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## BRING ON THE SHIELD

Ngati Porou East Coast will challenge Hawke's Bay for the Ranfurly Shield in the country's smallest rugby union's centenary year. It has been confirmed the Sky Blues will take on the Magpies at McLean Park in Napier on Saturday, July 24, dependent on Hawke's Bay winning their first challenge of 2021 against North Otago. The challenge adds to an already memorable year for the Coast, which officially marks its centenary this holiday weekend, including its traditional Queen's Birthday local derby against Poverty Bay. The picture below is of Coast players following their epic National Provincial Championship second division final against Hawke's Bay at McLean Park in 2001. Coast fans filled the ground to watch their beloved side outscore the Magpies five tries to two but lose the final 30-27. It is expected the Shield challenge will attract similarly immense support. **STORY ON PAGE 3** Herald file picture



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# Putting the brakes on Makorori speedsters

by Wynsley Wrigley

BOLLARDS and a 20-kilometre-an-hour speed limit will be introduced at Makorori Beach in response to concerns from residents about speeding vehicles and rapidly increasing damage to the dunes.

Councillors, sitting as the operations committee, approved the installation of bollards between State Highway 35 and council reserve land at Makorori, and the establishment of a reserve management plan at a cost of \$125,000.

Their decision should please residents who sent a deputation to talk to the council about speed and environmental concerns on October 29 and previously held a meeting at Makorori Beach attended by Mayor Rehette Stoltz, Tawhiti-Uawa ward district councillor Pat Seymour and Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency.

Council staff did not recommend a vehicle-on-the-beach bylaw but instead recommended "a package of options" that will include the 20kmh speed limit on the beach,

establishment of a voluntary coast care group, increased signage, a public awareness campaign and investigation of vehicle exclusion areas through the Tairawhiti Resource Management Plan review.

The report before councillors said the package would be phased in.

Initially the bollards and speed limit, some signage and the development of a reserve management plan would "inform other actions and implementation".

Councillor Pat Seymour suggested finding external funding to cover that part of the beach that was not council-owned.

The recommendation before the council would push traffic to other parts of the beach, which would not be protected by bollards.

Cr Seymour said she had spoken to a private landowner and wanted "a package" costed to provide more bollards.

"We don't want people fenced off from using the beach. We want defined areas to be controlled and the dunes to continue to be protected."

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# CURTAIN CALL ‘We desperately need bigger premises or we will have to close’

by Andrew Ashton

A GISBORNE volunteer service group fear it could be curtains for their endeavour if they can't find a bigger home.

Gisborne Curtain Bank has been helping to keep homes healthy and warm for more than a decade by providing free curtains to low-income families through public donations.

But the operation, run by eight volunteers, has grown so popular it has outgrown its base at an administration room at the New Zealand Red Cross Gisborne Service Centre on Palmerston Road.

“It was good to start with but we've got more curtains coming in and we have got more well known in Gisborne and up the Coast,” lead volunteer Sharron Hall said.

“We've just outgrown our premises and when everyone is here we'd like more room to put more sewing machines.

“Donations of curtains have increased and referrals from health organisations have increased.”

The Curtain Bank last year helped 101 homes by providing 1100 pairs of curtains to people referred to them by health providers or to people with a Community Services Card.

“It ramps up greatly in the winter time and the donations ramp up greatly in the spring/summer.

“We cover an area from Gisborne all the way up the Coast to Hicks Bay. We desperately need bigger premises or we will have to close.”

Volunteer Anne Packer said it was important the Curtain Bank continued.

“People are really appreciative and we have a lot of fun but it's just too crowded now. There is such a need.

“I'm here because a couple of years ago this place helped my son with curtains in a flat and my mum always brought me up that you give back if someone is kind to you, and that meant a lot.

“I see houses around about with sheets tied up.”

To contact the Curtain Bank, phone 027-836-1623.



**MAKE IT SEW:** Curtain Bank volunteers (from left) Deirdre Randall, Sharron Hall, Anne Packer and Helen O'Connor are part of a volunteer operation that has increased so much in popularity it has outgrown its premises at the Red Cross service centre. Picture by Rebecca Grunwell

## Chance to grow knowledge and nurture Tairawhiti talent

by Jack Marshall

TWO prestigious scholarships are on offer in Tairawhiti through the Prime Minister's Chief Science Adviser, in partnership with a Tairawhiti iwi.

To apply, applicants must be Tairawhiti-based, in partnership with a Tairawhiti iwi or be a candidate with strong family ties to Tairawhiti.

Prospective interns must pitch a project focused on the climate emergency, policy, science curriculum, taonga, or working with Te Papa on a collaborative project.

“The idea for these internships grew from conversations about how to mark the Tuia Encounters 250 commemorations,” said the PM's science adviser, Professor Dame Juliet Gerrard.

This was about continuing the kaupapa of tuia te muka tangata ki uta, translated as “the weaving of people together for a shared future”.

“We wanted to embrace wisdom from te ao Maori alongside Western knowledge,” Prof Gerrard said.

“The project was delayed by Covid but we are excited to finally be launching it now.”

The programme will be paid for by The Prime Minister's Emerging Priorities fund.

Up to six months funding is available, with pay equivalent to a salary of up to \$70,000 a year. The experience of the candidate will determine the salary level.

Eligibility has no education requirement. Instead, the selection process will focus on the proposed project, connection with local iwi and the personal fit of the candidate.

“We have been building our intern programme and trying to make sure that we are flexible enough to accommodate the backgrounds of all our top talent.

“This is the first time we have partnered with

iwi and are very excited about the directions and focus. We are hoping that the internships are attractive to applicants, irrespective of their specific formal educational background, recognising that talent is nurtured in many different ways.”

There is no specific project they are looking for as long as it supports the region.

“We don't want to be too prescriptive, because we would like our interns to choose the projects themselves.

“But some examples might be: a project on how matauranga Maori in a local community can enable the sort of long-term holistic thinking we need to adapt to climate change; how we might teach science in schools in a way that welcomes matauranga Maori, or how communities can connect with their taonga in museums, in Aotearoa or internationally.”

Tamanuhiri Tutu Poroporo Trust kaihautu/chief

executive Doug Jones says the programme will help enable the best and brightest in the region to contribute back in a meaningful way.

“It's about enabling our young and bright people of our region an opportunity to contribute to the direction of where the region is going.

“For us, it needs to be a Tairawhiti-based project. We want the applicant to have links and whakapapa links to Tairawhiti,” said Mr Jones.

“It might be some of our kids who are studying in Auckland or Wellington, and they can come home for the summer.”

Expressions of interest are due by 5pm on June 18.

Full applications must be in by 5pm on July 16.

More details can be found on the Prime Minister's Chief Science Adviser website: [www.pmcsa.ac.nz](http://www.pmcsa.ac.nz)

## TheGuide Arts & Entertainment

- London has the Chaps Choir, and the Bellow Fellows — and now Gisborne is to have its own ensemble of singing men.
- Politician Catherine Delahunty and award-winning playwright Sarah Delahunty to perform in Gisborne #UsTwo, a play about six decades of sisterhood across the New Zealand feminist movement.
- Second year Toihoukura student Nathaniel Nathan earns an honourable mention in the Kiingi Tuheitia Portraiture Awards.

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## Motorcyclist seriously hurt in crash at Tolaga Bay

A FEMALE motorcyclist was seriously injured yesterday afternoon in a collision on the outskirts of Tolaga Bay at the Cook Street corner with Forster Street by the rugby grounds.

Emergency services were called out at around 3.40pm.

The woman was flown to Gisborne Hospital by the Trust Tairāwhiti Rescue Helicopter.

"The woman had suffered moderate to serious injuries and was Status 2 when we picked her up," a chopper spokeswoman said.

The Tolaga Bay volunteer fire brigade and First Responders attended, along with St John Ambulance from Gisborne and police.

Fire and Emergency NZ in Gisborne was also called out but was recalled.

The woman was treated in the emergency department and then admitted.

The hospital this morning reported the 56-year-old was in a stable condition.

\* JUST as the chopper lifted off from the crash scene the St John ambulance road crew who attended were called to the nearby rugby ground where a teenage player had been injured in a match.

"He suffered a broken leg," an ambulance spokesman said. "The teen was stabilised by the crew and taken to Gisborne Hospital."

## Contingencies in place if nurses' strike goes ahead

HEALTH Board nurses have until Monday to consider a new pay offer but Hauora Tairāwhiti is prepared if a strike goes ahead the following day.

Nurses, nurse practitioners and healthcare assistants who are members of the New Zealand Nurses Organisation (NZNO) are scheduled to strike on June 9 between 11am and 7pm after rejecting a 1.4 percent wage increase offer from the country's health boards.

Chief executive Jim Green told board members that Hauora Tairāwhiti had sought life and limb preserving services through the union.

That would provide for minimum cover in critical areas of hospital operations during the strike.

The request was not for routine care but designed by law to reduce the chance of harm to people during the strike period.

"As a health board, we have the responsibility as always to ensure safe care for people," Mr Green said.

That is done by —

- Contingency planning.
- Reducing the load on hospital services.
- Cancellation of planned care where this would impact the strike period.
- Co-ordinating non-striking staff and volunteers.
- Linking to regional and national contingency planning.
- Negotiation and agreement on a Life Preserving Services plan.
- Active management of the strike period, including readiness to set up an emergency operations centre should it be required.

"The intention is that with our planning and the agreed support through the Life Preserving Services agreement with NZNO, the safety of patients and staff will be assured, said Mr Green.

"If there are disputes in relation to development of the plan, or on the day, the Chief Medical Officer is the agreed adjudicator and as such is not directly involved in planning."

# Opportunity to create a first for NZ

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Committee chairman Andy Cranston objected to that part of the report which said that possible factors contributing to dune deterioration included "technological advances in wetsuits leading to increased winter surfing and therefore increased winter vehicle access when the dunes are damp and more vulnerable to damage".

Cr Cranston, a keen surfer, said there was no evidence for the claim.

No other beach users had been identified "except my tribe," he said to the laughter of others at the meeting.

Cr Larry Foster, another surfing enthusiast, said a minority group of predominantly speeding motorbike riders were causing the problem.

There were three surf breaks of national

significance at the beach.

There was an ideal opportunity to create a New Zealand first with a surfing reserve complete with environmental protection.

Cr Terry Sheldrake, referring to that part of the report which said only police could carry out enforcement action against moving vehicles said "no offence to the police, they're probably not going to be there".

Cr Kerry Worsnop suggested the 20kmh speed limit be reduced to 10kmh as it would be easier to tell if someone was exceeding the limit.

Council community lifelines director David Wilson said people were turning Makorori into "their playground" by driving through the dunes.

Bollards would also help resolve the issue of people dumping rubbish in the

area. The beach had more access ways than there needed to be.

Mr Wilson said he was not referring to access-ways to the surf breaks.

New ones had been rutted out deliberately. Those areas, at night, were the location of anti-social behaviour.

Cr Seymour said bollards installed at Wainui had successfully protected those dunes.

The surfing reserve had not been suggested in the Long Term Plan but the idea "could be picked up" as Makorori was a fabulous beach.

The aim was to prevent degradation of the dunes, which was increasing.

There were 14 new access-ways which did not exist a couple of years before, she said.

They were continually being made.



**HISTORY-MAKING:** Tanetoa Parata goes over for Ngati Porou East Coast's second try in their Ranfurly Shield match against Waikato at Ruatoria in 2013. The Coast lost 63-10 but their two tries — the first of those to Brent "Cowboy" Ingram — were the first tries scored by a Coast team in a Shield challenge. The Coast have been confirmed as Shield challengers for current holders Hawke's Bay at Napier's McLean Park on July 24. Herald file picture

# July Shield challenge caps Coast's 100th

RUGBY by Jack Malcolm

NGATI Porou East Coast Rugby Union's centenary celebrations have been enhanced with confirmation they will challenge Hawke's Bay for the coveted Ranfurly Shield in July.

"We're absolutely excited to have a Ranfurly Shield challenge as part of our centenary year calendar," Coast chief executive Cushla Tangaere-Manuel said.

The union is counting down to a massive Queen's Birthday Weekend on which its 100th anniversary will be officially marked, including the Coast's annual derby against Poverty Bay at Whakarua Park in Ruatoria on Saturday.

The Shield challenge is the first time the Coast has played for the "Log o' Wood" since their 2013 attempt against Waikato when they lost 63-10 at Ruatoria.

Scheduled to take place at McLean Park on July 24, it will be NPEC's eighth attempt to win the Shield.

"This is of great significance to Ngati Porou whanui and we look forward to visiting Ngati Kahungunu and packing out McLean Park," said Tangaere-Manuel.

"It's great for our players to have the

opportunity, especially with coach Hosea Gear on the ground with us after Covid hindered his travel plans last year."

Former All Black and Poverty Bay player Gear had to coach the NPEC side from afar last year as he was not able to return to the country under Covid-19 restrictions.

The possibility of a shield challenge was first discussed when he got the job of head coach in 2019 but it still didn't feel like a reality," he said.

"I haven't had a chance to let it process yet, with all my attention and energy going into this weekend (against Poverty Bay)."

Hawke's Bay union chief executive Jay Campbell said they were excited to be able to be part of the centenary celebrations and were looking forward to hosting the Coast.

"The Ranfurly Shield brings out loads of support. It is the pinnacle of New Zealand rugby trophies. I have no doubt the Ngati Porou faithful will come down in droves.

"I was living in London in 2001 when Hawke's Bay hosted the Coast in that epic final but plenty of my mates have told me the atmosphere was up there with a test match, and knowing how

passionate Ngati Porou are, it will no doubt be similar."

The epic match Campbell was referring to was the 2001 National Provincial Championship (NPC) second division final between the Coast and Hawke's Bay's Magpies at McLean Park.

Coast fans filled the ground, outnumbering the locals, and watched as their team scored five tries to two but lost 30-27 in a titanic battle.

It is expected such an atmosphere will be recreated in July although that will also depend on Hawke's Bay getting past their first Shield challengers of the year — North Otago on June 30.

Hawke's Bay are competing in the national championship Premiership division this year after being promoted from the Championship division in 2020.

The Coast have played 29 games against Hawke's Bay and have won just once since they first met in 1932 — 16-8 in Napier.

Before 2006 both teams were in the NPC and played regularly but it has been 16 years since they last faced off, the Coast losing heavily, 79-0.

Last year the Coast played the Hawke's Bay Development squad and lost 85-24.

**FAMILY NOTICES**

**Deaths**

**Deaths**

**BROWN, Edith (Edie).** — 2.3.1930 - 29.5.2021. Passed away peacefully, at Beetham Healthcare, in her 92nd year. Beloved daughter of Emily and George Brown; and Sister Ethel Brown. Beloved 'Family member' of the Prosser and Lewis families; the Henry, Seymour, Keane, Jobson, Holden, Faulkner, Lewis and Williams Families. Mascot of the Gisborne Tatapouri Fishing Club, Life Member of the Poverty Bay Hunt Club and Polo Association. Our pocket rocket was dearly loved. A battler and a great friend to many. A woman who spoke her mind with integrity and humour. Off some- where hunting with the hounds. A true woman of the land and lover of horses.

Our sincerest thanks to the staff of Beetham Healthcare, especially to Diane, Sarah, Whaiora, Lynn, and all the staff who cared personally for her with love, and understanding. Thank you Edie for enriching our lives with your love and stories. Now safely in the arms of her Mum, her Dad she had never met, and her sisters and brothers.

As per her wishes, a private memorial will be held. All messages C/o PO Box 877 Gisborne 4040.

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**Unveilings**

**CHRISTOPHER MCROBERTS**

The whanau of Chris would like to invite family and friends to the unveiling of his headstone on:

**MONDAY, 7 June, 2021**

at Taruheru Cemetery - 1.30pm -

Nau mai Haere mai

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**SMITH, Gordon Roger.** — Died peacefully, at Arthur Rank Hospice, in Cambridge, England, on 20th May 2021, aged 58 years. Dearly loved and loving husband of Jacqueline, and proud Dad of Abigail and Lachlan. Very much-loved youngest brother, brother-in-law and uncle of Clare and Mike Ravenscroft (Te Awamutu), Wendy and Gordon Webb, Fraser and Brenda (Sydney), Juliet and Chris Hargreaves (England), and Doone Parkinson (Brisbane), and their families. Loved youngest son of the late Lin and Norah Smith. *How fortunate we are to have had him in our lives. How hard it is to lose him.*

**Bereavements**

**WEATHERLEY, Tony**

Dorothy, Debra, Jan and Kevin, and their families, wish to thank the many people who sent flowers, cards, food and messages at the very sad time of Tony's passing. Tony was a very loved member of our family and we miss him very much. Thank you everyone for your support which was very much appreciated by us all.

**COWLEY, Shirley Laurisson**

We, the family of the late Shirley Cowley, would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards, dropped off food or called in to see us.

A special thank you to Mum's Gisborne Christian Fellowship Church, Hospice Tairāwhiti, and the hospital wing at Kiri Te Kanawa.

Please accept this as a personal acknowledgement as many addresses are unknown.

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**PRACTICE RUN:** East Coast Company soldiers of the 5/7 Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment before heading off to the area of operation, about 7km up the Frasertown Road, to set up a night camp. NZDF picture

# Military exercises for drivers, reserve force

GISBORNE and Wairoa last weekend hosted two military exercises.

East Coast Company of the 5/7 Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment carried out a three-day military training exercise at several locations near the Wairoa racecourse.

The Army Reserve Force (ResF) soldiers, formerly known as the Territorial Force (TF)

soldiers, covered Crarer, Picketts farms and the Wairoa Racecourse for their training.

That involved moving troops on foot and in vehicles and the use of blank firing and pyrotechnics by day and night.

The New Zealand Army also conducted the New Zealand Light Armoured Vehicle (NZLAV) Drivers Course in the Gisborne region.

"The course assesses a student's ability to safely operate the vehicle in off-road environments and on New Zealand roads," a NZDF spokesman said.

"Sixteen personnel and four NZLAVs were involved, before returning to the New Zealand Army Combat School, Mounted Operations Wing, based at Linton Camp.

# 'You didn't say no'

A WOMAN has told a jury why as a young teen 40 years ago she chose to go on the run with her older cousin — someone she now claims was raping her.

The pair's 14-day escapade made national headlines as it unfolded in 1982 and ended like a scene from the movie Bonnie and Clyde, with the girl trying unsuccessfully to shoot an advancing Armed Offender Squad officer.

While on the run, her 28-year-old cousin — a Mongrel Mob affiliate just out of jail — committed numerous offences between here and Opotiki, including burglaries of properties where they slept overnight, and an aggravated robbery.

During the robbery, the girl held a kitchen knife over a home owner as her cousin assaulted and tied him up with a transistor radio cord. She was left alone to guard their victim as her cousin went outside to ready the victim's car for them to steal away in.

Another day, a homeowner in the Waioeka Gorge cooked them lunch, later telling police she got the impression they were a couple.

At Whakatane, the man asked his brother there to drive the girl back to Gisborne but she jumped out of the moving vehicle to remain with him.

By the time they were arrested, they both had guns.

The man, now 67, is on trial in Gisborne District Court this week for five charges of rape resulting from a complaint the woman made in 2018 about sexual activity he had with her all those years ago.

