to bring Washington back in step with the rest of the world on the issue.

"A cry for survival comes from the planet itself," Biden said in his inaugural address. "A cry that can't be any more desperate or any more clear now." — AP



**CURBING CLIMATE CHANGE:** British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and French President Emmanuel Macron were among those welcoming Biden's decision to rejoin the global climate change effort. AP picture

## 'Help is on the way'

### President Biden signs burst of virus orders

WASHINGTON — With a burst of executive orders, President Joe Biden has served notice that the nation's Covid response is under new management and he is demanding progress to reduce infections and lift the siege Americans have endured for nearly a year.

The 10 orders signed by Biden are aimed at jump-starting his national Covid-19 strategy to increase vaccinations and testing, lay the groundwork for reopening schools and businesses, and immediately increase the use of masks — including a requirement that Americans mask up for travel. One directive calls for addressing healthcare inequities in minority communities hard hit by the virus.

"We didn't get into this mess overnight, and it will take months to turn this around," Biden said. "Despite the best intentions we are going to face setbacks." But he declared: "To a nation waiting for action, let me be clear on this point: Help is on the way."

The new president has vowed to take far more aggressive measures to contain the virus than his predecessor, starting with stringent adherence to public health guidance. He faces steep obstacles, with the virus actively spreading in most states, slow progress on the vaccine rollout and political uncertainty over whether congressional Republicans will help him pass a \$1.9 trillion economic relief and Covid response package.

"We need to ask average Americans to do their part," said Jeff Zients, the White House official directing the national response. "Defeating the virus requires a co-ordinated nationwide effort."

Biden officials say they are hampered by lack of co-operation from the Trump administration during the transition. They say they don't have a complete understanding of their predecessors' actions on vaccine distribution. And they face a litany of complaints from states that say they are not getting enough vaccine even as they are being asked to vaccinate more categories of people.

Biden acknowledged the urgency of the mission in his inaugural address. "We are entering what may well be the toughest and deadliest period of the virus," he said before asking Americans to join him in a moment of silence in memory of the more than 400,000 people in the US who have died from Covid-19.

Biden's top medical adviser on Covid-19, Dr Anthony Fauci, also announced renewed US support for the World Health Organisation after the Trump administration had pulled out of the global body. Fauci said early on Thursday that the US will join the UN

**REVERSAL:** US President Joe Biden has signed a host of executive orders in his first full day in office, including resuming funding and staffing support for WHO.

AP picture



health agency's efforts to bring vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics to people in need, whether in rich or poor countries and will resume full funding and staffing support for WHO.

The US mask order for travel being implemented by Biden will apply to airports and planes, ships, intercity buses, trains and public transportation. Travellers from abroad must produce a negative Covid-19 test before departing for the US and quarantine upon arrival. Biden has already mandated masks on federal property.

Although airlines, Amtrak and other transport providers now require masks, Biden's order makes it a federal mandate, leaving little wiggle room for passengers tempted to argue about their rights.

It marks a sharp break with the culture of President Donald Trump's administration, under which masks were optional, and Trump made a point of going maskless and hosting big gatherings of like-minded supporters. Science has shown that masks, properly worn, cut down on coronavirus transmission.

Biden is also seeking to expand testing and vaccine availability, with the goal of 100 million shots in his first 100 days in office. Zients called Biden's goal "ambitious and achievable".

The Democratic president has directed the Federal Emergency Management Agency to begin setting up vaccination centres, aiming to have 100 up and running in a month. He is ordering the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention to begin a programme to make vaccines available through local pharmacies starting next month. And he's

mobilising the Public Health Service to deploy to assist localities in vaccinations.

There is also support for states. Biden is ordering FEMA to reimburse states for the full cost of using their National Guards to set up vaccination centres. That includes the use of supplies and protective gear as well as personnel.

But some independent experts say the administration should be setting a higher bar for itself than 100 million shots.

During flu season, the US is able to vaccinate about three million people a day, said Dr Christopher Murray of the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation in Seattle. "Given the number of people dying from Covid, we could and should do more — like what we're able to do on seasonal flu," he said.

Zients said Biden will not follow through on a Trump administration plan to penalise states lagging in vaccination by shifting some of their allocation to more efficient states. "We are not looking to pit one state against another," he said.

Biden has set a goal of having most K-8 schools reopen in his first 100 days, and he's ordering the departments of Education and Health and Human Services to provide clear guidance for reopening schools safely. States would also be able to tap FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund to help them get schools back open.

Getting schools and childcare going will help to ease the drag on the US economy, making it easier for parents to return to their jobs and restaurants to find lunch-time customers.

But administration officials stressed that reopening schools safely depends on increased testing. — AP

## Signs of hope emerging for damaged US economy

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden has inherited a badly damaged economy pulverised by the pandemic, with 10 million fewer jobs than a year ago and as many as one in six small businesses shut down.

Yet there are also signs of resilience and recovery that suggest the prospect of a rebound, perhaps a robust one, by the second half of his first year in office.

Despite the bleakness of the economic landscape, Biden by most accounts faces a less daunting challenge than he confronted as vice president under Barack Obama more than a decade ago in the depths of the Great Recession.

The hardships inflicted by the pandemic recession have been deep but concentrated in a few extremely hard-hit sectors. Much of the economy, particularly housing and manufacturing, has held up surprisingly well compared with previous recessions. People fortunate enough to keep their jobs — disproportionately affluent Americans — have bulked up their savings. They could be poised to unleash a spending boom later this year once vaccines have been more broadly distributed.

There are also signs that the job market, for all its deep losses, is enduring less permanent harm than it has in the past and might be set up for a fast hiring recovery.

Still, for now, many signs are dreary. Consumers have retrenched and months of job gains have turned to losses. New applications for unemployment benefits remain shockingly high 10 months since layoffs first spiked last March. And the human toll of the pandemic recession, from depressingly long food-bank lines to apartment evictions, has yet to show much improvement.

All of which helps explain why Biden saw the need last week to propose another mammoth federal rescue aid package — a \$1.9 trillion plan to end what he called "a crisis of deep human suffering".

The nation has regained more than half the 22 million jobs that were lost to the pandemic in March and April. But hiring has weakened for six straight months. In December, it turned negative, with the loss of 140,000 jobs.

Employers may still be cutting jobs because viral cases remain rampant, cold weather is restricting outdoor dining and other activities and consumers are avoiding in-person services, from hotels to airports to retail shops. With the unemployment rate at an elevated 6.7 percent, a shortage of hiring is prolonging the pain for people out of work. — AP



**INTENSE SITUATION:** Republicans have been forced to confront profound questions about what the party stands for without Donald Trump in charge. AP picture



## Republicans grapple with post-Trump future

WASHINGTON — For the first time in more than a decade, Republicans are waking up to a Washington where Democrats control the White House and Congress, adjusting to an era of diminished power, deep uncertainty and internal feuding.

The shift to minority status is always difficult, prompting debates over who is to blame for losing the last election.

But the process is especially intense as Republicans confront profound questions about what the party stands for without Donald Trump in charge.

Over the past four years, the GOP's values were inexorably tied to the whims of a president who regularly undermined democratic institutions and traded the party's long-standing commitment to fiscal discipline, strong foreign policy and the rule of law for a brash and inconsistent populism.

The party now faces a decision about whether to keep moving in that direction, as many of Trump's most loyal supporters demand, or chart a new course.

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan, one of the few Republican elected officials who regularly

condemned Trumpism, evoked President Ronald Reagan in calling this moment "a time for choosing".

"We have to decide if we're going to continue heading down the direction of Donald Trump or if we're going to return to our roots," Hogan, a potential 2024 White House contender, said in an interview.

"The party would be much better off if they were to purge themselves of Donald Trump," he added.

"But I don't think there's any hope of him completely going away." — AP

# Twin suicide bombings rock central Baghdad

BAGHDAD — Twin suicide bombings ripped through a busy market in the Iraqi capital on Thursday, killing at least 32 people and wounding dozens, officials said in what was the first massive bombing in years, harking back to darker days of rampant militant attacks.

The rare suicide bombing hit the Bab al-Sharqi commercial area in central Baghdad amid heightened political tensions over planned early elections and a severe economic crisis.

Blood was splattered on the pavement of the busy market amid piles of clothes and shoes as survivors took stock of the disarray in the aftermath.

By sundown, crowds reappeared at the site of the deadly attack, carrying the coffins of the deceased in a show of defiance.

Many questioned the timing of the attack, which occurred a day after President Joe Biden was sworn into office. The US-led coalition recently ceased combat activities and is gradually drawing down its troop presence in Iraq, sparking fears of an IS resurgence.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, but Iraqi military officials said it was the work of the Islamic State group.

Iraq's health minister Hassan Mohammed al-Tamimi said at least 32 people were killed and 110 were wounded in the attack. He said some of the wounded were in serious condition. Iraq's military previously put the number of dead at 28. The Health Ministry announced that all of its hospitals in the capital were mobilised to treat the wounded.

Major General Tahsin al-Khafaji, spokesman for the Joint Operations Command, which includes an array of Iraqi forces, said the first suicide bomber cried out loudly that he was ill in the middle of the bustling market, prompting a crowd to gather around him — and

that's when he detonated his explosive belt.

The second detonated his belt shortly after, he said.

"This is a terrorist act perpetrated by a sleeper cell of the Islamic State," al-Khafaji said. He said IS "wanted to prove its existence" after suffering many blows in military operations to root out the militants.

At the Vatican, Pope Francis denounced the attack in Baghdad as a "senseless act of brutality" and urged Iraqis to keep working to replace violence with fraternity and peace.

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The telegram of condolences sent to the Iraqi president was particularly heartfelt, given Francis is due to visit Iraq in early March to try to encourage the country's Christian communities that have been devastated by IS persecution.

Thursday's twin suicide bombings marked the first in three years to target Baghdad's bustling commercial district. A suicide bomb attack took place in the same area in 2018 shortly after then-Prime Minister Haidar al-Abadi declared victory over the Islamic State, a Sunni militant group.

Iraq has seen assaults perpetrated by both the Islamic State group and mostly Shiite militia groups in recent months. Militias have routinely targeted the American presence in Iraq with rocket and mortar attacks, especially the US Embassy in Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone. The pace of those attacks, however, has decreased since an informal

truce was declared by Iran-backed armed groups in October.

The style of Thursday's assault was similar to those IS has conducted in the past. But the group has rarely been able to penetrate the capital since being dislodged by Iraqi forces and the US-led coalition in 2017.

For some it brought back painful memories from the height of Iraq's sectarian street wars, when suicide bombings were a near-daily occurrence.

IS has shown an ability to stage increasingly sophisticated attacks across northern Iraq, where it still maintains a presence, three years after Iraq declared victory over the group.

Iraqi security forces are frequently ambushed and targeted with IEDs in rural areas of Kirkuk and Diyala. An increase in attacks was seen last summer as militants took advantage of the Government's focus on tackling the coronavirus pandemic.

The twin bombings on Thursday came days after Iraq's government unanimously agreed to hold early elections in October. Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi had announced in July that early polls would be held to meet the demands of anti-government protesters.

Demonstrators took to the streets in the tens of thousands last year to demand political change, and an end to rampant corruption and poor services. More than 500 people were killed in mass demonstrations as security forces used live rounds and tear gas to disperse crowds.

Iraq is also grappling with a severe economic crisis brought on by low oil prices that has led the government to borrow internally and risk depleting its foreign currency reserves. The Central Bank of Iraq devalued Iraq's dinar by nearly 20 percent last year to meet spending obligations. — AP

## GLOBAL BRIEFS

### Quake shakes Philippines

MANILA — A powerful earthquake shook parts of the southern Philippines on Thursday night but authorities said it was too deep to cause major damage and no tsunami warning was issued.

The quake measured magnitude 7.0 and was located 95.8 kilometres below the sea and about 210 kilometres southeast of Pondaguitan in Davao Occidental province, the US Geological Survey (USGS) said.

In Davao city, President Rodrigo Duterte's hometown, some residents ran out of their houses as the ground shook and power cables and business signs swayed, but there were no reports of damage or injuries.

The earthquake was felt in nearby cities and provinces in the region, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said.

The USGS said there was a low likelihood of casualties or damage. The US Tsunami Warning System said there was no tsunami threat. Deep earthquakes generally cause less damage on the Earth's surface.

The southern Davao region has been battered by powerful earthquakes set off by local fault lines in recent years.

The Philippines lies along the Pacific "Ring of Fire", an arc of faults around the Pacific Ocean where most of the world's earthquakes occur. It is also lashed by about 20 typhoons and tropical storms each year, making it one of the world's most disaster-prone countries.

A magnitude 7.7 quake killed nearly 2000 people in the northern Philippines in 1990. — AP

### Two weeks to reach miners

BEIJING — It will take at least 15 more days to get through a massive amount of debris and reach miners who have already been trapped for 11 days since an explosion in a gold mine in eastern China, authorities said yesterday.

The mine shaft is blocked 350 metres below the surface by 70 tonnes of debris that extends down another 100m, the Yantai city government said in a statement on its social media account.

"Based on expert evaluations, the extent of the blockage . . . is well out of expectation," the statement said.

One worker has died from head injuries in the explosion, state media said earlier on Thursday. Of the remaining 21, rescuers have established contact with 10, one is reportedly alive in a nearby chamber, and the status of the other 10 is unknown.

The state media reports said exhaustion has set in among some of the workers since the January 10 explosion ripped through the mine that was under construction in Qixia, a jurisdiction under Yantai in Shandong province.

Rescuers were attempting to clear cages and other debris blocking the main shaft while drilling other shafts for communication, ventilation and possibly to lift workers to the surface. Boring has reached depths of around 700m, the reports said.

Mine managers have been detained for waiting more than 24 hours before reporting the accident, the cause of which has not been announced. — AP

### Police detain Navalny aides

MOSCOW — Police yesterday took two top associates of jailed Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny into custody ahead of planned protests against his detention.

Navalny, an anti-corruption campaigner who is the Kremlin's most prominent foe, was arrested on Sunday when he returned to Russia from Germany, where he had spent five months recovering from nerve-agent poisoning that he blames on the Kremlin.

Authorities say his long stay in Germany violated the terms of a suspended sentence in a 2014 conviction for financial misdeeds.

Navalny's spokeswoman Kira Yarmysh was detained by police at her residence several hours after Lyubov Sobol, a lawyer for Navalny's Fund for Fighting Corruption, was detained. There were no immediate reports of charges lodged against either.

In addition, state communications watchdog Roskomnadzor said it is warning social media outlets that they could face fines of up to 4 million rubles (US\$53,000) for allowing minors access to calls for unsanctioned demonstrations.

The decision to arrest Navalny upon his return put the Kremlin in a strategic bind — either risk large demonstrations and international denunciations by keeping him behind bars or back down by letting him go free. — AP



# Five killed in blaze at vaccine manufacturer

PUNE, India — At least five people were killed in a fire that broke out yesterday at a building under construction at Serum Institute of India, the world's largest vaccine manufacturer, officials said. The company said the blaze would not affect production of the Covid-19 vaccine.

Murlidhar Mohol, mayor of Pune city in southern Maharashtra state, said five bodies were found in the rubble after the flames were extinguished by firefighters.

Mahol said the victims were probably construction workers. He said the cause of the fire had not been determined and the extent of damage was not immediately clear.

Serum Institute of India's CEO, Adar Poonwala, said he was "deeply saddened" by the loss of life.

He said there would be no reduction in vaccine manufacturing because the company has other available facilities.

The company said the fire was restricted to a new facility it is constructing to increase the production of Covid-19 vaccines and ensure it is better prepared for future pandemics.

It said the fire did not affect existing facilities making Covid-19 vaccines or a stockpile of around 50 million doses.

Images showed huge plumes of smoke billowing from the building and dozens of company workers in lab suits leaving the compound as firefighters worked to extinguish the blaze.

Serum Institute of India is the world's largest maker of vaccines and has been contracted to manufacture a billion doses of the AstraZeneca/Oxford University vaccine.

Poonawalla said in an interview with The Associated Press last month that it hopes to increase production capacity from 1.5 billion doses to 2.5 billion doses per year by the end of 2021. The new facility is part of the expansion.



**FIRE HITS VACCINE MAKER:** Five people have been killed in a fire at the site of the world's largest vaccine producer in western India. AP picture

Of the more than 12 billion coronavirus vaccine doses expected to be produced this year, rich countries have already bought about nine billion, and

many have options to buy even more. As a result, Serum Institute is likely to make most of the vaccines that will be used by developing nations. — AP

# UK lockdown failing to halt virus

LONDON — The UK's third pandemic lockdown appears to be having little impact on rates of Covid-19 in England, researchers have warned, with prevalence of the disease "very high" and "no evidence of decline" in the first 10 days of renewed restrictions.

Until rates of Covid-19 are reduced substantially, health services "will remain under extreme pressure" and the number of deaths will continue to rise rapidly, researchers leading Imperial College London's REACT-1 prevalence study said.

"The number of Covid-19 in-patients (in hospital) is extremely high at the moment, and we can't expect that to drop unless we can achieve lower levels of prevalence," said Steven Riley, a professor of infectious disease dynamics who co-lead the work.

"The fact that prevalence is not going down has potentially serious consequences."

Prime Minister Boris Johnson put England into a third national lockdown on January 6, closing bars, restaurants and most schools, and allowing only essential shops to open.

Ministers have appealed to people to stay at home as much as they can to prevent hospitals being overwhelmed and to give authorities time to roll out Covid-19 vaccines to the elderly and those at



highest risk.

Riley — presenting his latest data covering January 7 to January 16 — said prevalence rates were at 1.58 percent, the highest recorded by the REACT-1 study since it started in May 2020. This is a rise of more than 50 percent since the last readout in mid-December.

Riley also cautioned against pinning immediate hopes on Covid-19 vaccines.

"The vaccine is only going to have a very limited impact on prevalence in the short-term," he told reporters.

Paul Elliott, an expert in epidemiology and public health medicine and director of the REACT programme, said the stubborn levels of Covid-19 infection may

be in part due to a more transmissible variant of the virus which emerged late last year.

"We have really got to double down on the public health measures — wear face covers, keep your distance and wash your hands," Elliott said. "There will be continued pressure until we can get the prevalence down."

