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TIME-HONoured

Waititi named on 100 most influential list

EAST Coast-connected film director and actor Taika Waititi has added another feather to his cap of achievements.

Academy Award-winning Waititi, who is of Te Whanau-a-Apanui descent and grew up in Waihau Bay and Wellington, has been named on Time magazine's list of the 100 most influential people for 2022.

The 46-year-old joins the likes of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, US President Joe Biden, television host Oprah Winfrey, singer

Adele, tennis player Rafael Nadal and actor Channing Tatum.

The list features influential people from across six categories — Artists, Innovators, Titans, Leaders, Icons and Pioneers. Waititi is among the Innovators.

The annual collection of names pairs off the recipients with other prominent figures for its blurb portion.

Actor Sacha Baron Cohen wrote the summary on Waititi comparing him to artist Picasso.

"Taika has won an Oscar and made

successful, hilarious, heartfelt movies," Cohen wrote.

"Yet he always brings to his work a light touch. He tells stories that are utterly watchable, even when they're sad, or satirical. And they are always funny.

"He represents the best of the bygone era of wild, rock-star Hollywood types, mixed with the brilliance of a top auteur."

Waititi joked on Twitter that a list of 100 seemed like too many people "but I'll take it".



FACES OF TAIKA: Taika Waititi's contribution to the film industry has been such that Time Magazine has listed him among its 100 most influential people in 2022. The actor/director/screenplay writer has featured in front of and behind the camera in such hits as (above from left) Boy, Thor: Ragnarok and Jojo Rabbit. Main picture by AAP



ALL BETS STILL OFF

Wait for Tairāwhiti gambling addiction service continues

by Wynsley Wrigley

TAIRĀWHITI has no problem gambling service despite annual funding having been available for a number of years.

Gisborne District Council's hearings committee, listening to submissions on its draft gambling venue policy, heard \$20,000 was available for such a service.

Councillor Larry Foster, who sits on the committee alongside councillors Josh Wharehinga and Pat Seymour, said he had not been aware of the funding.

"It seems ridiculous that funding can't be put into a programme of some sort to prioritise the gambling problem."

Problem Gambling Foundation chief executive Paula Snowden said the foundation had been trying for four years to partner with Hauora Tairāwhiti to set up a councillor role service "we would fund and support" out of the gambling levy (paid by gambling operators such as casinos and gaming machine operators).

"It has been challenging for lots of reasons."

Lizz Crawford, who managed Te Ara Tika — the last dedicated gambling support service in Tairāwhiti — said recruitment was the difficult issue in establishing a service.

"You have to get right in with the

community," she said. "I only had two colleagues. We used to do a heck of a lot."

It was important to be visible.

The district health board made attempts to recruit her colleague but she wanted to remain working in a community capacity instead of a statutory organisation.

A gambling addiction service was "a heck of a thing to get off the ground. The hours of gambling go well into the night."

But if people rang at the DHB service after 5pm, they only got an answer-phone.

Ms Snowden said attempts were still being made to start a dedicated service in Tairāwhiti and she was hopeful this would be done under the new Health New

Zealand service delivery model.

"It needs to be a strong Maori service with a Maori focus. That's where a large part of the problem is."

The mental health service across Aotearoa was under real pressure, she said. Everybody wanted staff.

"The Ministry of Social Development is taking people from mental health and addiction services. We're all fighting over the same work force.

It was a challenge but a service was vital. "Where there is somewhere to go, people will go."

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Joy of gymnastics

ABOUT 500 children tumbled and rolled at the Tairāwhiti School Gymnastics Festival at the Electrinet Sports Centre yesterday.

It was the first of two days designed to make gymnastics more accessible to the region's school children. Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti community events adviser Debbie Hutchings said 1050 children would take part across both days, with primary to secondary schools from Potaka to Nuhaka all represented.

"It's just a real celebration of gymnastics," she said

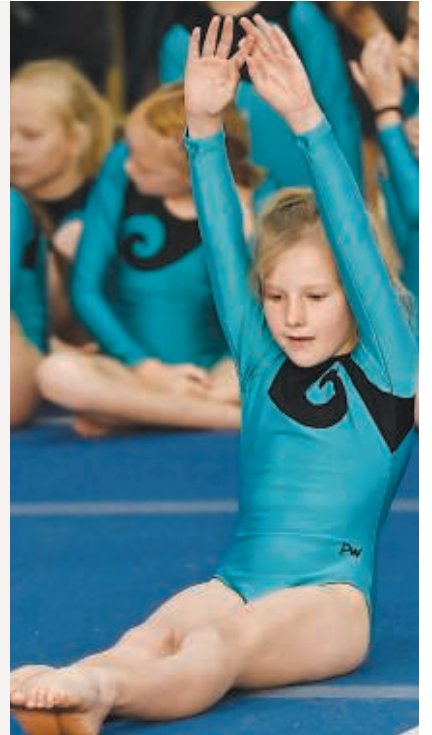
The event aimed to allow more children the chance to explore the sport.

"The real success has been putting on this event during this Covid time."

About 60 volunteers from Gisborne Girls' High School and Lytton High School were also playing their part in making the event a success.



HERE I GO: Buddy Jones (St Mary's) navigates the parallel bar.



PERFECT POSTURE: Maisey Findlay (Wainui) during her floor routine.

OVER THE BAR: Kahutaha Aupouri (Nga Uri a Maui) is all concentration. Pictures by Paul Rickard

Heart and soul in winning work

by Chris Taewa

"MAKE us marvel," the judge said on last night's edition of Lego Masters NZ.

And so Jono Samson and Dan Mulholland did. The Gisborne/Upper Hutt combination produced their best creation yet to win the latest challenge of the TVNZ reality show.

The four remaining teams were required to design and build a "work of art" in one colour — hence the challenge's name, "Monochrome".

Brick Master and judge Robin Sather said it would need to be something "worthy of sitting in a national gallery" and "draw an emotional response . . . as all great art does".

"Your overall look and feel and aesthetic, we want you to move us with this piece. And of course story always has a place . . . make us marvel".

Having won an earlier brick-sorting challenge, Jono and Dan got first choice of colour and selected ma (white).

They then started on a sculpture they titled "Hope Defeats Despair".

Both men have talked openly about their battles with mental health issues and how Lego has played a vital therapeutic role.

Dan has had several anxious and emotional moments highlighted to the TV-viewing world during their competition. So this creation was close to their hearts.

Jono explained. "Our piece is a sculpture sitting in a chair. He's in despair (but) when you get close we turn it around so people get a different emotion."

Dan added: "Most people can relate to a feeling of despair at some point."

Brick Master Sather said the challenge would

HOPE DEFEATS DESPAIR: This piece of Lego artwork won Gisborne's Jono Samson and his teammate Dan Mulholland last night's challenge in Lego Masters NZ. The pair wanted to show that "even when the world is at its darkest, there is always a glimmer of hope there".

Facebook picture



force the teams to "channel their creativity" and he was impressed with Jono and Dan's concept from the get-go.

The teams had 12 hours to complete their build. Sounds a lot. It's not.

Adding to the pressure was the inevitable "twist" announced hours into the builds — last night's being that teams had to add a secondary colour comprising 10 to 50 bricks.

Jono and Dan went for black.

"We were in a good head space until the twist," Dan said.

Completion drew the standard reaction of relief but also an overwhelming feeling of achievement.

"This is the best work we've ever done," Jono said.

"Emotionally this was a tough one," a teary-eyed Dan said. "Being given the opportunity to

come here and tell our story . . .

"It's an honour," Jono said.

Brick Master Sather described the builds as "unbelievable".

"You have all created pieces that I would certainly go and visit in a gallery."

In explaining their sculpture, Jono and Dan said they wanted to show people that "even when the world is at its darkest, there is always a glimmer of hope there".

"And sometimes you've just got to reach out and take it," Dan said.

Brick Master Sather was blown away.

"You walk in the room and see that piece and there's immediate emotional impact . . . a wonderful effort, fantastic."

Jono praised his mate.

"To get an idea that Dan had . . . and to help him create it and then to create this emotion . . . what more could you want from a piece of art?"

Jono and Dan and ever-consistent Kapiti/Pahiatua mates Jake and Glenn, who built a red broken heart on a rotating platform, were named in the top two. Not surprisingly, Jono and Dan got Brick Master Sather's tick.

"You had to pull off your best build of the series to beat Glenn and Jake and you did it."

"We poured our heart and soul into this build," Dan said. "We're ecstatic to win with such an important piece to us."

It was a non-elimination challenge but Jono and Dan won "a huge advantage" — they were told what the next build would be but were given the option of telling one, two or all of the other pairs if they wished to.

The next episode (Monday on TVNZ2) will see the demise of another team while the winners will advance straight to the final.

The Guide Arts & Entertainment

- Digging up the graveyard in Connemara.
- Tahini Bikini to rock Smash Palace.
- Lead Zipline bring to Smash their hard rock, heavy metal and blues music, much like their inspiration Led Zeppelin, who gripped the world stage decades ago.

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Call to 'wipe out' pokies altogether

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The council staff report for the hearing said the majority of submitters supported the council's proposals and there were no compelling reasons for it to change its approach.

The main proposals of the draft policy are —

- Retaining the "sinking lid" approach to gaming machine numbers.
- Reducing the maximum number of machines permitted to any club merger from 18 to 10.
- Further limiting the venue relocation policy to buildings that require earthquake strengthening.

The council is also seeking feedback on development of an ethics policy prescribing which sources of external funding it can apply to.

The council will also lobby central government and join forces with Hastings District Council in writing to MPs, including Minister of Internal Affairs Jan Tinetti, and preparing a paper for the Local Government NZ annual general meeting in July.

Submitters such as Gaming Machines Association of New Zealand (GMANZ), Clubs New Zealand and New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT) suggested changes be made.

Jarrod True, of GMANZ, said gaming machine providers should be able to relocate for other reasons such as moving from a high deprivation area to low deprivation area, or from a residential area to more modern premises, and if they had tenancy issues.

Mr True said many organisations were reliant on funding from gaming machines.

According to Auckland City Council research, 75 percent of community organisations were moderately or totally reliant on such funding, and 68 percent would not be able to find alternative sources of funding.

Larry Graham, of Clubs New Zealand, said merged clubs should be able to have up to 27 gaming machines.

Questioned by Cr Seymour, he said clubs put a lot of energy into problem gamblers.

There was a robust programme for harm minimisation and a follow-up programme with the Salvation Army.

Don Martin, of NZCT, said the sinking lid reduced community funding and Gisborne District Council would come under pressure from ratepayers.

NZCT had distributed \$6.6 million in Gisborne since 2018, including a \$400,000 grant to Gisborne District Council for Lawson Field Theatre and \$349,000 for HB Williams Memorial Library.

Mr Martin said 73 percent of grants went

to small community projects.

"Where else would they get funding from?"

Mr Martin said 10,000 machines had been removed nationwide during the last 10 years. Funding had been reduced by \$80m but problem gambling had not declined over that period.

Gambling for entertainment such as Lotto, racing and sports betting accounted for 75 percent of all gambling.

Mr Martin said 91 to 92 percent of gaming machine revenue went to the "gamer" and the rest was distributed to the community.

Ms Snowden disputed Mr Martin's figures. She said \$977m was "lost" in pokies a year in the country after jackpot winnings. Gambling was like an illness, she said.

"You become a problem gambler." Children suffered, there was family violence, she said.

People didn't go to work and problem gamblers presented late to addiction services because of the stigma. Problem gamblers did not spend discretionary income, rather all of their income.

"We don't want mergers or relocations."

Ms Crawford said she supported the relocation, sinking lid and ethics policies.

She was concerned clubs would be like casinos with more than 18 gaming machines.

Problem gambling advocate Tuta Ngarimu said it did not make sense when the council and other community leaders spoke of community wellbeing, but received "unethical" funding from pokie machines.

He did not support the sinking lid policy. Pokies should be "wiped out all together", he said. There should be "no mucking around the bush".

Yvette Kinsella, of Manaaki Tairāwhiti, said gambling had a bigger impact on those on lower incomes who often did not have a voice. Combined with the lack of addiction counselling and the gambling levy not being used in Tairāwhiti, the situation was dire.

Manaaki Tairāwhiti calculations showed \$8.47m was spent in a year by Tairāwhiti gamblers and 30 percent of that figure came from only 600 people.

Only \$1.89m of that went back to the community after trusts and the Government took their share.

More people were saying they did not want gambling in their community.

Manaaki Tairāwhiti wanted to see as few gaming machines as possible and supported an ethics policy.

There should be a time limit on relocations, she said.

Manaaki Tairāwhiti would like to work with the council and others on gambling.

The hearings committee will present its decision at the next council meeting.

Unable to return home

Petition launched over locked-up Maori land on East Coast

by Matthew Rosenberg

A PETITION to abolish century-old legislation affecting land use in the small East Coast town of Tokomaru Bay has united the community in support of change.

Over 1000 people have signed a petition to abolish perpetual leasing — an arrangement that has effectively stripped Māori land owners in Tokomaru Bay of control for the past 100 years.



The leasing arrangement was applied to the town's Tuatini Township Blocks after 1910 as the result of a government error, and enforces a strict set of conditions including 999-year terms and restrictions on how the owners control the land.

Those who hold the leases can renew them in perpetuity, and rent is fixed for 21-year periods at 5 percent of the unimproved value for rural land, or 4 percent for urban land.

If the owners wish to gain back control of their blocks, they have to fork out the lessee's asking price, which in the case of one recent example can be as much as \$599,000.

Belinda Tuari-Toma, who has whakapapa to Tokomaru, has set up a petition she hopes can be a catalyst for change.

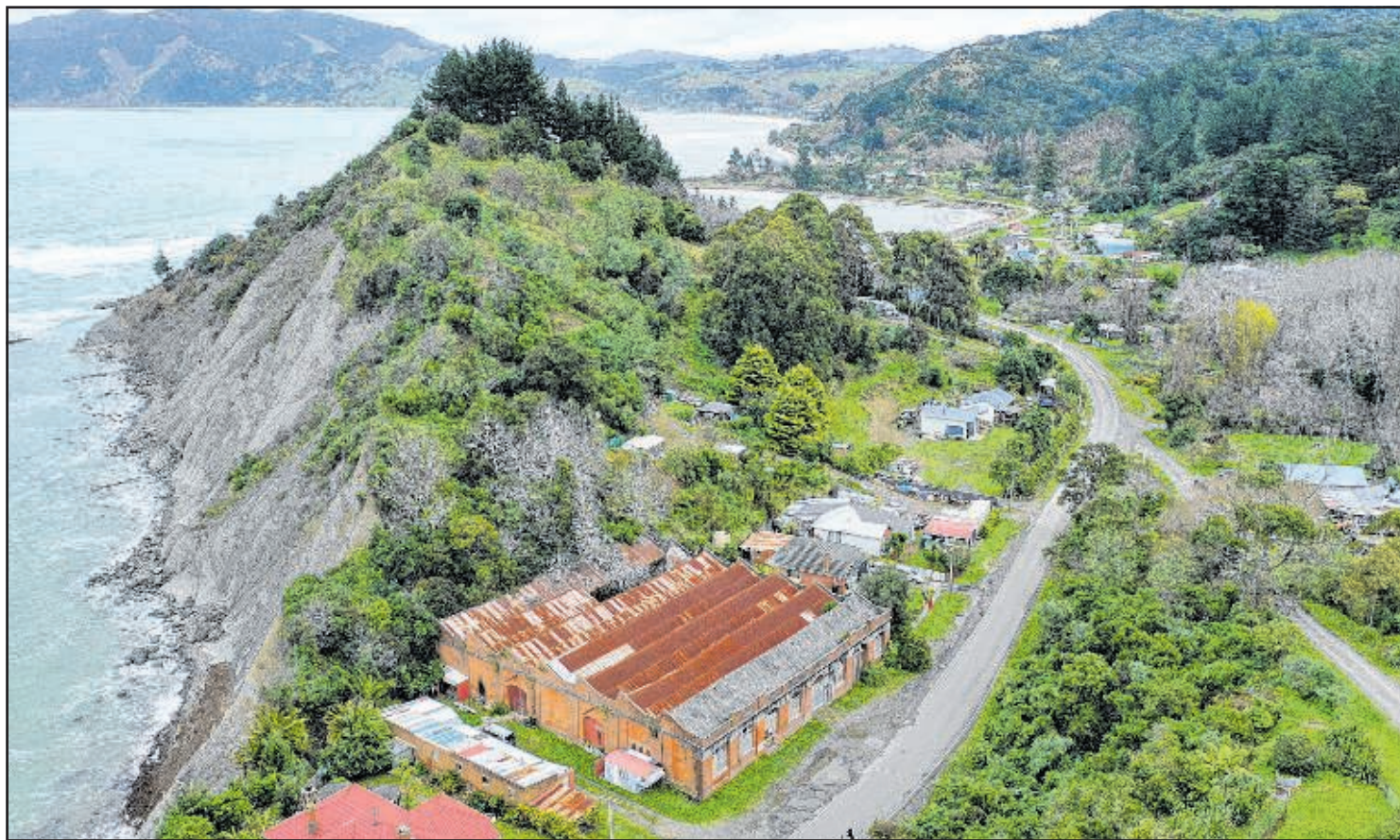
"I think there's enough evidence — not just with our hapū or iwi — obviously across the motu to show that we are self-determined, we are resourced, educated enough to be able to manage the administration and development and operation of our own whenua.

"I think it's time."

Tokomaru Bay, 90 kilometres north of Gisborne, is home to about 450 people.

Once a hub of trade and activity, it is now better known for its slow pace of life and white sandy beaches.

Based in Wellington, Ms Tuari-Toma said a lot of people had moved away from Tokomaru Bay because of a lack of opportunities.



'TIME TO REMOVE PERPETUAL LEASING': Over 1000 people have signed a petition to abolish perpetual leasing which has effectively stripped Maori landowners of control of the Tuatini Township Blocks in Tokomaru Bay for 100 years. Picture by Ben Cowper

Part of the issue was a decline in the quality of infrastructure, which she believed was connected in part to perpetual leasing.

There needed to be accountability on those holding the leases to keep properties maintained, she said.

"There isn't that ongoing monitoring or evaluation. I just think it's because of the perplexity of how it's administered. There's deterioration."

Her hope is that the petition will be a start in unlocking the land and helping Tokomaru reach its full potential.

Once the signature card is full, the aim is to escalate the matter with members of Parliament, and continue the discussions the owners have already been having with the Government, including those of her aunty Tina Olsen-Ratana.

Ms Tuari-Toma says the petition is also a

chance for the younger generation to show support for the work kaumātua have already been putting in around the issue, and show they are ready to step up and take on the challenge of seeing justice come to pass.

"This will show our parliamentary leaders that we're really committed and we won't stop, because it's about whānau wellbeing and uplifting whānau into a better, secure place.

"It's all about securing the future for our whānau. A lot of our whānau are urbanised and displaced, and haven't been able to return home."

Tokomaru Bay's Tuatini Townblock contains a total of 13 sections and is owned by 390 parties.

The leases are held by a variety of parties, and documentation provided by Te Tumu Paeroa — a professional trustee organisation for Māori who manage them on behalf of the

owners — show one current lessee has had a stake since the late 1960s.

For the financial year ended March 2020, the owners were left with \$5943 in rent to share once Te Tumu Paeroa took its cut.

Speaking to Local Democracy Reporting, Tamaki Legal managing director Darrell Naden said legislative change was essential to right the wrongs of the land owners, but admitted that would be difficult because of the amount of time left on the 999-year arrangement.

A shake-up could open the door for lessees to demand compensation for lost earnings over the next 900 years, Mr Naden said.

"The lessees have got the lessor over a barrel. And so for the last 100 odd years the Tuatini lessors have not only lost the use of their land, they're not able to charge market rent.

"What a disaster for these landowners."

FAMILY NOTICES

Deaths

Deaths

CARSWELL, Robert Douglas (Doug). — On May 22nd 2022, passed peacefully at Bob Owens Village, aged 86 years. Beloved husband of Shirley for 60 years and loved dad and father-in-law of Phillip and Tina, Jenny and James and Rob and Adrienne. Loving Pop of Sam, Michael, Natalya, Daniel, Jordan and Jessica. Brother of Dorothy (deceased), Eric and Geoff. The family would like to thank the wonderful caregivers at Bob Owens Hospital for their loving care of Doug.

GORDON, William Robert (Bill). — Passed peacefully on 10th May in Perth, 85 years. Loved youngest son of the late Harry and Janet (nee Hale), Gordon of Anaura Bay and brother, brother-in-law and uncle of Janet Hughes, Kath McLean, George, Margaret Blair, Betty Solvander, Peter, Lindsay and their families.
Pumau ki Te Atua.

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Covid cases down

HAUORA Tairāwhiti has reported 48 cases of Covid-19 today. With 59 yesterday, the region's seven-day average has come down to just over 50 per day. One person is in hospital with Covid.

Supply issues delay SH work

ROAD closures planned for today and tomorrow on State Highway 35 north of Te Puia Springs have been postponed until next week.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency advises motorists that closures of State Highway 35 between Kopuaroa Road and Ihungia Road, have been rescheduled to next Wednesday (June 1) and Thursday (June 2).

"The closures are needed to allow contractors to safely replace culverts where the road is too narrow to safely allow traffic to pass while the work is under way," a spokesperson said.

"The closures had been scheduled to take place this week, but have been moved to next week due to supply issues.

"Closures have been timed to avoid peak commuter and school traffic and will run between: 8.30am to midday, 12.30pm to 2.30pm and 3.30pm to 5pm."

Pool boiler fixed

THE repair to the boiler at the Gisborne Olympic Pool complex has been successfully completed and the complex will re-open to the public tomorrow at 6am.

In a statement, pool management said individual lane bookings would no longer be required.

Headstones to stay

Amendments to Wairoa cemeteries bylaw not retrospective

HEADSTONES in Wairoa featuring gang insignia some people found offensive will not be removed from the district's cemeteries.

Wairoa District Council elected members have adopted the Cemeteries and Waters Bylaws.

"A key point relating to the cemeteries bylaw is that it will not be applied retrospectively, meaning no existing headstones within the cemetery will be removed by the council as part of the Cemeteries Bylaw process," a council statement said.

