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A FUN DAY, WITH A SERIOUS MESSAGE: Anti-bullying campaigner Meredith Akuhata-Brown met a responsive audience of Matapuna Training Centre students yesterday on Pink Shirt Day. Ms Akuhata-Brown says anti-bullying is a high profile issue today, but “sadly” the issue is “as bad as ever”. She told students they have to stand up and take action — “do not be a bystander to bullying”. The district councillor said the campaign fitted in strongly with civics education or “what kind of world do we want, and what kind of action should we take”. Students also put on a play and enjoyed some laughs with Ms Akuhata-Brown. She said Pink Shirt Day was not a one-off exercise. “You have to keep emphasising the message.”
Picture by Liam Clayton

RESIDENTIAL REHAB

Promised facility ‘desperately needed’ says advocate

by Akula Sharma

AN anti-methamphetamine community advocate wants to know why a rehabilitation facility promised three years ago by the Labour Government has still not happened in Tairāwhiti.

In her Budget 2019 speech, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced \$20 million funding for the establishment of a residential drug treatment centre in Tairāwhiti.

The following year the Government promised in its election campaign the roll-out in the East Coast and Eastern Bay of Plenty, of the Northland District Health Board Te Ara Oranga strategy aimed at decreasing the number of whānau harmed by methamphetamine.

The health component of the strategy is a recovery-based treatment approach based

mostly in the community.

“Statistics tell us that methamphetamine (meth) is a major destroyer of communities here,” said Tuta Ngarimu, the regional advocate for anti-meth movement New Zealand ‘P’ Pull.

“It’s now been two years, with nothing being started here,” Mr Ngarimu said.

“The programme is a cross-agency initiative alongside police, health providers and community groups.

“The initiative recently completed an evaluation showing a 34 percent reduction in crime for Northland.

“We desperately need it here.”

A major barrier for whānau looking for support was having to travel out of the district for residential rehabilitation services, he said.

“If we had an in-region facility, people would be more receptive . . . it’s a real shame. They lapse when they see nothing

local.

“A residential programme here would help so many people. The model has proven to have so much benefit for communities.”

Leadership group Manaaki Tairāwhiti received nearly \$2.9 million in 2020 to support addicts and whānau from recovery to work-ready status.

They say the region needs more investment to build on what is already working here.

Whakapono Whānau is a collaboration of three local providers — Mauria Te Pono, Turanga Health and Tauawhi Men’s Centre — who collectively deliver support for people affected by addiction.

The group was brought together by Manaaki Tairāwhiti who worked with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) to secure funding for the programmes they run.

These include counselling, whānau

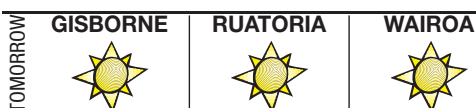
support groups, one-to-one peer support and “navigators” — a staff member assigned to a case to help whānau connect with various services.

Manaaki Tairāwhiti chair and Te Runanga o Turanganui chief executive Ronald Nepe said the group also applied for funding for a feasibility study into the development of an in-region residential addictions treatment facility, proposed to be built in Te Puia Springs, but were not initially successful.

“Advocacy for a residential treatment facility has been driven by feedback from local whānau who have told providers that leaving the district to access residential treatment is a significant barrier to getting help.

“To have to leave home to get treatment is impossible for people who have

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IN HARMONY: From left, Gisborne Country Music Award veteran duet winners Lindsay Henry and Poua Puia; solo, country crossover and gospel section winner Destiny Pahuru and senior overall winner Alley Teepa.

Picture by Paul Rickard



Top marks for country music awards show

by Akula Sharma

WINNERS at the Gisborne Country Music Awards concert say the connection, or whakawhanaungatanga, between audience and artist made their performances flow.

The awards finals were held at Lawson Field Theatre. Over 132 entries and 10 original songs were pre-judged and the finalists got to perform their winning song on the night.

Contestants came from Matamata, Morrinsville, Tokoroa, Putaruru, Tauranga, Waitemata, Levin and Gisborne.

The Itchy Fingers band played in the background for the two days.

The judges were from Napier, Te Awamutu and Levin.

It was the second awards held in Gisborne “after a long time”, Gisborne Country Music Club president Flo Pahuru said.

Destiny Pahuru won the solo, country

crossover and gospel section. She was also runner-up in the old time and senior overall section.

“I grew up in country music and this was my second award in five years,” she said.

“It was amazing this year because we haven’t been running for quite a while.

“For the country crossover section, I sang Cry by Crystal Gayle. For my solo I sang Break it To Me Gently by Juice Newton.

“It was tough performing in front of the audience because it was my first time performing Cry . . . but I managed.

“Our audience was really supportive of the artists and they loved the show.

“It felt good to win so many categories. I was happy that I did my best.”

Lindsay Henry and Poua Puia won the veterans’ duet section and were overall runners-up in the veterans’ section.

Mr Henry, who has worked for Maori radio for 26 years, said performing among

people was a different experience.

“It was absolutely amazing. The band got top marks.”

“Me and my rangatira Poua did not realise we were even going to get a place in the competition let alone win the duet and get runner-up overall. It was an absolute bonus for both of us.

“The organisers did a perfect job. We could feel the spirit and the wairua of the crowd, which made a difference. It got the best out of each one of us who performed.

“I believe all of us won in the end.”

Poua has been a part of the Mangatu Magic band and involved in country music since the 1980s.

“We sang the songs we could relate to. We took lead in each other’s voice as a harmony.

“In our division there were quite a few veterans and some of them sang five songs. We only sang one and won the round.”

Alley Teepa won the old-time section,

was runner-up to Destiny in the gospel section and was top overall senior.

The competition was tough, she said. “I went into the audience and watched Destiny sing . . . I knew then it was going to be tough.

“I was very nervous because this award was the first award for me in 21 years, because once I started my own family I pretty much just focused on the whānau and gave up country music for a while — but I didn’t stop singing.

“It was just really cool to go through the experience of awards as an adult again . . . the whole limelight on you for the full five minutes when you’re on the stage is an amazing experience.”

Alley will go on to represent Gisborne at the New Zealand Country Music Association Entertainer of the Year awards in Tauranga in October.

“I have to sing two songs in the nationals. I am just preparing myself to get back on that level.”

Farmers’ quick fencing response after storm ‘set the bar’

TAIRAWHITI farmers have set the bar for responsible stock management in the region’s recovery from the significant weather events to impact the region, according to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency.

The organisation has recognised local farmers for their quick work to re-instate fences alongside State Highway 35 following the weather events during March and April, to avoid risks from wandering stock.

Central North Island regional manager maintenance and operations Jaclyn Hankin said the significant events saw widespread

damage across the Tairāwhiti and Northern Hawke’s Bay regions.

“There was extensive damage to long stretches of fence lines up the coast caused by heavy wind, rain and flooding, and it’s awesome to see so many fixed up to secure and prevent stock causing a problem on our network,” she said.

“Animals on highways present a significant safety risk for motorists and there is the potential for serious injury, and even fatal crashes, as a result.”

Stock wandering on to State Highway

35 has been an ongoing issue since Waka Kotahi resumed management of wandering stock in the region in July 2020.

“The owners of stock are liable for any damage caused if their stock are wandering, and they can be prosecuted if animals cause a crash and negligence is proven.”

Ms Hankin said the road to recovery for the region’s roading network will be long and SH35 will not look the same in the future.

“What you see on the network will be like this for some time — single lanes, sections

of unsealed road, signs, traffic lights, cones and temporary speed limits.

“This will be a lengthy recovery and, as with our immediate response, the longer-term plan will be a combined effort with mana whenua, communities and council partners.

“It’s awesome to see the Tairāwhiti spirit coming through, with people pitching in to do their part to keep everything moving.”

People should report any wandering stock to Waka Kotahi by phoning 0800 4 HIGHWAYS.

LOOKING AHEAD



ALL THE LATEST NEWS, INCLUDING:

- Gisborne apple crop down 20 percent
- Headstone of Gisborne’s long-serving undertaker restored after great-granddaughter’s visit
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Tairāwhiti 'misses out yet again'

by Akula Sharma

TAIRĀWHITI was left out of the Affordable Housing Fund in Budget 2022 say community housing advocates.

The Affordable Housing Fund is a new programme to support the development of new affordable homes for low-to-moderate income families and whānau in areas facing the biggest housing supply and affordability challenges.

The first stage will offer \$50 million funding to not-for-profit organisations to deliver affordable rental housing in Auckland, Tauranga, Rotorua, Napier/Hastings, Wellington, and Nelson/Tasman.

"Once again Gisborne/Tairāwhiti has missed out," said Tairāwhiti Beneficiaries Advocacy Trust's Shelley Hannah-Kingi.

"The fund is going to the major regional cities. The demand is high in Napier so it is most likely that any extra investment will be spent there and not filter down to Gisborne.

"We need it just as much or more because we don't have as much emergency accommodation as areas like Napier do.

"Our people and children stay homeless until the houses are built in the next five years.

"Lucky for us, our iwi have secured funds for housing on iwi land or we would be in an even worse situation.

"Tairāwhiti should have got both lots of funding due to our housing crisis like the other areas did — Whai Kainga Whai Oranga fund and Affordable Housing Fund."

Barnardos Gisborne's service manager Joan-Ella Ngata said it was great to see some movements being made in the Government's Budget

for 2022.

Ms Ngata said the Affordable Housing Funding Scheme was a step forward but, "we still have many whānau in Tairāwhiti who currently are in emergency housing and can't afford to pay for rent or to even put food on the table and don't meet the requirements to apply for a loan or additional funding.

"No parent wants to be in a situation where they want to keep living in emergency housing. It's a temporary solution for whānau and

tamariki but at this stage, it seems to be extending into years.

"It's important to remember that some of these tamariki have been living in a motel room for four-

plus years and that's all they've ever known. We need to look at the bigger picture, and how this will impact our tamariki in the long term.

"The initiatives from the Government are good but it's about making staggered and achievable approaches so that tamariki can grow and learn in an environment that they can call their own."

A spokesperson from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development said the geographical areas for the fund were chosen based on analysis of rental supply and affordability across New Zealand, the focus areas of other funds and programmes, and consideration of the regional spread of eligible locations, and at this stage that didn't include Tairāwhiti.

"We will be making further announcements over time about future funding allocations from the remaining \$300 million, including locations, types of housing, and opportunities to attract new or increased investment to support affordable housing.



BUSINESS WITH A CAUSE: Roberts Tree Surgeons have joined in the effort to restore the Waikanae Stream by planting 100 plants including kowhai, manuka and harakeke along the stream bank. Marketing manager Josie Ovenden said the company wanted to contribute to the environment and it thought streamside planting was a good way to improve the habitat conditions and water quality. "The degradation of the Waikanae Stream which passes through Gisborne's industrial area continues to weigh on our minds. As a local business, we are trying our best to do our bit and contribute to the restoration project." The native plants were donated by Women's Native Tree Project Trust. Pictured from left are trust nursery manager Kauri Forno, Ms Ovenden, and Roberts Tree Surgeons staff member Menno Kluiters.

Picture by Liam Clayton

Budget drops dollars into stressed legal system

ONLY time will tell if Thursday's Budget announcement of \$190m of new funding will be enough to save the country's legal aid system from collapse.

That from Gisborne lawyer Adam Simperingham, vice president of the New Zealand Criminal Bar Association.

"Legal aid has been described as the cornerstone of a fair legal system," he said.

"It is gratifying that we finally have a Government that is prepared to acknowledge that."

Over 2022-23 the extra funding will include \$32.4m for criminal legal aid, \$16.6m for family legal aid, \$1.7m for civil legal aid, and

\$4.8m for duty solicitors and police detention legal assistance.

Mr Simperingham said that with no pay rise for legal aid lawyers for more than 10 years, it had been a long wait between celebratory drinks.

"For a long time legal aid hourly rates have been less than half of what lawyers are paid by private clients," he said.

"The NZCBA has for a long time been expressing its concerns that the consequences of low hourly rates are having an adverse impact on the number of lawyers who

choose to do legal aid work.

"Lawyers' overheads such as office costs, insurance, and staff reduce profitability. Many former legal aid lawyers choose to move to other better paid areas of work as a consequence. A lack of lawyers prepared to represent clients

on legal aid could exacerbate delays in the already clogged court system. Most law graduates come out of law school owing between \$50,000 to \$100,000 in student loans.

"Without an incentive for new lawyers to take on legal aid work, the future could be dire."



\$23.3m mental health, addictions centre in 2023

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commitments like caring for children or other family members, taking time off work or the costs involved in travelling out of the district.

"Manaaki Tairāwhiti are committed to working with the Government and the hauora (district health board) to see what more could be done right here.

"There is a need for greater investment that builds on what is already working here."

Mr Nepe said the feedback from people who had accessed help had been overwhelmingly positive.

"While we have been able to increase the availability of support for people affected by addiction, more investment is needed.

"The wider the range of support available, the more likely it is that people looking for help will find what they need to live free of addiction.

"The root causes of addiction are complicated and services need to be able to help people do whatever they need to do to stay on track.

"The more pressure whānau are under because of work pressures, unstable housing,

juggling childcare and other health needs like Covid, the easier it is for people to fall into addictive behaviour.

"Iwi and community providers can build up the connections people need to address the stresses they are struggling with. They can listen without judgement and be there to awahi (support)."

Hauora Tairāwhiti chief executive Jim Green said the latest on this project was the creation of the new \$23.3m mental health and addictions facility on hospital grounds.

Construction was to start in early 2023 and be completed by 2024.

"Despite the restrictions placed by the Covid-19 pandemic, good progress has been made on progressing the formal sign-off



TUTA NGARIMU

of a business case and now into detailed design.

"The new unit will provide a much-improved environment for providing care to people across the range of mental health and addictions conditions.

"It brings a whole new model of care to life for Tairāwhiti people and will be tied back to the beliefs and needs of the people receiving the care, and their whānau/families.

"As envisaged, this will be a major step forward."

Mr Green said Hauora Tairāwhiti had also made funding available for a study on the feasibility and dynamics of a community residential care facility.

"Current thinking is for community-based treatment, augmented by specialist residential providers out of district, supported by a new service for pre-and post-placement care for the individual and their family," Mr Green said.

"This is all part of a range of new services made possible by increased government funding in conjunction with that for the new mental health and addictions facility.

Mr Green said these were "significant

steps forward since 2019" with "more to come with funding announced in Budget 2022."

Hauora Tairāwhiti Te Ara Maioha, Mental Health and Addictions Service (MHAS) group manager Sonya Smith said the mental health and addiction sector leadership in partnership with iwi and the broader social sector leadership were supporting substantial investment across different parts of the sector at multiple levels.

"This is a shared strategic agenda to respond to the symptoms of addiction and invest in preventative and early intervention initiatives — a long-term view.

"Many of the responses are led by community partners, including mana whenua and iwi (as is appropriate), with clinical support from Hauora Tairāwhiti and primary health organisations Ngāti Porou Hauora and Pinnacle.

"This investment is in direct response from a call from whānau and communities (Kia Tōtika Te Tū, 2018/19) and Whāriki (2020/2021) for increased resources for kaupapa Māori preventative and early intervention initiatives."

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Newspaper industry honours Herald managing director

LONG service to the News Publishers' Association (NPA) and the newspaper industry was recognised last week when Gisborne Herald managing director Michael Muir became a life member of the NPA.

The honour was a surprise for Mr Muir, announced during the NPA annual meeting in Wellington and celebrated over a dinner that night with family, members of the NPA and industry associates.

Mr Muir has served on various newspaper industry boards and committees since 1969 and was president of the NPA from 2007 to 2016.

NPA president Michael Boggs, chief executive of New Zealand Herald owner NZME, said he was delighted to bestow this honour on Mr Muir.

NPA general manager Brook Cameron said: "Michael is wonderful to work with and provides regular insight and context to all areas the association operates in and I value this immensely."

Sir Julian Smith, chairman of Dunedin-based Allied Press and a fellow life member of the NPA, said: "Michael has been a stalwart of the industry for many, many years. He has been a tireless worker . . . and has been a great member of the international organisations associated with the newspaper industry."

Mr Muir became involved in the newspaper industry thanks to his great-great grandfather James Muir, who was one of three men who printed New Zealand's first newspaper in 1840.

His great-grandfather took full

ownership of the Poverty Bay Herald in 1887 (which became The Gisborne Herald in 1939).

Mr Muir is the fifth generation to follow in the family footsteps and has now been with The Gisborne Herald — one of only four independently owned daily newspapers in New Zealand — for 55 years. His contributions to business management and the community were recognised in 1993 with the awarding of an OBE.

NPA LIFE MEMBER: Michael Muir receives a certificate of life membership from News Publishers' Association general manager Brook Cameron.

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Learning about earthquakes

EAST Coast students at primary and intermediate schools and kura will receive earthquake science kits within a year to help them better understand one of the big hazards of this region, and build their science literacy.

The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) has awarded \$28,000 of their Resilience Fund to East Coast LAB (Life at the Boundary) for their work with House of Science, to develop bilingual earthquake science resource kits, full of hands-on experiments that are aligned to the national curriculum.

East Coast LAB brings together scientists, emergency managers, experts and stakeholders around the East Coast to make it easy and exciting to learn more about the natural hazards that can affect us.

"NEMA's CDEM Resilience Fund aims to build local and regional resilience to emergencies," said Gary Knowles, director of Civil Defence at the National Emergency Management Agency.

"This project will help ākongā and kura understand and prepare for the natural hazards in their region, building resilience in their whānau and communities."

A long or strong earthquake from the Hikurangi Subduction Zone could trigger a tsunami that could reach the East Coast shore in as little as 15 minutes, and the initiative is one of many led by East Coast LAB and Civil Defence and Emergency Management groups around the coast.

The Resilience Fund application was endorsed by Civil Defence Emergency



THE KNEEBONE IS CONNECTED: Science kits on their way to schools to help students learn more about earthquakes. All the experiments and activities are in the boxes that schools check out from their library. The skeleton comes with the 'Dem Bones' kit, which lets students examine different skeletons to learn more about bones.

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Management groups in Bay of Plenty, Tairāwhiti, Hawke's Bay, Manawatu-Whanganui and Wellington, and the successful collaboration is one of nine

initiatives receiving funding for 2022-2023.

"House of Science resources empower New Zealand teachers to deliver great science lessons," said House of Science CEO

Chris Duggan.

"Science learning builds key competencies like critical thinking, questioning and problem solving. Raising scientific literacy is crucial because scientifically literate people participate as knowledgeable citizens and make informed decisions that affect the quality of their lives and that of their children."

Gisborne District Council did not play a role in securing funding, but Civil Defence manager Ben Green said his team fully supported the project.

"Having hands-on earthquake kits our tamariki can engage with and learn from at school will make a massive difference," he said.

"They'll take their learning home and, we hope, start conversations with their parents or caregivers."

"This leads to a high level of community awareness and more importantly that we have a high level of preparedness in our region."

"CDEM partners with the Ministry of Education, the Early Childhood Collective and Kōhanga Reo to provide access to planning tools and education for these collectives."

"On the basis of the updated risk advisory for the Hikurangi margin released last year that there's a 26 percent probability of a significant event within the next 50 years, so this means we will see a significant seismic and tsunami event within our lifetime."

"As such, we need to ensure we are promoting awareness of the hazard and emergency planning so we all have a plan."

Glad of Pasifika package but more direct aid preferred

by Akula Sharma

PACIFIC Islanders' Community Trust Gisborne (PICT) says a \$196 million investment announced in Budget 2022 yesterday will help channel assistance for the region's Pasifika whānau.

The Pacific Peoples' package includes \$13.7m to implement the Government's commitment to deliver a Dawn Raids historical account; \$49.9m for the Pacific Provider Development Fund to support Pacific providers to adapt their models of care into the new health system; \$8m to continue the delivery of Tupu Aotearoa, which enables the delivery of personalised Pacific employment and training services; and a \$15.5m investment into Pacific economic development, which aims to meet community demand for services to support "shovel-ready" Pacific businesses and social enterprises.