Oxford scientists are preparing to rapidly produce new versions of their vaccine to combat emerging, more contagious Covid-19 variants discovered in the UK, South Africa and Brazil, according to media reports.

The team behind the vaccine from Oxford and AstraZeneca are undertaking feasibility studies to reconfigure the technology, the Daily Telegraph said, citing a confirmation from Oxford University.

The scientists were working on estimating how quickly they could reconfigure their ChAdOx vaccine platform, the report said.

AstraZeneca deferred to Oxford for comment. An Oxford spokesperson said the university was carefully assessing the impact of new variants on vaccine immunity and evaluating the processes needed for rapid development of adjusted Covid-19 vaccines if these should be necessary.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said yesterday that the nation's medicines regulator will be ready and able to give approval to new versions of Covid-19 vaccines designed to counter new variants of the coronavirus that may appear.

Recent laboratory tests have indicated that the Covid-19 vaccine developed by Pfizer Inc and partner BioNTech SE is likely to work against the UK variant spreading around the world.

BioNTech has said it plans to publish a more detailed analysis of the likely effect of its vaccine on the South African variant within a few days.

AstraZeneca, Moderna Inc and CureVac NV are also testing whether their respective shots will protect against the fast-spreading variants.

The British government reported a fresh daily record rise in deaths on Wednesday (local time) with 1820 people dying within 28 days of a positive Covid-19 test. However, new infections — at 38,905 — were down from a recent peak of 68,053 on January 8.

The health ministry said the full impact of the lockdown would not yet be reflected in the prevalence figures, but added the survey highlighted the importance of everyone staying at home and following the restrictions. — RNZ

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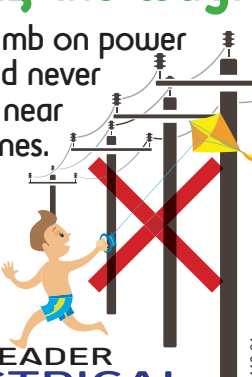
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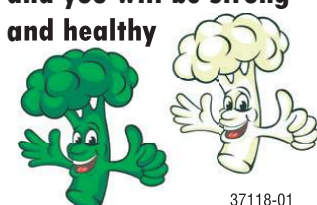
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## Myrtle rust spreading around NZ

AUCKLAND — The first case of myrtle rust has been found within Auckland's Waitakere Ranges.

Auckland Council said the wind-borne fungal disease, which attacks plants in the myrtle family, infected one of the country's most highly susceptible native myrtles, *Lophomyrtus bullata*, commonly known as ramarama.

The species is nationally threatened, and its conservation status is classified as "critical".

Councillor Richard Hills said that because the fungus is wind-borne it was not a matter of if, but when it would be found in the Waitakere Ranges.

"Despite the inevitability, this will be distressing for many of our communities who are concerned that our native taonga could be affected," Councillor Hills said.

Myrtle rust has been found across most of the North Island and upper



areas of the South Island since it was first identified in 2017.

The disease can be identified by the following traits:

- Bright yellow/orange powdery patches on leaves
- Brown/grey rust pustules (older spores) on older lesions
- Leaves that are buckled or twisted and dying off. — RNZ



**OVERLOADED:** The Distinction Christchurch Hotel is one of the hotels being used as a managed isolation facility. RNZ picture

## Queenstown market bounces back

by Devon Bolger, NZ Herald

QUEENSTOWN — The Queenstown property market has bounced back after huge losses during the lockdown last year.

OneRoof editor Owen Vaughan said in August last year, the median house price in the Queenstown-Lakes district was down 7.7 percent.

Now the district is boasting a 6 percent increase since the lockdown began.

The median house price currently sits at \$1.15 million according to data from OneRoof, that is up from \$1 million in December last year.

Vaughan said when Covid-19 struck, the district saw drops in property values of up to 20 percent.

"Now it's back and has grown by 6 percent in the last four months.

"They have clawed back the losses and is now ahead, it is a really great comeback."

Vaughan said he thinks the increase is because confidence in the property market is coming back.

"People are buying and the momentum has come back. Lots of property markets around the country are still below where they were before the lockdown."

Data from OneRoof shows there were 369 settled sales in the district over the past six months.

The most expensive property sold was \$8.3 million.

## Doubt over MIQ full house claims

by Gill Bonnett, RNZ

AUCKLAND — Managed isolation demand is forecast to outstrip supply by more than 150 rooms in the next two days.

It is not clear how accurate that prediction will be after figures fell short over Christmas and New Year, leading to empty hotel rooms while desperate New Zealanders waited for managed isolation vouchers.

The most that the system has been overbooked by was eight rooms on December 3, when contingency rooms were used.

Taking into account fortnight stays and time to deep-clean rooms, on New Year's Eve there were 148 rooms still available for allocation in the first two weeks of January.

Forecasts for returnees to exceed the 4500-room operational capacity on five days around Christmas did not eventuate. On December 30, 4196 rooms were occupied, when 11 days earlier vouchers for 4639 rooms had been issued.

A managed isolation and quarantine (MIQ) spokesperson said the largest number of rooms allocated since the start of December was 4508 on December 3.

"We forecast capacity would be very tight in the lead-up to Christmas as we wanted as many people as possible to get back to New Zealand," the spokesperson said.

"About 12 to 15 vouchers are released back into the system daily as a result of people who don't use them because of flight changes. About one to four vouchers daily are unused because people do not arrive — these are reallocated where possible."

When operational capacity is surpassed, some of MIQ's 1000 contingency rooms are used. They are usually set aside for reasons such as quarantine, evacuations and deportees and are spread around 30 of the managed isolation facilities.

Forecasts for today and the weekend suggest a deficit of up to 163 rooms (4620, 4565 and 4663 rooms are allocated on each day).

One factor which may make predictions harder is travel plans changing because of positive results from pre-departure Covid-19 tests.

On the first day of tests being compulsory for new arrivals on Tuesday, there were 4339 rooms occupied, whereas forecasts the day before predicted 4444 would be needed.

Average vacancies have decreased since October when they averaged 1300 a day.

In early November, those who were keen to come back to New Zealand for Christmas were warned about available spaces filling up.

Just three days later, it was announced all spots were fully booked until Boxing Day. An extra 100 rooms were added between December 13 and 23.

On December 3, the Minister for Covid-19 Response Chris Hipkins said staff were overbooking the hotels to ensure there were no empty rooms from cancellations.

"We're allowing for a little bit of overbooking on the basis that we do know we get a proportion of no-shows," Hipkins said.

"So we can dip into the contingency that we have, and take a bit more risk on overbooking the system, on the basis that we know we will be able to accommodate that."

The number of unused spaces has angered some New Zealanders trying to get back to see family, as well as non-citizens trying to reunite with relatives or return to jobs.

One man, who asked not to be named, said the system needed an overhaul.

Having monitored the figures for many months, he was unconvinced about the predicted spike in arrivals over the next couple of days.

"When we see the data in two days' time, I can almost guarantee you it's going to be 100-and-something rooms left vacant," he said.

"I do appreciate it must be one hell of an operation, to try to co-ordinate all of this and work with the airlines and so on but it's just not working."

"The message we're getting through statements made by politicians and reinforced by blasé comments via breakfast TV and so on, is that these facilities are bursting at the seams — but it's not happening."

"There needs to be more co-ordination to try to smooth out arrivals to make it more manageable and not have spikes of arrivals which results in unused rooms when there's a trough."

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# 'We can wait' — iwi occupying Shelly Bay

by Harry Lock, RNZ

WELLINGTON — "We are resolute, we can wait."

That is the message from iwi members and protesters who are now occupying Wellington's Shelly Bay.

Mau Whenua — a group of Taranaki Whanui members — upped the stakes this week, serving a trespass notice to property developer — The Wellington Company.

When three representatives of The Wellington Company arrived at Shelly Bay, members of Mau Whenua greeted them and then promptly handed them the notice.

The encounter was filmed and then uploaded to social media.

Joshua Parata of Mau Whenua was there.

"Our purpose here is a peaceful protest," Mr Parata said.

"We try to maintain that throughout this process of trespassing The Wellington Company.

"We're here peacefully. That's the mana we try to hold to."

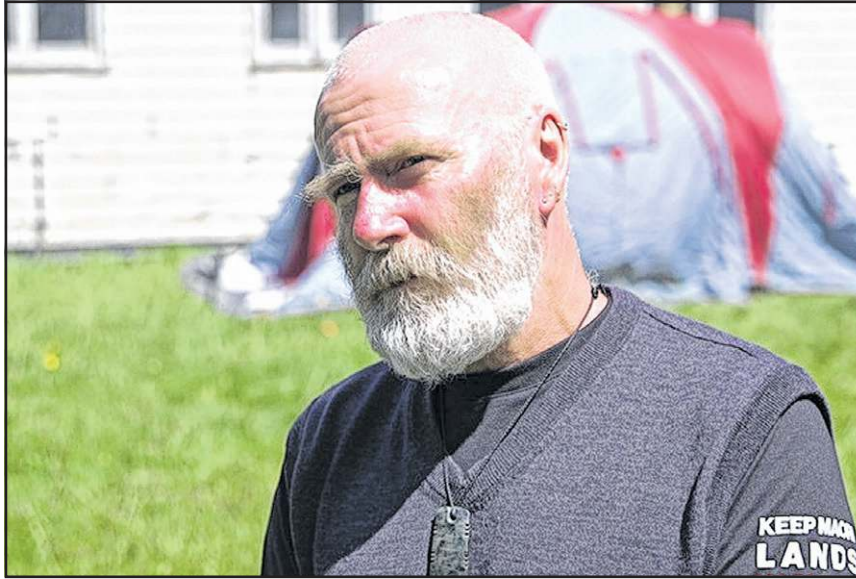
In November, the Wellington City Council voted for the sale and lease of land at Shelly Bay to the The Wellington Company.

However, Mau Whenua disagreed with the sale, and have since been occupying the land.

Mau Whenua spokesperson Anaru Mepham has been there from day one.

"We believe that it is our whenua, and that it was illegally sold to The Wellington Company . . . and we are wanting it returned."

On Tuesday, an email was sent to Mau Whenua from The Wellington Company.



**UPPING THE ANTE:** Mau Whenua spokesperson Anaru Mepham has been at Shelly Bay from day one. RNZ picture by Samuel Rillstone

It told them they needed to "cease and desist", and remove themselves from the land.

The following morning, as Mau Whenua were having a hui to discuss their response, officials from The Wellington Company arrived on the site.

They were then handed the trespass notice by Mau Whenua.

"As the occupiers of this whenua, we have rights. And our rights are that we control who comes on or off our property — just as any private landowner would have the right to control who does enter their property and who doesn't," Mr Mepham said.

"Until the transaction of this whenua, this dispute, is resolved, we will hold this position."

They were prepared to stay there for as long as it took.

"It leaves us in this place of occupation, and we are firm, we are resolute. We can wait."

But they were still open to dialogue with The Wellington Company, and its head, Ian Cassels, Mr Mepham said.

"We have quite a strong example of land misappropriation from Parihaka and Waitara in the Taranaki. We know that negotiations are a far better way to deal with these difficult situations than force."

Mau Whenua said they would deliver an official trespass notice at the company's office in the coming days.

Mr Cassels did not respond to an RNZ request for comment.

## Illegal digging damages archaeological site

**AWAMOIA CREEK** — A significant Maori archaeological site has been extensively damaged by illegal fossickers in the Waitaki District.

Last Friday, up to a metre-and-a-half of digging along creek beds was discovered at Awamoia Creek, following previous reports of casual fossicking.

Under New Zealand law, it is a criminal offence to modify or destroy an archaeological site without permission.

Upoko Te Runanga o Moeraki David Higgins said Te Awa Kokomuka had great significance.

"The site forms part of important travelling routes for early Maori up and

down the South Island, linking to coastal and inland networks."

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Otago Southland area manager, Jane Macknight, said it was disheartening to find such blatant fossicking and damage.

It was unclear what had been removed, but it was a loss of knowledge of Aotearoa's heritage, she said.

"For Maori, it's a mahinga kai site — possibly an occupation site. For Europeans, it's the first archaeological dig site in the South Island. Government Commissioner Walter Mantell stopped at that site when he was being guided down the South Island by Maori and he removed moa bones from the

site," Ms Macknight said.

"There is clear signage warning the public that this site is an archaeological reserve and not to remove items from the site."

The recent damage was "on another level entirely", she said.

Both groups and Waitaki District Council staff are working to assess the ongoing protection of the site which is also subject to coastal erosion.

Anyone who might have knowledge about the recent site damage can contact Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga by email at infodeepsouth@heritage.org.nz or on 03 477 9871. — RNZ

## Maori to be prioritised for Covid vaccine

by Meriana Johnsen, RNZ

WELLINGTON — The National Maori Pandemic group has said the protection of Maori will be at the centre of planning for the Covid-19 vaccine rollout.

Te Ropu Whakakaupapa Uruta had previously criticised the Government for treating Maori as an afterthought in its Covid-19 response.

One of the group's members, Dr Rawiri Jansen, is part of the Government's Immunisation Implementation Advisory Group, and said that being involved in the planning stages meant Maori were now being considered a priority for vaccination.

"There have been times when we've been very critical of the response and influence that Maori have been able to have in terms of our pandemic response, so we're looking to really influence that and get a better response by being involved earlier."

"The priority from my point of view is to centre the immunisation implementation on protecting the Maori community and I think we've got that in the right place."

Dr Jansen said he expected some Maori under 65 would be included in the priority groups for vaccination.

"We've got evidence to show that Maori will be impacted by the Covid at a younger age so our programme must address that," Dr Jansen said.

"My understanding is that, yes, it has been agreed that Maori will be centre in that."

Another member of Te Ropu Whakakaupapa Uruta, Dr Sue Crengle, said there was a strong case for Maori who were aged 50 years or older to be considered a priority for a Covid vaccination.

Dr Crengle also wanted there to be a specific level of Covid vaccination coverage for Maori.

"Assuming that we rollout the vaccine quickly and

effectively . . . what level of vaccination coverage is the Government going to consider is satisfactory before they start doing things like opening up the borders, lowering/reducing the requirements for being in MIQ, in quarantine, when you come into the country?"

"We know that, for example, with influenza vaccines for the over 65s, there are always inequities and lower coverage for Maori, so I think there needs to be . . . Maori-specific levels of coverage before we start to relax our requirements around MIQ, for example."

The gap between non-Maori and Maori vaccination rates for over 65s is 9 percent.

This dropped from 12 percent last year after a proactive flu vaccination programme led by hapu and Maori health providers.

In a statement, a Ministry of Health spokesperson said the initial focus would be to vaccinate border workers and essential staff, and they were still gathering evidence to decide who would be vaccinated next.

"Ensuring equity of outcomes, especially for Maori and Pacific peoples, and appropriate protection for our most vulnerable, are key priorities in our planning."

They said the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, such as partnership, tino rangatiratanga, equity and active protection, would "guide" the Covid-19 Immunisation Strategy.

"To achieve equity, the Ministry of Health is designing a service that provides for groups the system has often failed to reach, such as Maori in remote rural areas."

Five of the 12 members on the Implementation Advisory Group are Maori, including Te Puea Winiata, Nicky Birch, Taima Campbell, Kevin Pewhairangi and Dr Rawiri Jansen, who were chosen by the Director-General of Health, Dr Ashley Bloomfield.

## Taser, pepper spray during arrest an 'excessive use of force'

WHANGAREI — The police watchdog has found officers who used a taser and sprayed pepper spray between a man's eyes while arresting him was not justified.

In May, 2019, two relatively inexperienced officers were called to a house in Whangarei where two brothers were fighting and the mother could not stop them.

The Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA) said that while trying to separate the men, an officer was pushed and yelled at by one of them, prompting his arrest.

While the officer was trying to handcuff the man, he tackled him and pushed the other officer out of the way before

taking off down the driveway.

An officer then fired her taser at him, it missed, but the man stopped running.

The police then ordered the man to lay on the ground, while one officer encouraged the other to spray pepper spray between his eyes before handcuffing him.

"Officer B told us (the IPCA) that he was holding his pepper spray, and Officer A admitted that she said, "f\*\*king spray him".

"Officer B then pepper-sprayed Mr Z between the eyes — at close range."

The authority found that both the use of the taser and the pepper spray were unjustified and constituted excessive use

of force.

It said one of the officers also used unprofessional and inappropriate language during the arrest, and that an officer's encouragement of the other officer to use pepper spray was not necessary and totally inappropriate.

"Officer B acknowledged that he was "angry" and "fuming".

"He also used foul language, taunting Mr Z by saying he thought he was "f\*\*king tough" as he lay on the ground.

"This was not only inappropriate, but also made it apparent to us (the IPCA) that Officer B used pepper spray, not because he did not have a less violent means available to effect the arrest, but because he

was angry."

IPCA chair, Judge Colin Doherty, said if the man had escaped, he posed a low risk and the taser was not necessary, and neither was the use of pepper spray.

"Police could have made enquiries to locate him later."

"The officer's use of a taser to prevent the man's escape was therefore not proportional, and not justified under section 40 of the Crimes Act.

"It was apparent to us that the other officer's use of pepper spray was done out of anger, not out of necessity to effect the arrest."

Acting Northland District Commander Inspector Riki Whiu accepted the findings of

the report.

He said it was a domestic situation where emotions were running high.

"While it is not acceptable that the man at the address assaulted police in the first instance, the actions of the officers in this incident fell short of the standards of professionalism, respect and integrity we expect from our staff."

The officers had apologised to the man.

"I am confident the officers involved have learned from this incident and will make better tactical decisions in future when dealing with volatile situations," Inspector Whiu said. — RNZ



# Mass-stranding fears after young whale washes up on Chch beach

by Devon Bolger,  
The New Zealand Herald

CHRISTCHURCH — An animal welfare charity is on high alert after a young, long-finned pilot whale washed up on a Christchurch beach.

Project Jonah general manager Daren Grover said the species was well known for mass strandings and it could happen again.

“The species is known to live in pods. While we’re not expecting it, experience tells us there will be others.

“There could be 30 or more.” Mr Grover said there was a mass stranding of several hundred of the whales in 2017.

A post on the charity’s Facebook page alerted its volunteers to the whale being washed up on Waimari Beach yesterday.

“Foetal folds are still visible meaning the animal is most

likely less than 6 months old.

“The calf looked to be in a relatively healthy physical condition, with no obvious scars and injuries.”

