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Customers overcharged

Eastland Network Limited to repay \$327,000 plus interest

THE Commerce Commission has accepted enforceable undertakings from electricity lines company Eastland Network Limited for overcharging its customers \$327,000 in the 2020 assessment period.

The undertakings require Eastland to repay consumers \$327,000, plus an additional \$28,000 in interest, a Commerce Commission statement said this morning.

"Eastland serves approximately 26,000 consumers in Gisborne, Wairoa and the East Coast. As a regulated monopoly under the Commerce Act, Eastland is subject to price-quality regulation through a default price-quality path (DPP). This sets a limit on the total revenue Eastland can earn, which affects how much consumers pay for lines charges in their electricity bills.

The breach occurred when Eastland earned \$27,693,433 of revenue, which was more than it was permitted to earn for the 2020 assessment period (ending March 2020).

Commission deputy chair Sue Begg said as part of its reporting obligations, Eastland disclosed to the Commission that it had contravened its price path in the 2020 assessment period.

"The Commission decided to accept enforceable undertakings from Eastland under which the lines company would return its overcharge to consumers, obtain an independent report into the causes of the contravention and report on the steps it is taking to address any issues identified," she said.

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PICKED . . . AND NOW FOR THE PACK: The First Fresh packhouse in Lytton Road has been a hive of activity over the citrus harvesting period. Inspecting product are (from left) product manager Phil Croy, packhouse manager Jamie Fox and head of quality control Vicki Mason-Takoko. Domestic demand for fruit has been high but Covid has made things tough on the export front.

Picture by Liam Clayton

Great-tasting navels amid export challenges for citrus growers

THE quality of the region's navel orange crop has been described as "superb" but Covid challenges have made for a tough 2021 season for citrus exports.

"Gisborne's citrus growers, packers and marketing companies are taking the opportunity to take stock, look at the season that was and, with new season flowering under way, start the process of thinking about the season ahead," First Fresh NZ managing director Ian Albers said.

"Right now, we are seeing the tail end of the Washington navel crop coming in for packing to be followed by late navel varieties. The eating quality of Gisborne navels has been superb this year . . . and this has resulted in a really positive response from consumers around the country.

"It's a testament to the independent maturity testing regime implemented five years ago by peak industry body Citrus NZ."

On the whole, it had been "a mixed bag" of a year to date, he said.

"The season started with Satsuma mandarins and with good demand and stable supply, growers were rewarded for good quality fruit with some of the best returns in recent seasons.

"However, returns need to increase as on-orchard direct and indirect costs have also increased significantly, so we need to at least keep pace with them in order for growers to remain profitable.

"Labour supply through the winter has been tight and growers have needed to be well organised to ensure labour was available when needed."

The navel orange season got off to great start,

thanks mostly to great-tasting fruit and a market place looking for good-quality citrus, Mr Albers said.

"Gisborne navel growers have once again proved that they can grow some of the best-tasting navels in the world and delivering that from day one has meant repeat purchasing by consumers has been very consistent.

"The shift to Alert Level 4 mid-August saw an initial surge in demand similar to last year, especially for pre-packed fruit, but it settled down reasonably quickly and demand has been steady over the last couple of months.

"On the export front, it's been a tough year, thanks largely to a severely-disrupted supply chain and stubbornly-strong Kiwi dollar," he said.

"Way tougher is how I would describe it. Shipping costs increased, however, it was the departure delays, extended transit times and port congestion at the other end that really challenged us, and it just didn't get any better all season.

"For example, during the latter part of this season, we have seen door-to-door transit times to the west coast of the US go beyond 70 days. Before Covid, anything over 26 to 27 days would be unusual and even last year it was only a few days extra. These increased risks saw caution from export customers."

Meyer and Yen Ben lemons remain New

Zealand's largest export citrus product, accounting for over 90 percent of the total citrus exported from this country. The main markets are Japan, USA and China.

"Most markets had their own Covid-related challenges this year," Mr Albers said. "Japan, the biggest market, has prolonged states of emergency in main cities such as Tokyo that required most bars and restaurants to close.

"This had a big impact on food service demand and also impacted on consumer demand."

Mr Albers said after an "off" year the lemon crop bounced back this year with a large increase in volume.

"However, some blocks were badly affected with insect damage and this limited the amount of fruit that could be exported, and put supply strain on the local market that continued right through the winter.

"We are just starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel for lemons, with supply starting to ease back and demand increase as the weather warms up."

Over the last couple of months the non-Satsuma varieties of mandarins kicked in, including Gold Nugget, Afourer, Richard Special and Encore.

"These mandarins fill a bit of a gap once the Satsuma season finishes, and with good demand for New Zealand-made, sit nicely alongside Afourer mandarins from Australia that tend to

dominate that space."

Over the next few months the summer citrus kicks in, consisting of late navels, tangelos, Valencia oranges, Encore and Afourer mandarins and Star Ruby grapefruit.

Spring and summer also herald the start of the new growing season.

First Fresh field service manager Matthew Carter said pest pressures in orchards had been about normal for this time of year.

"That said, I recommend all growers use crop monitoring to detect pests and ensure flowering and fruit set is not affected by unwanted pest outbreaks," Mr Carter said.

"We have recently added additional resource to the First Fresh crop monitoring team to ensure we have enough boots on the ground to meet demand."

Other packhouses, including NZ Fruits, took the August lockdown in their stride and did not skip a beat, moving from business as usual to an essential service business operating under Covid Alert Level 4.

NZ Fruits managing director David Fox said he was impressed by how many of his staff put their shoulders to the wheel and got on with it despite the uncertainties and trepidations of being in Level 4.

The Citrus NZ conference and AGM was postponed in September because of Covid. November 11 is the alternative date.

"We anxiously await developments over the next few weeks to see if this event can go ahead as planned," Mr Albers said. "It would be a real shame if the event had to be cancelled two years running."

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— First Fresh NZ managing director Ian Albers

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- Year of the Mask artist Walter (Bub) Dewes explains his creative output over the past two years.
- Playwright, director and performer of Ka-Shue (Letters Home), Lynda Chanwai-Earle, talks with The Herald about her sold-out play.
- Sarah Gordon talks about her latest exhibition, Weathered Beauty, showing at Tairāwhiti Museum.

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Targeting areas as vaccination campaign ramps up

by Renae Lolohea, Local Focus reporter

HAUORA Tairawhiti is on a mission to get more of the community vaccinated against Covid-19.

The district health board's pandemic programme coordinator Lissette Hayes says they now know which suburbs have low vaccination rates and will be targeting those areas.

"We have hesitancy, misinformation that turns into disinformation, and importantly we have barriers within some of our groups in our community, transport, access and timings to attend", she said.

Community workers will be going door-to-door in the low-vaccinated areas, educating residents and offering onsite vaccinations.

A bus has been donated by Te Puni Kokiri to use as a mobile clinic.

Hauora Tairawhiti and iwi providers Turanga Health and Ngati Porou Hauora introduced incentives such as free coffee, karaoke and voucher draws.

Marae vaccination clinics provided kai packs and hangi.

All of these are contributing to the efforts to lift vaccination rates in Tairawhiti.

As is spreading the word.

Local nurse Aimee Milne is one of Gisborne's most outspoken advocates for vaccination.

"I have a background in nursing," said Ms Milne, a regular letter and column writer in The Herald.

"I worked for an iwi provider for years —



VAX QUEUE: Cars line up at the Turanga Health drive-through vaccination clinic at Harry Barker Reserve on Sunday. The clinic was meant to run for a few hours but vaccinations were still being administered well after the intended closing time.

Screen shot picture by Renae Lolohea

probably gave hundreds of vaccination in my time — and I have seen the benefits of vaccinations."

During the measles outbreak in Samoa, she became worried about all the anti-vax misinformation being shared on social media and felt she needed to speak up.

When Covid hit she did not want the same thing happening so she posted on Facebook

and wrote letters to the papers to make sure people were "vaccination aware".

She received letters of support, even fan mail from some, but also copped plenty of negative comments.

"I got a lot of vitriol and hate, probably because I was addressing racism, hate, inequity and the anti-vax misinformation. They are all intertwined.

"I was told to go hang myself, it was really abusive stuff," she said.

Ms Milne hopes the attention — good and bad — will help get more people vaccinated.

The vaccination drive continues with more pop-up and drive-through clinics around Gisborne and the East Coast.

See Hauora Tairawhiti's website (www.hauratairawhiti.org.nz) for details.

Gisborne to play its part in vaxathon

PLANS are being formulated for Gisborne events as part of the Super Saturday "vaxathon" this weekend.

Super Saturday is a "national day of action" encouraging every remaining eligible New Zealander to get their Covid shot.

The vaxathon will be broadcast live from Kaitiaki, Otara, Rotorua, New Plymouth, Otautahi/Christchurch and Porirua.

People will be able to view it on multiple platforms including TV3, Maori Television and the Hahana Facebook page from midday to 8pm.

Gisborne Mayor Rehette Stoltz said local planning was under way for the vaxathon.

She attended a Tairawhiti Regional Leadership Group meeting with local MPs and ministers Kiri Allan and Meka Whaitiri and said more details would become available later in the week.

"At this stage we are encouraging everyone to get to our multiple vaccination clinics available this week."

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and Covid-19 Response Minister Chris Hipkins, in announcing Super Saturday, called on "all our political and civic leaders to contribute to a big collective effort to turn people out (to get vaccinated)".

Ms Ardern yesterday described it as "a blast from the past" — in reference to the nationwide Telethon 24-hour fundraising events of the 1970s, 80s and early 90s — "to support and encourage our nationwide vaccination effort.

"The vaxathon will go live across the country, highlighting vaccine initiatives from Cape Reinga to the Bluff and urging anyone who hasn't been vaccinated yet to make Saturday the day for their first dose and anyone who has been three

weeks or longer since their first dose, to get their second.

"The vaxathon will include real-time data on how each region is tracking with vaccination uptake throughout the day. There will be prizes locally for those getting vaccinated, information from experts on the safety of the vaccine and some health competition between towns and regions.

"Vaccinations will be available throughout the day and into the night on Saturday across GP clinics — many of which are opening especially for the day — pharmacies, marae, churches, mosques, community centres, workplaces and drive-through centres."

Pango Productions chief executive and Ngati Porou East Coast Rugby Football Union president Bailey Mackey said the aim of the vaxathon was about encouraging New Zealanders — particularly young Maori, Pacific and tangata whaikaha (those living with a disability) — to get vaccinated.

"Celebrities, influencers and health professionals will front the live broadcast, crossing over to Covid-19 vaccination sites to capture the atmosphere and experiences of those receiving their first or second vaccine.

"The event is a celebration of the hard work communities are continuing to put in to ensure more people across Aotearoa are vaccinated.

"I know from firsthand experience that many Maori are mistrusting of the 'system' and this is an opportunity to engage with them in a meaningful way, hopefully on their terms."

To book a vaccination, go to bookmyvaccine.nz or call the Covid Vaccine Healthline on 0800 28 29 26.

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NZTA looking at highway safety installation after fatal crash report

by Andrew Ashton

WAKA Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency is working on implementing recommendations from a coroner's report into a fatal crash near Gisborne in 2018.

Erica Lynne Delany Jones, 26, died after her car collided with a fully-laden log truck on State Highway 35 at the bottom of Tatapouri-Makorori hill on November 10.

A coroner's report into her death recommended NZTA instal an interactive solar flashing sign before the bend and rise up the hill to alert drivers to their speed.

It also recommended NZTA consider reconfiguration of the roading camber and layout to allow a left-hand slow vehicle passing lane as a means to incentivise safer driving of heavy vehicles and to avoid manoeuvring on to the incorrect side of the road to climb the hill.

Waka Kotahi regional relationships director Linda Stewart said the agency was in the early stages of an investigation into the possible installation of a speed warning sign for southbound traffic on State Highway 35 in advance of the curve at Tatapouri-Makorori hill.

"Waka Kotahi would like to express our deepest sympathies to the Jones whanau for their loss. Our thoughts are with them and everyone else affected by Erica's tragic passing.

"Waka Kotahi is continuing work to strengthen and stabilise State Highway

35, with improvements completed, under construction, or planned for construction at 28 sites along the road. Work is also continuing on 25 slow vehicle lanes and 10 pull-over sites to provide more safe places to pass slow vehicles and more places to pull off the road safely to check messages or take a break on State Highways 2 and 35.

"Last year we introduced safer speed limits on State Highway 35 between Gisborne and Pouawa.

"Waka Kotahi will also be implementing safer speed limits on State Highway 35 between Te Puia Springs and Tokomaru Bay to improve safety of people travelling on this section of the road."

■ THE whanau of Ms Jones yesterday gave a statement following the release of a coroner's report which found the truck driver was responsible for the fatal crash.

"It's been a long process for our whanau. We carry this pain and burden daily and miss Erica every day.

"This report doesn't change the fact that she has passed but we are happy we can bring some closure to this part.

"Forestry is a major industry in Te Tairāwhiti, it's not going away, and we expect that there will be more trucks on the road in the coming years. We do hope that there are lessons learnt from this so that a tragic, avoidable death like this one is never repeated.

"We wish to thank all of our whanau, and everyone who has been supportive of us from the time of the accident, to today. Your continued aroha means so much to us.

"E kore te aroha e maroke i te ra."

FAMILY NOTICES

Deaths

Deaths

DICKINSON, Elizabeth Mary (Betty). — 20.8.1925 - 29.9.2021, aged 96 years. Loved Aunt Betty of the Dickinson and Smyth families.

Graveside service to be held at Patutahi Cemetery at 1pm, Saturday 16th October.

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MCGAVESTON Jocelyn (Jos) May (nee Lloyd). — Passed away peacefully, on 8th October 2021, at Beetham Rest Home, in her 96th year. Much-loved sister, sister-in-law, aunty and friend to many. She will be greatly missed.

The family would like to thank Beetham Healthcare for the exceptional care and love they gave Jos during her time there.

As per Jos' wishes, a private service has been held.

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Beach art talk of the town

FROM PAGE 1
by Jack Marshall

OVER the past three days walkers could be forgiven for thinking Te Tairāwhiti Arts Festival exhibitions had strayed on to the beach.

Tauranga school teacher and artist Zane McGregor has been in Gisborne on school holidays making mahi toi (art) in the sand at Waikanāe, Wainui and Makorori on his walks.

McGregor came to Gisborne to give his children some time with their cousins, and brought along his rake.

McGregor (Ngāti Raukawa) has been featured on television for his artwork covering the Pāpāmoa beach in the early mornings before he goes to work.

Typically McGregor works with the morning's tides.

"I only ever do this first thing in the morning,

and then I'm gone before seven. I hardly ever get seen, just the dog walkers."

Luckily for Gisborne, the tides were off, so he had to adjust.

"I've had to do some afternoon stuff which is why people have seen me. Otherwise, no one would know I was even there."

"But it's always good to see people and have a chat and a korero. That's a good thing. I've met a lot of people here in the last few days."

McGregor usually visits Gisborne in summer when the beaches are packed, and the sand has been trampled.

"I wouldn't even have a chance to get on the beach. There'd be too many people."

By accident McGregor was on holiday the same time as Tairāwhiti Arts Festival which has blown him away.

"It was good timing to come to the arts festival — there's so much talent here."

"I've seen so much Māori art in these three days that will feed me for the rest of the year."

"You guys are so lucky. It's not happening anywhere else in Aotearoa. You've got an arts festival right here and you don't have to import anyone. It's just amazing."

Yesterday, once he had finished his art on Wainui Beach, he stood back to take a photo and posted it on his Instagram just before two women on horseback unknowingly rode through the piece.

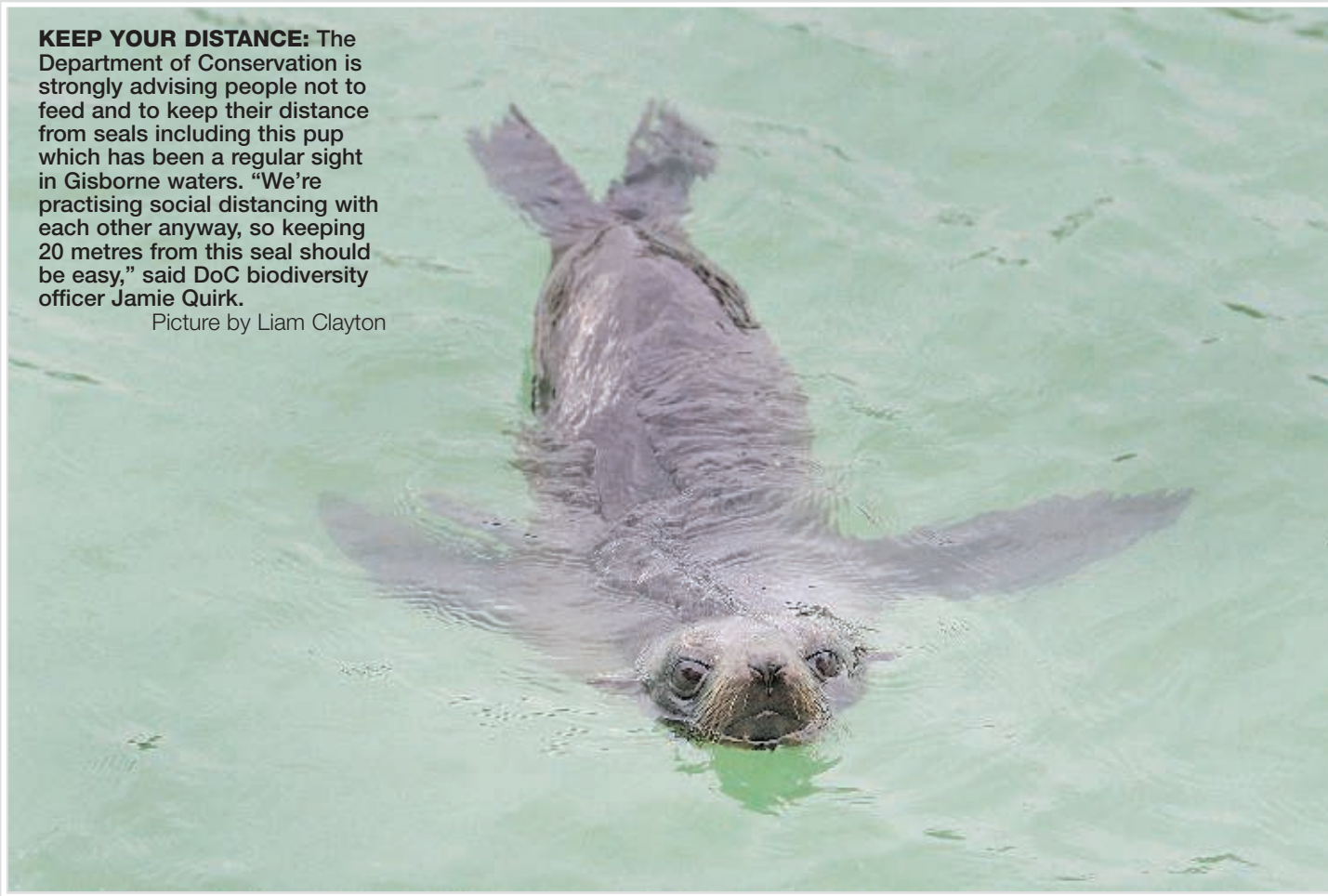
"It was totally wrecked, but they had added to it. They had put all these potholes all the way through from the horses — usually, it's the sea that comes in and wipes it clear."

McGregor said he hopes his artwork in the sand can help reconnect locals to the land they walk past every day.

"The mahi toi is about that connection to the whenua (land) and acknowledging that before the day starts."

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE: The Department of Conservation is strongly advising people not to feed and to keep their distance from seals including this pup which has been a regular sight in Gisborne waters. "We're practising social distancing with each other anyway, so keeping 20 metres from this seal should be easy," said DoC biodiversity officer Jamie Quirk.

Picture by Liam Clayton



'Don't feed the seal'

THE Department of Conservation is asking people not to feed a juvenile New Zealand fur seal that has taken up residence in Gisborne waters.

"Fur seals (or kekeno) are carnivores who mainly feed on squid and small fish . . . but they are intelligent marine mammals and will easily adjust to the lazy life of being spoonfed," DoC marine science adviser Laura Boren says.

The seal has been repeatedly fed by members of the public and has become habituated to human food.

Food such as chips are not a part of their

natural diet and could cause numerous health issues on top of habituation, she says.

"We're asking the public to not feed the seal and to remind others not to feed it."

Several pictures of the friendly seal that has been in and around the port for about a month have been taken and posted on Facebook pages.

Ms Boren says the seal has a hook in the corner of its mouth, suggesting it has got itself caught on a fishing line.

This and feeding it could result in serious health effects, possibly death.

DoC is trying to capture the seal and

remove the hook but efforts to do so have been hindered by the people feeding or interfering with the seal. The seal must be on land to be caught and given treatment.

"We're extremely lucky to have the iconic marine mammals on our back doorstep but they are wild animals and we should treat them with the respect they deserve," DoC biodiversity ranger Jamie Quirk says.

"In order to catch and treat this seal, it needs to be on land and not agitated. We're asking the public to please avoid bothering the seal and to remind others to do the same."

Network's price-setting breach found to be unintentional

FROM PAGE 1

Ms Begg said that the Commission's investigations found Eastland's price-setting conduct that caused the breach was not intentional.

"The fact that Eastland's conduct was not intentional was a key factor in our decision to seek enforceable undertakings rather than seeking a pecuniary penalty."

A copy of the enforceable undertakings for the 2020 price path contravention is available on the Commission's website.