PICT operations manager Dr 'Alaimalulua

Toetu'u-Tamihere said the four main areas covered in the budget — health, education, leadership and culture, and finance — were where there was a need for assistance to be channelled for Pasifika families in Tairāwhiti.

The funding would empower, nurture and ensure Pasifika received a level-up to break the cycle of disempowerment for whānau, Dr Toetu'u-Tamihere said.

All of the funding allocations were important for the region, she said.

"The catch here is that PICT Gisborne has to apply for this funding and it is a first in, first served basis."

"I think this funding should be given directly to PICT Gisborne and other Pasifika providers across Aotearoa so that we can ensure that our community does not get left by the wayside."

"The Government should work alongside organisations such as Pasifika Futures Limited (PFL) so that our Pasifika families here can access the allocated funds."

"PFL has an excellent track record in getting help out to remote regions such as ours."

Dr Toetu'u-Tamihere was particularly encouraged by the \$2m in funding to maintain and grow the Tuli Takes Flight and Pacific Education Foundation scholarships, and \$13m for the

growth of the Pacific bilingual and immersion schooling workforce and the retention of the current workforce.

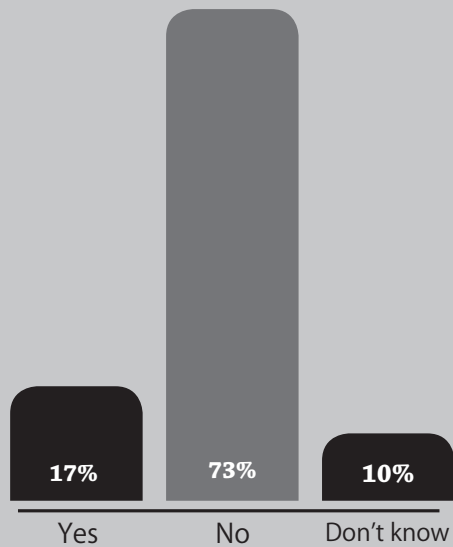
"The \$2 million will ensure the transmission, maintenance and nurturing of our Pasifika languages will continue and thereby create a stronger, more resilient Pasifika community in Gisborne," she said.



ON THE WEB

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you support the Government's emissions reduction plan (announced May 16)?



Yes: 40; No: 172; Don't know: 25; Total: 237

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you think the Government's spending plans in the 2022 Budget have the balance about right?

Online polls are not scientific and reflect the opinions of only those internet users who have chosen to participate. Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

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ON THE STREET

"Have rising fuel prices had an impact on your life?"



HOPE WALKER:
"Last year I was able to afford \$60. Now it's \$110. You have to budget."



JOHN O'CONNELL (from Brisbane):
"Everything here is expensive . . . food, petrol . . . petrol."



LEROY PARDOE:
"It's not really surprising. It's an inevitability. It shows how dependent we are on oil."



MIKE MULROONEY:
"When you're on a pension, it's difficult — absolutely difficult."



OLE WALBAEKKEN:
"I'm not happy. I bought a hybrid too early and didn't get a rebate."



SANTANA NEPIA:
"It's shocking bro. It's costly."



GAYE DELONG:
"I think it's really costly for a person on a low income."



C.J. HOUKAMAU:
"It doesn't bother me to be honest. I'd rather walk."



AMY THOMPSON:
"We walk or cycle a lot except when my husband is going to work."



ALAN HALL:
"I don't drive. No one likes prices going up."

In 'la la land' comment on Government emissions plan

WEBPOLL voters have rejected the Government's emissions reduction plan, with 73 percent of respondents (172 out of 237 votes) saying they did not support the policies announced on Monday.

Only 17 percent (40 votes) indicated support for the plan while 10 percent (25 people) ticked the "don't know" box.

Only one of the "no" voters who commented said that was because the plan didn't go far enough.

Most who were opposed said the plan was too costly. Others said it was elitist, ideological or worthless because of the scale of emissions from the US, China and India.

Only one person said they did not accept man-made climate change was a reality.

Other comments against the plan include:

- "This Government is in lala-land. More urban elite ideology that won't help the provinces or poor shift workers who can't bus or bike."

- "It will make absolutely no difference to global emissions, but it will give adherents a warm fuzzy feeling that they are doing something worthwhile."

- "The Government is trying to tax us out of the leisure vehicle market by making fuel unobtainable soon."

- "This is not a plan for the environment. This is a plan to ruin the NZ economy, NZ farming and leave huge amounts of debt for Kiwis to pay for generations to come!"

- "Until China, India and the US start getting their house in order why should we go crazy and cut our emissions when they are only 0.17 percent. It will make absolutely no difference at all if we get to 0 percent emissions."

Two of the three comments in favour of the policy were:

- "We have to be prepared to make some personal sacrifices for the greater good of the planet. Time to get a grip."

- "Poll appreciated. It's a revelation of ignorance of the urgent need for action."

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Triage response to mental health crisis

by Akula Sharma

FOLLOWING whānau calls for a better crisis response to mental distress, Hauora Tairāwhiti has responded to an Official Information Act request sent by The Herald raising community concerns.

Last month, the whānau of a loved one living with distress spoke to The Herald about police showing up at their door instead of the mental health crisis team when they needed help to de-escalate a situation.

Hauora Tairāwhiti chief executive Jim Green said the police might be requested to attend crisis call-outs depending on the situation, and based on the assessment of the "duly authorised officer".

"The skills, role and powers of the police may be required in some circumstances," he said.

Tawhirimatea, the psychiatric assessment triage team at the hospital, has six clinicians rostered across seven days a week. They are on call overnight, with a cultural support worker alongside at all times.

"Other areas of the service group also have staff trained and experienced in crisis work.

"This model supports a culturally joined-up approach to aid in the reduction of barriers and improve either the admission process or connecting to other services and networks," said Mr Green.

"We are fortunate that when there are vacancies in this service we can draw on other clinical specialists from other areas of the service group.

"Currently there is one vacancy for a clinical team member. This is being covered while recruitment takes place."

A total of 2470 crisis calls were made to the Tawhirimatea unit at

Gisborne Hospital in 2020-2021.

The calls covered a range of presentations but they were usually at the most extreme end of the mental health continuum where there was a clear and present risk to self and/or others, Mr Green said.

"Crisis work by mental health teams is to provide a range of responses which often take a more concentrated and considered approach that largely can only be delivered in calmer settings to maximise engagement.

"Owing to the range of calls, phone triage may mean no physical attendance is required, or a referral to the police.

"For regular users of mental health services, access or receiving support from their usual services is important to maintaining wellness.

"Primary care and helplines are also key pieces in the formal support network to manage distress before escalation.

"Community mental health and providers like Te Waharoa and Tūranga Health take self-referrals.

"Having an advocate or peer support worker can help to navigate health needs especially when anxious or mood is altered."

Mr Green said at the hospital's emergency department, the Australasian triage scale was used for everybody.

"Everyone's circumstances and presentations vary based on the scale, which can be from being seen immediately due to a life-threatening circumstance, or up to two hours based on low risk.

"Medical clearance in the emergency department is a vital step before admission to services to make sure that there is thorough and equitable access to medical treatment before moving on.

"If the mental health crisis team is attending to another person while



IN DISTRESS: "Crisis" is sometimes open-ended with unanswered questions, as situations are different and come with varied needs.

another crisis call comes in then a phone triage determines what the priority response is at that time.

"This is where having both police, other emergency services and sometimes friends and whānau are key until a triage and/or mental health crisis assessment is completed."

One of the main things Hauora Tairāwhiti had implemented over the past two years was improved documentation and handover processes to support continuity of care across shifts.

Risk-assessment workshops were held to ensure the team produced quality risk assessments.

The communication between the crisis service and the community was also monitored.

Service user feedback was being sourced in a structured manner with the introduction of a new triage call tool, Mr Green said.

Te Runanga o Turanganui-a-Kiwa (TROTAK) director for child and family wellbeing Tania Rauna said she had worked with the mental health crisis team since 2017. There had been a lot of improvements in documentation and attempts made at a structured handover from the crisis response team, but often "the other parts of the entire system are not joined up well enough to support the work the crisis team have done".

"Continuity of care does not happen because the needs of those whānau are 'handed off' to a particular service. They are not 'handed over' to the right services at the right time and that does not necessarily sit with health alone.

"I would ask the question, what is the system demand across the range from 'crisis call for help' to 'helping whānau with what they need'.

"Crisis is sometimes open-ended with unanswered questions because each situation can be different with varied needs.

"Without a good understanding of the entire system that makes up the crisis response, failure becomes prevalent because the focus becomes about managing and meeting system risk.

"Sometimes listening to what our whānau are asking us for becomes secondary to the system demand.

"A co-designed crisis response would ensure that we all understand what that crisis response system looks like so that we have the ability to respond as a whole.

"The whole includes health, police, Oranga Tamariki, Kainga Ora, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Social Development, with whānau, hapū and iwi, as we all have the ability to create a more responsive system in the new health environment."

NZ supports international call for war crimes accountability

WELLINGTON — New Zealand has joined international partners in calling for accountability for alleged Russian war crimes during its invasion of Ukraine.

Ukraine has so far identified more than 10,000 possible war crimes committed by Russia.

A 21-year-old Russian soldier pleaded guilty to killing an unarmed civilian this week in the first war crimes trial in Ukraine since the war started.

NZ Attorney-General David Parker has joined his counterparts in the United States, United Kingdom, Australia and Canada — “the quintet of Attorneys-General” — in issuing a statement of support for Ukraine’s Prosecutor-General and investigations and prosecutions for crimes committed during the Russian invasion.

“The Attorneys-General of the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Australia, Canada, and New Zealand join in support of Prosecutor-General Iryna Venediktova, her Office, and the Ukrainian people in ensuring accountability for war crimes committed during the Russian invasion,” the statement read.

“We support the pursuit of justice by Ukraine and through other international investigations, including at the International Criminal Court, the United Nations, and the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and in our own jurisdictions, in order to ensure prompt, fair and effective investigation and prosecution of such offences under Ukrainian, domestic or international law.

“We join in condemning the Russian Government for its actions and call upon it to cease all violations of international law, to halt its illegal invasion and to cooperate in efforts to achieve accountability.

“We look forward to working together with the Prosecutor-General and her office to ensure every perpetrator faces justice.”

US President Joe Biden and UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson have both accused Russia of carrying out war crimes in Ukraine and called President Vladimir Putin a war criminal.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and Foreign Affairs Minister Nanaia Mahuta have both said evidence was emerging of war crimes, but have so far held off calling Putin a war criminal.

Potential instances include what appeared to be evidence of the deliberate killing of civilians in Bucha, a town on the outskirts of Kyiv, and other nearby areas, found by investigators and



MONITORING: The International Criminal Court’s prosecutor has put combatants and their commanders on notice that he is monitoring Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. AP picture

journalists.

Ukrainian forces have also said they found mass graves and evidence civilians had been killed after their feet and hands were bound.

A Russian airstrike on a theatre in Mariupol is considered to have been the first confirmed location of a mass killing. The word “children” was written in giant letters outside the building.

Ukraine has also called Russia’s airstrike on Mariupol’s hospital a war crime.

The International Criminal Court (ICC) and the International Court of Justice (ICJ) both have roles in upholding the current rules of war.

The ICJ rules on disputes between states, and Ukraine has begun a case against Russia.

However, even if the ICJ ruled against Russia, the UN Security Council (UNSC) would be responsible for enforcing the decision, and Russia — one of council’s five permanent members — could veto any proposal.

The ICC, which investigates and prosecutes individual war criminals, has sent a team of investigators and forensics experts to the country. Its chief prosecutor British lawyer Karim Khan QC says he thinks there is “a reasonable basis to believe war crimes have been carried out in Ukraine”.

However, Russia is not even a member of the court, and would be unlikely to extradite any

suspects.

The UN Security Council could ask the ICC to investigate this offence. But again Russia could veto this.

Some experts have called for a one-off tribunal to prosecute the crime of aggression in Ukraine.

New Zealand’s response to the invasion has included economic and military support for Ukraine alongside a range of sanctions, including hundreds of individuals and targeting Russian President Vladimir Putin and his “cadre of warmongers”.

New Zealand also provided \$500,000 for the ICC and ICJ to support its investigations.

This week Mahuta revealed the Government was considering sanctioning Russian billionaire oligarch Alexander Abramov — who has been linked to Putin — but had to work through how it would affect New Zealanders.

Abramov is co-founder and chairman of Russian steel producer Evraz, and has an estimated net worth of more than \$10 billion (according to Forbes).

While Abramov has been the target of sanctions worldwide, including the United Kingdom and Australia, Abramov has so far escaped personal attention here despite owning a luxury retreat in Helena Bay, worth an estimated \$50m. — NZ Herald

Maori arts funding slammed

WELLINGTON — Te Pāti Māori say the “crumbs” in the Budget for Te Matatini compared to ballet and the orchestra show “second class treatment” of Māori arts.

Budget 2022, revealed yesterday, included \$1.1 billion for Māori-focused initiatives, with a \$1 million a year boost to funding for Te Matatini, the national kapa haka festival.

This was the biggest increase in funding for Te Matatini, and took the total annual funding to \$2.9m.

However, Te Pāti Māori co-leader Rawiri Waititi said the Royal NZ Ballet also got a funding boost. It was allocated \$7.5m over the next four years, and would now get \$8.1m per year.

The Symphony Orchestra got an extra \$3m per year and now received \$19.7m per year.

Waititi said they were “fed up with the second-class treatment of Māori arts”.

“The Government is trying to bamboozle you by telling you they have invested the biggest boost ever into Te Matatini.

“We are still no better off than we were last year and in actual fact, we are worse off with the extra boost given to the Symphony Orchestra.

“Still crumbs. Still not good enough. Still happy to exploit tangata whenua for our cultural and intellectual property to boost our international image, and give bugger all in return.”

Associate Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage Kiri Allan has been approached for comment. However, on Thursday Allan said the Budget delivered the “largest ever baseline increase for Te Matatini”.

She said the funding would help regions deliver kapa haka, which would have wider benefits.

“We know that kapa haka is an all-round catch-all way to improve our reo outcomes, our cultural outcomes; in terms of connectivity it brings people together.

“So from our perspective we see kapa haka and Te Matatini as an incredibly vital vehicle for achieving some of the outcomes that we are seeking, across all the wellbeing measures for Māori and communities.” — NZ Herald

Income insurance scheme closer

Parliament passes bill for ACC to start work

by Michael Neilson, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — The Government’s mooted \$3.5 billion income insurance scheme is a step closer after Parliament passed a bill to allow ACC to start working on it.

It was a contentious debate, however, with National and Act opposing and the Green Party abstaining.

The Government announced its plan for social unemployment insurance in February, which would pay people 80 percent of their salaries (up to a cap) for seven months after losing their job. The plan would be funded by a levy of 1.39 percent on employees and businesses.

It’s designed to ensure people re-enter the labour market at an appropriate pay level after being made redundant.

The bill passed yesterday is to enable ACC to carry out work to bring the scheme into operation, should it be established later.

The scheme was jointly designed by the Government, Business NZ, and the Council of Trade Unions. The three parties have supported the scheme to consultation, but are not obliged to support whatever emerges from the consultation process which ended

in April.

Officials estimate the total annual cost of the scheme to be \$3.54bn, made up of \$1.81bn for displacement and \$1.73bn for health conditions and disability claims.

The Budget allocated \$60m for establishment costs.

Minister for ACC Carmel Sepuloni said the new law would allow ACC to start work on developing a scheme, which is expected to be in place by 2025.

Sepuloni said more than 100,000 New Zealanders lose their jobs every year, and more through shocks like Covid-19.

“It’s often difficult for people to find work that matches their skills after redundancy, and they end up taking lower-paid jobs.

“This wage scarring costs our economy more than \$15 billion per year.

“It makes it more difficult for our employers to get the skilled workers that they need, but it also causes hardship for individuals, families, and whānau, and disproportionately impacts low-income, Māori, and Pacific households.”

Sepuloni said New Zealand was one a small number of countries that did not have a social insurance scheme to protect workers.

National Party workplace relations and

safety spokesman Paul Goldsmith called it a “new jobs tax” and would eat up the Government’s one-off \$350 cost of living payment announcement in the Budget.

A person earning \$72,000 would have to pay \$1000 a year into the scheme, Goldsmith said.

“They’re laying the path for a new jobs tax, which they never talked about in the election and they didn’t talk about in the Budget.

“This won’t help New Zealand families deal with the cost of living crisis that they’re dealing with today.”

The Green Party abstained, not because it was opposed, Jan Logie said, but because the party had not yet decided a position on the scheme itself, so couldn’t fully support a bill that would enable it.

Of concern, Logie said that the Welfare Expert Advisory Group (WEAG) had considered these issues and not recommended an income insurance system.

“That for us is a bit of a flag and a concern as a starting point.

“For really low-wage income workers, we’re worried about what that will mean for them being able to keep food on the table, particularly at a time where people are really struggling, and that migrant workers will be



Carmel Sepuloni

paying that levy but will not be entitled to the insurance at the other end. That for us is really problematic.”

Rather, the Greens proposed a guaranteed minimum income, compulsory redundancy of four weeks, to implement the WEAG report, to have free education, and to have paid parental leave extended and increased, she said.

The bill passed its third reading with the support of Labour and Te Pāti Māori.

ARTWORK AFLOAT: Hundreds of helium balloons, some venetian blind string, and scavenged plants and objects from around Te Papa make up the museum's newest art installation. 'The Silvering' consists of more than 400 silver zero-shaped balloons and eight rolls of 30m mylar sheet, and floats across two storeys in Te Papa's Toi Art department. "We got the balloons from two different party stores. It was hard to find enough balloons in New Zealand," said assistant curator of art Hanahiva Rose. It took about five canisters of helium to fill the balloons, which rise in two groups on either side of the walkway leading to Toi Art. "We will have to refill them with helium fairly regularly, possibly about once a week, to make sure that the artwork stays afloat," Rose said. The piece, by Australian artist Mikala Dwyer, was first displayed in Berlin in 2010 and has since been re-presented in a number of exhibitions across Europe and Australia. It has been modified for Te Papa and will remain a part of its permanent collection, meaning Te Papa will retain rights to the concept of the artwork. Visitors can see the sculpture from below and get up close to it from the bridge across the gallery space.

NZ Herald picture



MASKING RETURNS

Schools revert to compulsory mask-wearing after Covid surge

AUCKLAND — Two Auckland schools are reverting to compulsory mask-wearing in classrooms, one after several students and staff involved with a school production tested positive for Covid.

Masks must be worn in class at Takapuna Grammar from Monday and returned to use in Pt Chevalier School's year 4 to 6 classrooms — with years 1 to 3 also encouraged to mask up — this week.

Takapuna Grammar principal Mary Nixon told parents in a newsletter yesterday that while there was no apparent spread in classes, several staff and students involved in the production of Mamma Mia had tested positive.

"The total of staff and students currently testing positive for Covid is 6.9 percent and for household contacts is 3.9 percent."

Point Chevalier School principal Stephen Lethbridge said it was decided to bring back compulsory mask-wearing in class for year 4 to 6 students after noticing school and community cases were rising significantly. "We think it is prudent that we make sure we keep staff and kids as safe as possible," Lethbridge said.

"We've noticed that we've got significantly more cases around the school and community this week than we did last week and the week before and that's in line with growing cases across the Auckland region."

Lethbridge believed other schools had already taken or were in the process of taking a similar approach.

Schools knew their communities best, the Ministry of Education said. "(Schools) are therefore best placed to make decisions that prioritise the safety and wellbeing of their students, teachers and support staff. The move came after seven experts said there was an "urgent need for Covid-19 action plans for schools".

University of Otago Wellington's Dr Amanda Kvalsvig, professor Michael Baker, Dr Jennifer Summers, Dr Lucy Telfar Barnard, Dr Julie Bennett, Carmen Timu-Parata, professor Nick Wilson and Massey University's Dr Andrew Dickson made the call online yesterday.

The experts noted children aged 5 to 11 had only been eligible for their first vaccine dose two weeks before term 1 began, key ventilation and monitoring equipment hadn't

been delivered, child-sized respirator masks, such as KF94s, weren't widely available and younger children weren't required to mask up.