For legal reasons, the charges the man faces do not cover the pair's time on the run. The man served five years in jail for offences he committed during that time, including a charge of abduction laid at the girl's parents' insistence.

But he was never charged for any sexual offending against her.

The girl confirmed to police at the time there had been sexual activity between them but the nature of it was never investigated.

These charges relate only to the fortnight ahead of her decision to go with him, when the man had been living rough in a derelict building on a hill above her family's farmhouse.

Her parents were unaware of their daughter's association with him but considered he was a bad influence on their children generally so told him to leave.

On day one of the trial, Crown prosecutor Michael Blaschke and defence counsel Adam Simperingham each told the jury the law to apply in the case must be as it stood for rape in 1982. It has since changed considerably, including around the issue of consent.

Mr Simperingham said his client admitted having sex with the girl but honestly believed she was consenting.

These days the defence to a charge of rape is a belief held on reasonable grounds, Mr Simperingham said. Had his client been charged back then for sex with a girl under 16, he would have pleaded guilty.

That charge has a 12-month statute of limitations, which has long since expired.

In cross-examination yesterday, Mr Simperingham put it to the woman her decision to go with the man, her conduct while on the run with him, and her failure to take any chance to get away, did not accord with her allegations he had been raping her.

Mr Simperingham suggested the man's gang lifestyle appealed to her as a young girl, that she saw him as "cool", drank alcohol with him, kissed, and was regularly having consensual sex with him at the farm. She liked it when he told her he loved her.

She regarded him as her boyfriend — something Mr Simperingham noted she did not tell police when she was interviewed about her rape complaint in 2018.

She chose to run away with him, sneaking out of her bed that night to be with him — as she had been doing regularly, Mr Simperingham suggested.

The woman agreed she regarded the man as her boyfriend but said she never had a choice. It was a situation thrust on her at the man's behest. She denied his gang lifestyle had any appeal for her and disagreed the sex was consensual. It was painful and despite her verbal objection, the man would do it anyway. After about the fourth incident she stopped objecting — there was no point.

"It didn't matter if I said no . . . it

was always the opposite. If I said no, it meant yes apparently, (and) if I say yes it means yes," she said.

She and her siblings were raised to do as older people said without question. They were forbidden to dabble in certain things and threatened with repercussions, which also made it impossible to reveal what was being done to her, the woman said.

"We weren't allowed to do that sort of thing — we had to listen to the older ones, all our older cousins, all our aunts and uncles — we had to listen. You didn't question them, you didn't even tell tales because you got your mouth slapped . . . I mean what was I supposed to do? We grew up with that, he's older than me and I had to listen. In my head that's what was going on, you listen, you didn't say no, you didn't say anything. If they told you to jump you didn't even ask them how high, you just jumped or they told you to jump higher."

At that stage of her life she did not know what rape was or that having sex at a young age was wrong, the woman said.

She confirmed for Mr Simperingham she saw the accused at a party soon after his release from prison in about 1987 and told him of newspaper coverage in which they were described as Bonnie and Clyde.

The Crown case ended yesterday with an evidential DVD interview of the defendant, who is prisoner serving a sentence of preventive detention for sexual offending against four young relatives between 1987 and 2002.

During the interview, the man said he was wrongly convicted of those offences, which he believed resulted from a family vendetta against him. He had just been offered a rehabilitation course for sexual offenders but said he would not do it because he says he is not guilty. These rape claims were also maliciously motivated, he said.

The woman said she made her complaint because she could no longer live with the memories, which were affecting her family life, and because she feared the man might offend again.

Mr Simperingham has signalled the defence will call witnesses.

Judge Warren Cathcart is presiding.

# Students pick up skills to drive safely

by Jack Marshall

MORE than 200 Tairāwhiti students have been steered towards safe driving practices through Road Safety Education's RYDA programme.

RYDA is a youth road safety course aimed at 16 to 17-year-olds.

The programme, which comprises six sessions, teaches students the skills to be safe on the road and how to react when conditions change.

The Tairāwhiti programme was held at the House of Breakthrough carpark.

Students watched as a McInnes Driver Training professional demonstrated what happens when someone slams on the brakes at high speed.

The students also broke into smaller groups for workshops.

"It's about making young drivers learn how to make smart decisions," Gisborne Girls' High School head of careers Jo Graham said.

"Getting behind the wheel as a young driver or being a passenger with a novice driver is said to be one of the most dangerous things a person will do," Road Safety Education programme coordinator Natalie Alabaster said.

"Male drivers in the 15-to-19-years age group are approximately eight times more likely to crash than male drivers in the lowest risk age group of 55-to-59.

"Female drivers aged 15-to-19 are about six times more likely to crash than female drivers in the lowest risk group of 45-to-49-year-olds."

Every year crashes in which 15-to-24-year-old drivers are primarily responsible have a total social cost of around \$1 billion, Ms Alabaster said.

"This is 25 percent of the social cost associated with all injury crashes."

This is why programmes like this were essential, she said.

"Enabling young people to take part in RYDA is a critical tool to help reduce these statistics, which have a flow-on effect to all parts of our community and sets these students up with good strategies and habits at the start of their driving journey."

"When students come to RYDA they often go home and share some of what they learned with their whānau, so the benefits also extend beyond those who were at the workshop."

Students from Gisborne Girls' High School, Matapuna Training Centre and Ngata Memorial College in Ruatoria attended the course.

Road Safety Education is a national charity funded by national businesses and locally supported by The Rotary Club of Gisborne, Trust Tairāwhiti, Eastern and Central Community Trust and Gisborne District Council.



**SPEED KILLS:** Driver trainer Jo Leeper demonstrated the dangers cars travelling at speed can pose, as part of a safe driving practice course. Students were surprised at how long it takes to stop when braking at 60kmh. Here, the dummy goes flying with the impact.



**CAR SAFETY:** Girls' High Year 13 student Jazmin Luafalealo learns how to check the tread on a tyre, under the watchful eye of Road Safety Education facilitator Graeme Newman (left), Girls' High student Joanne Maynard and driver trainer Jo Leeper

Pictures by Liam Clayton

## DISTRICT COURT NEWS

THE prospect of becoming homeless with a child near the end of last year's Covid-19 lockdown proved too much for a man who assaulted his partner, Gisborne District Court was told.

Timothy James Gemmell, 37, mechanic, pleaded guilty to assault on a person in a family relationship, admitting he punched the victim once in the face during an argument on July 17.

She was holding their young child at the time.

The woman suffered bruising and swelling to an eye and the side of her face.

Judge Warren Cathcart imposed 140 hours community work. He accepted there were a number of mitigating features including pressure Gemmell was under at the time of the incident, as described in counsel Manaaki Terekia's submissions.

The judge also accepted the assault was at the lower end for the charge. Gemmell had since done all he could to right the wrong by attending restorative justice and repeatedly apologising.

A protection order had been issued in the victim's favour.

The judge noted the couple were still together and had moved forward in their relationship.

A MAN was sentenced for three drink-driving offences, including one in which he drove into a road sign and rear-ended another vehicle.

Peneti Pona, 28, was sentenced to six months community detention (curfew 7pm – 5.30am) and nine months supervision.

He was indefinitely disqualified from

driving and will be subject to zero-alcohol licence provisions.

A letter will be sent to the registered owner of the vehicle he used warning it could be confiscated if Pona used it for any reoffence.

Two of the charges were for third or subsequent excess breath-alcohol offences. The other was for refusing to give a blood specimen.

Counsel Mark Sceats said family and relationship issues, along with loss of employment contributed to the offending.

The first offence was at about 12.30am on February 15 last year. Pona was stopped due to the way he was driving and returned a breath-alcohol reading of 729 micrograms.

He was stopped again on April 10 last year, and returned a reading of 739 micrograms.

The third offence was at about 5.45pm on December 19. Police received reports of Pona having crashed into a road sign at the Gladstone Road-Stanley Road roundabout.

He continued on through town and rear-ended a vehicle in London Street, damaging its tow bar. Pona left the scene but returned about 10 minutes later to find police photographing his car. He opted for a blood test but then refused to submit to it.

The sentence starting point was 16 months imprisonment. There was full discount (four months) for Pona's early guilty plea and a further two months discount for positive steps Pona had since taken to address the underlying causes of the offending.

The resulting 10 month prison term was converted to the one imposed.

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# 'GROUNDLESS ACCUSATIONS'

## China slams New Zealand and Australia's 'gross interference'

by Jane Patterson, RNZ

WELLINGTON — China has aimed its sights at Australia and New Zealand, accusing both countries' prime ministers of making "groundless accusations" and "grossly interfering in its internal affairs".

It has urged Jacinda Ardern and Scott Morrison to "stop making irresponsible remarks and act in ways that are conducive to bilateral relations and regional peace and stability."

Ardern and Morrison met in Queenstown for the annual transtasman leaders' dialogue, culminating in a strong united front, including on China, which was laid out in a joint statement and reinforced in their comments to the media.

"New Zealand and Australia stand together in facing a challenging global environment", the introduction to the section titled 'Indo-Pacific and Global security' reads in their joint statement.

They "reiterated their shared commitment to supporting an Indo-Pacific region of sovereign, resilient and prosperous states, with robust regional institutions and strong respect for international rules and norms, and where sovereign states can pursue their interests free from coercion".

Australia and New Zealand "committed to continue their close coordination and cooperation, as allies and partners, on current and emerging economic, security and environmental challenges in the Indo-Pacific region".

They directly referred to a number of live issues, expressing concern ranging from the South China Sea to the Uyghur people in Xinjiang.

■ On the South China Sea: "Serious concern over developments . . . including the continued militarisation of disputed features and an intensification of destabilising activities at sea."

■ On Hong Kong: "Deep concern over developments that limit the rights and freedoms of the people of Hong Kong and undermine the high degree of autonomy China guaranteed Hong Kong until 2047 under the Sino-British Joint Declaration."

■ On the Uyghur minority: "Grave concerns about the human rights situation in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region."

**TOLD TO STOP INTERFERING IN CHINA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS:** Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison pose together in Queenstown, before their annual transtasman leaders' dialogue. The dialogue culminated in a strong, united front — including on China.

AFP picture



Ardern and Morrison have called "upon China to respect the human rights of the Uyghur people and other Muslim minorities and to grant the United Nations and other independent observers meaningful and unfettered access to the region".

Speaking to the media after their formal talks on Monday, Ardern and Morrison pushed back on accusations that the relationship had been compromised by New Zealand's position on China. Both argued they had taken a principled stand and were willing to call China out when each deemed fit — regardless of any trade or economic consequences.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said China had "taken note of and is deeply concerned over the statement".

"The leaders of Australia and New Zealand have made irresponsible remarks on China's internal affairs relating to Hong Kong and Xinjiang, as well as the South China Sea issue," Wang said.

"At present, the situation in the South China Sea is generally stable.

"China firmly upholds its territorial sovereignty and maritime rights and interests.

"At the same time, China is willing to properly handle maritime differences with relevant countries through consultation and negotiation to jointly safeguard peace and tranquility in the region.

"There is never any problem with the freedom of navigation

and overflight in the South China Sea. We firmly oppose any groundless accusations against China under the pretext of the South China Sea issue."

China would not "waiver in its resolve and will reject any external interference in China's internal affairs, including on Hong Kong and the Uyghurs.

"Xinjiang-related issues are about counter-violence, anti-separatism and de-radicalisation, rather than human rights, ethnicity or religion . . . the rights and interests of people of all ethnic groups, including the Uyghurs, have been fully protected," Wang said.

The joint statement was littered with references to transtasman solidarity within the volatile global setting.

In pursuit of an "Indo-Pacific region . . . where sovereign states can pursue their interests free from coercion", New Zealand and Australia were committed to "continuing their close coordination and cooperation, as allies and partners, on current and emerging economic, security and environmental challenges".

They "agreed to continue working collaboratively, bilaterally and with our partners in the Indo-Pacific region, to uphold sovereignty in an era of increasing strategic competition".

Morrison had referred directly to this "strategic competition" in response to questions from reporters over the power battle between China and the US.

"That is a self-evident fact — but I would say that our shared view would be that such strategic

competition doesn't need to lead to an increased likelihood of conflict, or other pressures, whether they be coercion of any nature or interference. That is not necessary."

Of course the world was uncertain, with "risks of conflict and tension", Morrison said.

"Our efforts are designed to mitigate that, to calibrate against that, and to ensure that we're working together for a more peaceful Indo-Pacific (region).

The two countries acknowledged the "realities of strategic competition", but did "not accept as any foregone conclusion where that competition may lead to", Morrison said.

He had been asked about the prospect of armed conflict with China in light of recent comments from Australia's Defence Minister Peter Dutton.

There were "many . . . who try to divide Australia and New Zealand, all over the place . . . they will not succeed," Morrison declared, without naming names.

"The ANZUS arrangements are fairly clear" was his response when asked if he would expect New Zealand to back its traditional ally if it came to a military showdown with China.

In turn, Wang said Australia and New Zealand should be "conducive to peace and stability in the Asia Pacific, instead of targeting or damaging the interests of third parties, and much less forming an enclosed small clique with ideology as the yardstick".

"It's not justifiable for relevant

countries to say and do wrong things on issues bearing on the sovereignty and security of a third country, or interfere in its internal affairs under the guise of human rights.

"We once again urge relevant parties to stop making irresponsible remarks and to act in ways that are conducive to bilateral relations and regional peace and stability, rather than the opposite," he said.

It was not all sweetness and light from the two prime ministers on all matters, however. Frustrations flared when the topic of 501 deportations came up.

Both prime ministers were also robustly questioned about cracks — real or imagined — in their relationship.

And Ardern visibly bristled at this question from an Australian journalist: "Are you concerned that New Zealand relies too heavily on Australia and others for defence and intelligence sharing, and is that why you appear to be cosying up to China?"

"If I had the ability, I would ask for some examples or evidence of the claim that you've made," was the curt response.

"But you've already heard me speak directly and strongly to refute the assertion that we are doing anything other than maintaining a very principled position on human rights issues (and) on trade issues as they relate to China."

Ardern pointed out there was "very little difference in many of the messages that we've been sending relative to Australia", rejecting "any suggestion that we don't carry and deliver on our behalf and towards the international community".

"In my very strong view, we carry responsibility for ourselves to ensure adequate investment in our defence forces, and equally that we carry our weight as a member of the intelligence security community".

Morrison said he shared Ardern's view.

"We each have different jobs to do and we do each have different capabilities that we bring (to our jobs). It's our job as prime ministers to ensure that comes together . . . for the security of our own nations, our own national interests, but also in the broader family role that we have across the Pacific."

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## Nat MPs 'unaware' of Nick Smith's altercation until earlier this week

by Katie Scotcher, RNZ

WELLINGTON — National Party MPs were yesterday denying any prior knowledge of the "verbal altercation" outgoing MP Nick Smith is under investigation for.

Smith will leave Parliament next week after 30 years, citing the loss of the Nelson seat at the election and an ongoing inquiry into an employment matter.

When announcing his sudden resignation on Monday night, Smith said a Parliamentary Service investigation into the incident that happened in his Wellington office last July was still ongoing.

Smith said he regretted the incident and had apologised, but

the best course of action was for him to resign.

National Party deputy leader Shane Reti said he did not know about the incident and only learned of the investigation yesterday.

"I was surprised. And then I pondered it for a moment . . . and then I got on with my work."

Reti said he had spoken to Smith since he had announced his resignation, but refused to say what was discussed.

He also refused to respond to questions about the "verbal altercation" and the Parliamentary Services inquiry.

He did, however, say he was confident the National Party did not have a bullying problem.

Reti said Smith would not be at Parliament this week, and it was not clear if Smith would return at all.

National Party leader Judith Collins was also not at Parliament yesterday because she was attending her son's graduation.

National Party president Peter Goodfellow said he too did not know anything about the spat and that Smith had not informed the party of the Parliamentary Services investigation. Goodfellow denied party candidates had not been vetted properly before standing in the 2020 election, saying "we certainly did (vet them)."

National Party chief whip Matt Doocey was the only MP who did know about the inquiry before it

was made public, but could not say when he found out.

He also could not offer an explanation as to why Smith was allowed to stand in the election.

"I was aware he was going through an issue with Parliamentary Services and it was up to Parliamentary Services to respond. We have a member of Parliament who's owned his behaviour and I acknowledge that."

The behaviour was "100 percent a once-off" and no other National MPs were currently under investigation, Doocey said.

"We expect a high level of professional, respectful and healthy and productive relationships between MPs and staff."

# Mahuta brushes off China's response

by Zane Small, Newshub.

WELLINGTON — Foreign Minister Nanaia Mahuta is brushing off China's angry response to a joint statement of concerns by Australia and New Zealand, describing it as "predictable".

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and her Australian counterpart Scott Morrison released a joint statement on Monday after the annual Australia-New Zealand leaders' meeting which took place in Queenstown.

The joint statement outlined both countries' concerns about alleged human rights abuses inflicted on Uyghur Muslims in China's Xinjiang region, as well as deteriorating democratic rights in Hong Kong and China's growing influence in the South China Sea.

**It is not the first time China has pressed New Zealand to mind its own business.**

China's foreign affairs spokesperson Wang Wenbin was asked about the statement in his regular press conference and responded by expressing "deep concern" about the "irresponsible remarks" by Ardern and Morrison.



New Zealand's Foreign Minister, Nanaia Mahuta. File picture

"The leaders of Australia and New Zealand, with irresponsible remarks on China's internal affairs relating to Hong Kong and Xinjiang as well as the South China Sea issue, have made groundless accusations against China, grossly interfered in China's internal affairs and seriously violated the international law and basic norms governing international relations," he said.

"China opposes this." Mahuta brushed off China's angry response yesterday as "predictable".

"Let's be very clear, the joint statement by both prime ministers have continued to reiterate



**CHINA STRIKES BACK:** China's Foreign Ministry spokesperson, Wang Wenbin, gestures during a daily media briefing, held at the Foreign Ministry in Beijing on July 22, 2020. AP file picture

the issues that China is well aware of where we do not agree on Hong Kong and Xinjiang. These joint statements are very predictable and consistent with what we've already said."

It's not the first time China has pressed New Zealand to mind its own business.

Parliament last month declared "severe human rights abuses" were occurring in Xinjiang. Despite the declaration being watered down with the word "genocide" removed, China reacted to it angrily, warning it would "harm mutual trust".

Ardern said that response was "not unexpected". Morrison's visit came

amid allegations New Zealand had gone soft on China at the expense of its relationship with Australia and the rest of the Five Eyes spy group, which also includes Canada, the US and Britain.

Mahuta said earlier this year that New Zealand was "uncomfortable" with expanding the purpose of the Five Eyes beyond intelligence sharing, which led to speculation of reluctance to criticise China — due to New Zealand's heavy reliance on it for trade.

Chinese state mouthpiece, the Global Times, has praised New Zealand for taking a "responsible" stance on China.

# More Nat turmoil

Party candidate Jake Bezzant quits following explosive claims

by Derek Cheng, The New Zealand Herald



Jake Bezzant  
Picture supplied

WELLINGTON — National candidate Jake Bezzant has parted ways with the political party following explosive claims that he impersonated his ex-partner online, shared explicit photos of her and even pretended to be her during cyber sex.