The rebate was determined by what pricing tariff the consumer was on for the last day of the 2020 assessment period.

For domestic customers it works out at between \$1.81 and \$15.11.

Eastland Network instructed the electricity retailers by the end of September and it will have 45 working days to pass these on to consumers.

The current price-quality regulatory regime applying to electricity lines companies took effect in 2009.

The aim of the regime is to mimic the effects seen in competitive markets so regulated companies, such as Eastland, are limited in their ability to earn excessive profits, as well as having incentives to innovate, invest, and provide services at a quality consumers expect.

The maximum financial penalty that can be imposed by a court on a lines company for a contravention of its price-quality path is \$5 million per act or omission, with any penalty payable to the Crown.

The Commission has the power to accept enforceable undertakings under section 74A of the Commerce Act 1986. If the supplier fails to comply with the enforceable undertakings, the Commission may enforce the undertakings in the High Court under section 74C.

Matakaoa health clinic out of action after switchboard blows

by Murray Robertson

THE Matakaoa Community Health clinic in Te Araroa will be out of action for a short while after its electrical switchboard malfunctioned yesterday morning.

The Te Araroa volunteer fire brigade were called to the Paikea Street premises at around 10am.

"The switchboard suddenly blew up, with sparks flying up the wall," a clinic spokeswoman said.

The fire crew made the situation safe

until faults staff arrived.

The clinic has been closed for repairs until further notice.

"We will have an electrician on-site today to assess the situation, and after that we will have a clearer picture of when we will be able to re-open," the

spokeswoman said.

"In the meantime we hope to be able to operate from the former rural health house in Te Araroa.

"People needing health advice should ring the normal number 864 4801, and they will be triaged by our nurse."

SATELLITE SITE: Rocket Lab's Mahia launch facility.
Picture supplied



Space law review concerns

Agency denies Mahia views barred from consultation

by Andrew Ashton

THE New Zealand Space Agency denies residents were stopped from airing their views about a review of the laws surrounding rocket launches from Mahia.

United States-based space company Rocket Lab has been launching payloads into orbit for the past five year from its launch complex at Onenui Station.

The law (Outer Space and High-altitude Activities Act) governing what payloads are permitted is now under review but Nuhaka resident and Rongomaiwahine iwi member Sonya Smith said Mahia residents and mana whenua were "outraged" the review excluded them while including Rocket Lab representatives.

"The Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment quietly announced a review of the Outer Space and High Altitude Activities Act in August and closed it a few weeks later, having only consulted with other government agencies and certain companies involved in the industry," she said.

Some Mahia residents were opposed to Rocket Lab launching payloads for the US military.

"Launching rockets for US military contractors or the US Space Force damages our reputation globally as a country that works to create and maintain peace," said Ms Smith.

However, New Zealand Space Agency acting head Paul Stocks said the review was publicly announced on August 17 and the full terms of reference, as well as an email address, were available on the MBIE website to view and submit feedback.

"These submissions closed on September 28, 2021," he said.

MBIE also targeted for consultation those who have engaged with the licensing and permitting processes, by engaging by email with agencies involved in administering the licensing and permitting processes, industry stakeholders who have applied or may

apply for licences or permits and other engaged stakeholders such as providers of ground station facilities.

Onenui Station, where Rocket Lab's launch complex is located, is owned by Maori entity Tawapata South Incorporation.

"The Outer Space and High-altitude Act 2017 (review) is a technical and operational review, which will assess the performance of the act against its objectives and consider how it might be improved operationally," Mr Stocks said.

The review, led by MBIE, will consider the operation and effectiveness of the Act.

Also under consideration will be whether the provisions of the Act should be retained or repealed, and whether any further amendments to the Act are necessary or desirable.

A separate public consultation will begin later this year on space policy settings more broadly. It will include considering the peaceful, sustainable and responsible uses of space and what that means for space activity from New Zealand.

If people want to make submissions on these topics, the details around the public consultation on the space policy review will be announced later in the year.

Green Party security and intelligence spokesperson Teanau Tuiono said it was concerning mana whenua "continue to be left out" of the technical review of the outer space legislation.

"Especially since military payloads are being launched on Mahia whenua."

The party was also "deeply concerned" space launches by Rocket Lab might be breaching nuclear-free laws.

"New Zealand's historic nuclear-free stance and strong commitment

to non-proliferation are critical to our independent foreign policy, which we must not compromise in the name of economic development."

Those claims were based on two letters of concern sent to Cabinet from the Public Advisory Committee on Disarmament Control.

Those concerns have been dismissed by Attorney-General David Parker, who wrote to the committee stating nothing in the letters had raised any concerns.

On that claim, Mr Stokes told The Gisborne Herald New Zealand's Technology Safeguard Agreement

with the US mandated that "the United States Government provide the Government of New Zealand with a written statement of the function of each US

Each payload permit application is assessed for consistency with New Zealand's international obligations, including those covering nuclear non-proliferation.

—Space agency head Paul Stocks

spacecraft with sufficient information to enable the Government of New Zealand to determine whether a launch would be consistent with the laws, regulations and policies of New Zealand".

"This legally binding international treaty ensures that New Zealand possesses full information to make a determination on any US payload's consistency with New Zealand law, national security and national interest.

"Any payload permit application that the minister approves, regardless of the applicant, must comply with the Outer Space and High-altitude Activities Act 2017 and other relevant New Zealand legislation, including the New Zealand Nuclear Free Zone, Disarmament and Arms Control Act 1987.

"Each payload permit application is also assessed for consistency with New Zealand's international obligations, including those covering nuclear non-proliferation."

Payload types not permitted comprised those that contribute to nuclear weapons programmes or capabilities, payloads with the intended end use of harming, interfering with or destroying other spacecraft, or space systems on Earth, those with the intended end use of supporting or enabling specific defence, security or intelligence operations that are contrary to government policy, and payloads where the intended end use is likely to cause serious or irreversible harm to the environment.

Rocket Lab communications manager Morgan Bailey told The Herald no satellites launched by Rocket Lab had contributed to nuclear devices or capabilities.

"We have been clear on that from day one and it remains true today.

"Separate to Rocket Lab's own commitments, the law is very clear about what can and cannot be launched from New Zealand. Any satellite that contributes to nuclear weapons or capabilities simply cannot be launched and Rocket Lab absolutely supports this.

"All satellites launched from New Zealand undergo a strict permitting process under the Outer Space and High-altitude Activities Act.

"All satellites are subject to assessments against a number of criteria including meeting New Zealand's international obligations, nuclear non-proliferation, safe operation, orbital debris mitigation and national interest and security.

"As part of that permitting process, extensive information about the satellite and what it's used for must be provided to the New Zealand Government.

"A Technology Safeguards Agreement between the US and New Zealand reinforces this and ensures that the US Government provides all information the New Zealand Government requires.

"To date, all satellites have met the Government's stringent permitting requirements and have been approved for launch."

Former PM backing Super Saturday

by Michael Neilson, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — Sir John Key says he is “delighted” to hear the Government announce a “vaxathon” as part of the Super Saturday vaccination drive, an idea he raised in August.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern yesterday announced the “blast from the past” telethon-style event would take place between 12-8pm on various TV channels.

It would include real-time data on how regions are going, prizes, information from experts and competition between towns and regions.

Key raised the idea in an interview with Newstalk ZB’s Mike Hosking in August, saying the Government should adopt a telethon-style approach to boost vaccination numbers and open up our borders by Christmas.

“I am delighted they adopted this idea,” Key told The New Zealand Herald.

“And a few others like mandatory vaccination to attend events like Rhythm and Vines.”

The Prime Minister’s office has been approached for comment on the origins of the idea.

Key said, however, along with these initiatives there needed to be targets for people to get behind, including a minimum vaccination level and a date from which the New Zealand borders would start to open up.

He said he would suggest December 1 and a rate of at least 90 percent fully-vaccinated.

“The question is what happens if a region or the country never gets to 90 percent?”

“That is why you have to give people a clear date, but if you reach a target like 90 percent before that date then you



JOHN KEY

would do it then.

“If you don’t put a date on it, then people don’t know what’s the urgency.”

On the telethon idea, Key said it was just about getting people behind a cause.

“If they want to steal another one, give us a date.”

The National Party’s current Covid-19 plan calls for border restrictions to ease for the fully vaccinated when full vaccination coverage hits 85 percent of the eligible population (about 70 percent of the total population).

Leader Judith Collins has said under their plan, fully vaccinated Kiwis would be able to come home by Christmas, but has not set a date.

Rather, once 85 percent was reached, travellers would be categorised into low, medium and high risk, with isolation requirements depending on vaccination status and testing, that largely align with the Government’s own plan to reconnect with the world.

Key’s suggestion is more closely aligned with the Act Party’s, which says



JACINDA ARDERN

based on current vaccination rates the roll-out could be deemed “complete”, or everybody eligible have had a chance to be vaccinated, by mid-December.

MIQ requirements would then be dropped in time for people from low-risk countries who have met suitable testing and private isolation requirements to be allowed to return to the country for Christmas.

The Government has declined to set any targets for opening the borders, only stating quarantine-free travel for low-risk and fully vaccinated travellers could start in the first quarter of 2022.

Ardern has said setting targets could give dangerous expectations, and also could ignore inequities in the overall coverage.

On Monday Te Pati Maori said given the lower rates for Maori, opening the country up at even 90 percent vaccinated overall would be a “modern form of genocide”.

BRIEFS

Fiji UN worker recovers

AUCKLAND — A Fiji United Nations worker who was flown to New Zealand with serious Covid-19 symptoms has “made an excellent” recovery and been discharged from hospital.

The Ministry of Health said the worker was treated at Middlemore Hospital for a Covid-19 illness in July.

After a total of 76 days in hospital she had recovered and had been discharged.

Medical staff were not sure what strain of Covid-19 the woman had contracted but treated it as if it was Delta. The woman, in her 60s, was flown to New Zealand cocooned in an “isopod”, a negative pressure capsule, while aircrew donned full protective wear to safeguard against infection.

However, a Middlemore Hospital worker was ultimately quarantined following a “PPE protocol incident” relating to her management. The worker was put into a quarantine facility as a precaution as they were unable to easily quarantine at home.

Middlemore Hospital chief medical officer Peter Watson said the New Zealand Air Ambulance-coordinated flight went exactly as planned and they housed the UN worker in a negative pressure isolation room in the hospital’s intensive care unit. — NZ Herald

Accused returns to court

AUCKLAND — The man accused of murdering Mt Albert resident Lena Zhang Harrap, who vanished while on a walk through her neighbourhood, will continue to have name suppression as he undergoes psychological evaluation to assess his fitness to stand trial.

The 31-year-old, listed in court documents as having no fixed address, appeared via audio-video link today at the High Court at Auckland. It was his second court appearance since his arrest on September 24 for charges of murder and sexual violation.

He has not entered a plea, which is also pending the psychiatrist and psychologist reports.

Justice Sally Fitzgerald remanded him in custody until his next court appearance in December. — NZ Herald

Anxious wait for Northland

AUCKLAND — A Covid-positive truckie who travelled to Northland has thrown a last-minute curveball as the Government considers lowering that region and Waikato to Level 2 from Friday.

But the outlook for Auckland remains grim with the number of active mystery cases jumping five-fold since a week ago.

That increase in Auckland is seeing greater scrutiny on preventing the virus from being carried out of the city, following cases that have already taken Delta from Auckland to Palmerston North, Waikato and Northland.

Covid-19 Response Minister Chris Hipkins confirmed this morning a truck driver who travelled to Northland has now also tested positive for Covid.

He said the driver was in the tyre-delivery business, and there was potentially one day of exposure in Northland.

Hipkins told Newstalk ZB’s Mike Hosking people were already sharing information about the case but it would “not necessarily” shake the imminent decision for Waikato or Northland to move to Level 2 from 11.59pm tomorrow.

Appearing on The AM Show, Hipkins said things were looking encouraging for an alert level move in Waikato, and possibly also in Northland.

When asked about the strength of the border, he said people needed to prove they had had a test and they were trying to keep the border as tight as they could.

But he said it was going to be increasingly difficult to keep Covid in Auckland.

“It’s a question of time before we start to see cases popping up around the country and we need to be ready for that,” he said.

A 22-year-old Auckland woman yesterday pleaded guilty in the Whangarei District Court on one charge of failing to comply with Covid



LEVEL CHANGE: Northland and Waikato will today find out if they are moving out of Alert Level 3, but Covid-19 Response Minister Chris Hipkins is keen to get testing numbers up. NZ Herald picture

restrictions under the Public Health Act 2020 by travelling outside of Auckland without a personal travel exemption.

The woman, who was subject to court-imposed conditions at the time, hid in the boot of a car and travelled to Northland on Friday last week.

“It’s clear that the outbreak in Auckland is getting worse, so it’s crucial to look at measures of slowing regional spread,” Covid-19 modeller Professor Michael Plank said.

Auckland cases were doubling about every 12 days on average, which could see daily case numbers climb to 160 by early November, he said.

“The virus has leaked out on several occasions now, and with some of the

region’s low vaccination rates, it would be devastating if the virus found its way into those communities.”

Those leaving Auckland need to be tested, but don’t need to wait for a negative result before crossing the boundary.

They can also bypass the testing requirement with a medical certificate saying they don’t have symptoms.

Meanwhile, director of the Malaghan Institute of Medical Research and the programme director of the Vaccine Alliance Professor Graham Le Gros said he was working on a New Zealand-made booster shot which he hoped would be ready and available next year.

Le Gros said vaccination was simply

the only way forward and while the initial roll-out was good, a better vaccine or booster was going to be needed.

His team was working on a booster now that he hoped would be available in 2022.

“We need a sterilising vaccine,” he said. “This current vaccine is very good but it is still allowing transmission.”

“There is no let-up . . . we have to get better vaccines or give boosters . . . boosters that stop transmission.”

“We need better vaccines that are yet to come. I intend to (provide that), that is the ambition.”

Le Gros said the virus was still evolving and was not something we could learn to live with.

“It’s a bat virus and now it is learning how to infect humans, it is bypassing borders just like that . . . it is learning how to infect us in different ways,” he told TVNZ’s Breakfast this morning.

“We cannot yet live with it.” Le Gros said the Delta variant was not the end of the evolution and people needed to get their heads around the intensity of the illness.

He said it was nothing like the flu — it was more like measles in terms of spread and long-term health impacts and severity.

“We do not try to live with measles, we try to stamp it out.”

“Covid grows in your heart tissue, your lung tissue, your brain, your gut — the effects of long Covid are still not completely known.”

“Just allowing this virus to get around and become endemic is the wrong way.”

Le Gros said like smallpox and like polio the Covid-19 virus would “live in small pockets” of the population and spread to the most vulnerable.

“It won’t just go mild like a common cold.”

“It will take people out . . . it won’t be nice.” — NZ Herald

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More than 100 MIQ breaches and escape attempts in 10 months

AUCKLAND — Returnees were caught escaping MIQ hotels, attempting escape or venturing into out of bounds areas 117 times in a 10-month period.

Officials told the public about only three of those absconding incidents between September 1, 2020 and July 11, 2021 and only after the escapee had been found.

A list obtained under the Official Information Act shows the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment recorded “absconding, attempted absconding or unauthorised access” incidents roughly once every three days, across 30 different MIQ hotels.

Due to the number of incidents the ministry refused to provide further details of the breaches, including whether the person had left the hotel, and any specific follow-up action it took.

It said it did not record where each offender had travelled from or how long they were out of the hotel.

The Crowne Plaza in Auckland had the highest number of incidents, with 13 in total including four in an 11-day period in October 2020. — RNZ

Small number of teachers quit over vaccine mandate

by Dubby Henry, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — The vast majority of school staff appear to be on board with a new education vaccination mandate — but a small number have taken drastic action and resigned in protest.

On Monday the Government announced all teachers and other staff in contact with children at schools or early learning centres must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 by January 1, with a first dose by November 15.

The Ministry of Education has confirmed to The New Zealand Herald that the mandate applies to all schools, including private schools.

At least one teacher and two teacher aides have resigned in protest, while a protest group is promising to hold a “strike” in Auckland against what they see as an imposition on teachers’ freedoms. It’s not known how many of the group are teachers.

NZ Principals Federation president Perry Rush was aware of two teacher aides and one teacher that had quit their jobs since Monday’s announcement.

He worried that might have been an unnecessary move made without knowing all the details of the mandate. Principals were having serious conversations with staff about their future employment in a “vacuum” of information.

“There’s just guesswork taking place about whether it really means ‘no job, no job’ when there could be other alternatives for those people,” he said.

“We have to act in ways that preserve our humanity when it comes to people’s employment.”

He did not know how many staff would be affected across the primary sector.

The Ministry of Education had set up a working group with the sector yesterday but the details should have already been worked out, Rush said — given there are just four weeks until the first dose deadline.

PPTA Auckland regional chairman Michael Tarry said just one member out of 20,000 had resigned their membership to protest at the union’s pro-mandate stance.

He anticipated very few high school



NEW RULES: Some teachers have already handed in their resignations after being told they will have to get the Covid-19 vaccine to continue working, according to the head of the Principals’ Federation. NZ Herald picture

teachers would refuse the vaccine — not enough to cause significant staffing shortages.

The PPTA would make sure that fair and just processes were followed for those people, he said.

An Auckland member survey last week found about 85 percent would support a mandate, with most others holding some concerns about making it compulsory. Almost none were “hardcore anti vaxx”, Tarry said.

“We know from jurisdictions overseas that compulsory vaccinations tip a lot of them over to become vaccine positive — they just need a final push.”

Tarry was aware of groups organising protests via social media, but it was impossible to tell if they were teachers, he said.

An event set up on Facebook called for teachers to breach the health order and attend an in-person strike in Auckland to protest against the new mandate.

The creators were Nicolle Porterfield and Greg McInnes, neither of whom are registered as teachers on the Teaching

Council’s website.

Porterfield told The New Zealand Herald she had worked in early childhood education in the past and was studying education, so the mandate would affect her when she graduated.

The page had been taken down because of the controversy aimed at its creators but not before more than 300 people had expressed an interest over two hours.

She said she had received messages from people in tears, devastated that their career was over and wondering how they would provide for their families.

Porterfield said many of those opposed to the vaccine mandate were not anti-vaccine but were not convinced whether it was safe.

Another Facebook group opposing the mandate was set up by a group affiliated to the Freedoms & Rights Coalition, which organised September’s protest in Auckland Domain.

At least two of the group’s administrators are linked to Destiny Church, with one a teacher at Destiny School.

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RECLAIMING TIKANGA:

Whaea Anna Berry (centre) talks about her vaccination journey alongside some of her whānau Ngarangi (left), Tahuri (right) and Te Aheu (front).

NZ Herald picture



Vaccination crucial to living normal life

by Adam Pearse, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — It wasn't until Covid-19 claimed the life of a beloved kuia that proud wahine Anna Berry realised vaccination is the only way Māori can reclaim tikanga which the virus has stripped away.

Now, the Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Hoani Waititi school kaiako (teacher) is adding her voice to the pro-vaccination message, as the West Auckland kura pulls out all the stops to bring the vaccine to the front doors of her whānau.

Anna, a mother to three daughters, admitted she was firmly against receiving the Covid vaccine initially.

"I was adamant that I wasn't going to get it because I don't like needles," she said.

She remained steadfast even as her whānau, with varying degrees of enthusiasm, were getting vaccinated.

It wasn't until a kōrero about the vaccine's benefits with former kura student and South Auckland GP Dr Lily Fraser convinced Anna to book her first jab.

"Lily had a talk to me and took me through the benefits and said, 'Come out to Turuki Healthcare in Māngere and I'll (vaccinate) you'," Anna said.

"Then I decided I'd get it done." However, the cruel realities of Covid hit home soon after when one of her best friends brought the virus home to her 92-year-old mother, which proved fatal.

"(My friend) went out to do the shopping for the whānau and came home with it and gave it to Nana

and within a week, she was dead." Putting to one side the grief of losing a kuia, Anna said the changes lockdown enforced on normal tangi (funeral) protocol was heart-breaking.

"The point is we couldn't do what we needed to do, right down to her karakia, we had to watch via Zoom. It's not something I'd ever want to do again. Her whānau fought to get an exemption to bury her over the border . . . she had to lay on her own for three weeks."

They had been just one of many Hoani Waititi whānau who had lost their loved ones during lockdown — some unable to get exemptions and return those who had passed to their whakapapa.

It's these experiences that have made it clear to Anna that vaccination was the most effective tool to reinstating normal life. "I think our tikanga are suffering and the things that we normally do as whānau . . . for us not to be able to do those things is terrible.

"The major thing for us as Hoani Waititi, to get back to practise (Māori life) in a normal way, I think it's integral that everyone is vaccinated."

She said many reluctant whānau expressed concern about vaccination compromising tino rangatiratanga and mana motuhake — Māori sovereignty and self determination.

While she understood the point of view, Anna was brutally honest in her position.

"People can talk about mana motuhake all they like but there's

no point having mana motuhake if you're six feet under," she said.

"Our rangatira here on the marae have said, 'Get it done in order to keep our babies and our kaumātua safe and in order for us to get back to some sense of normality as Māori'.

"For me, tino rangatiratanga is about following the examples of our rangatira."

Anna's husband Tahuri was similarly reluctant to get the vaccine initially. However, he noted how "spiritually draining" it was, being separated from his whakapapa and believed vaccination was the only answer.

It wasn't just whānau who were encouraging vaccination but the kura community as a whole.