"Furthermore, the international evidence was clear that longer-term symptoms of Covid-19 infection in children were a real and rising concern and that Omicron was spreading in school settings."

They listed seven areas for immediate action, including "routine, ideally mandated" mask use indoors, sustained high indoor air quality and planning for short circuit-breaker closures when cases reached defined thresholds.

Data from the Ministry of Health shows that 42 percent, or 238, of schools in Auckland had Covid-19 cases reported in the past seven days.

Across those schools, 3212 cases were reported in the past seven days: 2729 were students, 372 were teachers and 111 were other staff.

Nationally, 801 schools reported notified cases in the past seven days.

Baker praised schools for returning to compulsory mask use. "I really applaud the efforts."

He said schools were a key environment of transmission of the virus, and he recommended students be masked from Year 1, not just Year 4.

"Masks are the only way we have of stopping transmission of this virus between school students and taking it home to families."

Lethbridge said mask wearing for Years 1 to 3 was encouraged.

"Even though masks were never mandated for Years 1 to 3, we'd always encourage mask use and some of our 5-year-olds wear masks exceptionally well," Lethbridge said.

Parents welcomed the decision and Lethbridge said he received multiple emails expressing support.

Meanwhile the ministry reported 7800 new community cases yesterday, a further 17 Covid-related deaths, and 401 people in hospital with the virus, including 14 in intensive care.

"If we can't take opportunities to slow its spread than we are going to see case numbers go up, we'll see hospitalisations go up, and we'll see deaths go up," Baker said.

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\$27k 'miracle drug' couriered to teen with cystic fibrosis



ROTORUA — A mysterious “lifeline” has arrived on the doorstep of cystic fibrosis sufferer OJ Daniels’ home.

An estimated \$27,500 worth of “miracle drug” Trikafta was delivered to his Rotorua home on Tuesday by a courier — sender unknown.

The 19-year-old said he had received a one-month supply of Trikafta — a drug that treats the underlying cause of cystic fibrosis.

The anonymous sender wrote on the box: “Keep fighting hard — you’ve got this. I hope this helps.”

OJ said, “I actually still can’t believe it’s actually in my hands.”

His mother, Trish Daniels — who has already lost one child to cystic fibrosis — called the delivery a “miracle”.

Cystic fibrosis is a genetically inherited condition that produces thick and sticky mucus and mainly affects a person’s lungs and digestive system. Specialists believe the average life expectancy of a person with cystic fibrosis is mid-to-late 30s.

Trikafta is not publicly funded in New Zealand. A petition seeking to change this has been presented to Parliament, claiming clinical trials have shown “significant improvement” in health outcomes for people with the condition.

Cystic Fibrosis New Zealand chief executive Lisa Burns said the estimated annual cost of the drug was \$330,000 excluding GST. One month’s worth would be about \$27,500 plus GST.

Burns believed the donation was a “deliberate act of kindness”.

“But this shouldn’t need to happen — Trikafta should be funded by Pharmac and available to Kiwis in New Zealand as it is in more than 30 other countries around the world.”

Pharmac has previously said it would like to fund Trikafta and was in talks with its manufacturer, but the cost was a barrier within the agency’s set government funding.

Last month, Trish told the Rotorua Daily Post they were “desperate” to get their hands on Trikafta.

Trish lost her daughter, Santana Daniels, to cystic fibrosis in 2017.

“If we don’t get Trikafta, I’m likely to lose my son,” Trish said through tears at the time.

When the pair spoke to the Rotorua Daily Post again yesterday, there was brighter energy in their living room.

OJ said he was asleep on Tuesday morning when his mother woke him up.

“Mum just turns on the light and says, ‘look at this’, and then just throws the box over.”

“I looked at it and it was Trikafta.”

“I was still half asleep so I didn’t know what was happening . . . I wasn’t expecting it at all.”

Trish said it was a “routine” day where OJ had had a rough night trying to sleep.

“We get a knock at the door . . . the courier’s just left a package on the doorstep.”

The package was addressed to OJ, but “curiosity” got the best of Trish and she opened it.

“I ripped it open because I needed to see if someone was just playing a joke . . . so I opened up the whole box and pulled out one of the wallets with the tablets in it and sure enough, it was Trikafta.”

“I was jumping up and down — I couldn’t hold back.”

When OJ questioned who sent it, Trish said she had “no idea”.

“It’s anonymous — I don’t think they want us to know who it’s from and we’re going to respect their wishes for that. It was probably the most amazing thing . . . it was better than actually winning Lotto.”

“It’s hard to believe that someone’s gone out of their way, this wonderful person who’s just gifted something that could literally change, if not save, his life.”

OJ said the drug would hopefully “lift (him) up

and get (him) out of the critical zone”.

He said he had been “super unwell” for the past six weeks and “very out of breath”.

“More than usual — to the point where I’m just stuck in this chair basically. I struggle to sleep due to not just only coughing but also breathing because when I lay flat, I can hardly breathe.”

A month’s worth of Trikafta would hopefully give him a “boost” with his energy levels and help him gain weight, Trish said.

“That will help him to keep fighting. A month is just enough to get him through because right now it’s better than doing nothing and going into hospital where the drugs aren’t working.”

Trish said her son was “on a downhill spiral”. “His life is basically home, bed, bathroom, bed, bathroom.”

“He’s 19 — he should be out there and enjoying life but instead he’s fighting for his life at home.”

She still feared for his life, even after the delivery. “We’re still a long way off — this has just given us a pause button from all the chaos that cystic fibrosis causes.”

“It’s a long journey and it’s a very difficult one . . . It gives us hope that we’re that close to getting it (a lifetime supply) . . . but our fight isn’t over

even when he gets it, because we’ve still got 300-500 (people with cystic fibrosis) out there that also need it.”

OJ’s doctor has advised him not to take the donated drug yet.

“We’ve been hopefully encouraged to . . . submit an application to Vertex to see if OJ is eligible for ongoing treatment of Trikafta,” Trish said.

Vertex is the manufacturer and supplier of Trikafta, and operates a compassionate managed access programme to the drug.

OJ had previously applied for the programme but was unsuccessful.

They submitted a new application on Thursday night, which would take at least two weeks to process.

“If he gets approved, what they want to do is start him on the gifted Trikafta and just get him into hospital to observe and monitor him — make sure there’s no serious side effects or complications,” Trish said.

“It’s paramount that we wait just until we find out if he gets approved for the programme or not.”

“Once we’re on the programme, we won’t have to worry about running out because he [would be] already getting Trikafta and it would be ongoing.”

When asked what was the first thing OJ would do when he was well enough after taking Trikafta, he said he would go for a “nice long walk with the family”.

“I haven’t gone for a walk in ages — I haven’t been outside, actually, in ages. Anywhere would suffice.”

To the anonymous sender, OJ said, “Thank you so much for sending this miracle drug.”

“It’s definitely given me an opportunity to try to explore a little bit of the world, given me a little bit more hope for hopefully getting access to the managed programme.”

Trish said, “You’ve basically handed him a lifeline and I can’t thank you enough.” — NZ Herald

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‘Stay safe, don’t take chances’

Govt puts \$100k into relief fund

LEVIN — After a tornado hit Levin, the government will put \$100,000 into a mayoral relief fund to help with the recovery.

State Highway 1 was closed for a time, roofing was ripped off and trees, power lines and vegetable crops were damaged after a small tornado was reported to have swept through the Horowhenua town yesterday morning.

It was accompanied by thunderstorms and wind gusting up to 140kmh, and was thought to have damaged 30 to 50 homes.

In a statement this afternoon, Emergency Management Minister Kiri Allan confirmed the government would put \$100,000 into a mayoral relief fund.

She said such funds had been used in the past to help with clean-up and recovery efforts such as clearing debris, cleaning septic tanks, filling water tanks and re-establishing damaged boundary fences. “I know that this has caused considerable damage and been extremely disruptive to the Levin community. While it’s too early to know the full cost of the damage, this initial contribution will help ensure there is minimal delay in supporting those who need it,” she said.

She said other support may be available from the ministries of Social Development and for Primary Industries.

Allan thanked those who had moved quickly to respond to the event, and urged those in the region to continue to follow instructions and advice from the district council and civil defence.

“Stay safe, don’t take any chances.”

Horowhenua District Mayor Bernie Wanden told Checkpoint he had seen a lot of devastation through Levin after the storm. “We’ve got at least 10 homes that are uninhabitable tonight. And obviously



WILD WEATHER: Heavy winds hit Levin and damaged houses. Picture supplied

we’re finding alternative accommodation for them. Plus, there’s about 30 more that have sustained some significant damage, but we believe that they are still okay to be lived in at the moment,” he said.

He said damage was concentrated to a particular area in the west of the town.

The council has matched the government’s funding for the clean up and restoration he said, giving them a current total of \$200,000. “We’ve had enough rain just over last weekend, which caused a number of slips . . . as long as we don’t get too much more rain over the weekend we should be okay. Our water treatment plants and other things, other infrastructure have struggled a little bit with the amount of rain that we’ve had over the last week,” Wanden said.

He said the storm was unexpected. “A very random occurrence for our town. We never usually experienced anything like this so it’s come completely out of the blue.” — RNZ



STORM TRAGEDY: Contractors remove the tree which tragically struck and killed an elderly lady in Cambridge yesterday. NZ Herald picture

Woman dies as ‘freakish’ winds hit

CAMBRIDGE — “Freakishly high winds” in Cambridge yesterday have been blamed for ripping a healthy oak tree from the ground and crushing an elderly woman — who later died from her injuries.

The woman was critically hurt after the tree toppled on to her at a picnic table in Victoria Square in the Waikato town.

Emergency services rushed to the scene shortly after 10am, and the woman was “removed from the tree” by firefighters about 10.50am.

Police confirmed yesterday afternoon the woman had later died. Visitors Richard and Trixie Millet had parked their campervan in front of the fallen tree in the Cambridge square about 10am, possibly just minutes after it hit the ground.

Two trees had fallen but at that stage no emergency services were at the scene and the pair were unaware a person was trapped underneath. They walked to a nearby cafe, but when Richard returned to the campervan, firefighters were digging around the base of the

fallen tree, presumably to free the woman.

“It was devastating that I wasn’t aware that someone needed help, that we could have called emergency services earlier,” he told the Weekend Herald.

Richard rushed back to the cafe and informed Trixie and the friends they had been meeting.

“(Richard) came back very pale and shocked,” Trixie said. They later overheard people at the scene assuming it was they, in the campervan, who had been trapped. The pair said they “felt deeply” for the woman and her family.

Waipa District Council said the tree, a healthy pin oak about 80 years old, was felled by “freakishly” high winds.

It had been pruned at the start of April and there had been no previous concerns about it, council group manager customer and community services Sally Sheedy said.

“Our concern and thoughts now are with the person who was trapped and we sincerely thank those who acted so quickly to help.” — NZ Herald



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Aged-care provider sees growth with \$61.1m net profit

WELLINGTON — Retirement living and aged-care provider Oceania says it has seen strong profit growth over the past year reflecting strong sales and resales of units, and increases in fees and charges.

Key numbers for the 12 months ended March compared to a year ago:

- Net profit \$61.1m vs not comparable,
- Underlying profit \$76.2m vs \$65.6m,
- Revenue \$231.1m vs n/a,
- Sales \$450m vs \$434m,
- Dividend 4.4 cents a share
- Oceania changed its balance date to March 31 from May 31 last year.

Oceania chief executive Brent Pattison said the company had also taken “significant steps” to strengthen its balance sheet during the year for ongoing growth.

“This will enable Oceania to accelerate its development pipeline, add greenfield sites and complement this growth with mergers and acquisitions activity,” Pattison said.

The company recently entered into conditional agreements to buy properties in Auckland’s Newmarket and Northland’s Bream Bay Village for about \$57m, with an option to buy 6.7 hectares of additional development land at Bream Bay. — RNZ

Gaynor ‘a fearless champion of the small investor’ farewelled

AUCKLAND — Brian Gaynor was an exceptional person who contributed so much across all facets of society in his adopted country, mourners heard today.

The much-loved husband of Anna, and father of Peter and the late David, died on Monday after a short illness.

The sharemarket analyst, co-founder of Milford Asset Management and longtime Herald and BusinessDesk columnist was an enormous presence in the New Zealand business community for more than 30 years.

Long-time friend Murray Boyte described Gaynor as a fearless champion for the small investor and the right for them to be treated fairly.

His “mighty pen” was required reading and the “high-rolling companies of the 80s felt the full force of its power”, Boyte said in a eulogy at a memorial held at St Patrick and St Joseph Cathedral in Auckland yesterday.

“He challenged the lax oversight of the regulatory bodies and the patently



Brian Gaynor

inadequate capital market regulation that enabled debt-laden, poorly governed corporates to prosper at the expense of the unsuspecting shareholder. His commentaries and research were prescient.

Brian foreshadowed the 1987 sharemarket crash as inevitable.”

Gaynor was twice awarded NZ Shareholders Association’s Beacon award for services to the investment community.

In 2003 he was one of the founders of Milford Asset Management, arguably this country’s most successful KiwiSaver provider.

“For Brian it was not about being different but about his core principles

and beliefs. This can no better be seen than in his greatest legacy and love, Milford Asset Management,” Boyte said.

“Here was a man who through his commitment, hard work, diligence and vision leaves the New Zealand financial markets in a better shape than when he found them. He will be remembered as a titan of the New Zealand capital markets.

“Anna, Peter, we share your great loss — a wonderful husband, a loving father, a person who could have a meaningful conversation with anyone he met.

“We celebrate with you an extraordinary life of an exceptional person who contributed so much across all facets of society in his adopted country. His memory will live on in his many achievements which have now become his legacy.”

The cathedral was filled with Gaynor’s family, friends, colleagues and those who followed his popular columns.

— NZ Herald

Raised cap opens door wider for home-buyers

First-timers can add hundreds more properties to wish list

by Ben Leahy, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — First-home buyers can now choose from nearly 1650 extra Auckland properties and still be eligible to receive a government cash contribution towards their deposit.

That’s according to property website OneRoof, which shows about 3070 Auckland properties on sale right now for less than \$875,000.

These include a harbour-view apartment in the city’s tallest building, modern townhouses and even a five-bedroom beachfront home.

The Government raised Auckland’s First Home Buyer grant cap from \$700,000 to \$875,000 in its Budget on Thursday.

Eligible first-home buyers of Auckland houses worth \$875,000 or less can now get a government contribution of up to \$5000 towards their deposits if buying an existing home and up to \$10,000 on new builds.

To qualify, the buyers need to earn \$150,000 or less and have made regular contributions to their KiwiSaver.

Overall, OneRoof shows about 3070 Auckland homes are on sale for less than the new \$875,000 grant cap, compared with 1417 on sale for less than the old \$700,000 cap.

“This is good news for first-home buyers,” Real Estate Institute chief

executive Jen Baird said about the higher cap.

“There has been sobering reading about their chances of getting into the market for the last few years so they’ll feel pleased.”

With home ownership rates falling in New Zealand, the grant was originally introduced to help first-home buyers save enough for a deposit.

However, in recent years house prices have skyrocketed while the grant’s cap has widely been viewed as not keeping up. As an example, Auckland first-home buyers typically paid \$1.04 million for a property during the first quarter of this year, analysts CoreLogic said.

That is well above the new grant cap of \$875,000 and even further above the previous \$700,000 cap.

This mismatch has been blamed for fewer buyers accessing the payment in recent years. The Government said yesterday that it would now review the caps every six months in a bid to ensure they better matched market prices.

However, experts remain mixed about how much difference the new grant caps will make, given interest rates are rising and many buyers are finding it hard to secure home loans under tighter lending rules.

Despite that, for those buyers able to access the grant some of the properties they can potentially pick up include

city apartments such as those in the new Seascape skyscraper. It’s being constructed near the waterfront on Customs St and will be Auckland’s tallest residential building once finished.

It has one-bed, studio apartments looking over the water on sale for \$844,560. At just 46sqm of floor space, it will be a squeeze, but the apartments boast modern conveniences, a balcony and access to facilities such as a lap pool.

For those who’d rather have more room, a Halsey St apartment in The Viaduct looks out over marina-docked yachts and comes with an extra bedroom and nearly double the floor space at 85sqm.

There’s also another lap pool, while the asking price is \$849,000.

OneRoof shows 196 new-build apartments and townhouses now on sale. They typically range from \$500,000 up to the first-home buyer cap limit of \$875,000 and can be found right across the city.

Five existing family homes are on sale in Auckland for less than the \$875,000 cap and buyers wanting a better chance to snap up a traditional family home might need to consider going further out of the city.

Two Waiuku homes are each priced at \$849,000, have three bedrooms and sit on large blocks of land.

Or there’s a Mt Roskill brick and tile home that appears to have been split,



GOOD NEWS: First-home buyers wanting to receive the Government grant can consider buying a one-bedroom studio in the under-construction Seascape building.

Picture supplied

divided and extended over the years so that now just the second-storey floor is being advertised for sale as a separate property.

A six-bedroom home in Whangaparaoa, 36km north of the city, is beautiful inside and sits right by the water. But although it shows up on the OneRoof site when the homes are filtered for \$850,000 or less, it is up for negotiation so could sell for more.

SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — Leading retirement village operator Ryman Healthcare confounded the sceptics with a record annual financial result and provided a positive tone to the sharemarket at week’s end.

The S&P/NZX 50 Index was up 60.45 points or 0.54 percent to 11,267.39 and finished the week with a gain of nearly 0.9 percent, although it is still down nearly 13.4 percent for the year.

There were 86 gainers and 45 decliners over the whole market, with 38.5 million shares worth \$138.77 million changing hands.

Ryman has been one of the battered stocks,

falling from a high of \$15.80 in early September last year and down 33.79 percent over the last 12 months. But Ryman leapt 71c or 7.77 percent to \$9.85 after reporting a 13.6 percent increase in underlying net profit to \$255m on cash receipts of \$1.4 billion, up 18.7 percent for the year ending March.

Shane Solly, portfolio manager with Harbour Asset Management, said Ryman’s result was better than expected by a meaningful amount. Solly said the easing of Covid restrictions in Shanghai and a Chinese move to cut long-term mortgage rates and reignite the housing market

provided a boost to markets.

The Shanghai Composite Index was up 1.4 percent; Hong Kong’s Hang Seng increased 2.33 percent; and Australia’s S&P/ASX 200 Index gained 1.11 percent to 7142.9 at 5.45pm NZ time.

At home, Summerset Group Holdings benefited from Ryman’s strong result, rising 50c or 4.77 percent to \$10.98.

Fellow retirement village operator Oceania Healthcare gained 1c to \$1.04 after reporting full-year net profit of \$61.13m, down from \$85.17m, on revenue of \$231.14m, up from \$175.4m. My Food Bag was one of the day’s biggest gainers, rising 6c or 7.59 percent to 85c after beating its prospectus forecasts.

Sky Network Television increased 14c or 5.88

percent to \$2.52.

Solly said Sky TV provided a puzzling announcement to the market and left some question marks. The broadcaster said it was deferring any further update on strategy and capital allocation until the full-year results presentation in August.

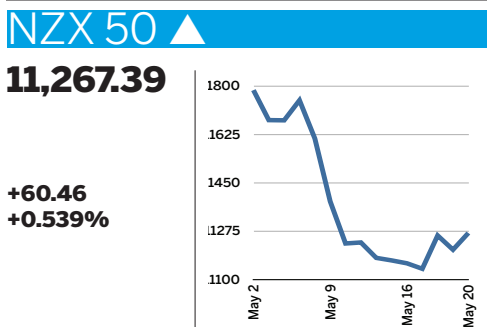
Market leader Fisher & Paykel Healthcare was up 26c to \$20.85; Ebos Group gained 50c to \$40; Mainfreight rose \$1 to \$75.10; a2 Milk increased 10c or 2.16 percent to \$4.73; DGL Group rebounded a further 14c or 4.17 percent to \$3.50; Eroad rose 20c or 8.03 percent to \$2.69; and fast-food company Restaurant Brands gained 25c or 2.17 percent to \$11.75.