"Further resolutions included that, moving forward, the council develop guidelines with relevant stakeholders for headstones and memorials, and develop a natural burial

policy."

The council received more than 50 submissions to the Cemeteries and Waters Bylaws consultation.

A submissions hearing was held earlier this month followed by the deliberation process last week where the views expressed through the submissions were considered by elected members.

"In relation to the cemeteries bylaw, the resolutions take into account feedback received from the community, particularly around ensuring a clear and transparent process for the installation of future headstones and ensuring there is no ambiguity around the 'offensive' clause when headstones are approved for installation.

"Elected members noted that a key part

was based around clarifying misinformation about the cemeteries bylaw, which has been highlighted in the media and social media, and making sure the council is able to appropriately apply the cemeteries bylaw in the future.

"Wairoa District Council remains committed to ensuring cemeteries are safe places and that everyone who is buried is taken care of in their own unique way.

"In response to questions raised during the submissions regarding behaviour in the cemetery, the council reminded the public that this is a police issue, as is the application of all relevant laws."

The council will now begin to develop both the headstones and memorials guidelines and the natural burial policy.

Lifesaving excellence awards finalists named

CHARACTER Roofing Emergency Callout Squad and the Tolaga Bay paid lifeguard service are finalists for Rescue of the Year in the Gisborne-Tairāwhiti Surf Life Saving Awards of Excellence.

The awards acknowledge the top lifeguards across Uawa Tiaki Tai-Tolaga Bay, Wainui, Waikanae, Midway and Ngāti Porou surf lifesaving clubs over the past year.

"They recognise and celebrate the hard work, skills and dedication that go into lifeguarding, education, administration and surf sports," Surf Life Saving New Zealand eastern regional manager Avan Polo said.

"I'd like to congratulate all the finalists. Their efforts and achievements in sport and lifesaving have been a stand-out, especially in light of challenges presented by Covid-19.

"I'm impressed by their resilience and determination to carry on regardless and their ability to excel despite the often difficult conditions."

The emergency callout squad was named a finalist for a rescue in June 2022 that involved an overturned yacht on the west side of Tuamotu Island.

The five-metre fibreglass boat was severely damaged and two men in their 40s were standing on the island. Squad members were there in 10 minutes to pick them up and transfer them to the Coastguard boat, and they then salvaged the damaged yacht.

The Tolaga Bay paid guards were named for a rescue by the mouth of the Uawa River in December. Kerehama Blackman, Jonty Evans and Cairo Reihana assisted three people who got caught in the current.

NZLSC said their forward thinking and proactive approach saved lives and the men were recognised nationally in the BP Rescue of the Month for December.

The Gisborne-Tairāwhiti awards will be presented at The Vines at Bushmere Estate on June 18.

AWARDS FINALISTS, LIFEGUARD AWARDS — Instructor: Sonia Keepa (Wainui), Eric Clearwater (Waikanae), Rama Robertson (Midway).

Frother (most enthusiastic new lifeguard): Hannah Webb (Wain), Sierra Blumfield (Waik), Rio Sasamoto (Mid).

Patrol Support Person: Jo Whibley (Wain), Anna Briant (Waik), Bill Wheeler (Mid).

Volunteer Lifeguard: Chris Tilghman (Wain), Ana Naden (Waik), Deborah Reeves (Mid).

Emergency Volunteer Lifeguard: Ruby Lobb (Wain), Nathan Proctor (Waik), Maxwell Kennedy (Mid).

Patrol Captain: Belinda Slement (Wain), Eric Clearwater (Waik), Deborah Reeves (Mid).

Examiner: Belinda Slement (Wain), Rama Robertson (Mid).

Regional Lifeguard: Boyd Harris (Pukehina/Tolaga), Luke Whibley (Wain), Daniel Beattie (Waik).

Beach Education Instructor: John Minogue

(Wain), Ian Procter (Wain), Saffi Vette (Wain).

SPORTS AWARDS — Emerging Coach: Hannah-Jayne King (Wain), Freya Wilson (Waik).

Volunteer Coach: Aaron Whitehead (Wain), Arna Majstrovic (Waik), Connor Mitchell (Waik), Murray Jones (Mid).

Emerging Surf Official: Jessica Bridson (Wain), Eric Clearwater (Waik), Rachael Matthews (Mid).

Surf Official: Dion Williams (Wain), Alistair Thorpe (Waik), Miah Thorpe (Mid).

Sport Team: Waikanae open women's IRB team (Britta Carroll and Ana Naden).

International Individual Sports Performance: Seven Mapu (Waik), Olivia Corrin (Mid).

Coach Commitment Award: Hannah Webb (Wain), Briana Irving (Waik), Jack Keepa (Waik).

SUPREME AWARDS — Volunteer of the Year: Dion Williams (Wain), Alistair Thorpe (Waik), Tim Petro (Mid).



PONTOON PROBLEMS: A crane removes two sections of the broken pontoon out of the water at the Inner Harbour this morning ahead of a heavy swell forecast for tomorrow. Gisborne Hiabs was supported by a diver in the water and harbourmaster Peter Buell at the Inner Harbour boat ramp. Gisborne District Council liveable communities director Michele Frey said the contractor who developed the pontoon would be in Gisborne in two weeks. "This will enable us to assess the issue and to make repairs with a view to secure the pontoon for future use." The \$400,000 pontoon was breaking apart after heavy tidal surges over the weekend.
Picture supplied

'Playing him for a fool'

Accepted gifts and regular payments

A JURY was told the woman who accused her ex-partner of rape and multiple assaults was accepting regular payments and gifts from him even after the pair separated and the man fixed the house locks two days before the alleged incident.

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

Judge Warren Cathcart is presiding.

The second day of the trial saw the complainant under cross-examination by defence counsel Scott Jefferson.

The complainant agreed to accepting gifts and regular payments from the accused.

Mr Jefferson put to her that the man had cared for her since the two were together in 2014. After the incidents in 2019, he had hoped to rekindle the relationship.

Acceptance of gifts might have led his client to believe that there might still be that chance.

The complainant disagreed. She said she did not believe that was what she was doing.

Mr Jefferson said the defence position was that the woman was "playing him for a fool".

The woman was 31 when the two met. She had bought the house in April 2014, and in December the pair moved in together.

The couple had two children together.

Early on, the man started contributing \$450 a week towards the house mortgage.

That amount went up to \$750 per week and increased over the next two years.

Mr Jefferson said the woman was an independent professional. She had a tertiary qualification and was employed.

Over the course of the relationship, the two had highs and lows and arguments happened.

The woman accepted that there was a time when she threatened to take her life.

Mr Jefferson put to her that she was a strong-willed individual who was able to get her point across in an argument and tell the man off when he was wrong.

And if someone threatened her physically, she could respond to that.

The woman said that depended on who the other person was.

Mr Jefferson told the court that a month before the pair's break-up in July 2019, the man gave her \$3000 spending money for an overseas trip.

He put to the defendant that initially the man did not want to give her the money but then she said to him, "I'll just sell my body".

The woman said she did not recall saying that.

After the separation, initial childcare arrangements were such that the man would come to the house at weekends to look after the children and she would go about her business.

Mr Jefferson put to her that one evening she returned to the house and the pair slept together.

The woman disagreed.

Not long after their break-up, the man said he had a stake in the house since he had been contributing weekly to it for six years.

The complainant said she resisted because she thought the man was entitled to a stake in the house but that a 50-50 split was not fair.

Mr Jefferson submitted in evidence a copy of an email exchange between the pair.

In July 2019, in an email, she told the man to cease all communication or she would go to court to get a protection order. If the man

made any claim for relationship property then he would have no contact with his children.

The complainant said it was sent because she was being bombarded with text messages and emails regarding relationship property.

"I was angry and sick of all the emails, texts and calls."

Mr Jefferson said despite that, the two continued to have text, calls and email exchanges about all kinds of things.

The man made financial contributions towards her and the children, which was OK with the woman.

In November 2020, the man gave his card to the woman for a weekend in Wellington for purchasing and spending.

This was after he had been charged following a period in 2019 where he indecently assaulted the complainant, abused her physically and verbally and damaged her property. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced in December 2020. A final protection order was put in place.

Throughout that period the pair were in regular contact.

The woman accepted that she was happy for that to go on, even though she had told the court she did not like being bombarded with texts or calls.

Mr Jefferson submitted another exhibit, a copy of a text message and email exchange between the two in November 2020.

The text messages showed that the man said he would only take care of the children. He told the woman not to ask him for money.

A message exchange in relation to the woman's damaged car repair showed the man saying, "if you are really stuck, I would do anything for you" and the woman replying, "I'll never ask you for anything in my life. It all comes back to haunt me."

The woman said when she asked him for financial or any sort of help, it would result in the man bombarding her with text messages of a sexual nature.

After that, the conversation between the two turned towards signing off the house. The man kept saying he would do it after his sentencing.

One message from the woman to the man said "sign it now then". The man replied, "what's the difference, I'll sign the house anyway" and the woman responded, "wouldn't have lessened charges if I'd known you'd be like this".

The man replied, "you'll put me in jail for money" and the woman answered, "yes and I'll do it".

From the next day messages from the woman became more persistent about the signing over of the house.

Mr Jefferson put to her that because she had a protection order in place she could have called the police any time she wanted if she felt his text messages were threatening or unwelcome, but the woman did not.

He put to her that she was using the excuse of children's safety to shield her intent.

The man loved his children and had never hurt them.

But because the man had refused to walk away from the house, she had become stressed as a result of that.

The woman disagreed and said the man was acting erratically on the night of the incident and was unpredictable. She did not call the police because of fears for her and her children's safety. In the past the man had been violent and snapped her phone in half.

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IN PRINT: Casey Akuhata-Brown with the original Freedom Writers Diary book (left), and the 2022 edition, which includes her own entry, among others from around the world.

Navigating two worlds

Letter joins other 'freedom writers'

by Akula Sharma

A LETTER written by Casey Akuhata-Brown is among the entries in the 2022 edition of Dear Freedom Writer.

She wrote about her experiences of being Pākehā and Māori.

The original book and the movement that sprang from it found a worldwide audience in 2007 when the movie Freedom Writers starring Hilary Swank was released.

It told the story of how new teacher Erin Gruwell found herself in front of a high school class in Long Beach, California that had been labelled unteachable.

She saw past that and instead of treating them as scores on a test, she understood that each had a unique story to tell.

Inspired by books like Anne Frank's diary, her students began writing their own diaries, eventually dubbing themselves the Freedom Writers. Together, they co-authored The Freedom Writers Diary.

Erin Gruwell went on to start the Freedom Writers Foundation, which aims to spread the Freedom Writers method.

Casey, 21, attended freedom writing classes when she was at high school, and continues to contribute to the work of the foundation. She works as a dental assistant.

She says her letter is about her experiences of finding a way to interact with the two cultures she belongs to.

"My skin is fair so I think I get noticed first as a Pākehā but I am also Māori.

"Growing up, people assumed my identity to be that of a Pākehā," Casey says. In the early years of high school she said she suddenly got recognised for being Māori, which was great.

"But what that meant for the school was that I could then do their speeches, karanga and anything where they needed a student who understood or spoke Te Reo Māori.

"The school got me to do all of that. I saw it as a good opportunity for me, however, I didn't see it spread to others.

"They never got other students involved in those activities.

"I had this pressure to be a 'trophy Māori'."

In her private life, Casey found that if she was in a group of mostly Pākehā people, they would often assume they could speak about whānau Māori and laugh about it without it affecting her.

"It was difficult for me to decide if I wanted to create conflict by disagreeing with them.

"They spoke really strongly about struggles whānau Māori face and they did not see them as struggles.

"A lot of it was passing judgement in my presence, thinking it was fine to do that."

Then on the other hand, Casey couldn't feel "Māori enough" when engaging with that side of her culture.

"In a situation when I was with whānau who speak the language fluently, which I don't speak but understand, I felt left out.

Casey said she wanted to be how she was in her whare, out in society, where she could talk both languages and speak about issues affecting both cultures rather than "put on different personas for each side".

"I just want to be myself or be more confident to speak up when judgement is being passed.

"Sometimes it almost feels like I have to remind people that I am Māori."

Which is why Casey wrote the letter.

"I know many would relate to it because there are many people of mixed ethnicity around the world.

"It was good for me to get it off my mind and on to paper, to find other people in the community who share this feeling of being stuck between two worlds."

Casey said through her letter she wanted the community to become aware and get rid of their ignorance.

"If you don't know what you are speaking about, it might just be better not to speak at all.

"Because in my experience I have had people talk to me assuming that I would agree with them when being from both sides, I don't agree with them.

"I know what it's like on the other side.

Casey is the daughter of district councillor Meredith Akuhata-Brown and Jason Akuhata-Brown.

To connect with Erin Gruwell and the Freedom Writers, follow the Freedom Writers Foundation on social media and share your stories with stories@freedomwritersfoundation.org.

Dear Freedom Writer, Stories of Hardship and Hope from the Next Generation is due for release in New Zealand on June 15, published by Penguin Books.

Embassy in Russia 'ignored' by Mahuta

by Miriam Burrell, NZ Herald

The foreign affairs minister is being accused of having no "direct" contact with the New Zealand ambassador to Russia or the Embassy in Moscow since the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Gerry Brownlee, National's spokesman for foreign affairs, said it was "extraordinary" to learn that Nanaia Mahuta "has not had any direct contact with the NZ Ambassador to Russia since the Ukraine invasion".

In a social media post he wrote, "Our ambassador has remained in Russia to provide updates, including on the safety of Kiwis, yet the minister has not personally engaged with her."

He said he received a response to a written question he asked of the minister.

"I have not communicated directly with the New Zealand Ambassador or Embassy in Russia since Russia's invasion of Ukraine," the response reads.

"Such communications would normally be with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade."

Mahuta's office has been approached for comment.

Former foreign affairs minister Winston Peters told Newshub the minister should be making contact with the embassy given the magnitude of the events taking place there.

"It is utterly extraordinary . . . for there to be no contact in such a critical time with the invasion, especially when those at the embassy and those of other nations' embassies are suffering for 'not being on the right side' in the Kremlin's eyes."

Sarah Walsh has been New Zealand's ambassador to Russia since November

last year.

Newshub also reported that Mahuta has not made contact with New Zealand diplomats in the Solomon Islands since its pact with China, aside from a letter.

Solomon Islands Prime Minister Manaseh Sogavare confirmed in March that his government finalised a security treaty with China.

At the time Mahuta said the proposed agreement with China "while within Solomon Islands' sovereign rights, risks destabilising the current institutions and arrangements that have long ensured the Pacific region's security."

"Given this would not benefit New Zealand or our Pacific neighbours we will continue to raise our strong condemnation of such agreement directly with the countries involved."

Mahuta said ensuring the regional security of the Pacific region was a priority for the Government, and it would continue to play its part.

Australia's new leader Anthony Albanese has called out former Australian prime minister Scott Morrison for having sent Zed Seselja, Minister for International Development and the Pacific, to the Solomon Islands to convince them to nix the pact, instead of Foreign Minister Marise Payne.

Mahuta would have an "unbiased direct view" of the political atmosphere



Nanaia Mahuta

in Russia if she had a "direct line" with Moscow, Waikato University international law professor Al Gillespie said.

"I would have thought that this current situation is one which is extreme. I would have thought it would be useful to inform herself and get a direct link to Moscow and speak to the ambassador."

"The ambassador is on the ground, she will be able to give direct feedback on what is happening politically and what the attitude to the war is, what intelligence she is picking up from other members of the diplomatic community."

Gillespie said the ambassador is "obliged to speak more freely" to the minister, compared to briefings.

He told The New Zealand Herald that people in the New Zealand Embassy in Russia are "quite exposed".

"If things go badly or tensions remain high they could become the focus of a lot of unwanted attention, and so just as a type of almost care for other New Zealanders in a difficult spot, I think it would be nice to reach out and just reassure them."

But Gillespie said regardless of a direct line, the Beehive will be receiving a "constant flow of information from Moscow" that will be uninterrupted.

"We have over 50 Embassies and at least 50 ambassadors, so sometimes foreign ministers will be in contact with them, sometimes they won't."

He said overall that the minister is representing New Zealand well in a "very difficult scenario".

"The foreign minister has done a very good job at bringing New Zealand's policy together and bringing it as part of a wider alliance, and she's nestled us very carefully and correctly in that alliance."

Monkeypox likely spread via sex: Verrall

by John Weekes, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — Health officials are preparing for a possible monkeypox outbreak in New Zealand.

But the disease is unlikely to spawn a local epidemic and many infected people get better without treatment, Associate Minister of Health Ayesha Verrall said.

The disease has been detected in 12 countries where the virus is not endemic, the World Health Organisation said.

The virus has been spreading in North America, Europe and Australia.

The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention said in humans, monkeypox symptoms were similar to but milder than smallpox symptoms.

Infected people might initially experience fever, headache, muscle aches and exhaustion but monkeypox also caused lymph nodes to swell.

The CDC said incubation usually lasted one week to a fortnight but could be as short as five days and as long as three weeks.

"We certainly have to be prepared because it has been in other Western countries," Verrall said.

"It can be transmitted by close physical contact or by droplets . . . But the suspicion is that the cluster emerging in Europe has been spread by sexual contact," Verrall said.

Verrall said the ministry had established an incident management team for monkeypox.

NZ is 'open for business'

US trip begins with focus on tourism, optimism about Biden meeting

NEW YORK — Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern is speaking to media, having arrived in the US yesterday.

Her trip is set to include meeting members of congress and the UN Secretary-General, attending a launch event for sustainable meat exports, delivering the Harvard Commencement speech, meeting with California governor Gavin Newsom, and meeting with executives of tech giants like Twitter and Microsoft.

With US President Joe Biden in Japan for the launch, and Ardern having only just recovered from Covid-19, the hoped-for meeting between the two is still up in the air, but there is optimism from the New Zealand side it will happen.

Ardern's first event was a sit down with major American tourism media, as part of the drive to show the US market New Zealand is "open for business", and she will later meet with representatives of US multinational investment management firm BlackRock.

Ardern says the message of New Zealand being open for business and open for travel is really important at this time.

Travelling with a business delegation and doing as much as possible to open doors on their behalf is important, she says.

"Our high level meeting with BlackRock enabled our business delegation to sit face-to-face with a number of influential individuals in their investor sector from the United States. A really thoughtful, interesting discussion and dialogue which all of our business representatives had the chance to participate in."

Ardern says the dominant issue discussed was sustainability.

Ardern also had a one-on-one with the United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, where Ukraine was top of the agenda.

Ardern was keen to hear the secretary-



ON SCREEN: PM Jacinda Ardern on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert in 2018. Ardern's day will be reappearing on the Late Show with Stephen Colbert today.

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general's perspective on the war in Ukraine and to offer New Zealand's support in the ongoing diplomatic work.

She says it was a chance to "discuss everything from the conflict in Ukraine to climate change and more broadly, the role that New Zealand can play in UN reform which we've long been an advocate and supporter of".

"A really fruitful discussion but really useful to hear the secretary general's reflections on the current conflict."

Ardern says predominately the focus was on issues of climate sustainability and the war in Ukraine.

"Any reflection on the relationship between China and the United States, whilst ultimately that is a matter for them, what we will continue to advocate for is peace and stability in our region,

including any discussions around increasing tensions around Taiwan."

Ardern says they will continue to be strong advocates of the US using the CPTPP as its port of call for a meaningful trade option.

"They have proposed an alternative framework, our mission as a country needs to be to keep our aspirations high but also work with what's on the table."

"Ultimately the CPTPP is an existing framework that offers a significant amount from New Zealand's perspective. However, we will also engage with what's currently on the table."

Ardern doesn't yet have an update on a meeting with Biden.

Ardern says having an independent foreign policy means New Zealand has been very consistent in maintaining

its values of peace, stability, the use of dialogue and the importance of multilateral institutions like the UN as an honest broker in difficult situations.

"There is tension in our region, we have over various periods of time seen escalation in language, . . . we will constantly call, on New Zealand's behalf . . . on peace and stability in our region."

The Chinese foreign minister is doing a tour of a number of Pacific nations. Ardern isn't surprised by this.

"It's not necessarily just presence, it's the nature of that presence and the intention around it. From our perspective, within our region we're very firm that, yes, of course we want collaboration in areas where we have shared concern, issues like climate adaptation and mitigation, we want quality investment and infrastructure in our region, we don't want militarisation, we don't want an escalation of tension. We want peace and stability so we will remain firm in our values."

She says the question will continue to be whether some of those engagements are necessary.

Ardern's day will be rounded off with a repeat appearance on the Late Show with Stephen Colbert.

Just before departing New Zealand, she virtually attended the launch of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF), an alliance of 13 countries including New Zealand that proposes joint efforts on climate change and digital issues but is widely considered a US attempt to limit China's economic influence.

The IPEF also includes the members of "the Quad" — the US, Australia, India and Japan — who have been meeting in Tokyo, along with Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand and Vietnam.

Together, the grouping represents 40 percent of the world's GDP. — RNZ

'They simply can't get away'

Rest home nurse worked three days without break due to short-staffing

by Rowan Quinn, RNZ

AUCKLAND — A nurse at a rural aged-care home stayed at work for three days straight, sleeping there because they were so short staffed.

In a separate incident, she worked 32 hours on site with just three hours sleep.

It was another sign of the massive pressure rest homes are facing, with some forced to close because of a lack of staff.

Sue manages an aged-care home in the rural North Island with about 50 patients.

Earlier this month, she arrived at work on a Monday morning and did not leave until the Wednesday night.

She slept there because there had to be a nurse overnight and she could not find anyone else.

Then, last week, she was at work for 32 hours.

There were no nurses for the night shift so she stayed on after her full day of work to help two overnight carers.

"The plan was for me to just sleep over

and have staff on the floor — they could come and get me if need be," she said.

"However, it just didn't work out like that. We had bells ringing and so I ended up basically just working on the floor."

Residents were calling for help to get up, needing fluids, needing pain relief or help going to the toilet.

One man fell and needed help to dress a wound, she said.

Sue caught some sleep between 2am and 5am then was back to it before eventually rolling straight into her day shift.