The kura had sourced a dental care van, and later a motorhome, which had been turned into a mobile vaccination clinic.

Since last week, kura health staff had been vaccinating the wider community — linking up with other kura as a way to boost vaccination levels among Māori.

Mobile vaccination team lead Pirihi Puata said using Māori staff ensured vaccination could occur in a mana-enhancing way.

Kura principal Hare Rua said while it was still early days, the mobile unit had been a success and he hoped to coordinate with other kura to boost access for whānau.

About 75 percent of the kura's 110-strong roll was vaccinated. Rua aimed to increase that to 85 percent at this weekend's Super Saturday vaccination drive.

Christmas in the Park cancelled in Auckland

AUCKLAND — Uncertainty around Covid-19 restrictions has led to Christmas in the Park being cancelled in Auckland, but organisers are optimistic the event will go ahead in Christchurch.

Coca-Cola NZ's Annette Chillingworth said the sponsor was extremely disappointed to cancel the Auckland show for the second year in a row. It had been planned to take place at the Auckland Domain on December 11.

"We delayed making this sad decision for as long as we could, however, we must consider the safety of everyone involved so, of course, it's the right thing to do.

"We're really pleased to continue to plan for Coca-

Cola Christmas in the Park in Christchurch scheduled for late November and the free-to-air TV broadcast of show highlights in December," she said.

Christmas in the Park is an important fundraiser for Youthline.

For the last 15 years, funds raised at the two events have helped to support over 35,000 young people each year.

The outdoor

Christmas concert, dubbed "the nation's favourite Christmas party", annually attracts a massive live audience to the Auckland Domain and Christchurch's Hagley Park when friends, families and communities gather to celebrate the start of the Kiwi summer festive season.

‘ We must consider the safety of everyone involved ’

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Man isolating in Queenstown

QUEENSTOWN — Police are investigating the circumstances in which a man flew from locked-down Whangarei to Queenstown at the weekend without a travel exemption.

The man travelled from Whangarei to Wellington on a commercial flight on Saturday and stayed overnight at a hotel near Wellington Airport, before flying to Queenstown on Sunday morning, a police spokesman said.

The man was travelling for work, but did not have the necessary documentation to allow him to leave Whangarei under Alert Level 3.

A Ministry of Health spokesman said the man returned a negative Covid-19 test yesterday, but the spokesperson declined to reveal his vaccination status.

The police spokesman said the man was self-isolating in Queenstown while the investigation continued.

Police were helping the Ministry of Health trace the man's movements in Wellington and Queenstown.

Police were also working with other agencies to understand how the man was permitted to fly without the appropriate documentation.

Queenstown Lakes Mayor Jim Boulton said he understood a member of the public had alerted police to the man's presence.

The man's actions were inexcusable, and put the community and the struggling local economy at risk, he said.

"Our district is doing really well in responding to the need to get vaccinated, with more than 90 percent having had their first jab, and well over 50 percent fully immunised . . . but today's news must be a stark reminder that we are far from immune to potential exposure in the district." — Otago Daily Times

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Brave teen 'finally cured and free'

by Sophie Trigger, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — A "selfless" and "courageous" Wellington teenager who spent her last week alive fundraising for brain cancer research passed away peacefully last night.

Fifteen-year-old Jemima Gazley was diagnosed with inoperable stage 4 brain cancer in February, and in the past 10 days has raised nearly \$450,000 through a Givealittle page for research into a cure.

An update from the family made at 10.45pm last night said Jemima's journey had come to an end.

"She passed away peacefully this evening and she wanted to let you all know that she is finally cured and free," it read.

"She is dancing through the heavens, laughing and full of joy in her return to pure energy."

Jemima began a Givealittle page on October 3 to raise funds for Australian researcher Dr Matt Dun, who planned to conduct clinical trials on DIPG — a deadly childhood brain cancer that had also taken his own child's life.

Jemima had also wanted to donate her brain to cancer research.

Within four days the page had raised \$200,000 and by this morning had \$444,110.

The Gazleys said the success of the campaign had been a "special gift" in Jemima's last week and thanked everyone that had donated to the cause.

"With our most sincere gratitude and love — please know every one of you have made the final chapter her greatest triumph.

"Her legacy will live on."



SELFLESS: Jemima Gazley peacefully passed away last night after raising more than \$440,000 for cancer research.

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Jemima told The New Zealand Herald last week she was proud and excited about the funds raised, and could not wait to give the cheque to Dun.

"I didn't know I could do this, but I am doing it and I'm very proud of myself," she said.

"Having that legacy of my work on earth is going to be so important to me."

Oliver Gazley said their daughter had always been selfless and generous.

"Her whole life growing up as a kid she was always thinking about other people, standing up for other people, believing in other people.

"When she thought to set it up, we thought let's try and raise \$20,000, and it just has gone bananas.

"I think Jemima being so vulnerable to have her story told has really struck a chord with so many people, and as parents we couldn't be more proud."

Jemima's Givealittle page remains open.

Quake comes with warning

WELLINGTON — A 5.3 magnitude earthquake struck in between the North and South islands yesterday, with many people getting a warning it was coming.

The quake hit 80km north of French Pass at a depth of 149km, shortly before 3pm. More than 17,000 people reported feeling the shaking — with some as far away as Mt Ruapehu.

Fire and Emergency said it had not received any reports of damage or callouts after the earthquake.

A spokesperson said its Wellington building, on base isolators like Te Papa, rolled with the shake.

Because the earthquake was deep, 149km below the Wanganui Basin, shaking was felt over a wide area around the epicentre and was particularly strong from Wellington to the Horowhenua.

GeoNet said this was due to seismic waves travelling up the subducting slab.

Many Android phone users in the affected

regions had up to 10-15 seconds' warning a shake was about to hit.

"That was so awesome. I got the Android notification of a coming earthquake about three seconds before it happened," Eric Crampton said on Twitter.

Software solutions architect Kai Koenig tweeted: "If you are surprised your Android phone (with Google services on it) warned you of the recent #eqnz: yes, it's a reasonably new feature available in NZ".

Earthquake alerts were recently enabled for New Zealand on Google Play Services.

"Imagine it being a big network of devices and all of a sudden they all start shaking a little bit. If you look at the patterns of vibrations, it's possible to get a reasonably good idea of where the earthquake roughly is and when other users will feel it via the s-waves," Koenig said.

"Most importantly you need to make sure it's enabled. It should be by default when you get the feature, but it might not be." — NZ Herald



INVESTIGATION: Despite a \$100,000 reward, no information has emerged about the disappearance of Amber-Lee Cruickshank 29 years ago.

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Reward brings no answers

CHRISTCHURCH — Nicola Cruickshank thought her long nightmare might be coming to an end.

Sunday will mark 29 years since her toddler Amber-Lee Cruickshank went missing at a Cornwall Street property in Kingston, at the southern end of Lake Wakatipu.

In April this year, police announced a \$100,000 reward for information or evidence leading to the identity and conviction of anyone responsible for the two-year-old's disappearance.

Cruickshank hoped the lure of a big payout would finally draw out someone with information.

But as the reward period comes to a close today, Cruickshank, 53, who now lives in Christchurch, was feeling deflated and exhausted.

"It's quite depressing, really. I honestly thought that someone would have come forward.

"We're still no closer to the truth, or to finding her. It's quite devastating."

For her, the reward offer felt like a last chance for new information.

Police said about 75 phone calls were received from members of the public during the reward period.

Cruickshank said that blew her away.

"I can't understand why it's taken a \$100,000 reward and 29 years for people to come forward with the information they had.

"Why didn't they come forward a long time ago?"

Some of the information provided during the reward period had not only been wrong, it had been harmful.

Someone had sent her photos of two girls who were supposedly Amber-Lee, grown up.

The police had interviewed at least one of them, and she was definitely not the missing girl.

"She's quite distraught by the accusation.

"We've had a few funny things to deal with over the past six months. It's hard to fathom that someone could even do that."

But it was not much different from the past three decades, she said.

There had always been rumours, and they had always turned out to be false leads.

Police declined to be interviewed about the case this week.

In a statement, Detective Inspector Stu Harvey said the investigation team was completing inquiries in regards to the information that had been supplied.

"Due to the ongoing nature of the inquiry, police are unable to comment on specifics in regards to the information received."

Despite the reward period ending, it could be revisited if any member of the public had any further information on the case that leads to an arrest, he said.

Police would not comment on whether any reward money had been paid out.

Meanwhile, on Sunday, Cruickshank will light a candle for her daughter, as she always does on the anniversary of her disappearance.

She has never given up hope, but she does not know what else she can do.

"I just want to know where she is so I can bring her home. She was only two-and-a-half years of age, whatever happened, she didn't deserve it.

"And I sure as hell don't feel me and my family deserve this nightmare, either." — Otago Daily Times

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STREETDOG: The first Streetdog production run sold out and there is now a waitlist for the second run of the Wellington produced electric motorbike.

Is Streetdog the future of electric motorbikes?

WELLINGTON — A Wellington engineer is hoping his business' electric motorbike, the Streetdog, will help break down "the lameness" associated with EVs.

As the world is being encouraged to ditch the petrol and diesel vehicles and go electric, the Streetdog could be an attractive option.

The electric motorbike is made by Wellington-based company FTN Motion. Its first production run sold out, and there is now a waitlist of people trying to secure the second run.

Founder and designer Luke Sinclair said: "What we really wanted to do was make great looking mopeds and motorbikes that also happened to be highly practical, fun and happened to be electric as well."

"We really wanted to prioritise how we could make EVs fit people's lives better . . . really suit their lifestyle."

Sinclair says the 50cc moped does not require a driver's licence and will go 100km from one battery charge so it's a practical option for getting to work or buying the groceries.

It has enough power to get up

Wellington's hills and will withstand its wind too.

Both he and the co-founder studied engineering at Waikato University and they realised electric vehicles could outperform petrol vehicles in terms of performance and functionality, but there was "a lameness" associated with EVs.

"So we really wanted to break that down."

Sinclair said they had drawn on classic motorcycle designs for some of their inspiration. A Streetdog moped costs \$9000, "a fair price", considering its range and ease of storage.

The business was looking to develop a larger range of two-wheel designs both for urban and open road and was also hoping to start exporting, Sinclair said.

Getting parts had been "challenging" and had encouraged them to look for local producers and manufacturers.

"It makes the whole thing a lot easier to control in terms of quality and getting through these initial R&D stages — getting a sage and good working product out there." — RNZ

Govt books look rosier than tipped

by Hamish Rutherford, NZ Herald
WELLINGTON — Just about anyone who owns a house in New Zealand will have felt the effect of rising house prices, but no one got a boost as big as the Government itself.

Yesterday the Treasury published the Government's annual financial accounts. As Finance Minister Grant Robertson was at pains to point out, these were much better than were expected a few months ago. The tax take was higher and expenses lower than Treasury forecast in May's Budget, meaning the deficit was a fraction of what was expected (\$4.6 billion compared to the more than \$15bn expected in May). Net debt at the end of June was more than \$11bn less than forecast.

Just as he was a year ago, Robertson could only see good news.

"I don't think it is fair to argue that these accounts represent anything other than New Zealanders having worked very hard . . . and achieved a very good outcome," Robertson said.

The biggest difference between what the Treasury predicted in May and what it published yesterday was the value of its own assets.

The net worth of the Crown — a broad measurement of the assets it owns minus the liabilities — rose a stunning \$40bn in the year to June 30, and is now above where it was in 2019, a time before Covid and at the end of a decade in which asset prices had already been climbing.

Kianga Ora — previously Housing New Zealand — saw the value of the land it holds rise by \$5.8bn alone, while the financial assets owned by ACC and the Super Fund went up in value by \$18bn.

Just as it was a good time to hold financial assets, it was a good time to borrow, as interest fell.

Although the Government's net debt is around \$20bn higher than a year ago, the cost of financing the debt is \$1.3bn lower. Given how closely linked asset prices are to interest rate movements, this is not a surprise.

Most of the increases in the value of

Government property provide little benefit that can be spent. Even the value of the conservation estate rose, but it cannot conceivably be sold.

But the influence of rising asset prices had a broader impact on the books. Rising asset prices make people feel wealthy and they spend.

Treasury said as much, as it noted that GST rose by \$3.8bn, which it put down to increases in "household consumption and residential investment".

As has been well documented, consumers spent up last year. While a significant part of this has been put down to "pent up demand" due to the first lockdown, a lot of it is likely to have been driven by the so-called "wealth effect" of rising house prices.

There is nothing peculiar to New Zealand about this, but it remains to be seen whether anything like the boost of 2020 and 2021 will be seen in 2022.

Although Treasury's forecasting record has been far from flawless during Covid, it picks house price growth to fall to basically zero this year, as has the Reserve Bank.

Meanwhile, the Reserve Bank raised interest rates just over a week ago and is tipped to hike several more times before the middle of 2022.

Robertson said business confidence and consumer confidence remained relatively robust according to recent surveys and he expected some bounceback in spending when the current lockdowns ended.

But it is one thing for spending to bounce back aggressively when Covid restrictions ended up being less prolonged than expected and interest rates are falling. It is another for it to happen after restrictions drag on and interest rates are rising, especially if house prices are not rising.

What Robertson put down to hard work may turn out to be the inevitable effect of pumping billions into the economy to keep the party going.

Next year we may find out what happens when the sugar rush stops.

Economic rebound weaker than expected: experts

WELLINGTON — It is early days, but the first economic data to capture the shift out of a nationwide lockdown shows a weaker consumer spending rebound than many expected — or hoped for.

Retail card spending edged up 0.9 percent in September compared with August, as Covid-19 alert levels eased from Level 3 to Level 2, except in Auckland, Stats NZ said.

"Card sales remained low in September, as Auckland was in Covid-19 Level 4, before dropping to Level 3 towards the end of the month," business performance manager Ricky Ho said.

Seasonally adjusted retail spending was up \$45 million (0.9 percent), and total spending was up \$104m (1.6 percent) in September 2021, compared with August 2021.

"That was much weaker than expected, with spending in all categories (excluding groceries) remaining well below pre-Delta levels," said Westpac senior economist Satish Ranchhod. "It appears that activity restrictions are still having a significant dampening impact on spending."

ASB senior economist Mark Smith described the numbers as "more tepid than expected". The continued high level of restrictions in Auckland

and timing of the relaxation of restrictions elsewhere were possible catalysts, he said. "However, there are also tentative signs that there may be less impetus in the consumption recovery from lockdown this time around."

The large third quarter fall in card spending pointed to a sizeable dip for retail trade, and wider GDP for the quarter, Smith said. "With the Delta variant proving difficult to shake off in Auckland and starting to spread into nearby regions, the post-lockdown rebound in retail activity is likely to be shallower than it would otherwise be."

Looking across retail categories, there was some lift in spending on household durables, Ranchhod noted. But spending in all categories (excluding groceries) remained around 25 percent below pre-Delta levels, he said. Weekly gauges for October indicated that spending appetites were starting to lift from their earlier lows.

"We expect that this trend will continue. Even so, we are still likely to see big differences across sectors, with the hospitality sector lagging other parts of the economy."

NZ Herald

SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — High-tech manufacturing company Rakon continues to dazzle as the New Zealand sharemarket trades through a weak period, posting its sixth successive single-day loss.

The S&P/NZX 50 Index was up and down all day, closing at 12,996.26 after falling 0.18 percent. The index traded in a narrow range of 13,019.37 and 12,967.91 points, and has hit its lowest level in seven weeks.

There were 60 gainers and 88 decliners over the whole market on volume of 62.4 million share transactions worth \$216.44m. The trading was dominated by takeover target Z Energy with 15.75m of its shares worth \$57.06m changing hands. Z Energy was up 1c to \$3.62.

Dan Stratful, investment adviser with Forsyth Barr, said offshore markets were weak and this

was rubbing off on the New Zealand market, which also faced an official cash rate rise last week.

Rakon, which makes crystal frequency control products for the GPS industry, continued its meteoric rise, increasing 3c or 1.91 percent to \$1.60, having reached an intraday high of \$1.68. It has risen from a low of 15c in March last year and over the past 12 months has increased 293 percent.

Rakon told the market on September 29 it was benefiting from an extensive global chip shortage and the 5G rollout. At that time its share price was sitting at \$1.20 — and also at 95c on August 27.

Market leader Fisher & Paykel Healthcare rebounded 35c to \$30.10; Mercury Energy rose 19.5c or 3.11 percent to \$6.475; Ryman

Healthcare was up 15c to \$14.70; but Summerset Group Holdings was down 25c to \$15.05; and Mainfreight fell \$2.30 or 2.49 percent to \$90.

SkyCity Entertainment lost another 4c to \$3.12. Ebos Group was down 55c to \$34; a2 Milk declined 11c to \$6.14; Freightways shed 17c to \$12.55; Sanford fell 19c or 3.73 percent to \$4.90; and AFT Pharmaceuticals decreased 9c or 2.2 percent to \$4.01.

Pacific Edge, which held an investor day, was down 4c or 2.82 percent to \$1.13; Enprise Group declined 5c or 2.44 percent to \$2; and Harmony fell 10c or 5.32 percent to \$1.78.

Meal kit company My Food Bag hit its lowest point since listing at \$1.85, falling 7c or 5.51 percent to \$1.20.

Goodman Property Trust declined 3c to \$2.42. Stratful said Goodman had a portfolio revaluation gain of 32c a share and its net tangible assets were equivalent to \$2.48.

Westpac Banking Corporation was down 43c

to \$27.04 after telling the market its net profit for the second half of the 2021 financial year will be reduced by \$1.3 billion. Fintech company PaySauce increased 2c or 6.67 percent to 32c after reporting strong growth for the September quarter, with recurring revenue increasing 44 percent year on year and 22 percent from the previous quarter. Other gainers were The Warehouse Group, up 12c or 3.04 percent to \$4.07; Briscoe Group collecting 9c to \$6.89; AMP increasing 3c or 2.59 percent to \$1.19; DGL Group rising 9c or 3.03 to \$3.06; Just Life Group gaining 4c or 5 percent to 84c; and NZME picking up 4c or 3.67 percent to \$1.13.

Talisman Gold Mines has a new chairman, John Upperton, and director, Northland farmer Calum McKenzie. Company secretary Jane Bell has resigned and chief executive Matthew Hill is stepping down from the board. Talisman's share price rose 0.001c or 50 percent to 0.003c.

— NZ Herald

EDITORIAL

Carbon footprint stomping rural NZ

Examples of other vaccine mandates

With the Government announcing this week that most of our health, disability and education workforces will need to be vaccinated against Covid-19, and last week that vaccine certificates will be introduced for entry to major events and possibly hospitality venues, New Zealand has joined a growing number of countries with vaccine mandates.

Australia decided in late June to require aged-care workers to be vaccinated; Western Australia has followed up with a mandate for primary and community health workers, and all employees in mining, oil and gas exploration; Victoria has introduced one for professional athletes, associated workers and broadcasters; in NSW, restrictions are being eased for people who are double-vaccinated.

In England it will be mandatory for care home workers to be vaccinated next month and the government has said it is highly likely it will require the same for front-line health and social workers. Nightclubs and other venues that host large crowds require proof of full vaccination.

In Canada, from the end of this month, all federal employees who have not been vaccinated will be placed on unpaid leave, and vaccination will be required for workers and passengers aged 12 and over on trains, planes and ships operating domestically. Vaccination is already required for dining out and going to the cinema.

A month ago US President Joe Biden ordered all federal workers and contractors to be vaccinated, and for private employers with 100 or more workers to require staff to be vaccinated by December 8, or get tested for Covid-19 weekly. This order covers 100 million people or about two-thirds of the workforce.

France announced a mandate for its 2.7 million health, care home and fire service workforce in July, and on September 15 suspended 3000 workers who had failed to get their first jab by the required date.

Italy is going furthest, making it obligatory for all workers to show proof of either vaccination, a negative test or recent recovery from infection as of this Friday; those who fail to comply will be suspended without pay.

Greece has a mandate for nursing home staff and healthcare workers; only vaccinated customers are allowed in bars, cinemas, theatres and other closed spaces. Swiss people are required to show a Covid certificate to enter bars, restaurants and fitness centres; the Dutch need one to enter bars, restaurants, museums and theatres. Hungary has made vaccination mandatory for healthcare workers.

by Jason Heale, Maxim Institute communications officer



GROWING up on the outskirts of Auckland, I always had this idea that “the future” would be several mega-cities connected by a suspended monorail and surrounded by dense, uninhabited forest. Guess what? This dream may be the reality of future New Zealand.

In an effort to lower (or at least offset) our carbon footprint, more and more farms are being converted to forests. At least five have been approved for sale to overseas companies this year.

Superficially, it looks great. Sell some farms; make tens of millions of dollars, lower our carbon footprint, plant trees on low yield or unproductive land, and reap the rewards. Potentially you can earn up to 20 percent return on an investment like that, without having to even visit the land.

But this is short-term futurism.

An attempt to heal the planet could ruin our land. Intense forestation depletes soil. This is not a new phenomenon. We can learn from the story of a forest in Germany in the 18th Century, the disaster of which caused a new word — Walsterben, meaning “forest death” — to come into use. Intense forestry caused systemic collapse of the ecosystem. Moreover, what about the future? What happens in 30 years’ time when these trees are harvested? Will there be replanting? How many of these plantations will become permanent “carbon farming” forests?

Meanwhile there’s a question for us now: What about the rural communities that have grown to nurture the farms? When farms are sold, farmers depart, crushing the rural support sector. Schools have already closed because of this, and many now have declining numbers on their rolls due to the loss of jobs forcing people to move away. Our rural communities, the backbone of our country, are being decimated by the unintended consequences of overseas investment.