— NZ Herald

SHAREMARKET

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

MONDAY-TO-FRIDAY OFFICIAL MARKET STATISTICS



TOP 10 TURNOVER table listing share names and shares traded.

TOP 10 VALUE table listing share names and dollar values.

BIGGEST 10 RISES table listing share names and percentage increases.

BIGGEST 10 FALLS table listing share names and percentage decreases.

NZX 10 index summary: 10,948.65 (+74.15 +0.682%)

MIDCAP index summary: 32,193.78 (+106.25 +0.331%)

SMALLCAP index summary: 84,408.87 (+119.19 +0.141%)

NZX All index summary: 12,307.01 (+64.23 +0.525%)

New Zealand

Main New Zealand stock market table with columns for Last Price, Weekly Move, 52-week High/Low, NTA, Dividend, P/E Ratio, etc.

Australia

Main Australian stock market table with columns for Last Price, Weekly Move, 52-week High/Low, NTA, Dividend, P/E Ratio, etc.

Exchange Traded Funds

Table listing various Exchange Traded Funds with their respective performance metrics.

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EDITORIAL

Shortsighted when it comes to climate

The negative response in this week's webpoll to the Government's emissions reduction plan, with 73 percent of 237 respondents opposed — and only one saying that was because it didn't go far enough — provides another indication this region is behind the eight-ball on acknowledging the urgent need to act in response to climate change.

A Gisborne Chamber of Commerce survey of 103 business owners and managers last year found half were not really concerned about climate change (28 percent were "cautious or disengaged" and 23 percent were "doubtful or dismissive"). As the chamber vice-president said, that is "not only short-sighted from an environmental perspective but naïve, at best, from a business one", as consumers and future governments that fund our region will judge businesses by their action and attitudes on climate change.

In a national survey a couple of weeks before the Government's emissions plan was revealed on Monday, Reid Research found that 46.8 percent of respondents were embarrassed by New Zealand's climate action, while 42.7 percent said they were not.

That most of our webpoll respondents who commented put their opposition down to cost is to a degree understandable during a cost-of-living crisis. The cost is relatively small, though, and action is being heavily subsidised by funds collected through the Emissions Trading Scheme. The Government's plan also only eyes significant cuts in the 2030s, by which time their cost will be reduced by technological advances and cheaper options for consumption to go green.

Those who point to our small share of global greenhouse gas emissions ignore the fact we are among the highest emitters per person in the world, and are part of the "rich world" that developed off the back of cheap fossil-fuel energy.

Some also seem unaware of the global action by governments and corporates to hasten the transition away from fossil fuels. It helps that wind and solar energy are now a better proposition economically than fossil-fuel power (even before the recent spike in commodity prices). Storage is the key area that needs better solutions, along with reconfigured transmission systems.

The switch to electric vehicles will gather pace exponentially as prices come down through economies of scale. Almost all vehicle makers are focused on an "ev" future.

We and our generations to come are all beneficiaries of global action, and all need to play our part in the necessary transition.

Propping up sector with limited future

by Manu Caddie



NEW Zealand taxpayers have been spending around \$20 million per year subsidising farmers to address greenhouse gas emissions while the volume of agricultural emissions has grown 15 percent since 1990. Now another \$118 million over four years is to be spent on advisory services supposedly to help reduce emissions.

The simple solution is to reduce stock numbers.

I disagree for a number of reasons with Federated Farmers' claim that, "If we reduce the amount of food we produce then another less efficient country will have to pick up the slack, and that has the effect of increasing global emissions."

My first reason is that many countries are already more efficient than Aotearoa and have better environmental credentials. OECD data for 2019 reveals that measuring CO₂ equivalent per hectare of agricultural land, the following countries are more efficient than New Zealand: Germany, Slovenia, Finland, France, United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, Estonia, United States, Latvia, Canada, Australia — and there are many

more. In fact, only a handful of countries like Ireland, Japan, The Netherlands and Denmark have a higher rate of agricultural emissions per hectare of farmland.

My second reason is that the emissions involved in transporting agricultural products from New Zealand to export markets are significant. Twenty-two percent of food produced in the world is destined for export; the rate is much higher in New Zealand where 95 percent of dairy is exported along with 80 percent of beef, more than 90 percent of sheep and two-thirds of our horticulture is sent offshore. Emissions would reduce significantly if the world consumed food made closer to home. In fact, most people do — 91 percent of dairy produced around the world never crosses a border.

My third reason is global protein markets are heading for massive disruption over the coming decade. The meat industry claims there will always be a market for premium, grass-fed animal cuts and Fonterra can barely acknowledge the dairy industry as we know it will be obsolete soon.

While meat is a complex product and will take longer to replace with new technologies, Kellogg Rural Scholar and Southland dairy farmer Anna Benny has shown that dairy, and particularly dairy ingredients, are seen as the "low hanging fruit" for disruption.

Three-quarters of Fonterra milk products are used as ingredients in other companies' products. New Zealand provides 60 percent of the world's whole milk powder exports. Consumers don't value the fact that the milk powder in their processed food is made with New Zealand milk powder, so any competitive story associated with New Zealand production methods is lost.

Ingredients with the functional properties of animal products are being reverse-engineered and produced using fermentation processes. Individual proteins (whey and casein) are the initial targets for precision fermentation technology and already on the market at comparable prices that will quickly reduce as scale increases. These account for 10 percent of New Zealand's dairy export revenue — \$2 billion in 2020 — and are likely to be the first products to experience major disruption from alternatives.

So while we pump hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars into trying to prop up a sector with a very limited future, it is disappointing to see so little public and private funds being invested in transitioning the national and local economy to prepare for participation, let alone leadership, in a low-emissions future.

As farmers, consumers and citizens, we need to understand the world is changing faster than we are.

LETTERS TO EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

Food bill up 14pc . . .

Many figures are being quoted as to how much food has gone up. An examination of my spending over the months of Feb, March

and April 2021 compared to the same period this year reveals a 14 percent increase.

JOHN NEWSHAM

Complex phenomenon

Re: Seeking truth amid spin, May 20 letter.

To be fair, I assume they didn't release the names because it might give them more air time. Nobody needs that. That aside, I do agree, there are lots of contributing factors. It's a complex phenomenon.

AIMEE VICKERS

The names of the 12 can easily be found on the internet. Be aware that the Bill of Rights guarantees freedom of speech and the problem is how to combat deliberate disinformation without reducing those rights. In the long run, I believe that the battle for truth is always hard-fought, but it always prevails in the long run.

ROGER HANDFORD

Grew up beside theatre

Re: A night at the Ruatoria pictures, Nov 2017 story.

Hi, my maiden name is Elaine Hunter and I lived beside the Ruatoria picture theatre in the late 1940s to early 1950s. My Dad Ernie Hunter had a shop on the main street. I remember sitting on the counter after school and giving the customers the newspaper.

You mentioned "papa Ernie" and I'm interested to know if it could be my Dad.

I remember a show at the

theatre where they borrowed our kitchen chairs. I was not happy when Mum (Rose Hunter) and I went to the show and they were throwing our chairs around the stage.

We hope to take a road trip around the East Coast next year over a few days, bringing back very old memories and to find Dad's grave — something I have wanted to do for a number of years.

ELAINE NICHOLSON
Nelson

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Hot air: real change needed

by Gavin Maclean



GRANT Robinson has a funny notion of significance, if he thinks that reducing emissions by less than 6 percent by 2035 fits the label.

Transport makes up 17 percent of total emissions, and a third of cars is less than a third of all transport. Result: significant lack of excitement generated in this reader. Incidentally, the NZ Herald report confusingly bills this minuscule achievement in one place as "low" and in another as "zero" emitting. The figures change according to what is really meant.

Admittedly more reduction than this is hoped for through the spending on new technological solutions. However, this creates the illusion that the required transformation costs money, and diverts us from the simple fact that we are over-producing and over-consuming, and doing less will simply cost less. Of course, we would have to share our resources better, but that is against the rules because it might eliminate poverty.

Official proclamations habitually mention cutting motor use by cycling and other alternatives, but actually travelling and freighting less, almost never, is needed. The only good factor we have received so far to engender cultural change is rising fuel prices, not yet by design but by chance; and you can't say we've adapted to that very well.

What is needed now, as the research news gets more and more urgent, requiring a global net-zero result in a few years — some say by 2025 — is a plan that conveys urgency, not complacency; that, rather than condescendingly pandering to the public, engages it.

In doing nothing of immediate effect,

ignoring excessive dairying, and kowtowing to the less conscious elements in farming and motoring, the Government is wallowing in the Prime Minister's contagious disease of gradualism. Never mind the poverty: we'll fix it. Never mind the planet: we'll save it. Just trust us and carry on as usual.

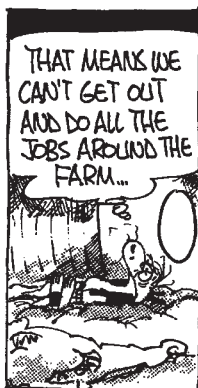
Sadly, James Shaw, who to his credit has consistently stated he would love to do much more, has caught the disease. He has worked brilliantly to achieve a degree of cross-party support into the future, but the cost is too great. The future is not that predictable. It requires what Gandhi called purity in every step, not compromise.

Shaw is quoted twice in the Herald report, perhaps out of context, and certainly not to his credit. "Lay the path towards a net-zero future" reinforces the ingrained gradualism. "Build a more productive and sustainable economy" misses the point that production must diminish, not increase, as overproduction, which we are already in, and sustainability are opposites. No technology can turn production into non-consumption, let alone non-pollution and habitat-restoration.

Now, as the climate rhetoric is changing to a clamour for radical change, politics at home is narrowing its focus on next year's election. This renders Labour terrified of offending anyone, and thus relinquishing leadership — as always, but even more now, when it is critically needed.

National is able to say wise things now in opposition, even though its business-as-usual fundamentalism would be a disaster if it ever got back in power.

Voters who want real change will have to vote with honesty for good radical policies, and not hedge their bets by the national media standards of trying to guess who will win. Who knows, if someone were to campaign by hitting the truth button, all those people who never vote might come to the party.



Russia claims full capture of Mariupol

POKROVSK, Ukraine — Russia claimed on Friday (local time) that it had now completely captured Mariupol.

If true, that would be its biggest victory to date in its war with Ukraine, after a nearly three-month siege that reduced much of the strategic port city to a smoking ruin, with over 20,000 civilians now feared dead.

There was no immediate confirmation from Ukraine.

Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu reported to Russian President Vladimir Putin that there had been “complete liberation” of the Azovstal steelworks in Mariupol — the last stronghold of Ukrainian resistance — and the city as a whole, spokesperson Igor Konashenkov said.

Russia’s state news agency, RIA Novosti, quoted the ministry as saying a total of 2439 Ukrainian fighters who had been holed up at the steelworks had surrendered since Monday, including over 500 on Friday.

The steel mill had been the site of fierce fighting for weeks.

The dwindling group of outgunned fighters had held out in the plant, drawing Russian airstrikes, artillery and tank fire, before their government ordered them to abandon its defence and save their own lives.

The complete takeover of Mariupol gave Putin a badly-needed military victory in the war he began on February 24 — a conflict that was supposed to have been a lightning-fast victory for the Kremlin, but instead had seen the failure to take the capital of Kyiv, a pullback of forces to refocus on eastern Ukraine, and the sinking of



MORE UKRAINIANS LEAVE THE STEEL PLANT: Ukrainian servicemen sit in a bus after leaving Mariupol's besieged Azovstal steel plant, near a penal colony, in Olyonivka, in territory under the government of the Donetsk People's Republic, eastern Ukraine, on Friday (local time).
AP picture

the flagship of Russia's Black Sea fleet.

Still, military analysts said the city's capture at this point held more symbolic importance than anything else, since Mariupol was already effectively under Moscow's control and most of the Russian forces that were tied down by the drawn-out fighting there had already left.

In other developments on Friday, the West moved to pour billions more in aid into Ukraine and fighting raged in the Donbas, the industrial heartland in eastern Ukraine that Putin was hell bent on capturing.

Russian forces shelled a vital highway and kept up attacks on a key city in the

Luhansk region, hitting a school among other sites, Ukrainian authorities said.

Luhansk was part of the Donbas.

The Kremlin had sought control of Mariupol to complete a land corridor between Russia and the Crimean Peninsula, which it seized from Ukraine in 2014, and to free up troops to join the larger battle for control of the Donbas.

The city's loss also deprived Ukraine of a vital seaport.

The city had endured some of the worst suffering of the war so far and had become a worldwide symbol of defiance.

An estimated 100,000 people remained there (from a pre-war population of 450,000), many of whom were

now trapped without food, water, heat or electricity.

Relentless bombardment had left behind rows and rows of shattered and/or hollowed-out buildings.

A maternity hospital was hit with a lethal Russian airstrike on March 9, producing searing images of pregnant women being evacuated from the place.

A week later, about 300 (some accounts had put that number at almost double that amount) people were reported killed in a bombing of a theatre where civilians had been taking shelter. Officials had written the word “CHILDREN” in Russian on the pavement outside to try to forestall an aerial attack.
— AP

GLOBAL BRIEFS

Albanese eyes Aussie's top job

MELBOURNE — After spending six weeks on the campaign trail and three years as Opposition leader, Anthony Albanese could be just hours away from becoming Australia's next prime minister.

The Labor leader, who has been running on a small-target strategy, argues that the country is ready for change after almost 10 years of a coalition government.

“There's three more years of the same, or there's myself, who wants to bring the country together, who wants to be inclusive (and) who wants to end the division,” Albanese said.

“Labor, in terms of our primary vote, is attracting more support than we did at the last election — or the one before that,” he said.

Albanese was set to begin the day in Melbourne, where the opposition would look to pick up several seats from the government.

■ Polling closes today at 6pm sharp local time; however, any voters in the queue at that time will be able to cast their vote. The polls opened this morning at 8am local time. — AAP

File picture



Labor Opposition leader Anthony Albanese.

File picture

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Russia to cut Finland gas flow

HELSINKI — Russia's Gazprom Export has informed Finland it will cut the flow of natural gas from today onwards, the Finnish state-owned gas company Gasum said, after they refused to pay Gazprom Export in rubles.

Gazprom Export was demanding that European countries pay for Russian gas supplies in rubles from now on because of the sanctions imposed over Moscow's invasion of Ukraine.

Most supply contracts had been denominated in euros or dollars, and Moscow had already cut off gas to Bulgaria and Poland last month after they refused to comply with the new payment terms.

The majority of gas used in Finland came from Russia, but gas only accounted for about five percent of its annual energy consumption.

— AAP, agencies

Monkeypox cases in Australia

SYDNEY — Australian state health authorities were warning Australians to be vigilant after two cases of monkeypox were confirmed in New South Wales (NSW) and Victoria.

The cases — a man aged in his 40s in NSW and another man aged in his 30s in Victoria — had both recently travelled to Europe.

Both men were now isolating in their states.

The mild illness could be transmitted through air droplets, close bodily contact or by sharing contaminated linens or objects. — AAP

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Ukrainian widow confronts soldier accused of killing her husband

KYIV — In the very first days of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, a 62-year-old unarmed civilian was shot dead on a village street outside his Ukrainian home.

His name was Oleksandr Shelipov.

Three months later, the captured Russian soldier accused of killing him was in Kyiv being tried for a war crime.

Standing up in court to confront the 21-year-old defendant on Thursday (local time) was Kateryna Shelipova, the widow of the man killed.

Did he repent his crime? She asked him just that.

The Russian tank commander, Vadim Shishimarin, replied that he admitted his guilt and asked for her forgiveness. “But I understand you won't be able to forgive me,” he added.

However, Shelipova, whose surname ended in ‘a’ (unlike her husband's), as many Ukrainian female surnames often did, had not finished.

“Tell me please, why did you Russians come here? To protect us?” she asked, citing Russian President Vladimir Putin's justification for the

invasion of Ukraine.

“Protect us from whom? Did you (want to) protect me from my husband, whom you killed?”

The soldier had no answer to that.

The landmark trial marked the first time a Russian serviceman had been put on the stand for war crimes since the invasion of Ukraine was launched in February. And perhaps such raw encounters were what such trials were about, at least in part.

Forcing a soldier to face up to exactly what he had done and the suffering he had caused seemed incredibly important and an example to the world of what could happen if the rules of war were ignored.

Sgt Shishimarin pleaded guilty and Ukrainian prosecutors were asking for him to be sentenced to life in prison.

On Wednesday, Shelipova told the BBC she actually felt sorry for the soldier, but naturally she could not forgive him for this crime.

She heard the shots that killed her husband. Then, she saw Sgt Shishimarin through her gate — holding his weapon.

Five minutes later, she said she saw her husband's body: “He was dead with a shot to his head. I started screaming very loudly.

“(My) husband was everything to me,” she said, adding: “He was my protector.”

Recalling the events of February 28, Shishimarin said he and a small group of other Russian soldiers had become separated from their unit and hijacked a car in order to return to it.

“As we were driving, we saw a man. He was talking on the phone,” the defendant said.

He claimed that he had not wanted to fire the fatal shots, but that he was just following orders — and was threatened by another soldier if he refused to do as he was told.

“He said I would be putting us in danger if I didn't (shoot Shelipov). I shot him at close range. It killed him,” the 21-year-old tank commander admitted in court.

Interestingly, his defence lawyer — appointed by the state — told the BBC that no Russian official had been in touch with Shishimarin, including the



Kateryna Shelipova



Vadim Shishimarin

AFP pictures

Russian defence ministry.

There was no Russian embassy in Kyiv these days, so there was obviously no contact from there either.

Putin's spokesperson yesterday told the BBC that the Kremlin had “no information” about this particular case. All in all, it felt rather like the young soldier had been abandoned to his fate by the very commanders who had sent him to war in the first place.

A second Russian soldier who witnessed the killing and later surrendered to Ukrainian forces

spoke to the BBC and backed up Shishimarin's claim.

Ivan Maltsev, another slight and young-looking 21-year-old, told the court how the Russian soldiers had spotted Shelipov while they were driving the stolen car. Maltsev claimed that Shishimarin was then ordered to shoot the victim.

“Vadim didn't do it (initially). So the soldier, whose name I do not know, turned around in the car and shouted that Vadim had to carry out the order, or we would be informed on.” — BBC



ICOM APOLOGY PROMPTED BY MAORI CURATOR: US socialite Kim Kardashian arrives for the 2022 Met Gala at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, on May 2, 2022, in New York.

AFP picture

Rewearing of Monroe dress sparks debate

PARIS — The International Council of Museums (ICOM) Costume Committee has apologised for its guidelines around wearing historical items from museum collections.

This development was prompted by a renowned Maori curator and Te Papa executive member.

It follows reality TV star Kim Kardashian's appearance at the Met Gala earlier this month in a dress famously worn by Marilyn Monroe while she sang Happy Birthday to then-US President John F Kennedy in 1962.

Kardashian's rewearing of this historic dress sparked outrage online, with many arguing it should stay in a museum and not be used at all.

It prompted the ICOM's Costume Committee to release a statement condemning it.

"Historic garments should not be worn by anybody — public or private figures. Although the dress belongs to a private collection, the heritage must be understood as belonging to humanity, regardless of which institution has custody of the property. As museum professionals, we strongly recommend all museums avoid lending historic garments to be worn, as they are artifacts of the material culture of their time, and they must be kept preserved for future generations," the statement said.

The ICOM was created in 1946 and was a worldwide organisation, which represented museums and museum professionals. It had more than 37,000 members, from 141 countries.

It generated much debate — one that Te Papa's director audience and insight, Puawai Cairns, weighed in on online, labelling it as an extremely Eurocentric view and describing it as "the narrow

promotion of the Euro Museum world".

"I get it — about (Kardashian) wearing Marilyn's dress, which is viewed as a frivolous exercise, but a big-blanket headline dictate that no historical textiles should be worn is not the correct response, in my view.

"Conservation practices are becoming more responsive to community and descendants. This whole debate feels like it is pushing moves around making museum collections more accessible to communities back around 10 years. Some textiles in museums should be worn if they are of use in ritual ceremonies or continuing the connections between object and kin. Conservation is increasingly about becoming the bridge to enable that to happen, not the block. Good Ol' ICOM. Only thinking of its own eurocentric cultural bubble. Again," Cairns posted.