Bezzant's former partner, Tarryn Flintoft, with whom he has a son, has gone public with the claims in an hour-long podcast, which was shared online this week.

Meanwhile, Bezzant, who unsuccessfully ran for the Upper Harbour seat in the last election, has told The New Zealand Herald that there is no truth to the accusations.

The National Party touted Bezzant as a promising part of its intake of fresh talent in 2019.

"We were first made aware of the podcast, and the allegations and behaviour it mentions, late this morning," a party spokesman told The New Zealand Herald last night.

"We looked into the matter, and Mr Bezzant is no longer a member of the National Party."

Flintoft said she recorded the podcast after discovering that Bezzant was still allegedly impersonating her online, even though they had broken up a year ago and they had not been in contact for months.

"He used to impersonate me online . . . would make Snapchat and dating sites and things and would engage in online sex as me, and would send nude images and videos of me," Tarryn said in the podcast.

"That's humiliating for me. I was so embarrassed. I was so upset that someone had even seen me intimately in that way (without my consent)." She said they had been

intimate with each other via Snapchat while she was in New Zealand and he was in the US.

"When he was in the states, I got a message from this guy I knew who said: 'I think there's a fake Snapchat going round about you . . . somebody's messaging me, and I can tell it's you in the images, and the username was you but I just don't think it's you.'

"He explained to me the content, and I knew exactly what it was, when it was from, that Jake was the only person who had it."

The Herald has seen screenshots of a Facebook conversation where Bezzant says, about Flintoft, that "we had each others snaps the last few days".

Flintoft said she had also received a message from a different person she knew.

"He said he had fully engaged in cyber-sex with him (Bezzant) thinking it was me. Again, so embarrassing for me. Just humiliating."

She said she moved to the US to be with him, but claims she felt emotionally abused and financially dependent on him.

Flintoft said she believed it was a pattern of behaviour that Bezzant had used with other former girlfriends.

Bezzant tendered his resignation to the party last night.

# Foon calls for cameras on cops

by Julia Gabel, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — Race Relations Commissioner Meng Foon has called for body cameras to be worn by police to help address unconscious and racial bias. In an opinion piece published in The New Zealand Herald today, Foon said police had conceded that systemic racism existed in the force and body cameras "could be an integral tool" with dealing with the risks associated with bias and racial profiling.

Maori legal expert Moana Jackson said body cameras could be a "partial technological block on overt racism", but warned they would not address the underlying causes.

The Police Association offered its tacit support, saying it was a matter of "when" not "if" cameras would be introduced.

Foon referenced three risk areas in policing when it came to bias: who was stopped or spoken to; how force was used; and how prosecutions were sought.

"Body cameras could be an integral tool in dealing with these risk areas," he wrote.

Cameras could offer context

to problematic interactions and be used as evidence in legal cases.

"Whatever point Aotearoa would sit on (regarding) the spectrum of body camera use is up to the respective authorities, including the Human Rights Commission, but it does seem to me that a record of interaction could either expose misconduct or quash false allegations," Foon wrote.

Police Association president Chris Cahill said if body cameras shed more light on how police operated, then "I don't think there is anything to fear about that".

"It (officers wearing them and recording what they do on a daily basis) will generally show the public a truer picture than videos recorded on phones that don't necessarily cover the whole event."

Any introduction of cameras would have to balance legal and privacy considerations, including how the footage could be used and whether it depicted children.

Police Commissioner Andrew



Race Relations Commissioner, Meng Foon.

Coster conceded unconscious bias still existed within the force.

"All humans have unconscious bias — and we (the police) are no exception to that."

Jackson said it would be wrong to assume that body cameras were the solution. "The police officers who were involved in the killing of George Floyd in America all had body cameras, so it doesn't necessarily guarantee a shift in those substantive attitudes."

Police Minister Poto Williams said cameras were an operational matter for police and their implementation would require consideration around data use and storage. "Police have taken a number of steps to identify and reflect what modern day policing in New Zealand should be."

That included investigating whether bias existed in police, reviewing policy on photographing individuals, ensuring leadership teams undertook unconscious bias training and accepting recommendations from their Francis Review.

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# Farmers begin stocktake of land damage

by Katie Todd, RNZ

ASHBURTON — Farmers near burst stopbanks in Mid Canterbury are beginning to find out the “devastating” costs of the hugely damaging floods.

Receding floodwaters have revealed piled up debris, damage to farm roads and fences, and waterlogged winter feed, buildings and machinery.

Among the worst hit is the Rooney family, who watched the Ashburton River carve a new path right through their Methven Highway dairy farm where five generations have lived and worked.

They made a last-minute escape from their house when stopbanks burst, swamping the property.

Philly Rooney said the floodwaters had taken “basically everything”, so even calculating the damage was a daunting task.

“The winter feed is all gone. The straw is all ruined. The fences are gone. I’m not sure if we have lost any cows or not,” she said.

“It’s just a huge amount of damage. Its going to be a huge clean-up of branches, mud, everything. It’s terrible.”

Until yesterday afternoon, when a friend flew them home by helicopter, the Rooneys didn’t know if their house near the river had been flooded or if their dog had survived.

They have confirmed their belongings and the dog are OK, but discovered the house is damp and “messy”.

Meanwhile half the farm remains underwater, and Laurence Rooney can only get part of the way across in his tractor.

He discovered flooding in his beer shed and damage to his workshop, while an outdoor play area is now covered in stones carried more than a hundred metres from the riverbed.

Before the clean-up can begin, Philly Rooney said their priority was getting 200 cows and a number of bulls to safety on leased land up the road as soon as the floodwaters allow.

“Our heifers, as soon as we can walk them, will go to a neighbour’s property. And we’ve got some jersey bulls that a guy has said he will take for us, so that’s handy.”

Down the road, at another point where the river breached the stopbank, is a farm owned by Laurence’s brother Henry Rooney.

His house survived, but more than 80 per cent of his farm has been under water too.

It means silage is ruined, roads and driveways and fences around the farm need replacing, and he has also started moving stock to leased land up the road.

“We’ve got to let the water get away first, and while it’s doing that I’ll be talking to my farm advisor and insurance broker and setting out the main plan for what we’re going to do,” he said.

Henry Rooney expected it would take at least a week for all the water to clear off his farm.

He said one positive was the warmth and support from neighbours and the wider Mid Canterbury community.

He’s also been heartened by the prompt response from Fonterra and local authorities who have been out assessing damage.

The Government has released an initial \$500,000 in relief funding for affected farmers and growers and say they will assess if more is needed in coming days.



**FLOOD DAMAGE:** The New Zealand Defence Force fly over flood affected areas in Ashburton. Aerial views show flood damage over Canterbury after days of heavy rain brought widespread flooding to the region.

Picture supplied by NZDF

# Destruction revealed

## Clean-up begins after devastating deluge

by Kurt Bayer, NZ Herald

ASHBURTON — The full toll of Canterbury’s hundred-year flood is starting to emerge as the rain yesterday finally stopped and the sun came out.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern was given an NZDF helicopter tour of the “devastating” flooding that damaged bridges, roads, farms, houses and garages, and led to military intervention and hundreds of evacuations.

The State Highway 1 bridge over the swollen Ashburton River — which it was earlier feared could breach its stopbanks — was closed yesterday morning after motorists reported “slumping”.

Its closure cut off the Mid Canterbury

hub town of Ashburton while engineers hurriedly checked the extent of the bridge’s damage.

Ashburton Mayor Neil Brown said it would likely take more than a few days to fix. And it’s been an anxious wait for locals stranded by the bridge’s closure.

Ashburton jeweller Mark Douglas said his daughter was stuck across the river in Tinwald, and her partner was booked in for shoulder surgery in Christchurch tomorrow.

“There’s probably a little bit of disbelief.

“We’re just trying to work on a Plan A and a Plan B,” he said.

After Ardern’s chopper tour, she touched down back in Christchurch to tell

media that the major focus was in getting transport links back up and running.

“It is quite devastating. There is a lot of work to do,” she said, calling the weather event a “one-in-100-year flood”.

“A big clean-up job lies ahead of us.”

Authorities were hopeful an Ashburton detour route would be reopened by last night.

Minister of Agriculture Damien O’Connor said they would “continue to assess whether further support is required as the full extent of the flooding becomes clearer”.

“It’s putting further pressure on farmers who have been battling drought and we’re committed to helping them get through.”

# Climate Commissioner makes big call

by Hamish Cardwell, RNZ

WELLINGTON — Climate Commissioner Rod Carr has told farmers to clean up their practices or risk international punishment.

Dr Carr told hundreds of people — including farmers — at an agricultural climate-change conference in Wellington yesterday that there would be no way for the agricultural sector to wriggle out of slashing emissions.

He said in the past there had been a mindset in the sector that it should get exemptions because it was such an export powerhouse, but New Zealand’s trading partners were increasingly making decisions based on the climate impact of products.

He said foreign regulators would not take kindly to exporters not pulling their weight, and this, combined with the changing preferences of international consumers, posed a much greater threat to business than local regulations.

“The world will hold countries to account,” he warned.

“So, the challenge for New Zealand is . . . what club do we want to be in?”

“Because there’s no doubt there will be rogue nations, but is that the company we want to keep?”

Mr Carr said agriculture made

up about half of New Zealand’s emissions, and this needed to be reduced to meet climate obligations.

He said international customers would go elsewhere, costing the economy billions of dollars in the coming years.

“New Zealand will transfer real wealth to the other nations who have done more, and sooner.

“And, in a way, that’s an accountability regime. You will be transferring wealth in your lifetime for our failure to do as much as we can domestically.”

He said New Zealanders per capita produced about 16 tonnes of emissions a year, compared to just four tonnes in India and China — and China was the world’s manufacturer.

“So if you are an outsider looking at New Zealand, you’d go ‘woah, not only do you emit a lot today, but you’ve really done quite a bit in the past, from which you’ve profited from in the past’.”

He said often those in New Zealand’s agricultural sector argued that they were the most efficient farmers in the world.

“The most efficient at what?” Mr Carr said.

“The most efficient producer of ruminant pastoral meat and milk the way New Zealand does it.

“Well, that’s good, we defined a

class and then we were the best in it. The Americans usually win the prize for that approach to the ‘best of’.”

North Canterbury farmer John Sexton said the changes the commission had suggested — dropping methane 10 per cent by 2030 — did not make financial sense for many farmers, so it would not happen.

“They all talk about sustainability.

“But unless it’s financially sustainable, it won’t happen and we won’t have exports.

“It’s as simple as that.”

He thought many farmers would be forced out of business.

“It’s just not worth it. The days of the one-man-family farm are over.

“It’s just getting too complicated and too expensive to go through all the bureaucracy that comes with it.”

Vern Brasell part-owns a 900-head dairy farm in Wairarapa. He said many farmers had been more sceptical five years ago about climate issues and the changes they might need to make, but the general attitude among farmers had been changing, in his experience.

The Canterbury floods, and droughts elsewhere showed farmers needed to face up to reality, he said.

“I once knew exactly when winter, summer and spring began.



Climate Commissioner Rod Carr

Those seasons now turn up at all sorts of times of the year.”

A change of season was becoming a harder thing to predict.

“People who can adjust to the reality that they are in will do better than those who just think ‘well, it worked in the past’.”

Nicky Hyslop owns a sheep and beef farm in south Canterbury, which is just out of Timaru.

She said there was still a lot of work to do to convince all farmers of the changes they needed to make, and the younger generation would lead the way.

“The younger generation will drag some of us with them — you know, those of us who are a bit more fearful or guarded in terms of what lies ahead. The younger generation will drag us with them.”

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# Clock ticking down to secure America's Cup hosting deal

by Hamish Rutherford, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — The chances of the America's Cup being defended in New Zealand appear to be slipping, with an offer worth about \$100 million from the Government and Auckland Council apparently rejected.

A team of negotiators appointed by the Crown has been trying since March to thrash out a deal with Team New Zealand, which beat Luna Rossa to retain the Auld Mug on March 17.

The final race of the 36th America's Cup kicked off a three-month period of good-faith negotiations, during which Auckland had the first right of refusal to host the next defence. That window ends on June 17.

The joint bid by the Government and Auckland Council is believed to have been worth about \$100 million, made up of a mixture of cash and "in kind" support such as the use of land in Auckland's Viaduct Harbour and other services.

Sources with knowledge of the talks have told The New Zealand Herald that Team NZ informed negotiators in recent days that the bid had been rejected.

Team NZ is said to have wanted a package worth in excess of \$200 million. The board of the syndicate is expected to meet this week to discuss the matter.

While the negotiation period still has more than a fortnight to run, the source believes the Government has indicated

it has tabled its best offer.

Team NZ this year confirmed it was considering whether to take the world's oldest sporting trophy overseas, warning that the foiling monohulls had renewed interest in the event, which could see its talent stripped.

Documents showed Team NZ had appointed agents to seek international bids, where host cities were invited to offer both a "rights/sanction fee" from the host city to the yachting syndicate, as well as to commit to covering the operating costs of the America's Cup match.

In a statement, a spokeswoman for Economic Development Minister Stuart Nash this week declined to say whether the talks were at an end, or whether the Government might submit an improved offer.

"Discussions and negotiations will be commercial-in-confidence and further information is unable to be released," the spokeswoman said.

Auckland Council referred questions to its economic development and events arm, Auckland Unlimited. It declined to discuss the state of negotiations.

Team NZ was approached for comment.

After the Government and Auckland Council announced a \$136m package to defend the America's Cup in 2018, both sides privately acknowledged that to get genuine value for money, Auckland needed to host at least two defences.



**IN NEGOTIATION:** Auckland Council and Government's \$100 million bid to Team New Zealand may not be enough to secure hosting rights to defend the next America's Cup. NZ Herald file picture

## Thief steals vehicle from WOF station

AUCKLAND — A woman is furious her car was stolen from a VTNZ testing station in Auckland after an inspector left it unattended with the keys still inside.

Now, as she faces the ordeal of replacing her \$15,000 Mazda 3 and about \$2000 worth of contents that were inside, she is calling on VTNZ to change its procedures, install security cameras and take responsibility for costs associated with the theft.

VTNZ told The New Zealand Herald the company is looking into the circumstances surrounding the incident and providing support for the 26-year-old West Auckland woman.

Young took her vehicle to the Westgate branch for a warrant of fitness about 2pm on Monday.

After paying for the \$69 WOF she waited inside the reception where she saw the inspector drive her car into the workshop area.

She then moved outside to an area where the cars are dropped off after the inspection.

"I did think to myself, 'this is taking a while' because there was no one else really getting WOFs. I then looked up from my phone and saw my car being driven out the entrance."

Young initially wondered if it was part of the inspection.

When she queried the inspector he said someone was waiting at the end of the workshop and they took it.

The centre doesn't have security cameras so there is no footage of the person who stole the car, which was last seen being driven out of the Pinot Lane entrance and left into Cellar Court towards Fred Taylor Drive.

Young now wants the VTNZ to take responsibility and change procedures so the same thing doesn't happen to anyone else.

While she has insurance there is a \$650 excess and seven-day stand-down period before paying out.

The company has agreed to pay for a rental car but she would like it to also pay for her excess and any missing contents that insurance won't cover. — NZ Herald

# BOOZE-RELATED HARM

## Senior doctor's letter to Government raises the alarm

by Nick Truebridge, RNZ

AUCKLAND — Stretched and struggling to cope — that is the alarming message in a Waitemata District Health Board (DHB) doctor's letter to the Government.

Dr Adrian Kerner's letter to Justice Minister Kris Faafoi, obtained by RNZ's Checkpoint, says Auckland's emergency rooms are overwhelmed by patients showing up with alcohol and drug problems.

It also warns of people in their 20s and 30s who are alcohol-dependent and showing signs of organ damage.

Meanwhile, data provided under the Official Information Act shows the problem is costing the taxpayer hundreds of millions of dollars.

Dr Kerner, a senior doctor and emergency-medicine consultant, was unavailable for this story, but excerpts of his letter to Faafoi bore out just how much of a strain alcohol and drug misuse was having on the health system.

"The emergency departments are already overwhelmed by the volume of attending patients," he wrote.

"Our resources are stretched and we are struggling with the volume of patients who present with alcohol- and drug-related problems, and the associated mental health and other psychosocial problems."

Dr Natalie Anderson is a senior lecturer at The University of Auckland, but she has held on to her other day job as a practising emergency-department nurse.

When it comes to out-of-



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control, alcohol-fuelled scenes in the emergency room, she has pretty much seen it all.

"Having people screaming and yelling and vomiting and urinating and being threatening makes for a really challenging workplace," she told RNZ's Checkpoint.

"I am sometimes spending so much time with people who are vomiting and drunk — and also aggressive — when I know that there are other people who also need my time and aren't getting it because I can only be in one place at a time."

Some patients were waking up so drunk they had no idea how they had been injured the night before and, therefore, they were unable to fill out ACC forms.

"Our departments are at the very limits of managing this kind of complexity and acuity . . . alcohol abuse is really tipping the scales, often so

that we just can't manage to cope," Dr Anderson said.

In his letter, Dr Kerner backed potential changes to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act, such as targeting irresponsible promotions.

"We are seeing many people in their 20s and 30s who are alcohol-dependent with evidence of organ damage."

Data provided by all three Auckland DHBs under the Official Information Act showed that between early 2019 and late 2020, Counties Manukau DHB spent more than \$16.5 million treating more than 5500 people who showed up to its emergency department with alcohol issues.

Waitemata DHB spent \$18.1m treating 3807 people over the same nearly two-year period.

Neither come close to Auckland District Health Board, which spent more

than \$37.5m treating patients presenting with alcohol problems in 2019 alone.

It did not yet have data for 2020.

Health Coalition Aotearoa board member, Dr David Galler, spent 31 years as an intensive care specialist at Middlemore Hospital.

"We have seen people who have been drunk and then tripped and become quadriplegics," he said.

That is not to mention the thousands of alcohol-fuelled falls, car crashes and brawls that have left people in Middlemore's emergency department.

"That is a real problem in some areas where there are a lot of liquor stores," he said.

Dr Galler mentioned South Auckland as an example, but he said there weren't many areas left in New Zealand that did not have some kind of liquor store nearby.

Dr Galler has written his own letter to the Minister of Justice, pointing out that New Zealand was not on track to achieve a World Health Organisation target of a 10 percent relative reduction in the harmful use of alcohol.

He wanted alcohol taxes increased, marketing regulated on platforms like social media and sponsorship of public events banned altogether.

Faafoi's office told Checkpoint the Ministry of Justice had been asked to assess its ability to review the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act.

Cabinet would decide on the scope and timing of alcohol reforms.

# Alleged supermarket stabber's identity still suppressed

by Rob Kidd, Otago Daily Times

DUNEDIN — The man who allegedly stabbed four people in a Dunedin supermarket will continue to keep his identity secret.

The 42-year-old appeared in the High Court at Dunedin yesterday morning facing four charges of attempted murder after allegedly attacking two staff members and a married couple at the Cumberland Street Countdown on May 10.

The victims have since been discharged from hospital.

The defendant attended yesterday's hearing by audio-visual link from prison

and remained silent and impassive throughout.

Counsel John Westgate said he had recently received disclosure from the prosecution and had not yet discussed it with his client.