Her facility is four nurses short, made worse by an outbreak of Covid among staff and residents.

She loved caring for the residents but the situation was "destroying" her, she said.

"I've had a breakdown this year. I just was getting major anxiety," she said.

"I've never been one to get anxiety but come a Sunday afternoon, I was starting to panic about coming to work. It's been really awful."

New Zealand Nurses Organisation

industrial adviser Lesley Harry said they were hearing of other nurse managers working very long hours because the buck stopped with them.

"They simply can't get away because there is no one else to replace them. It is a very unsafe situation for them and the people they are caring for," she said.

Sue said she had noticed an increase in falls because staff could not always get to the residents quickly enough if they wanted to get up, she said.

Every time staffing numbers were considered a safety risk, care homes could fill out what's known as a Section 31 report to notify the Ministry of Health.

There have been 851 filed so far this year — the same as for the whole of last year, and more than triple the number filed in 2020.

National Party health spokesperson Shane Reti has been questioning the ministry about the figures.

They proved a story like Sue's was not a one off, he said.

"It's a big step for a nurse to actually

fill in a Section 31. They will have exhausted every other opportunity before they did that. It's a desperate reach-out to the Ministry to flag it may well be an unsafe working environment," he said.

Sue said she had lost count of how many Section 31 reports she had submitted in the past year — maybe 50 — and each one she filed now, tended to cover off about ten under-staffed shifts.

But nothing had changed, she said.

She wanted better recruitment of overseas nurses and said the private rest home nurses needed to earn the same as those working for the DHB or the problem would get worse.

She had even considered going to Australia but enjoyed working with the older people in her own community too much.

The ministry said the government was working on ensuring pay parity, and the new Health NZ would do more to try to solve the staffing shortages.

The increase in Section 31s was partly because it had been encouraging rest homes to file them, a spokesperson said.

Inmates get plastered on sanitiser

Aaron Dahmen, NZ Herald

TE AWAMUTU — Prisoners at one of the country's largest prisons found an innovative way of marking the New Year period — boozing on hand sanitiser.

Almost a dozen prisoners were charged with misconduct after allegedly getting drunk at Waikeria Prison this year, Newstalk ZB reports.

The National Party and the Corrections Association said it was shocking and symptomatic of a "failing system".

But Corrections Minister Kelvin Davis wasn't told about the incident at the time and has refused to be interviewed. He maintained it was an "operational matter that was resolved by Corrections".

On Sunday, January 2, staff observed 10 men sharing drinks before the unit was to lock up for the day.

"They identified that the men were under the influence of a substance, suspected to have been hand sanitiser," acting prison director Rosemary Firth said.

"Staff immediately confiscated the drinks and returned the prisoners to their cells without further issue.

"After the incident, staff were reminded of the importance to safely store hand sanitiser to ensure it remains secure."

The booze-up has drawn the ire of the Corrections

Association, which says officers can't be blamed.

"It's not looked at from the perspective of why did this go wrong . . . it looks at who made a mistake," said association president Floyd du Plessis.

"When you're under pressure, when you're having to do the work of six . . . it's a result of mismanagement."

In a statement, Davis said prisoners could display "challenging behaviours".

"When this incident arose, it was dealt with promptly and appropriately by Corrections, and the people involved faced consequences," he said. "I have been advised the unit involved was fully staffed at the time of the incident."

National's corrections spokesman, Simon O'Connor, said it was "disingenuous" to cite staffing. "Whether or not the unit on that particular day . . . was fully staffed doesn't reflect the wider situation within Corrections," he said.

"They're stretched . . . they're understaffed . . . they've been asked to do too much and (they're) struggling to get cover when needed."

He said Davis should have been given a heads-up on what happened, and fronted interviews on the issue.

"Where's Kelvin? He seems conspicuously absent . . ."

A Corrections spokesperson told ZB there was no extra cost incurred as a result of the incident, and details didn't need to be elevated to the Beehive.

Inmates at one of the country's largest prisons used hand sanitiser to enjoy a drink over the New Year period.

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Gang feud explodes

Auckland rocked by five drive-by shootings

AUCKLAND — A turf war between the Killer Beez and Tribesmen motorcycle gangs has exploded with five suspected drive-by shootings last night in Auckland, The New Zealand Herald understands.

It was believed the shootings — with four in one hour — were directly linked to a series of tit-for-tat attacks and a feud between the two formerly allied gangs.

Police last night confirmed they had responded to five reported shooting incidents in the region — in Otara, Papatoetoe, Flat Bush, Papakura, and Te Atatu.

“The first four incidents happened between around 6.40pm and 7.40pm. The incident in Te Atatu was reported around 9.20pm,” a spokesperson said.

“No one has been injured, however, there was damage done to several houses.”

They were investigating any potential links between the shootings.

“Police will not tolerate activity which disrupts our communities and puts people at extreme risk.

“We want to reassure the community we take firearms crime very seriously and will continue to work to hold offenders to account.”

Bairds Road in Otara was cordoned off last night by police after reports a gun was fired, but was later reopened.

Auckland Transport said the road was closed between Preston Road and Ingram Cres.

A Herald photographer said Bairds Road was largely quiet just after 9pm.

Another house, on Caspar Road in Papatoetoe, was cordoned off and a scene guard was in place, the photographer said. The road is 3km from Bairds Road.

Multiple bullet holes had shattered the

SPATE OF INCIDENTS:

The window of a house at Caspar Rd, Papatoetoe, was left riddled with bullet holes after one of five suspected drive-by shootings in Auckland last night.

NZ Herald picture



front window and damaged the window frame.

Children’s toys and a trampoline could be seen on the front lawn of the property.

The road remained quiet and three armed officers could be seen outside the house.

There were also reports of a police presence on Glen Osborne Terrace in Flat Bush.

The Herald yesterday reported there had been five drive-by shootings during the weekend in Auckland.

All have been linked to the Killer Beez and Tribesmen quarrel — one allegedly involving at least 44 shots being fired at a house.

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

On Monday evening a home in Clayton Ave, Otara, was shot at, while a series of shots fired in the Far North town of Kaikohe, a traditional Tribesmen stronghold seeing an increased Killer Beez

presence, was also thought to be linked to the conflict.

Detective Inspector Warrick Adkin, of Counties Manukau, confirmed to the Herald that police believe the shootings over the weekend were gang-related.

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

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

Masters was left paralysed by the shooting but is still a prominent figure at Killer Beez patching ceremonies and motorcycle runs. Tae pleaded guilty to a charge of wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and was sentenced to seven years in prison in 2020.

There have been several public flare-ups in tensions characterised by shootings and beatings in the ensuing years, including in Otara late in 2020 and in Kaikohe this year. — NZ Herald

Spark to hang up on phone booths

WELLINGTON — Just 48 hours after an RNZ correspondent posed a payphone paradox: “Why do thousands of them exist when nobody uses them?”, Spark has revealed plans to phase out its phone booth calling and free Wi-Fi services.

The cull will start in June, with around 180 booths switched off on Auckland’s North Shore and east, and Wellington’s south, over the first year of the programme.

The telco has around 2000 phone booths nationwide, inherited when it split from the Post Office in the 1980s. In 2013, about 750 phone boxes got a makeover so they do double-duty and offer Wi-Fi, but that has tailed off with the growth of free Wi-Fi and more generous mobile data deals.

“Call volumes on the fixed-line phone booth network have declined by nearly 70 percent over the last four years, and approximately 90 percent of them are being used for an average of less than three minutes per day,” Spark product director Tessa Tierney said.

“The use of our Wi-Fi hot-spotting has followed a similar downward trajectory.”

The phone booth switch-off will track the broader switching-off of the copper line phone service — which will impact just under 500,000 households still on the older technology.

Tierney says some phone booths in high foot traffic areas could be repurposed. One option is to turn some into “wayfinders”, which use digital signals or simple visual signs to help people find their way around. Booths could also be refashioned to house “environmental sensors or localised news and content”.

For ones that don’t get a makeover, their sites will revert to public ownership.

“They are generally placed on the road reserve and under the Telecommunications Act we have the right to place our equipment on this land. When a phone booth is decommissioned, we will relinquish the site,” a Spark spokeswoman said. — NZ Herald

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Over 40 kororā wash up on Far North beach

by Charlotte Cook, RNZ

KAITAIA — Climate change is being blamed for more than 40 little blue penguins/kororā washing up dead over a week at a Far North Beach.

Local resident Carol Parker found the lifeless bodies of the kororā on Tokerau Beach in Doubtless Bay on May 8.

But a day earlier on a different beach, she had spotted a kororā, weak and alone on the sand.

She scooped it up and took it home, and went in search of advice on how to bring him back to life.

“I rang some vets to find out how to feed it and how we could keep it alive.

“It wasn’t injured. It looked very exhausted.”

But the small baby penguin could not be saved.

“The next day we were on Tokerau Beach where there were 22 penguins that were on the beach expired.

“Some of them looked like they had landed just the night before or within the past 12 to 24 hours.

“They looked quite fresh. There was one or two other birds also that were dead.”

Parker has lived in the area for 21 years.

About five years ago she found 10 dead penguins, but said she had never seen anything in numbers that high.

What she didn’t know is earlier that week, on May 2, the Department of Conservation had received reports of another 20 dead penguins washed up on the same beach.

So why is it happening?



SIGNS OF STARVATION: More than 40 little blue penguins were found dead in the Far North, which DoC says is a result of warming sea temperatures. Picture supplied

DoC’s Graeme Taylor said it was mostly to do with the temperature of the water.

After the first finding of dead kororā, seven were sent for testing.

Results showed signs of starvation and hypothermia — no blubber to keep them warm in the water.

“They prefer to find their food in cold water.

“But when you have got La Niña conditions like we have had this summer, with constant northeasterly winds coming in from the subtropics, you will get the sea temperatures raised above normal, and the food supply for the penguins diminishes with those warm conditions.”

He said the majority of the birds washing up would be babies that have not got the strength to search deeper down into the water — or the endurance to keep going.

Mass deaths happen usually once a decade, and Taylor said with over 40 gone in just one week from a single beach, this could be one of those years.

“The worry that we have got is that as global sea temperatures rise with the warming effect that we get from carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, these events are going to become more frequent.”

The Department of Conservation said the deaths are the warning sign of the impacts to come from climate change.

Youth steals eight cars in crime spree

DUNEDIN — A 12-year-old Dunedin boy accused of stealing eight cars in a little over 24 hours needs to understand the chaos he leaves behind, one of his alleged victims said through tears yesterday.

Eight cars were stolen between Monday morning and Tuesday afternoon, before the offender was arrested in Mosgiel.

Senior Sergeant Anthony Bond, of Dunedin, said the boy sought by police was apprehended in Murray Street at about 1.30pm while attempting to get back into a stolen vehicle.

Seven Mazda Demios and a Honda Civic were stolen from Mornington, Fairfield, Port Chalmers, South Dunedin and the central city.

Police were interviewing the boy yesterday evening.

The case would be followed up by Youth Aid, Bond said.

One of the boy’s alleged victims, Kensington resident Cindy Ashley, said she discovered her car was missing when she arrived home from work just before 5pm on Monday.

The only sign of it was some broken glass on the street where she had left it parked.

Police had informed her the person responsible was a juvenile offender who was known for similar acts.

A witness who recognised the boy driving her stolen car at about 1pm reported it to the police and informed Ashley of the alleged offender’s age.

She described the theft as a “pretty devastating” violation.

Her hope was the offender would one day understand not just the chaos he was causing in people’s lives, but the financial impact of his crimes, too. — ODT

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Local road roundabout asphaltting is now complete and from **Monday 30 May** for approximately three weeks (weather dependent), the team will reseal State Highway 35 between Harris Street and Grey Street, including the Gladstone Road Bridge.

Gladstone Road Bridge will be closed and detours in place from **7pm - 5am**.

For further details, visit the Waka Kotahi website:

nzta.govt.nz/projects/gisborne-asphaltting-works/

* Work programme may change due to wet weather or COVID-19



1. Grey Street/Awapuni Road roundabout
2. Captain Cook Statue/the Cut
3. Gladstone Road Bridge

The numbered asphaltting locations do not reflect the order at which they are worked on.



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State highway asphaltting

Nearly half of mortgage holders ahead of repayments

by Jenée Tibshraeny, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — New figures show the extent to which the prudence of some mortgage holders will soften the blow to the economy of rising interest rates.

About 44 percent of mortgage holders were ahead of their repayments in the second half of 2021, according to data the country's 10 main retail banks provided the New Zealand Bankers' Association (NZBA).

NZBA chief executive Roger Beaumont said these mortgage holders likely kept their repayments the same while interest rates fell to record lows.

"Depending on their loan, others may have increased their repayments further to get ahead

and repay their loan more quickly," Beaumont said.

"This shows good financial capability among people with home loans. It also means they are quite well placed in an environment of rising interest rates."

CoreLogic chief economist Kelvin Davidson explained mortgage holders who kept their repayments up would be cushioned from the impact of rising interest rates — at least initially.

He said it was reassuring 44 percent of mortgage holders did so, given the large amount of mortgage debt due for refinancing this year.

The NZBA did not say how ahead mortgage holders were of their repayments.

Nor did it comment on how mortgage holders are faring now that interest rates are higher than

they were in 2021.

It did, however, suggest more mortgage holders came under pressure when interest rates started rising in the latter half of 2021.

The NZBA said around 1.3 percent of home loan customers switched from "principal and interest" to "interest only", an increase of 33 percent from the first half of 2021.

These figures are interesting in the context of the debate under way over how much of a cooling effect rising interest rates will have on the economy, given the pace at which the Reserve Bank is tightening monetary conditions, and the amount of mortgage debt the country has.

The value of New Zealand's mortgage debt sat at \$330.2 billion at the end of March, according to

the Reserve Bank. That is around \$20bn shy of New Zealand's annual gross domestic product.

While some economists are confident the Reserve Bank will be able to lift the official cash rate (OCR) in successive large increments of 50 points to around 3.5 percent, others believe it will have to take it easy after it lifts the rate by an expected 50 points to 2 percent today.

It was less than eight months ago that the OCR was 0.25 percent, and 10 months ago that the average two-year mortgage rate bottomed out at 2.53 percent. It is currently 5.13 percent.

Someone with a \$300,000 30-year mortgage would face repayments \$444 a month higher (at \$1634) if they were on the current average two-year rate, versus the average two-year rate 10 months ago.

Sluggish spending data signals tough year ahead

by Liam Dann, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — Sluggish retail sales in the first quarter of the year could be a sign of things to come as inflation and higher interest rates bite, economists say.

After price effects and seasonal patterns were removed, total sales volumes fell 0.5 percent in the March 2022 quarter, following an 8.3 percent increase in the December 2021 quarter, latest data from StatsNZ shows.

The total volume of retail sales (with price effects removed) fell 0.5 percent.

The Omicron outbreak truncated the post-Delta recovery, leaving activity 1.1 percent below mid-2021 peaks, said ASB senior economist Mark Smith.

"Life looks to be returning to normal, but our view remains that retail spending is unlikely to show the same vigour in 2022 as it did during a stellar 2021."

The "trifecta" of soaring living costs, weaker household balance sheets and sluggish population growth would continue to weigh on household spending activity, he said.

"A soft outlook for household spending is expected to weigh on overall activity. Recession during 2022 cannot be ruled out."

Despite a subpar outlook for household spending, the RBNZ was expected to move forward with OCR hikes, including a 50bp this week, Smith said.

Six of the 15 industries measured by StatsNZ had lower sales volumes in the March 2022 quarter compared with the December 2021 quarter. Nine had higher sales volumes.

By industry level, the largest falls were in motor vehicle and parts retailing — down 4 percent, and in hardware, building, and garden supplies — down 5.5 percent.



SPENDING OUTLOOK: New data shows retail had a slow start to the year.

NZ Herald picture

Non-store and commission-based retailing led the falls — down 10 percent.

Electrical and electronic goods retailing was up 2.7 percent.

Westpac senior economist Satish Ranchhod said the result was lower than

his forecast for a 2.2 percent rise in spending over the quarter.

But he noted that it was off the back of a large rise in the December quarter and was still broadly steady.

"The softer than anticipated retail spending result signals downside risk to our forecasts for a 0.6 percent rise in March quarter GDP," he said.

GDP data for the first quarter is due on June 16.

"We expect that domestic spending appetites will soften over the coming months. That is mainly due to two key developments. First is the rise in consumer prices, which is squeezing households' spending power," Ranchhod said.

"Second is the rise in mortgage rates. The related rise in debt servicing costs will add to the pressures on discretionary incomes.

"At the same time, the related cooling in the housing market and hit to households' balance sheets is likely to affect confidence and spending appetites."

While domestic spending was set to cool, we could expect to see some recovery in the hospitality sector following the opening of the international border, he said.

"Although international tourist numbers are still low compared to pre-Covid levels, we expect that they will rise quickly."

ANZ senior economist Miles Workman cautioned that the data was still "noisy" with the ebb and flow of Omicron waves heavily influencing behaviour.

"Nonetheless, headwinds to activity are intensifying, and the shine is expected to come off these (and other) data over coming quarters," he said.

"We are all hoping it is enough to get inflation on a path towards target in a relatively timely fashion, but as downside activity risks accumulate, upside inflation risks seem to linger."

‘ We expect that domestic spending appetites will soften over the coming months ’

—economist Satish Ranchhod

Kiwis fleeced of \$3.7 million in cyber scams

WELLINGTON — Cyber scams are continuing to evolve, with urgency, fear and opportunity used to dupe victims into parting with their money.

CERT NZ's Cyber Security Insights report for the first quarter of the year indicates the number of cyber incidents and the associated financial losses have dropped back a bit from the last quarter of 2021, but were still high.

"The previous quarter saw a spike due to the prevalent Flubot campaign, which used text messages to install malicious malware on New Zealanders' devices," CERT director Rob Pope said.

CERT received 2333 reports in the three months ended March, which was an increase of 63 percent from the same quarter last year. There were direct financial losses of \$3.7 million, which was up 23 percent on the year earlier.

Phishing and credential harvesting made up 59 percent of all reports.

Pope said phishing had been around for decades but had evolved over that time.

He said scammers often stole people's personal credentials to gain unauthorised access to accounts and systems, which could provide a gateway to other scams.

"Attackers change their tactics to reflect current events and use social engineering triggers, like urgency, fear and opportunity," he said.

Pope said it was helpful to report phishing attempts to CERT, because it could help stop others from falling victim to a scam.

Another concern was a rise in scams involving NFTs (non-fungible tokens), which had become popular.

"This new form of investment has created a rich avenue of opportunity for scammers who are always looking for an edge," Pope said.

NFTs appeal to attackers as they were mostly unregulated, and payments were difficult to reverse or retrieve.

He said the NFT market could be heavily hyped with high-profile projects, sparking a fear of missing out. — RNZ

SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — The prospect of a Pushpay takeover tussle added excitement but did not stop the New Zealand sharemarket falling more than half a percent.

The S&P/NZX 50 Index soon fell from its morning highs and closed at 11,247.03, down 69.43 points or 0.61 percent, after earlier reaching 11,329.66.

There were 56 gainers and 80 decliners across the whole market, with 33.84 million shares worth \$119.38 million changing hands.

Donor management software firm Pushpay Holdings, based in the US, surged 16c or 12.9 percent to \$1.40 on renewed takeover speculation.

Pushpay told the market it is continuing a process with multiple parties to explore the potential for a transaction that is in the best

interests of shareholders.

Matt Goodson, managing director of Salt Funds Management, said since buying in Pushpay was taking place on-market, due diligence has not been granted to the interested parties.

"We will have to wait and see if this develops into a bidding contest among multiple parties."

He said the local market reversed the previous day's gain and US futures were down after social media firm Snap told the market after-hours it will miss its revenue and adjusted earnings targets in the current quarter. Snap's share price fell 30 percent.

At home, all eyes will be on the Reserve Bank's latest monetary policy statement with the market expecting a 50 basis points rise in the official cash rate (OCR) to 2 percent.

Turners Automotive rose 10c or 2.66 percent to \$3.86 after reporting record full-year earnings of \$342m in revenue, up 15 percent, and net profit of \$31.3m, up 16 percent. The auto retail, finance and insurance divisions operating in the used car market all reached new heights.

Turners is paying a final dividend of 7c a share on July 28.

Synlait Milk continued to rise, gaining 6c or 1.83 percent to \$3.34; AFT Pharmaceuticals increased 26c or 7.12 percent to \$3.91 following its bumper result the day before; Eroad was up 6c or 2.11 percent to \$2.90; and Rakon picked up 6c or 4.11 percent to \$1.52.

Briscoe Group gained 15c or 2.63 percent to \$5.85, The Warehouse Group was up 6c or 1.82 percent to \$3.36 and Michael Hill International was down 6c or 5.08 percent to \$1.12 after latest statistics showed retail sales volumes declined 0.5 percent in the March quarter.

Mainfreight decreased \$1.15 to \$75.81;

Chorus was down 10.5c to \$7.16; Freightways fell 36c or 3.31 percent to \$10.50; Summerset Group Holdings declined 20c or 1.84 percent to \$10.67; and SkyCity Entertainment shed 6c or 2.16 percent to \$2.72.

Energy companies Meridian declined 16c or 3.48 percent to \$4.445; Contact shed 12c to \$7.67; and Mercury was down 11c or 1.89 percent to \$5.72. Genesis was unchanged at \$2.71.

Other decliners were Infratil down 10c to \$8.10; Delegat Group decreasing 40c or 3.23 percent to \$12; Vista Group shedding 5c or 3.23 percent to \$1.50; and Sky Network Television down 5c or 1.96 percent to \$2.50.

Gentrack, providing software solutions for utilities and airports, reported a net loss of \$5.83m for the six months ending March. The company confirmed full-year guidance of \$115m in revenue and its share price was down 4c or 2.65 percent to \$1.47. — NZ Herald

EDITORIAL

Rally defences for battle of ideas

by Clive Bibby



YOUR correspondents Marcus Roberts and Alexis Copland both offer well-researched information that backs up the less popular but more accurate definition of mis- or disinformation. Others call it fake news.

My contribution is designed to show how this relatively new phenomenon is being used to justify the introduction of separatist laws in this country.