That post and others like it on her other platforms received positive, negative and, in some cases, racist feedback. However, what happened a few days after that surprised Cairns — the ICOM took to Twitter and apologised for the statement being too Eurocentric and acknowledged there was no mention of the importance of different cultures connecting back to objects of significance. "With the statement, we wanted to address the Met Gala scenario and similar situations where a collection might be pressured to allow someone unconnected with the object to wear it. We understand, however, that our statement overlooked the importance of Indigenous communities being able to connect with and wear museum objects from their community." — RNZ

Cost of living the focus in final stretch of Aussie election race

CANBERRA — Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison criss-crossed the country in a final day of campaigning yesterday, insisting he could still win today's election despite polls pointing to a change of government or a hung Parliament.

Morrison and Labor Opposition leader Anthony Albanese targeted marginal seats in the final 48 hours of the six-week campaign as data showed wages growth being outstripped by inflation, and record low unemployment — fodder for competing claims on who would best manage the economy.

An Ipsos opinion poll published by the Australian Financial Review showed Labor leading Morrison's ruling Liberal-National coalition 53 percent to 47 percent on a two-party preferred basis, where votes were ranked by preference and distributed to the highest two candidates.

Labor's primary vote shrunk to 36 percent to the coalition's 35 percent, with minor parties and independents attracting nearly a third of voters, raising the prospect of a minority government.

Morrison, in a blitz of media interviews yesterday, said he could still win, and pointed to his economic competence. "What I've demonstrated over these past three years — and not everybody agrees with me . . . and not everybody likes me, but that's not the point — the point is, who can manage the nation's finances to keep downward pressure on rising interest rates, downward pressure on cost of living?" he said on ABC News Breakfast, before campaigning in Western Australia.



Australian PM Scott Morrison.

Picture via RNZ

Albanese, meanwhile, campaigned with former Labor Prime Minister Julia Gillard in the South Australian capital of Adelaide yesterday.

In 2010, after the election delivered a hung parliament, Gillard only formed a government after extended negotiations with independents and minor parties.

In key Liberal seats, the biggest threat was a wave of independent

candidates, mostly female, campaigning for action on climate change after some of the worst floods and fires to hit Australia.

Another challenge for the major parties was a A\$40 million advertising blitz by billionaire Clive Palmer's United Australia Party, which was fielding candidates nationally. ABC election analyst Antony Green said unlike the previous election, Palmer's advertising blitz had not singled out Labor for attack, which could impact preference flows and the result.

Election rules were changed yesterday to allow all voters who had tested positive for Covid to vote over the phone, removing a cut-off time of Wednesday.

More than 6.5 million pre-poll or postal votes had already been cast — out of 17 million eligible voters — in Australia's compulsory voting system.

Morrison had pledged to become "inclusive and bring more people with us" if re-elected, after polling showed his personality could be a hurdle for the Liberal vote, particularly women.

The government had also played up its credentials in supporting the economy through the Covid pandemic, pointing to data showing Australia's jobless rate fell to 3.9 percent in April, the lowest in 48 years. — Reuters via RNZ

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G7 countries to send \$19.8 billion in aid to war-ravaged nation

KOENIGSWINTER, Germany — The Group of Seven (G7) leading economies agreed on Friday (local time) to provide US\$19.8 billion in economic aid to Ukraine to help keep tight finances from hindering its ability to defend itself from Russia's invasion.

German Finance Minister Christian Lindner told reporters that US\$9.5bn of the total amount was mobilised at meetings of the G-7 finance ministers in Koenigswinter, Germany, this week.

"We agreed that Ukraine's financial situation must have no influence on Ukraine's ability to defend itself successfully," he said.

"We need to do our utmost to end this war."

The money was intended to help the Ukrainian government keep basic services for its people functioning, and was separate from efforts to provide the country with weapons and humanitarian aid. — AP

US in process of getting \$40bn in aid to Ukraine

WASHINGTON, DC — The US Senate has whisked a US\$40 billion package of military, economic and food aid for Ukraine and US allies to final congressional approval, putting a bipartisan stamp on America's biggest commitment yet to turning Russia's invasion into a painful quagmire for Moscow.

The legislation, approved 86-11 on Thursday (local time) was backed by every voting Democrat and most Republicans.

While many issues under US President Joe Biden had collapsed under party-line gridlock, Thursday's lopsided vote signalled that both parties were largely unified about sending Ukraine the materiel it needed to fend off Russian President Vladimir Putin's more numerous forces.

"I applaud the Congress for sending a clear bipartisan message to the world that the people of the United States stand together with the brave people of Ukraine as they defend their democracy and freedom," Biden said in a written statement.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy thanked the United States.

"This is a demonstration of strong leadership and a necessary contribution to our common defence of freedom,"

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Zelenskyy said in his nightly video address to the nation.

With control of Congress at stake in elections, which were less than six months away, all "no" votes came from Republicans only.

The same thing happened in last week's 368-57 House vote, fuelling campaign-season Democrat warnings that a nationalist wing of the GOP was in the firm grip of former US President Donald Trump and his isolationist, America First, preferences.

Trump, who still wielded clout in the party, had accused Biden of throwing money at Ukraine while US mothers lacked baby formula — a crisis sparked by a supply-chain problem over which the government had scant impact.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer called it "beyond troubling" that Republicans were opposing the Ukraine assistance.

"It appears more and more that MAGA Republicans are on the same soft-on-Putin

playbook that we saw used by former President Trump," said Schumer, using the Make America Great Again acronym Democrats had been using to cast Republicans as extremists.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, a strong backer of the measure, warned his GOP colleagues that a Russian victory would move hostile forces ever closer to the borders of crucial European trading partners.

That would prompt higher American defence spending and tempt China and other countries with territorial ambitions to test US resolve, he warned.

"The most expensive and painful thing America could possibly do in the long run would be to stop investing in sovereignty, stability and deterrence before it's too late," McConnell said.

The passage came as Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the US had drawn down another US\$100 million worth of Pentagon weapons and equipment to ship to Kyiv, bringing the total US amount sent to Ukraine since the invasion began to US\$3.9bn.

He and other administration officials had warned that authority would be depleted by Thursday, but the new

legislation would replenish the amount available by more than US\$8bn.

Overall, around US\$24bn in the measure is for arming and equipping Ukrainian forces, helping them to finance weapons' purchases, replacing US equipment dispatched to the theatre and paying for American troops deployed in nearby countries.

There was also US\$9bn to keep Ukraine's government afloat and US\$5bn to feed countries around the globe reliant on Ukraine's now-diminished crop yields.

And there was money to help Ukrainian refugees in the US, seize Russian oligarchs' assets, reopen the US embassy in Kyiv and to prosecute Russians for war crimes.

The measure, which officials said was designed to last through until September, tripled the size of the initial US\$13.6bn in Ukraine aid that lawmakers had approved shortly after the February invasion.

The combined US\$54bn price tag exceeded what the US had spent annually on all its military and economic foreign assistance in recent years, and approached Russia's yearly military budget.

"Help is on the way, really significant help," Schumer said to embattled Ukraine. — AP

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'Their best line-up yet'

by Murray Robertson

GOLD Creek Simmentals at Te Karaka will put up 30 rising two-year-old bulls in their third annual on-farm sale on Monday and studmaster Tom Sanson is very proud of his line-up.

As well as the bulls there will be two genetic packages up for sale and a feature lot "pick of the heifers".

The stud's 2021 sale was hugely successful.

"This year's event is set to be just as strong if not stronger," Mr Sanson said.

"We are extremely proud of this year's line-up, which, we believe, is testament to everything we strive for in our bulls and more.

"At Gold Creek we have always said we want to breed cattle that challenge the status quo.

"We have bulls that tick all the boxes of thriving under the challenges of commercial East Coast hill country conditions, while offering a unique makeup, both genetically and phenotypically. We are doing just that and more.

"Consistency of type shines throughout this year's catalogue and as always, structure and docility have been at the



GOLD CREEK: Thirty youngsters like this fellow will go under the auctioneer's hammer on Monday afternoon at the Gold Creek Simmental R2 bull sale on Matawai Road at Te Karaka. Studmaster Tom Sanson reckons it is the best line-up they have produced so far. Picture supplied

forefront of breeding decisions and a big part of selection criteria for sale bulls."

Mr Sanson said it was, without question, their best

line-up yet.

"We look forward to seeing everyone there."

The sale commences at 2pm on Monday, with the inspection

of cattle from midday.

"Lunch and refreshments will be available before the sale, and afterwards join us for a beer and some delicious food."

Golden days

by TOM LANE
Rural Real Estate Agent



Years of oversubscription for SunGold licence and strong investment demand didn't happen this year. The amount of SunGold licence on offer was halved, down from 700ha in 2021 to 350ha this year. Surprisingly it was not fully subscribed, with a total assigned area of 324ha.

Contrasting results with the 2021 SunGold release, 700ha were assigned with 1500ha tendered for.

The median price for SunGold hit new heights with an increase of 46% from last season, from \$550,000/ha in 2021 to \$801,000 this year.

Interestingly the minimum price paid dropped a staggering 14% from \$525,000 to \$451,950/ha.

With these contrasting results, you could conclude that there would be two disappointed groups of participants – those who paid top dollar, to then see others buy with only half the investment, and the group who held off thinking that \$800,000 or greater was going to be required.

RubyRed kiwifruit also had 350ha of licence released and like SunGold it was undersubscribed with 280ha allocated this year. The median price was up an astonishing 96% from last year at \$147,000 per hectare compared to almost \$75,000/ha the previous year.

Like SunGold, the minimum price for RubyRed saw a price reduction. In this case it was nearly 24% from \$58,000/ha in 2021 to \$44,217 ha.

The undersubscription for licences, is probably more of a reflection of the licensing process, which may need a review to make it more of a transparent mechanism. However, there is immense positivity in the industry, coupled with a forecast that the final tray count for 2022 will be record-breaking, with an estimated figure in excess of 190 million trays harvested. The industry has some 2800 growers who produce kiwifruit across 13,000 hectares of orchards from the far North to Motueka in the south.

If you would like to discuss any facet of the rural market, from farms, horticulture or lifestyle whether thinking of buying or selling, or are purely interested to be in the know, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Funding to go towards deer management, site planning

THE Game Animal Council (GAC) has welcomed \$30 million allocated in Budget 2022 to implementing the Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy: Deer Management and Goat Control.

The funding, distributed over four years, will go towards initiatives that include regional and site-based planning and management to balance the ecological impacts of deer with the cultural, recreational and economic values that these game animals provide.

"In accordance with our statutory role, the GAC has been liaising with the Department of Conservation and other stakeholders around the future management of game animals in New Zealand," GAC chair Grant Dodson said.

"We are confident that a good balance will be struck that will provide positive outcomes for conservation and hunting.

"Hunters want to hunt good-quality animals in a healthy environment and in order to ensure that we must institute modern management practices that fit with New Zealand's unique circumstances."

Mr Dodson said recreational and commercial hunters as well as food gatherers were an important part of the game animal management equation.

"They are in fact our greatest management resource.

"The GAC is committed to working alongside them to achieve good results for conservation and further develop New Zealand's world-class hunting opportunities."

The NZ GAC has a statutory organisation responsible for the sustainable management of game animals and hunting for recreation, commerce and conservation.



Smaller yarding at Matawhero

by Trevor Brown

PRICES firmed on all sheep except the store ewe lambs yesterday at the weekly Matawhero sheep sale.

The Hassendean P/S at Te Karaka sold four very heavy, prime, black-face lambs for \$220.

PW Bennett received \$212 for seven heavy, prime, mixed-age ewes.

In the store lamb pens, Bushy Knoll Forest Ltd sold 45 male lambs for \$177 and 27 heavy and attractive ewe lambs for \$157.

Older rams, suitable for dog tucker, were sold from \$100 down to \$71.

There was a much smaller yarding of only 1270 sheep this week.

Best prices —

Prime ewes: PW Bennett, 7, \$212;

Hassendean P/S, 6, \$175; Abigail Olsen, 4, \$174, 10, two-tooth, \$150, 1, \$138; Brett Bayley, 11, \$161; RW Twigley, 3, \$150; Piritaha P/S, 12, \$145.

Prime lambs: Hassendean P/S, 4, \$220; Abigail Olsen, 4, \$199, 5, \$137; MW and AM Flood, 12, \$184, 14, \$176.

Store male lambs: Bushy Knoll Forest Ltd, 45, \$177, 69, \$158, 31, \$121; KJ and RE Fisher, 59, \$171, 58, \$138, 14, \$96; MW and AM Flood, 29, \$158, 12, \$121; Tarere 2 Trust, 12, \$154, 68, \$121, 13, \$70; GJ and ME Hope, 99, \$153; Mangapoi Station Ltd, 53, \$121.

Store ewe lambs: Bushy Knoll Forest Ltd, 27, \$157, 53, \$134, 30, \$98; MW and AM Flood, 56, \$145.50, 24, \$129; Homebush Station, 101, \$134, 55, \$110.50; Tarere 2 Trust, 35, \$120, 90, \$110, 30, \$80; Mangapoi Station Ltd, 30, \$110, 3, \$70.



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Funding boost for beef genetics

AN innovative beef genetics programme will receive a funding boost of up to \$1 million this year thanks to the New Zealand Meat Board (NZMB).

The board has confirmed it will provide the funds this year to the Informing New Zealand Beef (INZB) genetics programme following feedback from farmers during a consultation process.

This will see the NZMB joining the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and Beef + Lamb New Zealand (B+LNZ) in supporting the seven-year Sustainable Food & Fibre Futures (SFF Futures) partnership, which aims to boost the sector's profits by \$460m over the next 25 years.

The INZB programme will focus on increasing the uptake of the use of genetics in the beef industry.

The five main components of the programme include building a genetic evaluation and data infrastructure, progeny test herds, developing breeding objectives and indexes, developing new data sources, and designing and delivering a new model of farmer extension for beef genetics.

Ultimately, the programme will give commercial farmers the ability to quickly and easily source the right genetics for their environment and farm system and drive greater profitability.

Andrew Morrison, chairman of the NZMB, said a number of farmers who responded to the consultation recognised the value and importance of the board's



GENETICS PROGRAMME: The New Zealand Meat Board will contribute up to \$1 million to an innovative beef genetics programme aimed at boosting the sector's profits over the next 25 years. Picture supplied

contribution to industry-good activities.

"The board has responsibility for \$82.2m of farmer reserves and returns generated from the prudent management of these reserves is supporting the industry to invest in areas such as beef genetics to increase the sector's productivity and profitability.

"New Zealand sheep and beef farmers benefit directly from the

industry-good funding delivered by the NZMB."

Through the consultation, some farmers encouraged the NZMB to ensure there was necessary research into dairy beef, Mr Morrison said.

"B+LNZ is continuing to invest in dairy beef and bobby calf initiatives in conjunction with the dairy industry and MPI.

"Informing New Zealand Beef

is laying the groundwork for this activity by building the skills and infrastructure to ensure the sires supplied to the dairy industry are of the highest quality.

"B+LNZ is also working collaboratively with the dairy industry and internationally to ensure the data system between farmers, industries and consumers is set up effectively and efficiently.

"This is a necessary step to

linking consumers all the way through the supply chain and back to the sire for their meat. This will ensure genetic gain for eating quality can be captured by the dairy beef industry," said Mr Morrison.

"The board is also assured that B+LNZ is partnering with dairy industry organisations and government on three different initiatives to improve the use of non-replacement dairy calves. The B+LNZ Dairy-Beef Progeny test is a key enabler to improving the supply of dairy-beef animals."

The NZMB acknowledges some farmers may be concerned about INZB duplicating the Breedplan programme, he said.

"Breedplan is an effective evaluation for many stud breeders.

"INZB plans to work with the providers of Breedplan to ensure that New Zealand's non-stud farmers can capture the value of Breedplan data in their business.

"The programme is going to some length to ensure it is not replicating existing tools through strong links to the breed societies, Performance Beef Breeders New Zealand (PBBNZ), international experts and stud breeders.

"The INZB programme also includes a substantial extension effort including beef forums and online Better Beef Buying workshops."

The programme will enable B+LNZ to investigate and evolve the genetics extension offering to ensure farmers can make more informed decisions."

Events to mark first NZ lamb shipment to UK

CELEBRATION events will be held in London and Oamaru on Tuesday to mark National Lamb Day, the 140th anniversary of the first shipment of frozen New Zealand lamb arriving in the UK in 1882 and the centenary of the New Zealand Meat Board (NZMB).

Beef + Lamb New Zealand (B+LNZ) and NZMB chairman Andrew Morrison and New Zealand High Commissioner to the UK Bede Corry will speak at the celebration at Butcher's Hall, home of the Worshipful Company of Butchers in London.

The event, which will be attended by representatives of major UK lamb customers, will feature a welcome and performance by Ngāti Rānana London Māori Club, and a New Zealand lamb barbecue.

Meanwhile, Beef + Lamb New Zealand Ltd will also be marking the anniversaries with a dinner at Oamaru's Loan and Mercantile Building.

Speakers will include George Berry, former owner of Totara Estate, south of Oamaru, where the original shipment of lamb was processed before it left Port Chalmers for London aboard the vessel Dunedin on February 15, 1882.

Sirma Karapeeva, chief executive of the Meat Industry Association, and Nicky Hyslop, NZMB director and B+LNZ Central South Island farmer director, will also give speeches.

Mr Morrison said the National Lamb Day anniversary was particularly momentous, given the NZMB also celebrates its centenary this year.

The board's role as a foundation stone of the successful export industry has been recognised with the publication of Meeting Change, a new book outlining the organisation's history.

"The meat board was established in 1922 and while its role has evolved, the board now oversees \$2.3 billion of red meat exports to the quota markets of the European Union, United Kingdom and United States, financial reserves on behalf of the red meat sector and drives investment in industry-good activities such as genetics," Mr Morrison said.



Sam McIvor, chief executive of B+LNZ Ltd and the NZMB, said the event in the UK was a great opportunity to highlight the innovation and successes of the red meat sector.

"New Zealand farmers are today as rightly proud of the high quality of their naturally raised lamb as their predecessors were in 1882. That first shipment was the genesis of New Zealand's world-renowned lamb industry.

"During 2020-21, New Zealand exported over 406,000 tonnes of sheepmeat, valued at \$3.86 billion, to a total of 87 countries. The sector has also made exceptional productivity gains since the 1990s. Sheep numbers have dropped but lamb export volumes have increased, and greenhouse gas emissions have reduced by over 30 percent."

At the Oamaru event, Mr Berry, who with his wife Carol owned the Totara Estate home farm for 50 years, will outline the story of the beginnings of the meat export trade, including the pioneering role of Thomas Brydone, superintendent of the New Zealand and Australia Land Co.

Totara Estate is now owned by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust and is a Tohu Whenua heritage site — a location that has shaped Aotearoa.

Heritage New Zealand is offering a complimentary voucher for free entry to the estate for every person attending the National Lamb Day event in Oamaru.



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Monkeypox on the rise

Cases being investigated in Europe, US and Canada

CASES of suspected and confirmed monkeypox disease are being investigated in a number of European countries, along with the US and Canada, according to health authorities and local media reports.

The latest new cases have been reported in France, Italy and Sweden.

It followed the confirmation of cases in the US, Spain and Portugal on Wednesday, as well as the investigation of 13 suspected cases in Canada.

Monkeypox is most common in more remote parts of Central and West Africa.

Cases of the disease outside of Africa are often linked to travel to the area.

Monkeypox is a rare viral infection, but it is usually mild as most people recover from it in just a few weeks, according to the UK's National Health Service.

The virus does not spread easily between people and the risk to the wider public is said to be very low.

The first case of the disease in the UK was reported on May 7.

The patient had recently travelled to Nigeria, where they were believed to have caught the virus before travelling to England, the UK Health Security Agency said.

As of midday yesterday (NZ time), there were nine confirmed cases in the UK.

The source of those infections had not yet been confirmed, but cases seemed to have been "locally acquired", the World Health Organisation (WHO) said.