A psychiatric report was being completed, the court heard.

Justice Cameron Mander allowed continuation of name suppression while that process was undertaken.

That issue will be revisited when the defendant next appears in court later this month.

One of the victims has been confirmed as a Corrections employee while another

is understood to be his partner.

The two remaining victims are Countdown staff members, including the senior manager.

Dallas Wilson, who spent a week in hospital, said he was stabbed four times and was lucky that no vital organs were hit.

The father of two paid tribute to those at the scene who assisted as well as police and medical staff.

Countdown Dunedin Central reopened several days after the attack, following a blessing of the scene.

Security staff have been stationed in the store since.

# Public housing demand

## Councils says more new builds 'not achievable'

by Harry Lock, RNZ

PALMERSTON NORTH — Councils are warning their inability to access a key government rent subsidy is stunting their plans for more public housing.

About a third of councils wanted to increase their stock, according to a Local Government New Zealand survey, but few were actually doing it.

Those working in the sector said it was tricky enough maintaining their existing units, let alone adding more.

Manawatu District Council is one local authority that is feeling these impacts.

The council owns 205 public housing units, which are managed by the Manawatu Community Trust, a council-controlled organisation, and have been since 2008.

The mainly one-bedroom homes are occupied by pensioners and people living on long-term disability allowances.

However, Community Trust manager Kevin Petersen said their job was getting harder.

"Demand is increasing significantly," he said. "As you would know, the over-65 age group is the fastest growing cohort."

"That is being complicated now by the drop in home ownership, so significant numbers of elderly are not able to have the equity by selling their own homes to buy into units in retirement villages and similar."

The trust has plans in the building consent phase to build an extra 12 units, but Petersen estimated they would need at least 33 more by 2030.

But there was a problem with that.

"It is not achievable. Not on our current funding and not with the other obstacles which are in our way," Petersen said.

The main obstacle, Petersen said, was their inability to access the income-related rent subsidy.

The subsidy allows housing providers to charge market rates for rent. Tenants pay as much as they can depending on their income, and the Government tops up the rest.

Councils, and any council-controlled organisations, are not allowed to access the subsidy.

Without the subsidy, and to ensure the accommodation stays affordable, Manawatu Community Trust keeps its rents well below the market rate.

But that accounts for lost income for the Trust.

Manawatu District Council Mayor Helen Worboys said that meant its resources were spent on improving existing units, rather than the essential task of building new ones.

"Here's a credible trust who have proven their worth and the work that they are doing, and they are passionate about doing some more," Worboys said.

"Why wouldn't you give them the accreditation and let them get stuck into



**COMPLICATED SITUATION:** About a third of councils around the country want to increase their stock of public housing, but they say it is getting harder and harder to manage. NZ Herald file picture

the market and build more?

"Because that's the reality. Then (the) money they do have will go further."

The other main obstacle was their inability to get GST back when they spend money on building new properties.

Amid the current housing crisis, local government's role as a landlord is becoming harder than ever.

It is not just the housing shortage.

Units constructed in the 1950s — which accounts for a lot of them — are nearing their end-of-life date and need renewals.

Healthy Homes standards need to be in place and many properties will require a heat pump put in.

Then add on the fact more units will be needed to deal with New Zealand's ageing population.

But not all councils are deterred, with a survey by Local Government New Zealand showing 30 percent of councils want to increase their stock.

It remains however, that only a few councils are actually doing so.

One of them is Dunedin which is considering spending either \$10 million or \$20m of ratepayers money on building new units.

Providing them with the income-related rent subsidy would help them go even further, said Mayor Aaron Hawkins.

"If we were able to do that, then we would have a greater degree of capacity to be able to build more units and create additional supply for people who

desperately need it, and we have waiting lists in the hundreds that do."

Hawkins said the city faced another problem.

"The council's policy around housing is that it is supposed to break even — that is the rent we take in should cover the operating and maintenance of the housing stock.

"The reality is that hasn't been happening."

So to keep the rents at an affordable price, ratepayers are making it up, where it would normally be the government in the form of the income-related rent subsidy.

Local Government New Zealand president Stuart Crosby said that was not how it should be.

"This financial burden should not fall on to ratepayers. It is definitely a central government requirement but we are happy to work with the governments of the day to see what we can provide collectively."

For other councils, the cost of upkeep, as well as healthy home standards, is becoming too much.

The Government is not looking likely to change its policy regarding the rent subsidy.

In a statement, Housing Minister Megan Woods said council tenants qualify for the accommodation supplement and there were financial constraints on the subsidy.

In 2018, the Ministry of Housing estimated if all council tenants became eligible for the subsidy, it would cost about \$175m per year.

# Kiwi company being used by ransomware attackers: FBI

by Phil Pennington, RNZ

AUCKLAND — The FBI warns Auckland company Mega.NZ is being used by ransomware attackers.

The company has told RNZ there is no sign hackers are using its service to store patient data stolen from Waikato hospitals, but it cannot rule out the possibility.

The FBI has issued a series of alerts since last year, naming Mega.

The latest — on May 20, three days after Waikato DHB was crippled — said Mega was one of two cloud storage services that hackers behind mass attacks, including on health services, had been using.

Another, in March, said the cyber actors have "uploaded stolen data to Mega.NZ, a cloud storage and file sharing service, by uploading the data through the Mega website or by installing the Mega client application directly on a victim's computer".

Mega said there was no way to prevent criminals using legitimate software since they controlled the system they hacked.

It was also impossible to know what its 220 million account holders kept on their encrypted files, except if law enforcement or a hacked company alerted it.

"If they found a Mega link, it would be reported to us and (the account) closed within minutes," Mega chief executive and chair Stephen Hall told RNZ.

He could "not guarantee" Mega's services were not being used by the Waikato DHB's hackers, but so far the company had not been alerted by local police or Waikato DHB.

The FBI alerts also referred to hackers using Microsoft's Windows Sysinternals and Swiss firm pCloud.

Mega.NZ is a successor company to Megaupload, set up by Kim Dotcom. Megaupload's domains were seized by the US Department of Justice.

Dotcom exited Mega years ago, and Hong Kong's Cloud Tech Services owns most of it.

It has been suggested the Waikato attack used ransomware called Conti, or Zeppelin.

The FBI said one indicator of a Conti ransomware attack was when large transfers went to Mega or pCloud servers.

Hall, asked if hackers had ever used Mega's premium and very large accounts, which it charges for, said the company was not making money out of stolen data.

"Absolutely not. That is certainly not our intention nor is that the outcome."

"These people often use a free account with a small limit, it's transitory."

Using cloud storage was akin to the hacker using the phone wires or local computers in an attack, Hall said. Hackers were looking for efficient and fast platforms to exfiltrate data, and Mega was among those.

In an FBI alert issued in July, it said attackers had "transitioned from uploading and releasing stolen data on Mega to uploading the stolen data to another file sharing service: website. dropme.files.com".

The FBI alert in May reported at least 16 Conti ransomware attacks targeting US healthcare and first responder networks, including law enforcement agencies and emergency medical services, within the last year.

An RNZ search on the Dark Web of a site labelled "Conti" did not find any mention of Waikato DHB.

Just one New Zealand company name was found, among the hundreds on the site, with a link to thousands of files purportedly hacked from it.

# Sigh of relief as mill sale confirmed

WHAKATANE — More than 200 workers will keep their jobs after a consortium of investors bought the Whakatane Mill.

Mill owners SIG Combibloc revealed on Monday it had sold the mill to a consortium led by European investor Dr Dermot Smurfit.

The announcement means that besides staff who have chosen to take redundancy, more than 200 mill staff will keep their jobs.

"It is a great outcome and well done to all parties involved," Whakatane mayor Judy Turner said.

Turner said she was relieved the mill had been saved as its closure and loss of jobs would have been devastating for the local economy.

The Smurfit Consortium includes New Zealand investors, including Direct Capital's Ross George, and many have experience in owning and operating paper packaging businesses.

Smurfit spokesman Ian Halliday, who will become chairman of the Whakatane Mill, said the consortium looked forward to developing a more competitive operation.

Mill general manager Juha Verajankorva said the agreed acquisition by the Smurfit Consortium was a positive outcome.

All senior management will remain with the new owners.

Employers and Manufacturers Association chief executive Brett O'Riley said news of further investment in the mill, with its unique position as the only folding box board mill in Oceania, was a further vote of confidence in its longer-term future.

"It seems as if there is a lot of goodwill towards making this new investment work and while it is likely there will be some shorter-term transitional issues, the longer term view seems very positive for Whakatane."

Karl Gradon of Toi Economic Development Agency expressed caution, saying while this was good news there were still clouds on the horizon.

"China has announced self-sufficiency in logs by 2035, which creates significant risk for the forestry sector."

"The majority of New Zealand logs are exported to developing countries . . . Toi EDA encourages the Government to work on policy that incentivises investment in added value processing in New Zealand, rather than shipping the value creation offshore," he said. — Rotorua Daily Post

# Study finds accountants' gender pay gap averages \$60k

WELLINGTON — Male accountants are paid 40 to 50 percent more than their female counterparts, according to a survey by chartered accountants in Australia and New Zealand.

Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ) said a study of 4500 members indicated an average pay gap of about \$50,000 in Australia and \$60,000 in New Zealand.

The annual survey confirmed men hold most of the senior positions in accounting, suggesting an unconscious bias behind the gender pay gap and its reality.

CAANZ chief executive Ainslie van Onselen said it was a concerning result.

"As accountants, we trust the numbers, and while our profession is paid well, these figures paint a challenging picture for women in accounting over the life of their careers."

The survey also found a pay gap perception problem between men and women.

Nearly seven in 10 women believe a gender pay gap exists, compared to just three in 10 men.

The survey also found women make more career sacrifices for their families, with nearly half taking career breaks for parental care or to

care for others, compared with just 20 percent of men.

"Most women believe this has a significant impact on their career progression opportunities," van Onselen said, indicating there was a need for more flexible working arrangements for women.

She said the industry would begin to educate members and track its progress to close the gender pay gap.

"These results are incredibly disappointing and without change we fail to acknowledge the equal work women do in our profession."

— RNZ

# Google NZ defends new operating model

by Chris Keall, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — Google NZ's 2020 financials have taken the same track as its "new normal" introduced last year.

With its 2019 result, the tech giant fulfilled a 2018 pledge to book New Zealand revenue in NZ, where previously it had invoiced local business to subsidiaries in lower-tax Ireland or Singapore.

But at the same time, in-house service fee payments from Google to its US parent ballooned from \$85 million in 2018 to \$511m in 2019.

Similarly, for the 12 months to December 31, 2020, Google NZ has reported revenue that rose to \$43.8m from 2019's \$36.2m. The revenue figure was net of the service fee, which increased to \$517m.

The fully-owned subsidiary anticipated it would pay \$3.3m in tax, on par with 2019. Net profit was \$7.8m from last year's \$8.12m.

Google NZ public affairs manager Carrie Jones said the service fee had increased because of a "new operating model", which was compliant with tax law.

Massey University School of Accountancy lecturer Dr Victoria Plekhanova told The New Zealand Herald that Google NZ was playing within the new rules — which could mean they were not yet strict enough.

"Google was no doubt well advised on the new anti-avoidance provisions introduced in 2018 to capture profits diverted from New Zealand, but Google NZ's financial statements suggest these provisions were an inadequate response to the tax challenges of the digitalisation."

The counter-argument is that it is valid for companies to book most of their revenue to their home country, if that is where they incur most of their corporate expenses, including product development — and that New Zealand could suffer if



MEETING DEMANDS: Google says it has continued to work constructively and collaboratively to ensure that it complies with New Zealand's legislative requirements.

NZ Herald picture

the boot was on the other foot and local cloud companies like Xero had offshore earnings targeted by other governments.

Jones followed that path this morning, telling The New Zealand Herald, "as a global business, we pay the majority of our US\$7.81 billion total global corporate income tax in the US, where we also perform the majority of our US\$27.6 billion worth of R&D work."

"We have continued to work constructively and collaboratively to ensure that we comply with New Zealand's legislative requirements."

Globally, Google's parent company Alphabet had a brief dip in revenue when the pandemic first hit last year, but has otherwise boomed during the pandemic — following a similar arc as many companies who do most of their business in the cloud.

Alphabet reported on April 27 that revenue in its most recent quarter increased sharply from the same period a year ago, boosted by strong demand for online advertising on its search results and YouTube videos and by continued

growth at its cloud computing arm.

Alphabet posted revenue of US\$55.31 billion, up 34 percent from a year earlier, and net profit more than doubled to \$17.93 billion in the first quarter. It was the third straight quarter of record profit for the company. The results came in above analysts' expectations.

After a pullback in travel-related advertising during the first few months of the outbreak, Google's advertising business has rebounded with gusto. Businesses are spending money with Google to target consumers who are spending more time online.

Advertising revenue rose 32 percent in the quarter spurred by strong demand for search marketing. Alphabet also generated \$6 billion in YouTube ads, an increase of 49 percent.

In the months ahead, Alphabet faces possible headwinds from an Apple clampdown on ad-tracking and antitrust actions brought by the US and EU. So far, however, the legal action has not crimped the US\$1.6 trillion company's style.

## CORRECTION

THE fifth round of UK-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement negotiations starts next week, not this week as was incorrectly stated in a brief RNZ article published on Monday's business page.

## SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — China's new three-child policy may have just given a2 Milk and Synlait a timely boost as their prices rebounded on an improving New Zealand sharemarket.

The S&P/NZX 50 Index recorded a significant gain for the second day running, closing at 12,462.47 — up 141.75 points or 1.15 percent, following its Monday 1.14 percent rise.

There were 81 gainers and 63 decliners over the whole market, with 60.1 million shares worth \$171.88 million changing hands.

Synlait, unaffected by the flooding in Canterbury, rose 24c or 8 percent to \$3.24, and its main customer a2 Milk, which relies on exports to China, was up 19c or 3.24 percent to \$6.05.

On Monday, the Chinese Government announced that married couples can have

three children, up from two, and it will provide support for education and child rearing. The move comes after a census showed a rise in the percentage of Chinese aged 60 and above.

Dan Stratful, investment adviser with Forsyth Barr, said the talk on the market was that the policy would give a2 Milk and Synlait a lift. The new policy will send the China population over two billion quite quickly.

"Finally, some good news is coming through for a2 Milk and Synlait, from a long-term investment point of view. China has an ageing population and will be running out of workers. The demographic trend is working in the New Zealand companies' favour. It's early days of course and we will see how it plays out," he said.

Synlait also told the market that its Dunsandel

plant met Foodstuffs South Island deliveries despite flooding and normal operations have now resumed. Stratful said the local market is now trying to recover high ground after spending most of May on the decline. "It may take a while to get back to that January high, mind you."

Three stocks set new highs. Ebos Group put on 40c to \$33.60; Freightways broke through the \$12 mark after rising 25c or 2.12 percent to \$12.05; and online travel provider Serko climbed 24c or 3.42 percent to \$7.25 — its previous high was \$7.01 achieved on March 29.

Market leader Fisher & Paykel Healthcare had a late rebound, finishing up 31c to \$30.10 on trade worth \$22.17m after falling to an intraday low of \$29.39.

Mainfreight was up 37c to \$76.25; Auckland International Airport rose 13c or 1.78 percent to \$7.42; Chorus gained 8c to \$6.37; and Spark increased 6c to \$4.59.

The energy companies were strong. Contact was up 11c to \$7.99; Mercury rose 24.5c or 3.74 percent to \$6.80; and Meridian gained 12c or 2.29 percent to \$5.35.

Meridian confirmed that the suspension of the 50MWh per hour Potline 4 contract between Meridian and New Zealand Aluminium Smelters has been extended up to and including October 31.

Retirement village operators Summerset Group Holdings increased 25c or 2 percent to \$12.75; Ryman Healthcare was up 19c to \$13.30; Arvida Group gained 1.5c to \$1.85; and Oceania Healthcare increased 3c or 2.14 percent to \$1.43. Stratful said Oceania and possibly Arvida may outperform Ryman in the short-term.

"They are showing faster growth at the moment. Ryman is further along the growth path, and Oceania and Arvida are growing at a pace that Ryman was at a few years ago."

— NZ Herald

EDITORIAL

# Be careful what you wish for!

## 'Separatism' calls haven't delivered

Our columnist today will have been justifiably upset at the recent political polls which showed Judith Collins' personal popularity take a dive, despite her taking up the "separatism" mantra he has been repeating for some time.

Never mind that the National Party leader's slump in the preferred prime minister stakes could be partly because of that line of attack; he says the groundswell of opposition is "only just hitting its straps". The problem with this view is that political polls are good at registering such swells and ebbs linked directly to current events. This was an ebb for Collins, although yes, support for the National Party has ticked up a little from the depths of election 2020.

For the record, your editor does not believe Labour will "sleepwalk to victory" at the next election. It is launching ambitious reforms across a range of areas and institutions and, with the Government's record on delivery patchy, there is wide scope for things to go awry.

On another point, it would be hard to argue the case that Maori gaining some self-determination and additional resourcing in health services, and benefiting from that to the extent that existing wide and unconscionable health disparities close markedly, does not benefit everyone — rather than being "at the expense of virtually all others".

So, to Maori wards and our columnist's continued effort to pitch an argument that ignores the fact this region is different from the rest of the country, in that half of our people are tangata whenua. Prior to publication your editor sought a reconsideration from him, again, on how he characterises the imminent introduction of Maori wards here:

"Just a point for you to consider too, as obvious as it is — the reason we will be having five Maori ward councillors, if we stick with 13 in total, is that our population (according to Census 2018) is 53 percent Maori and a majority of them are on the Maori roll. That's why we have a bigger allocation — it's based on the Maori roll electoral population, not any kind of greed."

His response was that he believed the column was "worthy of a spot even if you don't like what I say".

The representation review now under way seeks to help the council decide: the number of councillors to be elected for both the general and Maori wards; whether they're elected from wards or "at large" across the whole region, or a mix of both; whether there should be community boards, and if so how many, their names, boundaries and number of members for each board.

by Clive Bibby



THE Government seems hell-bent on passing legislation, much of which will benefit only one group of citizens at the expense of virtually all others.

Where does this fit with the mantra that we are all in this together, one group of 5 million (supposedly equals), or the promise to govern in the interest of all?

It would seem that the PM and her motley crew are scared of their own shadow and worried sick that this is the only opportunity they will get to honour the promises they have made to a select few citizens — which is difficult to fathom, given the huge gap in popularity between Labour and the Opposition parties apparent in the latest major opinion polls.

Maybe they don't believe the polls or the interpretation of them by most media commentators (including our own editor) who are suggesting the Government is in an unassailable position and will virtually sleepwalk to victory next time around. So why the rush?

I suspect that the response to their recent

undemocratic push to ensure Maori wards are introduced, and almost universal opposition to the way it was handled, is telling them something that they would prefer not to consider.

I am suggesting that the groundswell of opposition to this contemptuous activity is only just hitting its straps and will grow to the point where people will change their vote once they fully realise the implications of this rush to change the law.

The irony is that this heavy-handed approach didn't need to happen at all.

Had the idea of Maori wards been dealt with differently, the Government could have achieved the same result and avoided the unnecessary reaction that might well sink them at the next election. And I find it equally ironic that the Tairāwhiti electorate, as much as any other, had the capacity to show how it could be done.