The Department of Conservation (DoC) and Ngai Tahu were on site preparing for a burial, the post said.

Project Jonah said on their Facebook post that they had sent a precautionary alert to their local Marine Mammal Medics in the region, asking them to have rescue gear ready in case of any further whale strandings.

Mr Grover said anyone who came across a beached whale — dead or alive — should contact the Department of Conservation immediately.

“The people that came across this whale were very, very clever. They had to leave but left a note saying ‘DOC has been contacted’, which meant other people who saw it wouldn’t panic.”

He said this was a reminder to

the public to keep a lookout for whales.

“In summer, we get species migrating or coming close to the shore.

“We get many different species here in New Zealand.

“If you see one, don’t panic, reach out and ask for help.”

• Contact DoC on 0800 362468 or Project Jonah on 0800 494253 if you come across a whale.

**NO OBVIOUS SCARS OR INJURIES:** The young, long-finned pilot whale that washed up on Waimari Beach yesterday. The calf looked to be ‘in a relatively healthy physical condition, with no obvious scars or injuries’.

Picture by Rebecca Williams



# Trump gone: ‘NZ set to benefit’

NEW Zealand will benefit from the end of the Trump era and the arrival of “an outstanding human being” as the new president, says a former ambassador to the US.

Tim Groser, who became the country’s ambassador to the US in January, 2016, and was also a minister for Climate Change during the last National government, said New Zealand was in a far better position under an administration led by Joe Biden.

“I just felt when I was up there (in Washington) as ambassador during the Trump administration, I was just banging my head against a brick wall for no practical effect. That will be different over the next four years.”

He told Morning Report that the US would be stopped from withdrawing from many international structures that required its leadership. These included organisations focused on climate change, trade and security issues.

“The major foreign challenge they face though is trying to get a reset of the US-China relationship and that is a formidably complicated domestic political problem for the new administration.

“But overall, from our point of view, this is a far better proposition.”

ANZ bank chief economist Sharon Zollner said Donald Trump did not create the tensions between the US and China, they preceded him and they would stick around after him too, as a “battle for the ages for supremacy”.

The tension put New Zealand and Australia in an awkward position, because both countries were reliant on China as a trade partner and reliant on the US as a strategic partner, she said.

“The worse the tensions are between those two countries, the more awkward it is to manage those two



**‘OUTSTANDING HUMAN BEING’, BUT FACES ‘FORMIDABLE’ CHALLENGES:** Joe Biden is sworn in as the 46th president of the United States by Chief Justice John Roberts as Jill Biden holds the Bible during the 59th Presidential Inauguration at the US Capitol in Washington, DC, yesterday. AP picture

(relationships), and we’ve seen some of those tensions boil over into the Australian trade relationship with China, for example.

“We are on notice, I suppose, that it is going to be a more difficult triangle to manage perhaps.”

Mr Groser, however, said he was feeling an overwhelming sense of relief that an extraordinary period of US political history had ended and “an outstanding human being” and his fantastic team had now taken charge.

“But, frankly, when you listen to the scale of the problems that he (Biden) is now facing, it’s time for some sober reflection (for the US).”

“These include massive economic problems, especially with “the underclass”.

One of the governors of the US Federal Reserve said recently that there was a 20

percent unemployment rate among the bottom 25 percent of wage and salary earners.

Biden also had a “razor thin” majority in the House and Senate, which would mean huge political challenges and would require very careful management.”

The University of Auckland’s infectious diseases and microbiology expert, Associate Professor Siouxsie Wiles, was pleased that science would start to drive the US response to Covid-19, which has seen the country lose more than 400,000 people to the disease.

Prof Wiles said with Biden in charge, there would be a much more orthodox handling of the pandemic, with testing made available, free, emergency paid leave and daily expert briefings.

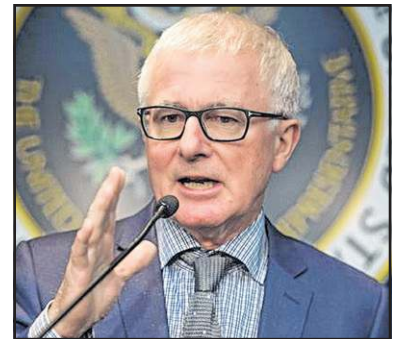
She would like to see Biden help free Professor Rebecca

Jones, who has been arrested in Texas after being fired last May when she said Florida was not reporting its Covid figures properly.

This was a sign that US experts could not criticise the pandemic response during a time that Trump had torn apart the government apparatus that should have been responding to the pandemic, she said.

Meanwhile, Trump has left Washington, DC, with the lowest approval rating of any president in polling history, and with the shame of having provoked the startling Capitol riots of two weeks ago.

And as the legendary American journalist Dan Rather bluntly put it yesterday, “As bad as the Trump administration looks today, I firmly believe history will judge it much more harshly.” — RNZ



Former ambassador to the US, Tim Groser. AP picture



ANZ bank chief economist Sharon Zollner. RNZ picture by Dom Thomas



**QUICK GOODBYE:** Donald and Melania Trump depart from the White House yesterday. AFP picture



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# Beauty therapy with Birgitt

A major store refit has enabled Gisborne's Pharmacy 53 to come a full circle in once again providing beauty therapy services.

Now in its 38th year, the pharmacy has a new dedicated beautician in the shape of Birgitt Whyte.

Birgitt grew up in South Africa and did her training as a Beauty Therapist in Germany. After running her own salon for the past 10 years, she moved to Gisborne with her husband last year from Malawi.

"We love country living, so it's nice to be in Gisborne," Birgitt said.

Birgitt is now available for booking on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will be offering eyebrow tinting, henna, eyebrow laminating, eyelash tint and lifting.

She will also be helping out in the cosmetics department, where she can further utilise her skills as a trained beautician.

"I've had a salon, so I'm very familiar with skin types, analysing skins and giving advice. I always felt before taking this job, on visits to Gisborne, that eyelash and eyebrow treatments are needed here."

Birgitt can now provide a more personal touch, from treatment through to advice about cosmetics.

The new service started on

September 1 and Pharmacy 53 owner Nigel Campbell said it was one that fitted nicely into the pharmacy.

"When Pharmacy 53 started, 38 years ago, we started with a full-time beauty therapist, so I knew it was always possible to have a beauty therapist operating out of a pharmacy because we've done it before."

Mr Campbell said it had proven to be very successful in the past and now the pharmacy had been refitted, there was a new space suitable for use.

The refit meant there were two consultation rooms available.

"Certainly, one of the consultation rooms is for beauty treatments . . . we wanted to occupy the space more effectively. So, I decided it was possible again and then along came Birgitt.

"Pharmacy is all about consultation and advice. I see beauty therapy dovetailing nicely into cosmetic sales. I also see it as a way of competing against the supermarkets and big (department store) retailers. To some extent pharmacy has lost market share with cosmetics, and with an emphasis on service and advice we are trying to win some of that market back.

Pharmacy 53 welcomes Birgitt to the team — for bookings enquire in store, email or phone 06 8673038.



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FRIDAY—SATURDAY'S TELEVISION GUIDE

TVNZ 1

5pm The Chase
A quiz show where contestants must stay one step ahead of The Chaser.
6pm 1 News At 6pm
6.30 LIVE Cricket: T20 Black Clash
Team Rugby, coached by Sir Graham Henry, goes head-to-head with Team Cricket, coached by Stephen Fleming at Hagley Oval.
10.30 1 News Tonight
11pm America's Cup: Prada Cup (HLS)
11.30 Blindspot MV
As Ivy races to retrieve the stash of zip bombs, the rest of the team must rely on the help of the very unstable genius, Kathy Gustafson.
SATURDAY
12.25 FINAL The Crossing MV
The refugees' lives hang in the balance as Jude and Nestor make an unlikely ally.
1.10 Te Karere
1.35 Infomercials
6am Te Karere
6.30 Country Calendar
A farming couple take on the daunting task of taming wild horses mustered from the Kaimanawa Ranges.
7am Following Twain With Oscar Kightley PG
Oscar visits Oamaru, where he comes across penguins, as well as a man called Bruce Comfort who knows everything about a structure that most Kiwis are unaware exists.
7.30 Infomercials
8.30 Religious Programming
9am Emergency Call PG
9.30 Tagata Pasifika
10am John And Lisa's Weekend Kitchen
11am Cash Trapped
Noon Cowboy Builders
1pm The Living Room
2pm Big Race Day
Toni Street and Scotty Stevenson preview this afternoon's Prada Cup races from the Auckland's Viaduct.
3pm LIVE America's Cup: Prada Cup
Round Robin Three and Four. Coverage of the fifth day of the Prada Cup Challenger Series.
5pm The Chase

BRAVO

5.30 Face Off PG
6.30 Million Dollar Listing NY
7.30 MOVIE Identity Thief
M © 2013 Comedy. A family man inadvertently sets out on a cross-country adventure with the woman who stole his identity. Jason Bateman, Melissa McCarthy.
9.50 Deadly Cults
10.50 Snapped M
11.45 In Ice Cold Blood M
SATURDAY
12.35 Infomercials
6am Infomercials
10am I Found The Gown
10.30 Find My First Love PG
11.25 Find My First Love PG
12.15 David Tintera: Celebrations
1.10 David Tintera: Celebrations
2.05 MOVIE American Dreamz PG
© 2006 Comedy.
4.15 Hoarders PG
5.10 Songland PG

TVNZ 2

5pm The Simpsons PG
5.30 The Big Bang Theory
6pm Neighbours
6.30 Ten 7 Summer PG
7pm Shortland Street PGLC
7.30 MOVIE Fantastic Four PGV
2005 Action. Four astronauts gain superpowers after being exposed to cosmic radiation and must use them to defeat the plans of Doctor Victor von Doom. Ioan Gruffudd, Jessica Alba, Julian McMahon.
9.35 MOVIE Star Trek Beyond M
© 2016 Sci-fi. The USS Enterprise crew explore uncharted space, where they encounter a new, ruthless enemy who threatens them and everything the Federation stands for. Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto, Karl Urban.
SATURDAY
12.05 The Best Foods Xmas Comedy Gala 16L
1.20 Shortland Street PGLC
1.45 Infomercials
2.50 2 Overnight
4.20 The Middle
4.45 Neighbours
5.10 Brain Busters
5.35 Andi Mack
6am Thomas And Friends
6.10 The Wiggles' World
6.20 Tinpo
6.30 PJ Masks
6.50 Love Monster
7am Zak Storm
7.20 The Amazing World Of Gumball
7.45 Dragon Ball Super
8.10 Bakugan: Battle Planet
8.35 Pokemon Journeys: The Series
9am Ninjago
9.10 Pickle And Peanut
9.30 The Simpsons PG
10.20 My Wife And Kids
11.20 Michael McIntyre's Big Show PG
12.35 The Bachelorette Omnibus PG
4.05 God Friended Me
5.05 The Simpsons PG

CHOICE

5.30 Mysteries At The Museum PG
6.30 Wheeler Dealers
7.30 Salvage Hunters
8.30 Location, Location, Location
9.30 Escape To The Chateau: DIY
10.30 Wheeler Dealers
11.30 Mysteries At The Museum PG
SATURDAY
12.30 James Martin's Great British Adventure
1.30 Gordon Ramsay Ultimate Home Cooking
2am Posh Pawn
3am Expedition Mungo PG
4am Location, Location, Location
5am Mysteries At The Museum PG
6am Freddie Mercury: The King Of Queen PG
7.30 Expedition Mungo PG
8.30 Mysteries At The Museum PG
9.30 Escape To The Chateau: DIY
10.30 James Martin's Great British Adventure
11.30 Wheeler Dealers
12.30 Salvage Hunters
1.30 Location, Location, Location
2.30 Aussie Lobster Men PGL
3.30 How Do Animals Do That?
4pm How Do Animals Do That?
4.30 Gino's Italian Escape
5pm Luke Nguyen's Railway Vietnam
5.30 Irish Pickers

THREE

5pm Millionaire Hot Seat
6pm Newshub Live At 6pm
7pm The Project
7.30 MOVIE Mission: Impossible II M
© 2000 Action. Special agent Ethan Hunt is sent to Sydney to find and destroy a genetically modified disease called Chimera. Tom Cruise, Dougray Scott, Thandie Newton, Ving Rhames.
9.55 Newshub Late
10.25 Wanted M
Lola and Chelsea attempt to escape their grim confines; Detective Max tails Lola's sister in an attempt to track them down.
11.25 Millionaire Hot Seat
SATURDAY
12.20 Infomercials
6am Charles Stanley
6.30 Infomercials
9.30 Better Homes And Gardens
10.55 Mexican Fiesta With Peter Kuruvita
11.25 Love At First Flight
The four couples conclude the last leg of their eight-stop, cross-country adventure.
12.30 Stove Tots PG
It is the cutthroat chef, versus the sensitive chef, versus the small wonder, in the kids' culinary fight club 'south of the border' challenge.
1.25 MasterChef UK
2pm Earth: The Nature Of Our Planet (Starting Today)
3.05 Unplugged Nation PG
4pm Grand Designs UK
5pm Lego Masters USA

PRIME

5pm Everybody Loves Raymond PG
5.30 Prime News
6pm Pawn Stars PG
6.30 Shipping Wars PG
7pm The Crowd Goes Wild
7.30 Pawn Stars PG
A seller brings in some vintage Disneyland employee costumes.
8pm Border Security PG
8.30 Seal Team MV
Bravo Team searches for a new terrorist group leader who is orchestrating violent resistance to peace negotiations; in Texas, Sonny works to repair his relationship with his father.
9.30 LIVE Basketball: NBL Adelaide 36ers v NZ Breakers. From Adelaide Entertainment Centre.
11.30 RAW PG
SATURDAY
12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert PG
12.35 Closedown
6am Butterbean's Cafe
6.25 Double Dare
6.50 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
7.15 Danny Phantom
7.40 Ben 10: Omniverse
8.05 Game Shakers
8.30 Batman: The Animated Series
9am Samurai Jack PGV
10am SmackDown PGV
11am Raw PGV
Noon Life Cycles PGVC
1pm Judge Judy PG
1.30 WhichCar TV
2pm Whose Line Is It Anyway? PG
3pm Storage Wars PGL
4pm Fish Of The Day
4.30 Hot Bench
5pm The Loggers PG
5.30 Prime News

MAORI TV

5pm Pipi Ma
5.05 Takaro Tribe
5.20 Waiata Mai
5.30 Tamariki Haka
5.40 Potae Pai
5.50 Zoomoo
6pm Cube
6.10 Huritua
6.20 Paia
6.30 Te Ao I Te Raumati
7.30 Moomseam And Marmalade
8pm Tangaroa With Pio
8.30 MOVIE People Places Things PG
2015 Romantic Comedy. A newly single graphic novelist and professor must navigate the unfamiliar waters of single fatherhood and dating. Jemaine Clement, Regina Hall, Jessica Williams.
10.10 Loading Docs
10.30 Te Ao I Te Raumati
11.30 Closedown
SATURDAY
6.30 Waiata Mai
6.40 Kia Mau
6.50 Potae Pai
7am Darwin + Newts
7.10 Tamariki Haka
7.20 Pukoro
7.50 Polyfest Kapa Haka
8.20 Purakau
8.30 Pukana
9am LIVE Waka Ama National Sprint Championships
1pm The Pits TV
2pm Poitukohu Nga Kura Tuarua
3pm Touch Rugby: National Championships
4pm Game Of Bros PG
4.30 Kai Safari
5pm School Of Training
5.30 Haka At Home



Cricket: T20 Black Clash 6.30pm on TVNZ 1



Mission: Impossible II 7.30pm on Three



Seal Team 8.30pm on Prime

RNZ NATIONAL

7.06 Country Life Summer
8.15 Friday Night Live: Reb Fountain
9.15 The Origin Of Stuff
10.15 NZ Crime: The Cohens
Journalist Tim Donoghue talks to Jesse Mulligan about his book The Tiger Who Smiled about the Cohen's incarceration for drug trafficking.
11.06 The Mixtape
SATURDAY
12.04 All Night Programme
A selection of the best RNZ National interviews and features.
6.08 Storytime
7.08 Country Life Summer
8am The Weekend With Karyn Hay.
Noon Music 101
5.15 The Origin Of Stuff

SKY SPORT 1

6pm Chiefs Greatest Games
8pm 30 For 30: The Legend Of Eddie Aikau
Chronicles the remarkable life and times of the late Eddie Aikau, the legendary Hawaiian big wave surfer.
9.30 Breakdown Coaches Special
10.05 Chiefs' Greatest Games (RPL) 2019 Chiefs v Crusaders.
SATURDAY
12am Grilled With Marshy
12.30 Grilled With Marshy
1.15 Grilled With Marshy
1.45 Currie Cup (RPL) Teams and venue TBC.
3.45 Currie Cup (RPL) Griquas v Cheetahs.
5.45 Grilled With Marshy
6.25 Heineken Cup
8.30 Rugby Pass Legends
8.55 Heineken Cup
11am Heineken Cup (RPL) Gloucester v Ulster.
1pm The Conversation
1.30 Heineken Cup (RPL) Teams and venue TBC.
3.30 Currie Cup (HLS) Pumas v Bulls.
4pm Currie Cup (HLS) Griquas v Cheetahs.
4.30 Rugby Pass Legends
4.55 Heineken Cup (HLS) Teams and venue TBC.
5.25 Heineken Cup (HLS) Teams and venue TBC.
5.55 TBC

SKY 5

5.10 Wheel Of Fortune
5.35 Pawn Stars PG
6pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords M
7pm The Force MC
7.30 Ice Road Truckers PG
8.30 Highway Thru Hell PG
Spring is coming and Jamie is facing some heavy pressure to cut costs by making some staff redundant.
9.30 Pawn Stars PG
10pm Pawn Stars PG
10.30 SVU MV
11.20 Criminal Minds 16VS
SATURDAY
12.05 Addicted To Fishing MVL
12.30 Addicted To Fishing MVL
12.55 Wheel Of Fortune
1.15 Jeopardy!
1.35 The Force MC
2am Highway Thru Hell PG
2.50 Pawn Stars PG
3.15 Pawn Stars PG
3.40 SVU MV
4.25 Pawn Stars PG
4.50 Highway Thru Hell PG
5.35 The Simpsons PG
6am Mountain Men PG
7am Ice Road Truckers PG
8am Truck Night In America PGL
8.50 The Simpsons PG
9.15 Mountain Men PG
10.10 Highway Thru Hell PG
11.10 Pawn Stars PG
Noon Salvation MV
1pm NXT PGV
2pm SmackDown MVC
4.05 Ax Men ML
4.50 The Force MC
5.40 Ice Road Truckers PG

MOVIES PREMIERE

6.51 Last Christmas
MLC 2019 Comedy. Emilia Clarke, Henry Golding.
8.30 The Lodge 16VC 2019
Horror. Two siblings and their future stepmother find themselves trapped in a remote lodge as frightening events threaten to unearth demons of the past. Riley Keough, Jaeden Martell, Lia McHugh.
10.20 Just Getting Started MVLSC 2017 Comedy. Morgan Freeman, Tommy Lee Jones.
11.57 47 Metres Down: Uncaged MC 2019 Adventure. Corinne Foxx, Sistine Stallone.
SATURDAY
1.29 The Public MLSC 2019
Drama. Alec Baldwin, Taylor Schilling.
3.26 Christmas Bounty PG
2013 Action Comedy. Francia Raisa, Mike Mizanin.
4.40 Angel Has Fallen 16VL 2019 Action.
6.40 Last Christmas
MLC 2019 Comedy.
8.25 The Lodge 16VC 2019 Horror.
10.15 Just Getting Started MVLSC 2017 Comedy.
11.50 47 Metres Down: Uncaged MC 2019 Adventure.
1.23 The Way Back
MLS 2020 Drama.
3.13 10 Minutes Gone
MVL 2019 Action.
4.52 I Still Believe
PGC 2020 Drama.