We are a heavily urbanised country, and yet we are heavily dependent on these primary industry communities, domestically and in terms of exports. Damage to them damages our country.

But maybe we’re not seeing the wood for the trees. Those banal, possibly ruinous, acres of investment pine might be hiding an opportunity.

Farmers can integrate these forests on to their farms. After all, they know which land is the most productive for farming, which is high erosion, and which would be best planted.

Mixed land use is an innovative way for “New Zealand (to) meet its climate obligations and still maintain livestock production,” says Beef +Lamb NZ chief executive Sam McIvor. We can reap the benefits of both worlds, mixing profitability with the sustainability . . . of communities as well as the land.

So let’s let the farmers take the lead in figuring this out. It could be a win-win for them, and for our country. We can’t passively allow my childhood daydream to become a forestation nightmare; let’s choose a future that benefits us.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

A privilege Impressive lady, story

We don’t need incentives to get ourselves vaccinated against Covid-19. It is a privilege to stand side by side with other Kiwis in support of our community and whanau safety in this effort against a common enemy.

As Roger Handford states (October 6 letter), we are running out of excuses.

For those who don’t have a legitimate reason not to vaccinate: learn the facts, then get with the programme and be a proud, vaccinated Kiwi.

B. BROWN

I just watched the harrowing “I am” Tricia Walsh docudrama on TV1, Tuesday evening. It was not easy to watch. But what a brave, intelligent, strong lady she is.

Tricia’s two sons, what a credit they are to her. What a great outcome after so many years of heartache and no hope. Thank you for sharing your story.

GRAHAM F. JAMIESON
Auckland

Protecting ourselves, others

So, you don’t intend to get vaccinated against Covid-19. Wow, does that make you feel big and tough? I think it makes you look small, weak and foolish.

I realise there are people who, because of health issues, religious ties, peer pressure or believing the conspiracy theories, will not be vaccinated.

However, how would you feel if you, because you decided not to get “the jab”, gave Covid to your parents, your children, your wife etc. Imagine your grandparents struggling to breathe because you were too arrogant to be vaxxed.

Are you afraid of a needle? Do you think your “mates” might think less of you? Wouldn’t you be doing a hell of a lot more for your family and community if you received the “jab” and then told your mates to do the same?

Would you rather look forward to a future where we return to some sort of normality, or not be vaxxed

and potentially die on a bed with a tube stuck in your mouth?

If you did become afflicted, would you expect an ambulance to pick you up and take you to hospital? Would you expect our amazing doctors and nurses to care for you? I bet you would.

As far as I am concerned, if you refuse to get vaccinated then you don’t deserve any help. You brought it on yourself.

Wake up, smell the roses, and be thankful that there is a way to escape this dreadful virus — that way is vaccination.

I have had two vaccinations and it is the most wonderful feeling to know that I’m so much less likely to catch Covid, to get seriously ill if I do, or to pass this “Covid” monster on to anybody else.

The choice is yours. To have a future for you and your family, or to gasp for breath; it’s simply up to you.

MIKE MULROONEY

One line, many responses

Re: Race disproven in modern biology, October 12. “Never forget that the clitoris has over 8000 nerve endings and it is still not as sensitive as old white people asked to confront their participation in systematic racism.”

Best line I’ve read in The Gisborne Herald yet! How refreshing! Love your mahi Tanith.

AIMEE MILNE

I’ve read some crap in the GH lately but this takes the biscuit.

JOHN FRICKER, Masterton

Yes Aimee, that was the best laugh I’ve had from The Gisborne Herald for a while. And if people are wondering if it’s true or not about the sensitive old, white people . . . have a read of what John Fricker just wrote!!! Lol.

Keep these articles coming Tanith, it’s like a breath of fresh air.

MAREE CONAGLEN

Jeremy, what are you doing? Why publish such utter rubbish?

Tanith needs to get a life and hang out with real people who work, live and love our town.

Together, no matter who they are. Sounds like he’s got too much time on his hands and needs to be busier.

STACEY TROMPF

Yes. He went there . . . ! I have enjoyed the writing of Waitohiterangi as a foil to the bluster of Bibby.

However, he crossed a line

with his October 12th column.

By choosing a “mōrikarika me māngere” metaphor his wordsmithing was woeful.

Grade? “E” for enough.

RĀWIRI GILGEN

Hi Aimee and Maree, to refer to another race of humans as resembling a private part of a female’s anatomy clearly shows a complete lack of any humanity towards other human beings. For the two of you to find Tanith’s writings funny or worthy of feelings of love puts you both in the gutter with him as very sick people. This clearly shows just where the true racism in NZ is coming from. People like Tanith need to be on Meng Foon’s watch list.

KEN OVENDEN

Way to go young man.

MICHAEL SUNDERLAND
Brisbane

My congratulations to Tanith Wirihana Te Waitohioteangi for what I would consider to be the metaphor of the decade.

“Never forget that the clitoris has over 8000 nerve endings and is still not as sensitive as old white people asked to confront their participation in systematic racism.”

One has to wonder how the calculation was arrived at and also as one who fits the profile of old white person, certainly food for prolonged self-examination, in a manner of speaking.

Amazing how you can go through life, unaware of your ingrained failings.

RON TAYLOR

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SHOWING OFF MILITARY MIGHT: Left, North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, centre, speaks in front of what North Korea says was an intercontinental ballistic missile displayed at an exhibition of weapons systems in Pyongyang, on Monday (local time). Kim has vowed to build an “invincible” military and accused the US of creating regional tensions between the Koreas.



‘CAPTAIN DPRK’: In this photo above, provided by the North Korean government, North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, centre, poses for a group photo with fighter pilots at the opening of an exhibition of weapons systems in Pyongyang on Monday (local time). North Korea published the photos of the event the following day. Also posing for the photo is a single soldier clad in a tight, bright blue outfit. He immediately lit up social media, with some calling him the ‘North Korean equivalent of captain America’ or ‘Captain DPRK’.

Kim vows to build ‘invincible military’

North Korea’s supreme leader also slams ‘persistent US hostility’

PYONGYANG — North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has reviewed powerful missiles developed to launch nuclear strikes on the US mainland, vowing to build an “invincible” military to cope with what he called “persistent US hostility”, state media reported on Tuesday (local time).

In an apparent continued effort to drive a wedge between Washington and Seoul, Kim also used his speech at a rare exhibition of weapons systems on Monday to stress that his military might was not targeted at South Korea and that there should not be another war pitting Korean people against each other.

“The US has frequently signalled it is not hostile to our state, but there is no action-based evidence to make us believe that they are not hostile,” Kim said on Monday, according to the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA).

“The US is continuing to create tensions in the region with its wrong judgements and actions.”

Calling the US a “source” of instability on the Korean

Peninsula, Kim said his country’s most important objective was to possess an “invincible military capability” that no one else could dare to challenge.

The exhibition, which the KCNA said was meant to mark the 76th birthday of the ruling Workers’ Party on Sunday, was the first of its kind since Kim took power in late 2011, according to Seoul officials.

North Korean photos showed Kim walking along a red carpet lined with big missiles mounted on trucks, passing by a multiple rocket-launch system and watching jets flying overhead in a formation.

The exhibition featured an array of newly-developed weapons, including the intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) that North Korea had already test-launched or displayed during military parades in recent years, experts said.

Yang Wook, a military expert who taught at South Korea’s Hannam University, said the weapons in the photos included what appears to be a new ICBM

that North Korea disclosed during a military parade last year but hasn’t test-fired, Yang said.

That missile, mounted on an 11-axle launch vehicle during the parade, was considered to be the North’s biggest ICBM to date.

Other weapons on display were another ICBM that North Korea tested in 2017; ballistic missiles that could be fired from submarines or a train; solid-fuelled, short-range missiles; and a developmental hypersonic missile that had its first test-flight last month, said Lee Choon Geun, a missile expert at South Korea’s Science and Technology Policy Institute.

“Basically, North Korea wants to send this message: ‘We’ll continue to develop new weapons and arm ourselves with nuclear force, so don’t slap sanctions with these as we can’t agree on the double standards’,” Yang added.

Seoul’s Defence Ministry said South Korean and US intelligence authorities were now analysing the North Korean weapons displayed but didn’t elaborate.

— AP

Social media abuzz as North Korean soldier stands out in bright blue

PYONGYANG — A North Korean soldier clad in a super-tight blue outfit in a state media photo has generated a buzz on social media.

He was among nearly 30 fighter pilots who posed for a photo with leader Kim Jong-un during an exhibition of weapons systems on Monday (local time). North Korea published photos of the event the following day.

The soldiers who posed alongside Kim mostly wore olive green uniforms, which is the most common colour for North Korean military uniforms.

Only two of them wore different colours — one wore the bright blue outfit, which generated the social media buzz, and one other wore a more subtle, albeit differently-coloured, navy-blue uniform.

Kim himself was wearing his customary dark, Mao-style suit.

Some Twitter users have joked about the man in bright blue’s appearance, saying he looked like a “human cannonball” or the “North Korean equivalent of

Captain America”.

Others called him “Captain DPRK” (DPRK being the official acronym for North Korea — the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea), “rocket man”, a “superhero” or a member of the (non-existent) North Korean space forces.

North Korean state media did not immediately identify the man. But Jeffrey Lewis, an expert at Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey, burst everyone’s bubble, by tweeting that “it would seem that he’s the parachutist”.

The official Korean Central News Agency said a “top-notch parachutist showed off his landing skills — fluttering a red-party flag in the October sky” before the exhibition’s opening ceremony.

Photos of an earlier air show in North Korea showed parachutists wearing similar tight blue outfits.

Not quite a superhero, but almost in North Korean terms.

— AP

Biden to meet Kenya president as war roils nearby Ethiopia

WASHINGTON, DC — US President Joe Biden is set to hold his first one-on-one, in-person talks as president with an African leader on Thursday (local time), hosting Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta as war and a humanitarian crisis roil neighbouring Ethiopia, according to the White House.

The Oval Office talks would come just weeks after Biden signed an executive order, threatening to levy sanctions against Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and other leaders involved in the conflict currently gripping the Tigray region, if steps were not taken soon to wind down the 11-month-old war.

However, the situation appeared to have only worsened on the ground, with Tigray forces saying Ethiopia’s government had launched a long-threatened major



BIDEN TO HOST AFRICAN LEADER: Above, US President Joe Biden speaks from the South Court Auditorium on the White House campus, earlier this month. Biden is set to hold bilateral talks with Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta on Thursday (local time), as war and a humanitarian crisis roil Kenya’s neighbour, Ethiopia.

AP picture

military offensive against them in an attempt to end the war. A statement from

the Tigray external affairs office earlier this week alleged that hundreds of thousands

of Ethiopian “regular and irregular fighters” had launched a coordinated assault on several fronts.

Kenya, which shared a border with Ethiopia, had long had a strong relationship with the US, partnering with Washington in efforts to thwart Islamic terrorism.

Kenya currently held the presidency of the UN Security Council — a post that was rotated monthly, and that current international leadership role was another reason why Kenyatta was in the United States.

Kenya had also been relatively vocal among African nations about the war in Ethiopia.

Speaking to reporters at the UN on Tuesday, Kenyatta said the two sides needed to come to “a political resolution because we do not believe that there is any military solution”.

The Biden administration, meanwhile, was conducting an interagency review as it considered targets that might be hit by sanctions.

The review was, in part, to make certain all agencies were “fully on board” with proposed targets, according to a senior administration official.

The Biden administration said it would move forward with sanctions quickly if there was not a dramatic shift on the ground. The UN warned that hundreds of thousands were living in human-made, famine-like conditions as the conflict festered.

With Ethiopia’s government rejecting international “meddling” in its affairs, recent emphasis had been placed on trying to find an African solution to the crisis that had killed thousands — some now having died by starvation.

— AP

Silver Fern Farms expecting another solid profit

by Sally Rae, Otago Daily Times

SILVER Fern Farms is on track for a fifth year of sustained profit, chief executive Simon Limmer says.

Addressing a supplier roadshow held online last week, Limmer said 2021 profit was tracking ahead of budget and stakeholders were saying it was as good as the company had performed in the past 10 years.

Silver Fern Farms Ltd co-chairman Rob Hewett said the business was performing "exceptionally well", which was reflected in its annual result announced in March.

Silver Fern Farms reported a \$65.4 million after-tax net profit for the year ending December 31, 2020, its second-

strongest result of the past decade.

The performance was a callout to the whole business during times of uncertainty, and particularly the supply chain team whose performance he described as "absolutely exceptional".

While the market demand offshore for New Zealand grass-fed red meat was strong, the challenge was getting it there, Hewett said.

Limmer said that issue was not going away and shipping reliability was running about 20 percent of what it was 18 months ago when that was 90 percent.

During that time, that global disruption to the supply chain had been a real challenge for the company, whether it was availability of containers to put

product in, ships to load containers on or certainty about where a ship was heading, when it would arrive and when it would be unloaded.

The company had had to adapt and its coolstores had been full.

The other acute impact in the coming year would be the cost. A 50 percent increase in shipping rates had been seen over the past six months.

The good news was that the joint shipping venture Kotahi, established by Fonterra and Silver Fern Farms about 10 years ago, had stood it in good stead.

Another significant issue was labour, and that was forcing the company to think differently about how it operated plants.

Investing in more automation was not an overnight fix, Limmer said.

Hewett said there were also big issues inside the farm gate and in New Zealand, dealing with legislative requirements "coming at us like a freight train".

Silver Fern Farms was engaged in that discussion. Fundamentally, the company's job was to bring farmers as many consumer-focused competitive offers that it possibly could to mitigate potential land-use changes, and it was committed to doing that, he said.

Limmer said market access was critical for Silver Fern Farms.

The future was still looking to be punctuated with a "big black Covid cloud around the world".



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9.30am: Depart Gisborne for tree farm visit. View recent tree planting and hear from farm owner, followed by BBQ lunch
1.50pm: Seminar commences - Rose Room, Lawson Field Theatre

Because of incomplete knowledge plus fast changing legislation and regulations, there has been incorrect information provided to the media and farmers about the opportunities for farmers to "have their cake and eat it too" in growing Timber **PLUS** Carbon tree farms on part of their pastoral farms.

At the free seminar hear presentations by Industry Professionals, Local Council, Forest Owners, NZ Carbon Group, Forestry Contractors, Banking Agri-Business Managers and Farmers regarding the opportunities available.

Q&A session and networking event will take place after afternoon seminar.

Numbers are limited. To be sent full programme information and to confirm your attendance please contact Julie Bell admin@dana.co.nz or phone 07 3492764

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AgriHQ MARKET REPORT

Week beginning October 11

LAMB

Strong international demand and tight global supply continues to keep lamb markets buoyant. This has underpinned a good performance in the Christmas chilled lamb sales season, one of the major milestones in the lamb selling calendar.

While the UK lamb market has been sluggish to keep pace with EU demand lately, there is good competition for Christmas chilled lamb. New Zealand exporters are noting an uptick in prices for Christmas chilled lamb orders compared to last season.

On the other hand, sales volumes have reduced slightly because of a challenging shipping situation. The number of shipping vessels available to make the Christmas deadline has effectively halved and, while customers continue to inquire about their airfreight options, it is often cost prohibitive due to a shortage of flights.

These shipping concerns are keeping the Christmas chilled lamb production period concise — two weeks of chilled lamb production are left for the North Island, while the South

Island, where the shipping vessels call in first, is down to one week remaining, unless processors are keen to try chasing the last vessel up the coast via domestic freight.

BEEF

Despite Covid-19 affecting worldwide economies, China's middle-class spending has continued to grow and still presents a significant opportunity for New Zealand beef exports.

New Zealand beef exports made up 9 percent of China's beef imports from January to August this year at 140,500 tonnes.

China's high demand for beef has translated into better prices. The August export value was US\$5.52kg, up US\$1.24kg on the same month last year. South America is New Zealand's main competitor with their cattle also being grass-fed, rather than grain-fed as is the case in the US and partially for Australia.

Argentina has recently announced that the restrictions it put in place in May, in an effort to control domestic beef prices, were partially lifted on October 4. This is one month earlier than expected.

Brazil has been out of the market since early September due to two detected cases of atypical BSE and there is no clear sign the ban will be relaxed anytime soon.

GRAIN

Soil moisture levels across New Zealand are higher than normal, delaying plantings of spring-sown cereals, as well as groundwork and planting for maize ground in the North Island.

Higher imported feed costs are seeing some dairy farmers planting more maize on dairy farm platforms.

Canterbury ground conditions are wetter than normal, creating sporadic planting conditions.

As always, the silver lining currently is knowledge that crops will establish well under the wetter conditions. Extreme weather in the US and Europe has impacted grain production as harvest ends. Supply shortage and freight disruption from Covid-19 and worker shortage have lifted grain prices as export prices are up 21-30 percent for wheat.

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Sunflowers a rotational crop option for NZ growers

GROWING sunflowers to produce high-oleic oil could provide additional income for New Zealand growers as a rotational crop during the summer period, new research has found.

The Foundation for Arable Research (FAR) has concluded a three-year project looking at crop options to raise profitability and provide alternative land uses.

The project received \$90,000 through the Ministry for Primary Industries' (MPI's) Sustainable Farming Fund (now superseded by the Sustainable Food and Fibre Futures fund).

High-oleic varieties of sunflowers were identified as a promising crop.

"Our research shows we have the conditions in New Zealand for successful sunflower crops, with yield potential in excess of 4.5 tonnes per hectare," said Ivan Lawrie, FAR's general manager

business operations.

"What's more, consumer demand is strong for high-oleic sunflower oil, which is a top-quality oil with a higher smoke point than regular sunflower oil, and many sought-after health attributes, including low saturated fat content and high monounsaturated fat."

The project has focused on sunflower agronomy over the past two years, working with Pure Oil NZ, which provides grower contracts and extracts the oil from the seed.

The researchers were especially interested in determining how growers can produce a profitable crop in sufficient quantities to meet demand. They trialled two lines of hybrid seeds from France.

"Growers need at least 60,000 plants per hectare to have a successful crop," Lawrie said.

"Growers need reasonably big paddocks to

contend with bird damage because unfortunately birds are keen on the sunflowers.

"The project has looked at some of the optical and sonic devices currently available to deter birds, and further work is required in this area."

Lawrie said sunflowers have the advantage of growing at a time of year when there is limited competition from other crops, and also require minimal chemicals or fertilisers to grow.

"The cost per hectare to grow the crop is reasonably low, and once the plants are established, they're pretty much self-sufficient until they're ripe and ready to harvest.

"In addition, as a deep-rooting plant, sunflowers provide good soil aeration and soil conditioning for the next crop in the rotation, and have proven to be a good predecessor crop for wheat, for example."

Nothing goes to waste in the processing of sunflower seeds.

"Once you have crushed the seed and extracted the oil, the remains are also very good as animal feed products for both the equine and general feed markets."

Lawrie says proximity to processing plants was key. "We're increasingly getting calls from growers who are keen to give it a go. However, they would need to factor in the cost of freight to get their sunflowers processed."

The high-oleic sunflower oil produced so far by the more than 20 growers involved in the project is used by snack manufacturers to make high quality potato chips.

The sunflower oil can also be purchased in its extra virgin form from supermarkets across New Zealand under The Good Oil brand.

SOLID SALE:

These 12 yearling Hereford bulls from the Wairakaia partnership at Muriwai weighed 535kg and sold for \$1350 at the rescheduled monthly cattle fair at the Matawhero saleyards yesterday.

Picture by Trevor Brown



Prices up at buoyant fair

by Trevor Brown

THE rescheduled monthly cattle fair at the Matawhero saleyards yesterday was a very buoyant one where prices had a significant lift on September's fair.

Prices were above recent sales in other North Island centres — a tribute to the quality of East Coast farming.

A total of 2379 cattle were sold, the largest number for some months.

Mangatoitoi Station, at Ngatapa, sold 65 Angus and white-face two-year steers, weighing 510kg, for \$1905.

MD and CA Utting topped the yearling steers, receiving \$1450 for 83 Charolais X, weighing 383kg. This vendor also received best price for their yearling Charolais X heifers, their first cut of 44 selling for \$1170, weighing 325kg.

Wairakaia P/S sold three two-year Hereford bulls, weighing 535kg, for \$1880 and 12 Hereford yearling bulls, weighing 435kg, for \$1350.

Prices per kg: two-year steers, \$3.44–\$3.85; yearling steers, \$3.77–\$4.44; yearling heifers, \$2.95–\$3.60; two-year bulls, \$3.32; yearling bulls, \$3.09–\$3.55.

Best prices —

Two-year steers: Mangatoitoi Station, 65

(510kg), \$1905, 32 (475kg), \$1800, 32 (405kg), \$1550, 60 (375kg), \$1445, 14 (350kg), \$1210; LS and J Symes P/S, 43 (510kg), \$1850, 27 (500kg), \$1845; Holmdale Farm — McBreen, 10 (500kg), \$1795, 16 (480kg), \$1670, 11 (500kg), \$1600; GJ and ME Hope, 18 (445kg), \$1550; Waitangi Terrace Station, 18 (425kg), \$1540, 10 (425kg), \$1555, 8 (390kg), \$1340.

Yearling steers: MD and CA Utting, 42 (385kg), \$1450, 41 (380kg), \$1450; Waitangi Terrace Station, 36 (340kg), \$1350, 50 (315kg), \$1235, 37 (315kg), \$1220; Fernside-Fenlands, 20 (305kg), \$1170, 40 (275kg), \$1075, 24 (230kg), \$960.