Yet, it is probably an indication of the mindset of most members of our council as well as their political overlords that it has rendered them all incapable of appreciating how they could have handled it so much better.

Put simply, if we had been offered a proposal that allowed for an electorate vote on Maori wards, ie the retention of the previous law

based on the claimed need for greater Maori representation in decision-making at the council table, the subsequent reaction to the new legislation throughout the country would have most likely achieved results across the board that most people would find acceptable.

If you look at the response across the nation, it has usually meant an increase of only one ward as a solution to the apparent representation imbalance. Apart from Tairāwhiti, I can see no other community following the path that imposes more than a couple of wards, which would have the capacity to undemocratically determine the outcome of the decision-making process.

It is clear that our greedy response is not the one favoured by most Kiwis who have actually demonstrated their desire to see an imbalance repaired.

May I humbly suggest that there is still time for our council to rethink its current preferred option and reduce the number of guaranteed Maori wards to no more than two.

Should they do so, I am sure we would see this issue disappear as quickly as it arrived.

The He Puapua report is a different matter entirely.

See today's editorial

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

## Past time for action on rail

Re: 'Fix the track, give it back', May 27 story.

Geographically, Gisborne Tairāwhiti is the most isolated city of its size in New Zealand, so we need rail freight and passenger services more than most other communities.

It is healthy for our souls, and good to see our Mayor Rehette Stoltz getting behind rail, as our previous Mayor

Meng Foon did solidly.

So we want this Labour Government to finally honour their promise made to us in 2016 — "that when next in Government, Labour will restore rail services again".

Our message to PM Jacinda Ardern and her Transport Minister Michael Wood is "actions speak louder than words".

KEN CRISPIN

## Those reports are biased

You're a moron Stuart Moriarty-Patten! Don't you know that most of the world's media is heavily favoured toward Hamas and other "poor Palestinians"? Are you aware that the term Palestinians was coined by the Romans to describe the Hebrews living in the Holy Land 2000 years ago? They called us Palestinians because they couldn't pronounce Philistines.

Both my parents grew up during the Ottoman days and I was born there during the British mandate. When we left in early 1948 we were considered "stateless". There was much mistreatment of us by the Turks followed by the British, who allowed the local Arabs to have all manner of military equipment while we weren't allowed any.

Today's Israeli Arab has full citizenship rights. Arafat was the first modern Muslim to call the Israeli Arabs "Palestinians", as though they were a new race.

Hamas doesn't want the two state

solution because they claim the land for themselves, even though the Hebrews had lived in the Holy Land for thousands of years before the Muslims even existed.

As for the Ethiopian Jews, they live in Israel because they want to and as a tribe of ancient Israel are accorded all citizenship rights. I personally have seen them living in railway carriages in Israel but they prefer that to the mistreatment they receive in Ethiopia, whose people consider the tribe of Menashe beneath them even as they claim to have the Holy Ark of the Covenant in their possession which, of course, they're unable to reveal.

Seems to me your definition of apartheid is as idiotic as you are. How dare you, being neither Arab nor Jew, consider yourself arbiter of world affairs? Why not write about the Croats and the Serbs in the Balkans who also fight over "their land"?

ISAAC STEIN

## More responses to Henare column and comment trail

Re: I don't care what Judith Collins says, May 26.

Tautoko! Article I of Te Tiriti does not cede sovereignty to the Crown, and Article II of Te Tiriti guarantees Maori their tino rangatiratanga, ie the continued independence and authority of hapu. Maori have been waiting since 1840 for Pakeha to live up to our side of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and, while this is merely a small beginning towards that, it is a significant one that does not warrant the racist claims of apartheid coming from the desperate and increasingly irrelevant National Party.

After subjecting Maori to colonisation for so long, it is well past time to put control back in the hands of Maori so they can exercise mana motuhake and deliver the solutions they know will work for Maori.

GERAINT SCOTT Wellington

Henare doesn't give a single reason why a Maori Health Authority is required other than to say the current system hasn't worked. This is the doctrine of TINA — ie, There Is No Alternative — that was employed most notably by the fourth Labour government under Roger Douglas to justify a radical overhaul of NZ's economic system without

announcing it in advance.

Henare also doesn't explain why a MHA requires the right of veto over the rest of the health system (ie 15 percent of the population having a right of veto over plans for the remaining 85 percent).

GRAHAM ADAMS, Auckland

Having observed the ravings of the gang of critics residing in Gisborne over a period of time I came to the conclusion that it was a waste of time and energy to get them to acknowledge that Maori are in their lowly position in New Zealand society because the terms of the Treaty of Waitangi were never going to be upheld by the colonists. The Treaty was thrown together to enable the Crown to steal the land off the Maori — Maori could only sell to the Crown and the Crown dictated all the terms. With their land gone, Maori lost their social and economic base and the colonist prospered.

This story was never part of the school curriculum and so we have these critics using their pretended ignorance to rubbish Maori.

I think it is best to wait until they disappear from the scene and hope the next generation of "oldies", being more enlightened, will treat Maori more fairly.

JOE NADEN

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COVID BRIEFS

Greece, Germany introduce vaccination travel certificates

ATHENS — Greece, Germany and five other European Union nations introduced a vaccination certificate system for travellers on Tuesday, weeks ahead of the July 1 roll-out of the programme across the 27-nation bloc.

The documents will have both digital and paper forms. They'll be free of charge, distributed in the national language plus English and be valid in all the bloc's countries. — AP

Victoria to extend lockdown

VICTORIA — Victoria is strongly considering extending the seven-day lockdown due to end at 11.59pm on Thursday amid growing fears about rapid transmission in settings never seen before.

Chief Health Officer Brett Sutton said on Tuesday night that the virus was moving "faster than any other strain we've dealt with".

"We're seeing transmissions in settings and circumstances we've never seen before," he said. — RNZ

UK opens for red-list arrivals

LONDON — A terminal at London's Heathrow Airport that was mothballed because of the coronavirus pandemic reopened on Tuesday to serve passengers arriving from high-risk countries — an action that critics said was long overdue.

Britain had barred travellers from a "red-list" of 43 coronavirus hotspots. UK citizens and residents who return from those countries face a mandatory 10-day supervised quarantine in a government-approved hotel.

Starting on Tuesday, red list arrivals pass through the airport's Terminal 3, which was closed in April 2020 as international air travel plummeted, leaving Heathrow — previously Europe's busiest airport — largely empty. — AP

WHO approves Sinovac

GENEVA — The World Health Organisation has issued an emergency use listing for the Covid-19 vaccine made by Sinovac for adults 18 and over, the second such authorisation it has granted to a Chinese company.

In a statement on Tuesday, the UN health agency said data submitted to its experts showed that two doses of the vaccine prevented people from getting symptoms of Covid-19 in about half of those who got the vaccine. WHO said there were few older adults enrolled in the research, so it could not estimate how effective the vaccine was in people over 60. — AP



**DATA REVISED:** In this March 20, 2021 file photo, a worker digs a grave in the San Juan Bautista cemetery in Iquitos, Peru, amid the Covid pandemic. On Monday, Peru announced a sharp increase in its Covid death toll since the pandemic hit. AP picture

Peru almost triples Covid death toll after review

LIMA — Peru on Monday announced a sharp increase in its Covid-19 death toll, saying there have been more than 180,000 fatalities since the pandemic hit the country early last year.

The announcement was made in the presidential palace during

the presentation of a report by a working group commissioned to analyse and update the death toll.

The results of the study put the new toll at 180,764 in a population of about 32.6 million, compared to recent data indicating that 69,342 people had died from Covid-19.

"What is being said is that a significant number of deaths were not classified as caused by Covid," Health Minister Oscar Ugarte said, adding that the criteria for assigning the new coronavirus as a cause of death were changed. Ugarte said that previously

only those who "had a positive diagnostic test" were considered to have died from the virus, but other criteria have since been incorporated.

The new toll includes deaths reported between March 2020 and May 22 of this year. — AP

Biden honours victims of Tulsa race massacre

TULSA — President Joe Biden led a remembrance on Tuesday of one of the nation's darkest — and long suppressed — moments of racial violence, marking the 100th anniversary of the destruction of a thriving Black community in Tulsa.

Biden helped commemorate the deaths of hundreds of Black people killed by a white mob a century ago, his visit coming amid a national reckoning on racial justice. The events stood in stark contrast to then-President Donald Trump's trip a year ago, which was greeted by protests.

Biden is the first president to participate in remembrances of the destruction of what was known as "Black Wall Street." In 1921 — on May 31 and June 1 — when a white mob, including some people hastily deputised by authorities, looted and burned the Greenwood district.

The president, joined by three top Black advisers, met privately with three surviving members of the Greenwood

**COMMEMORATING 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY:** President Joe Biden looks at a photograph during a tour of the Greenwood Cultural Centre in Tulsa to mark the 100th anniversary of the Tulsa race massacre. AP picture



community who lived through the violence, the White House said. Viola "Mother" Fletcher, Hughes "Uncle Red" Van Ellis and Lessie "Mother Randle" Benningfield Randle are all between the ages of 101 and 107.

Outside, Latasha Sanders, 33, of Tulsa, brought her five children and a nephew

in hopes of spotting Biden.

"It's been 100 years, and this is the first we've heard from any US president," she said.

"I brought my kids here today just so they could be a part of history and not just hear about it, and so they can teach generations to come." — AP

Emergency measure 'not ideal'

Access to key Iranian data lacking since late February: UN watchdog

VIENNA — The United Nations' atomic watchdog hasn't been able to access data important to monitoring Iran's nuclear programme since late February when the Islamic Republic started restricting international inspections of its facilities, the agency said on Monday.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) reported in a confidential document distributed to member countries and seen by The Associated Press that it has "not had access to the data from its online enrichment monitors and electronic seals, or had access to the measurement recordings registered by its installed measurement devices" since February 23.

While the IAEA and Iran earlier acknowledged the restrictions limited access to surveillance cameras at Iranian facilities, Monday's report indicated they went much further. The IAEA acknowledged it could only provide an estimate of Iran's overall nuclear stockpile as it continues to enrich uranium at its highest level ever.

Iran started limiting inspections in a bid to put pressure on the US government to lift crippling sanctions reimposed after former President Donald Trump pulled out of the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran unilaterally in 2018.

Talks are currently under way in

Vienna for the US to rejoin the deal, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, or JCPOA.

Since the US withdrawal from the agreement, Iran has been steadily violating its various restrictions, including on the types of centrifuges it's allowed to use, the amount of enriched uranium it is allowed to stockpile, and the purity to which it is allowed to enrich.

In the IAEA report, the agency for the first time released estimates of Iran's stockpile rather than precise figures, saying that as of May 22, Iran's total enriched uranium stockpile was 3241kg, up about 273kg from the last quarterly report. That was down from an increase of nearly 525kg reported in the last quarterly report.

Though it wasn't immediately clear what led to the decrease, it comes as an explosion in April at its underground Natanz nuclear facility affected centrifuges there. Iran has yet to offer a full account of what happened in an attack it described as "nuclear terrorism." Israel, which is widely suspected of carrying out the assault, hasn't commented publicly on it.

The nuclear deal signed in 2015 with the United States, Germany, France, Britain, China and Russia only permits Iran only to keep a total stockpile of 202.8kg of enriched uranium.

The agency said the current stockpile includes 62.8 kilograms (138.5 pounds) of uranium enriched up to 20 percent purity, and 2.4 kilograms enriched up to 60 percent purity — well above the 3.67 percent purity allowed under the JCPOA.

Despite Iran's violations of the deal, the other nations involved have stressed that the agreement was still important as it allowed international inspectors to continue their surveillance of Iran's nuclear facilities.

Under a confidential agreement called an "Additional Protocol" with Iran, the IAEA collects and analyses images from a series of surveillance cameras installed at Iranian nuclear sites. Those cameras helped it monitor Tehran's programme to see if it is complying with the nuclear deal.

Iran's hard-line parliament in December approved a bill that would suspend part of UN inspections of its nuclear facilities if European signatories didn't provide relief from oil and banking sanctions by February.

IAEA Director-General Rafael Grossi was able to negotiate a last-minute deal in February, however, under which Iran promised the IAEA it would hold onto footage shot by its surveillance cameras and would hand them over if diplomats reached a deal in Vienna to lift the sanctions it faces. Otherwise, Tehran said

it would delete the images.

That deal has yet to come, but Grossi was able to negotiate a one-month extension last week.

That means his agency still can't access the images taken by the cameras for the time being, but could regain access to the material if a deal is reached — a situation Grossi called an emergency measure that was "not ideal".

The last-minute discussions further underscored the narrowing window for the US and others to reach terms with Iran as it presses a tough stance with the international community over its atomic programme.

Negotiations continue in Vienna to see if both the US and Iran can re-enter the deal, which limited Tehran's enrichment of uranium in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions. Iran and the US aren't directly negotiating, however.

The US isn't at the table because it unilaterally pulled out of the deal in 2018 under Trump, who restored and augmented American sanctions in a campaign of "maximum pressure" to try to force Iran into renegotiating the pact with more concessions. Biden wants to rejoin the deal, however, and there is a US delegation in Vienna taking part in indirect talks with Iran, with diplomats from the other world powers acting as go-betweens. — AP

# 'STAY AWAY'

## Migrants to face digital fortress in post-pandemic Europe

PEPLO, Greece — As the world begins to travel again, Europe is sending migrants a loud message: Stay away!

Greek border police are firing bursts of deafening noise from an armoured truck over the frontier into Turkey. Mounted on the vehicle, the long-range acoustic device, or "sound cannon," is the size of a small TV set but can match the volume of a jet engine.

It's part of a vast array of physical and experimental new digital barriers being installed and tested during the quiet months of the coronavirus pandemic at the 200-kilometre Greek border with Turkey to stop people entering the European Union illegally.

A new steel wall, similar to recent construction on the US-Mexico border, blocks commonly-used crossing points along the Evros River that separates the two countries.

Nearby observation towers are being fitted with long-range cameras, night vision, and multiple sensors. The data will be sent to control centres to flag suspicious movement using artificial intelligence analysis.

"We will have a clear 'pre-border' picture of what's happening," Police Major Dimonsthenis Kamargios, head of the region's border guard authority, told the Associated Press.

The EU has poured 3 billion euros (NZ\$5 billion) into security tech research following the refugee crisis in 2015-16, when more than one million people — many escaping wars in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan — fled to Greece and on to other EU countries.

The automated surveillance network being built on the Greek-Turkish border is aimed at detecting migrants early and deterring them from crossing, with river

and land patrols using searchlights and long-range acoustic devices.

Key elements of the network will be launched by the end of the year, Kamargios said. "Our task is to prevent migrants from entering the country illegally. We need modern equipment and tools to do that."

Researchers at universities around Europe, working with private firms, have developed futuristic surveillance and verification technology, and tested more than a dozen projects at Greek borders.

AI-powered lie detectors and virtual border-guard interview bots have been piloted, as well as efforts to integrate satellite data with footage from drones on land, air, sea and underwater.

Palm scanners record the unique vein pattern in a person's hand to use as a biometric identifier, and the makers of live camera reconstruction technology promise to erase foliage virtually, exposing people hiding near border areas.

Testing has also been conducted in Hungary, Latvia and elsewhere along the eastern EU perimeter.

The more aggressive migration strategy has been advanced by European policymakers over the past five years, funding deals with Mediterranean countries outside the bloc to hold migrants back and transforming the EU border protection agency, Frontex, from a coordination mechanism to a full-fledged multinational security force.

But regional migration deals have left the EU exposed to political pressure from neighbours.

Earlier this month, several thousand migrants crossed from Morocco into the Spanish enclave of Ceuta in a single day, prompting Spain to deploy the army. A similar crisis unfolded on the Greek-

**Our task is to prevent migrants from entering the country illegally. We need modern equipment and tools to do that. ♪**

— Dimonsthenis Kamargios



**DIGITAL BARRIERS:** A police officer works inside the operation centre at the village of Nea Vyssa near the Greek-Turkish border on Friday. An automated hi-tech surveillance network is being built on the Greek-Turkish border aimed at detecting migrants early and deterring them from crossing the border. AP picture

Turkish border and lasted three weeks last year.

Greece is pressing the EU to let Frontex patrol outside its territorial waters to stop migrants reaching Lesbos and other Greek islands, the most common route in Europe for illegal crossing in recent years.

Armed with new tech tools, European law enforcement authorities are leaning further outside borders.

Not all the surveillance programmes being tested will be included in the new detection system, but human rights groups say the emerging technology will make it even harder for refugees fleeing wars and extreme hardship to find safety.

Patrick Breyer, a European lawmaker from Germany, has taken an EU research authority to court, demanding that details of the AI-powered lie detection programme be made public.

"What we are seeing at the borders, and in treating foreign nationals generally, is that it's often a testing field for technologies that are later used on Europeans as well. And that's why everybody should care, in their own self-interest," Breyer of the German Pirates Party told the AP.

He urged authorities to allow broad oversight of border surveillance methods to review ethical concerns and prevent

the sale of the technology through private partners to authoritarian regimes outside the EU.

Ella Jakubowska, of the digital rights group EDRi, argued that EU officials were adopting "techno-solutionism" to sideline moral considerations in dealing with the complex issue of migration.

"It is deeply troubling that, time and again, EU funds are poured into expensive technologies which are used in ways that criminalise, experiment with and dehumanise people on the move," she said.

The London-based group Privacy International argued the tougher border policing would provide a political reward to European leaders who have adopted a hard line on migration.

"If people migrating are viewed only as a security problem to be deterred and challenged, the inevitable result is that governments will throw technology at controlling them," said Edin Omanovic, an advocacy director at the group.

Migration flows have slowed in many parts of Europe during the pandemic, interrupting an increase recorded over years. In Greece, for example, the number of arrivals dropped from nearly 75,000 in 2019 to 15,700 in 2020, a 78 percent decrease. But the pressure is sure to return. — AP

## Study blames climate change for 37 percent of heat-related deaths

SWITZERLAND — More than one-third of the world's heat deaths each year are due directly to global warming, according to the latest study to calculate the human cost of climate change.

But scientists say that's only a sliver of climate's overall toll — even more people die from other extreme weather amplified by global warming such as storms, flooding and drought — and the heat death numbers will grow exponentially with rising temperatures.

Dozens of researchers who looked at heat deaths in 732 cities around the globe from 1991 to 2018 calculated that 37 percent were caused by higher temperatures from human-caused warming, according to a study published on Monday in the journal *Nature Climate Change*.

That amounts to about 9700 people a year from just those cities, but it is much more worldwide, the study's lead author said.

"These are deaths related to heat that actually can be prevented. It is something we directly cause," said Ana Vicedo-Cabrera, an epidemiologist at the Institute of Social and Preventative Medicine at the University of Bern in Switzerland.

The highest percentages of heat deaths caused by climate change were in cities in South America. Vicedo-Cabrera pointed to southern Europe and southern Asia as other hot spots for climate change-related heat deaths.

About 35 percent of heat deaths in the United States can be blamed on climate change, the study found. That's a total of more than 1100 deaths a year in about 200 US cities, topped by 141 in New

**COST OF GLOBAL WARMING:** Mourners attend a funeral for unclaimed people who died of extreme weather in Karachi, Pakistan, after a devastating heat wave that struck southern Pakistan in 2015.