I'm not afraid of any retaliation to my comments, as I feel it must be said.

The devil lies within. Our opponents in this battle are those who share our privileges but not our respect for the rights of our fellow citizens. We are at war in a battle of ideas.

It is becoming clear that the greatest threat to our membership of the alliance of "free" societies is our indoctrination by those who try to control our thoughts.

At least in New Zealand, the process remains a more subtle form of infiltration into the hearts and minds of those who seek the truth. In other countries like the United States and Australia,

the formula is similar but much more obvious and destructive. In all cases it is a failure of trust in a democratic process that is being abused by those whose agenda is no longer secret. They must not win.

On a daily basis we are being fed stories that are clearly distortions of the facts or outright lies, and yet we are expected to accept them without dissent.

Our MSM (mainstream media) have become the front-line troops operating on behalf of a democratically-elected government in defence of those half-truths or lies that are repeatedly offered to us — a wilful sabotage. We have become easy pickings for those who would pretend to want to save us from ourselves.

You may well ask what evidence do I have in making these extraordinary claims.

You don't have to go far to find proof that we are being led like lambs to the slaughter. Alexis's list of examples (Consider these mistakes, May 13 letter) is a good start but the whole truth is even more unsettling.

While I will be decried for making this analogy, particularly by those who have everything to lose from being exposed, I see direct comparisons with past fascist regimes' propaganda machines to our current media presentation of their version

of the truth.

They have shown that often there is no need to report a distortion, when you can get away with not saying anything about the parts that don't sit well with those whose interests you serve. You simply conceal the truth until it is too late to make a difference, if we had known.

In this country, the He Puapua report is a classic example of how the promoters of this deceitful practice intend to achieve their political ambitions. Thankfully, now that we know about the existence of this time bomb, we can rally our defences before it becomes law. But time is of the essence. We need to act now.

However, that will not be as easy as it first appears because already deliberate steps have been taken to enshrine its agenda in the statutes of Parliament.

The rewriting of our school history curriculum is, for me, the most glaring example of how the record of our heritage is being misused to divide us for the benefit of a select few. The selectively-sanitised version of Maori history is presented as justification for blame, accusations of institutional racism, the introduction of "co-governance" and further transfer of wealth as compensation for historically acknowledged misdeeds.

A part-truth is still a lie.

Pines seen as key part of solutions

A Government proposal that exotic trees be excluded from a new permanent forest category of the Emissions Trading Scheme has met resistance, especially from tangata whenua for whom much of their remaining land is remote and of the steep and erosion-prone variety that was less coveted by settlers — and for which carbon farming has both environmental benefits and the greatest earning potential.

As regional leadership group Rau Tipu Rau Ora said in its submission on the proposal, a hybrid approach of both exotic and native species will help recover highly-erodible land in suitable locations. Fast-growing exotics "provide short-term soil stability allowing for the transition to indigenous over time".

Exotics cost less than half as much as natives to plant, establish more successfully and sequester carbon at a much faster rate.

The submission did express concern that with 88 percent of our land classed as erosion-prone, much of the region might be targeted for tree planting and "poorly managed or located permanent large-scale afforestation in Tairāwhiti" could disrupt the local economy.

Former agribusiness professor Keith Woodford had an interesting take on the plan to limit pine trees to production forestry in an article on interest.co.nz last month where he argued that in terms of carbon sequestration, economic return and minimising soil erosion, permanent pine forests should be a key part of the solutions for this country.

He noted that our native forests were restricted to what could survive on a low-lying sub-tropical island after breaking away from Gondwanaland 80-100 million years ago, then more recently what could survive and evolve on a land lifted high by tectonic forces. They also evolved without mammalian pests.

Essentially, our native trees "are not well suited to colonising steep eroded lands that lost their original forest cover between 100 and 1000 years ago and are now covered in rundown pasture and sometimes scrub, and which provide a home for introduced rodents and possums".

Woodford says there is an "anti-lobby" that says pine forests are "bad". He questions that, if they are properly managed. He points out the natural life of radiata pine is about 300 years, for redwoods it is longer, and a native understory can develop below a mature pine forest. Non-contiguous planting and other management strategies reduce fire risk. As to wilding pines, radiata "often gets the blame when the real cuprits are the lodgepole Pinus contorta and Douglas fir".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

On pontoon breaking apart

Re: 'We told you so', May 23. Sure would be great if council would seek advice instead of wasting money.

MICHAEL SCANDLYN

I have to warn you, do please expect many more "told you so" events, due to the increasing effects

of climate change.

Higher sea levels are coinciding with more dangerous hurricanes and typhoons that move more slowly and drop more rain, contributing to more powerful storm surges that can strip away everything in their path.

BOB HUGHES

More cost-of-living relief

We've just released this year's Budget, which sets out the next steps in our plan to build a secure future for New Zealand. This includes a cost-of-living package which will help ease the pressure for people here in the East Coast electorate.

Right now, the fundamentals of our economy are strong. Our strong health response protected our economy through Covid-19, and we've pulled through better than almost anywhere else in the world. But we know that, despite these positive indicators, things are tough right now for many families, as global inflation affects prices here at home.

That's why in this year's Budget, we've included a comprehensive cost-of-living package. This includes a new temporary payment to help Kiwis earning up to \$70,000 a year with higher food and power bills. It also includes an extension to our fuel tax cut, reduced road user charges and half-price public transport for a further two months, and we're permanently halving public transport fares for people on low incomes. Alongside these

measures, we're taking action on supermarkets to make sure Kiwis are paying a fair price at the checkout. We're upgrading rural broadband, building on the work we've already done to ensure around 80,000 rural homes and businesses are better connected.

It is important we do what we can to take the hard edges off the global factors that are affecting us here in New Zealand, and these practical measures will help families here in Te Tairāwhiti and across the country.

Of course, as we do this, we'll continue to carefully manage the books — and our careful fiscal management means we will return to surplus quicker than National did after the global financial crisis.

I'll be in town with some colleagues over the next few weeks making some Budget announcements and hope to catch up with many of you while I'm back home. There's a lot more in the Budget that will benefit people here in the East Coast, and if you'd like to know more, I'd encourage you to check out labour.org.nz/budget2022

KIRI ALLAN, MP for East Coast

Well done Great help

Re: Top marks for country music awards show, May 21 story.

Woohoo! Well done Alley, Destiny, Lindsay and Poua. I was in the audience when Alley sang "The love song of the waterfall" and boy, did it give me goosebumps! Such a beautiful rendition.

A big mihi to Flo Pahuru and the Gisborne Country Music Awards committee for organising an amazing weekend.

ZANDRIA TAARE

Re: 'No simple recovery' from brain injury, March 20 story.

Dr Newburn has seen at least six of the clients I work with and has made significant improvements in the symptoms of brain injury — he is simply a genius! He has also assisted by rebutting ACC providers' incorrect comments about clients. He knows his stuff!

MALCOLM FALCONER
Clinical psychologist
Hokianga

Defending the indefensible

Re: On conflicts, verification — May 23.

Lara, you seem to be suggesting we judge politicians on their actions but not their words. I feel you are defending the indefensible in your opening sentence, this is politics.

Besides, this attitude is playing out in actions. The only times the Government has really engaged in critics' concerns during the pandemic are through the Official Information Act.

ALEXIS COPELAND

Alexis, that's pretty twisty. Lara wasn't suggesting that at all. The context to the "one source of truth" comment totally negates the ridiculous fuss that conspiracy theorists made of it. Arden was

referring to misinformation when she said it. She was trying to advise people not to listen to morons on the internet. Get your health information from the most qualified people, not Russian propaganda farms.

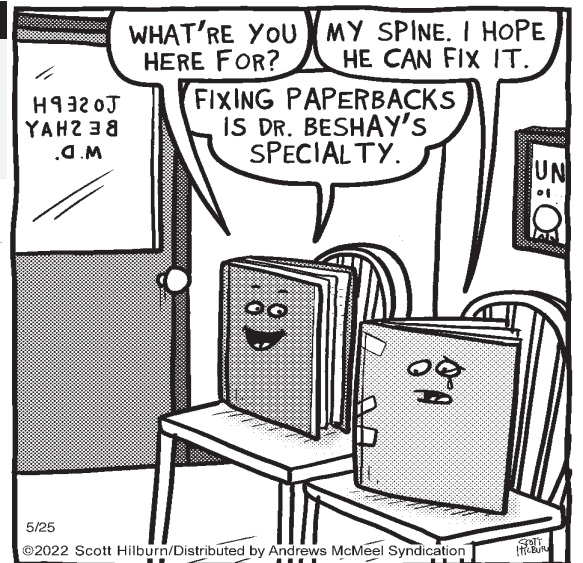
And, it's not at all true that they haven't engaged with critics. However, there are critics and there are morons. The "protesters" were the latter. Arden earned my respect by not stooping to that level.

Critics can only be engaged with if they're not living in a splintered reality. To solve problems all parties need to be working with reality, not conspiracies. And solutions are certainly not feasible when engaging with people who threaten to hang public servants.

AIMEE VICKERS

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Hacked files shed light on Uyghur detention camps

LONDON — Thousands of photographs from the heart of China's highly secretive system of mass incarceration in Xinjiang, as well as a shoot-to-kill policy for those who try to escape, are among a huge cache of data hacked from police computer servers in the region.

The Xinjiang Police Files, as they're being called, were passed to the BBC earlier this year. After a months-long effort to investigate and authenticate them, they can be shown to offer significant new insights into the internment of the region's Uyghurs and other Turkic minorities.

The cache reveals, in unprecedented detail, China's use of "re-education" camps and formal prisons as two separate but related systems of mass detention for Uyghurs — and seriously calls into question its well-honed public narrative about both.

Their publication coincides with the arrival in China of the United Nations Human Rights Commissioner for a controversial visit to Xinjiang, with critics concerned that her itinerary will be under the tight control of the government.

The government's claim that the re-education

camps built across Xinjiang since 2017 are nothing more than "schools" is contradicted by internal police instructions, guarding rosters and the never-before-seen images of detainees.

And its widespread use of terrorism charges, under which many thousands more have been swept into formal prisons, is exposed as a pretext for a parallel method of internment, with police spreadsheets full of arbitrary, draconian sentences.

The documents provide some of the strongest evidence to date for a policy targeting almost any expression of Uyghur identity, culture or Islamic faith — and of a chain of command running all the way up to the Chinese leader, Xi Jinping.

The hacked files contain more than 5000 police photographs of Uyghurs taken from January-July 2018. Using other accompanying data, at least 2884 of them can be shown to have been detained.

And for those listed as being in a re-education camp, there are signs that they are not the willing "students" China has long-claimed them to be.

Some of the re-education camp photos show guards standing by, armed with batons.

Yet claims of coercion have been consistently denied by China's most senior officials.

Many have been detained just for ordinary, outward signs of their Islamic faith or for visiting countries with majority Muslim populations.

The hacked documents include classified speeches by senior officials; internal police manuals and personnel information; the internment details for more than 20,000 Uyghurs; and photographs from highly sensitive locations.

Another set of documents go even further than the detainee photographs in exposing the prison-like nature of the "re-education" camps.

A set of internal police protocols describes the routine use of armed officers in all areas of the camps, the positioning of machine guns and sniper rifles in the watchtowers, and the existence of a shoot-to-kill policy for those trying to escape. Blindfolds, handcuffs and shackles are mandatory for any "student" being transferred between facilities or even to hospital.

The source of the files claims to have hacked and decrypted them from a number of police computer servers in Xinjiang, before

passing them to Dr Adrian Zenz, a scholar at the US-based Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation who has previously been sanctioned by China for his influential research on Xinjiang.

Dr Zenz then shared them with the BBC, which was able to contact the source directly but will not reveal anything about their identity.

None of the hacked documents is dated beyond the end of 2018, possibly as the result of a directive issued in early 2019 tightening Xinjiang's encryption standards.

Dr Zenz has written a peer-reviewed paper on the Xinjiang Police Files for the Journal of the European Association for Chinese Studies and he has placed the full set of detainee images and some of the other evidence online.

"The material is unredacted, it's raw, it's unmitigated, it's diverse. We have everything," he told the BBC. "We have confidential documents. We have speech transcripts where leaders freely talk about what they really think. We have spreadsheets. We have images. It's completely unprecedented and it blows apart the Chinese propaganda veneer." — BBC

UN Rights official begins high-stakes trip to China

BEIJING — China yesterday said the United States, Britain and other foreign powers were seeking to sabotage its foreign relations by "orchestrating criticism" surrounding a trip by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Foreign Minister Wang Yi met Michelle Bachelet in the southern city of Guangzhou on Monday (local time) as she began the contentious trip — the first such trip to China by a UN High Commissioner for Human Rights since 2005.

China had long held back on the fact-finding mission led by Bachelet, which would be focused on allegations of mass confinement, forced labour and compulsory birth control measures allegedly imposed on members of the Uyghur, Kazakh and China's other Muslim minorities.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin went on the offensive over such criticisms on Tuesday, saying "the US, Britain and other Western countries have been repeatedly staging political farces around the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights' visit to China."

"They have first openly pressured and strongly demanded that the high commissioner visit China and Xinjiang, and conducted the so-called investigation with the presumption of (China's) guilt," Wang said at a daily briefing.

The US, Britain and other countries "jumped out and spared no effort to disrupt and sabotage the visit, creating conditions and obstacles for the visit," Wang said.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with Bachelet in the southern city of Guangzhou on Monday, telling her that China opposed any "politicising" about human rights and any imposing of double standards.

Her six-day visit would be particularly focused on allegations of abuses against Muslim minorities in the northwestern region of Xinjiang, but rights' groups feared it would help to whitewash the crackdown labelled by the US



SPOTLIGHT ON XINJIANG: Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, right, met with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet in Guangzhou, southern China on Monday as she began her trip in China — the first such trip by a UN High Commissioner for Human Rights since 2005. It comes as a trove of hacked police images and documents has been leaked, shedding more light on the human toll of Beijing's treatment of its Uyghur minority.

Xinhua News Agency picture, via AP

as genocide.

China allegedly locked up an estimated million or more members of Uyghur, Kazakh and other Muslim minorities in what critics have described as a campaign to obliterate their distinct cultural identities.

China, however, said it had nothing to hide and welcomed "all those without political bias" to visit Xinjiang and view what it described as a successful campaign to fight terrorism and restore law and order and ethnic cohesion.

From Guangzhou, Bachelet was to travel to Kashgar and Urumqi, Xinjiang's capital.

The UN and China barred foreign media from accompanying Bachelet, and it was unclear with whom she would meet and how much

access she would be granted throughout her visit.

The UN, however, quoted Bachelet as telling Wang when they met that she was looking forward to exchanges with "many different people during my visit, particularly with government officials, business leaders, academics, students and members of the civil society working on human rights and other social and economic issues".

"While we will be discussing sensitive and important issues, I hope this will help us to build confidence and enable us to work together in advancing human rights in China and globally", Bachelet said.

Meanwhile, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said in a statement about the trip posted

on its website: "Wang noted that to advance the international cause of human rights, we must first respect each other and refrain from politicising human rights. Multilateral human rights' institutions should serve as a major venue for cooperation and dialogue rather than a new battlefield for division and confrontation."

China's ruling Communist Party allows for no political opposition and strictly limits free speech and rights to assembly and religious expression.

China is also one of the five veto-wielding permanent members of the UN Security Council and has signed (but not ratified) the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, administered by Bachelet's office.

Beijing has also come under criticism over its refusal to criticise Russia's invasion of Ukraine, as well as adopting a hard-line "zero-Covid" approach to the pandemic that has disrupted the lives of tens of millions of its citizens and upended supply chains globally.

In an online meeting on Tuesday with Wang, German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock cited the "shocking reports and new evidence of very serious human rights violations in Xinjiang and called for a transparent investigation," her ministry said.

"I think it's important that these accusations, which have been known for a long time, are addressed by the Chinese side, and I made that very, very clear in this morning's discussion," Baerbock said.

The US ambassador to the United Nations, Linda Thomas-Greenfield, echoed Baerbock's opinions.

She tweeted: "Horrified by the Xinjiang Police Files, which spotlight China's mass incarceration of Uyghurs and other ethnic and religious minorities."

Thomas-Greenfield also said that Bachelet and her office "must take a hard look at these faces and press Chinese officials for full, unfettered access — and answers". — AP

Albanese makes presence felt at Quad 2022

TOKYO — New Australian prime minister Anthony Albanese yesterday joined the Quad (the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue) 2022 summit in Tokyo, where he wasted no time in saying that China must remove its sanctions on Australian exports to have any chance of improving relations between the two countries.

Albanese was in Tokyo for the Quad 2022 summit with other regional leaders to endorse a firm line against Chinese coercion.

Albanese also pledged stronger security ties with the US, Japan and India at the summit, where risks to the region, such as Beijing's new security pact with the Solomon Islands, were also discussed.

Striking up a quick friendship with US President Joe Biden, Albanese — just one day after taking office — was promising greater action on climate change and more aid for the Pacific region as ways to strengthen the dialogue between the four countries and gain support for the Quad group in the region.

While Chinese Premier Li Keqiang sent a letter to Albanese on Monday to congratulate him on his election victory and seek "sound and stable" relations, Albanese responded with a pointed remark about Chinese restrictions on imports of Australian coal, barley, wine and other products in recent years.

"With regards to our relations, Australia seeks good relations with all countries. But it's not Australia that has changed: China has."

"It is China that has placed sanctions on Australia. There is no justification for doing that. And that's why they should be removed," Albanese said.

The Quad leaders' meeting, hosted by Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and which also included Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, took a stronger line towards Russia over its invasion of Ukraine in a signal to China about any potential military action against Taiwan.

Albanese, along with Foreign Minister Penny Wong, have been thrust on to the world stage this week after taking office on Monday, following Labor's victory in last week's federal election.

Albanese pledged to immediately get to work today on setting about his agenda when he returned back to Australia, with major commitments including universal childcare and a national anti-corruption watchdog.

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AgriHQ MARKET REPORT

Week beginning May 23

WHANGARA BULL WALK: Tom Sanson and Andrew Cribb from Whangara Angus will showcase the 30 bulls they plan to put up for sale by auction during Bull Week on Friday. The special guest will be All Blacks legend Buck Shelford. As part of the afternoon, the new stud owners will discuss the progress they have made since they took over, and their plans for the future. Their Bull Walk commences at 1pm on Friday and goes until around 5pm.

File picture



LAMB

Reports indicate that in many cases the lamb kill has tightened nationwide, with some opting to take advantage of the grass and mild growing conditions where applicable.

If this trend continues then the slowdown in slaughter rates could lead to a slaughter capacity crunch mid-winter, mainly through the North Island.

Processing plants are set to juggle peak bobby calf processing with increased lamb numbers and everyday staffing struggles. This has the potential to create processing backlogs.

Those that move early to either process or secure space through that period may find themselves relatively sheltered from what could eventuate.

In the short-term, South Island processors are continuing to inject more cash into slaughter prices, set to mainly fall into the \$8.50-\$8.60kgCW range next week.

The North Island has been a little slower to react, but is slowly lifting and will likely be in the same range.

BEEF

The dairy cow kill continues to be the main influence around cattle slaughter markets.

In the 12 weeks to April 23, the latest statistics available, the North Island cow kill was 18 percent below last year and the South Island 27 percent lower. These missing cattle are likely to appear after the usual early-June cut-off in the dairy cow kill, essentially dragging the main cattle season out by another month or so.

Only minor slaughter price increases have been reported in the past two weeks, largely tied to extra cash being received due to the NZD:USD falling substantially through the past month. Logistics continue to be the largest challenge when it comes to exporting.

New Zealand traders are still sending beef to the US at lower price points as it is simpler to do this versus trading into China where prices may be higher, but getting product to buyers is an uphill battle.

FORESTRY

Export prices at the wharfgate remain similar to April.

The biggest influence continues to be shipping rates and the uncertainty around Chinese markets. There is weaker demand coming from China due to the continuous lockdowns and decreased need to convert logs to lumber.

The backlogs at the ports are creating wait times that are costing exporters by the minute, as vessels are generally paid for on a time basis.

Coupling this with the increasing costs of shipping relative to increasing fuel costs, the returns are subdued for exporters. More recently, the process of getting logs into China has become more difficult with the new rule change around methyl bromide.

Thankfully, the NZD has supported these extra costs and offset some of the freight costs.

The domestic log market has remained steady this month, but more companies were reporting price increases from last quarter on structural logs.



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Monkeypox outbreak 'can be contained'

GENEVA — The outbreak of monkeypox cases outside of Africa can be contained, the World Health Organisation (WHO) says, as more governments announced plans to launch limited vaccinations to combat the rising infections of the virus.

The moves came as authorities investigated 237 suspected and confirmed cases of the virus in 19 countries since early May.

That number was expected to increase, WHO officials said, but most of the infections so far had not been severe.

The WHO did not have evidence that monkeypox had mutated, a senior executive at the UN agency said on Monday (local time), noting the infectious disease that had been endemic in west and central Africa had tended not to change.

Scientists did not expect the outbreak to evolve into a pandemic like the coronavirus, given the virus did not spread as easily as SARS-COV-2 (Covid).

Monkeypox was usually a mild viral infection that was endemic in parts of west and central Africa.

It spread chiefly through close contact and, until the recent outbreak, had rarely been seen in other parts of the world, which was why the recent emergence of cases had raised some alarm bells. — AAP



SECURITY DIALOGUE IN TOKYO: From left, new Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, US President Joe Biden, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi pose for a group picture at a Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) Fellowship Founding Celebration event in Tokyo yesterday. China has become increasingly assertive in the Indo-Pacific, and this was one key focus of the Quad leaders' talks. AP picture

Leaders navigate 'dark hour' amid Ukraine war

TOKYO — US President Joe Biden told fellow Indo-Pacific leaders assembled for a four-country summit on Tuesday that they were navigating "a dark hour in our shared history" due to Russia's brutal war on Ukraine and he urged the group to make a greater effort to stop Russian President Vladimir Putin's aggression.

"This is more than just a European issue. It's a global issue," Biden said as the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) summit with Japan, Australia and India got under way.

While the president did not directly call out any countries, his message appeared to be pointed, at least in part, at Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, with whom differences persisted over how to respond to the Russian invasion.