Yearling heifers: MD and CA Utting, 44 (325kg), \$1170, 36 (295kg), \$1060; Rangiata P/S, 24 (295kg), \$970; Riverflat Family Trust, 20 (305kg), \$900, 21 (250kg), \$800; Koru Station, 11 (280kg), \$900; Fernside Station, 30 (270kg), \$875, 20 (240kg), \$855, 40 (235kg), \$807; Kia Ora Station (Ngakoroa), 27 (250kg), \$800.

Two-year bulls: Wairakaia P/S, 3 (535kg), \$1880; CP Healey, 4 (500kg), \$1600, 23 (455kg), \$1510; WG and RE Bayley, 4 (440kg), \$1470; Holmdale Farm — McBreen, 7 Friesian (425kg), \$1270.

Yearling bulls: Wairakaia P/S, 12 (435kg), \$1350; Waitangi Terrace Station, 31 (325kg), \$1155, 8 (290kg), \$930; C Brownlie, 4 (350kg), \$870.



FGLT Board Elections October 2021

Owners of plantation forests comprising four to 1,000 hectares of trees, planted before 1 October 2009, qualify to vote in the 2021 Forest Growers Levy Trust election for Board members to represent small-scale forests.

The planting criteria are to ensure that forest owners who may harvest during the period of the current levy can vote in this election.

There are four nominations for two Board positions representing owners of fewer than 1,000 hectares of forest;

Bert Hughes
Ian Jackson
Graham West
Glenn Williams

The Board of the Forest Growers Levy Trust invests the levy income from the 2019 Harvested Wood Materials Order under the Commodity Levies Act 1990 on behalf of levy payers.

GO TO vote.forestvoice.org.nz for candidate and voting information and to vote.

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Pandemic the UK's 'biggest peace-time challenge in a century'

by Nick Triggle, BBC

LONDON — The UK's failure to do more to stop Covid from spreading early on in the pandemic was one of the UK's worst public health failures ever, according to a report by MPs.

The government's initial approach, which was backed by its scientists, was to try to manage the situation and in effect achieve herd immunity by infection.

That led to a delay in introducing the first lockdown, costing lives.

However, the report by a cross-party group said there had been successes in the government's overall strategy too — in particular, the vaccination programme.

Therefore, while the initial approach was a failure, the report described the government's whole approach — from the research and

development through to the roll-out of the jabs — as "one of the most effective initiatives in UK history".

The complex findings were detailed in the long-awaited report from the Health and Social Care Committee and the Science and Technology Committee, which included MPs from all parties.

Across 150 pages, the committees covered a variety of successes and failings over the course of the pandemic, which had now claimed more than 150,000 lives in the UK to date and was described by the MPs as the "biggest peace-time challenge" to the UK in a century.

Tory MPs Jeremy Hunt and Greg Clark, who chaired the committees, said the nature of the pandemic meant it was "impossible to get everything right".

"The UK has combined some

big achievements with some big mistakes. It is vital to learn from both," they added in a statement.

A government spokesperson said lessons would be learned, which was why there would be a full public inquiry next year.

He added: "We have never shied away from taking quick and decisive action to save lives and protect our NHS — including introducing restrictions and lockdowns."

"Thanks to a collective national effort, we avoided NHS services becoming overwhelmed."

However, Labour's shadow health secretary, Jonathan Ashworth, said the findings were "damning" and showed the "monumental errors" that had been made.

The committee did not look at the steps taken individually by Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland.

Lockdown delay a mistake, but scientists to blame too

When the Covid outbreak first hit, the UK government's initial approach was to manage Covid's spread through the population rather than try to stop it spreading — or "herd immunity by infection" as the report described it.

The report said this was based on advice on dealing with a flu pandemic, and that approach was therefore recommended by the scientific advisers on The Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (Sage).

However, the idea was not challenged enough by ministers in any part of the UK, indicating a "degree of group-think".

And, to some degree, other parts of Europe were guilty of this too, the

MPs said.

The UK country was not as open to the approaches that were being taken elsewhere in the world, such as Asia, where countries imposed tight border controls as soon as Covid started circulating.

The result was that too little was done in the early weeks to stop Covid-19 from spreading, despite evidence from China and then Italy that it was a virus that was highly infectious, could cause severe illness and for which there was no cure.

The committees said it ranked as "one of the most important public health failures the UK had ever experienced".

The advice from scientists changed on March 16, 2020, but it was only a week later that a lockdown was announced.

PNG's Covid crisis swamps hospitals

by Johnny Blades, RNZ

GOROKA — The Covid-19 crisis in Papua New Guinea (PNG) is deepening, as the country's main hospitals are increasingly swamped by cases.

With the government having decided earlier this year that the country must learn to live with the virus, health authorities also scaled back testing and reporting on cases.

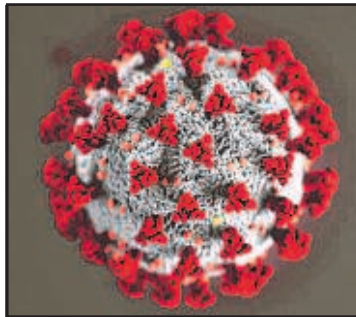
The result is a silent health disaster steadily unfolding around parts of the country, such as the heavily-populated Highlands region.

Since PNG's first reported case of Covid in July, the Delta strain of the virus has been largely left to fester and spread.

The capital, Port Moresby, is undergoing a third wave of the pandemic, and the strain on its health system is mirrored in several provinces.

Health authorities say deaths from the virus are being recorded at Eastern Highlands province's main hospital in Goroka every day, prompting a two-week lockdown in a bid to stem the surge.

Local environmentalist, Anis Tairo, said since the surge



began about a month ago things had quickly come to a head in the main urban areas — Goroka and Kainantu.

"For the first couple of weeks, people were not taking anything seriously. They were just walking around in groups, not wearing masks. It was very typical. We had the social attitude of gathering together, moving around together and eating together."

"And, because of that attitude, the government has now had to start a lockdown so that people stay at home."

Former provincial governor, Julie Soso, said reports from parts of Eastern Highlands of a spate of deaths coincided with the hospital becoming full.

"The hospital is really stretched. I feel sorry for our health workers there, because

a lot of them are down (with the virus themselves). They're showing signs of Covid too — mild and moderate Covid. So they are treating themselves as well, and we are understaffed."

It is a similar situation in Western Highlands province, where another of PNG's main hospitals has had to cut back its services to focus on the Covid surge.

Mt Hagen Hospital emergency physician and Covid response clinical lead, Dr John Junior McKup, said they recently re-purposed two wards to boost capacity for Covid patients. But he said even then, it was not enough.

"Like, last week we had about 90-plus positive patients in a day. Regularly, there have been about 50 or 60 positive cases in a day. But we're sending all the mild and moderate cases home to self-isolate. We're only keeping all the severe cases in hospital."

The National Pandemic Response Controller's office last week put the confirmed number of cases at almost 22,000 and known deaths at 243, but testing was so low that it made such statistics misleading.

Clinicians warned the real

figures would be much higher, with individual provinces seeing far more cases than the National Control Centre recorded.

Dr McKup said in the three weeks to last Friday, over 800 positive cases and 22 deaths from Covid-19 were recorded in Western Highlands, with the number likely to have increased further since then.

Tairo said the rise in deaths had been frightening for his family, who he had told to regularly employ steam inhalation as a method to ward off the illness.

Soso also said that many local people had been using the steam-inhalation method to respond to flu or cold-like symptoms in the pandemic.

Although the public health response to Covid-19 had not gone smoothly so far in PNG, Dr McKup said the best way forward for the country, and for its beleaguered hospital system, was clear.

"We need lots more people to get vaccinated so they don't come in and need hospital beds," he said.

PNG was offering its citizens Sinopharm and AstraZeneca vaccines, with a third vaccine, Johnson & Johnson, coming soon.

Astronomers baffled about mysterious radio waves coming from the Milky Way

by Dan Satherley, Newshub.

SYDNEY — Mysterious signals — unlike anything ever seen before — have been detected from the direction of the galactic centre, baffling astronomers. The signal "switches on and off, apparently at random" and the object it is coming from is invisible, according to a paper published yesterday.

"At first, we thought it could be a pulsar — a very dense type of spinning dead star — or, otherwise, a type of star that emits huge solar flares," said Ziteng Wang, University of Sydney PhD student and lead author.

"But the signals from this new source do not match what we expect from these types of celestial objects."

Given the name ASKAP J173608.2-321635, which sounded complex but was simply named after its coordinates in the sky, the object was first spotted in 2021, using the Australian Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation's ASKAP radio telescope in Western Australia.

"Looking towards the centre of the galaxy, we found ASKAP J173608.2-321635," said Wang's PhD supervisor, Prof Tara Murphy. "This object was unique in that it started out invisible, became bright, faded away and then reappeared."

"This behaviour was extraordinary."

It did not appear to give off any visual or infrared energy — making it invisible to the naked eye. It also could not be detected using telescopes designed to find X-ray signals.

The paper, published in The Astrophysics Journal yesterday, suggested it might be "a low-mass star/substellar object with extremely low infrared luminosity, a pulsar with scatter-broadened pulses, a transient magnetar, or a Galactic Centre radio transient". But none of those explanations really fit, according to what astronomers currently knew about them.

Twenty-nine killed as chaos continues in flood-affected North China

SHIJIAZHUANG, Hebei — Chinese authorities said on Tuesday (local time) that 14 people had died after a bus plunged into a rushing river during the heavy flooding that has caused 15 other fatalities in the north.

State broadcaster, CCTV, said another 37 people from the bus had been rescued and seven were hospitalised.

The driver was now in custody.

The crash occurred on Monday after heavy rains caused flooding that destroyed homes and covered vast expanses of farmland in two provinces near the capital Beijing.

Official news website, The Paper,

said the bus driver had ignored warnings not to attempt to cross the bridge that was almost completely covered by the surging floodwaters.

Videos posted online showed people on top of the almost-submerged bus as water was flowing over the nearby bridge outside the Hebei provincial capital of Shijiazhuang.

In Shanxi province, just west of Hebei, 15 people had died in floods so far. More than 120,000 people had been evacuated in the province as thousands of houses collapsed and 190,000 hectares of crops were damaged.

It was thought that the direct economic loss was more than 5 billion yuan (US\$770 million), CCTV reported.

Floods have also disrupted coal-mining operations in the area amid a nationwide shortage of the fuel. The stoppage came as the government tried to address power shortages that had affected industries and even heating for homes as winter arrived.

Shanxi, normally a dry region, also closed 166 tourist sites after flooding damaged a section of an ancient city wall in the historic town of Pingyao, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

— AP



AFTER HEAVY, PROLONGED RAINFALL: A man makes his way along a flooded area after heavy rainfall in Jiexiu in the city of Jinzhong, Shanxi province, earlier this week. AFP picture

Man charged with wasting police time after 17 days in bush

MAROKOPA — A man has been charged with wasteful deployment of police resources after sparking a 17-day search and rescue operation at Marokopa.

The man, 34, will appear in the Te Kuiti District Court next month in relation to Operation Marokopa.

“The man will be appearing on November 5 on a charge of causing wasteful deployment of police personnel and resources,” police said.

The operation related to the search for Thomas Phillips, 34, and his three young children, Jayda Jin, 8, Maverick Callum-Phillips, 6, and Ember Phillips, 5.

The family went missing on September 11. The father’s ute was found below the tideline at Kiritehere Beach.

Together with his children, they then walked through the front of his parents’ family home in Marokopa on September 28.

Phillips has yet to speak publicly about their disappearance but his family say he had taken the children camping in dense bush.

He apologised to his sister for putting the family through a 17-day ordeal.

Inspector Will Loughrin, Waikato West Area Commander had said the disappearance of Phillips and his children had put his wider family through “17 days of hell”.

Police said they would not comment further as the matter was before the courts.

It was unknown exactly how the four got around the remote, forested areas, and whether anybody else assisted Phillips, Loughrin said when announcing their return.

Police deployed a fixed-wing plane and drones in the search, which also comprised help from the Coastguard and Raglan and Taranaki surf lifesaving teams.

All huts and bush areas were searched — but to no avail. — NZ Herald

LARGE-SCALE SEARCH: A man has been charged following the search for a man and his three children in Marokopa last month.

NZ Herald picture



Struggling high school turning things around

by Dubby Henry, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — A school once considered one of the worst in New Zealand has improved so much it has been taken out of statutory management.

Papakura High School has had 12 years of interventions from education authorities including 7.5 years being run by a statutory manager.

But huge efforts from staff and students have turned things around.

During lockdown the South Auckland school was told statutory management had been lifted, with the Ministry of Education congratulating Papakura on its “considerable achievement”.

New principal Simon Craggs told The New Zealand Herald the news was a huge deal and it was an emotional time for staff.

He believed the ministry was confident Papakura High was now a safe learning environment where students had the opportunity to succeed.

Craggs said that was largely thanks to his predecessor John Rohs, who was appointed in 2016.

At the time Papakura High’s roll had plunged from 1300 to just 550 as students fled to other schools, mostly across the train tracks to Rosehill College.

Most who stayed were Maori, and the school was decile 1 — reflecting the poverty faced by students’ families. The Education Review Office had warned in 2015 there were “deep-seated issues” stopping progress at all levels of the school.

In 2017 Papakura High was the subject of a New Zealand Herald documentary, *Under the Bridge*, which followed Rohs and three students for a year as they fought to change community perceptions.

Craggs said many students had been “out of control” when Rohs arrived.

“They had no pride in the school, no connection to it — basically they were only at the school because there were no other options.”

Achievement levels were low compared to the decile 1 average, and the school’s leaders didn’t have the answers. But Rohs had a plan.

“He knew that the school didn’t really reflect the demographic of the students in it. At that point it was nearly 70 percent Maori but the houses were named after Pakeha generals — all

‘I thought I could make a change’

AUCKLAND — Tatiana O’Keefe-Pauu (Ngapuhi, Nga Ruahine, Te Arawa) had heard “bad news” about Papakura High. But she was floundering at Rosehill College — it wasn’t a bad school but it wasn’t right for her, Tatiana says. Her younger sister Daniqua was also struggling.

She felt drawn to Papakura High despite knowing nobody there. She watched The New Zealand Herald’s documentary, *Under the Bridge*, and decided the school had potential.

“I didn’t think that it was as bad as everyone was saying it was. I thought if I went there I could make a change.”

Many people were shocked to hear the sisters had switched schools, given Papakura’s reputation. But it’s been the right move.

Last year Tatiana got an excellence endorsement and she’s on track for excellence this year before she goes on to study business at university.

The 18-year-old said she felt she could better connect with her Maori culture at Papakura and the school took pride in all its students’ achievements, whether artistic or academic.

As a prefect, she wants to use her leadership position to get kids to aim higher. She feels some teachers could lift their expectations further and push for excellence, not just achievement, and be stricter about uniform and assessment due dates.

But she loves how the school is like a family.

“We pride ourselves over whanaungatanga ... (staff) treat you as their own kids. They love

those sort of things.

“Part of his plan was to make a place students could identify with, to see their culture reflected.”

In 2017 Papakura High also joined ERO’s Turnaround Schools pilot programme.

Six of the country’s worst-performing schools were chosen for the new approach, with regular audits by experienced reviewers who aimed to support schools, not just judge them.

A 2020 evaluation found five of the schools had improved — one of those was Papakura.

When Craggs arrived at the start of this year he was struck by the positive energy in the staffroom.

There was far more diversity on staff than five years ago, and teachers took



TATIANA O’KEEFE-PAUU

to see it when you succeed.”

Mum Tanya Williams says Papakura High had “a really horrible reputation but I knew that it had heart”.

The school understands people who come from a less fortunate background, and helps every kid find a pathway that suits them, she says.

Daniqua, 17, is more introverted than Tatiana but she’s found good friends and her artistic talents are being recognised. Williams’ younger sons are also thriving at the school.

Papakura took the financial burden off Williams’ shoulders and made sure her kids didn’t miss out — “a huge blessing” for the single mum of four.

“It’s really beautiful to feel a part of ... it feels like a family.” — NZ Herald

an individual approach to each student.

He’s succeeded at one of this year’s goals — to get the school out of statutory management. An enrolment zone has also just been finalised with the roll climbing to 900 students and more than 1000 expected next year.

In 2015 just 34 percent of students left Papakura High with NCEA Level 2. That has climbed to 54 percent in 2018, dipping to 50 percent in 2019 and 58 percent last year — although 2020 results should be interpreted with caution.

Craggs hoped to keep lifting achievement.

“The focus is on improving the curriculum, making it a lot more responsive to our students’ needs and lifting our students’ aspirations as well.”

Coronial delays hurt vulnerable families, MP says

by John Weekes, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — A suicide prevention advocate and National’s courts spokesman are calling for the release of documents they say outline the strain coroners face.

National’s Chris Penk said the Coroners Court system was in crisis, and solutions were needed urgently.

He asked Chief Coroner Judge Deborah Marshall on September 21 to release an unredacted version of a briefing paper sent to Minister for Courts Aupito William Sio.

He said the paper outlined the current workload for coroners and proposals to improve the situation. Penk sent the same request to Sio and said releasing the report was in the public interest. Both requests were denied.

Corinda Taylor’s son Ross was 20 when he died in a suspected suicide in 2013. She waited more than six years for an inquest.

Taylor is general manager of Life Matters Suicide Prevention Trust, an organisation she founded.

She said she spoke to grieving families on an almost daily basis.

“They don’t know who their coroner is. They have been waiting for many years, they don’t know what the next step is,” she told The New Zealand Herald.

Taylor said grieving families also needed independent legal advice during inquests.

“The coroner is a neutral person but the DHBs or other parties have got their independent legal support.”

Taylor said releasing the Chief Coroner’s briefing would be in the public interest.

“She’s probably saying we need more coroners. Yes, we definitely need more coroners.”

But Taylor said more mental health support was also needed for families going through the process.

Penk said the system was in bad shape, getting worse, and now cloaked in secrecy.

He said delays were distressing to grieving families and he believed coroners were overworked.

“The result is that bereaved families have had to wait for years to receive reports about what happened to their loved ones.

“This has serious implications for the mental health of these vulnerable New Zealanders, as well as access to victim support services.”

Penk said waiting times for coroners to close cases rose 42 percent from January 2018 to January 2021.

He said the average disposal time for cases at the end of August was 479 days, a 49 percent increase from early 2018.

Penk said the number of active cases was spiralling out of control and had increased to 5654 by September, an almost 10 percent increase from the year before.

WEDNESDAY—THURSDAY'S TELEVISION GUIDE

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

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

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

7.30 The Wheel With Michael McIntyre *PG TV*
Michael McIntyre hosts a game show packed with huge stars, big laughs and a colossal spinning wheel.

8.20 LIVE Lotto
The Lotto draw.

8.25 The Wheel With Michael McIntyre *PG TV*
Continued.

8.40 Rich House, Poor House *TV*
Two British families find out how the other half lives.

9.40 Coronation Street *PG TV*

10.40 1 News Tonight *TV*

11.10 Nurses *PGV TV*
Under pressure to steal more drugs, Wolf has an ethical dilemma.

THURSDAY

12.05 Criminal Minds *16V TV*
The team investigates what appears to be a copycat serial killer.

12.50 Te Karere *TV*
News and current affairs from a Maori perspective.

1.15 Infomercials

5.30 Te Karere *TV*
News and current affairs from a Maori perspective.

6am Breakfast *TV*
The Breakfast team presents news, interviews, weather, and information.

9am The Ellen DeGeneres Show *PG TV*

10am Tipping Point *TV*

11am The Chase *TV*

Noon 1 News At Midday *TV*

12.30 Emmerdale *PG TV*

1pm Coronation Street *PG TV*

2pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show *PG TV*

3pm Tipping Point *TV*

4pm Te Karere

4.30 Jamie's Easy Meals For Everyday *TV*
A makeover for fish and chips, and a sausage and mash and pie.

5pm The Chase *TV*

BRAVO

5.30 Shark Tank *PG*

6.30 Botched *PG TV*

7.30 The Dog Rescuers *PG*
Abandoned dogs, Bonnie and Floyd, are in a sorry state but Bonnie has collapsed and cannot move.