AP file picture



York. Honolulu had the highest portion of heat deaths attributable to climate change.

Scientists used decades of mortality data in the 732 cities to plot curves detailing how each city's death rate changes with temperature and how the heat-death curves vary from city to city. Some cities adapt to heat better than others because of air conditioning, cultural factors and environmental conditions, Vicedo-Cabrera said.

Then researchers took observed temperatures and compared them with 10 computer models simulating a world without climate change. The difference is warming that humans caused. By applying that scientifically accepted technique to

the individualised heat-death curves for the 732 cities, the scientists calculated extra heat deaths from climate change.

"People continue to ask for proof that climate change is already affecting our health. This attribution study directly answers that question using state-of-the-science epidemiological methods, and the amount of data the authors have amassed for analysis is impressive," said Dr. Jonathan Patz, director of the Global Health Institute at the University of Wisconsin.

Patz, who wasn't part of the study, said it was one of the first to detail climate change-related heat deaths now, rather than in the future. — AP

## Belarus activist stabs himself

KYIV, Ukraine — A Belarusian activist stabbed himself in the neck during a court hearing on Tuesday in Minsk to protest political repression and authorities' threats to prosecute his relatives.

Stsiapan Latypau used a pen to inflict the wound while he was sitting in court in a defendant's cage, according to the Viasna human rights centre in Belarus. Videos posted online showed Latypau being carried out of the building in Belarus' capital and put into an ambulance.

He was hospitalised and put into an induced coma, Viasna said. His lawyer, Olga Batyuk, wouldn't comment on Latypau's condition.

Before stabbing himself, Latypau told his father during the court proceedings that investigators had threatened to open criminal cases against his relatives and associates if he failed to admit his guilt.

Latypau faces charges of staging actions violating public order, resisting police and other alleged actions that carry a prison sentence of up to 10 years. He had been in jail since September, when he was arrested during mass protests against Belarus' authoritarian leader, President Alexander Lukashenko. The protests were triggered by Lukashenko winning a sixth term in an August election that the opposition rejected as rigged. — AP

# Bambry in search of early result for Kwok

WHANGANUI — Central Districts trainer Chrissy Bambry is keen to land some early black-type with promising juvenile Bellacontte, who will contest the Listed Castletown Stakes (1200m) at Whanganui on Saturday.

The daughter of Burgundy finished third on debut at Awapuni late last month, but ran home strongly behind Shamus despite showing signs of greenness and Bambry expects the multiple trial winner to benefit from that experience.

"I think she will improve quite a bit," she said. "It has come up quite a strong field but you

expect that in a stakes race.

"There are a number of proven horses with wet track form, although I think she should cope with the rain-affected track alright."

Bambry is excited by the prospect of gaining an early result for Hong Kong owner Ben Kwok, who is quickly becoming one of New Zealand's most significant racehorse owners, supporting a vast array of proven and young trainers.

"I was lucky that Ben Kwok sent two fillies down last year and Bellacontte has been through my system the whole way," Bambry said.

"Kiltannon Stables broke her in and jumped her out of the gates and then she came down to me.

"She trialed for me last year and went shin sore so we put her aside and she went shin sore again coming back, but this time in she has been really good.

"She loves her routine and is a total professional. She doesn't do too much at the track, she only goes in to gallop and does the rest of the work on the water treadmill.

"She is my first racehorse I've trained for

Ben so I am lucky he chose me to train this filly because I think she has plenty of ability and upside to her."

I have another one in work for him but she is more of a three-year-old type, so it is nice to have one with a bit of ability first up for him."

Bambry will also have veteran galloper Deerfield line up in an Open handicap over 1200m, and is hoping to gain some weight relief for the seven-year-old by utilising a new name to the jockeys' ranks with a four kilo claim.

— NZ Racing Desk

## Feilding races at Awapuni Thursday Jetbet 4 TAB Doubles 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Trebles 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 7-8-9 Quaddies 2-3-4-5, 6-7-8-9 Place6 4-9

**Selections**

Race 1: EXPRESS YOURSELF, BARRI HYDE, ELUSIVE TEN  
 Race 2: GAELIC SPIRIT, SWISS KITTY, PULL NO PUNCHES  
 Race 3: LA BELLARINA, RONIN POROTENE, PLATINUM BORDEAUX  
 Race 4: SYBARITE, TED CAN TOO, REGAL REWARD  
 Race 5: IF YOU DANCE, FREE SPIRIT, PRINCESS ANI  
 Race 6: COUNTRY BUMPKIN, LAVA ROCK, ZAMORA  
 Race 7: JACKAROO, FATTORE OTTO, BRINGTONPET  
 Race 8: JANE O', OCEANIDES, BELLES BIG BOY  
 Race 9: SINDACATO, SCYLLA, SEE THE LION

**1 Spray Specialist 11.27**  
 \$10,000, maiden 2yo, 1100m

1 Vesparado (5) 57.5 47 S J Macnab  
 2 Mooviv Onova (4) 57.5 45 S Weatherley  
 3 Platinum Lining (2) 57.5 45 R Elliot  
 4 Ruach (3) 57.5 45 L Allpress  
 5 Express Yourself (6) 55.5 54 J Kamaruddin (a3)  
 6 Elusive Ten (1) 55.5 47 T Taiaroa (a2)  
 7 Nobellem (8) 55.5 47 L Hemi  
 8 9s7 Barri Hyde (7) 55.5 45 H Schofer (a1)

9 Sheikhybooty (9) 55.5 45 Ashvin Mudhoo (a3)

**2 Tomos Aluminium Services 11.57**  
 \$10,000, maiden 3yo, 1200m

1 2 Swiss Kitty (3) 57.5 52 J Kamaruddin (a3)  
 2 6s3 Pull No Punches (10) 57.5 51 S Weatherley  
 3 Winston (5) 57.5 47 L Allpress  
 4 6 Ted Lasso (11) 57.5 46 C Dell  
 5 0 Emvees Last Hurrah (12) 57.5 45 T Taiaroa (a2)  
 6 609s9 Haka Boogie (13) 57.5 45 S O'Malley (a2)  
 7 s589s Valhalla Rising (2) 57.5 45 K Hercock  
 8 75s58 Amosia (8) 55.5 53 C L O'Beime (a2)  
 9 050s3 Gaelic Spirit (1) 55.5 52 R Elliot  
 10 850 Ispywithmylittleye (9) 55.5 46 L Hemi  
 11 Bee Sting (6) 55.5 45 H Schofer (a1)  
 12 Sacred Pearl (7) 55.5 45 S J Macnab  
 13 0 Smartarc (4) 55.5 45

**3 Benchtop Surfaces Ltd 12.32**  
 \$10,000, maiden, 1550m

1 2553s West Coast (9) 58.5 53 C Dell  
 2 — Mr Gibson SCRATCHED  
 3 56054 Ronin Porotene (12) 58.5 50 S Weatherley  
 4 06360 Wotripper (5) 58.5 49 L Hemi  
 5 400s0 Derecho (3) 58.5 45 D Hirini  
 6 078 Monitor (7) 58.5 45 K Hercock  
 7 924s3 La Bellarina (13) 56.5 53 H Schofer (a1)  
 8 63339 Platinum Bordeaux (1) 56.5 52 R Elliot  
 9 2476s Flying Habit (8) 56.5 50 L Allpress  
 10 s0207 Khalfani (4) 56.5 50 T Yanagida (a1)  
 11 35050 Silent Approach (10) 56.5 50 S J Macnab

12 0s6 Shez Super (2) 56.5 46 M K Hudson  
 13 Precious Niamh (11) 56.5 45 T Taiaroa (a2)

14 00s90 Thatz Tigerlily (6) 56.5 45 Ashvin Mudhoo (a3)

**EMERGENCY:**  
 15 — Princess Jenni SCRATCHED

**4 Pryda 1.07**  
 \$10,000, rating 65 benchmark\*, 1400m

1 14568 Regal Reward (8) 59.5 64 L Allpress  
 2 2538s Manolo (9) 59 63 L Hemi  
 3 982s7 Parisian (10) 58.5 62 B Rogerson (a4)  
 4 46971 Ted Can Too (5) 58.5 62 T Yanagida (a1)  
 5 1466s Monkey Town (7) 57.5 60 S Weatherley  
 6 8840s Prince Turbo (1) 57 59 F Lazet (a4)  
 7 70100 Power 'n' Passion (6) 55.5 60 J Kamaruddin (a3)  
 8 1600s Sybarite (3) 55.5 60 S J Macnab  
 9 68648 Sola Power (2) 55 55 T Taiaroa (a2)  
 10 800s7 Miss Maple (4) 54 57 D Hirini

**5 Carters 1.42**  
 \$10,000, rating 65 benchmark\*, 1400m

1 86207 If You Dance (9) 59 63 J Kamaruddin (a3)  
 2 615s0 Chillax 'n' Chase (2) 58.5 62 S J Macnab  
 3 650s8 Tiro (4) 57.5 60 H Schofer (a1)  
 4 715s0 Miss Falvelon (11) 56.5 62 Ashvin Mudhoo (a3)  
 5 3s40s Princess Ani (6) 56.5 62 F Lazet (a4)  
 6 57973 Cooga Moon (1) 55.5 60 S Weatherley  
 7 1070s Free Spirit (5) 55.5 60 T Taiaroa (a2)  
 8 0108s Quatomosa (10) 55.5 60 L Hemi  
 9 7078s Deep Blue (7) 55 55 K Hercock  
 10 00s07 Floral Belt (3) 54 56 L Allpress  
 11 900s7 Full Swing (8) 54 55 M K Hudson

**6 Placemakers 2.17**  
 \$10,000, maiden, 2200m

1 08245 Lava Rock (7) 58.5 54 K Hercock  
 2 1s07P Country Bumpkin (6) 58.5 52 T Newman (a2)  
 3 57Ps0 Coconut (4) 58.5 50 B Rogerson (a4)  
 4 F4P8s Zamora (11) 58.5 49 F Lazet (a4)  
 5 48s75 Hosel Rocket (13) 58.5 48 L Allpress  
 6 59s Father Dom (9) 58.5 46 S J Macnab  
 7 40s76 Izmydaad (8) 58.5 45 S O'Malley (a2)  
 8 9700 Jokerman (2) 58.5 45 R Elliot  
 9 09 Kentucky Boy (12) 58.5 45 C Dell  
 10 8P7s9 Ritesaidzed (10) 58.5 45 M K Hudson  
 11 80000 All In Blackberry (5) 56.5 45 T Yanagida (a1)

12 658s7 Oriental Bay (3) 56.5 45 S Weatherley  
 13 0888 Shoal Bay (1) 56.5 45 T Taiaroa (a2)

**7 Laminex NZ 2.52**  
 \$10,000, rating 65 benchmark\*, 2100m

1 455F5 Jackaroo (8) 59 60 S O'Malley (a2)  
 2 89s09 Rocking Good Time (9) 59 60 T Newman (a2)  
 3 040s4 Go Buggy (7) 58.5 59 S Weatherley  
 4 4750s Zedcrest (14) 58 58 H Schofer (a1)  
 5 06087 Carpe Diem (4) 57.5 57 D Bradley  
 6 6s0s9 Hiswhattitis (2) 57.5 57 E McCall (a3)  
 7 78037 Fattore Otto (10) 57 56 L Allpress  
 8 s0s00 La Jungles (3) 57 56 D Hirini  
 9 50s46 Wholethefoxout (5) 57 56 M K Hudson  
 10 00054 Cast In Bronze (13) 56.5 59 C L O'Beime (a2)  
 11 10s00 Bringitonpet (11) 56 58 J Kamaruddin (a3)  
 12 00s05 Great North Road (1) 56 58 T Yanagida (a1)  
 13 00s00 Bella Nero (12) 54.5 55 S J Macnab  
 14 5104s Eion (6) 54 45 Ashvin Mudhoo (a3)

**8 Design Builders 3.27**  
 \$10,000, maiden, 1400m

1 7340s Levon (6) 58.5 50 C Dell  
 2 40s Belles Big Boy (4) 58.5 49 S O'Malley (a2)  
 3 0s705 Hardtimes (7) 58.5 47 D Hirini  
 4 0s06 Sir Brig O' Doon (12) 58.5 46 D Bradley  
 5 5s9 Venato (1) 58.5 46 H Schofer (a1)  
 6 s2624 Jane O' (2) 56.5 53 L Allpress  
 7 4 Free Range (10) 56.5 50 T Yanagida (a1)  
 8 388 Oceanides (9) 56.5 49 S J Macnab  
 9 Albufera (11) 56.5 45 F Lazet (a4)  
 10 Annie Fletcher (8) 56.5 45 L Hemi  
 11 80s Moones Star (3) 56.5 45 S Weatherley  
 12 4990s Princess Jenni (5) 56.5 45 Ashvin Mudhoo (a3)  
 13 00 Roadhouse (14) 56.5 45 M K Hudson  
 14 0 Valzitabella (13) 56.5 45

**9 Central ITM 4.04**  
 \$10,000, maiden, 1400m

1 803s5 Busybeingfabulous (1) 58.5 51 C Dell  
 2 3 Sindacato (2) 58.5 51 H Schofer (a1)  
 3 250s8 See The Lion (5) 58.5 50 L Hemi  
 4 Road Cruz (8) 58.5 47 L Allpress  
 5 8s Air Waves (13) 58.5 45 K Hercock  
 6 00 Harvey Specter (10) 58.5 45 D Bradley  
 7 Nadal (12) 58.5 45 T Yanagida (a1)  
 8 3 Cher Ami (6) 56.5 51 R Elliot  
 9 7s044 Scylla (14) 56.5 50 J Kamaruddin (a3)  
 10 63s06 Midnight Spark (7) 56.5 49 S Weatherley  
 11 Cholula (3) 56.5 45 C L O'Beime (a2)  
 12 Mini Kay (11) 56.5 45 D Hirini  
 13 Shame It's Over (9) 56.5 45 S J Macnab  
 14 07887 Spanish Angel (4) 56.5 45 M K Hudson

## NZ Metropolitan harness at Addington Thursday Jetbet 8 TAB D. 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 T. 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 8-9-10 Q. 2-3-4-5, 7-8-9-10 PL6 5-10

**Selections**

Race 1: HONOUR BEFORE GLORY, TO RI CAITLIN, ULTIMATE SASSENACH  
 Race 2: ROGIE FALLS, TYENE, AWAPUNI  
 Race 3: CANTFINDABETTORMAN, SUGAR ME, ACENTO  
 Race 4: BELLA BUTTON, KOWHAI SUNDOWN, ONE TWO MENNY  
 Race 5: SENSE OF OCCASION, HOPE FOR LOVE, CONQUER ME  
 Race 6: MOMENT OF KAOS, KAHNTDORTALONE, THE TERRORIST  
 Race 7: JOHNNY MAC, DEUS EX, KRUIZR  
 Race 8: WITH ICE, CHIEF OF STAFF, SIOUX PRINCESS  
 Race 9: PUNT AWAY, NO TIME LIKE NOW, SPORTSCAM  
 Race 10: JIMMY PAUL, JIMMY ARMA, AMERICAN OUTLAW

**1 Garrards Amateur Drivers 5.01**  
 \$8000, 4yo+ r40-r53. mobile, 1980m

1 85907 Lydia (Fr) 1 R Sissons  
 2 09008 Uno Mia (Fr) 2 K McClintock  
 3 80074 Flamboyant (Fr) 3 S Blake

4 20708 Dreaminsover (Fr) 4 C Wigg  
 5 13644 Honour Before Glory (Fr) 5 M McIntyre  
 6 65077 Senorita Margarita (Fr) 6 J Buckland-Stevens

7 35733 Four Starzz Shiraz (Fr) 7 C Negus  
 8 94027 Ultimate Sassenach (Fr) 8 N Chalmers  
 9 s0259 Franco Hoffman (Fr) 9 S Wigg  
 10 25478 Jenabella (Fr) 21 A Fitzgerald  
 11 37702 To Ri Caitlin (Fr) 22 B Wilmoth

**2 Colin Steele Memorial Trot 5.26**  
 \$10,000, r40-r54. mobile trot, 1980m

1 05606 Rosie's Son (Fr) 1 B Butt  
 2 66383 Tyene (Fr) 2 B Orange  
 3 8s009 Cody Banner (Fr) 3 R Close  
 4 — Sonoma-Tyron SCRATCHED  
 5 60P13 Awapuni (Fr) 4 M Williamson  
 6 32246 Sugarinspire (Fr) 5 R Holmes  
 7 00632 Sunnivue Phileah (Fr) 6 J Morrison (J)  
 8 28482 Sods Law (Fr) 7 J Geddes  
 9 96866 Monrika (Fr) 8 T Chmiel  
 10 13253 Rogie Falls (Fr) 21 S McNally

**3 McMillan Equine Feeds 5.51**  
 \$10,000, non-winners 2yo+. mobile, 1980m

1 04222 Acento (Fr) 1 R Holmes  
 2 D2352 Cantfindabettorman (Fr) 2 M Williamson  
 3 Southshore (Fr) 3 B Orange  
 4 8 Sweet Chevron (Fr) 4 R Close  
 5 55322 Leconte (Fr) 5 J Cox  
 6 Sugar Me (Fr) 6 S O'Reilly (J)

7 39294 Ultimate Bird (Fr) 7 B Butt  
 8 02759 Hey Tonight (Fr) 8 J Morrison (J)  
 9 46s02 Sporty Celine (Fr) 9 K Newman (J)  
 10 76s34 Taurus Bromac (Fr) 21 R May

**4 Fahey Fence Hire Trot 6.16**  
 \$12,500, r45-r52 stand trot, 2600m

1 78643 Beyond The Horizon (Fr) 1 J Smith  
 2 00490 Yuri (Fr) 2 T Williams  
 3 81709 One Two Menny (Fr) 3 B Orange  
 4 410s0 Zsahara (Fr) 4 S Tomlinson (J)  
 5 10997 Take After Me (Fr) 5 R Houghton  
 6 25s06 Count Eyre (Fr) 6 R Close  
 7 618s9 Bella Burton (Fr) 7 S Lethaby  
 8 0s724 Kowhai Sundown (Fr) U1 S O'Reilly (J)  
 9 05659 Michelle (Fr) U2 R May  
 10 080P8 South Park (Fr) U3 K Newman (J)

**5 Mid-Winter At Addington 6.41**  
 \$10,000, 3yo+ r40-r48. mobile, 2600m

1 39090 Lincoln Skipper (Fr) 1 K Newman (J)  
 2 83330 Sonic Reign (Fr) 2 K Cameron  
 3 40744 Conquer Me (Fr) 3 R Holmes  
 4 58928 Times Are A Changin (Fr) 4 R Close  
 5 80060 Honour Scroll (Fr) 5 G Thornley (J)  
 6 62609 Razors Edge (Fr) 6 J Geddes  
 7 263P4 Sense Of Occasion (Fr) 7 B Orange  
 8 67 Corfu Bromac (Fr) 8 M Edmonds  
 9 87053 Markham Eyre (Fr) 9 B Hope (J)  
 10 00600 Aveross Rustler (Fr) 21 L McKay (J)  
 11 80953 Hope For Love (Fr) 22 S Tomlinson (J)