DISCOVERY

5.40 Outback Opal Hunters PG
6.35 Aussie Mega Mechanics PG
7.30 Outback Opal Hunters PG
8.30 Aussie Gold Hunters PG
9.25 Demolition Down Under PG
10.15 Expedition Unknown PG
11.05 Naked And Afraid MC
11.55 How It's Made PG
SATURDAY
12.20 How Do They Do It? PG
12.45 Car Crash TV PG
1.10 Car Crash TV PG
1.35 Gold Rush PG
2.25 Bering Sea Gold PG
3.15 Alaska: The Last Frontier PG
4.05 Secrets Of The Underground PG
4.55 Naked And Afraid MVL
5.45 Gold Rush PG
6.35 How It's Made PG
7.05 How It's Made PG
7.30 Gold Rush: Parker's Trail PG
8.20 Outback Opal Hunters PG
9.10 Outback Opal Hunters PG
10am Outback Opal Hunters PG
10.50 Outback Opal Hunters PG
11.40 Outback Opal Hunters PG
12.30 Barnwood Builders PG
1.20 100 Days Wild MC
2.10 Homestead Rescue PG
3pm Gold Rush: Parker's Trail PG
3.50 What On Earth? PG
4.45 What On Earth? PG
5.40 What On Earth? PG



# Kahn offers passionately uplifting memoir

**A REPURPOSED LIFE**  
by Ronni Kahn  
published by Murdoch Books

*"It's hard to believe you can grow up with brutal injustice in front of your face and carry on comfortably living your life."*

From her early years growing up under the brutal apartheid system in South Africa, to life on a kibbutz (socialist commune) in Israel, Ronni Kahn experienced a lot before settling in Australia and discovering a profound new way of living.

Kahn arrived in Australia with her husband and two young children and worked in floristry before gradually moving into event planning. Owning a successful company, Kahn was used to throwing away huge amounts of leftover food at the end of an event. But the more she considered the harm this did — to the environment and to those going without — she found herself unable to turn a blind eye to the food waste problem. Hand delivering the untouched, often luxurious, food to homeless shelters around Sydney became her solution.

Unbeknown to her at the time, her fix for the problem she thought was small would lead to something much bigger.

Kahn's honesty is what makes this memoir stand out. She made mistakes and she doesn't glaze over them. She details her most shameful period, something she has never spoken about publicly before, the seven years she spent dating a materialistic conman. "He opened my mind to a new, material world."

In the time Kahn spent on the kibbutz, she found that her choices were pushed to the side to some degree. She was assigned work based on gender rather than on skill or talent. The experience of wanting to express herself, while supporting the idea that everyone's needs should be met, form a recurring theme throughout the book.

Kahn acknowledges that she didn't get to where she is alone. She was heavily influenced by people from her childhood, including Florrie, a nanny she looked at as a second mother. Kahn sought out the affection from Florrie that she didn't receive from her mother, until one day, Florrie was gone. "There was no trace of

her except for her presence in my mind." Another influence on her were her outspoken neighbours, Selma and Jules Browde. The couple were more involved in the anti-apartheid movement than Khan's family, their bravery was something she was in awe of. Selma showed Kahn a different side of what a woman could be. While Kahn's parents were clever and decent, they were not working to change South Africa.

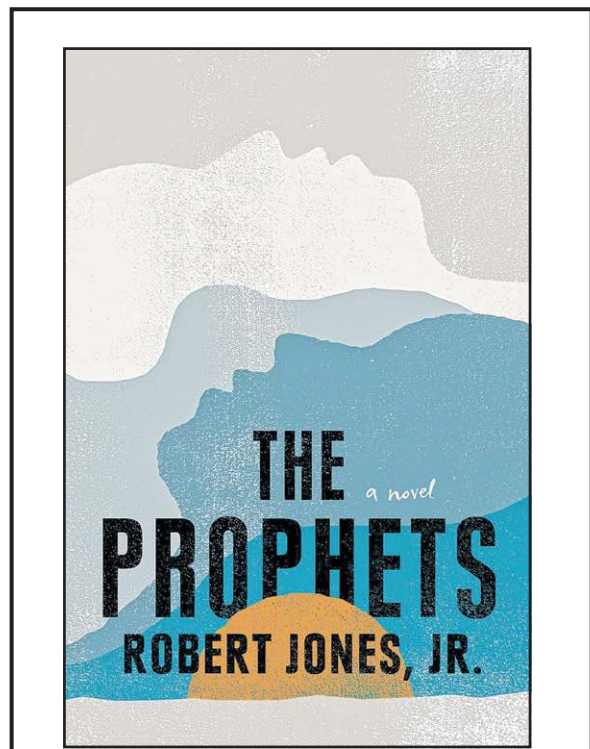
As OzHarvest was taking off in Australia, Kahn successfully lobbied the Australian government to alter legislation to allow potential food donors, supermarkets and restaurants etc, to legally donate surplus food to charitable organisations without any liability should someone get ill from the donations.

Taking her vision one step further, OzHarvest opened a free supermarket in Sydney in 2017. The free supermarket is exactly what it sounds like. The market makes donated food available to the public — no questions asked — and operates on a "take what you need, give what you can" model.

Kahn has worked hard to develop



OzHarvest into a service that not only repurposes food waste but gives people in need a level of dignity that they might otherwise not feel. — TP



## Exploring love in a time of trauma

**THE PROPHETS**  
by Robert Jones Jr  
published by Quercus Publishing

In Robert Jones Jr's *The Prophets*, Samuel and Isaiah are two enslaved men in love on a Deep South plantation.

They spend their days caring for the animals in the barn, which has also become their haven. It is where they can be together, where they can retreat into one another for comfort from their daily suffering.

Samuel and Isaiah's love is deep and tender. They have always been known as an inseparable pair, but as their romantic love is increasingly revealed to others at the plantation, they begin to find themselves in more and more danger.

*The Prophets*, Jones' debut novel, is a marvel, as much an extraordinary queer love story as a devastating and inimitable portrayal of the agony endured by slaves in the antebellum South.

Jones' stunning storytelling crafts deep and powerful portraits of not only Samuel and Isaiah, but also the many others at the plantation.

Alternating between perspectives, each chapter is its own work of art, delving deep into each character's heart and mind and creating a rhythmic tapestry of profound love and unbearable pain.

*The Prophets* vividly depicts the viciousness of slavery while simultaneously allowing space for the love between Samuel and Isaiah.

*The Prophets* is a novel, but feels almost like poetry, with every word holding a weight and power that will continue to astound those who lose themselves in its pages. — Molly Sprayregen, AP

# Page-turning psychological drama

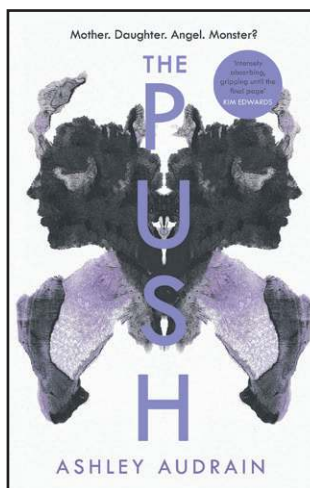
**THE PUSH**  
by Ashley Audrain  
published by Penguin

*The Push* begins with a prologue, in which an unidentified narrator, a woman, watches through the front window as a perfect family moves through the small joys of their Christmas Eve preparations.

The tone is menacing without being obvious. Within the first few sentences Ashley Audrain taps into the primal fear of domestic violation, of being watched by a stranger.

As the prologue comes to an end, the woman picks up a stack of papers from the passenger seat. "I've come here to give this to you," she says. "This is my side of the story."

The narrator is a woman named Blythe. The "you" is Fox, her husband.



College sweethearts, the pair live a charmed life, Blythe, an aspiring writer, and Fox, a buttoned-up architect.

Everything changes when they decide to start a family. Blythe has never wanted children, having suffered a childhood of neglect. Fox, however, is desperate and eventually wins Blythe over.

Blythe tries to prepare herself; she reads the books, goes to the classes, joins the groups, promising

herself that she won't become her own mother.

When their daughter Violet is born it seems Blythe's reluctance may have been justified. The pair fail to bond.

Violet is a difficult baby who becomes a troubled child, but Fox sees little evidence of her problems and blames Blythe for not loving

her enough.

When they have a son who dies in infancy in a terrible accident, their marriage falls apart. Blythe continues to worry for, and even fear, Violet, and then her loneliness drives her to befriend Fox's new wife Gemma.

Her delivery of the pages of her story on that frosty Christmas Eve is meant as both repentance and warning; she fears that Gemma and Fox's son could be in danger from Violet.

The novel mainly follows Blythe's marriage and her inability to bond with her daughter.

However, Audrain adds an extra dimension to the story by exploring, through a series of disturbing flashbacks, Blythe's toxic relationship with her mother, Cecilia, and Cecilia's relationship with Blythe's grandmother, Etta.

This cycle of abuse, passed on from mother to daughter, allows readers to empathise for the otherwise unlikable Blythe, and goes a great way to explain why each of these women behaved the way they did. — AP

# The bond between sportswriter and fan

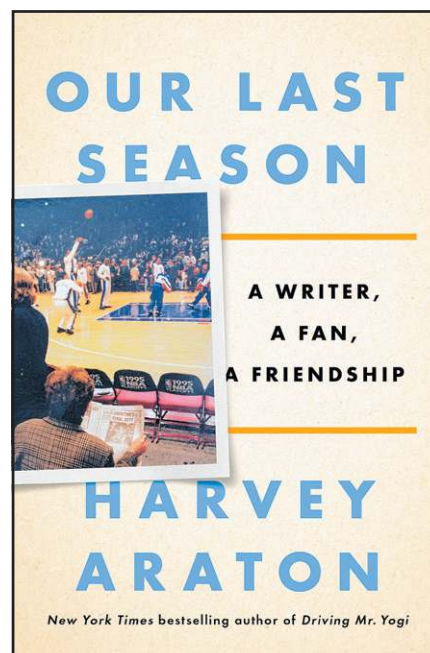
**OUR LAST SEASON**  
by Harvey Araton  
published by Penguin

In 2018, the sportswriter Harvey Araton wrote an obituary for The New York Times about a diehard New York Knicks fan whose choice seats behind the team bench had made her as much of a fixture at Madison Square Garden as Spike Lee, at least for the players and coaches.

What he couldn't say in that news story was that for almost 40 years, Michelle Musler had also been his friend, mentor and well-placed Knicks source, feeding him juicy tips gleaned from her proximity to the bench.

Araton's new book, *Our Last Season: A Writer, a Fan, a Friendship*, is a deeply moving memoir about their extraordinary friendship, as well as a look back at an earlier era of sports journalism and fandom, when evening newspapers thrived and ordinary folk could afford courtside seats. It also features vivid cameos of legendary Knicks from Walt Frazier to Pat Riley and Patrick Ewing.

Musler, 16 years older than Araton, was a working-class tomboy from Hartford, Connecticut, whose dream of being a sports journalist came a little too early. "Your job is my fantasy



job," she once told him. "I lived vicariously through you because I wanted to be you."

Instead, she got married and, when her husband walked out on her, raised five kids on her own while blazing a high-flying corporate career.

Araton was blue collar, too, from the projects of Staten Island, landing at the elite Times only after stints at the Staten Island Advance, New York Post and Daily News.

The son of a city postal worker, he harboured a lifelong sympathy for the underdog, save for a brief moment when he crossed a picket line at the News, one of many richly reported details in the book.

"A wave of nausea engulfed me," he wrote about seeing his byline on the newsstand. "I . . . walked across the street and vomited into a trash basket (then) went back on strike, grateful, at least, that my father hadn't lived to see his son become a scab."

As they got older, and Araton suffered setbacks in his health and career, Musler was always the voice of reason. When the Knicks lost in heartbreaking fashion to the Houston Rockets in Game 7 of the 1994 NBA finals, he was surprised to see that she wasn't upset.

But as far as she was concerned, the Knicks had "shown up", and that was all any reasonable fan could expect. It was just one of many wise lessons she taught him, now preserved for posterity in this wonderful book. — Ann Levin, AP



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DAILY 10.45am, 1.20pm, 6.35pm

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**FROM THE VINE (M)**  
DAILY 1.20pm, 6pm

**DREAMBUILDERS (PG)**  
DAILY 10am, 11.55am

**DRAGON RIDER (PG)**  
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**MONSTER HUNTER (M)**  
DAILY 2.15pm, 8.40pm

**THE DRY (M)**  
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**WONDER WOMAN 1984 (M)** DAILY 1.50pm, 5pm, 8pm

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**Public Notices**

**THIS** is a notice to advise that an application for an Occupation Order in favour of Pareiha Te Rito for Whangawehi 13a and 13b has been set down for hearing as follows:

**Venue:** Wairoa, Ministry of Justice District Court, 106-108 Queen Street, Wairoa

**Date:** THURSDAY, 28 January 2021

**Time:** 12.06pm

**Panui:** SJan1-1

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This document notifies you that -

1. On 24 November 2020 an application for putting **MAXIMUS LOGGING LIMITED** into liquidation was filed in the High Court at Gisborne. Its reference number is (CIV-2020-416-19). The application is to be heard by the High Court at Gisborne on Thursday, 18 February 2021 at 9.30am.
  2. A person, other than the defendant company, who wants to appear on the hearing of the application must file an appearance not later than the second working day before that day.
  3. The statement of claim and the verifying affidavit may be inspected at the registry of the Court or at the Plaintiff's address for service.
  4. The Plaintiff is the Commissioner of Inland Revenue, whose address for service is Inland Revenue, Legal Services, 21 Home Straight, (P O Box 432) Hamilton, Telephone (07) 959 0463, Facsimile (07) 959 7614. (Enquiries to: U Pretorius on telephone (09) 984 1419). The Plaintiff's solicitor is T Saunders, whose address is as noted above.
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Auckland races at Ellerslie Saturday

Selections
Race 1: BABYLON BERLIN, NEED I SAY MORE, MARIA FARINA
Race 2: IN A TWINKLING, GRAND BOUQUET, DANCE CARD
Race 3: LEVANTE, TRAVELLING LIGHT, SHOWROSES
Race 4: ON THE BUBBLES, FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS, MILLEFIORI
Race 5: ENTRIVIERE, JULIUS, FESTIVITY
Race 6: AMARELINHA, AEGON, LORD ARMORE

1 Almanzor Trophy (G3) 4.26

1 s1416 Need I Say More (5) 60.5 85 T Harris
2 133 Explosively (6) 57.5 69 L Innes
3 5281 Ever So Easy (3) 57.5 63 C Grylls
4 9s91 Miracle's Happen (7) 57.5 63 T Thornton
5 11 Maria Farina (11) 56.5 68 S Weatherley
6 1325s Babylon Berlin (9) 55.5 69 M McNab
7 212 Cadeau (1) 55.5 65 S Collett

8 5018 Najah (10) 55.5 63 C Johnson
9 2175 So Gorgeous (4) 55.5 63 S Spratt
10 23227 Helsinki (2) 54 68 D Johnson
11 06856 Autobahn (8) 54 63 W Pinn (a)

2 Collinsonforex Karaka Cup 5.10

\$100,000, open handicap, 2200m
1 45995 Tiptronic (4) 62.5 103 W Pinn (a2)
2 40134 In A Twinkling (11) 61 100 T Harris
3 00708 On The Rocks (2) 58 94 D Johnson
4 14382 Grand Bouquet (5) 54 85 S McKay
5 91314 Sir Nate (10) 54 84 L Allpress
6 74388 Dance Card (6) 54 75 C Grylls
7 90903 Redcayenne (3) 54 75 T Thornton
8 s0006 Daytona Red (8) 54 72 S Weatherley
9 s8835 Scaglioni (9) 54 72 A Goindasamy (a1)
10 90282 Amano (13) 54 71 M Hashizume (a2)
11 80440 Firoden (1) 54 56 D Danis (a2)
12 06647 Rising Ransom (7) 54 57 S Collett
13 52667 Cheeky Bee (12) 54 55 T Yanagida (a1)

3 Westbury Classic (G2) 5.50

\$100,000, f&m sw+p, 1400m
1 32032 Kivi Ida (2) 58 104 C Johnson
2 s9211 Showroses (1) 58 100 V Colgan

Jetbet 2 TAB Doubles 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Trebles 1-2-3, 4-5-6 Quaddies 1-2-3-4, 3-4-5-6 Place6 1-6

3 12s0s Travelling Light (3) 56.5 92 M McNab
4 12s13 Levante (10) 55.5 95 S Collett
5 s3412 Star Of Bombay (7) 55 86 D Johnson
6 13185 Karalino (5) 55 84 C Grylls
7 86414 Pierina (6) 55 84 L Allpress
8 10013 Our Alley Cat (8) 55 80 S Weatherley
9 s2215 Familia (9) 55 79 L Innes
10 00114 Miss Labasa (4) 55 78 W Pinn (a)