In Europe, one confirmed case was reported in Sweden on Thursday, as well as one in Italy and there was also a suspected case in France.

Swedish authorities said they were not sure how the individual had contracted the virus, but local media reported that the individual in Italy had recently returned from the Canary Islands.

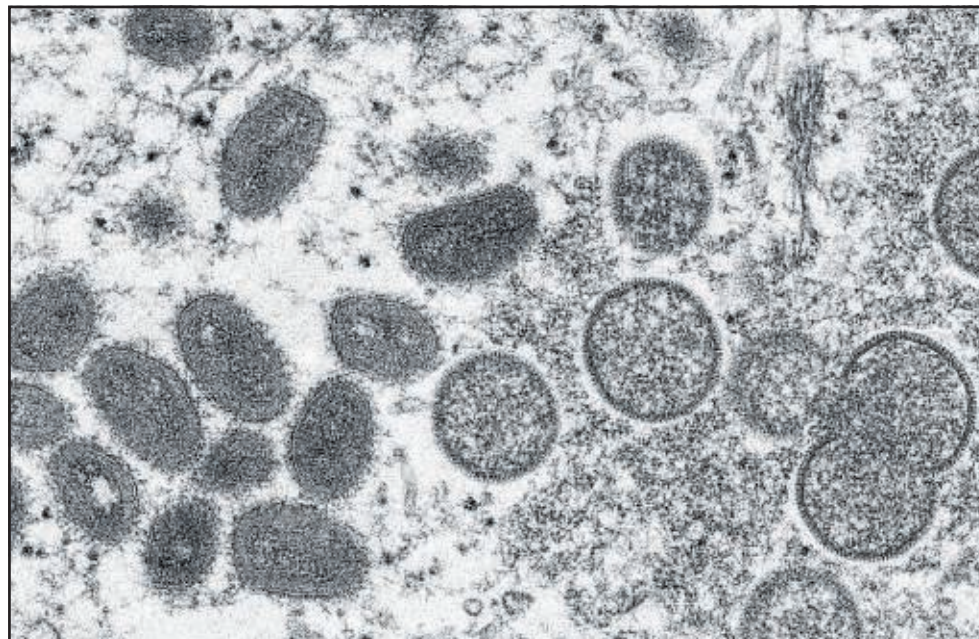
Five confirmed cases were also reported in Portugal on Wednesday, as well as seven in Spain.

Although no vaccine had been approved for Monkeypox in Europe, Spanish health authorities had reportedly purchased thousands of smallpox vaccines to deal with the outbreak, according to Spanish newspaper El País.

Monkeypox is a member of the same family of viruses as smallpox.

In North America, health authorities in the US state of Massachusetts also confirmed that a man had been infected with Monkeypox.

He had recently travelled to Canada, where local media reported that 13 suspected cases of the virus were being investigated (as of yesterday).



COLLECTION OF MONKEYPOX VIRIONS: This electron microscope image made available by the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention shows oval-shaped, mature monkeypox virions (on the left of the picture), and spherical immature virions (on the right,) obtained from a sample of human skin associated with the 2003 prairie dog outbreak. Monkeypox, a disease that rarely appears outside of Africa, has been identified by European, American and Canadian health authorities in recent days.

CDC file picture via AP

According to health officials, the man had been hospitalised, was in "good condition" and "poses no risk to the public".

It was a surprising outbreak because the disease rarely appeared outside of Africa.

Health officials around the world were now keeping watch for more cases because, for the first time, the disease appeared to be spreading among people who had not travelled to Africa.

They stressed, however, that the risk to the general population was low.

So what is monkeypox?

Monkeypox is a virus that originates in wild animals, such as rodents and primates.

Occasionally it jumps to people.

Most human cases have been in central and west Africa, where the disease is endemic.

The illness was first identified by scientists in 1958 when there were two outbreaks of a "pox-like" disease in research monkeys, which is how the name monkeypox came about.

The first known human infection was in 1970, in a nine-year-old boy in a remote part of Congo.

What are the symptoms and how is it treated?

While monkeypox belongs to the same virus family as smallpox, it causes milder symptoms.

Most patients only experience fever, body aches, chills and fatigue. People with more serious illness may develop a rash and lesions on the face and hands that can spread to other parts of the body.

The incubation period is from about five days to three weeks. Most people recover within about two to four weeks without needing to be hospitalised.

Monkeypox can be fatal for up to one in 10 people and is thought to be more severe in children.

People exposed to the virus are often given one of several smallpox vaccines, which have been shown to be effective against monkeypox. Anti-viral drugs are also being developed.

On Thursday, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control recommended all suspected cases be isolated and that high-risk contacts be offered the smallpox vaccine.

How many cases are there typically per year?

The WHO estimates there are thousands of monkeypox infections in about a dozen African countries every

year. Most are in Congo, which reports about 6000 cases annually, and in Nigeria, with about 3000 cases a year.

However, patchy health-monitoring systems mean that many infected people are likely being missed, experts say.

Isolated cases of monkeypox are occasionally spotted outside of Africa, including in the US and in Britain. The cases are typically associated with travel to Africa or contact with animals from areas where the disease is more common.

In 2003, 47 people in six US states had confirmed or probable cases.

They caught the virus from pet prairie dogs that had been housed near imported small mammals from Ghana.

What is so different about these cases?

It is the first time monkeypox appears to be spreading among people who have not travelled to Africa. Most of the cases involve men who have had sex with men.

In Europe, infections have been reported in Britain, Italy, Portugal, Spain and Sweden.

Britain's Health Security Agency said its cases are not all connected, suggesting that there are multiple chains of transmission happening. The infections in Portugal were picked up at a sexual health clinic, where the men sought help for lesions on their genitals.

On Wednesday, US officials reported a case of monkeypox in a man who had recently travelled to Canada. The Public Health Agency of Canada also confirmed two cases related to that positive test. Health officials in Quebec earlier said they suspected 17 cases in the Montreal area.

Is it being spread through sex?

It is possible, but it is unclear at the moment. Monkeypox has not previously been documented to have spread through sex, but it can be transmitted through close contact with infected people, such as their body fluids, their clothing or bedsheets.

Michael Skinner, a virologist at Imperial College London, said it was still too early to determine how the men in the UK had been infected with the virus.

"By nature, sexual activity involves intimate contact, which one would expect to increase the likelihood of transmission, whatever a person's sexual orientation and irrespective of the mode of transmission," Skinner said.

Francois Balloux of University College London said sex would qualify as the kind of close contact needed to transmit the disease.

The UK cases "do not necessarily imply any recent change in the virus' route of transmission," Balloux said. — AP/BBC

Biden has eye on China as he heads to South Korea, Japan

WASHINGTON, DC — US President Joe Biden embarked on a six-day trip on Thursday (local time) to South Korea and Japan, aiming to build rapport with the two nations' leaders while also sending an unmistakable message to China: Russia's faltering invasion of Ukraine should give Beijing pause to think about its own sabre-rattling in the Pacific.

Biden's visit would include meetings with newly-elected South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.

Their talks would touch on trade, increasing resilience in the global supply chain, growing concerns about North Korea's nuclear programme and the explosive spread of Covid.

While in Japan, Biden would also meet with fellow leaders of the Indo-Pacific strategic alliance — the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (colloquially known as "the Quad", which is a strategic security dialogue between Australia, India, Japan and the United States).

The US under Biden had forged a united front with democratic allies that had combined their economic heft to make Russia pay a price for its invasion of Ukraine. That alliance included South Korea and Japan.

However, even as Biden was to be feted by Yoon at a state dinner and hold intimate conversations with Kishida, the US president knew those relationships needed to be deepened if they were to serve as a

counterweight to China's ambitions.

White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan said the trip would "show in living colour the United States can at once lead the free world in responding to Russia's war in Ukraine, and at the same time, chart a course for effective, principled American leadership and engagement in a region that will define much of the future of the 21st century".

The war in eastern Europe had created a sense of urgency about China among major US allies in the Pacific. Many had come to see the moment as their own existential crisis — one in which it was critical to show China it should not try to seize contested territory through military action.

In a reminder of how Biden had tried to balance security issues in each hemisphere, shortly before leaving for Asia he hosted Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson of Sweden and President Sauli Niinistö of Finland at the White House to show support for their applications to join NATO.

"America's alliances in Europe and in Asia keep us — and I would argue the world — strong and secure," Biden said in the Rose Garden on Thursday.

"They're how we confront the challenges of our time, and deliver for our people today, and harness opportunities for a better tomorrow."

Biden's overseas travel came as he faced strong domestic headwinds: an infant formula shortage, budget-

busting inflation, a rising number of Covid infections, and increasing impatience among a Democratic base bracing for a US Supreme Court ruling that was likely to result in a roll back of abortion rights.

The conundrums Biden faced in Asia, however, were no less daunting. China's military assertiveness had grown over the course of Biden's presidency, with its provocative actions frequently putting the region on edge.

Last month, China held military drills around Taiwan after a group of US lawmakers arrived for talks on the self-governed island.

Japan had reported intrusions by China's military vessels into Japanese territorial waters also. — AP

Celebrating 50 years of rich history

by Shauni James,
Rotorua Daily Post

ROTORUA — The team members at Polynesian Spa say they are “beyond excited” to be celebrating the Rotorua tourist destination’s 50th birthday this month.

The geothermal spa is marking its milestone with a recap of its journey from natural healing springs to today’s geothermal hot springs and spa therapies destination.

“I’m beyond excited to celebrate with everyone 50 years of Polynesian Spa,” chief executive Gert Taljaard says.

He says it is rewarding to know that 50 years ago the founders of this business had a vision — and were prepared to invest in that vision — which enabled a then-rundown facility to eventually become an internationally-recognised spa.

“We operate in Rotorua and we employ local people first, in addition to providing our Rotorua customers with some excellent opportunities to enjoy the product.

“Telling our story hopefully further encourages our local community to continue enjoying our variety of products and to appreciate that they have a world-famous facility right here

in their city.”

Gert says as international travel returns, Polynesian Spa will continue to provide its product and find ways to enhance the experience for all its customers.

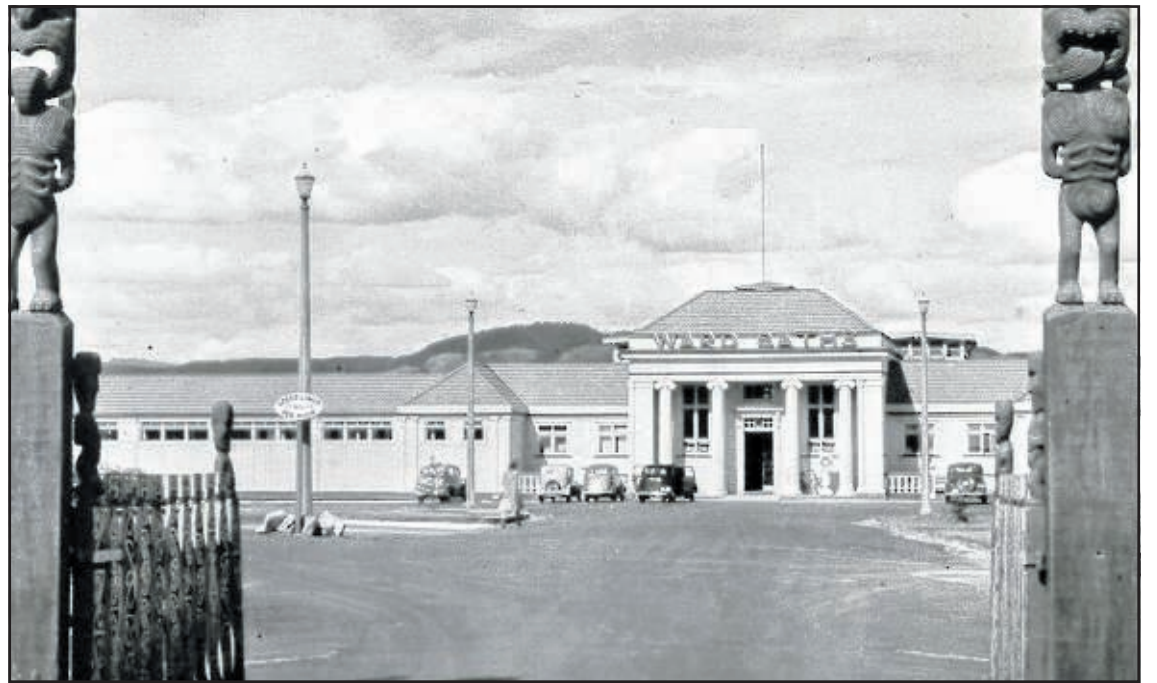
“We also look forward to our business being able to employ more local people as the market recovers.”

“We are thankful for the continued support from the Rotorua community,” he says.

GEOTHERMAL WONDER:

The first bathhouse on the site of the Priest’s Bath, and later Polynesian Spa, was the government-run Pavilion bathhouse opened in 1882. The baths later closed due to their decaying state and were replaced with Ward Baths (pictured) in 1931.

Picture supplied



Waters’ healing properties used for centuries

ROTORUA — Before the geothermal wonders of Rotorua brought tourism to the city, the local Te Arawa iwi recognised the waters’ healing properties.

For centuries, they used the rich iron oxide mud to treat wounds and

the healing waters to ease aches and pains.

The geothermal waters are sacred taonga (treasures) to Māori that must be protected and preserved by kaitiaki (guardians). In 1878, Father James Mahoney,

an Irish Catholic priest who suffered from rheumatism, was carried from Tauranga to Rotorua to soak in the waters of Te Pupūnitanga thermal spring. After a few months of soaking in the spring, Father Mahoney indicated the discomfort

from his condition had gone.

The news of the healing properties of the spring caused settlers to flock to Rotorua, seeking the waters’ miracle for themselves.

Te Pupūnitanga spring later became known as the Priest’s Bath.

Ram raids ‘taking a toll’

Four Square targeted for fourth time in four months

by Alison Smith, Bay of Plenty Times

THAMES — When Jaswinda Singh’s Thames store was ram-raided recently, it was the fourth time in just over four months and it has taken its toll on him.

Singh’s Four Square on Pollen Street, the Coromandel Peninsula town’s main road, was hit in the early hours of Anzac Day. Security cameras this time showed there was one person in a car, one inside and three standing out front. A vehicle smashed through the storefront that had just been repaired and bulldozed a counter and freezer.

“You can see from the security footage they know they can walk away easily,” Singh said.

“If they can drive, they can do these things. They should be responsible for the damage.”

It was the fourth hit since just before Christmas. The store was targeted on December 18, then December 30, January 8 and Anzac Day.

Everything is being repaired through insurance, but insurance premiums rise, there are delays, stock losses, staff jitters and for Singh, the dread as he goes to bed at night.

“It definitely affects your life. I have no social life,” Singh said. “I’m not really sleeping.”

Known and adored by local elderly customers for whom he takes orders and delivers goods, Singh often goes the extra mile for his community.

Like him, long-time residents are confused and angry that ram raids are happening all over town.

Boarded-up shops, signs that read,

“Yes, we are open”, and makeshift barriers installed on the footpath by store owners themselves are not signs of renovation.

Businesses smashed in recent ram raids include Singh’s Four Square, the Spark store, Stirling Sports, Noel Leeming and Gull — all on Thames’ main street.

Locals keep visiting, buying goods to keep the plywood front shop doors open, sharing their worries and suggestions with staff.

“Thames has a very high percentage of elderly residents and people with high needs such as poor sight, hearing or a disability, and safety should be the number one priority,”

said one elderly resident, who asked not to be named.

“Jaswinda is the heart of our community. People need to realise that it is impacting them as it is going to put up their insurance premiums.”

The raids are so frequent that Singh can’t find tradesmen to keep up with repairs.

Down the road at a boarded-up Stirling Sports, that is a concern for the shop’s owners too. Between \$13,000 and \$15,000 of new stock, delivered just the day before the ram raid, was stolen.

Two weeks ago Maree and Andrew Trow were woken at 3.45am by security calls alerting them to multiple alarms at their Stirling Sports store in the township.

It was the second hit on their store in two years.

“I knew they had gained access because of the multiple activations so I threw on some clothes and headed there,” Maree earlier told The New Zealand Herald.

As the Trows stood talking with police they got a call to say the Spark store down the road had also been hit.

CCTV footage at Stirling Sports showed four or five offenders with their hoods up and wearing gloves ransacking the store of men’s clothing and caps.

“They took a substantial amount of clothing and were out in three minutes,” Maree said.

“We have been through this a few times now — they are getting glorified.”

The couple were “toughened” to the break-ins but Maree said that was wearing thin and they wanted action at a governmental level.

Police saw a noticeable increase in burglaries, ram raids and robberies across the district a year ago and reported this through the Hauraki-Coromandel Post.

“Most of them are happening at night. If you happen to be a shift worker or are out and about at night keep your eyes peeled for anything suspicious and call police immediately if you see anything dodgy or unusual,” Waihi police said.

“Police can’t be everywhere all the time. We need the community’s help to catch the criminals causing harm.”

The ram raids are not only in the

‘These businesses need to know they have the support of our community, council and Government, which has until recently denied there is anything going on’

—Coromandel MP Scott Simpson

Thames area. They are also in Coromandel, Whitianga and Waitakaruru.

Coromandel MP Scott Simpson said he had talked to many victims of ram raids in his electorate, in Thames, Waitakaruru and Whitianga.

“It is just heartbreaking,” he said. “Talking to owners and staff, it is not just physical damage and costs, it is having a big impact on their emotional wellbeing.”

“People have come into the impacted stores and made purchases, dropped off flowers and someone else delivered chocolates. This is how our community responds and that’s terrific, but it doesn’t take away the blatant behaviour and what they’re doing to innocent people.

“These businesses need to know they have the support of our community, council and Government, which has until recently denied there is anything going on. Questions need to be asked about parental control and responsibility,” Simpson said.

“When 12 and 13-year-olds are doing ram raids at 3am, parents have got some serious questions to answer.

“In the likely event they are caught, there will be almost no actions on their criminal behaviour, which sends the wrong message to others.”

He believed closed groups on social media were acting as avenues to “egg each other on”.

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If it has already happened call 105. If it’s happening now call 111.

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Principal goes door-knocking to fight student absenteeism

by Avina Vidyadharan,
Northern Advocate

WHANGĀREI — A Whangārei school principal says he is not afraid of door-knocking and having important conversations with parents and whānau about student absenteeism.

Portland School is a bronze-winning rural Enviroschool that has seen student growth of 200 percent in the last two years.

Principal Shane Nicholas is confident the school is one of the fastest-growing in Whangārei.

The primary school provides education for children in Years 1 to 6, with more than 65 percent of the children identifying as Māori, and approximately 13 percent of Pacific heritage, as of July last year.

Nicholas said the school provided free lunches — prepared with school-grown fresh produce — stationery, and transportation to students to improve student attendance, which remained above 90 percent on average, pre-Covid lockdown last year.

“If the children are absent, I go door-knocking and get them into the car to school. We have to show them the high expectations we have

got for them.”

However, Nicholas said it was only possible because of the small size of the school.

“Students who have had attendance problems in the past, once they come here, the engagement level and building relationships with whānau have helped to get them to school.

“A lot of our families may come from a low socio-economic background, didn’t particularly have good experiences at other schools, so they are automatically shy,” Nicholas said.

Teachers and principals were generally perceived as intimidating, Nicholas said — and it was about “breaking down those barriers”.

The principal said although the school’s ideology is centred around three goals — wellbeing, being an active and global citizen, and curriculum — student wellbeing remained a priority.

Nicholas said he was proud of their “diving into passion” programme, which runs one day a week, where the whole school is divided into four groups to work on school beautification, art, coding and technology, and building rat traps.

This was aligned with the “Tuakana-teina” Māori model of learning.

With regards to the history of Aotearoa New Zealand, Nicholas said they had grabbed the bull by the horns and were aiming to be the poster children for that.

“It is something we hold close with the localised curriculum and are going through the process of gathering local stories of the area. We want to know who our heroes are and what values they show.”

Ngā Iti Kahurangi is improving classrooms in around 600 small or remote schools across Aotearoa, at no cost to the schools, and Portland School has become the 50th school to benefit from it.