8.30 24 Hours In Emergency M

9.35 Dr Christian Will See You Now *PG TV*

10.35 Snapped M *TV*

11.30 Injustice With Nancy Grace *M TV*

THURSDAY

12.20 Infomercials

6am Infomercials

10am Judge Jerry *TV*

10.30 Botched *PG TV*

11.25 Shark Tank *PG TV*

12.25 Love It Or List It *TV*

1.25 The Real Housewives Of New York City *PG TV*

2.25 Undercover Boss *PG TV*

3.25 Keeping Up With The Kardashians *PG TV*

4.25 Love It Or List It *TV*

5.30 Shark Tank *PG*

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5pm The Simpsons *PG TV*

5.30 Young Sheldon *TV*

6pm Neighbours *TV*

6.30 Home And Away *TV*

7pm Shortland Street *PG TV*

7.30 Celebrity Treasure Island *PG TV*

8.30 Taskmaster *M TV*
Victoria draws an exploding cat; Alan hurts himself with a rubber band.

9.30 Would I Lie To You? *PG TV*

10.05 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown *M TV*

11.10 Have You Been Paying Attention? *M TV*

THURSDAY

12.05 Mom *PG TV*

12.30 How To Get Away With Murder *MC TV*

1.15 Shortland Street *PG TV*

1.40 Infomercials

2.40 2 Overnight

4.15 The Middle *TV*

4.35 Neighbours *TV*

5am Infomercials

6am Les Mills Born To Move *TV*

6.25 Apollo's Tall Tales *TV*

6.35 Paw Patrol *TV*

7am Scooby Doo! Guess Who *TV*

7.25 SpongeBob SquarePants *TV*

7.50 Robin Hood: Mischief In Sherwood *TV*

8.15 Darwin And Newts *TV*

8.25 Thomas And Friends *TV*

8.35 Pj Masks: Bubbles Of Badness *TV*

9am Infomercials

9.30 Religious Programming

10am Les Mills Core *TV*

10.30 Neighbours *TV*

11am Celebrity Treasure Island *TV*

11.55 Downton Abbey *PG TV*

1pm Judge Rinder *PG TV*

2pm Murphy Brown *TV*

2.30 Home And Away *TV*

3pm Shortland Street *PG TV*

3.30 Bluey *TV*

3.35 Get Arty *TV*

4.05 Brain Busters *TV*

4.30 Friends *TV*

5pm The Simpsons *PG TV*

5.30 Young Sheldon *TV*

CHOICE

5pm Giada At Home

5.30 Mysteries At The Museum *PGC*

6.30 American Pickers

7.30 Forged In Fire *PG*

8.30 Alone *PG*

10pm Best Of Guy Martin *PG*

11pm Millionaire Hot Seat

THURSDAY

12am Mysteries At The Museum *PGC*

1am Giada At Home

1.30 Hugh's Three Good Things

2am Hope For Wildlife

3am Extinct Or Alive

4am Best Of Guy Martin *PG*

5am Mysteries At The Museum *PGC*

6am History Hunters

7am Giada Entertains

7.30 Giada At Home

8am Extinct Or Alive

9am BBQ Pitmasters *PG*

10am Hugh's Three Good Things

10.30 Mysteries At The Museum *PGC*

11.30 Millionaire Hot Seat

12.30 Travel Man's Greatest Trips

1.30 Alone *PGC*

3pm Luke Nguyen's Railway Express

3.30 Saving Britain's Wildlife *PG*

4.30 The Great Food Truck Race *PG*

5.30 Mysteries At The Museum *PGC*

THREE

5pm Aussie Gold Hunters *PG*
The Dust Devils are poised to smash an Aussie Gold Hunters record.

6pm Newshub Live At 6pm

7pm The Project

7.30 Married At First Sight UK *TV*
The show's first same sex wedding.

8.30 NEW Love It Or List It Australia *TV*
Australian homeowners who are not happy with their living space get help to either renovate or relocate.

9.30 Death Row: Countdown To Execution *M TV*
Susanna Reid goes to Huntsville in Texas, home of the most active death chamber in the USA.

10.30 Newshub Late

11pm NCIS: LA *M TV*

11.55 Infomercials

THURSDAY

6am The AM Show *TV*

9am Infomercials

10.35 Bondi Vet *TV*

11.30 Newshub Live At 11:30am

Noon House Hunters Renovation

1pm NewsHub: Covid-19 Update

1.30 MOVIE Groomzilla
MLC 2018 Romantic Comedy. A woman is surprised and dismayed when her fiancé takes the planning of their wedding too seriously. Darin Brooks, Elizabeth Rice.

3.30 Cutthroat Kitchen *PG TV*

4.30 Newshub Live At 4:30pm

5pm FINAL Aussie Gold Hunters *PG*

PRIME

5pm 3rd Rock From The Sun *PGC TV*
When Nina quits, Harry becomes Dick and Mary's secretary.

5.30 Prime News

6pm Sky Speed

6.30 Storage Wars *PGL TV*

7pm The Crowd Goes Wild

7.30 Traffic Cops *MLC TV*
An accident involving an elderly driver who has reversed into a house.

8.30 Massive Engineering Mistakes *PGC TV*

9.30 Growing Dope *MLC TV*

10pm Active Shooter: America Under Fire *18VLC*
The 2015 shooting in San Bernardino brings out a massive response from law enforcement.

11.05 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert *PG TV*

THURSDAY

12.05 Infomercials

3.05 Closedown

6am Wheel Of Fortune *TV*

6.25 Butterbean's Café *TV*

6.50 Nicky, Ricky, Dicky And Dawn *TV*

7.15 Hunter Street *PG TV*

7.40 The Casagrandes *TV*

8.05 The Loud House *TV*

8.30 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles *TV*

9am A Place In The Sun *TV*

10am MasterChef Junior USA *TV*

11am Hot Bench *PGC TV*

11.30 Married With Children *PGC TV*

12.30 American Pickers *TV*

1.30 The Force *MC TV*

2pm The Late Show With Stephen Colbert *PG TV*

3pm Wheel Of Fortune

3.30 Jeopardy

4pm American Pickers *TV*

5pm 3rd Rock From The Sun *PGC TV*

5.30 Prime News

MAORI TV

5pm E Ki E Ki *TV*

5.05 Takoha *TV*

5.15 Takaro Tribe *TV*

5.30 Taki Atu Taki Mai *TV*

5.40 Potae Pai *TV*

5.50 Mahi Pai *TV*

6pm Paia *TV*

6.10 Smooth *TV*

6.20 Tamaki Kura Tuatahi Kapa Haka *TV*

6.30 Te Ao Marama

7pm Haka Ngahau A-Rohe: Te Tai Tokerau

7.30 Life Of Kai *PG TV*

8pm Hari With The Maori Sidesteps *PG TV*

8.30 Whatta Beauty *PG TV*

9pm Tongue Tied *PG TV*

9.30 The Outliers *PG TV*

10pm Rage Against The Rangatahi *TV*

10.30 Te Arawa

11pm Te Ao Marama

11.30 Closedown

THURSDAY

6.30 E Ki E Ki *TV*

6.35 Waiata Mai *TV*

6.45 Takaro Tribe *TV*

7am Taki Atu Taki Mai *TV*

7.10 Te Nūtū *TV*

7.20 Mahi Pai *TV*

7.30 Darwin And Newts *TV*

7.40 Smooth *TV*

7.50 Tamaki Kura Tuatahi Kapa Haka

8am Korero Mai *TV*

9am Pacific Island Food Revolution *TV*

10am Sidewalk Karaoke *TV*

10.30 Whanau Living *TV*

11am Tangaroa With Pio *TV*

11.30 Ki Tua *TV*

Noon Te Ao Tapatahi

12.30 Aroha Bridge *PGC TV*

1pm Uka *TV*

1.30 Matangi Rau

2.30 Tokū Reo *TV*

3.30 Korero Mai *TV*

4pm Polyfest *TV*

4.30 Miharo *TV*

5pm E Ki E Ki *TV*

5.05 Waiata Mai *TV*

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5.30 Taki Atu Taki Mai *TV*

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Taskmaster
8.30pm on TVNZ 2



Love It or List It Australia
8.30pm on Three



Active Shooter: America Under Fire
10pm on Prime

RNZ NATIONAL

5pm Checkpoint
With Lisa Owen. News and current affairs programme.

6.30 Trending Now Highlighting the RNZ stories people are sharing online.

7.06 Nights With Bryan Crump.

10pm News At Ten

11.04 Inside Out With Nick Tipping.

THURSDAY

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

6pm NPC Cup (HLS)
Otago v Taranaki.
From Forsyth Barr Stadium in Dunedin.

6.30 NPC Cup (HLS)
Southland v Manawatu.

7pm The Breakdown

8pm Farah Palmer Cup (HLS)
Premiership Final: Canterbury v Waikato.

8.30 Playmakers: Rugby Stories

9pm Playmakers: Flashback

11pm NPC Cup (RPL)
Hawke's Bay v Tasman.

THURSDAY

1am Gallagher
Premiership (RPL) Wasps v Northampton Saints.

3am Playmakers: Rugby Stories

3.30 Playmakers: Flashback

5.30 Aotearoa Rugby Pod

6am French Top 14 (RPL)
Paris v Clermont.

8am Farah Palmer Cup (RPL)
Championship Final: Manawatu v Hawke's Bay.

10am Farah Palmer Cup (RPL)
Premiership Final: Canterbury v Waikato.

Noon Playmakers: Rugby Stories

12.30 Playmakers: Flashback

2.30 Farah Palmer Cup (HLS)
Premiership Final: Canterbury v Waikato.

3pm NPC Cup (HLS)
Wellington v Canterbury.

3.30 The Breakdown

4.30 NPC Cup (RPL) Southland v Manawatu.

SKY 5

5pm Storage Wars *PGL*

5.30 Pawn Stars *PG*

6pm Counting Cars *PG*

6.30 Counting Cars *PG*

7pm Border Security *M*

7.30 Hawaii Five-0 *MV*

8.30 FBI *MV*

9.30 Criminal Minds *16VS*

10.30 NCIS: New Orleans *MV*

11.30 Ax Men *ML*

THURSDAY

12.30 Wheel Of Fortune

1am Jeopardy!

1.25 Border Security *M*

1.50 Criminal Minds *16VS*

2.35 FBI *MV*

3.30 Counting Cars *PG*

3.55 Counting Cars *PG*

4.20 NCIS: New Orleans *MV*

5.10 Hawaii Five-0 *MV*

6am Jeopardy!

6.25 Wheel Of Fortune

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Noon Jeopardy!

12.25 Wheel Of Fortune

12.50 FBI *MV*

1.40 Criminal Minds *16VS*

2.30 Hawaii Five-0 *MV*

3.20 Ax Men *ML*

4.10 Jeopardy!

4.35 Wheel Of Fortune

5pm Storage Wars *PGL*

5.30 Pawn Stars *PG*

MOVIES PREMIERE

7pm Big Time Adolescence *16LC* 2019
Comedy. A suburban teenager learns how to navigate young adulthood under the questionable guidance of his best friend, a charming college dropout. Pete Davidson, Griffin Gluck.

8.30 Promising Young Woman *16VLS* 2020 Thriller.
Nothing in Cassie's life is what it appears. An unexpected encounter is about to give her the chance to right past wrongs.

10.25 Summerland *PGC* 2020 Drama.
THURSDAY

12.05 Unhinged *16VLC* 2020 Thriller.

1.35 Shot Caller *16VLC* 2017 Thriller.

3.35 Drive Me To The End *M* 2020 Drama.

4.55 We Summon The Darkness *16VLS* 2019 Horror.

6.25 The Way Back *MLS* 2020 Drama.

8.10 Only *16L* 2019 Drama.

9.45 Acquainted *16LS* 2018 Drama.

11.30 Trauma Center *16VLC* 2019 Action.

12.55 Bombshell *MLSC* 2019 Drama.

2.45 The Empty Man *16VC* 2020 Horror.

5pm Bloodshot *MVLS* 2020 Action.

DISCOVERY

5.40 Fast N' Loud *PG* Keeping It Shelby.

6.35 Deadliest Catch *M* Run Silent Run Deep.

7.30 Deadliest Catch *M*

8.30 Deadliest Catch: Bloodline *M*

9.30 Bering Sea Gold *M*

10.30 Aussie Mega Mechanics *PG*

11.25 Naked And Afraid *M*

THURSDAY

12.15 How It's Made *PG*

12.40 How Do They Do It? *PG*

1.05 Codes And Conspiracies *PG*

1.55 Deadliest Catch *PG*

2.45 Naked And Afraid *M*

3.35 Moonshiners *M*

4.25 Gold Rush *PG*

5.15 Aussie Gold Hunters *PG*

6.05 How Do They Do It? *PG*

6.30 How It's Made *PG*

6.55 House Hunters Renovation *PG*

7.45 House Hunters International *PG*

8.10 House Hunters International *PG*

8.35 Top Gear *PGL*

9.25 Fast N' Loud *PG*

10.20 Deadliest Catch *M*

11.15 Deadliest Catch: Bloodline *M*

12.10 How It's Made *PG*

12.35 How Do They Do It? *PG*

1.05 Codes And Conspiracies *MC*

2pm Naked And Afraid *M*

2.55 Aussie Gold Hunters *PG*

3.50 Deadliest Catch *PG*

4.45 Gold Rush *PG*

5.40 Fast N' Loud *PG*

NOTICE BOARD

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AINBO: AMAZON PRINCESS (PG)
WED 10.10am, 12 noon, 2.15pm, 4pm. THU 10am, 12pm, 2pm, 4pm
ANNETTE (R16)
WED 5.40pm
IEFFEL (M)
THU 10.30am, 6.10pm
FREE GUY (M)
WED 6pm, 8.30pm
THU 1.55pm, 6.15pm, 8.40pm
LAMB (M)
THU 1pm, 8.30pm
NO TIME TO DIE (M)
WED, THU 10.15am, 1.30pm, 4.45pm, 6.15pm
8PM
PATROL: THE MOVIE (M) WED 2pm, 4.15pm. THU 10am, 12pm, 4.20pm
RIDE THE EAGLE (M) WED 3.45pm 8.30pm
SHANG-CHI AND THE LEGEND OF THE TEN RINGS (M) WED 1pm, 5.30pm, 8.20pm
THU 3.20pm, 5.30pm, 8.20pm
THE BOSS BABY: FAMILY BUSINESS (PG) WED, THU 10am, 12.30pm, 3pm

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Meetings

WAIHUA A18 MEETING OF OWNERS
Date: 29 October 2021
Time: 10.30am
Venue: Māori Land Court
Nga Wai E Rua Building, Gisborne

Proposed Resolution:
To sell Waihua A18 for \$311,000 to Te Au Limited company number 7008973.

In accordance with section 147A(2) of Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993 the right of first refusal must be given to a member of a preferred class of alienees.

Any member of the preferred classes of alienees who wish to exercise the right of first refusal:

(a) must give notice to the Court not later than 3 days before the date of the meeting (ie. before 26 October 2021); and
(b) may attend the meeting and pursue the right of first refusal.

Contact: E. South (06) 869 0370
Māori Land Court
DX PX 10106
Gisborne

Having a garage sale Saturday?
Deadline to advertise is 2pm Thursday.

Meetings



THE PROPRIETORS OF TAPUWĀE WHITIWHITI INCORPORATION

2021 HUI A TAU
IMPORTANT CHANGE
PLEASE NOTE

Notice is hereby given that the Hui A Tau for Shareholders of Tapuwāe Whitiwhiti Inc will be held at **VIA ZOOM, Friday, 15 October 2021.**

Whangara Farms 9am
Proprietors Tapuwāe Whitiwhiti 11am

To register for the meetings please email by Monday 11th of October to dianne@coates.co.nz or phone 06 867 0015 and ask to speak with Dianne if you want to join the meeting by Zoom.

Pene Brown
Chairperson

Meetings

IRITEKURA MARAE AGM 2021
To be held at Iritekura Marae Waipiro Bay
Sunday 31st October 2021 at 11am

- Chairman's Report
- Audit Report
- Election of officers
- General Business
- Charter Review
- Oranga Marae update

Monthly hui to follow after shared lunch.
Nau mai haere mai

Meetings

TĀMANUHIRI TĀMANUHIRI TŪTŪ POROPORO TRUST
NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING (HUI A-IWI)
Friday 12th November 2021

Rangiwha Marae
Cup of tea will be available from 5pm, hui starts at 6pm

AGENDA ITEMS

- Apologies
- Trustee's report
- Proposal to reduce the number of Trustee elections from three to two election
- Mahaki Relativity
- General Business
- Closing Karakia

Level 1
299 Gladstone Road
Gisborne
(06) 8633560
Email: trust@tamanuhiri.iwi.nz
Website: www.tamanuhiri.iwi.nz

Meetings

ARAWHATA TRUST (HARAKEKE STATION)

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Beneficiaries for the above Trust will be held **VIRTUALLY On Friday 12th November 2021 at 11am.**

Election: To fill two positions, caused by the retirement by rotation of E Houkamau who being eligible offers herself for re-election and P Manuera who is not seeking re-election.

Note: (1) Nominations duly completed by nominator and candidate must be lodged with the Secretary, 1 Peel Street (PO Box 169) Gisborne, **no later than 11am, Tuesday 9th November 2021.**

Due to the AGM being held virtually this year, voting will be done by way of post or email. Further information regarding this process, along with voting forms for the Election will be sent out after the closing date for nominations.

Full notice of the AGM Agenda can be picked up at BDO Gisborne Ltd Office.

Please note that due to COVID 19 level movements, we may have to resort to a Virtual meeting with very little notice. Therefore please register either by email mbu@bdo.co.nz or phone 06 869 1400 if you intend to attend the AGM. We will then make contact with you if we have to change to a Zoom AGM at short notice.

Rueben Dewes
CHAIRPERSON

THE PROPRIETORS OF POROPORO 1B (TUTUOKURA STATION)
2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at **BDO Gisborne, 1 Peel Street, Gisborne, Saturday 16 October 2021 at 10am.**

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Meetings

THE PROPRIETORS OF POROPORO A17 (URUAHI STATION)
2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Note: A copy of the 2021 Balance sheet and Accounts will be available via email from **Friday 5 November 2021.** Please provide your email address to BDO to receive a copy.

Murray Kennedy
CHAIRMAN

Meetings

MARANGAIROA A51B

Power to amend or cancel occupation order. Section 330, Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993

Hearing as follows:

Venue: Gisborne Maori Land Court
Te Whare o te Ra
Nga Wai e Rua Building
60 Reads Quay
Gisborne

Date: Wednesday 3 November 2021
Time: 11.05am

If unable to attend court hearing, notify the Maori Land Court if you have objections.

Situations Vacant

Local Democracy Reporter, The Gisborne Herald

Are you an outstanding reporter looking for a new challenge in public-interest journalism?

The Gisborne Herald, with the support of RNZ, the News Publishers' Association and NZ On Air's Public Interest Journalism Fund, is hiring a journalist on a two-year fixed term to join the Local Democracy Reporting (LDR) service.

This project began in late 2019, placing eight reporters in regional newsrooms around New Zealand — including one at The Gisborne Herald, covering Te Tairāwhiti and Wairoa. NZ On Air has recently confirmed funding for two further years, with the LDR service growing again to up to 18 reporters.

You will be covering local authorities' decisions and other civic matters, but also going out and talking to the people affected, sharing their stories, and uncovering other stories of your own.

You will report to the Gisborne Herald's editor but will receive extra training and support from RNZ.

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We are looking for someone with as many of the following qualities as possible. You don't need all of these to apply, but you will need to have daily news reporting experience.

- Able to spot a strong story and make it come alive for your readers
- Able to meet the highest standards of accuracy, fairness and balance
- Photography and/or videography skills (or the willingness to learn)
- Understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Some knowledge of local government
- Excellent writing skills

This is a full-time role through to December 31, 2023. Assistance with relocation costs may be considered.

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Focus On The Land

Farming news and local profiles. Wednesdays and Saturdays in your Gisborne Herald

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TE HUI A TAU O TE TAIRĀWHITI

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The Gisborne Herald
TE HUI A TAU O TE TAIRĀWHITI

Situations Vacant

GARDENER, knowledgeable person, 2hrs fortnightly. Ph 867 6971.

MOTEL Housekeeper. A great role for a motivated and highly organised cleaner. Ph 868 6186.

Situations Vacant



TE WHARE HAUORA O TE AITANGA A HAUITI CHIEF EXECUTIVE - CE

Te Aitanga a Hauiti Hauora Charitable Trust is looking for a CE with fantastic people skills to lead our health promotion team across the Tairāwhiti takiwa.

This is an interesting and stimulating opportunity for the right person. The role includes representing Hauiti Hauora within key stakeholder and sector forums, building relationships and negotiating contracts to ensure Hauiti Hauora's ability to deliver health promotion services within the Tairāwhiti takiwa, and of course, managing a team of qualified health promoters.

Our preferred candidates should be able to demonstrate:

- Successful contract negotiation and management experience at a senior level.
- Established key relationships and a strong understanding of the DHB/PHO/NGO environments, trends in the sectors and funding priorities.
- Experience in Maori Development and an understanding of aspirations in Social and Economic areas.
- Proven financial management experience.
- Strong relationship management and communication skills especially at iwi level.
- Familiarity with and demonstrated compliance with Health & Safety policies and procedures.
- Proven personnel management experience.

Hauiti Hauora operates under a smoke free environment policy.

Applicants must hold a valid and full Class 1 driver's licence, and be prepared to undergo Police vetting.

All enquiries, job descriptions and application forms can be obtained by contacting Justine on 06 862 6629 or via email justinek@hauiti.co.nz

Closing date for applications is Friday 22 October 2021 at 4pm.