4 Karaka Million 6.30

\$1,000,000, 2yo sw, 1200m
1 2214 Avonallo (9) 56.5 70 L Allpress
2 1125 Follow Your Dreams (11) 56.5 67 C Grylls
3 11 On The Bubbles (15) 56.5 68 J Parkes
4 16 Sophisticado (8) 56.5 63 T Harris
5 235 Sneaky Shark (10) 56.5 53 S Collett
6 83986 Cherokee Warrior (6) 56.5 50 L Satherley
7 1 Western Springs (3) 56.5 63 V Colgan
8 22 Mr Blue Sky (12) 56.5 54 M McNab
9 4L417 Brix (4) 54.5 70 T Yanagida (a)
10 22170 Miss Ipenema (13) 54.5 62 S Spratt
11 11 Millefiori (5) 54.5 67 D Johnson
12 5262 Brazen Blue (7) 54.5 54 L Innes

13 3s2 Seven Twenty (2) 54.5 53 W Pinn (a)
14 844 Callisident (1) 54.5 62 S Weatherley
EMERGENCIES:
15 57787 Martina Diva (16) 54.5 45
16 433 Coyote (14) 56.5 54
17 3 Drum Major (17) 56.5 51

5 Brighthill Concorde (G3) 7.10

\$70,000, open handicap, 1200m
1 s7482 Julius (12) 60 103 M McNab
2 32317 Gino Severini (4) 57.5 98 L Innes
3 s7345 Its Destinies Child (13) 53 93 S Spratt
4 59361 Sheezallmine (11) 53 93 C Johnson
5 3s027 Pretty To Sea (3) 53 90 S Weatherley
6 0s816 Rock 'n' Affair (6) 53 89 S Collett
7 12s23 Princess Rihanna (5) 53 88 L Satherley
8 33432 Vigor Winner (10) 53 88 C Grylls
9 3s056 Rocket Fuel (7) 53 84 W Pinn (a)
10 69s97 Love Squirrels (8) 53 83 M Hashizume (a)
11 23434 Packing Rockstar (9) 53 83 S McKay
12 51358 Juscacanta (14) 53 82 A Goindasamy (a)
13 1s121 Festivity (2) 53 79 L Allpress
14 — Melarita SCRATCHED
EMERGENCY:

6 Karaka Million Classic 7.45

\$1,000,000, 3yo sw, 1600m
1 111 Aegon (4) 56.5 91 L Innes
2 s3144 Lord Ardmore (16) 56.5 74 S Spratt
3 56023 On Display (14) 56.5 74 S Collett
4 2s145 Invisible Spirit (12) 56.5 71 S Weatherley
5 1122 Supreme Khan (17) 56.5 70 T Harris
6 11342 Perfect Scenario (1) 56.5 68 V Colgan
7 68235 Screamin Eagle (8) 56.5 68
8 101 Monte Moi (10) 56.5 67 L Allpress
9 71473 Edge Of Wonder (13) 56.5 66 J Parkes
10 4s813 Tannahill (5) 56.5 64 W Pinn (a)
11 211 Amarelinha (11) 54.5 80 D Johnson
12 5331 Zee Falls (3) 54.5 74 C Grylls
13 37214 Dragon Queen (2) 54.5 72 T Yanagida (a)
14 s7414 Beane (6) 54.5 70 T Thornton
15 1402 Waimoku Falls (15) 54.5 64 A Goindasamy (a)
16 33451 Bella Button (7) 54.5 63 M McNab
17 s4515 Gurtlyn (9) 54.5 63 C Johnson

Wellington races at Trentham Saturday

Selections
Race 1: WINKLE BAY, IRISH ODDS, BRADMAN
Race 2: GET HITCHED, GOLDEN HARVEST, GO JAMES
Race 3: KAITLIN ROSE, KUSUDA, LLANACORD
Race 4: SILENT APPROACH, SURPRIZE ME, SPIJKER
Race 5: HOUSE OF CARTIER, ROMANTIC LADY, MALO BIK
Race 6: SAVANAH BELLE, JUST FABULOUS, TRIFOLIUM
Race 7: NO COMPROMISE, WEE DRAM, PLATINUM SPIRIT
Race 8: RELIABLE MISS, ENCHANTING PEARL, PERSISTENCE
Race 9: YOLO, BEAVERTOWN BOY, REGAL REWARD

1 Workingmen's Club 12.10

\$10,000, maiden, 1200m
1 s0262 Retzena (11) 58.5 54 T Taiaroa (a3)
2 Temp De Jeu (2) 58.5 45 S O'Malley (a3)
3 75632 Bradman (8) 57 53 J Riddell
4 2 Gee String (1) 57 52
5 22s70 Flickering Shadow (10) 56.5 52 R Elliot
6 4 Irish Odds (4) 56.5 50 H Schofer (a2)
7 5s500 Drop The Beat (13) 56.5 48 C Dell
8 480s7 Almeraki (12) 56.5 45 F Lazet (a4)
9 99809 Tennessee Rose (3) 56.5 45 B Ansell (a3)
10 2 Winkle Bay (6) 55 52 M K Hudson (a3)
11 4 Deny (9) 55 50 L Hemi
12 Castle On The Hill (7) 55 45 J Fawcett
13 Upland Court (5) 55 45 S J Macnab (a1)

2 Taupo Cosmopolitan Club 12.45

\$27,500, rating 74 benchmark, 1200m
1 s1565 Lincoln Hills (6) 61 76 S O'Malley (a3)
2 85826 Mehrrens (1) 60 74 T Taiaroa (a3)
3 9s724 Go James (3) 59 72 S J Macnab (a1)
4 15253 Golden Harvest (2) 59 72 L Hemi
5 163s1 Ace Royale (5) 56.5 67 J Fawcett
6 4100s Arturo (8) 56.5 67 H Schofer (a2)
7 41372 Vito Bella (7) 55 68 R Elliot
8 s8081 Get Hitched (4) 54.5 67 R Elliot

3 Ashburton Club & Msa 1.20

\$10,000, maiden, 1600m
1 30s00 Grand Prospect (1) 58.5 48 Ashvin Mudhoo (a3)
2 7 Ignite The Light (9) 58.5 45 C Dell
3 25780 Lucky Viking (7) 58.5 45 H Schofer (a2)
4 6500 Billy Easton (15) 57 45 D Hirini
5 960 Zakhan (8) 57 45 J Riddell
6 32752 Kaitlin Rose (12) 56.5 54 T Taiaroa (a3)
7 s6982 Colyton Sky (3) 56.5 52 J Fawcett
8 8s62 Kusuda (14) 56.5 52 J Fawcett
9 — Gijzurane SCRATCHED
10 46 Tramore (6) 56.5 49 R J Bishop
11 0s7 Hit The Diff (4) 56.5 45 M J Sanson (a4)
12 3006 Letterup (5) 56.5 45 S O'Malley (a3)
13 5436 Llanacord (2) 55 53 L Hemi
14 7s220 Songsungblu (10) 55 53 T Allan
15 95305 Gaelic Spirit (13) 55 51 R Elliot
16 0703 Nun Hissing (16) 55 51 M K Hudson (a3)
17 s4457 Victorem (11) 55 50 S J Macnab (a1)

4 Clubs New Zealand 1.55

\$10,000, maiden, 1600m
1 40222 Spijker (17) 58.5 54 F Lazet (a4)

Jetbet 4 TAB Doubles 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Trebles 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 7-8-9 Quaddies 2-3-4-5, 6-7-8-9 Place6 4-9

2 2 Putorino (6) 58.5 52 H Schofer (a2)
3 344 Wotaripper (13) 58.5 51 S O'Malley (a3)
4 4 Beadman (8) 58.5 50 T Taiaroa (a3)
5 664 Chase (16) 58.5 50 S J Macnab (a1)
6 s6008 Hold My Beer (15) 58.5 45 R J Bishop
7 09 Tickford (7) 58.5 45 J Fawcett
8 38s09 Vincenzo Lorenzo (14) 58.5 45
9 83 Lurid (3) 57 51 J Riddell
10 456 Eddie Wood (11) 57 49 R Elliot
11 49 Wind In My Wings (2) 57 49 B Ansell (a3)
12 8 Jakk Irish (9) 57 45 Ashvin Mudhoo (a3)
13 57335 Silent Approach (10) 56.5 52 M K Hudson (a3)
14 30070 Hermes (5) 56.5 45 C Dell
15 36776 Indy Fox (12) 56.5 45 D Hirini
16 80223 Da Vinci Girl (1) 55 54 L Hemi
17 23 Surprize Me (4) 55 53

5 Papakura Club 2.30

\$32,500, open handicap, 1400m
1 98629 Enzo's Lad (2) 62 99 H Schofer (a2)
2 74211 Torre Del Greco (7) 58 95 Ashvin Mudhoo (a3)
3 s339s Jessiegoo (4) 55.5 90 F Lazet (a4)
4 14s36 Malo Bik (5) 55 85 M K Hudson (a3)
5 76478 House Of Cartier (1) 54 83 J Fawcett
6 4375s All In Vogue (8) 54 82 T Taiaroa (a3)
7 25123 Romantic Lady (3) 54 81 R Elliot
8 s1827 Just Fabulous (6) 54 74

6 Taumarunui Cosmopolitan 3.05

\$27,500, rating 74 benchmark, 1600m
1 00435 Father Lenihan (3) 61.5 77 T Taiaroa (a3)
2 71451 Skarley (9) 61.5 77 S O'Malley (a3)

3 110s1 Springsteen (2) 58.5 71 J Riddell
4 s1827 Just Fabulous (7) 58 74 H Schofer (a2)
5 6163s Zed Em (5) 57 68 M K Hudson (a3)
6 43110 Cruz Ramirez (10) 56.5 71 R Elliot
7 s9721 Savannah Belle (1) 55.5 69 L Hemi
8 3s786 Trifolium (6) 55 68 S J Macnab (a1)
9 64s15 Bubble Gum (4) 54.5 67 J Fawcett
10 62545 Cooga Moon (8) 54 64 F Lazet (a4)

7 Kamo Club Summer Cup 3.40

\$27,500, rating 74 benchmark, 2400m
1 10087 Plushenko (9) 59 69 L Hemi
2 5s580 That's Incranibull (4) 59 69 H Schofer (a2)
3 32118 No Compromise (2) 58.5 68 T Taiaroa (a3)
4 s7187 Royal Patch (8) 58 67 S O'Malley (a3)
5 s9717 Miss Sher Nan (10) 57 69 Ashvin Mudhoo (a3)
6 s0315 Platinum Spirit (11) 57 65 J Riddell
7 24541 Wee Dram (3) 56.5 68 J Fawcett
8 79316 La Mia Sirena (6) 56 67 R Elliot
9 42041 Carpe Diem (7) 56 63 (a4)
10 00033 Zac Brown (5) 55.5 62 S J Macnab (a1)
11 10086 Hakuna Matata (1) 54 60

8 St John's Club 4.15

\$22,500, rating 65 benchmark\*, 2100m
1 57s14 Torque Time (4) 60 65 S O'Malley (a3)
2 36691 Bear Grylls (3) 58.5 62 J Fawcett
3 72421 Persistence (2) 58.5 62 L Hemi
4 27215 Vineyard McPhee (7) 58.5 62 S J Macnab (a1)
5 s4212 Reliable Miss (16) 57.5 64 H Schofer (a2)
6 516s0 Phelan Foxy (6) 57.5 60 R J Bishop

7 61884 Prince Turbo (13) 57.5 60 F Lazet (a4)
8 17662 Cast In Bronze (15) 57 63 R Elliot
9 03082 Rukita (12) 57 63 (a4)
10 00s08 Saltbush Pearl (5) 57 59 J Riddell
11 17554 Enchanting Bill (14) 56.5 62 C Dell
12 06231 La Strata (9) 56.5 62
13 59370 Fartore Otto (1) 56.5 58 M K Hudson (a3)
14 60880 Satriani (17) 55.5 56 T Allan
15 s2008 Nod (18) 55 59 T Taiaroa (a3)
16 080s0 Hypatia (10) 54 55 D Hirini
17 00s70 Road To Reign (8) 54 55 Ashvin Mudhoo (a3)

9 Levin Cosmopolitan Club 4.50

\$22,500, rating 65 benchmark\*, 1400m
1 02300 Free To Shine (7) 59.5 64 S O'Malley (a3)
2 8s253 Dedejo (15) 59 63 F Lazet (a4)
3 417 Beaver Town Boy (9) 58.5 62 S J Macnab (a1)
4 04658 Mauna Loa (8) 57.5 60 C Dell
5 02403 Regal Reward (13) 57.5 60 M K Hudson (a3)
6 — Gate Blanco SCRATCHED
7 3155s Showbourne (5) 57 63 L Hemi
8 600s7 Prentido (1) 57 59 T Taiaroa (a3)
9 65s00 Tavattack (11) 57 59 H Schofer (a2)
10 33s14 Yolo (12) 56.5 65 R Elliot
11 03953 My Father's Gun (2) 56.5 58
12 810s4 Ledgwan (4) 56 61 (a4)
13 00585 Shady Grey (14) 55.5 56 Ashvin Mudhoo (a3)
14 58937 Power 'n' Passion (6) 55 59 J Fawcett
15 67s70 Dauphine (3) 54 56 D Hirini
16 86008 Destiny One (10) 54 55 B Ansell (a3)

Gore races at Gore Saturday

Selections
Race 1: FAIRWAY FLIGHT, BENNY LINCOLN, CRYSTAL BELLINI
Race 2: SHAM ON TOAST, REGAL GIRL, LET ME TELL YA
Race 3: SHIRLEY MAUDE, ALL ABOUT MAGIC, MONTSERRAT
Race 4: MINT JULEP, BLAIR FLIGHT, MOTHER GOOSE
Race 5: HE'S GOT POWER, RIPNROLL, NESTA
Race 6: NOPELE, FLYING SARDINE, PICTURE ME ROLLIN
Race 7: NILANO, BENAUD, FILL YA BOOTS
Race 8: GRAND GESTURE, CHOKITO, THE GIFT
Race 9: YING RESOLUTE, SOUNDS PROMISING, RUBY MARIE
Race 10: OUR BOY RITCHIE, AULYN STAR, HUNUA HANK

1 Abernethy Contracting 11.30

\$10,000, maiden, 1335m
1 04024 Benny Lincoln (9) 58.5 52 D Bothamley
2 3249s Port Stephens (4) 58.5 52 T Moseley
3 Capo Dell Impero (3) 57 45 J Lowry
4 s2328 Fairway Flight (10) 56.5 53 S Wynne
5 05s03 Crystal Bellini (8) 56.5 51 C Barnes
6 74744 Vague (7) 56.5 50 G Jogoo
7 0s5 On The Backfoot (5) 56.5 47 L Callaway
8 09006 Irish Heart (6) 56.5 45 A Ballou
9 Jacksantens (1) 56.5 45 K Asano (a1)
10 0 Moonflower (13) 56.5 45 T Jonker
11 90 Drumisle (12) 55 45 R Beeharry (a3)
12 8 Irish Envy (11) 55 45 K Mudhoo
13 Rosy Clark (2) 55 45 C Campbell (a1)

2 Peters Genetics 12.00

\$10,000, maiden, 1335m
1 83464 Sham On Toast (7) 58.5 51 S Wynne
2 30s05 Gas Monkey (3) 58.5 49 K Asano (a1)
3 44s80 Up My Sleeve (5) 58.5 48 T Moseley
4 9s506 Ajay Lincoln (14) 58.5 46 D Bothamley
5 09s Harvey Darvey (4) 58.5 45 J Lowry
6 08000 Saboteur (9) 58.5 45 A Ballou
7 7s87 Our Clarry (1) 57 45 R Beeharry (a3)
8 35320 Let Me Tell Ya (10) 56.5 53 R Mudhoo (a2)
9 753 Regal Girl (12) 56.5 51 C Barnes
10 s9004 Uber Roca (8) 56.5 50 B Murray
11 300s6 Arroyo (11) 56.5 45 C Campbell (a1)
12 0s0 Nevets (2) 56.5 45 K Mudhoo
13 580 Ocean's Seven (6) 56.5 45 K Kwo (a2)
14 7 Tavy Road (13) 56.5 45 T Comignaghi

3 NZB Ins. Pearl Series 12.30

\$27,500, rating 74 benchmark fillies & mares, 1335m
1 92074 Shirley Maude (4) 64.5 83 D Bothamley
2 10420 All About Magic (5) 60.5 75 S Wynne
3 36918 Ritani (11) 60 74 T Moseley
4 13761 Montserrat (7) 59 72 C Campbell (a1)
5 30258 Never Quitz (3) 59 72 K Williams
6 07461 Imblaze (2) 58.5 71 T Comignaghi
7 0s839 Jim's Gift (6) 58.5 71 K Kwo (a2)
8 79130 Expressive (9) 57 68 B Murray
9 84505 Yamuna (1) 56.5 67 C Barnes
10 91232 Tradition (10) 55.5 65 G Jogoo
11 39023 Kitty Power (8) 54 60 K Asano (a1)

4 Robin Archer Memorial 1.03

\$27,500, rating 74 benchmark, 1200m
1 27664 Tellywahat (11) 59 72 B Murray
2 30258 Never Quitz (4) 57 72 T Moseley
3 s0s12 Blair Flight (5) 57 68 K Kwo (a2)

4 s0910 He's Mi Brother (6) 57 68 L Callaway
5 s1221 Mint Julep (2) 56 70 K Asano (a1)
6 98450 Friar Tuck (7) 55.5 65 K Chowdhury (a1)

7 01722 Mother Goose (3) 54 65 K Mudhoo
8 43173 Glory Chance (9) 54 61 R Mudhoo (a2)
9 — Anjarden SCRATCHED
10 39478 Kate The Great (8) 54 57 T Comignaghi
11 60775 Glenhope (10) 54 56 K Williams
12 4s000 The Likely Lad (1) 54 55 R Beeharry (a3)