Tamariki, kaimahi, contractors and the Ministry of Education came together to celebrate the milestone and to show their appreciation for the school’s new LED lights, acoustic panels and insulation, and residual current devices for electrical safety.

Ngā iti Kahurangi — Improving Classrooms in Small or Remote Schools — got under way in November last year with its aim that by mid-2024, around 600 schools would have received upgrades.



PASSIONATE PRINCIPAL: Portland School principal Shane Nicholas looks at a Monarch butterfly found by one of his students. Northern Advocate picture

SHAKY HOSPITALS

Seismic risk assessments exposing widespread issues

by Phil Pennington, RNZ

WELLINGTON — Hutt Hospital’s Heretaunga block is just the latest of many medical facilities around the country deemed at risk of a seismic event.

Wellington Hospital has to move its Emergency Department because its structure might fail in a quake, and Hawke’s Bay Hospital can’t instal its new MRI scanner.

They are the latest shaky hospitals juggling earthquake risks.

After RNZ queried a 2020 Capital and Coast risk assessment, the DHB confirmed it has to move the ED — the assessment says Wellington’s ED has “potential areas of building structure and services failure risk in event of a large seismic occurrence”.

Hawke’s Bay Hospital told RNZ it can’t put its new MRI scanner in because there’s not enough space under the building for the steelwork needed to seismically strengthen it. That dashes hope it would be in use early next year to speed up diagnoses.

In addition, two more blocks at Middlemore Hospital in south Auckland have recently been found to be quake-prone, or under 34 percent under the New Building Standard.

These are the Colvin building which contains some wards and rehab rooms, and the Western campus building with some clinical services.

Hutt Hospital is also grappling with how, and how quickly, to deal with its major ward block newly rated as quake-prone.

Taranaki, Hawke’s Bay and Canterbury are also caught up in seismic struggles, among others.

Asked if it knew of any other DHBs facing possible or inevitable disruption due to seismic weakness, Health New Zealand did not say.

A request to Health NZ for an update of the number of important (IL3 and IL4) hospital buildings that are quake-prone, is being addressed as an OIA request that will take weeks to answer; in 2020, the number nationwide was 52.

Health New Zealand takes over from DHBs, and takes on their seismic liabilities, in July.

Health Minister Andrew Little said Health NZ will have a dedicated infrastructure unit with an external advisory group.

“I am confident that all relevant expertise will be available to it,” Little said.

Refurbishing, or demolishing and rebuilding hospital clinical buildings is hugely complicated by the need to keep treating patients.

The Budget on Thursday set aside \$1.3 billion for capital projects in hospitals, focused on Nelson, Hillmorton in Canterbury and the largest slice, \$572 million for Whangārei Hospital.

The Australasian College for Emergency Medicine sounded a caution, “ACEM’s members report that much of the infrastructure in NZ is outdated, and, at times, dangerous.

“However, the College warns that a concurrent focus on the workforce is required to staff any updated, or existing hospital systems.”

Capital and Coast DHB played down the need to shift the ED.

“The shifting of services is not uncommon as we look to make the best use of our spaces,” it said. Staff knew about the shift.

It had looked at whether to fix the ED, but decided on relocation within the main Wellington Regional Hospital building. It did not provide a timeline or budget.

What will be done with the large space left behind is not clear, since it is only 34 percent of NBS, on the boundary between quake-prone and quake-risk.

The problem with an Importance Level 4 (IL4) building like an ED is it must be operational immediately after an earthquake or other disaster. It is “therefore assessed against a much higher standard than other buildings”, the DHB said.

The regional hospital, opened 13 years ago at a cost of \$350m, was said to be “designed to withstand major earthquakes”.

Taranaki DHB has some of the lowest rating clinical service buildings, at just 10 percent NBS, with four clinical buildings, one office building and three underground tunnels rated quake-prone, in total, it told RNZ.

“Our responsibility was to address the issue within 12 and half years, and we are well ahead of this time frame,” said Taranaki DHB acting chief executive Gill Campbell.

It was getting a large new clinical building by 2025, and new Renal Unit and Energy Centre shortly.

Hawke’s Bay Hospital said it was taking a new look at where to put its new MRI, and that should be done by the end of July.

Its seismic assessments make grim reading. It has been doing strengthening at its acute services buildings including radiology.

But like other DHBs, it is caught up in the further complication of looming changes in the National Seismic Hazard Model, with a revised model out later this year.

Christchurch, like Wellington and Hawke’s Bay exposed to high seismic risks, is this year fixing two key buildings used by patients, the Parkside and Riverside. These have exterior cladding panels that are earthquake-prone.

In low-risk Auckland, Middlemore now has six buildings identified as quake-prone.

The multi-storey Galbraith, at just 20 percent NBS, houses birthing, maternity, women’s health and oncology among other things.

The plan now is to demolish it by 2035, the Counties Manukau DHB told RNZ.

The headache of deciding what to do and when was emphasised by the Hutt Valley DHB over its benighted Heretaunga Block.

“The decision was significant and complex, and required balancing a range of factors — such as engineering advice, and the Hutt Valley DHB’s health and safety duties,” it said.

“It also took into account the DHB’s responsibilities more broadly as an employer, landlord, healthcare provider, and public entity.

“The Board took into account the direct impact on the delivery of medical services, social and economic impacts, opportunities for seismic risk mitigation, health and safety, community impacts, and operational and strategic feasibility — including the availability of alternative locations and service provision.”

Nelson’s Civic House labelled quake-prone

NELSON — Nelson City Council has announced that two earthquake-prone building notices have been applied to its home at Civic House.



Council was notified last Thursday by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment of two risks identified in the building, including the bracing of the Tower Block roof which has been deemed “high risk”, while ceiling tiles throughout various parts of Civic House have been found to not meet New Building Standards (NBS).

Nelson mayor Rachel Reese addressed the earthquake notices at the start of Thursday’s full council meeting which, due to the notices, had to be held over Zoom.

“We will have more questions as to how we got here,” said Reese.

Reese questioned the timeframe in which the council were made aware of the notices and accompanying risks.

“As I understand it, the notice was meant to be with the ministry in April and we need to understand why people who are using the building were not advised of that either immediately or in preparation for that process,” she said.

Council staff have been relocated from the building’s sixth floor for safety.

Council undertook support work in 2021 to instal suspension wires and add braces to the 39-year-old building’s internal partitions.

A building is labelled earthquake-prone once it is found to be less than 34 percent of NBS. For parts of Civic House, a third-party report commissioned by the council found that some ceiling tiles have been rated at less than 10 percent of NBS.

The council’s chief executive, Pat Dougherty, said the council’s focus was on staff and their wellbeing. “It comes down to safety and managing risk. In the case of the ceiling tiles, a preliminary safety assessment has not found any reason for the building to be immediately vacated, but this assessment now needs to be externally reviewed and this will be done urgently,” he said.

Elected members will have the opportunity to question the risks and processes of these findings at an upcoming Audit, Risk and Finance subcommittee meeting scheduled for 24 May. — RNZ

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Gisborne District Council

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Meetings

AGM
Invitation to all shareholders of block B4B2B Kaiawa, Tokomaru Bay.
Sunday 5th June 2022 at 10am, 3527 Waiapu Road, Tokomaru Bay.

AGENDA
Trustee Overview. Trust Finances, Review of trust and its terms. Replacement of Trustees. Future plans for use of whenua. Housing development. Lease opportunities. Payment of rates. General business.
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Meetings

HAUORA TAIRĀWHITI BOARD AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice is given of the following meetings:
TUESDAY 24th May 2022
9am Hiwa I Te Rangi (Final Meeting)
11am Te Waiora o Nukutaimemeha
2pm Finance, Risk & Audit Committee (Final Meeting)
Venue: Hauora Tairāwhiti Boardroom
TUESDAY 31st May 2022
9am Hauora Tairāwhiti Board
The public is welcome to attend the 'Public Included' section of these meetings onsite, social distancing requirements will be in place. Or for the Board meeting only, by accessing the live stream - Go to Youtube and search 'Hauora Tairāwhiti'
Agenda and supporting papers will be available for the meeting from www.hauoratairāwhiti.org.nz/board-meetings-and-papers/ 3 days prior to the meeting.
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Meetings

Turanga Ngahere, Turanga Tangata Annual General Meetings

For the Owners and Trustees of the Blocks listed Below
Start Time: 9.30am, Sunday 29 May 2022
Place: Waikanae Surf Club Function Room

Blocks

New Trusts	Hauomatuku 3A2A	Mangatu No 2. O
	Manukawhitikitiki 2F1A2	Okahuatū No 2E
	Tangihanga 1B	Tangutuhanui 1B2B
	Whaitiri 1F4	Waihora 2B1B
	Waihora C2	Waihora C1
	Waipaoa No 1E	
Existing Trusts	Hauomatuku 9B	Okahuatū 1E
	Waipaoa 3B	Waipaoa 1A1

- Kaupapa**
1. Roll Call
 2. Update Ngahere Project
 3. Project Financial Report
 4. Turanga Ngahere General Partner Ltd.
 5. Trustee Amendments - For the following 5 blocks:

Hauomatuku 3A2A Appoint trustee	Hauomatuku 9B Remove and replace trustees
Manukawhitikitiki 2F1A1 Appoint trustee	Okahuatū 1E Remove a trustee
Okahuatū No 2E Remove a trustee	

6. Limited Liability Partnership and Forestry Right Agreements.
7. General Business

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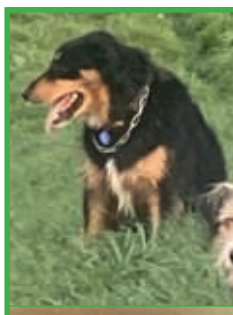
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- Executive Assistant to the Kaihautū
- Senior Finance Officer
- Office Administrator

Manager - Hinenui:
This new position reports to the Kaihautū and works closely with the Business Development and Finance Manager to form the leadership team. You will have a strong background in Government relationships, proven experience in applying for and managing contracts, and proven experience in managing people and capability. The role will focus on Environmental, Cultural, Education, Housing, and Whānau Oranga. We have ambitious plans for our uri and are looking for someone to shape and lead this into reality.

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The EA reports and works closely with the Kaihautū and supports the Board and leadership team. You will be well organised with excellent communication and planning skills, and able to liaise with staff and our whanau. You will also be the Board secretary and manage the needs of the Board, and the sub-committees of the Board.

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Applications close at 4pm, Friday 2nd June 2022.

Wiremu Elliott



Personal

The Play by Denthepen

I dreamed that I had passed away, felled by the march of time. No guardians at the 'Pearly Gates', free entry there is mine. In the distance is a golden hall, within a castles auric light. I gain entry to that golden hall, much to my soul's delight.. Within I see a table; below a sign, 'Epiphany'; A golden throne marked with my name, assuredly for me.

I take then my appointed seat and see other souls around, Adolph Hitler, Trump, Genghis Khan, and others can be found. Pot Pot, Caligula, and many more; in vision I can see.

I am sat among great sinners, 'Oh Dear Lord, how can this be?' 'There is no Lord among us here', said a soul named simply 'Pope'. 'For we are simply actors, who perform 'neath temporal scope.'

'No sins are held against us as we await our next temporal role; Penning our own cosmic scripts; for parts dramatic, brave, or droll. But I know you should not be here, your footlights have not dimmed. Not crossed over among those of us whose scripts are rightly binned. You did not exist stage right or left, so indeed you are not dead. So still clutching your script you will awake, in your fine feather bed.'

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By Dennis Pennefather

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And a little flight of fancy with a little philosophy within

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Two people have a common, horrible event in their lives. Years later, one is sweet and the other bitter. Why? We want to avoid the obvious, we want to give excuses but the fact is choice. One believed choice was greater than the past. The other did not.

I read this week of the tragic car accident that took the life of Aussie Cricket star, Andrew Symonds. The sad story that emerged though, was that Andrew went through a downward spiral at the height of his career, after he was allegedly called a 'Monkey' on the Cricket field by the Indian player Harbhajan Singh. The incident was not handled well by authorities, but Symonds allowed it to affect him to the point where binge drinking and personal problems took a huge toll on him, and it all started with being called "a monkey".

Hardly a day goes by now without the news media reporting someone deeply offended by a 'racist' remark. It is easy for any of us to get caught up in the drug of victimisation. The way out begins with recognising the truth, that I am choosing to remain a victim.

The Apostle Paul asked the rhetorical question; "If God be for us, who can be against us?" The answer can only be, absolutely no one and nothing can be against us. Where am I today choosing to place my focus? Look first of all to Jesus Christ and you will find true perspective in any difficulty, insult or suffering you may face.

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Perfect records in Reedy, Skudder's sights

FROM PAGE 32

He was also a member of the six-man Park team who won the 2000 final and played a starring role. Akroyd beat Poverty Bay's Dean Twigley in a sudden-death playoff which lasted five holes.

Akroyd was also in each of the Patutahi sides who won the Oligoi from 2012-2014. And he played in Poverty Bay teams who won it 2006 and 2007.

Patutahi (2) lost their "local derby" in the final round-robin tie of the 2022 series on Saturday morning.

They were dealt a 6-2 beating by their No.1 team, who will no doubt hold that one over them whatever happens in

tomorrow's final.

Tahi (2) shrugged off that disappointment with a 7-1 team win over Te Puia Springs in the afternoon semis.

No.2 and YMP premier club team rugby skipper Shayde Skudder has been in commanding form in the rounds in which he has been available to play.

On Saturday, Skudder cruised to a 6 and 5 win over Regan Hindmarsh (Patutahi 1) in the morning, then dispatched Thomas Donovan (Te Puia) 4 and 3.

Donovan went into that clash on a six-from-six win streak — the only player to have done so.

Skudder, on five wins, and Reedy are now the only players with 100 percent records.

Patutahi (2) No.1 Eddie Brown Jr, after copping a 13th-hole hiding from Dwayne Russell (Patutahi 1) in the morning, halved with William Brown in the semi.

No.3 Hukanui Brown and No.4 Dean Pohatu also had wins against a Springs side down in firepower with the absence of Andrew Higham.

Poverty Bay's hopes of retaining the title ended with a 4-all draw with Te Puia Springs in the morning.

No.1 Simon Jeune had a 1-up win over Brown while No.4 Nick Richardson chalked up his fifth victory of the series in beating Springs recruit Rios Moleta, who it should be pointed out has a WHS Handicap Index of 16.4.

Richardson's is 6.3 and Moleta's other opponent on the day — Hukanui Brown in the semifinals — is on 3.6.

The afternoon also featured a playoff for the wooden spoon.

Patutahi (1) whitewashed Park (2) 8-0 to go into a playoff for fifth against Poverty Bay tomorrow while Tolaga Bay and Te Puia Springs will contest third.

■ The match-ups for the Oligoi final between Electrinet Park (1) and Patutahi (2) have been confirmed.

They are (Park names first): Daniel Collier v Eddie Brown Jr, Tony Akroyd v Shayde Skudder, Anaru Reedy v Hukanui Brown and Peter Stewart v Dean Pohatu.

Action in junior games never lets up

BASKETBALL by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

IF you're in for a penny with the GBA, you're in for a pound.

The Gisborne Basketball Association committee under chairwoman Kylie Turuwhenua-Tapsell has been hard at work this month with the secondary schools' leagues — Division 1 at the John McFarlane Memorial Sports Centre on Wednesday nights, Division 2 at the same on Friday nights.

Gisborne Boys' High School Senior A captain Sebastian Wilson is player-coach of the D1 Carbon, coaches GBHS Junior Emerald in D2 and led the Senior A crew to the Trident invitational tournament final in Whakatane on Wednesday.

That's what "in for a penny, in for a pound" means.

GBHS Senior B opened Week 3 with the biggest upset of Division 1 so far, a 53-52 win against the previously unbeaten Carbon (Wilson 26 points, Ngaru Grayson 10) but the B's speed and hustle kept them within four points of the more fancied team.

The scores were tied 21-all at the end of the first period; following the resumption, Grayson made a finger-roll for two points, Wilson punished the Bs for turning the ball over at half-court and then blocked Weighn Wilson's baseline three-point shot from the right corner with the B team up 27-25. Karta Paea (14pts) of GBHS B finished a difficult play low-left of the hoop against big Will Collier for 31-29; the Carbon titan levelled the scores, 31-all, at the next opportunity.

His skipper made a three-point play for 37-33 that would have broken hearts

less stout.

Even in the fourth quarter, the action never slowed up. Weighn Wilson stole the ball from Grayson and flew the length of the court for 43-39. Finally it was Paea who — with three seconds left to play — went end to end for a right-hand lay-up to win the game.

Allies Rangihuna (35pts) and Haora Kerekere-Puke (16) dominated Game 2 for Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Nga Uri a Maui-Hawaiiki Hou. Rangihuna is a natural scorer, while Kerekere-Puke was ultra-impressive in his crew's 70-50 win against GBHS Junior Crimson.

Crimson's Ollie Tong hit a three-pointer from the top of the key and made an incredible lay-up right-side on his way out of court to draw Gisborne Boys' within 11 (GBHS 19-Nga Uri 30) but the game turned on Kerekere-Puke.

The burly forward featured in one of the comic plays of Week 3. Outstanding referee Ethan Ngarangione-Pearson called a charge on the TKKM strongman for lurching into Crimson forward Max Hammond under the basket 14 seconds before halftime.

Rangihuna soon thereafter supplied a circus shot on the run, going between his legs with a dribble and "mooning" the lay-up (touch off the backboard, no contact with the hoop) at 40-29.

Running the Senior Bs' boiler with Carbon close in terms of an unexpected result was the GBHS Junior Premiers' 52-49 win against the Lytton High School Seniors.

Times have changed. No junior team would have come within 30 points of the Ritana (LHS) Bulls of the 1990s.

Lytton captain Tasman Guirau (who

led all scorers in Game 3 with 18 points) and forward Caleb Poole (16) were, as usual, solid for the older team. Kahurangi Leach-Waihi (13) was the only Junior Prem to score in double figures, but contributions of nine (Clinton Tarei), eight (James McKay) and eight (Devin Waititi-Leach) — useful per se — were invaluable in the context of events.

Felix Sparks' court-sense has grown immeasurably because of the GBA's development programme and the Junior Prem guard gave the crowd of 120 a good look at that, with a drive left of the hoop and soft-touch finish for 6-6 and a superb give-and-go play with Waititi-Leach, right side of the court, for 8-6. In the third period, Sparks' dribble-penetration created space for Waititi-Leach to hit a three-pointer on the right wing.

Lytton rallied in the fourth quarter. The Prem's Kahurangi Leach-Waihi made a breakaway lay-up and then hit a 20-foot shot that would have ended the fight on another occasion, but the visitors did not concede.

Flex McGhee produced two field goals late under pressure, the second of which drew Lytton agonisingly close at 44-43.

GBA chairwoman Kylie Turuwhenua-Tapsell — along with the sporting public — has marvelled at what she's seen in both divisions: "We're really impressed with the players' enthusiasm and the turnout to these positive events."

Safin Tuwairua-Brown signed off for GBHS Senior Diesel in the last Division 1 Week 3 game with 29 points in the hosts' 69-59 win against the Champion College Seniors.

Tuwairua-Brown, brother of the best offensive player — Tyrese Tuwairua-

Brown — that GBHS has produced since Hosea Gear led Frank Russell-coached teams in 2000-2001, hit the first long jump-shot of the contest and later changed gears on the drive left-side for 27-18.

His teammate Cody Tarei made a grand three-point play in the lead-up to halftime. Unfortunately for Champion, their very capable captain, the bustling Robert Fysh, committed four fouls before the break.

This can affect how aggressive a player can afford to be at either end of the court. Fysh nonetheless put up 18 and Max Vanderbilt 20 for the college.

Hard-working GBHS forward Tobias Horsfield ran the floor to finish on a breakaway for 40-28.

Horsfield's teammate Rioss McHugh is a great young competitor; referee Lawrence Mulligan is a great man for basketball.

The latter deserves high praise for fielding the Diesel guard's third-quarter query with patience. Players must know that to get a handle on how a game's being run is to their advantage — and a good referee is empathetic, not soft.

That situation was well-handled.