HOME & LEISURE

Readers Bargains

Readers Bargains

For Sale

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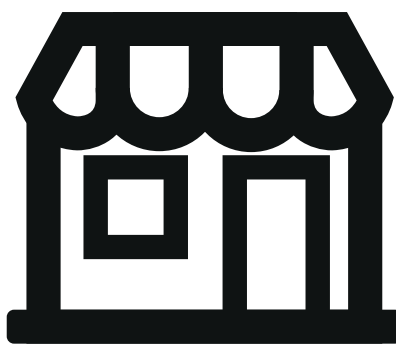
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Wairarapa races at Tauherenikau Thursday Jetbet 4 TAB Doubles 2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Trebles 2-3-4, 5-6-7 Quaddies 1-2-3-4, 4-5-6-7 Place6 2-7

Selections
Race 1: DUBAI'S MOKO, KAHU ROCK, TWEEDLEDEE
Race 2: NOESS, SHEZ SUPER, NUN SO BAD
Race 3: TUI ROCKS, VESPARADO, BELLES BIG BOY
Race 4: EXQUISITE PEARL, VICTOREM, LINDA LOLA
Race 5: FERMANAGH, TARGET, LISTONIAN
Race 6: FRAULEIN, SEQUOIA DAWN, BILLY EASTON
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6 82621 Super Spirit (8) 54.5 62 C Dell
7 41040 Waigara m (5) 54 60 K Hercock
8 72777 Stormy Habit m (4) 54 55 E McCall (a2)

4 Litteredcorvette (2) 56.5 47 D Hirini
5 776s Hydro Darci (4) 56.5 45 C Dell
6 Pin Pointing (5) 56.5 45 C Dell
7 Quatorze SCRATCHED
8 2s Vesparado b (11) 56 52 S J Macnab
9 Bean A Pleasure (7) 56 47 R Hannam
10 Touch O'Paradise (13) 56 45 M K Hudson

5 0778s If You Dance m (2) 58 61 M Singh
6 s681s Free Spirit (5) 56.5 62 Ashvin Mudhoo (a3)
7 0818 Linda Lola (1) 56.5 62 R Hannam
8 1005s Power 'n' Passion t (7) 55 59 R Hannam

3 44426 Irish Prayer (2) 56.5 51 D Hirini
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2 89s73 Kahu Rock m (6) 58 69 Ashvin Mudhoo (a3)

2 Wairarapa Electrical 1.05
\$12,000, maiden, 2050m
1 0s883 Noess (4) 58.5 51 S J Macnab
2 80974 Monitor (2) 58.5 50 F Lazet (a4)

4 Sellar And Sellar 2.17
\$12,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 1300m
1 5222s Exquisite Pearl (6) 61 71 J Riddell
2 200s3 Victorem (4) 61 71 K Hercock

5 Lamb Peters Print Greytown 2.52
\$12,000, maiden, 1400m
1 960s3 Listonian (9) 58.5 51 J Riddell
2 940 Target (7) 58.5 49 S Ottley

7 Liquorland Masterton 4.04
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3 Grays Contracting 1.42
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1 366 Maebhs Razeel (7) 58.5 49 C Dell
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Wairio harness at Central Southland Raceway Thursday Jetbet 7 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: CHARLIE P, JACCKA WATCH, MYSHOUT
Race 2: TARTAN ROXY, KOWHAI SHADOW, NORTHVIEW PEG
Race 3: LAURIES LEGACY, SACRED MOUNTAIN, CODY BANNER
Race 4: RAKOSTELLA, MONACO GRACE, FEELTHEJOY
Race 5: SMOKIN BANDAR, SPRINGBANK MASON, ANDY HALL
Race 6: TOMMY WATERHOUSE, ROBYNS SHADOW, JODY DIREEN
Race 7: UNSURPASSABLE, JUSTALTTLESIP, HURRICANE HENDRIX
Race 8: PLUTONIUM LADY, MEMPHIS TENNESSEE, JOHNNY MAC
Race 9: QUADDIE VC, SAND WAVE, ALEXIS ROCKET

3 64584 Petronelli Gee (Fr) 3 A Milne
4 46708 Random Spur (Fr) 4 J Morrison
5 6755 Jaccka Watch (Fr) 5 B Barclay
6 07556 Myshout (Fr) 6 M Williamson

8 32513 Elish Hall (Fr) 8 E Barron (J)
9 7s141 Sacred Mountain (Fr) 9 B Orange
10 00s92 Madrik (Fr) U1 K Barclay
11 845s2 Ruby Seddon (Fr) U2 N Williamson

6 Mick McNaught Pace 4.59
\$8500, 3yo+ r45-r57, mobile, 2400m
1 29642 Von Art (Fr) 1 M Williamson
2 9688s Vintage Rose (Fr) 2 K Tomlinson (J)

8 Southland Vehicle 6.00
\$9500, 3yo+ r58-r75,r76-r80 w/c. mobile, 2400m
1 52622 Whata Razzle Dazzle (Fr) 1 N Williamson
2 27946 I'mallaboutthebase (Fr) 2 C Ferguson

2 Joe Prendeville Pace 2.36
\$9000, r45-r55 f&m. mobile, 1609m
1 84795 Honour Scroll (Fr) 1 K Tomlinson (J)
2 009s8 Jaffie J (Fr) 2 J Morrison
3 6s776 Lucys Delight (Fr) 3 B McLellan

4 Raging Bull At Macca Final 3.48
\$12,000, 2yo+ f&m r50. mobile, 1609m
1 4s2 Monaco Grace (Fr) 1 S Ottley
2 43665 Santeria (Fr) 2 M Williamson
3 55532 Play It Now (Fr) 3 S O'Reilly (J)

5 Errol Forde Life Member 4.23
\$10,000, r54-r75 discretionary handicap stand trot, 2400m
1 s2180 Jannah Jaccka (Fr) 1 B Barclay
2 75672 Count Eyre (Fr) 2 M Williamson

7 Jack Lynch Pace 5.34
\$10,000, non-winners 2yo+. mobile, 2400m
1 6s6 Vita Veloce (Fr) 1 B Barclay
2 84588 Atarah (Fr) 2 E Barron (J)

9 Dave Kelly Pace 6.25
\$8000, 2yo+ r40-r45,r46-r53 w/c. mobile, 2400m
1 6380s The Night Watchman (Fr) 1 R Swain
2 67365 Alexis Rocket (Fr) 2 C Ferguson

1 Jock Purdue Memorial Trot 1.59
\$10,000, non-winners 2yo+. mobile, 2400m
1 6 Charlie P (Fr) 1 O Kite (J)
2 08090 Cheeky Monkey (Fr) 2 S O'Reilly (J)

3 Ron Hamilton Trot 3.13
\$9000, 3yo+ r40-r50 stand trot, 2400m
1 5427P Unique Marshall (Fr) 1 S O'Reilly (J)
2 16003 Pearlsip (Fr) 2 S Tomlinson

4 The Clubhouse Steak Night 6.08
\$9000, non-winners 2yo+. mobile, 2200m
1 Shirley Bassey (Fr) 1 A Harrison (J)
2 Some Girls Dont (Fr) 2 M W White

6 Woodlands Stud Sires Feature 6.58
\$22,000, 2yo c&g. mobile Heat, 1700m
1 6313 Clymenus (Fr) 1 M W White
2 576s1 Classy Operator (Fr) 2 D Ferguson

8 Check Out The CR Hire 7.48
\$9000, 3yo+ r49-r55, mobile, 2200m
1 1523 Bad Medicine (Fr) 1 A Harrison (J)
2 9s282 Greatest Showman (Fr) 2 D Ferguson

Waikato harness at Cambridge Raceway Thursday Jetbet 5 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: MM SUNSHINE, TRIFOLIUM, CYCLONE LEBRON
Race 2: WATCH AND LEARN, I WON'T BACK DOWN, COURAGE OF MONTANA
Race 3: I'LLAVABUBBLES, SUSIE REIGNMAKER, MR INCREDIBLE
Race 4: SWIMINTHERIVER, FIRE AND DELIGHT, MARGOT
Race 5: SHE REIGNS, EXPENSIVE CRUMPET, SUPERFAST NINJA
Race 6: BLAMEITONTHEIGHT, CLASSY OPERATOR, CLYMENUS
Race 7: PHEBE IMPERIAL, HIGH ON LOVE, LEESA CASTLETON
Race 8: DALVEY ROBYN, BAD MEDICINE, GREATEST SHOWMAN
Race 9: DRESSED IN GOLD, BETTERZIPPIT, MARATHON MAN

4 8342P Cyclone Lebron (Fr) 4 P Ferguson
5 5433 Mm Sunshine (Fr) 5 A Harrison (J)
6 8026s Keystone Comet (Fr) 6 S McCaffrey
7 62764 Majestic Trio (Fr) U1 K Marshall

3 60420 Susie Reignmaker (Fr) 3 M W White
4 9566s Fleeting Grin (Fr) 4 C Webber
5 3166 Tonites Delight (Fr) 5 A Neal
6 s7045 Waitforever (Fr) 6 A Harrison (J)

6 Hire A Venue Trot 7.23
\$9000, 2yo+ r46-r68 discretionary handicap stand trot, 2200m
1 32466 Leesa Castleton (Fr) 1 S Doody
2 27327 Highview Rockn Roll (Fr) 2 S McCaffrey

8 Grey Stoke (10) 1 L Whittaker (J)
99968 Demolition Man (10) 2 K Marshall
84723 The Hulk (20) U1 F Schumacher
9 66s64 Nelson (35) U1 M Williamson
45323 Phoebe Imperial (45) U1 N Chilcott

1 The Clubhouse Quiz 4.42
\$9000, non-winners 3yo+ stand trot, 2200m
1 6s286 True Believer (Fr) 1 D Ferguson
2 45228 Trifolium (Fr) 2 L Neal
3 335s5 Mocca Francy (Fr) 3 S Doody

2 CR Festival 13,20,27 Jan 5.17
\$9000, non-winners 2yo+. mobile, 2200m
1 03435 Scottish Poacher (Fr) 1 N Chilcott
2 5s74 Loutenan (Fr) 2 D Ferguson

5 Xmas At The Raceway 6.33
\$15,000, r40+ f&m discretionary handicap stand trot, 2200m
1 8s183 Ruby Ridge (Fr) 1 A Harrison (J)
2 62350 I Got Music (Fr) 2 R Paynter

7 Hire A Venue Trot 7.23
\$9000, 2yo+ r46-r68 discretionary handicap stand trot, 2200m
1 32466 Leesa Castleton (Fr) 1 S Doody
2 27327 Highview Rockn Roll (Fr) 2 S McCaffrey

9 NZMCA Parking Pace 8.13
\$9000, 3yo+ r58-r70, mobile, 2200m
1 168s6 Makara (Fr) 1 D Ferguson
2 18s41 Betterzippit (Fr) 2 S McCaffrey

Christchurch greys at Addington Thursday Jetbet 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: DIAMOND HARMONY, DR. BRAVESTONE, BECK ELEVEN
Race 2: PUNTERS BOLT, REBEL BOOM, BRUNO BARBARELLI
Race 3: LONGSHANKS, SIMON THE PIEMAN, GOLDSTAR YANKEE
Race 4: FLAPPABLE, MR MUPPET, DENARAU DELIGHT
Race 5: HUMBLING, OPAWA PICK, OPAWA GIRLS GET
Race 6: BIG TIME VERSACE, KNOW RATIO, MITCHAM MAGIC
Race 7: GOLDSTAR FLORA, NOTORIOUS HEIST, SONJA
Race 8: HOMEBUSH CHLOE, OPAWA BOYS PAID, MEGA DREAM
Race 9: OPAWA SUPERSTAR, KNOW KEEPER, GOLDSTAR TANNER
Race 10: RAJA BALE, CASH STACK, JAGETTI BALE
Race 11: TYPHOON TIM, MONTY MAD HAMMER, MITCHAM IVAN
Race 12: SMASH SHADOW, KNOW NUGGET, HOMEBUSH BOOTS

5 26127 Impressive Sonic 17.49 John McInerney
6 56562 Bees Are Buzzing 17.28 Janine McCook
7 64663 Smash Achiever 17.15 Malcolm Grant
8 74528 Lautrec 17.36 Rosemary Blackburn

3 55552 Mr Muppet 17.18 John McInerney
4 46238 Mine Hunter 17.21 Janine McCook
5 66447 Flappable 17.09 J & D Fahey
6 13675 Smash Grenade 17.38 Malcolm Grant

8 Balcairn & Coprice Dash 7.10
\$2300, C3, 295m
1 88686 Penny Jane 17.30 Anthony Hart
2 57663 Mega Dream 17.20 Lisa Waretini

11 Active Electrical Sprint 8.22
\$3500, C5, 295m
1 11251 Monty Mad Hammer 17.00 Ashley Bradshaw
2 51322 Mitcham Ivan 17.17 Ashley Bradshaw

2 kiwkiwihounds.co.nz 4.49
\$2600, C4, 295m
1 13774 Little Kid 17.21 Janine McCook
2 23352 Rebel Boom 17.29 Daniel Roberts

4 The Clubhouse Happy Hour 5.43
\$9000, 2yo+ r40-r48, mobile, 2200m
1 58746 Mr Incredible (Fr) 1 L Whittaker (J)
2 58706 Voodoo Prince (Fr) 2 F Schumacher

5 Thursday Place Pick Stakes 5.53
\$3500, C3, 520m
1 11186 Opawa Albert 30.40 Robin Wales
2 32714 Opawa Girls Get 30.16 Robin Wales

9 Suck It Up NZ Bred Feature 7.35
\$3500, SPECA, 520m
1 43416 Curly Bill 30.29 Michael Dempsey
2 61167 Goldstar Tanner 29.94 Riley Evans

12 Protexin Sprint 8.48
\$2600, C4, 295m
1 22123 Homebush Boots 17.20 John McInerney
2 73132 Know Nugget 17.13 Garry Cleeve

1 The Fitz Sports Bar Dash 4.33
\$2300, C3, 295m
1 66784 Diamond Harmony 17.13 Malcolm Grant
2 65574 Beck Eleven 17.04 Lisa Waretini

3 Real Pet Foods Rolleston 5.09
\$3100, C2, 520m
1 58373 Lightfoot Luna 30.60 Ashley Bradshaw
2 41555 Simon The Pieman 30.31 Alison Lee

6 O'Shea's Sprint Feature 6.18
\$2500, SPECA, 295m
1 11337 Big Time Versace n/wtd Lisa Cole
2 22214 Know Ratio 17.29 Garry Cleeve

10 Selwyn-Rakaia Vet Services 7.57
\$5000, C4/5, 520m
1 23432 Raja Bale 29.85 Craig Roberts
2 33227 Opawa Deal 29.98 J & D Fahey

9 37445 Made The Cut 17.20 Daniel Lane
10 87258 Thunder Hallows 17.11 Ashley Bradshaw

4 Kolorful Kanvas Sprint 5.26
\$2300, C3, 295m
1 58174 Wizard Willie 17.41 Anthony Hart
2 73155 Denarau Delight 17.33 Malcolm Grant

7 Hart Family Sprint Feature 6.43
\$2500, SPECA, 295m
1 71588 Allegro Rylee n/wtd Lisa Cole
2 21325 Homebush Gltd 17.15 John McInerney

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9 57435 Goldstar Truman 30.15 Riley Evans

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No scrums for France-England test

RUGBY LEAGUE

LONDON — England's test match against France in Perpignan on Saturday week will be played without scrums, the International Rugby League (IRL) has ruled.

Scrums were scrapped when Super League was restarted in August 2020 in order to reduce the number of close contacts during matches at the height of the coronavirus pandemic.

They remained absent when the 2021 season opened in March and the ruling was extended by the Rugby Football League (RFL) to matches in the Championship and League 1.

It was intended to bring scrums back before the end of the season, particularly in time for the 2021 World Cup with the NRL still using scrums, but it was decided in August to continue without them in the English domestic competitions due to lingering safety concerns.

Following a request from the RFL and the Federation Francaise de Rugby a XIII the IRL decided on Tuesday to play without scrums for the test match in Perpignan.

The test, to be played on October 23, was arranged following the postponement of the World Cup by 12 months. — PA

Ricciardo gives new F1 gloves thumbs-up

MOTORSPORT

McLAREN'S Daniel Ricciardo has given the thumbs-up to new flame-resistant gloves developed by Formula One's governing body after Romain Grosjean's fiery crash in Bahrain last year.

Grosjean made a miraculous

escape from a fireball crash in November but suffered burns to the back of his hands as he clambered free of the wreckage.

The Frenchman's Haas car speared through the protective barriers lining the track in a 53G impact that split it in half and burst into flames.

The governing FIA has been

working on improving protection from fire and last week announced that selected drivers would be testing new gloves for comfort and dexterity during Turkish Grand Prix practice.

"I used them . . . I didn't notice the difference," said Australian Ricciardo, one of five authorised to try them out. — AAP



HOCKEY FLAGBEARERS: The Poverty Bay under-13 boys' hockey team have been taking part in the Lower North Island Hockey Festival in Napier this week. Coach BJ Seymour says the festival is good experience for the players, and he has seen the skill level of players in this age-group improve as they progress through their representative programmes. The Poverty Bay u13 team members are, back (from left): Marshall Boyd, Dougie Wilcox-Taylor, Josh Levy, Bjorn Raroa-Haraki, Riley Knight, Luke Weston-Arnold, Max Gaddum and coach BJ Seymour. Front: Josh Leighton, Oscar Hayward and Corbyn Seymour.

Picture supplied

Japan win day against Soccerroos

FOOTBALL by Ed Jackson, AAP

GOLD COAST — The Soccerroos record 11-game World Cup qualifying run is over, with an Aziz Behich own goal securing Japan a 2-1 win in Saitama on Tuesday.

A thunderbolt of a free kick from Adjin Hrustic in the 69th minute had drawn Australia level after Ao Tanaka scored early for Japan, but Behich was helpless to stop the ball deflecting off his leg after Mat Ryan palmed a shot onto the post in 85th minute.

The loss is Australia's first on the road to Qatar 2022 and extends their wait for a win over the Asian powerhouse having last defeated Japan in 2009.

Defeat enabled Saudi Arabia to move three points clear in Group B following a 3-2 defeat of China. Australia remain in the second automatic qualifying place with nine points.

A further three points adrift are Japan and Oman, who defeated Vietnam 3-1 in the group's other match.

Third place carries entry into a series of play-offs.

"The win record's over, but we still hold that record and it's a fantastic achievement by the players," coach Graham Arnold said.

"We can stop talking about

that now and we can move forward with the World Cup campaign.

"We're still in a great position . . . tonight Japan came out, we had a great crack at them and they had a crack at us.

"It was an exciting game to watch . . . I was very, very proud of the boys and what they did."

Behich's misfortune compounded a bad night for the Australian left-back, who was at fault for Japan's eighth-minute opener when he missed a clearance and Tanaka pounced to score his first goal for his country.

That was a perfect start for the hosts, who came into the match under huge pressure after losing two of their first three fixtures.

The lead allowed Japan to settle into a rhythm of patiently waiting before pouncing on any Australian mistake and launching into a counter-attack.

That tactic should have brought a second goal for the hosts in the 35th minute when Yuya Osako skewed his shot wide after driving into the box before Australia almost forced an equaliser out of nowhere six minutes later.

Adam Taggart's powerful drive was deflected onto the post by Shuichi Gonda, and Aaron Mooy — making his first start for



GOAL: Soccerroos midfielder Ajdin Hrustic leaps after scoring a goal against Japan in the 2022 Qatar World Cup Asian Qualifiers in Saitama, Japan. Japan's performance won them the match but Australia remain in second qualifying place.

AAP picture

the Soccerroos since November 2019 — was unable to beat the scrambling Japanese defence with his follow-up effort.

Mooy gave Japan an early warning in the second half when he flashed a shot wide of the goal but it was Hrustic who stepped up to put the Soccerroos'

level after a dramatic sequence.

The German-based attacking midfielder was caught on the edge of the box by Hidemasa Morita as he ran onto a Martin Boyle cutback.

The referee initially awarded a penalty to Australia but as Boyle waited to take the spot

kick, VAR ruled the offence had happened outside the box.

It mattered not though as Hrustic slammed his shot home to score his second goal for the Soccerroos.

"We got ourselves back in the game really well and I think we deserved more," Hrustic, who was named player of the match, said.

Japan responded and forced Ryan into several key saves, before finding a way to win in the dying minutes to make it no wins in nine trips to Japan since 1994.

The Soccerroos' next match is a crucial game against Group B leaders Saudi Arabia on November 11, which Australia are hopeful of hosting in Sydney for just their second game on home soil in this qualifying campaign.

In Asian qualifying's other group Iran and South Korea remain in line to qualify after a 1-1 draw in Tehran. Alireza Jahanbakhsh's late header kept Iran two points clear after Son Heung-min had scored early in the second half.

Lebanon, who beat Syria 3-2 in Jordan are in the play-off slot three points behind.

Two points further back are UAE and Iraq, who drew 2-2 in Dubai with both teams scoring in the closing minutes.

Law change allows protective men's tights

RUGBY

SKINNED knees could soon be a thing of the past in rugby after the sport's governing body amended its laws to allow players at all levels to wear tights or leggings during games.

Law 4 of the sport, which covers players' clothing, previously only permitted women to wear "cotton blend tights or leggings, with single inside seam under their shorts and socks", but has now been extended to all participants

with immediate effect, World Rugby said in a statement on Tuesday.

The amendment has been implemented on "welfare and accessibility grounds" amid the increasing use of artificial surfaces.

"With some players susceptible to abrasions on artificial surfaces, the decision gives players the option to wear tights or leggings as a preventative measure, maximising access to the game." — AAP

Man United short of two first-choice centrebacks

FOOTBALL

LONDON — Manchester United have confirmed Raphael Varane will be out for "a few weeks" with a groin injury sustained in the Nations Cup final.

With Harry Maguire also absent with a calf injury manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer is without his two first-choice centre-backs for a tricky run of matches

Varane, a PS34m (\$NZ66.8m)

summer signing from Real Madrid, sustained the problem in the first half of France's victory over Spain on Sunday.

United face Leicester City at the weekend followed by further Premier League matches against Liverpool, Tottenham and Manchester City, intercut with home-and-away Champions League group ties against Atalanta.

Solskjaer's remaining options are Victor Lindelof and either Eric

Baily, whose one appearance this season came in the Carabao Cup defeat to West Ham last month, or Phil Jones, who has not played since January 2020 due to a knee injury, but was in the squad for the Hammers game.