**6 Iconic Kiwi Roast Trot 7.06**  
 \$10,000, non-winners 3yo+ stand trot, 2600m

1 5 The Terrorist (Fr) 1 S Tomlinson (J)  
 2 Kahntdortalone (Fr) 2 S McNally  
 3 Butcher Kate (Fr) 3 M Edmonds  
 4 4P629 Moment Of Kaos (Fr) 4 J Young-Grant  
 5 7 Boss Kenny (Fr) 5 J Morrison (J)  
 6 96094 Gift Card (Fr) 6 R Close  
 7 30526 Random Spur (Fr) 7 R May  
 8 09s0 See It Thru (Fr) U1 K Hadfield  
 9 56444 Bourbon On The Rocks (Fr) U2 J Versteeg

**7 Lamb & Hayward Pace 7.31**  
 \$15,000, r60-r80. mobile, 2600m

1 60s41 Terry (Fr) 1 R Close  
 2 3s105 American Sniper (Fr) 2 K Newman (J)  
 3 15804 Champagneandwine (Fr) 3 T Chmiel  
 4 44526 Arden's Reality (Fr) 4 T Williams  
 5 19679 Quarterback (Fr) 5 A Cameron (J)  
 6 65574 KruiZR (Fr) 6 J Curtin  
 7 22247 Deus Ex (Fr) 7 M Williamson  
 8 41383 Johnny Mac (Fr) 8 B Orange

**8 Woodlands Trot 7.56**  
 \$15,000, r54+ discretionary handicap stand trot, 2600m

1 02205 The Bloss (Fr) 1 B Borcoskie  
 2 73514 Bright Glow (Fr) 2 I Cameron  
 3 s0855 Cochy Malc (Fr) 3 B Orange  
 4 20108 Red Harbour (Fr) U1 C Thornley

5 55634 Rebel Kibbysones (10) 1 J Hay  
 6 46197 Time In A Bottle (10) 2 J Morrison (J)  
 7 93s23 Chief Of Staff (10) 3 T Williams  
 8 50451 Sioux Princess (10) U1 S O'Reilly (J)  
 9 0s212 With Ice (10) U2 B Butt

**9 Avon City Ford Pace 8.21**  
 \$10,000, 3yo+ r49-r51. mobile, 2600m

1 31906 Sportscam (Fr) 1 J Cox  
 2 1000s Allabout Time (Fr) 2 R Close  
 3 99004 No Time Like Now (Fr) 3 B Orange  
 4 7819s Smiffy's Terror (Fr) 4 B Hope (J)  
 5 05635 Punt Away (Fr) 5 S McNally  
 6 1908s Skiddaddle (Fr) 6 B Butt  
 7 21087 Rick Reilly (Fr) 7 T Williams  
 8 64416 Mossdale Mac (Fr) 8 R May  
 9 400s2 Bossmaro (Fr) U1 J Curtin

**10 First Direct Taxis Pace 8.46**  
 \$12,500, 3yo+ r52-r59. mobile, 2600m

1 s1620 Taurus (Fr) 1 J Hay  
 2 40403 Unfazed (Fr) 2 D v Til (J)  
 3 04094 Elo Louise (Fr) 3 K Cameron  
 4 85515 Pete's Dash (Fr) 4 J Young-Grant  
 5 2s1 Jimmy Paul (Fr) 5 T Williams  
 6 1 American Outlaw (Fr) 6 R May  
 7 29241 Jimmy Arma (Fr) 7 K Newman (J)  
 8 02331 Hitherroadjack (Fr) 8 B Hope (J)  
 9 92107 Kiss The Girls (Fr) 9 D White  
 10 61045 Saginaw (Fr) 21 R Cameron

## Christchurch greys at Addington Thursday Jetbet 3 TAB D. 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 T. 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 7-8-9, 10-11-12 Q. 2-3-4-5, 9-10-11-12 PL6 7-12

**Selections**

Race 1: GHOST MODE, BECK ELEVEN, TAUNTING EYES  
 Race 2: TREMONTI, MISS ADOBE, CULVIE DOLE  
 Race 3: TOKYO BIRD, JELLY FISH, CLARKE'S SARKI  
 Race 4: MITCHAM IVAN, MY BRO'S ETHICS, GOLDSTAR WHITEY  
 Race 5: HUMBLING, GOLDSTAR LINDA, OPAWA BOYS PAID  
 Race 6: TAIERI TAYLEE, MADE THE CUT, THUNDER HALLOWS  
 Race 7: ROCK ON JOHN, OPAWA DEAL, QUINCY BALE  
 Race 8: NEVADA PHIL, HILTON HOPE, STARBURST GEORGE  
 Race 9: MONEY SPINNER, OPAWA SOLOMON, CHROME  
 Race 10: OAKMONT, EPIC DIAMOND, ROYAL RACCOON  
 Race 11: BOLTLY, MITCHAM MAGIC, EDGE OF REASON  
 Race 12: MONTY MAD HAMMER, TRICKY, HILTON JOKER

**1 The Fitz Sports Bar Sprint 12.06**  
 \$2450, C4, 295m

1 44655 Know Debt 17.17 Garry Cleeve  
 2 21341 Ghost Mode 17.28 Hart & Taylor  
 3 s4127 Taunting Eyes 17.26 Jason Dunn  
 4 6s844 Taieri Breeze 17.33 Ray Casey  
 5 54626 Homebush Caesar 16.99 John McInerney  
 6 22833 Smash Achiever 17.15 Malcolm Grant  
 7 26462 Beck Eleven 17.04 Lisa Waretini  
 8 51688 Curve Crusher 17.27 Ashley Bradshaw

**EMERGENCIES:**  
 9 28866 Homebush Gambler 17.14 John McInerney  
 10 58687 Mitcham Rob 17.24 John McInerney

**2 Balcairn Stockfoods Dash 12.23**  
 \$2095, C3, 295m

1 32218 Horse Range Gold 17.44 Malcolm Grant  
 2 46111 Tremonti 17.28 Bruce Dann  
 3 15211 Miss Adobe 17.14 Daniel Roberts  
 4 42125 Hilton Jonesy 17.42 Bruce Dann  
 5 35132 Lautrec 17.36 Rosemary Blackburn  
 6 87131 Angry Pete 17.35 John McInerney  
 7 312s2 Culvie Dole 17.48 Hart & Taylor  
 8 13334 Mitcham King 17.47 John McInerney

**EMERGENCIES:**  
 9 11835 Homebush Dream 17.31 John McInerney  
 10 51717 Impressive High 17.45 John McInerney

**3 mayhounds.org.nz Rehoming 12.41**  
 \$3385, C3, 520m

1 25858 Longshanks 30.34 Ashley Bradshaw  
 2 61321 Tokyo Bird 29.90 Craig Roberts  
 3 15472 Smooth Step 30.26 Malcolm Grant  
 4 16144 Nighthawk Fancy 30.38 Daniel Roberts  
 5 83547 Oster Bale 30.07 Craig Roberts  
 6 51384 Clarke's Sarki 29.98 Bruce Dann  
 7 11177 Jelly Fish 30.20 J & D Fahey  
 8 38317 Creme Brulee 30.02 Lisa Waretini

**EMERGENCY:**  
 9 s7748 Macadoodle 30.35 J & D Fahey

**4 Suck It Up Ltd Sprint 12.58**  
 \$2450, C4, 295m

1 s64s2 My Bro's Ethics n/wtd Jason Dunn  
 2 12414 Mitcham Ivan 17.28 Ashley Bradshaw  
 3 54813 Special As 17.20 Janine McCook  
 4 6153F Homebush Monkey 17.23 John McInerney  
 5 41388 Rebel Boom 17.29 Daniel Roberts  
 6 64112 Goldstar Whitey 17.25 S & B Evans  
 7 31855 Culvie Ness 17.22 Hart & Taylor

8 87566 Billy Ray 17.17 Norman Wanhalla

**EMERGENCIES:**  
 9 28866 Homebush Gambler 17.14 John McInerney  
 10 28678 Homebush Aimee 17.19 John McInerney

**5 Thursday Place Pick Stakes 11.16**  
 \$3385, C3, 520m

1 13252 Goldstar Linda 30.00 Riley Evans  
 2 26222 Opawa Boys Paid 30.35 J & D Fahey  
 3 53655 Curly Bill 30.47 Michael Dempsey  
 4 64367 Marvaha Bale 30.06 Craig Roberts  
 5 32365 Meatloaf 30.39 Sharon Hindson  
 6 33146 Tomfoolery 30.54 Lisa Waretini  
 7 46313 Humbling 29.97 J & D Fahey  
 8 63s77 Zipping Boston 30.00 Craig Roberts

**EMERGENCY:**  
 9 s7748 Macadoodle 30.35 J & D Fahey

**6 Kolorful Kanvas Sprint 1.33**  
 \$2450, C4, 295m

1 14526 Taieri Taylee 16.86 Ray Casey  
 2 72786 Made The Cut 17.20 Daniel Lane  
 3 21551 Bruno Barbarelli 17.39 Bruce Dann  
 4 37327 Thunder Hallows 17.11 Ashley Bradshaw  
 5 57337 Tiggerlong Demon 17.22 Daniel Roberts  
 6 65441 Goldstar Jay Jay 17.24 S & B Evans  
 7 43134 Homebush Stasser 17.23 John McInerney  
 8 83185 Sneaky Snitch 17.18 Hart & Taylor

**EMERGENCIES:**  
 9 28866 Homebush Gambler 17.14 John McInerney  
 10 58687 Mitcham Rob 17.24 John McInerney

**7 Travel Bug Charlie Stakes 1.50**  
 \$4795, C5, 520m

1 41165 Opawa Deal 29.98 J & D Fahey  
 2 53241 Rock On John 30.05 J & D Fahey

3 23243 Fairly Able 30.12 J & D Fahey  
 4 76516 Diamond Harmony n/wtd Malcolm Grant  
 5 Vacant Box Five n & a  
 6 46514 Quincy Bale 29.93 Craig Roberts  
 7 41126 Goldstar Spook 30.20 Riley Evans  
 8 52716 Uthor Bale 30.00 Craig Roberts

**8 Active Electrical Sprint 2.07**  
 \$2920, C5, 295m

1 73111 Nevada Phil 16.97 J & D Fahey  
 2 41256 Hilton Hope 17.06 Bruce Dann  
 3 11732 King Toliman 17.06 Daniel Roberts  
 4 73127 Romeo 17.19 John McInerney  
 5 31415 Double Speed 17.24 J M Lane  
 6 35143 Goldstar Wynter 17.20 Riley Evans  
 7 34272 Starburst George 17.03 Malcolm Grant  
 8 13536 Mitcham Usain 17.21 John McInerney

**EMERGENCIES:**  
 9 37761 Maffra Daisy 17.22 John McInerney  
 10 81878 Gotcha Doty 17.23 Calum Weir

**9 Selwyn-Rakaia Vet Services 2.26**  
 \$4090, C4, 520m

1 7s325 Chrome n/wtd J & D Fahey  
 2 31286 Goldstar Yankee 30.22 Riley Evans  
 3 45434 Opawa Lucy 29.99 J & D Fahey  
 4 s1712 Money Spinner 29.96 Craig Roberts  
 5 25115 Epic Cruze 30.24 Janine McCook  
 6 14367 Famous Lee 29.88 Riley Evans  
 7 54513 Opawa Solomon 30.09 J & D Fahey  
 8 22111 Fond Of You 30.04 Ashley Bradshaw

**10 Hart Family Greyhound Racing 2.42**  
 \$2920, C5, 295m

1 43457 Amuri Batman 17.30 John McInerney  
 2 51121 Oakmont 17.00 Daniel Lane

3 23153 Tweet About It 17.25 Hart & Taylor  
 4 51242 Ever Rested 17.01 Ashley Bradshaw  
 5 87341 Sam And Si 17.23 John McInerney  
 6 13411 Royal Raccoon 17.16 Calum Weir  
 7 18462 Epic Diamond 17.01 Janine McCook  
 8 35241 Goldstar Flora 17.15 Riley Evans

**EMERGENCIES:**  
 9 37761 Maffra Daisy 17.22 John McInerney  
 10 81878 Gotcha Doty 17.23 Calum Weir

**11 O'Shea's Public House Dash 3.01**  
 \$2920, C5, 295m

1 88531 Homebush Glitch 17.16 John McInerney  
 2 5814F Goldstar Major 17.24 Riley Evans  
 3 31114 Mitcham Magic 17.03 John McInerney  
 4 661F4 Taieri Missile 17.02 Ray Casey  
 5 13372 Honey Lantree 17.19 Matt Roberts  
 6 32731 Archie John Hill 16.84 J & D Fahey  
 7 11222 Boltly 16.69 Daniel Lane  
 8 51114 Edge Of Reason 17.03 Jason Dunn

**EMERGENCIES:**  
 9 37761 Maffra Daisy 17.22 John McIn

WEDNESDAY—THURSDAY'S TELEVISION GUIDE

TVNZ 1

5pm The Chase
A quiz show where contestants must stay one step ahead of The Chaser.
6pm 1 News At 6pm
The latest news, sport, and weather.
7pm Seven Sharp
Stories of the day from around New Zealand.
7.30 FINAL The Million Pound Cube
A game show where contestants try to complete a series of increasingly difficult tasks within a perspex cube.
8.20 LIVE Lotto
8.25 The Million Pound Cube
Continued.
8.30 Location, Location, Location
Kirstie and Phil are in the East Midlands with one pair of young first home buyers and one pair of 'first-time together' buyers.
9.30 Coronation Street
When an opioid addict is injured, Bash races to discover if her deadly symptoms are caused by drugs or a mystery ailment.
THURSDAY
12am Queen Sugar
Violet grows concerned about Hollywood's emotional state; Nova plans a children's march.
12.55 Te Karere
1.15 Infomercials
5.35 Te Karere
6am Breakfast
The Breakfast team presents news, interviews, weather, and information.
9am The Ellen DeGeneres Show
10am Tipping Point
11am The Chase
Noon 1 News At Midday
12.30 Emmerdale
Jimmy confronts Charity; Noah informs for Jamie; Pollard catches Faith stealing bedding.
1pm Coronation Street
2pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3pm Tipping Point
4pm Te Karere
4.30 Beat The Chef
5pm The Chase

BRAVO

5.30 Top Chef Masters
6.30 Celebrity Ghost Stories
7.30 Celebrity Undercover
8.30 24 Hours In Emergency
9.30 Embarrassing Bodies
10.35 Snapped
11.30 The Real Murders Of Orange County
THURSDAY
12.20 Infomercials
6am Infomercials
10am How To Look Good Naked: USA
10.30 Celebrity Ghost Stories
11.30 Snapped
12.30 The Real Murders Of Orange County
1.30 The Real Housewives Of Orange County
2.30 Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles
3.30 Hoarders
4.30 Masters Of Flip
5.30 Top Chef Masters

TVNZ 2

5pm The Big Bang Theory
6pm Neighbours
6.30 Home And Away
7pm Shortland Street
TK confronts his fears; Prince gets hot and heavy; Jack plays himself.
7.30 FINAL Popstars
In tonight's Grand Final the judges announce the winner of Popstars 2021 and the \$100,000 prize.
8.30 Patriot Brains
9.30 FINAL Starstruck
A farewell Christmas dinner for Jessie is interrupted by Tom, but any hopes of reconciliation are thrown off course.
10.05 Have You Been Paying Attention?
11.05 Mom
THURSDAY
12.25 Wentworth
1.15 Shortland Street
1.45 Infomercials
2.40 2 Overnight
4.15 The Middle
4.35 Neighbours
5am Infomercials
6am Les Mills Born To Move
6.25 Masha And The Bear
6.40 In The Night Garden
7am Agent Binky: Pets Of The Universe
7.25 Teen Titans Go!
7.50 Talking Tom And Friends
8.15 Kiddets
8.25 Code Fun
8.40 Rainbow Rangers
9am Infomercials
9.30 Religious Programming
10am Les Mills Body Attack
10.30 Neighbours
11am Popstars
Noon God Friended Me
1pm Judge Rinder
2pm Murphy Brown
2.30 Home And Away
3pm Shortland Street
3.30 Bluey
3.40 The Bureau Of Magical Things
4.05 Brain Busters
4.35 Friends
5.05 The Big Bang Theory

CHOICE

5pm Giada At Home
5.30 The Great Food Truck Race
6.30 Wheeler Dealers
7.30 Deadliest Catch: Dungeon Cove
8.30 Idris Elba: No Limits
9.30 Ice Vikings
10.30 Wheeler Dealers
11.30 The Great Food Truck Race
THURSDAY
12.30 Giada Entertains
1am Giada At Home
1.30 Rachel Khoo: My Swedish Kitchen
2am Discovering
3am Animal Nation With Anthony Anderson
4am Ice Vikings
5am The Great Food Truck Race
6am River Cottage Every Day
7am Giada Entertains
7.30 Giada At Home
8am Animal Nation With Anthony Anderson
9am Cash In The Spare Room
10am Rachel Khoo: My Swedish Kitchen
10.30 The Great Food Truck Race
11.30 Wheeler Dealers
12.30 Deadliest Catch: Dungeon Cove
1.30 Idris Elba: No Limits
2.30 Ice Vikings
3.30 Big Cat Country
4.30 Jamie And Jimmy's Food Fight Club
5.30 The Great Food Truck Race

THREE

5pm Millionaire Hot Seat
6pm Newshub Live At 6pm
7pm The Project
7.30 Bondi Rescue
8pm Bondi Rescue
The lifeguards are overwhelmed during Christmas and New Year with crowds and the dangerous combination of partying, drinking and swimming.
8.30 LA's Finest
The team tracks down a serial killer who lures his victims into isolated areas before killing them; Syd has a dangerous secret that clashes with McKenna's complicated past.
9.30 Hawaii Five-0
10.30 Newshub Live At 11:30am
11pm Designated Survivor
THURSDAY
12am Infomercials
6am The AM Show
9am Infomercials
10.30 The Zoo
11.30 Newshub Live At 11:30am
Noon Fixer Upper
1pm MOVIE Killer Mom
2017 Thriller. When a woman is left penniless by her scheming husband, she sets her sights on the millions of dollars her daughter, whom she gave up as a baby, will inherit. Kirby Bliss Blanton, Karen Cliche.
3pm Celebrity Family Feud
3.55 House Crashers
4.30 Newshub Live At 4:30pm
5pm Millionaire Hot Seat

PRIME

5pm Everybody Loves Raymond
5.30 Prime News
6pm Sky Speed
6.30 Pawn Stars
7pm The Crowd Goes Wild
7.30 Sewer Squad
8.30 Massive Engineering Mistakes
9.30 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
A young mother of two small children is refusing to pay rent because of the poor conditions of her flat; letting agent John Bartram tries to evict an extremely difficult tenant.
10.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert
11.30 The Crowd Goes Wild
THURSDAY
12am Infomercials
3am Closedown
6am Wheel Of Fortune
6.25 Henry Danger
6.50 Butterbean's Cafe
7.15 Nicky, Ricky, Dicky And Dawn
7.40 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
8.05 Game Shakers
8.30 Batman: The Animated Series
9am A Place In The Sun
10am Antiques Roadshow
11am Hot Bench
11.30 Instinct
12.30 Seal Team
1.30 Just Shoot Me
2pm The Late Show With Stephen Colbert
3pm Wheel Of Fortune
3.30 Jeopardy
4pm American Pickers
5pm Everybody Loves Raymond
5.30 Prime News

MAORI TV

5pm Pipi Ma
5.05 Takoha
5.15 He Paki Taonga I A Maui
5.20 Mahi Pai
5.30 Kid's Kai Kart
5.40 Potae Pai
5.50 Taki Atu Taki Mai
6pm Paia
6.10 Huritua
6.20 Kia Mau
6.30 Te Ao Marama
7.30 Life Of Kai
8pm Billy T James
8.30 Pio Terei Tonight
9.30 Mura O Te Ahi
10pm Ki Tua
10.30 Haka Ngahau A-Rohe: Tamararo
11pm Nga Pari Karangaranga O Te Motu
11.30 Closedown
THURSDAY
6.30 Pipi Ma
6.35 Takoha
6.45 He Paki Taonga I A Maui
6.50 Mahi Pai
7am Te Ao Tapatahi
8am Miharō
8.30 Pukana
9am Pacific Island Food Revolution
10am Sidewalk Karaoke
10.30 Whanau Living
11am On The Ladder
11.30 Huro Pepi
Noon Billy T James
12.30 Game Of Bros
1pm Nga Pari Karangaranga O Te Motu
2pm Toku Reo
3pm Korero Mai
3.30 Polyfest 2018
4pm Haka Ngahau A-Rohe: Tamararo
4.30 Miharō
5pm Pipi Ma
5.05 Takoha
5.15 He Paki Taonga I A Maui
5.20 Mahi Pai
5.30 Kid's Kai Kart
5.40 Te Nutube
5.50 Taki Atu Taki Mai



Popstars 7.30pm on TVNZ 2



Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords 9.30pm on Prime



Idris Elba: No Limits 8.30pm on Choice

RNZ NATIONAL

5pm Checkpoint With Lisa Owen. News and current affairs programme.
6.30 Trending Now
7.06 Nights With Bryan Crump.
10pm News At Ten
10.15 Lately With Karyn Hay.
11.04 Inside Out
THURSDAY
12.04 All Night Programme
5am First Up With Nathan Rarere.
6am Morning Report With Susie Ferguson and Corin Dann.
9.06 Nine To Noon With Kathryn Ryan.
Noon Midday Report With Mani Dunlop.
1.06 Afternoons With Jesse Mulligan.
3.45 The Panel With Wallace Chapman.
5pm Checkpoint With Lisa Owen.