Horsfield hit a 22-foot shot 51 seconds from fulltime for 69-55. GBA referee assessor and life member Clifton Blumfield liked what he saw from the teenage officials as much as the players.

"These young referees' mechanics are improving," he said.

"They're standing still when they need to — Will Collier is more assured and confident when signalling to the score-bench, and Felix Sparks and Seth Miller are now calling fouls."

Prestigious win at Ohope

BOWLS by Trevor Mills

IT was a great day for Glenys Whiteman (skip), Marie Wright (3), Dayvinia Mills (2) and Ngamiro Allen (lead) when they won the Ohope Bowling Club's prestigious Paradise Women's Open Fours.

The tournament attracted 28 teams from all over the North Island.

The Whiteman four won all seven of their games. They were the only team to achieve a perfect record and so were outright winners of the tournament.

They defeated teams from Te Awamutu (21-4), Te Puke (14-8), Ohope (11-8), Auckland Composite (12-8), Mairangi Bay North Shore (11-5), Pukekohe (13-8) and another one from Ohope (12-10, their last and toughest match) to secure the tournament win with a total match differential of plus-44.

Of the two outdoor carpet greens used over the two days, the back green proved the more challenging.

The club is waiting for a new carpet to replace it.

The Ohope Club has to be congratulated for organising and running the event to a high standard.

Once again, the catering provided for



TOURNEY SUCCESS: Paradise Women's Open Fours winners were (from left) Ngamiro Allen (lead), Glenys Whiteman (skip), Marie Wright (3) and Dayvinia Mills (2). They were the only team to record seven wins from seven games. Picture supplied

all the teams was top class.

A point of interest to local bowlers was that the skip of the runners-up — who

had six wins and a draw — was former Kahutia bowler Denise Te Momo, who now plays out of Te Awamutu.

Klopp promises to keep heat on Man City

FOOTBALL

LIVERPOOL manager Juergen Klopp insists his side will not stop in their pursuit of Manchester City and trophies whatever the outcome of the title race this weekend.

The Reds face Wolves at the weekend needing to better City's result against Aston Villa, managed by former Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard, to claim a record-equalling 20th championship and a domestic treble.

They also have a Champions League final reunion with Real Madrid in Paris on May 28 but even if they miss out on one or both Klopp says his side will not go away next season.

"Whatever happens on Sunday we will not stop. We will not stop trying," he said.

"Yes, we have the best opponent in world football, which is a bit of a shame, but they have us in their neck, which is not too cool as well. So let's see." — AAP

Team win swag of Midlands medals

TRAMPOLINING

GISBORNE Trampoline Club took a 31-strong team to the Midlands Trampoline and Tumbling Champs in Rotorua last weekend.

They returned with 27 medals — 15 gold, five silver and seven bronze.

The club had one of the largest teams that had travelled to the competition. Many of them were competing for the first time.

All performed well but some stood out.

Porsha Warren-Hillman, competing in the 10-and-under age group, was again outstanding. She won gold in tumbling, trampoline and double mini.

Head coach Doug Callahan said she would keep building on her strengths to ready herself for the national stage, where she would meet her South Island competitors for the first time.

James van Aswegen distinguished himself again by taking the gold in trampoline and double mini. He, too, would hope to replicate those placings at the nationals at Invercargill, Callahan said.

Nina Buscke stepped up to take bronze in trampoline — her first medal, obtained for a great effort and well-deserved placing.

"Nina and James van Aswegen are developing into amazing coaches and are working well through their coaching exams," Callahan said.

"Their attitude to the sport presents them as excellent role models, and the young athletes learn so much through their example."



MEDALLISTS: Gisborne Trampoline Club members came back from the Midlands Trampoline and Tumbling Champs in Rotorua with 27 medals. Pictured with their medals are, back (from left): Haley Rolls, James van Aswegen, Sophie Chambers, Ngature Tuhura, Porsha Warren-Hillman, Nina Buscke, Tegan Hayward and Lily Arnold. Front: Sophie Rolls, Lucy Spence, Connor Brooks, Thomas Bull, Hamiora Pardoe, Jaxon Pardoe and Tyler Sheldrake.

Picture by Liam Clayton

Callahan said he greatly appreciated their help. "Another one to watch is Haley Rolls, who won three gold medals competing in Youth International division trampoline, tumbling and DMT (double mini tramp)," Callahan said.

"Three young ones competing for the first time out of Gisborne deserve special mention. These were Lucy Spence, Hamiora Pardoe and Thomas Bull.

"All three competed in the eight-

and-under division with Hamiora and Thomas collecting both gold and silver medals and Lucy, silver and bronze, so they had the age group well covered — a tremendous first-time competition."

All who competed in the club's huge team deserved congratulations on their great attitude, Callahan said. Thanks were also due to Gisborne's Natalya Barber, who judged through two days of competition. "We have 10 who have met

national level entry. They are Tegan Hayward, Lily Arnold, Haley Rolls, James van Aswegen, Ngature Tuhura, Oliver Tilghman, Jaxon Pardoe, Porsha Warren-Hillman, Bella Campbell-Reidy and Tyler Sheldrake. Others could be added to that list with a step up in their level at the next competition at the Icon Club in Auckland next weekend."

Gisborne results from the Midlands Trampoline and

Tumbling Champs in Rotorua — TRAMPOLINE

8 and under, women: Sophie Rolls, gold; Lucy Spence, silver.

Men: Hamiora Pardoe, gold; Thomas Bull, silver.

10 and under, women: Porsha Warren-Hillman, gold. **Men:** Tyler Sheldrake, bronze.

15/16 years, women: Tegan Hayward, bronze.

17-plus, women: Nina Buscke, bronze. **Men:** James van Aswegen, gold.

Youth international, women: Haley Rolls, gold.

Sub junior international, men: Ngature Tuhura, silver.

Junior international, women: Lily Arnold, bronze.

DOUBLE MINI TRAMP

8 and under, women: Sophie Rolls, gold; Lucy Spence, bronze.

Men: Thomas Bull, gold; Hamiora Pardoe, silver.

10 and under, women: Porsha Hillman, gold. **Men:** Connor Brooks, silver.

15/16yr, women: Tegan Hayward, bronze.

17-plus, men: James van Aswegen, gold.

Youth international, women: Haley Rolls, gold.

Junior international, women: Lily Arnold, bronze.

TUMBLING

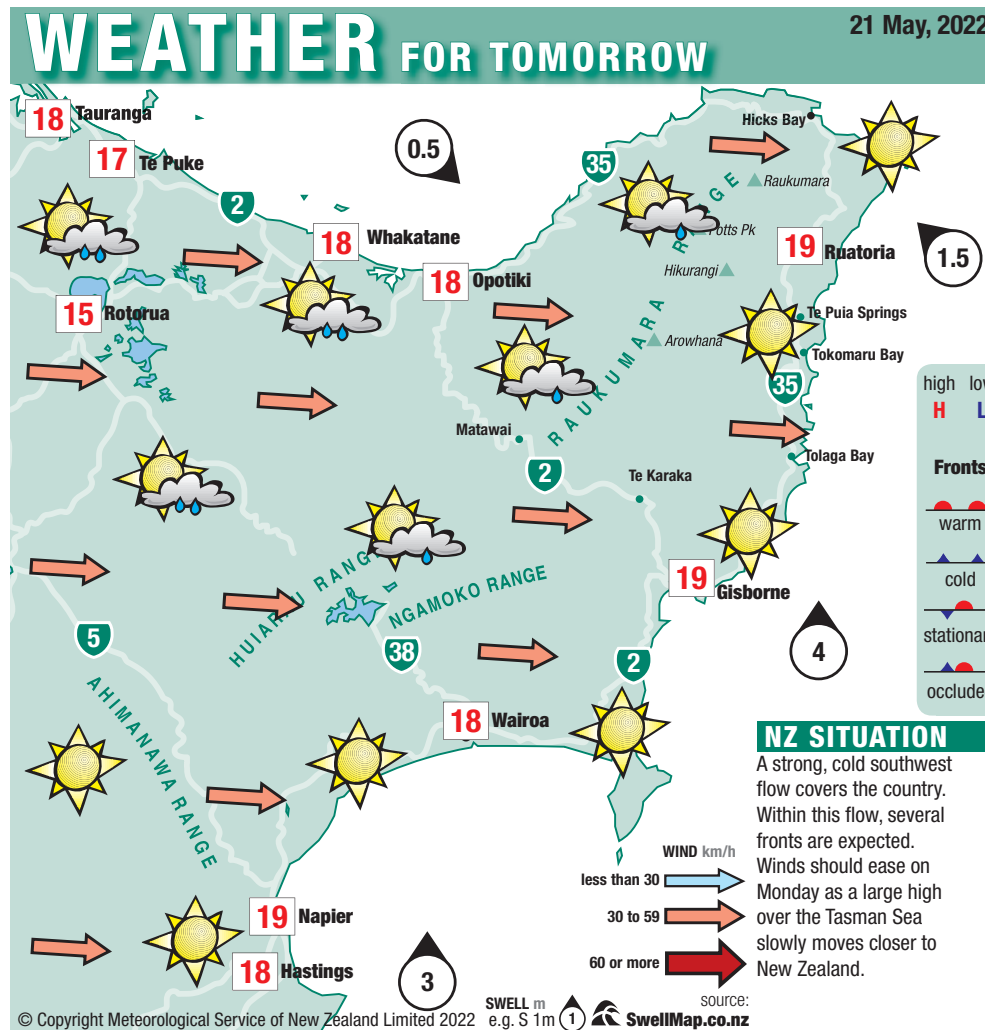
10 and under, women: Porsha Warren-Hillman, gold.

11/12yr, men: Jaxon Pardoe, gold.

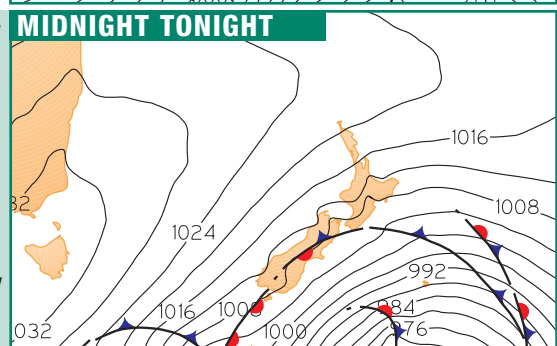
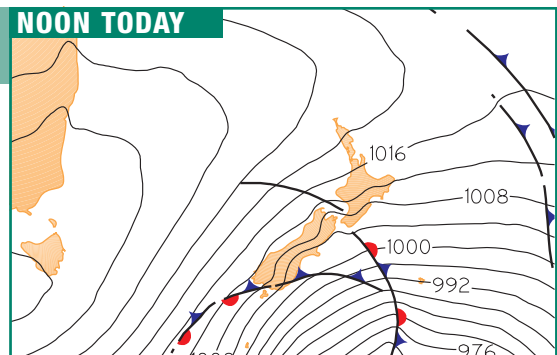
13/14yr, women: Sophie Chambers, gold.

Junior international, women: Lily Arnold, gold.

Youth international, women: Haley Rolls, gold.

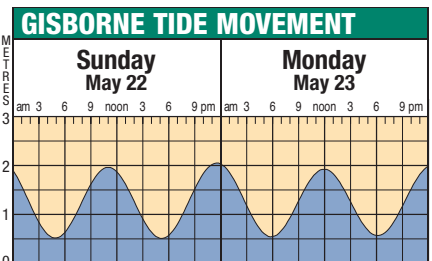


GISBORNE CITY		MONDAY		TUESDAY	
TOMORROW	morning min 8 max 19 Fine. Fresh westerlies.	morning min 9 max 16 Fine, brief morning showers. W turning S for a time.	morning min 9 max 16 Fine.	morning min 5 max 17 Fine.	morning min 5 max 17 Northwesterlies developing.
GISBORNE REGION		WEDNESDAY			
Fine. Fresh westerlies.		Fine with westerlies.		Fine. Northwesterlies developing.	



NZ SITUATION		NZ TOMORROW	
A strong, cold southwest flow covers the country. Within this flow, several fronts are expected. Winds should ease on Monday as a large high over the Tasman Sea slowly moves closer to New Zealand.		Auckland	showers 18
		Hamilton	showers 17
		Tauranga	showers 18
		Rotorua	showers 15
		Taupo	showers 14
		Napier	fine 19
		New Plymouth	showers 17
		Palmerston North	showers 16
		Wellington	fine 16
		Christchurch	showers 15
		Queenstown	fine 11
		Dunedin	showers 12

GIBSORNE READINGS		TODAY IN HISTORY	
Taken at the Airport, for the 17 hours to 5pm, Friday 20 May 2022		1996 — Much of the North Island, especially the northern half, experienced heavy rain and thunderstorms. Some of the heaviest falls occurred in Pukekohe where a school was closed after the rain swept part of a potato field into the school grounds. Two people were hospitalised after their house toppled during a mudslide 30km from Opatiki.	
SUNSHINE hours	4.9	For the latest weather info including Weather Warnings visit metservice.com	
On Thursday, 19 May	95.5		
To date for May	146.0		
Average for May	832.4		
To date this year	868		
Average year to date			
WIND km/h	NW 69		
Max gust to 5pm, Fri 20 May			
RAINFALL mm	7.2		
24 hours to 9am, Fri 20 May	40.7		
To date for May	88.0		
Average for May	636.5		
To date this year	306.0		
To date last year			
EVAPOTRANSPIRATION mm	1.4		
Daily average for past week			
TEMPERATURE °C	19.0		
Maximum to 5pm	10.6		
Minimum	4.8		
Grass minimum			
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE	1002.0		
At 5pm 20 May (hPa)	29.59		
At 5pm 20 May (inches)			



SUN-MOON-MAORI FISHING GUIDE	
Rise 7:08 am Set 5:00 pm	Rise 7:09 am Set 5:00 pm
Set 12:56 pm Rise 11:16 pm	Set 1:29 pm
Best at 5:35 am 6:02 pm	Best at 6:28 am 6:52 pm

WORLD TOMORROW	
Adelaide	fine 11 21
Amsterdam	showers 8 21
Bangkok	rain 25 28
Beijing	fine 19 34
Berlin	cloudy 10 19
Brisbane	showers 16 22
Buenos Aires	fine 10 21
Cairo	fine 17 29
Canberra	fine 3 16
Cape Town	fine 12 17
Delhi	drizzle 28 40
Frankfurt	fine 10 26
Geneva	fine 15 29
Hong Kong	showers 24 28
London	fine 12 23
Los Angeles	fine 14 23
Melbourne	fine 5 14
Moscow	fine 6 13
New York	showers 22 33
Paris	fine 12 25
Perth	showers 12 24
Singapore	showers 25 34
Stockholm	cloudy 6 17
Suva	showers 22 29
Sydney	showers 14 19
Tokyo	cloudy 15 24
Toronto	showers 13 20



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BALLS 4 ALL

ONE FOR YOU AND ONE FOR YOU AND ONE FOR YOU . . . Junior rugby players each received a Gilbert ball from Poverty Bay Rugby Football Union, thanks to the sponsorship of Bayleys Gisborne. This year 1000 balls were handed out to all registered junior players through the Balls 4 All initiative. Picture by Liam Clayton

RUGBY

It was raining rugby balls at junior training sessions at Barry Park yesterday and every kid who attended headed home with one.

For the third year running, Poverty Bay Rugby Football Union has been able to provide a rugby ball to every registered junior club player, thanks to the ongoing sponsorship of Bayleys Gisborne.

"We're trying to remove as many barriers as possible for our young people to be active and get out and do the things they love with friends and whanau," PBRFU chief executive Josh Willoughby said.

"Putting a ball in every young rugby player's hands means they have what they need to train and play a game. That's what the Bayleys Ball 4 All initiative does."

"Simon Bousefield from Bayleys

approached us a few years ago and wanted to do something to help young rugby players and the community.

"At the time, we were working with our clubs to help get registrations in early to provide certainty of teams and things like uniforms and coaching requirements.

"What better way to help clubs do this than providing a free ball to every kid who registered early. It wasn't long before we had

800 registered players and 800 balls out in the community," Willoughby said.

"This year the numbers have grown to 1000 and include kids as young as two and three in the Little Wekas programme through to the under-13 grade.

"We are the only Heartland union able to provide such an initiative, thanks to Bayleys' support. These are Gilbert balls, too, so good quality and made to last."

PARK v THE 'TAHI

Oligoi Jug treble dating back 22 years in Akroyd's sights

GOLF by Chris Taewa

TONY Akroyd and Daniel Collier fondly remember the last time Gisborne Park achieved Oligoi Jug men's interclub glory.

It was 2011 — the 75th anniversary year of the club — and both were in the Park team who defeated Te Puia Springs 6-2 on the Park course.

Repeating history is the obvious aim of both men tomorrow when they contest the 2022 final against Patutahi (2).

The four-man Electrinet Park side will also have home advantage in the 36-hole matchplay final teeing off at 8.30am.

And in a boost to their title bid, the district's No.1 player will be back in the Park fold.

Anaru Reedy, having won all five of his Oligoi matches this series, was unable to play in last weekend's final round-robin

points clash and subsequent semifinal on the Poverty Bay course.

His team did a sterling job in his absence. They beat Tolaga Bay 6-2 to seal the No.1 seeding for the top four playoffs, then went out in the afternoon and defeated Tolaga Bay again — 7-1 — to book a berth in the final.

Collier, promoted to No.1, and Akroyd, at No.2, were pivotal. They won both their matches, comfortably, while Selwyn Peneha also had two wins at No.4.

No.3 Peter Stewart's perfect 2022 series record of five wins (at No.4) was abruptly ended 6 and 5 by Taine Lincoln, but he bounced back to share the honours with Lincoln in the semi.

Akroyd goes into tomorrow's final eyeing an Oligoi treble for his club dating back 22 years.

OLIGOI JUG RESULTS

ROUND 7 — Poverty Bay 4 Te Puia Springs 4 (Poverty Bay names first): Simon Jeune def William Brown 1-up, Stefan Andreassen lost to Thomas Donovan 4 and 3, Nick Richardson def Rios Moleta 6 and 5, Hayden Keast lost to Wade Wesche 1-down.

Electrinet Park (1) 6 Tolaga Bay 2 (Park names first): Daniel Collier def Bruce Yates 6 and 5, Tony Akroyd def Dion Milner 7 and 6, Peter Stewart lost to Taine Lincoln 6 and 5, Selwyn Peneha def Tere Lincoln 2 and 1.

Patutahi (1) 6 Patutahi (2) 2 (Patutahi 1 names first): Dwayne Russell def Eddie Brown Jr 6 and 5, Regan Hindmarsh lost to Shayde Skudder 6 and 5, Jace Brown def Dean Pohatu 6 and 5, Chris Beattie def Pat Hokianga 4 and 3.

Final round-robin points standings: Park (1) 36, Te Puia Springs 31, Patutahi (2) 26, Tolaga Bay 23, Poverty Bay 21, Patutahi (1) 18, Park (2) 13.

TOP FOUR SEMIFINALS: Patutahi (2) 7 Te Puia Springs 1: Eddie Brown Jr halved with William Brown, Shayde Skudder def Thomas Donovan 4 and 3, Hukanui Brown def Rios Moleta 2 and 1, Dean Pohatu def Wade Wesche 1-up.

Park (1) 7 Tolaga Bay 1: Daniel Collier def Bruce Yates 7 and 5, Tony Akroyd def Dion Milner 3 and 2, Peter Stewart and Taine Lincoln halved, Sel Peneha def Tere Lincoln 5 and 4.

WOODEN SPOON PLAYOFF: Patutahi (1) 8 Park (2) 0: Dwayne Russell def Anthony Pahina 5 and 4, Regan Hindmarsh def Matt Henwood 3 and 2, Jace Brown def Zach Rolls 1-up, Chris Beattie def Silas Brown 5 and 4.

DRAW FOR FINALS DAY — Oligoi Jug final (36 holes): Park (1) v Patutahi (2).

Playoff for third (18 holes): Te Puia Springs v Tolaga Bay.

Playoff for fifth (18 holes): Poverty Bay v Patutahi (1).

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