5 Aon Insurance 1.38

\$27,500, rating 74 benchmark, 2000m
1 18658 Nesta (11) 59 72 D Bothamley
2 28180 Ripnroll (9) 59 72 J Lowry
3 78744 Fly Without Wings (4) 58.5 71 T Comignaghi
4 92542 He's Got Power (8) 58 70 R Mudhoo (a2)
5 65s87 Teddytwinkletoes (3) 58 70 C Campbell (a1)

6 89321 Ricky Baker (2) 57.5 69 B Murray
7 70452 Tuilana (1) 55.5 69 S Wynne
8 91040 Beam Me Up Scotty (6) 55.5 65 L Callaway
9 83331 Cannoli (13) 54.5 67 K Chowdhury (a1)
10 07101 Super Tap (10) 54.5 67 G Jogoo
11 2s801 The Mole (5) 54.5 67 C Barnes
12 02837 Shanzino (7) 54.5 63 T Moseley
13 07450 Senor Moss (12) 54 56 A Ballou

6 Db/mlt Gore Cup 2.13

\$32,500, open handicap, 1800m
1 59388 Wild Jack (4) 60 86 L Callaway
2 81652 Flying Sardine (1) 59.5 89 M Gestain (a4)
3 32536 Kilowatt (8) 59 84 K Asano (a1)
4 07997 Picture Me Rollin (7) 57 84 S Wynne
5 15825 Nopele (6) 56 78 G Jogoo
6 36210 Rosie Glow (5) 55 80 R Mudhoo (a2)

7 10271 Asathought (3) 54 76 C Campbell (a1)
8 40632 Zabay (2) 54 76 C Barnes

7 Regional Ford 2.48

\$22,500, rating 65 benchmark\*, 1335m
1 88126 Fill Ya Boots (3) 59 63 T Moseley
2 0s257 Milano (7) 58 61 S Wynne
3 60726 Louis Luck (4) 57 59 D Bothamley
4 s0084 Mustard (5) 57 59 R Mudhoo (a2)
5 87060 Detentore Visus (1) 56.5 58 K Asano (a1)
6 45150 Blew By You (2) 56 61 A Ballou
7 45619 She's Got The Look (8) 56 61 G Jogoo
8 04100 Miradello (10) 55.5 60 K Kwo (a2)
9 68375 Benaud (11) 55.5 56 W Papier (a4)
10 080s0 Leighton Warrior (12) 55.5 56 L Callaway

11 70790 Tapdog (13) 55.5 56 T Comignaghi
12 02609 Noah (6) 55 55 R Beeharry (a3)
13 — The Likely Lad SCRATCHED
14 9s000 Havana Heights (9) 54 55 C Barnes

8 Liquorland Gore Guineas 3.23

\$50,000, 3yo sw, 1335m
1 19173 Grand Gesture (7) 56.5 67 J Lowry
2 98416 Twilight (4) 56.5 62 K Chowdhury (a)
3 76748 Tappy's Lad (8) 56.5 49 L Callaway
4 5 Seraphic (10) 56.5 47 D Bothamley
5 557 Carisbrook (5) 56.5 46 C Campbell (a)
6 Galileo Express (9) 56.5 45 G Jogoo
7 1s1s2 Chokito (3) 54.5 72 S Wynne
8 62111 The Gift (12) 54.5 72 K Asano (a)
9 19l63 Showemhowitsdone (11) 54.5 70 T Moseley

10 8141 Ocean Point (2) 54.5 68 K Mudhoo
11 54693 Lovebug (1) 54.5 63 T Comignaghi
12 44721 Sooo Dusty (6) 54.5 63 K Williams
13 s7544 Petty's Legacy (13) 54.5 62 C Barnes

9 Gore Town & Country Club 3.58

\$22,500, rating 65 benchmark\*, 2000m
1 60224 Ying Resolute (7) 60 65 T Moseley
2 06051 Battlinaway (3) 58.5 62 K Kwo (a2)
3 66401 Point Break (6) 58.5 62 D Bothamley
4 0s393 He Ain't Heavy (9) 58 61 L Callaway
5 65718 Belindabella (4) 57.5 64 K Mudhoo
6 67452 Ruby Marie (11) 57.5 64 G Jogoo
7 30334 Sounds Promising (14) 56 57 S Wynne
8 s0575 Scandalous (13) 55 59 K Asano (a1)
9 00078 Spider Lily (10) 55 59 T Comignaghi
10 08089 Friday Night (15) 55 55 C Campbell (a1)

11 08686 Master Lincoln (1) 55 55 B Murray
12 06457 Garment (5) 54.5 58 A Ballou
13 29005 Ringadingding (8) 54 57 R Mudhoo (a2)
14 00s80 Ruakiwi Blaze (12) 54 55 C Barnes
EMERGENCY:
15 07450 Senor Moss (2) 55.5 56

10 Grant Farming Partnership 4.33

\$22,500, rating 65 benchmark\*, 2000m
1 06299 Hunua Hank (5) 60 65 K Williams
2 90126 Trickle Treat (11) 59.5 64 C Campbell (a1)
3 08030 Aulyn Star (7) 58.5 62 S Wynne
4 32606 Henley (1) 58.5 62 K Chowdhury (a1)
5 00945 Our Boy Ritchie (14) 58 61 C Barnes
6 s0050 Vanilla Moon (4) 57.5 64 T Jonker
7 21470 Gerry Joyce (2) 57.5 60 K Mudhoo
8 30928 Red Major (6) 57.5 60 T Moseley
9 s0628 Knutquacker (12) 57 63 B Murray
10 48508 Dough Boy (8) 57 59 J Lowry
11 08430 So Much Mour (9) 56.5 58 R Mudhoo (a2)
12 46766 Colour Me Red (13) 55 55 L Callaway
13 08780 Superstition (15) 54 56 K Kwo (a2)
14 00600 Miss Maxipark (10) 54 55 T Comignaghi
EMERGENCY:
15 07450 Senor Moss (3) 55.5 56

South Austrian races at Gawler Saturday

Selections
Race 1: THE BIG GOODBYE, ANOTHER AWARD, MRS MOURINHO
Race 2: DECENT RAINE, HAURAKI GULF, GOSDEN
Race 3: ROSELLI STING, MAGNETIC EDGE, TANKER
Race 4: GALAHAD GURU, LA RICHESSSE, DIPLOMATIC MEASURE
Race 5: TAKEN OFF, MISS JANE, LITTLE RICH BOY
Race 6: KHANI STAR, FOUR OF A KIND, PHYLA VELL
Race 7: SECOND SLIP, BOLT I AM, FRENCH ROCK
Race 8: ULTIMATE VICTORY, ROSE TIARA, DAMASCUS MOMENT
Race 9: MAGIC DEE, LEONARDA, TOMB RAIDER



# Classic goals for McKee's Karaka Million pair

AUCKLAND — Stephen McKee will have two runners in the Karaka Million 3YO Classic (1600m) at Ellerslie tomorrow and he has Classic ambitions for both horses.

Lord Ardmore finished fourth in the Gr.1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m) in November and subsequently had the same result at Tauranga

earlier this month after being held up in the straight. McKee has been pleased with his progress since then and he is looking forward to him going around in the rich feature tomorrow.

“He is a horse who has really continued to improve. He is on the upward spiral,” McKee said. “He went a great race at Riccarton without too

much luck and he had a freshen-up after that run and went to Tauranga.

“He was unlucky not to win that day — he got held up in the running and he has just continued to thrive and improve.

“He has got enough early speed to take a good position and he finishes strong.”

The Gr.1 Vodafone New Zealand Derby (2400m) remains his ultimate goal at Ellerslie in March.

“Safely through this one he will have one run at either Waikato or the Avondale Guineas, heading into the Derby,” he said.

Lord Ardmore will be joined tomorrow by stablemate Waimoku Falls. — NZ Racing Desk

## Victorian races at Sandown Saturday Jetbet 12 TAB doubles 1-2, 4-5, 8-9 Trebles 3-4-5, 7-8-9 Quaddie 2-3-4-5, 6-7-8-9 Place6 4-9

**Selections**

Race 1: PICARONES, ARTORIUS, SUNFALL  
 Race 2: IRISH BUTTERFLY, ALTAI RANGER, EXETER  
 Race 3: SECOND SLIP, IMPERIAL LAD, INDISPENSABLE  
 Race 4: DOUBLE YOU TEE, STARS OF CARRUM, BARTHOLOMEU DIAS  
 Race 5: QUANTUM MECHANIC, JEALICE, INTELLECTIVE  
 Race 6: PIG IN MUD, DUKE OF NEWORLEANS, BELLA TIARA  
 Race 7: GRINZINGER ALLEE, FUNDRASER, RULE THE WORLD  
 Race 8: HEART OF PUISSANCE, WAR CRITIC, ARCTIC SHOCK  
 Race 9: FLOSTAR, CHINA AFFAIR, IDIDITFORLOVE

**1 Ladbrokes Switch 2.55**  
 \$125,000, 2yo, 1300m

1	1	Picarones (3)	59 100	D Oliver
2	53	Sunfall (7)	58 96	M Dee
3	2	Artorius (11)	57.5 84	M Zahra
4	4	El Rocko (4)	57.5 79	J Mott
5	5	Shadowheart (9)	57.5 82	Ms J Kah
6	6	That Contageous (2)	57.5 79	L Currie
7	47	Awesome Spirit (5)	57 91	P Moloney
8	6	Pounding (6)	57 82	L Nolen
9	79s	Tatsuro (8)	57 88	D Lane
10	10	Madame Solario (10)	55.5 79	J Childs
11	8	Tiz My Bay (1)	55 90	D Yendall

**2 Thoroughbred Club 3.30**  
 \$75,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 64, 1300m

1	41487	Exeter (2)	62 99	D Oliver
2	2128s	Vladivostok w (8)	61.5 93	J Mott
3	s1663	Monsters Inc w (10)	61 99	W Price (a)
4	343s2	Irish Butterfly bn (6)	60.5 99	D Thornton
5	55024	Dune Field tw (5)	60 100	D Yendall
6	21812	Jimenez dw (4)	60 98	J Noonan
7	417s1	Altai Ranger (11)	59.5 96	M Zahra
8	8570s	Ellis Park d (7)	59 97	Ms J Kah
9	s2131	Galactus (9)	59 99	D Lane
10	01s5	Gottaluvjimmy (1)	59 93	R Mc Leod
11	34317	Azoustic (12)	58 94	J Allen
12	61420	No New Tricks w (3)	58 92	L German (a)

**3 Ladbrokes Back Yourself 4.05**  
 \$125,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 78, 1300m

1	5550s	Torgersen dw (2)	62.5 83	Ms M Lloyd (a3)
2	63710	Seberate dn (10)	60 90	L Nolen
3	26111	Indispensable dw (4)	59 96	C Rawiller (a3)
4	370s7	Run To Perfection w (3)	58.5 100	D Oliver
5	717s1	Imperial Lad dwn (1)	57 95	M Zahra
6	4210s	Minyinga dw (6)	57 87	D Yendall
7	s5168	Triton Rising n (8)	56.5 97	D Lane
8	—	Kingsheir	SCRATCHED	
9	431s1	Second Slip w (9)	55 98	Ms J Kah
10	2684s	Rippa Choice wn (5)	54 83	H Grace (a3)

**4 Clanbrooke Racing 4.40**  
 \$135,000, 3yo & up, 2400m

1	—	Nelson	SCRATCHED	
2	3s765	Mosh Music dbn (7)	57.5 94	J Childs
3	53662	Double You Tee wn (3)	57 90	W Egan
4	23837	Djukon d (5)	56 94	D Oliver
5	s5284	Bartholomeu Dias twb (8)	55 100	Ms J Kah
6	45s74	Stars Of Carrum (2)	54.5 93	M Dee
7	21949	Diamondsandbubbles wn (1)	54 89	Ms M Lloyd (a3)
8	71653	Saint Eustace c (6)	54 91	W Price (a2)

**5 Ladbrokes Easy Form 5.20**  
 \$125,000, 3yo & up F&M Benchmark 70, 1600m

1	17s11	Intellective dw (8)	59.5 94	D Yendall
2	22s53	Quantum Mechanic dw (3)	59.5 100	Ms J Kah
3	11323	Lady D'oro tw (1)	59 94	M Allen
4	07218	Part Time Lover (4)	59 89	D Lane
5	s8191	La Richesse (2)	58.5 95	W Price (a2)
6	18341	Laffalong dn (10)	58 88	M Dee
7	51s13	Galgani w (9)	57.5 92	D Oliver
8	594s8	Jungle Jane dw (11)	57.5 89	M Cartwright (a3)
9	503s1	Jealice (6)	57 92	M Zahra
10	5s524	Kansino db (7)	55.5 90	L King (a2)
11	72721	Annie's Missile (5)	55 86	Ms M Lloyd (a3)

**6 Tile Importer Handicap 6.00**  
 \$135,000, 3yo, 1400m

1	119s1	Milton Park d (7)	60 96	D Oliver
2	1s323	Miss Divine Em w (1)	58 95	W Egan
3	1514	Still Be Friends d (8)	57 92	D Thornton
4	2s131	Bella Tiara dw (2)	56.5 98	D Yendall
5	1552	El Salto w (6)	56.5 92	M Dee
6	6510s	Wise Counsel (4)	56.5 87	J Allen
7	13	Duke Of Neworleans wb (9)	55.5 99	E Brown
8	35s31	Pig In Mud dw (5)	55 100	Ms J Kah
9	0s668	Moon Dog (3)	54 85	Ms M Lloyd (a3)

**7 Ladbrokes Odds Boost 6.40**  
 \$125,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 84, 1500m

1	35736	Holbien w (3)	60.5 90	C Rawiller (a3)
2	75s3s	Aloft b (7)	59 71	L German (a2)
3	7s612	Rule The World w (6)	59 95	D Oliver
4	s3111	Funraser m (8)	58 95	D Lane
5	215s2	Grinzinger Allee wb (4)	54 100	Ms J Kah
6	703s0	Noumea (5)	54 79	W Price (a2)
7	1414s	Goodwood Zodiac w (2)	54 80	D Yendall
8	s6272	Caffrey tw (1)	54 95	M Dee

**8 MRC Members 7.20**  
 \$125,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 70, 1500m

1	1s816	Bell's Innocent dw (12)	61.5 91	L Riordan (a2)
2	3s40s	Heart Of Puissance wn (3)	61 91	J Allen
3	14252	King Magnus twbn (2)	60.5 100	L King (a2)
4	97094	Sunday Pray tdwn (8)	60.5 89	W Price (a2)

**9 The Big Screen Company 7.55**  
 \$125,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 78, 1000m

1	5753s	Fine Dane cdwn (11)	62 95	W Price (a2)
2	11410	Rock Tycoon dwn (13)	60.5 94	Ms M Lloyd (a3)
3	6s131	Ididitforlove cdw (3)	60 94	C Rawiller (a3)
4	1338s	A Good Yarn dw (4)	59.5 87	J Fry
5	669s3	Not Enough Effort cw (5)	58.5 97	M Zahra
6	76s50	Elite Legacy cdw (10)	58 93	J Noonan
7	4214s	Propelle dwn (14)	57.5 88	Ms J Kah
8	01s24	China Affair cdwn (1)	57 96	D Oliver
9	07939	Pasiano cdwn (2)	57 100	D Lane
10	3s644	Humzz dwn (6)	56.5 92	L King (a2)
11	19950	Lucifer's Reward cdwn (8)	56.5 88	M Cartwright (a3)
12	87s59	Written Choice cdwn (12)	56.5 85	J Childs
13	284s8	Flostar d (9)	56 96	M Walker
14	3125s	Sapphire Crown whn (7)	54.5 93	P Moloney

## New South Wales races at Randwick Saturday Jetbet 11 TAB doubles 1-2, 5-6, 9-10 Trebles 4-5-6, 8-9-10 Quaddie 3-4-5-6, 7-8-9-10 Place6 5-10

**Selections**

Race 1: ARTHUR FRANCIS, GIANNIS, CHAMELEON CHOICE  
 Race 2: WATER DOVE, TANGO STEPZ, ART CADEAU  
 Race 3: MELIK, KATGULLY RED, MAKANA  
 Race 4: VALAQUENTA, THE FACE, OSAMU  
 Race 5: SUPER EFFORT, ROCKETING BY, RULE OF LAW  
 Race 6: NEW ARRANGEMENT, PICARO, SACRAMENTO  
 Race 7: OUTBACK DIVA, ULYSSES, ZEGALO  
 Race 8: BANDERSNATCH, ORDER AGAIN, CHAT  
 Race 9: DAME KIRI, STRAWB, ZING  
 Race 10: ALL TIME LEGEND, SNOWFIRE, MATOWI

**1 The Paul Hoffman Handicap2.40**  
 \$125,000, 2yo, 1000m

1	3	Chameleon Choice (6)	58 96	N Rawiller
2	1	Harlem Groove (16)	58 88	J Ford
3	4	Arthur Francis h (1)	57.5 86	J Bowman
4	5	Dash Dash Dash (10)	57.5 84	Ms R King
5	5	Mandalong Cash (2)	57.5 85	Chris C Williams (a2)
6	7	Scarzel (11)	57.5 85	J Parr
7	7	Stay Inside h (7)	57.5 86	R Dolan
8	2	Ashema b (19)	57 100	T Berry
9	9	Headliner (3)	55.5 87	J Mc Donald
10	5s	Mistaken Identity (15)	55.5 94	Ms K O'Hara
11	11	Paper Daisy (4)	55.5 89	S Clipperton
12	12	Perfect Darling h (9)	55.5 86	B Avdulla
13	13	Rivabrook (8)	55.5 86	S Clipperton

**2 TAB Highway Handicap 3.15**  
 \$75,000, 3yo & up Class 2, 1100m

1	2s212	Art Cadeau w (3)	61 98	T Berry
2	2117s	Shelby Sixtysix w (2)	57.5 95	J Mc Donald
3	—	Manangatang	SCRATCHED	
4	118	Amicus Curiae d (7)	56 95	J Bowman
5	52021	Fat Gecko w (11)	56 93	N Rawiller
6	3359s	Tango Stepz (1)	55 94	R Jones (a3)
7	9s911	Superior Witness w (8)	54.5 98	T Clark
8	s1514	Mischief Managed w (13)	54 95	Ms L Day (a2)
9	1s1	Water Dove dw (5)	54 100	Ms R King
10	71124	Owhata Crumpey w (4)	54 94	Ms K O'Hara
11	14s33	Chillie Cod d (12)	54 95	G Buckley
12	860s4	Legendofz (9)	54 88	R Dolan
13	s2573	Special Design w (10)	54 91	R Dolan