Unlike other Quad countries

and nearly every other US ally, India had not imposed sanctions or even condemned Russia — its biggest supplier of military hardware.

With Modi sitting nearby, Biden made the case that the world had a shared responsibility to do something to assist Ukrainian resistance against Russia's aggression.

"We're navigating a dark hour in our shared history," he said.

"The Russians' brutal and unprovoked war against Ukraine has triggered a humanitarian catastrophe and innocent civilians have been killed

in the streets and millions of refugees are internally displaced as well as in exile. "The world has to deal with it, and we are," he added.

For several of the bigger Asian powers, the invasion had been seen as a crucial moment for the world to demonstrate by a strong response to Russia that

China should not try to seize contested territory through military action.

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, taking note of Russia's aggression in Ukraine, told the other leaders: "We cannot let the same thing happen in the Indo-Pacific region."

A reminder of tensions in the region came during the Quad meeting.

Chinese and Russian strategic bombers conducted joint flights around Japan on Tuesday. Japan said it scrambled jets after Russian and Chinese warplanes neared its airspace while Tokyo was hosting the Quad leaders. Japan called the drills a provocation.

Japanese Defence Minister Nobuo Kishi described the exercise as a "threat", and said the cooperation between China and Russia was "concerning and unacceptable".

It was the first joint military exercise by China and Russia since the invasion of Ukraine on February 24, according to a senior US official, and it came rather pointedly at the end of

Biden's four-day trip to South Korea and Japan.

The White House had been effusive in its praise of several Pacific countries, including Japan, Singapore and South Korea, for stepping up to hit Russia with tough sanctions and export bans while offering humanitarian and military assistance to Kyiv.

However, the White House had been disappointed with the relative silence of India — the world's biggest democracy.

After a one-on-one meeting with Modi in Japan, Biden said they discussed Russia's invasion of Ukraine "and the effect it has on the entire global world order".

However, in a reflection of India's relationship with Moscow, the Quad leaders' post-summit joint statement made no mention of Russia.

In his comments, Modi did not refer to the war in Ukraine, instead ticking off several trade and investment programmes that he said he discussed with the president.

India had previously condemned civilian deaths in Ukraine, however. — AP

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15 killed in Texas school shooting

UVALDE, Texas — An 18-year-old gunman opened fire on Tuesday (local time) at a Texas elementary school, killing 14 children and a teacher and wounding others, Governor Greg Abbott said. The gunman was also dead.

It was the deadliest shooting at a US grade school since the shocking attack at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut, almost a decade ago.

And it came just 10 days after a gunman in body armour killed 10 Black shoppers and workers at a supermarket in Buffalo, New York, in what authorities said was a racist attack.

The gunman entered Robb Elementary School in Uvalde with a handgun and possibly a rifle, Abbott said.

Officials did not immediately reveal a motive, but the governor identified the assailant as Salvador Ramos and said he was a resident of a mainly Latino community about 135 kilometres west of San Antonio.

Abbott said the shooter was likely killed by police officers but that the events were still being investigated.

The school district's police chief, Pete Arredondo, said that the attacker acted alone.

The massacre of young children was another gruesome moment for a country already scarred by an almost ceaseless string of mass killings at churches, schools and stores.

"The gunman in Uvalde shot and killed, horrifically, incomprehensibly, 14 students, and killed a teacher," the governor said, adding that two officers were also wounded but were expected to survive.

"Pray for the lost, their families, and Uvalde," San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg said in a tweet.

It was not immediately clear how many people, in addition to the dead, were wounded, but Arredondo said there were "several injuries".



DEADLIEST SCHOOL SHOOTING IN TEXAS HISTORY: Police walk near Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas following a shooting there on Tuesday (local time).

Pictures via AP

Earlier, Uvalde Memorial Hospital said 13 children had been taken there. Another hospital reported that a 66-year-old woman was in critical condition there following the shooting.

Robb Elementary School had an enrollment of just under 600 students, and Arredondo said it served students in the second, third and fourth grades. He did not provide the ages of the children who were shot.

A heavy police presence surrounded the school on Tuesday afternoon, with officers in heavy vests diverting traffic and FBI agents coming and going from the building.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said President Joe Biden was briefed on the shooting on Air Force One as he returned from a five-day trip to Asia.

Biden was scheduled to deliver remarks on Tuesday evening at the White House.

Uvalde was home to about 16,000 people and was the seat of government for Uvalde County.

The town was about 120km from the border with Mexico.

Robb Elementary was in a mostly residential neighbourhood of modest homes.

A Border Patrol agent who was among the first law enforcement officers on the scene was shot and wounded by the gunman, according to a federal law enforcement official. The agent was hospitalised in good condition.

The tragedy in Uvalde was the deadliest school shooting in Texas history, and it added to a grim tally of mass shootings in the state that had been among the deadliest in the US over the past five years.

In 2018, a gunman fatally shot 10 people at Santa Fe High School in the Houston area. A year before that, a gunman at a Texas church killed more than two dozen people during a Sunday service in the small town of Sutherland Springs. In 2019, another gunman at a Walmart in El Paso killed 23 people in a racist attack.

The shooting came just



TEXANS GRIEVE: A woman cries as she leaves the Uvalde Civic Centre following a shooting earlier in the day at Robb Elementary School.

days before the National Rifle Association annual convention was set to begin in Houston.

Abbott and both of Texas' US senators were among elected Republican officials who were the scheduled speakers at a Friday leadership forum sponsored by the NRA's lobbying arm.

In the years since Sandy Hook, the gun control debate in Congress had waxed and waned. Efforts by lawmakers to change US gun policies in any significant way have consistently faced roadblocks from Republicans and the influence of outside groups, such as the NRA.

A year after Sandy Hook, Senators Joe Manchin a West Virginia Democrat, and Patrick J. Toomey, a Pennsylvania Republican, negotiated a bipartisan proposal to expand the nation's background check system. However, as the measure was close to being brought to the Senate floor for a vote, it became clear it would not get enough votes to clear a 60-vote filibuster hurdle. — AP

GLOBAL BRIEFS

US set to end Russia's ability to pay international investors

WASHINGTON, DC — The US is set to close the last avenue for Russia to pay its billions in debt back to international investors, making a Russian default on its debts for the first time since the Bolshevik Revolution of the early 20th century all but inevitable.

The Treasury Department said in a notification it did not plan to renew the licence to allow Russia to keep paying its debt-holders through American banks.

Since the first rounds of sanctions, the Treasury Department has given banks a license to process any bond payments from Russia.

That window would expire at midnight on May 25 (Washington time).

There had already been signs that the Biden administration was unwilling to extend that deadline.

At a press conference heading into the Group of Seven finance minister meetings in Koenigswinter, Germany, last week, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said the window existed "to allow a period of time for an orderly transition to take place, and for investors to be able to sell securities". — AAP

N. Korea fires more missiles

PYONGYANG — North Korea has fired three more ballistic missiles off its east coast, Seoul's military says, just days after South Korean and US leaders agreed to scale up joint military drills.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said Wednesday's three launches occurred in the space of less than an hour from the Sunan area of the North's capital Pyongyang.

US President Joe Biden and his new South Korean counterpart Yoon Suk-yeol agreed on Saturday to hold wider-ranging military drills and deploy more US strategic assets if necessary to deter North Korea's intensifying weapons tests.

But they also offered to send Covid vaccines to North Korea as the isolated country battled its first confirmed outbreak of the virus, which it had typically referred to as the "fever". — AAP

Covid's mental health impact

SYDNEY — Feelings of isolation and little social interaction during the Covid pandemic resulted in a rise in mental health issues among young Australians.

And a recent youth survey conducted in that country showed that gender-diverse young people and students had felt the impact more keenly than others.

The majority of young people reported the top three areas of their life most negatively impacted by the pandemic were participation in activities, education and mental health.

Mission Australia's annual survey of 20,000 Australians aged 15-19 years found that of the more than 3000 young people who rated their mental health and wellbeing as poor, more than three quarters (76.5 percent) indicated the pandemic had a negative impact on their mental health.

The survey revealed gender-diverse people experienced more negative impacts across almost all domains, and were twice as likely as males to report how the pandemic had negatively impacted their lives.

An Otago University study last year found that there had been a significant psychological toll from Covid lockdowns for New Zealanders also, notably for those with histories of mental illness. — AAP, agencies

200 bodies found in basement of Mariupol apartment

KYIV, Ukraine — Workers digging through the rubble of an apartment building in Mariupol have found 200 bodies in the basement, Ukrainian authorities say, as more horrors come to light in the ruined city that had seen some of the worst suffering of the three-month-old war.

The bodies were decomposing and the stench had been hanging over the neighbourhood, said Petro Andryushchenko, an adviser to the mayor.

He did not say when the bodies were discovered, but the sheer number of victims made it one of the deadliest known attacks of the war.

Heavy fighting, meanwhile, was reported in the Donbas, the eastern industrial heartland that Moscow's forces had been intent on seizing.

Russian troops took over an industrial town that hosted a thermal power station, and intensified efforts to encircle and capture Sievierodonetsk and other cities.

Twelve people were killed by Russian shelling

in the Donetsk region of the Donbas, according to the regional governor.

And the governor of the Luhansk region of the Donbas said the area was facing its "most difficult time" in the eight years since separatist fighting erupted there.

"The Russians are advancing in all directions at the same time. They brought over an insane number of fighters and equipment," the governor, Serhii Haidai, wrote on Telegram.

"The invaders are killing our cities, destroying everything around."

He added that Luhansk was becoming "like Mariupol".

Mariupol was relentlessly pounded during a nearly three-month siege that ended last week after some 2500 Ukrainian fighters abandoned a steel plant where they had made their stand.

Russian forces already held the rest of the city, where an estimated 100,000 people remained out of a pre-war population of 450,000.

Many of those residents remaining were now trapped in the Russian encirclement with little food, water, heat or electricity.

At least 21,000 people were killed in the siege, according to Ukrainian authorities, who had accused Russia of trying to cover up the horrors by bringing in mobile cremation equipment and by burying the dead in mass graves.

During the assault on Mariupol, Russian airstrikes had hit a maternity hospital and a theatre where civilians had been taking shelter.

An Associated Press investigation found that close to 600 people had died in the theatre attack, which was double the figure that had been estimated by Ukrainian authorities.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy accused the Russians of waging "total war" and seeking to inflict as much death and destruction as possible on his country.

"Indeed, there has not been such a war on

the European continent for 77 years," Zelenskyy said, referring to the end of World War 2.

Moscow-backed separatists had fought Ukrainian forces in the Donbas for eight years now and held large swaths of territory.

Sieverodonetsk and neighbouring cities were the only part of the Donbas' Luhansk region still under Ukrainian government control.

Russian forces had achieved "some localised successes" despite strong Ukrainian resistance along dug-in positions, British military authorities said.

Zelenskyy said Ukrainian forces in the region were facing a difficult situation.

"Practically the full might of the Russian army, whatever they have left, is being thrown at the offensive there," Zelenskyy said late on Tuesday in his nightly address to the nation.

"Liman, Popasna, Sievierodonetsk, Slaviansk — the occupiers want to destroy everything there." — AP

RNZAF finds two boats missing near Kiribati



RESCUE EFFORT: The two boats were located within 10 nautical miles of each other.

Picture supplied by RNZAF

AUCKLAND — The Royal New Zealand Air Force has found two boats with seven survivors on board, including an 11-year-old, after they were reported missing near Kiribati.

A P-3K2 Orion left Auckland early on Monday morning to search for a five-metre vessel that had left Makin Island on Friday with three adults and a child on board.

The boat had been reported overdue from a trip from Makin Island to Butaritari Island, Kiribati.

However, New Zealand search crews found another missing vessel, the Woodhaven III, approximately 150 nautical miles from where it was thought to have gone missing.

Shortly after, the crew then found the first boat they had been tasked to search for within 10 nautical miles of the Woodhaven III.

The US Coastguard had been tasked with finding the boat before it was discovered by the New Zealand crew. — NZ Herald

BRIEFS

Volcanic unrest continues

TAUPO — The temperature of the crater lake on Mount Ruapehu has declined over the past week, but volcanic tremors are continuing.

GNS Science says the lake dropped from 41C to 30C yesterday.

It says heavy rainfall caused a temporary rise in the lake level and a drop in temperature.

“These observations are consistent with a slowing down or stalling of the magma intrusion in the volcano,” duty volcanologist Yannik Behr said in a statement.

GNS says gas emissions from relatively shallow magma suggests the volcano is still in a heightened level of unrest.

“Due to the heightened volcanic unrest, GNS Science staff are carrying out more frequent aerial observations and gas measurements when weather conditions are suitable,” Behr said.

The alert level remains at two. — RNZ

Arrests after alleged break-in

AUCKLAND — Two men were arrested after police were called to an alleged break-in at a television station in Auckland overnight.

Authorities arrived at the Newshub premises on Flower Street in Eden Terrace, central Auckland, shortly before 2.30am.

Police confirmed this morning that two men — aged 42 and 21 — were arrested and charged with being unlawfully in a building.

They are due to appear in the Auckland District Court today.

It is understood the pair broke in via a side door before police were alerted shortly afterwards.

The incident happened during a night of mayhem after several reports of gunshots around the city. — NZ Herald

Body found near high school

AUCKLAND — Police are investigating an unexplained death of a man whose body was found near a top Auckland high school.

Authorities were called to an area near the Roy Clements Treeway in Mt Albert, West Auckland, at about 6.45pm yesterday after being alerted to a body.

The busy thoroughfare is next to Mt Albert Grammar School and links the street to a shopping centre opposite St Lukes.

The death is currently being treated as unexplained, Detective Inspector Chris Barry said. “The area was secured overnight with a scene guard in place.”

A search of the area and a forensic scene examination will take place today.

Barry confirmed that the man had been identified and that his family had been notified of the death.

Police are urging anyone who may have seen anything in the area at the time to contact authorities. — NZ Herald

Probe into death to begin

LONDON — An investigation will begin this week into the death of New Zealander Joseph Day, whose body was recovered from Avon Gorge in Britain this month.

The 31-year-old had been living in Bristol with fiancée Kelsey Mulcahy when he disappeared on April 30. Day's body was found three days later in the gorge. Stuff reported that an investigation by the Avon Coroner into Day's death would begin on May 26. — NZ Herald

False flyer pair named

NELSON — Artist Nichola Romney and wharfie Alan Clarke can now be named as the pair who falsely used the identities of two Maori to make it look like it was them delivering a politically charged message.

Romney and Clarke were sentenced this month, after seeking a discharge without conviction and continued name suppression.

When the judge declined suppression, they appealed and were given 14 days to lodge the appeal, which lapsed yesterday.

The pair were charged last May over flyers they made and distributed to Nelson businesses, which included threats for appropriating Maori culture. — NZ Herald

The Warehouse evacuated

PALMERSTON NORTH — The Warehouse in Palmerston North was evacuated yesterday for the third time in three days.

Police said the evacuation was a precaution while officers made inquiries after receiving “information of concern”.

A spokesperson said the veracity of the information had not been confirmed. They thanked people for their cooperation. — RNZ

‘It just wrecked me’

Family confront driver whose carelessness took daughter’s life

by Qiuyi Tan, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — In the days before she died, Naomi McRae’s father Ewen sat by her side, stroking her cheek and arm, the only parts of her left unscathed after she was hit by a 16-tonne truck.

The police officer was headed to work just before sunrise on February 13, 2020, when Russell John Tunncliffe’s truck-and-trailer crashed head-on into her car, setting it on fire.

Motorists helped put out the blaze and Naomi was airlifted to hospital with critical injuries — broken vertebrae, a brain bleed, toes burned to the bone. She died three days later, aged 35, surrounded by family.

“It just wrecked me,” Ewen McRae said in court on Monday, before Tunncliffe was sentenced to four months in jail for careless driving causing death and injury.

Naomi was full of life, he said, an avid marathoner who had qualified for the Boston Marathon and was set to fly to the United States for a “trip of a lifetime” with her parents.

The constable worked in the Counties Manukau District in the family harm department and was well-loved by her police whānau.

Her mother Angela spoke of her “beautiful, strong, vibrant daughter” as she read out her victim impact statement at the Manukau District Court.

“No parent should ever have to bury a child, especially in avoidable circumstances,” she said, her voice strong but trembling as she turned to address Tunncliffe. “You were the careless driver behind the wheel.”

Sibling Alex McRae, who lived in Melbourne, said his sister had just found out she was going to be an aunt at the time.

“My child was cheated out of her aunty who would have loved her like no other,” Alex said. He struggled with depression after his only sister’s death.

“I relied on alcohol, my marriage suffered, I didn’t know how to be a father. The things that should matter didn’t,” he said.

Naomi wasn’t Tunncliffe’s only victim that day.

The 63-year-old truck driver was heading west on Linwood Road in Karaka, South Auckland, at the end of a 12-hour shift when he crashed into the back of Marion Lane’s car just before 6am.

Lane, on her way to work, was stopped near the centre line waiting for a break in traffic to turn right. The impact caused both vehicles to cross the centre line into oncoming traffic. Naomi, who was driving in the opposite direction, could not avoid Tunncliffe’s truck.

Lane, a mother of three in her 60s, had



DRIVER JAILED: Naomi McRae’s brother Alex, mother Angela, father Ewen and aunt Deborah Brown at the Manukau District Court.

NZ Herald picture

significant injuries including a fractured heel and bruises to the chest, foot and ankle.

She went back to part-time work three months after the crash but eventually resigned. Driving the same route to work had become too hard, according to her victim impact statement read by the police prosecutor. She couldn’t sleep and had post-traumatic stress disorder and survivor guilt after Naomi’s death.

After a three-day trial in February, Tunncliffe was found guilty on two charges of careless driving causing death and injury, making a false driving logbook entry and exceeding his maximum work hours.

At first, he told police he did not see Lane’s car because of heavy fog, but CCTV footage and witness accounts showed the air was clear.

“It was dark but this was a straight section of road, the car should have been visible, especially from your elevated driving position,” Judge Sanjay Patel said in his sentencing.

Tunncliffe had been driving non-stop for nearly 12 hours.

“This was not a case of momentary inattention,” Judge Patel said, calling it “sustained inattention, or you were asleep”.

He noted Tunncliffe’s three previous convictions for careless driving and two for false logbook entries, most recently in 2016, showing what the judge called a “selfish disregard” for others. Tunncliffe had insisted he took the right rest breaks, blaming Lane and oncoming traffic for the collision.

“You have an overwhelming sense of entitlement,” Judge Patel told him.

“You have refused rehabilitation and

you took a belligerent attitude during interviews.”

In her closing submission, defence lawyer Megan Jenkins read an apology from Tunncliffe. She said he was dyslexic and could not read the letter himself.

“I am very, very sorry,” the letter said, “I cannot expect you will forgive me.” Tunncliffe, who sat unmoving for most of the hearing, rubbed his eyes with a finger at this point.

He wished the crash had not happened, his apology stated, and did not know what he could do to make up for the hurt he had caused. He had declined restorative justice because he did not have the emotional skills to talk about his feelings.

The man had no savings, had been unable to work since he lost his licence after the crash, but had the support of a few friends and his wife, who sat in the public gallery.

Judge Patel said the apology was late in the piece and at odds with his lack of remorse throughout the proceedings.

Tunncliffe was sentenced to four months’ jail — the maximum three months for careless driving causing Naomi’s death, and a one-month uplift for Lane’s injuries. He was also disqualified from driving for two years and two months, and ordered to pay reparations of \$1000 each to Lane and the McRae family. The crash ranked among the most serious cases of careless driving, Judge Patel said.

“I consider your culpability higher because you are a professional driver. You made the conscious decision to drive without taking rest breaks.”

The McRaes hugged one another in the courtroom after Tunncliffe was escorted out by prison officers.

WEDNESDAY—THURSDAY'S TELEVISION GUIDE

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

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

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

7.30 FINAL The Cube *M*
Phillip Schofield presents a game show that tests contestants skill, nerve and determination to win.

8.20 Lotto
The Lotto draw.

8.25 FINAL The Cube PG *M*
Continued.

8.40 Kirstie And Phil's Love It Or List It PG *M*
Rachael and Tim cannot agree on whether to stay in their 1930s semi or up-sticks.

9.40 Coronation Street PG *M*
10.40 1 News Tonight *M*
11.10 Shortland Street PG *M*
11.40 Roadkill ML *M*
As Charmian digs into Peter's political past in Washington DC, there is trouble at home when Peter's family find out about his affair.

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12.50 Under The Dome M *M*
1.35 Te Karere *M*
2am Infomercials
5.30 Te Karere *M*
6am Breakfast *M*
The Breakfast team presents news, entertainment, sports and weather.

9am The Ellen DeGeneres Show PG *M*
Ellen DeGeneres brings her brand of humour to daytime talk.

10am Tipping Point *M*
11am The Chase *M*
Noon 1 News At Midday *M*
12.30 Emmerdale PG *M*
1pm Hollyoaks PG *M*
Warren throws himself into his fitness; the wedding feud continues as Goldie overhears Cindy's plan for a venue.

2pm Coronation Street PG *M*
3pm Tipping Point *M*
4pm Te Karere
4.30 Neighbours PG *M*
Harlow cuts Corey loose; to avert suspicion, Glen spins lies.

5pm The Chase *M*

BRAVO

5.30 Shark Tank PG
6.30 Bar Rescue PGLC
7.30 Dog Rescuers PG
Inspector Lauren Baily discovers two neglected Labradors and three emaciated spaniel pups in need of help.

8.30 24 Hours In Emergency MC
9.35 Stacey Dooley Sleeps Over PGL
10.35 Killer Couples MVC *M*
11.30 Accident, Suicide Or Murder? MVC *M*

THURSDAY

12.20 Infomercials
10am Hoarders PG *M*
10.55 Bar Rescue PGLC *M*
11.45 Killer Couples MVC *M*
12.40 Shark Tank PG *M*
1.35 The Real Housewives Of New York City M *M*
2.35 Hoarders PG *M*
3.30 Top Chef PG
4.30 Shark Tank PG *M*
5.30 Shark Tank PG

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5pm The Simpsons PG *M*
5.30 Friends PG *M*
6pm The Big Bang Theory *M*
6.30 Home And Away PG *M*
Mackenzie is out of options; Dean and Ziggy uncover PK's scam; Theo gets a romantic visitor.