The United manager could also utilise midfielder Scott McTominay at centre-back, a role he has performed for Scotland, or opt to switch to a back three and move Luke Shaw into a more central position. — PA

Injury-hit Squire blows fulltime on rugby career

DUNEDIN — Former All Black Liam Squire has announced his retirement from rugby.

The Highlanders and Tasman loose forward has had a career littered with injuries, and the 30-year-old has decided to step away from the game following medical advice.

Squire missed most of this year's Super Rugby Aotearoa after a recurring knee injury resurfaced, ruling him out for the season after just two outings.

The 23-test All Black had knee and hip surgeries last year, and returned to the Highlanders after cutting short a two-year deal with the Red Hurricanes in Japan.

Squire took to Instagram to announce that he was advised by his surgeon and medical team to retire from the sport after months on the sideline.

"This isn't the post I thought I would be doing so soon but as some of you are aware I have been battling with a knee injury which I've had surgery on," he wrote.

"After 6-7 months full rest to see if it will heal and speaking to my surgeon and [medical] team I have been advised for my best long-term interest to retire from all rugby immediately. As disappointing and frustrating as this is, my long term wellbeing has to come first.

"I want to thank everyone that has supported me throughout the years

especially the (Highlanders) and (Tasman) for the chance to wear their jerseys. These are two teams I hold close to my heart and I've always loved going to battle with them. Also, the chance to represent my country and wear the [All Blacks] jersey is something I will forever cherish."

Squire's injury troubles are particularly cruel given he spoke of his desire to regain his place in the All Blacks squad following his return to New Zealand.

Squire had been a key member of the team and was widely regarded to be the All Blacks' best player at No 6.

Before the 2019 Rugby World Cup, Squire made the decision to withdraw from the All Blacks team and miss the tournament in Japan, saying at the time that he didn't feel "physically or mentally ready" for the pressures of test rugby, after struggling with similar injuries.

His open discussion of mental health was widely praised in rugby circles.

"Thank you to my family and friends for your unconditional support through the good and bad," he added in his announcement on Instagram. "I couldn't have achieved what I have without you all. Also the coaches, management staff and fans I have met through this journey, thank you.

"I am excited for the next chapter in my life and stepping away from rugby. Thank you." — Otago Daily Times

Aotearoa men have last say

NETBALL
by Christopher Reive, NZME

WELLINGTON — The Silver Ferns have dropped what shapes up as their final match of the season, going down to the Aotearoa Men's team 57-53 in Wellington.

The men's side had tested the Silver Ferns across the series, improving every game before finally getting the win — led by goal shooter Jay Geldard and the defensive efforts of goal keeper Victor Godsmark-White.

The men's side particularly impressed in their ability to convert their turnovers into goals — an area they struggled with in the opening match. In the final game, they scored off 12 of their 17 turnovers.

It was a familiar story for the Silver Ferns in the opening quarter, who struggled with just a 70 percent success rate in the shooting circle, while at the opposite end Geldard and goal attack Ben Smith missed just one shot each to lead the men to a three-goal lead.

The lead was extended by just one goal in the second quarter, as the Silver Ferns fought back. Their

struggles at the shooting end hurt them again, however — missing five of eight shots and leaving some slick play from the midcourt unrewarded.

The third quarter saw the men advance their claim to the victory. At the halftime break, centre Nick Grimmer noted the side just needed to convert off their own centre passes to win, and they worked hard to ensure they weren't taking any unnecessary risks with the ball.

With Geldard again on form under the goal, once the ball go into his hands things seemed elementary, but the work to get in those positions through Grimmer, Smith and wing attack Eriata Vercoe was clean and crisp.

The men added a further four goals to their lead after the third quarter, and while the Silver Ferns fought back to close the gap in the final period of the series, it wasn't enough to keep the men from securing a deserved win.

Silver Ferns 53 (Maia Wilson 20/27, Tiana Metuarau 17/23, Grace Nweke 16/20)

Aotearoa Men 57 (Jay Geldard 51/53, Ben Smith 3/4)



FIRE STILL BURNS: New Zealand sporting great Lisa Carrington is hungry for more Olympic Games glory. The sprint kayaking supremo has indicated she wants to compete at the Paris Olympics — what would be her fourth Olympic Games.
Picture by Greg Bowker/NZ Herald

Fourth Olympic Games in Carrington's sights

CANOEING

NEW Zealand's most successful Olympian Lisa Carrington has signalled her commitment to compete at a fourth Games.

The three-time Tokyo gold medalist posted a picture to social media saying "the next adventure awaits...Paris 2024."

It was speculated before the Japan Olympics that Carrington could retire, after more than a decade on the scene, though her long-time coach Gordon Walker said in June that he would be surprised if she did, given her potential for growth and further achievements.

Carrington became New Zealand's greatest Olympian in the Japanese capital, overcoming a seemingly impossible schedule to take gold in the K1 200 metres, K1 500m and K2 500m (with Caitlin Regal).

She increased her overall tally to six

medals (five gold and one bronze).

Since the 2012 Olympics Carrington has been involved in 29 percent of the 17 gold medals achieved by this country.

Earlier this month, Carrington said she was dedicated to continuous improvement.

"I don't really want to go back and just do what I just did," said Carrington. "I know that it requires more, so to really have fulfilment and to have integrity I would need to continue the path of pushing for more; the high expectation, the pressure, just knowing what it takes is a lot and being prepared to do that and figuring out how I can channel that will be something to consider.

"Am I prepared to continue to reassess what I know and to be challenged on it more?"

"That is how you can get better."

— NZ Herald

Tenth hat-trick for Ronaldo in cruise

FARO, Portugal — Cristiano Ronaldo scored his 10th international hat-trick as Portugal cruised past Luxembourg 5-0 in World Cup qualifying on Tuesday to stay close to group leader Serbia.

Serbia kept a one-point cushion at the top of Group A by defeating last-place Azerbaijan 3-1 at home. They have 17 points, one more than Portugal, who have a game in hand.

Serbia's last game is at Portugal in November.

Portugal, who have won four in a row in qualifying, will play at Ireland before the decisive match against the Serbians.

It was the 58th career hat-trick for club and country for Ronaldo, who took his record scoring tally to 115 international goals by converting two early penalty kicks and finding the net again near the end. Bruno Fernandes and João Palhinha also scored for Portugal. — AP

Pre-season win and loss for Boys' High

CRICKET by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

THERE aren't many places around the country where cricket is played on grass at this time of year.

The Gisborne Boys' High School first 11's pre-season hit-out with Geyser City Cricket Club at the Harry Barker Reserve produced a 20-run Twenty20 win for the home team on Sunday, and victory by seven wickets to Geyser CCC in the 45-over game on Monday.

First 11 head coach Malcolm Trowell knows what a gem his team and Poverty Bay Cricket have in Harry Barker Reserve.

"It was great for our boys to have a couple of matches before the club stuff starts," he said.

"On Sunday our captain, Nathan Trowell, won the toss, took first knock and we batted well for 126-3... 120-plus on a green No.2 wicket with big boundaries set us up for the win. The bowling needs some work but these are early days, and we'll improve.

"We introduced three new players to our squad during the exchange — all-rounder Alex Shanks, outswing bowler Bekko Page and leg-spinner Dylan Foster — and all are better for the experience.

"Nathan (38 not out off 51 balls, from first-drop), Sebastian Wilson (35 from 32, at No.4) and Cohen Loffler (27 off 23, at No.2) showed some promise with the bat in the T20, while our seam bowler Adam Situ took 2-9 off two overs and off-spinner Daniel Stewart took 2-10 off four, also in Game 1."

Stewart is accurate, flights the ball skilfully and gives it a tweak. This season, he has an important job to do for GBHS.



ALEX SHANKS

Medium-pacers Liam du Plessis (1-17 off four) and Liam Adams (1-19 off three) were the pick of GCCC's attack on Sunday afternoon.

On Monday the visitors' captain, Sam Lund (4-15 off four, in at first-change),

deceptive new-ball man Cohen Stewart (2-8 off 5.3 overs) and Year 9 student Riley Kusabs (2-8 off four, the fifth bowler used) saw to it that while GBHS had again won the toss and batted, this time they would be heavily restricted.

GBHS were all out for 109 in 34.3 overs. Loffler fought hard from No.2 for 18 in 55 minutes, while No.11 Page — on debut — gritted it out to make four runs off 47 balls in one hour.

Geyser reached the target in 28 overs. The home team's biggest partnership in Game 1 was 54 for the third wicket between Trowell and Wilson. In the 45-over game, the opening pair of Luke Fisher (10) and Loffler (18) reached 30.

Lund and Kusabs — who didn't bowl in Game 1 of their East Coast tour — tested the Boys' High top order on Monday. The towering Lund's extra pace and Kusabs' tight off-stump line made scoring off the bat difficult, although the Geyser crew bowled 51 wides in the first innings on Monday.

Bustling left-armer Travis O'Rourke (1-5 off three) and Year 13 student Matthew Foster (1-10 off three) bowled well in defence of 109.

GCCC coach Crispian Stewart, whose side included players from Rotorua BHS, John Paul College, Rotorua Lakes HS and Western Heights HS, was proud of how his promising unit came together in Gisborne, as was his captain, Lund.

"It was great to see everyone contribute over the two days, and especially to see the learnings from Day 1 to Day 2, the improvements boys made," Lund said.

"We'd love to come back."

GBHS skipper Nathan Trowell said his



SEBASTIAN WILSON

team got a lot out of both games. "In the first innings of the T20, we batted with intent," he said.

"Daniel then backed that up with a magnificent bowling spell in the middle overs."

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TOMORROW	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
morning min 7, max 13 A few showers, mainly in the morning. S, strong at first, easing.	morning min 5, max 16 Fine with a few clouds. Southerlies dying out.	morning min 5, max 20 Fine. Northerly breezes.	Partly cloudy. Northwesterlies.

GISSBORNE REGION

Mostly cloudy with a few showers, mainly in the morning. Southerlies, gale in exposed places at first, gradually easing.	Fine with a few clouds. Isolated afternoon showers inland. Southerlies dying out.	Fine. Northerly breezes.	
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NZ SITUATION

A high moves over Aotearoa New Zealand from tomorrow through Saturday, followed by a low which is deepening in the Tasman Sea and moves towards the country this weekend. Southwesterlies ease tomorrow.

GISSBORNE SUN PROTECTION ALERT

9:50 AM - 3:50 PM PROTECTION REQUIRED
Seek shade, reapply sunscreen
Data provided by NIWA

MIDNIGHT TONIGHT

NOON TOMORROW

NZ TOMORROW

Auckland	fine	17
Hamilton	fine	17
Tauranga	fine	18
Rotorua	fine	15
Taupo	fine	13
Napier	fine	14
New Plymouth	fine	16
Palmerston North	fine	14
Wellington	showers	11
Christchurch	showers	13
Queenstown	fine	12
Dunedin	showers	12

TODAY IN HISTORY

2012 — On the Mahia Peninsula, extreme winds were identified as a major factor in re-igniting and spreading two vegetation fires. Near Tolaga Bay, power lines brought down by the wind started a grass fire and blew the transformer for the East Coast.

GISSBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT

	Thursday Oct 14		Friday Oct 15	
TIME	am	pm	am	pm
Hicks Bay	H 1:18am	L 7:31am	H 2:20am	L 8:32am
Waipiro Bay	H 1:05am	L 7:06am	H 2:07am	L 8:07am
Tolaga Bay	H 12:53am	L 6:54am	H 1:55am	L 7:55am
GiSSBORNE	H 12:43am	L 6:57am	H 1:41am	L 7:55am
Wairoa	H 12:32am	L 6:42am	H 1:29am	L 7:40am

SUN-MOON-MAORI FISHING GUIDE

Rise 6:24 am Set 7:25 pm	Rise 6:22 am Set 7:26 pm
Set 3:01 am Rise 12:33 pm	Set 3:46 am Rise 1:42 pm
Best at 7:45 am 8:13 pm	Best at 8:41 am 9:07 pm

WORLD TOMORROW

Adelaide	showers	8 17
Amsterdam	drizzle	9 16
Bangkok	thunder	25 30
Beijing	drizzle	11 18
Berlin	drizzle	6 13
Brisbane	thunder	17 25
Buenos Aires	showers	18 24
Cairo	fine	20 32
Canberra	thunder	9 18
Cape Town	drizzle	13 18
Delhi	fine	21 34
Frankfurt	cloudy	7 14
Geneva	fine	5 12
Hong Kong	rain	24 27
London	fine	12 15
Los Angeles	fine	11 27
Melbourne	showers	9 18
Moscow	rain	7 8
New York	fine	18 24
Paris	fine	6 17
Perth	fine	9 24
Singapore	thunder	23 32
Stockholm	cloudy	9 11
Suva	showers	21 30
Sydney	thunder	15 24
Tokyo	cloudy	17 24
Toronto	cloudy	12 20

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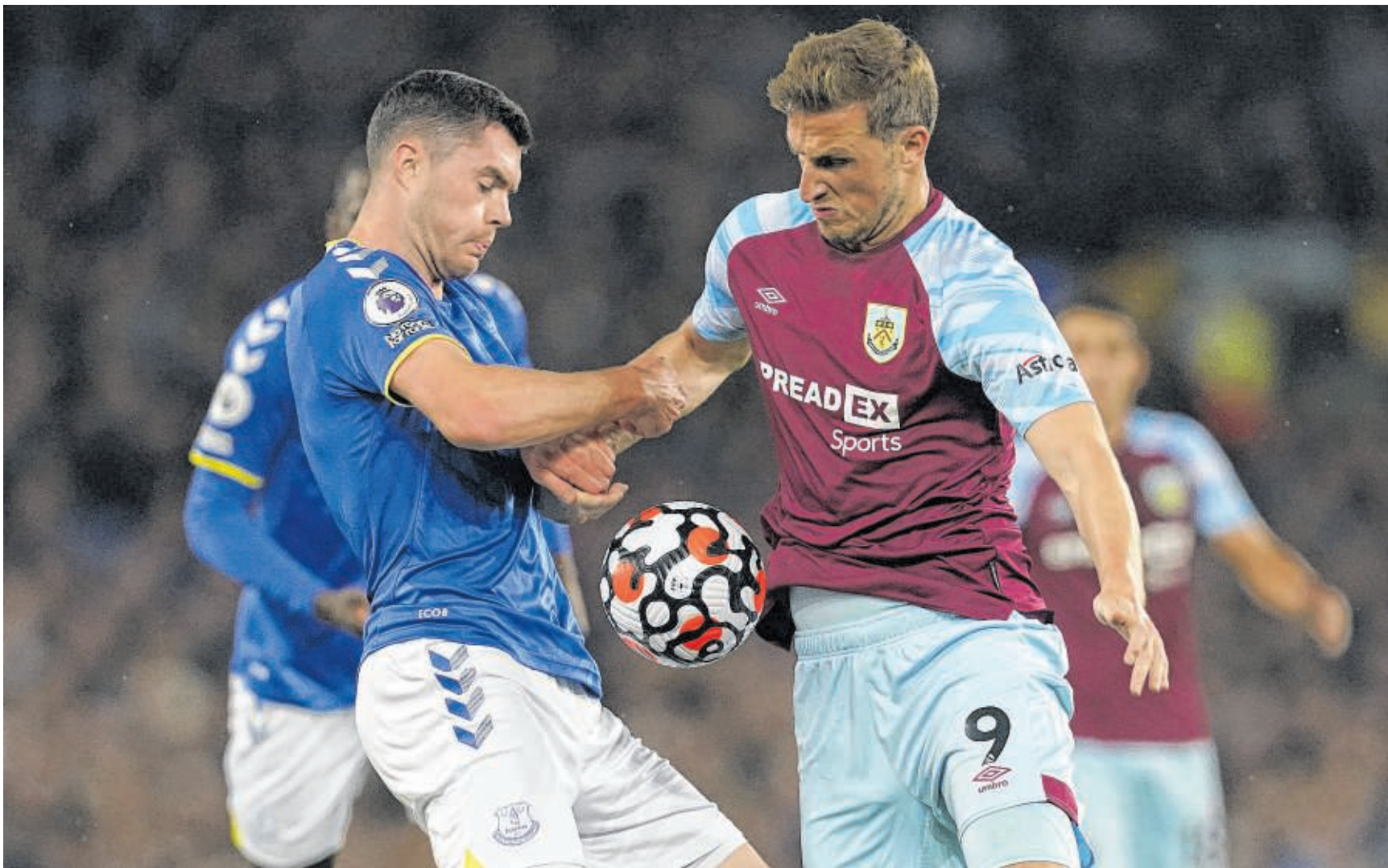


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BATTLER: Burnley striker Chris Wood (right) shows the combative approach that served New Zealand well in their game against Bahrain today as he battles for the ball with Everton's Michael Keane during an English Premier League football match at Goodison Park, Liverpool, last month.

Picture by Martin Rickett/PA via AP

ALL WHITES WIN AGAIN

FOOTBALL by Michael Burgess, NZME

AFTER not playing for almost two years, the All Whites have continued their strong momentum, with another win against higher-ranked opponents.

The New Zealand side edged Bahrain 1-0 today, off the back of the 2-1 victory over Curacao on Sunday.

Niko Kirwan was the man of the moment, popping up in the 89th minute for the decisive goal.

Kirwan made no mistake to head home from the edge of the six-yard box, perfectly picked out by Liberato Cacace after some hesitation in the Bahrain defence.

It was just reward for the All Whites, who had looked the better side throughout, with Bahrain coming to life only in the final half-hour.

It's yet another significant result, and another landmark win against non-Oceania opposition.

Bahrain are ranked 91 on the FIFA world rankings (New Zealand are 121) and have enjoyed a huge schedule of games this year.

But they were outpointed by an All Whites team who were better in possession, stronger in defence and who somehow — despite the oppressive conditions — showed more endurance.

It was a solid effort. As against Curacao, New Zealand were guilty of not converting their chances, especially in the first half.

Either the final pass wasn't accurate enough, or the shot was off target, which failed to reward good build-up play.

Joey Champness was a standout on debut. He looked dangerous every time he received the ball in the attacking third and created some good opportunities with his dribbling prowess, which added another dimension to the All Whites' play.

Liberato Cacace was also impressive —



PARENTAL SUPPORT: Niko Kirwan (left) with his father, former All Black John Kirwan, after a Team Wellington win in 2017. Kirwan scored the winner against Bahrain today.

Oceania Football Confederation picture

with tireless endeavour on the left flank — while Callum McCowatt and Joe Bell never stopped working.

Coach Danny Hay made five changes to the team who beat Curacao 2-1, with Michael Woud, Michael Boxall, Calvin Kalua, Elijah Just and Champness coming in. It meant a change in formation, the All Whites reverting to 4-3-3, after the 4-3-1-2 shape against the Caribbean team.

It was the first start for Kalua, who got a few minutes on Sunday, with Boxall replacing the injured Bill Tuiloma (abductor). There was a debut for Champness, who

switched allegiances from Australia ahead of the Tokyo Olympics.

The New Zealand side wore black armbands in honour of former New Zealand representative Iain Ormond, who died last week. Ormond, son of former Eastern Union and Gisborne Thistle player Bert, scored nine goals in 23 appearances between 1972-1978. Ten of his appearances were in "A" internationals.

The home side presented an entirely new line-up, with 11 changes from the team who started in their 4-0 victory over Curacao last week. That negated some of their experience advantage, although it was still formidable, as Bahrain had played 11 times since March, including matches against Jordan, Iran and Ukraine.

As on Sunday, New Zealand enjoyed the better of the opening exchanges. After good probing by McCowatt, Just hit his shot straight at the keeper, with Wood blazing the rebound over the crossbar.

Champness displayed his skills on the ball early, winning a succession of free-kicks, as he tormented his marker down the right flank.

Apart from a Nando Pijnaker header, the All Whites couldn't find their range from the dead-ball situations, as they were mostly cleared with ease.

But they built into the game well, trying to keep possession. The pattern was best exhibited by one neat sequence, where they ended up deep in attack after playing out short from a goal kick.

The All Whites were prepared to leave their front trio high, which necessitated more work for the midfielders but was a risk-reward scenario.

It almost paid off in the 31st minute, with McCowatt set free after a turnover. There was briefly the glimpse of an empty net — with the keeper out of position — but the FC Helsingør player chose to find a better

angle, before eventually screwing his shot across the goal.

Just also had a couple more opportunities, failing to hit the target, but Wood was well covered, often marked by two defenders.

Champness was a constant threat, with his willingness to dribble, and provided a highlight just before halftime, eluding two defenders in the area before forcing a good save.

Bahrain were mostly well contained, limited to a header and a couple of long-range efforts in the first half.

The home side were more effective after the break, coming into the match more as the All Whites began to be stretched between the lines, although Bahrain were mainly restricted to shots from range.

Champness tried an extravagant flick from a McCowatt pass, which was easily smothered by the keeper.

Bahrain were enlivened by a couple of substitutes just after the hour mark, with two chances in quick succession, before Champness almost found the net after a Wood shot was deflected.

Kirwan (on for Kalua) and Tommy Smith (Champness) were introduced in the 73rd minute, as Hay switched to a central back three.

Smith went close from a corner in the 88th minute, before Kirwan's late, late moment.

The 26-year-old had stayed high after a corner, and was found by Cacace's pinpoint far-post cross after Wood had won possession on the edge of the penalty area.

Some of the Bahrain team were appealing for a free-kick, but the referee waved play on, with Cacace quick to react and Kirwan making no mistake.

Bahrain 0 All Whites 1 (N Kirwan 89m). Halftime: 0-0.