**3 TAB Highway Handicap 3.50**  
 \$75,000, 3yo & up Class 2, 1100m

1	2s21s	Melik d (7)	59 93	Ms L Day (a2)
2	80s9s	Southern Appeal (9)	57.5 94	J Bowman
3	90s41	The First Of May d (1)	56.5 92	T Berry
4	6s023	Expellable dw (6)	56 100	K Mc Evoy
5	44s65	Katgully Red (2)	55.5 93	Ms K O'Hara
6	513s2	Blue Missile w (11)	54.5 96	G Buckley
7	s1512	Makana w (4)	54 97	Ms R King
8	421s3	On Time (5)	54 96	R Jones (a3)
9	22517	Sparky Girl w (10)	54 90	J Innes Jnr
10	7s4s2	Fantini w (3)	54 97	S Clipperton

**4 ANZ Bloodstock News 4.25**  
 \$125,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 78, 1100m

1	s5064	Removal w (6)	59.5 84	Ms L Day (a2)
2	2111s	Emanate dw (8)	58 88	Ms R King
3	8s204	I'm Telling Ya d (2)	57.5 92	N Rawiller
4	2219s	Fanciful Dream tdw (7)	57 88	Ms K O'Hara
5	0s516	Mossman Gorge d (5)	56.5 90	K Mc Evoy
6	s253s	Valaquenta dn (3)	56 86	T Berry
7	2442s	Osamu (1)	55 88	T Clark
8	12252	Hibiscus Lady wh (9)	54.5 91	T Clark
9	13s22	The Face dw (4)	54 100	J Innes Jnr

**5 Bowermans Furniture 5.00**  
 \$125,000, 3yo Benchmark 72, 1100m

1	—	The Face	SCRATCHED	
2	7s60s	Philizzy h (5)	58.5 88	R Dolan
3	26s14	Dance d (9)	56 90	T Clark
4	183s1	Rocketing By w (1)	56 91	J Bowman
5	311s	Rule Of Law dw (6)	56 91	K Mc Evoy
6	9s1	Velorum dwn (3)	56 91	T Berry
7	32s72	Super Effort w (8)	55 95	J Mc Donald
8	5s611	Geist dw (10)	54 89	Ms R King
9	4108s	Orpheum dh (7)	54 84	S Clipperton
10	16s58	My Ruby d (2)	52.5 93	J Ford

**6 Heineken Handicap 5.40**  
 \$125,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 88, 2000m

1	74693	Mr Marathon Man dw (1)	59.5 90	J Bowman
2	9s054	Kiss The Bride tdw (5)	58 97	J Parr
3	44012	New Arrangement twb (4)	57 95	J Mc Donald
4	51s31	Sacramento tdwn (9)	57 100	S Clipperton
5	0s800	Aqua D'ivina tw (10)	55 92	Ms K O'Hara
6	51137	Accountability dwb (7)	54.5 98	J Ford

**7 Sky Racing Active 6.20**  
 \$125,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 78, 1400m

1	—	Juventus	SCRATCHED	
2	s3141	Ulysses tw (8)	59.5 96	Chris C Williams (a2)
3	363s9	Outback Diva dw (7)	57.5 91	K Mc Evoy
4	43329	Sausage dw (11)	57 96	J Bowman
5	3133s	Zegalo dw (2)	57 92	J Mc Donald
6	798s1	Moana Jewel dwn (3)	56.5 93	N Rawiller
7	s1147	Invasion Day d (5)	56.5 92	B Avdulla
8	4374s	Napoleon Solo cdh (12)	56 85	T Clark
9	57204	St Covet's Spirit (4)	55 94	S Clipperton
10	54s31	Blondeau w (9)	54 100	T Berry
11	4513s	Le Lude wh (6)	53.5 90	Ms R King
12	70s60	Nicochet dw (1)	52 91	R Dolan

**8 Fujitsu Carrington Stakes 7.00**  
 \$150,000, 3yo & up Quality Listed, 1400m

1	068s8	Quackerjack tdwh (10)	59 100	J Parr
2	66834	Gaulois tdw (3)	58.5 98	T Clark
3	44s51	Order Again dw (4)	57 100	S Clipperton
4	12008	Sikandarabad dw (6)	56.5 86	S Price
5	s5453	Passage Of Time cw (7)	55.5 97	N Rawiller
6	570s0	Cradle Mountain tcw (9)	54.5 78	K Mc Evoy
7	5530s	Herengawe dw (8)	54 90	J Mc Donald
8	61322	Bandersnatch dw (2)	54 99	T Berry
9	14235	Chat dw (5)	53 97	R Dolan
10	132s5	Thy Kingdom Come dw (1)	53 93	R Dolan

**9 TAB Handicap 7.40**  
 \$125,000, 3yo & up F&M Benchmark 78, 1600m

1	01174	Trajectory wb (9)	59.5 97	R Jones (a3)
2	0s658	Helga twh (12)	59 96	Chris C Williams (a2)
3	47s43	Selica w (2)	59 98	Ms L Day (a2)
4	83033	Game Of Thorns (3)	58.5 90	J Bowman
5	2s113	Dame Kiri w (5)	58 94	Ms R King
6	11566	Invinciano (13)	58 93	B Avdulla
7	51131	Strange Charm whn (8)	57.5 96	N Rawiller
8	628s4	Guise w (11)	57 94	J Mc Donald
9	6s321	Zing cdw (14)	57 100	T Berry
10	18s66	Celtic Love dw (4)	56.5 91	T Clark
11	s0225	Strawb w (10)	56.5 97	S Clipperton
12	78115	Majella d (1)	56 91	K Mc Evoy
13	24419	Bowery Breeze cw (6)	55 99	Ms K O'Hara
14	3s312	Enduring Night dw (7)	52 96	R Dolan

**10 Drinkwise Mile 8.15**  
 \$125,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 88, 1600m

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# Top guns here to mentor Ocean Warriors

## SURF LIFESAVING

THE Ocean Warrior board paddling and swim series for surf lifeguards returns tomorrow and organisers expect even more interest than last season.

The two-round series, sponsored by Sonic Surf Craft and Eastland Port, debuted last summer at Midway Beach, with the second round held at Red Beach in Auckland.

It has been described as a fast-paced and different version of what athletes normally do at surf carnivals.

Organiser Jason Pocock expects interest to again be high.

Entry numbers have been good so far for both rounds.

One of Gisborne's most accomplished surf lifesavers will mentor some of the country's top board paddling talent in the series.

Dawson Building Midway club member and New Zealand representative Chris

Dawson is one of four Ocean Warrior kaiarahi (leader) for the 2021 carnivals.

"Chris's record of national and international titles and honours sees him enjoy a place at the top table of the sport in New Zealand," Pocock said.

"He will be alongside New Zealand Black Fins team captain Steve Kent, Madi Kidd and junior Black Fins captain Claudia Kelly, who will also mentor the newest crop of board paddlers competing in the series."

The first round is at Waikanae Beach this weekend. It features competition from 11am to 2pm tomorrow and a mentoring day on Sunday.

About 100 youngsters will be involved.

"We still have plenty of spots open in both and we would love to see as many young paddlers come along to compete and learn from our kaiarahi," Pocock said.

"While Covid-19 has thrown a hefty spanner in the works for a lot of sporting events locally and globally, the Ocean Warrior team are committed to delivering even more than they did last summer.

"This past year has been challenging for a lot of people and that's driven us to get the Ocean Warrior series back for another run."

Due to border restrictions, Pocock and his team have been unable to bring last



**LESSGO!:** Off and running in an under-14 girls race at last summer's Ocean Warrior surf lifesaving competition in Gisborne. The 2020-2021 edition once again features two events — the first of those at Waikanae Beach over the weekend, the second in Auckland next month. Herald file picture

summer's mentors Cory Taylor and Olivia Corrin (both members of Midway, Dani McKenzie and Max Beattie back from Australia.

"But in Dawson, Kidd, Kelly and Kent, we have equally talented surf stars to call on.

"They've all got loads of experience to pass on and I'm certain everyone who competes in Gisborne and Auckland will come away with skills they'll be able to use this season and beyond."

The series is open to surf athletes aged 11 to 17 years.

## JUNIOR CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

### Previous solution

**Across:** 1. Marble, 3. Plum, 7. Rain, 8. Clowns, 10. Pianist, 13. Kissing, 16. Statue, 17. Race, 18. Salt, 19. Winter.  
**Down:** 1. Mars, 2. Raisin, 4. Lawn, 5. Misery, 6. Closest, 9. Antique, 11. Houses, 12. Infant, 14. Fall, 15. Dear.

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EASY

# SUDOKU

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

To solve the puzzle, each row, column and 3x3 grid within the larger grid must end up containing each number from 1 to 9, and each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

A sudoku grid has a single unique solution, which can be reached without using guesswork.

SOLUTION IN NEXT PUBLICATION.

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## THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

Saturday, January 23, 2021

by Eugenia Last

### CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Tiffani Thiessen, 47; Mariska Hargitay, 57; Gail O'Grady, 58; Richard Dean Anderson, 71.

### Happy Birthday:

Make adjustments at home and in your personal life that will bring you joy. Take responsibility for your happiness, and work on spending more time with upbeat people who are just as eager as you to make life better. Put an end to giving in and giving your all to situations and individuals that upset you. Take control of your life. Your numbers are 4, 18, 22, 26, 30, 39, 44.

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

Reconnect with an old friend or colleague, and it will give insight into new possibilities that can improve your earning potential. You'll be able to put the past behind you if you choose to do something that offers mental stimulation. 4 stars

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

If you rush into something prematurely, you'll have second thoughts. Too much of anything will set you back one way or another. You'll get a better view of what's going on if you are sensitive to other people's needs. 3 stars

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

Get involved in something that interests you. Do your best to improve your resume or lifestyle. A discussion you have with someone regarding work will give insight into possibilities. Be careful with financial or contractual matters. 3 stars

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

Do what you can to help others, but don't pay for someone else's mistake. Offer love, support, innovative suggestions and hands-on help, but not your hard-earned cash. Tell someone you love how you feel, and you'll find out where you stand. 3 stars

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

Ask, and you shall receive. Refuse to let what others do interfere with your plans. Follow your heart, and opportunities will develop. An optimistic attitude will create a stir that will attract people who have something to offer in return. 4 stars

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

Put in overtime, and it will ease your mind and allow you to enjoy time with someone you love late in the day. A change of plans will turn out to be to your advantage. Don't be afraid to make the first move. 2 stars

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

Get your responsibilities out of the way, and offer to help a friend or relative. What you do for others will be appreciated and encourage better relationships. A change you make to the way you live will lead to personal growth. 5 stars

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

Emotions will surface when interacting with old friends and relatives. Take action, and do your best to make things happen. Your input will be appreciated and will help shape the way personal situations unfold. Romance and personal growth are favored. 3 stars

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

Change the way you handle money. Put a budget in place, and consider investments that will keep you from overspending. The less available cash you have on hand, the better. Put the past behind you, and you'll flourish. 3 stars

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

Revisit the past, and you'll avoid making the same mistake twice. Look over your options, and don't feel pressured to make decisions if uncertainty prevails. A unique approach to health, fitness and how you handle your money will bring remarkable results. 3 stars

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

Take your time, plan your actions and head in a direction that will satisfy you mentally, physically and financially. Say no to anyone asking for too much and yes to those offering equality. Try something new and exciting. 5 stars

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):

Set your sights on your goal, then proceed. Don't make promises you are going to have trouble honoring. Make the changes that are within your financial means. A kind gesture you offer a friend or relative will make a difference. 2 stars

### Birthday Baby:

You are charismatic, playful and intuitive. You are unpredictable and engaging.

### 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.

## DOUBLE CROSSWORD

No 11,200

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### SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLE 11,199

**QUICK**  
**Across:** 1 Sack; 3 Astonish; 9 Amateur; 10 Comic; 11 Discomposure; 13 Nodose; 15 Cohere; 17 Overstrained; 20 Apart; 21 All-time; 22 Spending; 23 News.  
**Down:** 1 Standing; 2 Class; 4 Stripe; 5 Occasionally; 6 Immerse; 7 Hack; 8 Demonstrated; 12 Headless; 14 Deviate; 16 Attain; 18 Noise; 19 Mass.  
**CRYPTIC**  
**Across:** 1 Pelt; 3 Pendant; 9 Carmine; 10 Mover; 11 French polish; 13 Ermine; 15 Scarce; 17 Inhospitable; 20 Erica; 21 Abounds; 22 Doggedly; 23 Shed.  
**Down:** 1 Pacifies; 2 Large; 4 Exempt; 5 Complication; 6 Adviser; 7 Turn; 8 Disconsolate; 12 Released; 14 Mending; 16 Sprawl; 18 Bench; 19 Feed.

Quick Crossword answers also fit the large grid

### QUICK CLUES

- ACROSS**  
1. Curative (11)  
9. Mat (3)  
10. Involve (9)  
11. Bundles (5)  
13. Poisonous plant (7)  
14. Stable (6)  
16. Damage (6)  
18. Crush (7)  
19. Perspire (5)  
20. Give rise to (9)  
21. Prohibit (3)  
22. Barrenness (11)

- DOWN**  
2. Embrace (3)  
3. Metal bars (5)  
4. Abele (6)  
5. Regular (7)  
6. Lifeless (9)  
7. Statement (11)  
8. Commemorating (11)  
12. Burning (9)  
15. Dispossess (7)  
17. Leave (6)  
19. Dilate (5)  
21. Gamble (3)

### CRYPTIC CLUES

#### ACROSS

- Fitness and skill linked with man's clothing (11)
- No return to the East for a long time (3)
- What the traveller pays for food in the restaurant-car! (5,4)
- Different means of identification (5)
- Furniture can be a great help behind the scenes (7)
- Small numbers going around wild - they never settle (6)
- A track going up (6)
- Cyril confused by nearly everything poetic (7)
- In pursuit later on (5)
- Put forward a matter for arbitration but yielded (9)
- Look at the first person one hears (3)
- What those who fail to get through lack (11)

#### DOWN

- Holder of the Ashes (3)
- As part of the Testament it usually shows a correspondent of Paul (5)
- Infamously describes certain types of goods (6)
- Old Soldiers' Dance (7)
- A rent isn't modified in passing (9)
- Single means could be lacking significance (11)
- Occult sign for office-workers (11)
- This clue is unlikely to be forgotten (9)
- Refuse to show signs of senility (7)
- Once one of the top men in the building industry (6)
- A bit of a fraud - I tried to check the accounts (5)
- I can be found in the Gospels (3)

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SPORT BRIEFS

Another setback for Aguero

MANCHESTER City's star striker Sergio Aguero has announced he has tested positive for coronavirus.

The 32-year-old Argentine had been self-isolating after being identified as a close contact of another confirmed case and has now revealed he too has proved positive.

It is another setback for City's record goalscorer, who has started only three matches this season.

Aguero missed the end of last term and the start of the current campaign after undergoing knee surgery in June. His return to action was complicated by a hamstring injury in October and he later experienced further knee issues.

Aguero is one of a number of positive coronavirus cases at title-chasing City since Christmas. Kyle Walker, Gabriel Jesus, Ederson and Ferran Torres were also forced to isolate in recent weeks. — AAP

Recalls for Stokes, Archer

ENGLAND stars Ben Stokes and Jofra Archer will return to international action as spearheads in an eagerly-anticipated test series against India next month.

Another key player, Jos Buttler, is being rested for three of the four matches as part of an attempt to "modernise" the national side's approach to touring.

Stokes and Archer were handed breaks for the current trip to Sri Lanka, where the second test gets under way today, but will return to take on India in their own backyard in February/March.

Opener Rory Burns will return from paternity leave, but rather than building back up to full strength for the eagerly-awaited contest, England have left Sam Curran, Mark Wood and Jonny Bairstow out of the first two matches. — AAP

'Virtual' London Marathon

AMBITIOUS and unprecedented plans to allow 100,000 people to take part in this year's London Marathon have been announced.

A record 50,000 people are set to run in central London on October 3, with another 50,000 running the 26.2 miles (42 kilometres) at a location of their choice for an accompanying "virtual" event, organisers said

Event director Hugh Brasher, said he was confident the mass run could go ahead after British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said all adults would be offered a first vaccination dose by September.

"It is difficult in a way for a lot of people to imagine from where we are now about what October might look like but the Government has said that everyone in this country should be vaccinated by September." — AAP

Maybe this time for Rory

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — Rory McIlroy again put himself in contention to win an event where he has had so many near misses, shooting an 8-under 64 in the first round of the season-opening Abu Dhabi Championship.

In 10 appearances in Abu Dhabi, McIlroy has finished second on four occasions and third three times. Apart from one missed cut, he has only one finish outside the top 10.

The four-time major champion endured the third winless season of his professional career in 2020, but shrugged off a fog delay of almost three hours to start 2021 with eight birdies. He has a one-shot lead over Tyrrell Hatton (65), with later starters unable to finish their first round.

New Zealand's Ryan Fox is nine shots adrift after a 1-over 73 featuring two birdies, a bogey and a double bogey. — AP

Winning return for Williamson

BLACK Caps skipper Kane Williamson's first twenty20 game for Northern Knights since 2014 yielded a victory for the struggling side in Hamilton last night.

The Knights, with batting supremo Williamson and fellow Black Caps bowlers Tim Southee and Trent Boult bolstering the side, defeated high-flying Canterbury by eight wickets in their rain-reduced Dream 11 Super Smash clash.

The bowlers did the damage, dismissing the Kings for 118 in the 20th over, with Boult, Anurag Verma, Scott Kugeleijn and Joe Walker picking up two wickets each.

Rain affected the chase and when the skies cleared, the Knights face a chase of 91 off 14 overs. Tim Seifert (24 runs off 18) and Williamson (34 off 27) led them to a comfortable win in the 11th over.

The Knights must win their last two games to have any chance of making the playoffs.



**EYES ON THE BALL:** Poverty Bay's Neville Clark controls the ball in front of Hawke's Bay B's Curley Thompson and Clark's teammate Rob Telfer at the 2020 Poverty Bay Polo Open. The 2021 edition is at the Poverty Bay Polo Club Bushmere grounds this weekend.