7pm Shortland Street PG *M*
7.35 Snack Masters NZ PG *M*
The pressure is on top chefs Nathan Houppapa and Mark Southon as they compete to make chips and dip.

8.35 Taskmaster M *M*
9.35 Tom Allen's Quizness *M*
British comedian Tom Allen hosts a quiz show where the contestants must prove their knowledge by looking silly.

10.40 Hell's Kitchen: Young Guns 16 *M*
The remaining chefs must create their own menus for a five-course dinner.

11.40 Mom M *M*
Bonnie takes a trip down memory lane after meeting an old flame; Tammy volunteers to make the kitchen accessible for Adam.

THURSDAY

12.25 Resident Alien PGC *M*
1.15 Emmerdale PG *M*
1.40 Infomercials
2.35 MasterChef Australia *M*
3.50 The Drew Barrymore Show PG *M*
4.40 Neighbours *M*
5am Infomercials
6am Les Mills Born To Move *M*
6.25 Children's Programmes *M*
9.10 Infomercials
9.40 Les Mills Core *M*
10.10 Home And Away PG *M*
10.40 Shortland Street PG *M*
11.10 The Mindy Project PGC *M*
11.40 Charmed M *M*
12.40 Heroes PG *M*
1.35 The Drew Barrymore Show PG *M*
2.30 Snack Masters NZ PG *M*
3.30 The Feed
5pm Big Brother Australia PG *M*

EDEN

5pm Mysteries At The Museum PG
6pm Money For Nothing
7pm Kings Of The Wood
Ella and Charis build a sculptured sign language table; Alex creates a vintage-style bookcase; Saf works on a pair of stools.

8pm Newshub Live At 8pm
8.30 Big Family Farm
At the start of autumn, the Owen family are preparing for the busy breeding season.

9.30 Turquoise Fever
An important overseas client places a huge turquoise order that could make or break the Ottesons's year.

10.30 Kings Of The Wood
11.30 Baggage Battles

THURSDAY

12am Infomercials
6am Mystery Of The Lost Island PG
7am The Pioneer Woman
7.30 Valerie's Home Cooking
8am Bobby And Giada In Italy
9am Mysteries At The Museum PG
10am Money For Nothing
11am Restored
11.55 Turquoise Fever
12.55 Big Family Farm
1.55 Kings Of The Wood
2.50 Grizzly Project PG
3.50 Rick Stein's India
5.05 Mysteries At The Museum PG

THREE

5pm Gold Rush PG *M*
6pm Newshub Live At 6pm
7pm The Project
7.30 Parental Guidance PG *M*
Day two in the Crowded House and the next set of parents are in charge.

8.30 SAS Australia 16 *M*
Recruits attempt the longest cat crawl, of any course, in blustering winds above a crashing ocean.

9.35 Finding Escobar's Millions M *M*
A former Escobar chemist claims to know where \$30 million is buried; Chris and Ramon investigate a property with secret tunnels.

10.20 Newshub Late
10.50 Hawaii Five-0 M *M*
11.50 Yard Crashers *M*

THURSDAY

12.15 Infomercials
5.30 AM Early
6am AM
9am Infomercials
10.30 Match Game PG *M*
11.30 Newshub Live At 11.30am
Noon Married At First Sight: US PG
1pm MOVIE Badge Of Betrayal M 2013 Thriller.
A woman discovers that her former husband has faked their son's death in order to ruin her life. She fights to prove he is alive. Julie Benz, Rick Ravanello.

3pm Cutthroat Kitchen PG *M*
3.55 Room Crashers *M*
4.30 Newshub Live At 4:30pm
5pm Gold Rush PG *M*

PRIME

5.30 Prime News
6pm Sky Speed
6.30 Storage Wars PGL *M*
7pm Pawn Stars PGC *M*
7.30 Helicopter ER M *M*
The crew are called to help a circus acrobat who plunged nine metres into the audience; a walker's fall leads to a difficult rescue.

8.30 FINAL Ambulance 16VLC *M*
Crews respond to a patient who has come off their bike in the middle of woodland; Holly and Craig deal with a frequent 999 caller.

9.45 High 16LC *M*
A panicked Michaela claims she was forced into smuggling the drugs. Her story quickly garners the attention of the world's press.

11pm The Late Show With Stephen Colbert PG
THURSDAY

12am World's Most Unexplained PGC *M*
12.30 Infomercials
8am Henry Danger PGV *M*
8.25 The Casagrandes *M*
8.50 The Moe Show *M*
9am Wheel Of Fortune *M*
9.30 FINAL Five Bedrooms MLC *M*
10.30 Big Love MC *M*
11.30 Royal Pains MVSC
12.30 Duncanville MC
1pm House MC *M*
2pm The Late Show With Stephen Colbert PG *M*
3pm Wheel Of Fortune
3.30 Jeopardy
4pm American Pickers PGC *M*
5pm Fish Of The Day PGC *M*
5.30 Prime News

MAORI TV

5pm Paia *M*
5.15 Haka Life *M*
5.30 Taikura Kapa Haka Festival *M*
6pm Te Arawa *M*
6.30 Te Ao Marama
7pm Huro Pepi
7.30 Moving Out With Kanoa
8.30 MOVIE The Next Three Days MVL 2010 Crime.
A couple's life is upset when the wife is accused of murder. Russell Crowe, Elizabeth Banks.

11pm Te Ao Marama
11.30 Closedown

THURSDAY

6.30 Waiata Mai *M*
6.40 ZooMoo *M*
6.50 Taki Atu Taki Mai *M*
7am Darwin And Newts *M*
7.10 Smooth *M*
7.20 Haati Paati *M*
7.30 Kia Mau *M*
7.40 Kainga Whakapaipai *M*
7.50 Paia *M*
8am Polyfest *M*
8.30 Oranga Ngakau *M*
9.30 Whanau Living *M*
10am Kai With Anne Thorp *M*
10.30 Toi Te Ora *M*
11am Moving Out With Kanoa
Noon Te Ao Tapatahi
12.30 Sidewalk Karaoke *M*
1.05 Moko *M*
1.30 Ako *M*
3.05 Waiata Mai *M*
3.15 ZooMoo *M*
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5.30 Taikura Kapa Haka Festival *M*



Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It 8.40pm on TVNZ 1



Taskmaster 8.35pm on TVNZ 2



High 9.45pm on Prime

RNZ NATIONAL

5pm Checkpoint With Lisa Owen. News and current affairs programme.
6.30 Trending Now
7.06 Nights With Bryan Crump.
10pm News At Ten
10.15 Lately With Karyn Hay.
11.04 Inside Out With Nick Tipping.

THURSDAY

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

SKY SPORT 1

5pm World Sevens Series (HLS)
5.15 World Sevens Series (HLS)
5.30 World Sevens Series (HLS)
5.45 Super Rugby Pacific (HLS)
6pm Classic All Blacks v Spain (RPL)
8pm The Ditch
8.30 Super Rugby Pacific (HLS)
9pm Super Rugby Pacific (HLS)
9.20 Japan Rugby League One (HLS)
9.50 Cycling: Giro D'Italia (HLS)
10.20 LIVE Cycling: Giro D'Italia Stage 17: Ponte di Legno to Lavarone.

THURSDAY

3.35 The Ditch
4.05 Once A Warrior With Monty Betham
4.30 The Breakdown
5.30 Aotearoa Rugby Pod
6am French Top 14 Rugby (RPL) Brive v Toulouse.
8am Super Rugby Pacific (HLS)
8.30 Super Rugby U20 (RPL)
10.30 Super Rugby U20 (RPL)
12.30 Super Rugby U20 (RPL)
2.30 Super Rugby Pacific (HLS)
2.45 First XV Rugby (RPL)
4.30 Super Rugby Pacific (HLS)
5pm Super Rugby U20 (HLS)

SKY 5

5pm Counting Cars PG
5.30 Pawn Stars PG
6pm Storage Wars PGL
6.30 Storage Wars PGL
7pm Border Security M
7.30 The Mentalist MVC
8.30 FBI: Most Wanted MV
9.30 Lethal Weapon 16VLC
10.30 Person Of Interest M
11.30 Ax Men ML

THURSDAY

12.30 Wheel Of Fortune
1am Jeopardy!
1.25 Border Security M
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2.30 The Mentalist MVC
3.20 Ax Men ML
4.10 Jeopardy!
4.35 Wheel Of Fortune
5pm Counting Cars PG
5.30 Pawn Stars PG

PAY TV

MOVIES PREMIERE

6.55 Bellbird ML 2019 Comedy. Marshall Napier, Cohen Holloway.
8.30 South Of Heaven 16VLC 2021 Action. Upon his release from prison, a man vows to give his fiancée, who is dying from cancer, the best year of her life. Jason Sudeikis, Evangeline Lilly.
10.35 Unpregnant MLSC 2020 Comedy. Haley Lu Richardson, Barbie Ferreira.
THURSDAY

12.20 City Of Lies 16VLC 2018 Drama. Johnny Depp, Forest Whitaker.
2.10 Ride Like A Girl PGL 2019 Drama. Teresa Palmer, Sam Neill.
3.50 Gully 18VLC 2021 Drama. Kelvin Harrison jr, Charlie Plummer.
5.15 Separation MVL 2020 Horror. Violet McGraw, Rupert Friend.
7am Dream Horse PGL 2021 Drama. Toni Collette, Damian Lewis.
8.55 The Glorias MLSC 2020 Drama. Julianne Moore, Alicia Vikander.
11.20 Antebellum 16V 2020 Thriller. Janelle Monae, Jena Malone.
1.05 The Professor And The Madman MVC 2019 Drama.
3.10 The Dry 16V 2020 Drama.
5.05 Dawn Raid ML 2020 Documentary.

DISCOVERY

5.40 Outback Opal Hunters PG
6.35 Dirty Jobs MLC Escalator Maintainer, Scorpion Sweeper.
7.30 Deadliest Catch: Bloodline PG
8.30 Bering Sea Gold MLC
9.30 Moonshiners: Master Distiller MLC
10.30 Edge Of Alaska MLC
11.25 Naked And Afraid MLC

THURSDAY

12.15 Barnwood Builders PG
1.05 Blowing Up History PG
1.55 Gold Rush PG
2.45 Naked And Afraid MLC
3.35 Bering Sea Gold MLC
4.25 Homestead Rescue: Raney Ranch PG
5.15 Outback Opal Hunters PG
6.05 Man Caves PG
6.30 How Do They Do It? PG
6.55 How The Universe Works PG
7.45 Barnwood Builders PG
8.35 Demolition Down Under PG
9.25 Fast N' Loud PG
10.20 Deadliest Catch: Bloodline PG
11.15 Bering Sea Gold MLC
12.10 Blowing Up History PG
1.05 Naked And Afraid MLC
2pm Homestead Rescue: Raney Ranch PG
2.55 Gold Rush MLC
3.50 Demolition Down Under PG
4.45 Outback Opal Hunters PG
5.40 Gold Rush MLC

NOTICE BOARD

Entertainment

ODEON 5

Phone 867 3339

DOCTOR STRANGE IN THE MULTIVERSE OF MADNESS (TBC)
WED 1.15pm, 4.10pm, 8.40pm
THU 1.10pm, 6pm, 8.40pm

DOWNTON ABBEY: A NEW ERA (PG)
WED 1.35pm, 6.45pm
THU 12.50pm, 5.45pm

HAUTE COUTURE (M)
WED 1.20pm, 5.50pm
THU 10.40am

HOW TO PLEASE A WOMAN (M)
THU 1.20pm, 3.25pm, 6.25pm

NOBODY HAS TO KNOW (M) WED
3.40pm, 8.10pm
THU 10.40am

OPERATION MINCEMEAT (M)
WED 1pm, 6pm
THU 12.50pm, 8pm

THE BAD GUYS (PG)
WED 3.50pm

THE BOB'S BURGERS MOVIE (PG) THU 11am, 3.45pm, 5.45pm

THE LOST CITY (M) WED 3.40pm
THU 3.25pm, 8.40pm

THE NORTHMAN (R16)
WED 2.30pm, 5.30pm, 8.20pm
THU 3.40pm, 8.20pm

TOP GUN: MAVERICK (M) WED 6pm, 8.40pm
THU 10.40am, 12.15pm, 3pm, 5.45pm, 8.30pm

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Deadline to advertise is 2pm Thursday.

Meetings

TAIRAWHITI LAND DEVELOPMENT TRUST

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
VIA ZOOM

The public are advised that the Annual General Meeting of the Tairāwhiti Land Development Trust will be held online via Zoom 9am on Thursday 2nd June 2022

Please register your interest with **BDO Gisborne Ltd Maori Business Unit** on 06 869 1400 or email mbu@bdo.co.nz

KINGI SMILER CHAIRPERSON

Meetings

RONGOHAERE MARAE AGM 2022

Tena ra tatau i roto i nga tini ahuatanga o te wa nei
11am, Haterei 18 o Hune 2022
ZOOM – ONLINE

AGENDA:
- Presentation of Audited Accounts
- Re-build Update
- Fundraising Activities
- General Business.

Please register by phone/txt 0274132068 / email: tarshkoia@teawaiu.school.nz / or FB Messenger
A Zoom link will be sent to you on registration.
I roto i nga manaakitanga, na, Te Komiti o Rongohaere.

Meetings

SET UP AHU WHENUA TRUST, TOKATA A2

16th June, 10am
8 Gillies Street Kaiti, Gisborne

AGENDA
Elections of Trustees, Drafting Trust Deed.
Tokata A2 facebook page for downloads.

SET UP AHU WHENUA TRUST, MARANGAIROA A35

17th June, 10am
8 Gillies Street Kaiti, Gisborne

AGENDA
Election of Trustees, Drafting of Trust Deed.
Marangairoa A35 facebook page.

LOST & FOUND

Found

FORD car keys & garage opener. Ph 027 228 6922.

Meetings

SET UP AHU WHENUA TRUST, POHOOTERANGI B2B

15th June, 10am
8 Gillies Street Kaiti, Gisborne

AGENDA
Elections of Trustees, Drafting Trust Deed.
Pohooterangi B2B facebook page for downloads.

Meetings

GISBORNE MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 2nd June 5.30pm

Sport Gisborne Boardroom, Level 1 74 Grey St, Gisborne

All Welcome
For further info contact: **Brent** gisbornemt@gmail.com

Public Notices

EASTLAND TRUCKWASH

Will be closed for pit cleanout & routine maintenance from **6am Sunday 29th May and will Re-open 12 noon Tuesday, 31st May**

Please contact: 027 327 5610 for further information

Public Notices

RUATORIA RSA NOMINATIONS

are now open for President, Vice President and up to 7 Committee Members.

These will close at 5pm on Thursday, 9th June 2022.

Voting will commence on Friday, 10th June and close at 8am on Saturday, 25th June.

Any remits will be accepted up until 5pm on Thursday, 9th June 2022.

AGM will be held in the RSA Hall, 6 Tuparoa Road, Ruatoria commencing at 11am

Monthly meeting to follow.

Secretary, K Callaghan. Nau mai, haere mai.

Work Wanted

MESSY GARDEN??

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WANT a fence built, altered or changed?

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GARDEN maintenance, pruning roses. Ph Mike 30+year experience. Ph 021 026 65178.

Situations Vacant

SEEKING INBOUND PHONE OPERATOR

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Situations Vacant

GISBORNE PARK GOLF CLUB

Are seeking an OFFICE CO-ORDINATOR
8am -1pm, Friday – Monday

Please email your Cover Letter and Resume to tomreynolds485@gmail.com

Further details on Seek and Trademe

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The hours are 8.45 - 3.15, Monday to Friday. If the above sounds like you, please get in touch: awapuniarlylearners@gmail.com

Situations Vacant

SERVICE ADVISOR

Enterprise Motor Group are looking for a Service Advisor.

The key parts of this role will be:

- Booking service and repair appointments
- Meeting, greeting and communicating with customers throughout their service and repairs
- Allocating jobs to technicians
- Responding to customer enquires.

Job hours will be 7.45am to 5-15pm with some rostered Saturdays

Contact the service manager by phone or email.

Justin Kent, 021 216 6700
Justin.Kent@enterprisemg.co.nz



Gisborne District Council

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30 MAY TO 3 JUNE

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Situations Vacant



TEACHER AIDE

Lytton High School seeks an experienced Teacher Aide to work alongside students with very high needs to moderate needs. The position is for 24 hours per week and subject to a police vet. This is a fixed term, term time only position for 2022.

Please apply in writing with CV (copy) and contact details of 2 referees to the Principal, Lytton High School, PO Box 635, Gisborne 4040, or email sue@lyttonhigh.net

Applications close 3pm, Friday 3rd June.

Situations Vacant



WHANAU WORKER

We are seeking a passionate and motivated Whanau Worker to join our school community. This will be a fixed term, part-time position, 30 hours per week, term time only, for 2022. The position will suit someone interested in the wellbeing of high school aged students and their whanau. An appropriate qualification would be an advantage.

Please request the school's required application form and send your covering letter, a copy of your CV and contact details of 2 referees by email to sue@lyttonhigh.net

Applications close at 4pm, Friday 2nd June 2022.

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Situations Vacant

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Gisborne Girls' High School

RTLB (2 positions)
1MU + 1SDA
Fulltime, Permanent
Start Date: As soon as possible
(negotiable)

The successful applicant must be an experienced NZ registered teacher, have a strong commitment to educational success for all students, with excellent communication skills, a proven track record of quality teaching and ability to work collaboratively supporting teachers to meet the needs of students. The ability to work across education sectors will also be an advantage e.g. primary-secondary, mainstream-Māori medium. RTLB qualification and experience is desirable. Full driver's licence and own vehicle is required. **The position will be based in Gisborne or Wairoa.**

Applications close 4pm, Monday 30 May 2022. Applications with CV should be addressed to The Principal, Gisborne Girls' High School, emailed on info@gghs.school.nz

Jan Kumar
Principal

Situations Vacant



WORKSHOP MANAGER

We have a permanent position of Workshop Manager within our Company.

Gisborne Hydraulics is a locally owned company and seeks a talented Workshop Manager to join our team. Reporting to the General Manager. This is a hands-on, overall donning role for an experienced Workshop Manager who has worked in a small/medium business environment. We're looking for someone who is approachable, flexible, thrives on multi-tasking and who looks forward to the challenge of a growing business.

The successful candidate will need to demonstrate the following attributes:

- Clear verbal communication with the ability to delegate when required
- Experience in staff management
- Experience in the Hydraulics field is preferred
- A good mechanical/engineering background.
- Strong computer literacy particularly MS Office with advanced Excel.
- Good Understanding of Health & Safety
- Full driver's license and NZ work visa essential

If you have the drive and enthusiasm to be successful in this demanding, yet rewarding role, we need to hear from you. Please email tasj@ghs.co.nz

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Otaki-Maori races at Otaki Thursday Meeting 4 TAB Doubles 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Trebles 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 7-8-9 Quaddies 2-3-4-5, 6-7-8-9 Place6 4-9

Selections
Race 1: VERARDINO, DUNCAN CREEK, URENUI
Race 2: COCONUT, HIKON, LOVETTORLEAVEIT, GREYSTONE
Race 3: NADEMS DREAM, LOVETTORLEAVEIT, GREYSTONE
Race 4: SHOCKPROOF, NOBELLEM, TED CAN TOO
Race 5: CHOISIA PRINCE, ASAH, KRONENBOURG
Race 6: MORMAIRE, MR FABULOUS, TIMBERLAKE
Race 7: ELITE, LINCOLN LOVER, HACKSAW RIDGE
Race 8: WAIPAPA, SHEZ SUPER, ZIPPILLY
Race 9: HOLD MY BEER, FREE SPIRIT, HAPPY TAV

1 Speedy Signs 11.20
\$12,000, 2yo sw+p, 1200m
1 Duncan Creek (7) 57 48
2 Urenui (1) 57 47
3 Verardino (6) 57 47
4 Dougal McKeen (4) 57 45
5 Manhattan Jazz (2) 57 45
6 Zebadaya (3) 57 45
7 Crossfire (5) 55 45

6 0600s Sailor Jack (9) 58.5 45
7 76697 The Jungle King (5) 58.5 45
8 s0856 Herecomesthesun (7) 56.5 46
9 77P Zedrac (2) 56.5 45

3 Vets On Riverbank 12.27
\$12,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 2100m
1 18000 Hardtimes (9) 59 60
2 61980 Smart Attire tdm (3) 59 60
3 90s70 Master Pat dm (2) 58.5 59
4 s0s09 Red 'n' Surf (4) 58.5 59

4 El Cheapo Cars 1.02
\$12,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 1200m
1 866s3 Ted Can Too m (9) 59 61
2 19s27 Queen Of Spades m (2) 58.5 64
3 92516 Gurtlyn tdm (10) 58 63

5 Riverstone Cafe 1.37
\$12,000, maiden 3yo, 1400m
1 2s3 Choisia Prince b (12) 57.5 54
2 4333 Asahi (11) 57.5 53
3 2 Kronenbourg (4) 57.5 52

6 Cavallo Farm & Rutten Bldstk 2.12
\$12,000, rating 74 benchmark, 1400m
1 2945s Timberlake dm (2) 60 74
2 17s28 Invisible Spirit dmh (7) 59 72
3 4499s Savanah Belle td (4) 58.5 75

7 Aquashield Roofing 2.47
\$12,000, maiden, 1400m
1 0s2 Straight Scooter (6) 58.5 52
2 63 Hacksaw Ridge (14) 58.5 51
3 49s44 Karehana Bay (7) 58.5 50

8 Nzb Insurance Pearl Series 3.24
\$12,000, maiden f&m, 1600m
1 7229s Shez Super b (14) 57.5 54
2 s5232 Waipapa (10) 57.5 54
3 60237 Martina Diva (8) 57.5 52

4 06s52 Moonlight Huster (13) 57.5 52
5 4 Zippily (1) 57.5 50
6 8s557 La Capita (3) 57.5 48
7 5s Irrigate (2) 57.5 47
8 0s Danger Mouse (4) 57.5 45

9 The Tele Otaki 3.54
\$12,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 1600m
1 813s0 Absolutely Maybe (9) 59 63
2 1740s Berry The Cash tm (2) 58.5 62
3 6414s Hold My Beer dmh (3) 58.5 62

Riverton harness at Winton Thursday Meeting 7 TAB D. 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 T. 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 8-9-10 Q. 2-3-4-5, 7-8-9-10 PL6 5-10

Selections
Race 1: JUSTINE JACCKA, VELOCITY JET, NUBLIAH CHAMAY
Race 2: JACCKA OPA, FOXFIRE EASTON, KNOCKSHANBALLY
Race 3: GIRLSHAVTIME, BETTOR BACK OFF, BAILEYS ART
Race 4: ESCOBAR, FULLY CHARGED, HE'S A MEISTER
Race 5: TONY MAC, OUR COUNTDOWN, DEM BONES DEM BONES

1 Inver'l Licensing Trust Trot 11.44
\$10,000, non-winners 3yo+ stand, 2400m
1 06662 The Power Broker (Fr) 1
2 Superfastsuperstar (Fr) 2
3 03600 The Bronx Bomber (Fr) 3

2 Carriers Arms Hotel Pace 12.09
\$8500, non-winners 3yo+ mr40 to mr46, mobile, 2400m
1 s9504 Jaccka Opa (Fr) 1
2 0080 Galleons Contender (Fr) 2
3 87822 Foxfire Easton (Fr) 3

3 Todd & Co Realty Pace 12.44
\$10,000, non-winners 2yo+ f&m, mobile, 1609m
1 64944 R U Watching Me (Fr) 1
2 08263 Bettor Back Off (Fr) 2
3 6 Girlshavtime (Fr) 3

4 Drake Plumbing & Draining 1.19
\$10,000, non-winners 3yo+ mr47 to mr50, mobile, 2400m
1 744 He's A Meister (Fr) 1
2 0 Art Lincoln (Fr) 2
3 Three Aces (Fr) 3

5 southernharness.co.nz Trot 1.55
\$8500, 3yo+ r35-r48, mobile, 2400m
1 5130s Tony Mac (Fr) 1
2 07832 Dem Bones Dem Bones (Fr) 2
3 33544 Ruby Seddon (Fr) 3

6 Ryder Roofing Pace 2.29
\$7000, up-r45 w/c, mobile, 1609m
1 04900 Tintoretto (Fr) 1
2 38708 Get Kraken (Fr) 2
3 99049 Tane J J (Fr) 3

7 Macca Lodge Pace 3.06
\$9000, r35-r44, mobile, 2400m
1 31859 Chezz Dale (Fr) 1
2 4899s Northview Peg (Fr) 2
3 23390 Bizzio Lu (Fr) 3

8 Neville Cleaver Fishing Trot 3.36
\$11,000, r50-r65, mobile, 2400m
1 70904 Jasmine Jaccka (Fr) 1
2 83163 Jordan Anne (Fr) 2
3 14072 Afterburner (Fr) 3

9 D T Kings Transport Pace 4.02
\$11,000, r53-r59, r60-r66 w/c, mobile, 2400m
1 9848s Swell Time (Fr) 1
2 80065 Beta Than Love (Fr) 2
3 77009 Airwaves (Fr) 3

10 E H Ball ITM Pace 4.27
\$10,000, 3yo+ r45-r52, mobile, 2400m
1 00702 Emerald Abbey (Fr) 1
2 06257 Szybka Lane (Fr) 2
3 20693 Vin Scully (Fr) 3

Waikato greys at Cambridge Thursday Meeting 3 TAB D. 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 T. 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 8-9-10 Q. 2-3-4-5, 7-8-9-10 PL6 5-10

Selections
Race 1: PORTLAND SAILOR, SASSY LASSIE, ISAMBARD
Race 2: BOOT CAMP TIARA, SODA SPLIT, PORTLAND OPAL
Race 3: ROMANTIC BELLE, FILL'S FOLLY, BORN KATIE
Race 4: MINERVA MINK, OPAWA RHINO, BIG TIME TASTY
Race 5: OPAWA BOYS PAID, GO AHEAD CALLER, THRILLING RAVEN

1 Follow Waikato Greys On FB 12.01
\$2000, CO, 375m
1 55276 Meg's Munch nwtld
2 86534 Sassy Lassie nwtld
3 58685 Girl Hope nwtld
4 73736 Big Time Cloud nwtld
5 Vacant Box Five - n & a
6 2s532 Isambard nwtld
7 227 Smile A While nwtld

2 Farmlands Virkon Sprint 12.18
\$2100, C1, 375m
1 35553 Thrilling Temper 21.37
2 54421 Boot Camp Tiara 21.56
3 22487 Ruby Express 21.45

3 Affordable Pet Accessories 12.36
\$2200, C2, 375m
1 42256 Medusa Who 21.30
2 11315 Fill's Folly 21.25
3 35337 Smokin' Chimney 21.36

4 Garrards Horse & Hound 1.11
\$3600, C4/5, 375m
1 s5168 Flappable 21.64
2 15132 Go Ahead Caller 21.46
3 66221 Opawa Boys Paid 20.98

5 Thursday Place Pick Feature 5.32
\$2700, C4, 295m
1 64632 Nova Rapide 17.17
2 32857 Penny Jane 17.30
3 36568 Goldstar Ange 17.22

6 Bolty @ Stud Sprint 5.51
\$3600, C5, 295m
1 51713 Peggy Lu 17.05
2 68821 Romeo 17.19
3 34334 Goldstar Portia 17.05

7 Sandridge Hotel Stakes 6.10
\$4700, C4, 520m
1 84557 Opawa Star 30.00
2 76223 Opawa Gina 29.76
3 41356 Longshanks 30.12

8 Suck It Up Ltd Sprint 6.28
\$3600, C5, 295m
1 12421 It's Better 17.01
2 42175 Diamond Harmony 17.10
3 24231 Homebush Archie 17.27

9 Camside Stud Stakes 6.47
\$5500, C5, 520m
1 25111 Talbingo Bale 29.65
2 37224 Dembe 30.09
3 56635 Fond Of You 30.04

10 Active Electrical Christchurch 7.05
\$2700, C4, 295m
1 15333 Goldstar Flora 17.10
2 18568 Little Kid 17.21

9 Vetora Cambridge Sprint 2.21
\$3600, C5, 375m
1 18158 Thrilling Violet 21.22
2 41253 Calf King 20.83
3 17524 Opawa Phil 20.83

10 Mike Stent Decorators Ltd 2.38
\$5500, C5, 457m
1 43241 Boy Keidis 25.29
2 67265 Chase Me Down 25.64
3 Vacant Box Three - n & a

11 Racing Again 27 May 7.23
\$3600, C5, 295m
1 22121 Yoshi Moon 17.30
2 6827 Homebush Honey 17.16
3 21161 Rosehip 17.12

12 Rose & Thistle Sprint 7.41
\$2700, C4, 295m
1 17663 Lucas Jewel 17.24
2 15111 Epic Rooster 17.19
3 22485 Amuri Fur 17.08

Christchurch greys at Addington Thursday Meeting 9 TAB D. 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 T. 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 7-8-9, 10-11-12 Q. 2-3-4-5, 9-10-11-12 PL6 7-12

Selections
Race 1: CAESAR LIES, GOLDSTAR LARSON, ONESIE
Race 2: ALHAMBRA, SAPPORO BALE, HELSINKI
Race 3: ADOBE DERULO, SMASH SHADOW, CULVIE BUN
Race 4: MELVILLE BALE, MILKY TEA, CHATTY MAVIS
Race 5: NOVA RAPIDE, PENNY JANE, TAIERI FINN
Race 6: PEGGY LU, GOLDSTAR PORTIA, SMASH READY
Race 7: OPAWA GINA, OPAWA STAR, BEST BALL
Race 8: IT'S BETTER, MADE THE CUT, HOMEBUSH SIRIUS
Race 9: TALBINGO BALE, RAJA BALE, OPAWA WAYNE
Race 10: ANNA JEM, GOLDSTAR FLORA, LITTLE KID
Race 11: SADIKI BALE, ROSEHIP, ALTERNATE SHOT
Race 12: EPIC ROOSTER, AMURI FURY, LUCAS JEWEL

1 The Fitz 2 Sports Bar Sprint 4.18
\$2700, C4, 295m
1 25443 Goldstar Larson 17.22
2 51657 Caesar Lies 17.16
3 38215 Amuri Rock 17.25

2 mayhounds.org.nz Rehoming 4.36
\$2400, C3, 295m
1 66731 Helsinki 17.31
2 31275 Goldstar Brynley 17.18
3 23423 Alhambra 17.12

3 American Warrior @ Stud 4.54
\$2400, C3, 295m
1 24362 Smash Shadow 17.28
2 23255 Impressive Sonic 17.36
3 12743 Adobe Derulo 17.18

4 Garrard's Horse And Hound 5.13
\$4000, C3, 520m
1 38s33 Milky Tea 30.14
2 26243 Peponi Bale nwtld
3 44211 Goldstar Butters 30.28

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Around the Greens

Club bowls news

Poverty Bay

POVERTY BAY Bowling Club members had their closing day tournament, followed by a shared afternoon tea and prize-giving, on Saturday, May 14.

Members turned out in good numbers and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.

The tournament was sponsored by Beetham Retirement Village, and placegetters were —

Winners: Peter Walters, Otto Louw, Joan Gledhill.

Runners-up: Ian Carroll, Ellen Valentine, Larry Kaloucava.

Third: Barrie Denham, Kim Walters, Win Baker.

Fourth: Lex Kennedy, Jeff Davis, Anna Colvin.

Congratulations to all prize-winners of the 2021/22 season. Members now look forward to an excellent season ahead.



TOURNEY WINNERS: Poverty Bay Bowling Club closing tournament winners Joan Gledhill and Peter Walters. Absent: Otto Louw. Picture supplied

Vettori Australia assistant coach

CRICKET

FORMER Black Caps skipper Daniel Vettori has been appointed assistant coach of the Australian men's cricket side.

He's one of two assistant coaches appointed to help head coach Andrew McDonald who replaced Justin Langer in April. Vettori retired from international cricket in 2014 having played 113 tests and 290 one day internationals and then embarked on a coaching career.

He was head coach for Royal Challengers Bangalore in the IPL from 2014 to 2018 where he worked with McDonald.

Among his other coaching assignments Vettori has also been with the Brisbane Heat Big Bash side and with the Bangladesh test side.

Vettori did some coaching work with the side on their recent tour of Pakistan.

CA's head of high performance Ben Oliver said Vettori fitted in well with the side last month.

Vettori's appointment to the Australia coaching role comes shortly after former Black Caps teammate Brendon McCullum was named England Cricket's new head coach of the test side. — RNZ

SPORTS SHORTS

Gilbert gets five weeks

THE Highlanders first-five Sam Gilbert has been handed a five week suspension for a dangerous tackle in their loss to New South Wales at the weekend. Gilbert pleaded guilty to a tip tackle on the Waratahs loose Michael Hooper. Gilbert has been suspended from all forms of the game for 5 weeks, up to and including 25 June 2022. The Foul Play Review Committee deemed the act of foul play merited a mid-range entry point of 10 weeks due to a combination of features including the degree of recklessness exhibited and the danger posed to the tackled player. Taking into account mitigating factors including the Player's clean judicial record, his acceptance of foul play, the Foul Play Review Committee reduced the suspension to 5 weeks." — RNZ

Clarke out for a month

THE Blues are hoping Caleb Clarke will be able to play at least some part in the Super Rugby playoffs despite the All Blacks winger being sidelined for up to a month by a hamstring injury.

One of the most potent attacking weapons in the game, Clarke pulled up injured during the 21-19 win over the ACT Brumbies in Canberra last weekend that guaranteed the Blues top spot in the standings at the end of the regular season.

Clarke will definitely miss this week's trip to Sydney to face the resurgent New South Wales Waratahs but assistant coach Daniel Halangahu said there was some hope that he might be available for the semifinal or final. Despite having locked up home advantage throughout the playoffs and earning the opportunity to rest some players, the Blues will be crossing the Tasman Sea determined to extend their winning streak to 13 matches. — RNZ

Force still have hope

WESTERN Force have kept their Super Rugby Pacific finals hopes alive after snapping their losing streak with a key 48-28 win over Moana Pasifika. Playing their postponed round-10 match on Tuesday night in Auckland, the Force ran in seven tries to also collect a vital bonus point. That came in the 78th minute when Kyle Godwin ran on to a break by star winger Manasa Mataele to touch down to the delight of his teammates. The result meant the men from Perth have moved into ninth position on the ladder, three points behind the Highlanders with the top eight playing finals.

With five points on offer — four for a win and a bonus point for scoring three or more tries than the opposition — they now need to beat the fifth-placed Hurricanes on Saturday night at home in Perth and rely on 10th-placed Rebels downing the Highlanders at AAMI Park on Sunday. — AAP

The NBA returns to Paris

THE Chicago Bulls and Detroit Pistons will play a regular-season NBA game in Paris next season.

The game will be played at Accor Arena on Jan. 19, 2023. The contest will mark the first NBA game in Europe since 2020 and the league's 12th game in France since 1991. The first regular-season NBA game in Paris took place Jan. 24, 2020, and featured the Charlotte Hornets and Milwaukee Bucks. It will be the Bulls' third time playing in Paris; they played two preseason games in the French capital in 1997. The Pistons will be playing their first game in France, having previously played regular-season games in London (2013) and Mexico City (2019). — RNZ

BBC apologises to Man United

THE BBC has apologised to viewers after the headline "Manchester United are rubbish" appeared on its ticker during a television news broadcast. The headline appeared on the bottom of the screen during a report on the French Open tennis championship. TV critic and broadcaster Scott Bryan, who works for the BBC, noticed the gaffe and posted a clip on Twitter which immediately went viral. BBC presenter Annita McVeigh later issued the apology on air and explained that the headline was written when someone was learning how to use the ticker. United have endured a torrid campaign, finishing sixth in the table with 58 points — their lowest in the Premier League era. — RNZ

Walsh in his best shape

TOM Walsh believes he's in the best possible shape to challenge Ryan Crouser's dominance of international men's shot putting this season. The 30-year-old tuned up for his opening Diamond League meet this weekend in Oregon with a throw of 21.60 metres in winning the USATF Throws Festival meet in Tucson Arizona on Sunday. Walsh will return from the European meets in early June to his base in Athens, Georgia, to build up for the World Championships and Commonwealth Games which follow. — NZ Herald

SPORTS DRAWS

Netball

CHALLENGE round games feature in Gisborne netball this week.

The draw for Pak'nSave Gisborne Netball follows.

Senior Challenge Round — Premier/Prem Reserve Games are 4 x 15-minute quarters. All other games are 4 x 10-minute quarters.

Duty teams to put up goal pads, set up team benches (courts 1 and 2) and put out bins: Waikirikiri Nukutere, Kaiti tu Rangatira.

Duty club to control scorecard room for the day: YMP.

Year 5 and 6 future FERNS —

SATURDAY, 8.45am: 4, Wainui Stars v Makaraka; 6, Central Mystics v Waikirikiri Nukutaimemeha; 7, Hiruharama v Wainui Ferns; 12, Maui Pepepe v Mangapapa Mystics.

9.45am: 4, Ngatapa Mystics v Te Wharau Sapphires; 6, Uawa Waiti v Te Wharau Diamonds; 7, St Mary's Tactix v Whangara/Horouta Wananga; 12, Whatatutu v Central Pulse.

10.45am: 4, Mangapapa Steel v Te Hapara Galaxy; 7, Awapuni Gold Ferns v Ormond Silver Ferns; 12, Wainui Magic v Makauri Mermaids.

11.45am: 3, Central Magic v Mangapapa Tactix; 4, Kaiti Kiwi v Awapuni Silver Ferns; 7, Manutuke v Kaiti Tui; 12, Central Steel v Ngatapa Steel.

Duty team to bring in the little goals on courts 3, 4, 6, 7 and 12: Manutuke.

Primary bye: Muriwai/Patutahi Kowhai.

Intermediate — SATURDAY,

8.45am: 5, OBM Kahurangi v Horouta Wananga Hinemoana; 9, YMP Tahī v Horouta Juniors 1; 10, Ngatapa Magic v Waikirikiri Nukutere; 11, Kaiti tu Rangatira v Ilminster Social Pulse.

9.45am: 5, Sportsfit Piwakawaka v YMP Toru; 9, Uawa Hinematiore v Champion Gregory; 10, NHEW Teina v Ilminster Sevens; 11, Horouta Juniors 2 v Sportsfit Kea.

10.45am: 10, NUAM Hine Rikoriko v Hikurangi; 11, Tapu te Ariki v HSOB Turanganui.

Duty teams to empty bins and replace rubbish bags where necessary: Hikurangi.

11.45am: 10, Champion Marcellin v Sportsfit Tui; 11, NHEW Teina v NUAM Hine Kotea.

12.45pm: 4, Ilminster Eights v Ngatapa Tactix; 7, YMP Rua v Whangara Pango; 11, Ngatapa Pulse v Campion MacKillop; 12, Hawaiki

Hou v Ilminster Social Magic.

Intermediate bye: Ilminstars.

Secondary — SATURDAY, 12.45pm: 10, Uawa Hinetera v Whatatutu.

1.45pm: 4, NUAM Wharekura v Lytton Y9 Mixed; 6, GGHS Korihī v Ritana Y10; 9, Champion Green v GGHS Hinetu; 10, GGHS Mana v GGHS Raukura; 11, Uawa Iranui v Hawaiki Hou.

Duty team to bring in the postpads from courts 7 and 9 to 12: Uawa Iranui.

2.45pm: 4, Horouta Wananga v Ritana Mixed; 5, GGHS Mauri v GGHS Y9A; 6, Champion Gold v GGHS Maia.

Duty teams to bring in the postpads and bins: Ritana Mixed.

Senior — SATURDAY, 8.45am: 1, Wahine Hauora HSOG v Tatapouri Sportsfit 2 (Annie, Iri); 2, Uawa Ngarangikahiwa v Zeafruit Ngatapa (Bex, Tukaki).

9.45am: 1, Ritana Snr A v East Coast Log Haulage HSOG (Debz, Iri); 2, Claydens Waikohu 3 v YMP 2 (Shanan, Shay).

10.45am: 1, GGHS Snr B v Gisborne Glass Ngatapa (Iri, Saara); 2, GGHS Snr A v YMP Masters, (Debz, Pania); 5, Ferkins Farming HSOG v GGHS Jnr A (Challise, Charnelle); 6, Uawa Ngarangikahiwa v Tatapouri Sportsfit 2 (Alex, Ash T); 9, Wahine Hauora HSOG v Zeafruit Ngatapa (Lou, Tukaki).

11.45am: 1, Ritana Snr A v YMP 2 (Annie, Ash T); 5, Waikohu 3 v East Coast Log Haulage HSOG (Alex, Justine); 6, Uawa Nui v XLR8 (Connie, Lou); 9, Waikohu 4 v OBM Red (Chiarn, TBC).

Standby: Shay.

12.45pm: 1, Pharmacy 53 Champion/NUAM v Enterprise Cars OBM Blue (Ash, Chloe); 2, JT Contractors Horouta Gold v JTC Horouta Taimana (Shanan, Shay); 5, YMP Hine Taiohi v The Tav Sportsfit (Annie, Cristal); 6, Ferkins Farming HSOG v Gisborne Glass Ngatapa (Jules, Saara); 9, GGHS Snr B v GGHS Jnr A (Lou, Tukaki).

1.45pm: 1, Uawa Nui v OBM Red (Chiarn, Lou); 5, Waikohu 4 v XLR8 (Ash, Justine).

2.45pm: 1, YMP Hine Taiohi v Enterprise Cars OBM Blue (Charnelle, Justine); 2, Campion/NUAM v The Tav Sportsfit (Chloe, Shay).

Standby: Challise.

Duty board member: Challise.

Games at the YMCA TONIGHT,

Premier/Prem Reserve Challenge

6pm: GGHS Snr A v JTC Horouta Taimana (Chloe, Iri).

7.30pm: JTC Horouta Gold v YMP Masters (Selina, Shay).

Rugby

THE draw for local rugby at the weekend is —

Civil Project Solutions Senior Club Rugby, SATURDAY —

Premier grade, 2.45pm: Te Karaka 1, Waikohu v Larsawn Ngatapa; Oval 2, High School Old Boys v Kevin Hollis Glass Pirates; Oval 1, OBM v East Coast Vets YMP

Senior One, 12.30pm: Athletic 1, Charteris Choppers Wairoa Athletic v Ngatapa Harvest/Matawhero.

12.45pm: Nuhaka 1, Nuhaka v YMP.

2.30pm: Tapuae 1, Tapuae v Pirates.

Bayleys Junior Club Rugby, SATURDAY —

Under 6, 9am: Waikirikiri 3, OBM v HSOB Blue; WKK 4, Waikohu v Horouta; WKK 5, Ngatapa Eastland Vets White v HSOB Bears.

9.45am: WKK 3, YMP Manutuke v Ngatapa EV Green; WKK 4, Ngatapa EV Sharks v YMP TOA; WKK 5, HSOB White v Pirates.

Bye: Pango Productions Uawa.

Under 7, 9am: WKK 6, OBM v Ngatapa EV Stags.

9.45am: WKK 6, Ngatapa EV Stags v YMP.

10.30am: WKK 5, YMP v Horouta.

Bye: HSOB Blue.

Under 8, 9am: WKK 7, OBM v Horouta; WKK 8, Ngatapa EV Rams v Waikohu.

10am: WKK 7, PP Uawa v Ngatapa EV Colts; WKK 8, YMP All Blacks v HSOB Chiefs.

Under 9, 9am: WKK 9, HSOB Seagulls v Horouta; WKK 10, Waikohu v PP Uawa.

10am: WKK 9, Ngatapa EV Green v YMP 8 Kings Studio.

11am: WKK 9, HSOB Hornets v Ngatapa EV Sharks.

Under 10, 10am: WKK 10, PP Uawa v YMP.

11am: WKK 10, Ngatapa EV Kiwi v Ngatapa EV Green.

Bye: HSOB Blue.

Under 11, 9am: WKK 11, OBM v Pirates.