Herald file picture

# Mallets at the ready for PB Open

POLO

THE Bushmere polo grounds will rumble to the sound of thundering hooves over the weekend for Poverty Bay Polo Club's premier annual tournament — the Poverty Bay Open.

Eleven teams from Poverty Bay, Hawke's Bay, Wanstead and Birchleigh (Hastings) are competing in the 2021 open, which starts at 10am tomorrow.

Two teams — Poverty Bay A and Hawke's Bay A — are in the Eastland Vets 6-goal grade. They will play each other both days,

with accumulated points deciding the winners.

The Property Brokers 0-goal grade features six teams split into two sections. Ballance Poverty Bay B, Hawke's Bay B and Wanstead C are in Pool A. Wanstead A, Hawke's Bay C and Wanstead B are in Pool B.

Winners of each pool will meet in the final on Sunday.

Three teams are in the Kirkpatrick Farm Feeds low-goal grade — Birchleigh, Hawke's Bay D and Farmlands Poverty Bay C.

Like the 6-goal grade, accumulated points

will decide the low-goal champions.

The public are welcome to head to the Bushmere grounds at 130 Bushmere Road, Matawhero, to enjoy the action

The Poverty Bay teams are —  
**POVERTY BAY A:** Burn McNeil, Cody Clark, Rob Telfer, Glen Armstrong  
**BALLANCE POVERTY BAY B:** Jess McNeil, Fern McIldowie, Neville Clarke, Matt Maclaurin.

**FARMLANDS POVERTY BAY C:** Anne Marie-Cavanagh, Jenny Shanks, Scott McNeil, Campbell Chrisp.

# MAREIKURA, YMP IN THE MEDALS

**HARD MAHI:** The Nga Tama Toa, Ease Up crew put in the mahi (work) on their way to earning third in the junior 19 men's W12 500 metres final. They are Hayze Nepia, Huatahi Patuwai, Jai Henare-Hiki, John Horua, Manaia Tuari, Matiu Anderson, Silas Brown, Te Arika Pomana, Uetaha Wanoa, Whakaruru Waitai-Te Kurapa, Wiremu Maxwell and Zekei Collier.

Picture by Garrick Cameron



WAKA AMA

DAY 5 of the waka ama sprint nationals on Lake Karapiro yesterday was primarily about getting through heats and staying in the hunt for medals.

Only four finals were contested on the day — two of those were being corporate challenge finals — and Gisborne clubs were among those paddling for glory.

Mareikura Waka Ama Club crew Nga Tama Toa/Ease Up were third in the

junior 19 men's W12 500 metres final.

YMP's Ruaohinetu won bronze in the J19 women's W12 500.

Their efforts added valuable points to their club tallies.

Heading into today's racing, Self Storage Horouta Waka Hoe remained top of the overall club standings with 163 points but what had been a commanding lead earlier in the week had shrunk, with Manukau Outrigger Canoe Club second on 133.5.

Mareikura were sixth-equal on 75 and

YMP were 11th on 50.

Today's programme is predominantly W6 heats and semis, including the men's and women's premier W6 1500, along with several W12 500m straight finals.

A feature of the day are the premier men's and women's regional finals in which Gisborne paddlers will represent Te Uraganga o te Ra.

Live coverage of the national champs is on Maori Television and its website.

The champs end tomorrow.



# Chance for redemption

**OPENING THE SHOULDERS:**

Gisborne Boys' High opener Luke Fisher scored 17 runs in his side's Walker Shield twenty20 win over OBR. But with star adult players Graham Sharp and Nic Hendrie absent, Fisher and his teammates will need to step up in the batting department in the opening Saturday of the DJ Barry Cup competition. Picture by Paul Rickard



**CRICKET** by Jack Malcolm

POVERTY Bay premier club players turn their attention to time-based cricket tomorrow with the start of the DJ Barry Cup at Harry Barker Reserve.

It's an early chance for redemption for Coastal Concrete OBR and Horouta as they take on Galaxy World Gisborne Boys' High School and Bollywood Stars HSOB respectively for the second weekend in a row following their Walker Shield twenty20 playoffs last Saturday.

The DJ Barry competition format has been simplified this year after team representatives said rules from previous years had been too convoluted.

This year the team batting in the second innings has to be bowled out or the game will be called a draw.

The batting team in the first innings can declare at any point and the overs that are remaining in their innings are added on to the second innings to give them more time to bowl the opposition out.

Teams get three points for a win, one for a draw and zero for a loss. If the final results in a draw, the team who led the regular season points will win the title.

GBHS coach Mal Trowell said his team would be looking to continue the positive brand of cricket they've been playing all summer.

Their South African adult players Graham Sharp and Nicholas Hendrie, who played pivotal roles in their Walker Shield final victory over OBR last Saturday, are unavailable.

"I will be quite interested to see how the boys go on their own," said Trowell. "Someone always performs, but I need a couple more of them to do it (this weekend)."

David Gray will step in as opener in Sharp's absence. Trowell said Year 9 student Gray had been a fantastic addition to the team. He had shown maturity and poise beyond his years at the top of the order.

"You don't get kids like this coming along all that often."

OBR will be out for redemption in the first week of a competition that could favour their strong bowling attack.

However, captain Ian Loffler said they were missing five of their front-line players tomorrow and had to pull together a "makeshift team".

Loffler will be stepping aside as captain for the rest of the season as he looks to "hand the reins over" to the next generation.

Nick Greeks will lead the side tomorrow

and Cody Andrews will likely captain the team through the rest of the season.

Opening bowler Jimmy Holden, out of action through a hand injury, would be sorely missed as he had been an integral part of their success, but the team had proven they have the depth to cover his absence, said Loffler.

"Other people are looking in. We all know we're missing Jimmy. He's been one of the best bowlers in the last 10 years in Gisborne."

Horouta had a tough time of it in the Walker Shield but proved to themselves they have the potential to score runs.

The pressure to perform on the experienced players has seen them struggle to find their feet but with nothing to lose and everything to gain, they could pose a threat to any team they face.

They take on DJ Barry Cup defending champions HSOB tomorrow in what could be an exciting game if they play as they did in the T20 competition.

Captain David Situ says the format suits his team, who have a strong bowling attack led by Tushar Balat and Parminder Kulaar, who will get more overs to bowl in the new format.

The team performed better than they expected in the Walker Shield and Situ felt the scorecard wasn't an accurate representation of how they played.

"We're going to be trying a few things to mix it up this week, like shuffling the order around."

Horouta have also been formulating plans for how they will target different teams but Situ was tight-lipped on what that might mean.

HSOB go in as favourites, having beaten Horouta in all their clashes over the season including the Walker Shield playoff for third last weekend.

"It's nice to have a new competition with a few rule tweaks," said HSOB captain Carl Shaw.

"We have a couple of strategies for this competition that we are looking forward to experimenting with."

"As always we are excited to be playing Horouta. They bring a great attitude and a lot of positive energy, and we look forward to the competition."

HSOB team will be back to full strength this week and their line-up will include debutant Izzy Turner.

"We're also looking to make the most of Drew Scott and Adam Whibly before they head back to university, too."

■ **HOPE Cup senior B club cricket resumes tomorrow. A preview of those games will be posted on The Gisborne Herald website.**

**SIMON SHUKER'S CODE-CRACKER Extra 1140**

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## Games could be crowd-free

THE prospect of the Olympics being forced behind closed doors has increased significantly after chief organisers said spectators are not a "must have".

Organisers previously played down fears the Games would take place without fans, despite refunds being offered for the rearranged event.

International Olympic Committee president Thomas Bach stepped back from promising crowds, saying organisers must be "flexible" amid Covid-19 surges.

Senior IOC member Dick Pound added to the fresh uncertainty, telling Kyodo News: "The question is, is this a 'must have' or 'nice to have'? It's nice to have spectators. But it's not a must have."

Their comments come after Sir Keith Mills, the former chief executive of London 2012, suggested it is "unlikely" the Games will take place at all.

With the world in a race against time to get vaccinated, close to 80 percent of Japanese people believe the Olympics, already postponed by a year because of the pandemic, should be delayed again.

The logistical minefield has been underlined by chaos at the much smaller Australian Open, where 72 players are confined to their hotel rooms in Melbourne for 14 days.

Bach expressed optimism ahead of Saturday's

six-months-to-go mark that Games will go ahead in some form.

"We have at this moment no reason whatsoever to believe that the Olympic Games in Tokyo will not open on July 23," he said. "This is why there is no plan B and this is why we are fully committed to make these Games safe and successful."

Pound, the outspoken longest-serving member of the IOC, also reaffirmed his hope that holding the Games in some capacity would be possible.

"Nobody can guarantee the Olympics will go ahead as planned. But I think there is a very, very, good chance that they can, and that they will," he said.

Japan has been less severely hit by the pandemic than many other advanced economies, but the recent surge in cases moved it to close its borders to non-resident foreigners and declare a state of emergency in Tokyo and major cities.

Taro Kono, Japan's administrative and reform minister, became the first figure within government to voice doubt, saying the Games "could go either way" last week after a state of emergency was extended beyond the Tokyo region.

The IOC expects just 6000 athletes at the opening ceremony, down from an initial figure of about 11,000 from 200 nations.



**SKATER GIRL:** Surely Skate co-founder and organiser of the inaugural Surely Shred event, Sophee Hill, practises ahead of tomorrow's competition, which has \$1000 cash up for grabs in the female and male open divisions, and plenty of other prizes for all involved.

Picture by Georgia Richardson



# Ready to shred in quest for cash

by Jack Malcolm

SKATEBOARDERS from across the North Island are in Gisborne this weekend for the first annual Surely Shred competition at Alfred Cox Skate Park.

With a \$1000 cash first prize up for grabs in the male and female open divisions and every skater who competes winning something, the level of talent is expected to be high.

Organiser Sophee Hill said there had been "heaps" of out-of-town interest, including entries from a large contingent from Girls Skate NZ — an Auckland-based female skate group, travelling to compete.

As of today, around 40 skaters had entered the competition that will run tomorrow from 10am.

Open finals are scheduled to start at 1.45pm, followed by the vert ramp finals at 2.30.

Due to the unforeseen levels of interest, however, the scheduling may be delayed.

Surely Shred also features male and female junior divisions (13 years and-under and 14 to 17yrs) while the vert competition on the big halfpipe is an open division.

Registrations will be taken up to 8am on the day.

Hill said the support the project had been given was overwhelming, with everything coming together in the last three or four months.

She is a founding member of local female skating group Surely Skate, who were largely inspired by the Girls Skate NZ model.

Both groups formed to help encourage girls of all abilities to get into skating and break down traditional barriers and stereotypes at the skate park that had made females feel intimidated going there by themselves.

Surely Skate received a \$10,000 grant from Trust Tairāwhiti to help run the event and to offer learn-to-skate sessions at schools. The group also raised over \$1000 through a givealittle page.

Hill thanked all the people who had supported the idea and helped it get off the ground.

Sequence Surf Shop donated "thousands of dollars worth of prizes which are around 80 percent of all our prizes", and a large selection of local businesses also put their support behind the competition.

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### WEATHER FOR TOMORROW

22 Jan, 2021

**NZ SITUATION**  
A ridge over the country pulls away tomorrow as a front moves onto the south. The front weakens over the North Island on Sunday, while another front brushes the far south. A ridge then builds over northern New Zealand on Monday.

### MIDNIGHT TONIGHT

### NOON TOMORROW

### GISBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT

Saturday Jan 23		Sunday Jan 24	
am	pm	am	pm
Hicks Bay	H 2:52am 3:07pm L 8:58am 9:28pm	Hicks Bay	H 3:46am 3:57pm L 9:51am 10:19pm
Waipiro Bay	H 2:39am 2:54pm L 8:33am 9:03pm	Waipiro Bay	H 3:33am 3:44pm L 9:26am 9:54pm
Tolaga Bay	H 2:27am 2:42pm L 8:21am 8:51pm	Tolaga Bay	H 3:21am 3:32pm L 9:14am 9:42pm
Gisborne	H 2:18am 2:38pm L 8:26am 8:54pm	Gisborne	H 3:09am 3:24pm L 9:16am 9:42pm
Wairoa	H 2:01am 2:24pm L 8:16am 8:38pm	Wairoa	H 2:49am 3:11pm L 9:05am 9:25pm

### SUN-MOON-MAORI FISHING GUIDE

Sun		Moon		Maori	
Rise	6:09 am	Rise	6:10 am	Best at	8:26 am
Set	8:30 pm	Set	8:29 pm	Best at	9:12 am
Set	1:23 am	Rise	1:54 am		
Rise	3:40 pm	Rise	4:40 pm		

### GISBORNE READINGS

Taken at the Airport, for the 24 hours to 9am, Friday 22 Jan 2021

**SUNSHINE** hours: 10.0  
On Thursday, 21 Jan  
To date for January: 192.2  
Average for January: 240.0  
To date this year: 192.2  
To date last year: 187.6

**WIND** km/h: Max gust on Thu 21 Jan: NW 48

**RAINFALL** mm: 24 hours to 9am, Fri 22 Jan: 0.0  
To date for January: 43.4  
Average for January: 56.0  
To date this year: 43.4  
To date last year: 28.6

**EVAPOTRANSPIRATION** mm: Daily average for past week: 5.4

**TEMPERATURE** °C: Maximum: 22.7, Minimum: 10.8, Grass minimum: 6.9

**BAROMETRIC PRESSURE**: At 9am 22 Jan (hPa): 1009.2, At 9am 22 Jan (inches): 29.80

### WORLD TOMORROW

Adelaide	fine	19	39
Amsterdam	rain	1	6
Bangkok	fine	22	32
Beijing	cloudy	-7	4
Berlin	cloudy	2	6
Brisbane	fine	21	30
Buenos Aires	fine	24	34
Cairo	fine	9	20
Canberra	fine	14	37
Cape Town	cloudy	19	24
Delhi	fine	8	21
Frankfurt	drizzle	3	6
Geneva	rain	3	7
Hong Kong	fine	18	23
London	fine	-3	4
Los Angeles	rain	8	16
Melbourne	fine	15	27
Moscow	rain	0	2
New York	fine	-1	0
Paris	showers	4	7
Perth	fine	21	27
Singapore	thunder	24	34
Stockholm	cloudy	-1	4
Suva	thunder	24	32
Sydney	fine	21	30
Tokyo	drizzle	5	10
Toronto	fine	-11	-6

### GISBORNE CITY

TOMORROW	SUNDAY	MONDAY
morning min 12, max 27	morning min 15, max 30	morning min 15, max 29
Fine, evening high cloud. Light winds and afternoon sea breezes.	Mainly fine, chance of an afternoon shower. Light winds.	Fine. Light winds and sea breezes.

### GISBORNE REGION

TOMORROW	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
morning min 12, max 27	morning min 15, max 30	morning min 15, max 29	morning min 15, max 29
Fine, evening high cloud. Light winds and afternoon sea breezes. Northwesterlies developing later.	Fine, apart from isolated afternoon showers. Light winds and sea breezes.	Fine. Light winds and sea breezes.	Fine. Light winds and sea breezes.

### GISBORNE SUN PROTECTION ALERT

9:00 AM - 5:35 PM PROTECTION REQUIRED  
Whatever your skin colour  
Data provided by NIWA

### TODAY IN HISTORY

**2010** - Heavy rain flooded streets in Hawke's Bay and prompted police to advise motorists to stay off the road in the Hastings suburb of Flaxmere, with 39mm of rain falling between 3:30pm and 5pm across the district.

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**INTO THE SWING OF THINGS:** Hawke's Bay-Poverty Bay No.1 women's golfer Tessa McDonald starts her competitive year at the Sacred Hill Open in Napier this weekend. McDonald, who plays off a +2 handicap at the Awapuni Links course, will be upping her tournament play this year with the ultimate ambition of turning pro. She finished 2020 in fine style with five wins from seven matches at the national women's interprovincial and a home course record 8-under 66.

Picture by Paul Rickard

# Giving it her best shot

## Professional career in McDonald's sights

**GOLF by Chris Taewa**

A BIT of unfinished business will kickstart the biggest golfing year of Tessa McDonald's amateur career to date.

McDonald, 25, is competing in the Sacred Hill women's open at the Maraenui course in Napier this weekend.

The Awapuni Links member was beaten 2-down by Palmerston North's Lily Griffin in the championship final of the 54-hole matchplay tournament last year.

She intends to go one better in the 2021 edition, which will also feature Poverty Bay clubmate and Hawke's Bay-Poverty Bay teammate Ellen Ball.

But perhaps more importantly this will be McDonald's first competitive outing of a year in which she is committed to seeing just how good she can get, and if she has

the talent to step up to the professional ranks.

McDonald, the daughter of Gisborne couple and sporting identities David and Karen McDonald, has established herself as the No.1 women's player in Hawke's Bay-Poverty Bay.

She underlined that at the 2020 women's national interprovincial on Auckland's Akarana course in December.

McDonald won five of her seven matches over the week as HBPB finished eighth overall.

Her performance got her thinking. "I worked hard on my golf during the year and found it paid off. And I thought to myself 'well, you're not too far away from those other girls'."

Those 'other girls' she refers to are the top amateur echelon — the likes

of Aucklander Fiona Xu, who won the 2020 New Zealand Women's Amateur Championship on McDonald's home course in October.

It would be fair to say McDonald is on the rung below this level but with the potential to join Xu and co.

"If I play well this year . . . I want to try to qualify to become a pro, maybe in Aussie."

McDonald's success at the national interprovincial has inspired her to chase this goal and while she has had a quiet period golfing-wise over the summer break, this weekend will be the impetus to up the intensity.

"It's the first tournament of a big year, hopefully a very big year. I'll be practising hard (under the tutelage of Poverty Bay teaching professional Dave Keown) and I'll

do these New Zealand events, and see if I can put together some good scores."

She has the ideal person on her bag this weekend, Manawatu-Wanganui men's representative Tyler Hodge, a former professional now caddying at the internationally-acclaimed Tara Iti course at Mangawhai.

The part-time receptionist at Physio First also has an understanding employer and supportive family.

She admits she has not been practising much lately so will go into the weekend perhaps a little underdone.

But from tomorrow, she will be upping the work rate in a bid to see how far she can go.

And whatever will be, will be. "It's just exciting to be playing the game I love."