10am: WKK 11, YMP v Ngatapa EV Green.

11am: WKK 11, Horouta v HSOB Blue.

Under 12, 9am: WKK 1, PP Uawa

v HSOB White; WKK 2, Waikohu v YMP.

10.30am: WKK 1, OBM v Ngatapa EV Green.

Under 13, 10.30am: WKK 2, OBM v Horouta.

12 midday: WKK 1, HSOB Blue v Ngatapa EV Mustangs.

Bye: YMP.

Football

CENTRAL Federation League, SATURDAY, 2.45pm: Memorial Park (Palmerston North), North End v ALH Gisborne Thistle.

Pacific Premiership, SATURDAY, 3pm: Taradale, Taradale v ALH Thistle Reserves.

Eastern League 1, SATURDAY, 2.30pm: Wainui, 1st Class Decorators Wainui Sharks v Thistle Youth; Harry Barker Reserve 1, Heavy Equipment Services Gisborne United Firsts v HES United Premiers.

Eastern League 2, SATURDAY, 12.30pm: Childers Road Reserve 1, Thistle Vintage v Sunshine Brewing Wainui Salty Dogs; Wainui, Coates Associates Wainui Demons v Gisborne Pro Roofing Bohemians.

2.30pm: Nelson Park 2, Smash Palace Shockers v Tatapouri Bohemians; HBR 2, HES United Seconds v QRS Wairoa Athletic.

Eastern League 3, SATURDAY, 12.30pm: CRR 2, Gizzy Bobcat Services Thistle v Tumu Thistle; NP 2, Ngatapa Silkies v HES United Thirds.

Women's Eastern League, SUNDAY, 10.30am: HBR 1, HES United v Tatapouri Marist Thistle; NP 1, Bohemians v Gisborne Girls' High School.

Postponed: Gisborne Laundry Services Wainui Riverina v Campion College.

Junior football, SATURDAY

Gisborne Super League Intermediate — 8.30am: NP

5, Coastal Radiology Rangers v Fence Gisborne City; NP 6, LOST Surfboards Albion v Martins Party Hire Hotspurs.

9.45am: NP 4, Pulton Wanderers v Trimble Forestry Town; NP 5, Baty AirCon Athletic v Passion Posies United; NP 6, Gisborne Pro Roofing Rovers v Pit Stop Phoenix.

College — 8.30am: NP 2, Columbus Café Corinthians v Dynamic Rehab Academics; NP 4, Glens Glass Dons v Chrisp & Davidson Wanderers; NP 1, Botanical Beauty Hotspurs v Mitre 10 Athletic.

9.45am: NP 2, Emerre & Hathaway Town v Morley Design Thistle.

Campion need Hadlee opens new indoor centre to be ready for onslaught

BASKETBALL

SHANE McClutchie's Campion should brace themselves.

The formidable Gisborne Boys' High School Carbon lost to an inspired GBHS Senior B team by one point in the opening game of Week 3 in Secondary Schools Division 1 basketball last Wednesday night.

The Bs' 53-52 win was magic but tomorrow at 6.30pm may come the reckoning (or at the very least, the cold light of day).

Carbon player-coach Sebastian Wilson has resolved that the game against Campion is an important one — and that the opposition will score fewer than 40 points at the John McFarlane Memorial Sports Centre.

"We want to restrict them and make an impression on them," said Wilson, unconcerned with the 26 points he scored last time out.

Campion captain Robert Fysh is a fine player but will need his people to maintain their composure and keep turnovers to a minimum in Game 2.

GBHS Senior Diesel and Lytton High School Seniors will tip at 5.30pm and basketball fans should look for another strong showing from raw-boned Lytton forward Caleb Poole.

A Boys' High derby between the B team and Junior Crimson is to start at 7.30pm.

CRICKET

THERE aren't many accolades or honours that Sir Richard Hadlee hasn't received. The first cricketer to take 400 Test wickets; widely recognised as one of the game's greatest all-rounders; a fast-bowling metronome who terrorised batsmen as a young tearaway and evolved with age to torment them with staggering skill and guile; a knighthood and place etched on New Zealand's sporting Mt Rushmore.

But the dyed-in-the-wool Cantabrian has never forgotten his roots, growing up enjoying the summer game on criss-crossed Hagley playing fields alongside his four brothers.

With his family already immortalised on the world-class Hagley Oval's Hadlee Pavilion, to have his own name linked to the new Sir Richard Hadlee Sports Centre which officially opens today is something extra special.

"To have it named in my honour, is something very special to me, particularly at this time of my life," says the 70-year-old Hadlee who has battled cancer since 2018.

"(It) is a lovely recognition for the contribution that I've been able to make to Canterbury cricket and New Zealand cricket. . . it's my legacy to cricket."

'Challenge' games under way tonight

NETBALL by Sherrill Beale and Murray Robertson

THE "challenge" games in Gisborne netball begin tonight at the YMCA with the first of the premier-grade deciders.

At 6pm in Pak'nSave Gisborne netball competition, Gisborne Girls' High School Senior A take on JT Contractors Horouta Taimana. At 7.30pm, JTC Horouta Gold

The Sir Richard Hadlee Sports Centre is a product of \$4.65m of fundraising including donations from the New Zealand cricket community — major donors include the Sir Richard Hadlee Sports Trust, Sir Stephen Tindall, Glenn and Lynne Ritchie and Mark Stewart — and completes the Hagley Oval Cricket Precinct which has fundraised around \$20m since 2014.

The facility sits on the site of the former Horticultural Centre which was bought by former test cricketer Stephen Boock and wife Heather and allowed the project to go ahead.

It features 3.6m cricket lanes with 20m run-ups, a 300sq m mezzanine floor with gender-neutral changing rooms and a balcony facing the Hagley Oval.

"It's the final piece of the jigsaw in the Hagley precinct," Hadlee says.

"We have a magnificent cricket ground with the lights and pavilion, and now we have a sports centre of high quality. It makes Hagley Oval the premier cricket ground in New Zealand. No other international cricket ground in New Zealand would have a facility like this, let alone everything else that is on this ground."

Hadlee, who retired from international cricket in 1990, will bowl the centre's first ball to a youth cricketer later today.

He's definitely the more nervous of the two — having had hip and knee replacements, and complaining of a sore back, bad shoulder, and groin strain.

"I haven't bowled a ball for about 20 years," he says.

But he's pleased that the centre will accommodate the next generation of cricketers.

"We'll see thousands and thousands of people using the facility in the time that I have left," Hadlee says.

"Future Black Caps and White Ferns will walk through these doors as they start out on their cricketing journey.

"This is where lifelong connections will be formed and dreams will begin."

Canterbury Cricket Trust (CCT) chairman Lee Robinson says the facility helps secure the region's cricketing future.

"It will give cricketers of all ages and skill levels world-class facilities to train in. But it's more than that.

"The centre is versatile and we can't wait to see other sporting codes and community groups utilise this space."

It will be Christchurch's first indoor cricket training facility since the devastating Canterbury earthquakes of 2010 and 2011. — NZ Herald

play the YMP Masters.

Taimana and the Masters completed the round at the top of the premier reserve grade.

Horouta Gold and Girls' High were the fifth- and sixth-placed premier-grade teams after Round 1 grading.

It is always hard to predict these games between grades, but you can bet both games tonight will be competitive.

The teams have been playing 40-minute games and tonight they switch to hour-long games, which will test their fitness.

The other two premier/premier reserve challenge games will be played on Saturday at the Victoria Domain courts.

All other senior-grade "challenge" games will be played at the courts on Saturday as well.

Hicks Bay triumph over Uawa

RUGBY by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

HICKS Bay made history on Saturday. The Aaron King-coached visitors to Tolaga Bay beat last year's Enterprise Cars Ngati Porou East Coast club rugby champions Uawa 15-10 in the second competition match of the season.

While Hicks Bay did beat Uawa 24-22 at Uawa Domain in the first week of the second round for the Jury Harrison Memorial Cup last year, Saturday's result marks the first occasion on which Hicks Bay have beaten Uawa in the Kath McLean Memorial Cup for Round 1 since April 27, 2019.

On that day, hosts Hicks Bay pipped 2018 champions Uawa 36-34 at Kawakawa mai Tawhiti to record their fourth straight win of the season in a rum finish. Uawa, like the referee, were under the impression that Uawa led in the game. When they were awarded a penalty, halfback Chris Richardson found touch with a line-kick.

No lineout was played. The whistle blew for fulltime. The home team's fans leapt for joy.

The big blue crew committed that blip to memory and won the return match against Wharekahika's finest 24-5 on June 22 at Uawa Domain, on their way to their second consecutive championship.

Even now, Uawa captain at the time, lock Scott Lasenby — a man who twice raised the Rangiora Keelan Memorial Shield in triumph — winces at the thought of that loss: "When the whistle blew, all of Hicks Bay cheered."

Memories of the unforgettable finish to that first-round clash three years ago — and the varying recollections of it — all add to the colour and flavour of a great rivalry.

In the 2022 instalment, Uawa captain and No.8 Paddy Allen won the toss, choosing to kick off. His counterpart, first five-eighth Shaun Murtagh — elected to play with a strong nor'westerly breeze at the hosts' backs.

Uawa's Tawhao Stewart opened the scoring in the seventh minute; his try was converted by first-five Carlos Kemp for 7-0. Stewart's great balance and strength make him a handful for would-be tacklers, but the No.13 opposite, Pamona Samupo, proved himself to be just as dangerous 24 minutes into the game. Kemp's opposite Rapata Haerewa converted for 7-7, the half-time score.

NPEC scrum coach Laman Davies, of Uawa, would have been pleased with the visitors' powerful display in that facet of play. Generally

their defence was tight, although the feeling was that they'd pushed 50-50 passes . . . as players who haven't played rugby for five or six weeks are wont to do.

Hicks Bay loosehead prop Manahi Brooking had a top game all-round, as did the Hicks Bay locking pair of Meiha Waitoa and Kamaia Te Kani-Ruha. They won a wealth of ball at the lineout. Fullback Irie Noanoa's positional play was also of a high standard for the home team.

In the 48th minute, Kemp landed a penalty goal but Haerewa reciprocated in the 51st minute for 10-all.

Hicks' Bay No.8 Weihana Delamere scored the third and last try of the match after 62 minutes for 15-10.

Delamere won his outfit's MVP (most valuable player) Award, while Allen claimed that distinction for Uawa.

Rapata Haerewa is playing as well for Hicks Bay as he did for Tokararangi and Tihirau Victory Club before that. On July 27, 2017, it was Haerewa who — seven metres off the left touch and 27m from Hikurangi's goal-line — kicked the penalty goal for 24-21 at Whakarua Park in Ruatoria to decide the first of only two extra-time finals in the history of NPEC club rugby: TVC's first title in 27 years.

THERE'S good news for Waiapu.

A fortnight into their return to club rugby, while they have yet to taste victory, they know they're competitive.

On Saturday, Waiapu drew 10-all with Hikurangi at Kahuitara — a ground on which no visiting team can afford to show any sign of weakness. The Maunga (Mountain) started props Winiata Blane and Putahi Morice and lock Pakanui Webb in an extremely strong set of forwards.

With 36 players having turned up to both Waiapu training sessions last week, to settle on the right combination to rumble with the Hikurangi pack, let alone quality wingers such as Zyon Collins and a fantastic fullback in Kris Palmer, is not an easy task.

Principally, it falls to coach Jesse Haenga.

"I'm proud of our eight for their defensive qualities, because that game started off fast but then became a real forward battle," he said.

"Our backs tackled just as well and looked dangerous when the ball did get out wide.

"The sidelines at home were packed last weekend and it was bumper-to-bumper stuff around the ground at Kahuitara. It's an honour



HISTORIC WIN: Hicks Bay's Pamona Samupo in action for NPEC against Poverty Bay last year, scored one of the tries to help his team's win against last year's coast club champs Uawa. The score was 15-10. Picture by Paul Rickard

just to be a part of it."

With Junior Advisory Board rugby having preceded the main event, a crowd of 400 took in the NPEC club rugby's tightest contest to date in what looks to be a fairly even competition.

Waiapu captain rake Grayson Mauheni won the toss, chose an end and Hikurangi fetcher Kyll Beach opted to receive the ball from kick-off.

Waiapu centre Nico Ahki drew first blood with a try in the 11th minute of play; a conversion from first-five Keelan Poi followed. Poi then kicked a penalty goal after 31 minutes for 10-0 and in the 37th minute, Palmer kicked a 32m penalty for the hosts. Waiapu led 10-3 at the break.

In the 78th minute, a tough forward under instruction to "make an impact" joined the match — Maunga reserve No.8 Barry Sollitt. At an attacking lineout 16m from the left corner, Beach won the lineout, Hikurangi drove and Sollitt drove, diving over an opponent (an act known as a "Superman", from the verb to Superman) at a ruck to score 6m to the left of the posts.

With Palmer's conversion the scores were —

and remained — tied. Hikurangi's MVP Award winner was their hooker Blake Beard, while hard-grafting lock Mark Smith took that honour for Waiapu.

RUATORIA CITY 11 (Tuterangi Ngarimu try; Nathaniel Fox 2 pen) **TIHIRAU VICTORY CLUB 25** (Tutere Waenga 3, Will Ford 2, tries)

Halftime: 10-6 (TVC).

HIKURANGI 10 (Barry Sollitt try; Kris Palmer con, pen) **PANGO PRODUCTIONS WAIAPU 10** (Nico Ahki try; Keelan Poi con, Hamuera Baker pen).

Halftime: 10-3 (Waiapu).

PANGO PRODUCTIONS UAWA 10 (Tawhao Stewart try; Carlos Kemp con, pen)

HICKS BAY 15 (Pamona Samupo, Weihana Delamere, tries; Rapata Haerewa con, pen).

Halftime: 7-7.

NPEC MVPs (most valuable players): Tanetoa Parata/Keenan Kaiwai (Ruatoria City), Te Whetu Tukaki (TVC), Blake Beard (Hikurangi), Mark Smith (Waiapu), Paddy Allen (Uawa), Weihana Delamere (Hicks Bay).

Church brings up her century

Looking ahead to big games

HOCKEY by Murray Robertson

GISBORNE hockey's Olympic and World Cup umpire Amber Church marked her 100th international game this month when she officiated in the fourth and final transtasman test between the women's Black Sticks and the Hockeyroos.

Church officiated in all four tests in the series, which Australia won 2-0, with two tests drawn.

Hockey NZ posted on its social media site: "Massive congratulations to Amber Church on her 100th test match officiating — a very special achievement for one of the best in the game."

The achievement came 13 years after Church's first test match in Nelson.

"Amber completed her 100th in front of a great home crowd," the post said.

She will receive a "gold-coloured whistle" to mark the occasion, and the presentation will most likely happen at the next World Cup event in July.

"It feels pretty surreal, to be honest, to reach 100 internationals," Church said.

"It was really special to be able to do it in front of a home crowd, and my family were there for it too, which was extra special."

Church said it was humbling to get so many text and email messages and phone calls congratulating her on the milestone.

"I really appreciate all that support."

As for the future?

"I'm enjoying what I'm doing, and I still think I've got something to offer."

"As long as that feeling remains, I will keep going."



TONNE OF TESTS: Gisborne's high-performing hockey umpire Amber Church achieved a significant milestone in her career this month, when she chalked up her 100th test in an officiating career spanning 13 years. File picture

The next Hockey World Cup will be played in Spain and the Netherlands, and Church will be based in Spain.

She will travel from Spain to the

UK and the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, where she will umpire.

"This will be my first Commonwealth Games and I am very excited about it."

"Comm Games have always been an extra-meaningful event for New Zealanders and I am really looking forward to being there."

WEATHER FOR TOMORROW

25 May, 2022

GISSBORNE CITY

TOMORROW	morning min 8 max 13	FRIDAY	morning min 6 max 14	SATURDAY	morning min 2 max 16
A few showers, clearing in the afternoon. Southerlies.		Morning cloud, then becoming fine. S dying out by afternoon.		Fine with morning frosts. Light winds, but northwesterlies developing late.	

GISSBORNE REGION

Showers, becoming isolated in the afternoon. Southerlies.	Cloudy with isolated morning showers, then becoming fine. Southerlies dying out by afternoon.	Fine with morning frosts. Light winds, but northwesterlies developing late.	SUNDAY Cloudy, with rain developing. Northeasterlies.
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NZ SITUATION
A ridge of high pressure builds over the country tomorrow and persists through to Saturday.

NZ TOMORROW

Auckland	showers	18
Hamilton	fine	16
Tauranga	fine	16
Rotorua	fine	13
Taupo	fine	11
Napier	fine	13
New Plymouth	fine	16
Palmerston North	fine	12
Wellington	showers	10
Christchurch	showers	10
Queenstown	fine	9
Dunedin	fine	10

GISSBORNE READINGS
Taken at the Airport, for the 24 hours to 9am, Wednesday 25 May 2022

SUNSHINE hours	8.4
To date for May	136.3
Average for May	146.0
To date this year	873.2
Average year to date	887
WIND km/h	
Max gust on Tue 24 May	NW 28
RAINFALL mm	
24 hours to 9am, Wed 25 May	0.0
To date for May	41.1
Average for May	88.0
To date this year	636.9
To date last year	326.7
EVAPOTRANSPIRATION mm	
Daily average for past week	1.8
TEMPERATURE °C	
Maximum	17.0
Minimum	3.1
Grass minimum	-1.2
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE	
At 9am 25 May (hPa)	1017.1
At 9am 25 May (inches)	30.03

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MIDNIGHT TONIGHT

NOON TOMORROW

GISSBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT

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	Rise 7:12 am Set 4:58 pm		Rise 7:12 am Set 4:57 pm
	Rise 2:36 am Set 2:45 pm		Rise 3:38 am Set 3:08 pm
	Best at 8:45 am 9:06 pm		Best at 9:27 am 9:49 pm

TODAY IN HISTORY

1925 – A flood in the Motu River, Gisborne district, washed tramlines away at the sawmills at Motuhora. Foot-bridges on the river nearby were also washed away and the sawmillers had to leave their homes. A slip on the railway to Motuhora meant passengers travelling to Gisborne had to spend the night in the train.

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REID IN GAMES TEAM

Savouring prospect of visit to 'home of Peaky Blinders'

TRIATHLON

GISBORNE triathlete Tayler Reid has been selected in a six-strong triathlon team to represent New Zealand at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

"Amped to be named to my second Comm Games team," Reid said on Instagram.

"It's the greatest privilege to represent Aotearoa, Gizzy, my family and all of my supporters! It takes a tribe."

Reid, speaking from France, where he is training, said the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games had been an "awesome experience" and he wanted to improve on his achievements. He was part of the bronze-medal-winning mixed relay team at the Gold Coast Games.

"Looking forward to heading to the home of the Peaky Blinders," he said.

Reid, 25, attended Gisborne Boys' High School and Campion College and is coached by Gisborne's Stephen Sheldrake.

Reid was also a member of the gold-medal-winning New Zealand team in the Under-23 World Championship Mixed Team Relay in Lausanne in 2019.

- The athletes heading to Birmingham are:
- Nicole van der Kaay (Tri Sport Taupō/Taupō)
 - Ainsley Thorpe (Cambridge)
 - Andrea Hansen (née Hewitt) (Canterbury Triathlon Club/Christchurch)
 - Tayler Reid (Eastland Triathlon and Multisport Club/Gisborne)
 - Hayden Wilde (Eastern Bay Multisport and Triathlon Club/Whakatane)
 - Dylan McCullough (Auckland)
- All six athletes will compete individually in the

men's and women's Olympic distance race, which consists of a 1500-metre swim, 40-kilometre bike ride and 10km run. Once they have competed in the individual, a team of four will be named to compete as a team in the mixed team relay, known as the MTR or MR. This format is a four-person female and male relay race over a super-sprint distance of 300m swim, 8km bike and 2km run. The race usually lasts less than 90 minutes, each triathlete's effort generally lasting around 20 minutes.

Olympic bronze medallist Hayden Wilde, from Whakatane, has carried on his impressive form since the Games, with a World Champion Xterra title, a second placing in the Triathlon Super League, a win at the Singapore Arena Games in May and most recently a silver medal at the Yokohama World Triathlon.

Olympic teammates Reid, Ainsley Thorpe and Nicole van der Kaay will be joining Wilde in this Commonwealth Games team, alongside 40-year-old multiple Olympian and Commonwealth Games medallist Andrea Hansen (née Hewitt) and Dylan McCullough.

Hansen said she had been working towards Games selection but it was still "a bit of a surprise" to be named.

"I didn't know how I'd recover after having my daughter Flossie 15 months ago, so I'm feeling very lucky to be back for my fourth Commonwealth Games," she said.

Tokyo Olympian Ainsley Thorpe, from Cambridge, says she can't wait for her first Commonwealth Games.

"I'm looking forward to my overseas campaign in the lead-up to the Games alongside my teammates," she said.

Nicole van der Kaay, from Taupō, who won silver at the World Triathlon Championship Series in Hamburg in the elite women's race at the end of 2021, is thrilled to be returning to racing in Europe.

Dylan McCullough, the 2018 Youth Olympic champion, says he'll be putting all his energy into chasing a top result at the Games.

"My coach John Hellemans and I have set a good plan, which includes a training camp in Spain and a few build-up races before the games to make sure I go into the race at 100 percent," McCullough said.

"I am really looking forward to soaking up the whole Commonwealth Games experience. I have just turned 21 and the Commonwealth Games is something that most New Zealand school kids learn about at some stage during their schooling. I remember doing a project on the Commonwealth Games in primary school, so to get the opportunity to represent New Zealand now in Birmingham is a very special feeling."

The Triathlon New Zealand Reserve athletes are Olivia Thornbury and Trent Thorpe.

The naming takes the number of athletes so far selected to the New Zealand team for Birmingham 2022 to 63.



COMMONWEALTH GAMES 'LETS GO': Gisborne's very own Tayler Reid, celebrates his bronze medal run in the Mixed Teams Tri with Nicole van der Kaay, Andrea Hewitt and Ryan Sissons at the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. He has been selected to go to the Birmingham Games this year and will compete in the Individual men's triathlon and mixed relay races. NZ Herald picture