SKY SPORT 1

5.30 First XV Rugby Revision
6pm Rugby Heaven
7pm Aotearoa Rugby Pod
7.30 All Access: Anton Lienert-Brown
8pm First XV Rugby Revision
8.30 Playmakers: Rugby Stories
9pm Playmakers: Flashback Game
11pm Gallagher Premiership (RPL) Harlequins v Bath Rugby.
THURSDAY
1am Guinness Pro 14 Rainbow Cup (RPL) Benetton Rugby v Connacht Rugby.
3am Playmakers: Rugby Stories
3.30 Playmakers: Flashback Game
5.30 First XV Rugby Revision
6am The Breakdown
7am French Top 14 Highlights Show (HLS)
7.30 Aotearoa Rugby Pod
8am Playmakers: Rugby Stories
8.30 Playmakers: Flashback Game
10.30 Super Rugby Trans-Tasman (HLS)
11am Major League Rugby (RPL)
1pm Super Rugby Trans-Tasman (HLS)
1.15 First XV Rugby (RPL)
3pm First XV Rugby Revision
3.30 Gallagher Premiership (RPL)
5.30 Rugby Heaven

SKY 5

5pm Storage Wars PGL
5.30 Pawn Stars PG
6pm Truck Night In America PGL
7pm Border Security PGC
7.30 Hawaii Five-0 MV
8.30 FBI: Most Wanted MV
9.30 Prison First And Last 24 Hours MVL
10.30 The Cops MV
11.30 Ax Men ML
THURSDAY
12.30 Wheel Of Fortune
1am Jeopardy!
1.25 Border Security PGC
1.50 Prison First And Last 24 Hours MVL
2.35 FBI: Most Wanted MV
3.30 Truck Night In America PGL
4.20 The Cops MV
5.10 Hawaii Five-0 MV
6am Jeopardy!
6.25 Wheel Of Fortune
6.45 Pawn Stars PG
7.10 Storage Wars PGL
7.35 Ax Men ML
8.25 Border Security PGC
8.50 Truck Night In America PGL
9.40 Hawaii Five-0 MV
10.30 The Cops MV
11.30 Pawn Stars PG
Noon Jeopardy!
12.25 Wheel Of Fortune
12.50 FBI: Most Wanted MV
1.40 Prison First And Last 24 Hours MVL
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

5.30 Like A Boss 16LSC 2020 Comedy. Tiffany Haddish, Rose Byrne.
6.55 The Burnt Orange Heresy 16VLS 2019 Action. Claes Bang, Elizabeth Debicki.
8.30 Dragged Across Concrete 18VLS 2018 Thriller. Two police officers are suspended, and must delve into the criminal underworld to get their proper compensation. Mel Gibson.
11.10 Gretel And Hansel MVSC 2020 Horror. Sophia Lillis, Samuel Leakey.
THURSDAY
12.35 Death And Life Of John F Donovan 16LS 2018 Drama. Kit Harington, Natalie Portman.
2.35 Lizzie 16VLS 2018 Drama.
4.18 The Golem 16VC 2018 Horror.
5.53 Like A Boss 16LSC 2020 Comedy.
7.18 The Burnt Orange Heresy 16VLS 2019 Action.
8.53 Gretel And Hansel MVSC 2020 Horror.
10.23 Death And Life Of John F Donovan 16LS 2018 Drama.
12.27 The Last Full Measure 16VLC 2019 Drama.
2.25 The Grudge 16VC 2020 Horror.
4pm Once Upon A Time In Hollywood 16VLS 2019 Comedy.

DISCOVERY

5.40 Outback Opal Hunters PG
6.35 Alaska: The Last Frontier PG
8.30 Aussie Salvage Squad PG
9.30 Bering Sea Gold PG
10.30 Moonshiners MLC
11.25 Naked And Afraid MLC
THURSDAY
12.15 How It's Made PG
12.40 How Do They Do It? PG
1.05 What On Earth? PG
1.55 Deadliest Catch PG
2.45 Naked And Afraid MLC
3.35 Moonshiners MLC
4.25 Gold Rush: White Water PG
5.15 Outback Opal Hunters PG
6.05 How Do They Do It? PG
6.30 How It's Made PG
6.55 House Hunters International Renovation PG
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3.50 Deadliest Catch PG
4.45 Fast N' Loud PG
5.40 Outback Opal Hunters PG





**CAPITAL STOCK:** This photo of LMJ P/S (Ruatoria), capital stock, mixed aged ewes, sold for \$170 at Friday's Matawhero sheep sale. There were 219 in this pen, they had good mouths, were in excellent condition and had been running with a ram since March 15. Their second and third cuts sold for \$140 and \$116, a total of 1050 were sold. Picture by Trevor Brown.

## AgriHQ MARKET REPORT

Week beginning May 31

### LAMB

UK and Ireland lamb prices are booming in response to a low supply of lambs. In the year to 15 May, Ireland has processed 754,900 lambs, 6 percent less than in 2020. The UK is doing worse, processing 3.4 million lambs in the year to April 2021, a 9 percent drop on 2020 volumes. Some of this downside is due to farmers' stress over Brexit last year, which prompted a heavy flock kill. By contrast, NZ lamb throughput for the year to April 20 is 8.6 million, a 500,000hd lift on year-ago levels and only 1.8 percent behind the five-year average. While demand is strong for domestic lamb in the EU and UK, the retail prices needed to justify the buy-in cost of carcasses appears unsustainable.

In April, some butchers were not offering lamb, believing customers would not tolerate the high price. As of April 6, a UK leg of lamb was selling for wholesale at \$19.39/kg, a 42 percent lift on 30 March pricing. By contrast, NZ's lower farmgate is allowing lamb legs to trade for \$11.64/kg wholesale in the UK, maintaining a competitive advantage.

### BEEF

This season's NZ steer and heifer kill remains off the chart with over 751,000 slaughtered so far. Compare this with last year's record high 628,000hd for the same period or the five year average of 596,000. Depending on how you slice it, there has

been an extra 123k to 155k prime cattle in the supply chain this season. This is in spite of a very high prime kill last season which probably tidied up most of the drought affected cattle from last spring. In their mid-season update, Beef and lamb NZ had anticipated a 1.6 percent lift in steer slaughter rates due to increasing beef herds. BLNZ also predicted a 4.7 percent reduction in the heifer kill on the basis that heifers would be retained to rebuild drought affected herds. What has happened instead is a 18 percent lift in steer slaughter and a 21 percent increase in heifer slaughter in the season so far.

### FORESTRY

In the past month, the AgriHQ indicator for structural logs increased by \$4/t, as more Q2 prices began appearing in survey respondents' data. The North Island contributed to most of this growth. NI logs were reported to be at the top-end of \$125-\$140/t, whereas the South Island market was \$125-\$135/t, but again more often towards the top-end of the range.

However, the flying export market is adding a significant volume of logs to the market via woodlots, which are a major source of pruned logs compared to other grades. These extra volumes have, for the most part, kept a lid on pruned log prices. Values were mainly stable, or very slightly weaker in some instances. The national P1 average has now remained between \$188/t and \$190/t for more than 12 months.

# Zespri has a record year

INCREASED sales, the ongoing expansion of Zespri SunGold Kiwifruit production and great quality fruit underpinned by strong international demand have delivered a record result for Zespri's 2020/21 season, returning record per tray returns across all categories.

Released last week, Zespri's 2020/21 Financial Results show total global revenue generated by fruit sales reached NZ\$3.58 billion, up 14 percent on the previous year, while total global operating revenue increased by 16 percent to NZ\$3.89 billion.

Global sales volumes were up 10 percent on the previous year to 181.5 million trays. Direct returns to the New Zealand industry

increased by 15 percent to \$2.25 billion in spite of the considerable uncertainty generated by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Earnings are spread through many regional communities including the Bay of Plenty, Northland, Nelson, Gisborne, and the Waikato, providing support to people, communities and businesses across the country. There were strong returns on both a per tray and per hectare basis.

The average return for Zespri Green per tray increased to \$7.51, with the average return per hectare reaching \$76,722.

Zespri Organic Green reached an average return per tray of \$10.53, and an average per hectare return of \$66,453.

# Petition presented to instal seat belts on school buses

FEDERATED Farmers has presented a petition to Government on getting seat belts installed in school buses.

It was signed by more than 6500 people in four weeks and was presented to National MP Jacqui Dean on the steps of Parliament last week by its organiser, Philippa Cameron, and Federated Farmers of NZ Vice-President Karen Williams.

They were backed by representatives of Rural Women NZ and St John NZ.

Both organisations agree with the message that it is unsafe and illogical that parents dropping their children off by car at pick-up points for the school bus run, unbuckle their youngsters from legislatively-required restraints and seat belts to get onto buses that do not have the same basic safety equipment.

Karen said in many rural areas, school buses travel long distances on winding,

gravel roads that are shared by milk tankers and forestry trucks travelling at open road speeds. But it's an issue in urban areas too.

She and Philippa have heard from bus drivers who are very uncomfortable that they get to wear a seat belt but that protection is missing for the children riding behind them.

"In social media responses, people have told a lot of stories about when their kids were in a (school bus) crash, or when the bus driver had to put the brakes on really suddenly.

"Children sitting in that front seat have gone over the rails into the footwell, others have smacked their teeth," Karen said.

"Unfortunately, unless there's a fatality, it doesn't seem to count."

Philippa, a farmer from Waitaki Valley, said in her district she talked to a bus driver who won't put 5, 6 and 7-year-olds in the front seats.

"That poor bus driver feels responsible for their safety so she puts them further back so they won't fly through the front."

Philippa and Karen said they don't expect overnight change but want to see a plan for staged implementation.

That could start with the Ministry of Education requiring, from a given date, that any company tendering for a school route must use buses fitted with seat belts.

Jacqui Dean, who chairs Parliament's Petitions Committee, pledged to put it before MPs so that information can be gathered and next steps decided.

"In my own district of North Otago, we've had buses slide off unsealed roads," Jacqui said.

"We'll get Philippa to Zoom in to our committee. I'm looking forward to hearing more from her and finding a way forward. She's pragmatic — she's a farmer."

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### Gisborne District Council

#### Marine Oil Spill Contingency Plan

HAVE YOUR SAY

The Gisborne Marine Oil Spill Contingency Plan is formally reviewed every 3 years to ensure it is up-to-date and incorporates new information on how we can best respond to marine oil spills in our region.

We are proposing a number of changes that aim to make the plan more usable and effective. The document is an instructional manual used to guide oil spill responses in the region.

The draft plan can be viewed on our website.

You can give your feedback on the plan by email to [harbourmaster@gdc.govt.nz](mailto:harbourmaster@gdc.govt.nz) before 30 June 2021.

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### Situations Vacant

#### Reporters

The Gisborne Herald is seeking experienced and/or trained journalists to join our news team. We have imminent vacancies for a Maori issues reporter and a general news reporter. These are full-time roles.

#### Maori Issues Reporter

Candidates for this key role in our news team need to be well-versed in te ao Maori and, preferably, be fluent te reo speakers. Strong interest in people, politics, economics and social outcomes would be great attributes to have, as would good existing relationships within, and knowledge of, Te Tairāwhiti.

The successful applicant will have great communication and writing skills, enthusiasm and versatility. Multimedia and social media skills would be big advantages.

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Applications with CV should be sent to:

Editor  
 The Gisborne Herald  
 PO Box 1143, Gisborne 4040

E-mail: [editor@gisborneherald.co.nz](mailto:editor@gisborneherald.co.nz)

Applications close Monday, June 14 at 5pm.

**Situations Vacant**



**“E ngaki ana ā mua,  
e tōtō mai ana ā muri”  
First they cleared the ground and  
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Rongowhakaata Iwi Trust is seeking an experienced and sharp-eyed Governance Advisor to support the development and delivery of a visionary aspiration – the return of our whare, Te Hau ki Tūranga. Like the three-dimensional style of the whare, this work too is multi-layered and will involve a high level of professional integrity, a skilled understanding of strategy and is framed by a tikanga led approach.

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OFF TO SPAIN: Carlo Ancelotti waves to the crowd after an English Premier League football match at Everton's Goodison Park stadium in Liverpool last month. Ancelotti takes over at Real Madrid in place of Zinedine Zidane, who quit last week.



AP picture

# Ancelotti back with Real

FOOTBALL by Tales Azzoni, AP

MADRID — Real Madrid picked an experienced former coach instead of another former player to try to put the team back on track after a disappointing season. Real hired Carlo Ancelotti on Tuesday to replace Zinedine Zidane, who quit last week after the team's first trophyless season in more than a decade. Many expected the job to go to former Real Madrid great Raúl González, who like Zidane had been coaching the team's "B" squad before taking over the main squad. But club president Florentino Pérez instead went with the coach who led Real Madrid to their 10th European title back in 2014, signing him for the next three seasons. The 61-year-old Ancelotti coached the Spanish powerhouse for two seasons from 2013 to 2015, winning a total of four titles. Ancelotti also won two Champions League titles with AC Milan and boasts success coaching clubs in all five top European leagues. He arrives at Real Madrid after leaving Premier League club Everton, where he had been since late 2019. "While I have enjoyed being at Everton, I have been presented with an unexpected opportunity which I believe is the right move for me and my family at this time," Ancelotti

said in a statement on Everton's website. Ancelotti is Real Madrid's coach with the most wins in his first 100 competitive games at the helm of the Spanish powerhouse, with 78. His other titles with Real came in the Copa del Rey, the Spanish Super Cup and FIFA's Club World Cup. "The Italian returns to our club after rewriting the history books during his first spell in the Real Madrid hot seat," the club said in a statement. "The new coach boasts vast experience and an impressive trophy haul." He will take over a squad marred by injuries this season. It was unclear if some key players, including Sergio Ramos, would return. There's also uncertainty about whether players like Gareth Bale will be back after being away on loan. Big signings are not expected as the club continues to struggle financially. Ancelotti joined Everton in December 2019, taking over from Marco Silva. The club finished 12th in the Premier League last year, before a 10th-place finish in Ancelotti's only full season in charge. "I would like to thank Everton FC, my players and the supporters for giving me the opportunity to manage this fantastic and historical club," Ancelotti said on Twitter. "I decided to leave as I have a new challenge with a club that was always in my heart, Real Madrid."

Zidane was Ancelotti's assistant when Real won their 10th European trophy. Zidane eventually led the club to consecutive Champions League titles from 2016-18, but he quit last week saying he didn't have the support of the club for a long-term project. He led Real Madrid to 11 titles in two different stints. In this last one, which began in March 2019, Real fought for the Spanish league title until the final round but finished two points behind city rivals Atlético Madrid, failing to defend their title and lift back-to-back league trophies. In the Champions League, Zidane led the team to the semifinals, but they were eventually eliminated by Chelsea. In the Copa del Rey, Real lost to third-division club Alcoyano in the round of 32. Other coaches who had been touted to replace Zidane included Antonio Conte, Mauricio Pochettino and Xabi Alonso. Ancelotti replaced José Mourinho at Madrid in 2013, taking over a team who still had Cristiano Ronaldo and Bale at their best, and also included the likes of Ángel Di María and Alonso. The team won the European title in that first season but struggled in the second, leading to Ancelotti's firing. The Italian now gets a second chance with Real, where the goal will be to make them winners again.

The jumbo crossword solutions printed in Monday's paper were incorrect. Here are the correct solutions:

JUMBO CROSSWORD SOLUTION 1492
ACROSS: 1 Occur, 4 As quiet as a mouse, 14 Traps, 15 Split, 16 Substitute, 17 Femur, 19 Eel, 20 Nursery, 21 Cafeteria, 22 Traced, 25 Flustered, 27 Exalts, 28 Double, 33 Hoarseness, 35 Rob, 36 Thesis, 37 Tile, 39 Ape, 41 Circuit, 42 Viewer, 43 Carpenter, 44 Girth, 45 Employee, 50 No, 51 Trembled, 55 India, 58 Obtaining, 59 Thread, 60 Weighty, 61 Gnu, 63 Hoax, 64 Depose, 65 Row, 66 Fine tuning, 68 Calmly, 69 Weasel, 71 Catamaran, 76 Cycles, 77 Vestments, 79 Flatten, 81 Sea, 84 Eerie, 85 Inoculated, 86 Cubes, 87 Lurid, 88 Fond of the bottle, 89 Aside.
DOWN: 2 Cyprus, 3 Units, 5 Soup, 6 Upstage, 7 Exiled, 8 Abuse, 9 America, 10 Oafs, 11 Sombre, 12 Dazed, 13 Isolate, 14 Tractor, 18 Prosperity, 23 Lever, 24 Stretch, 26 Lyrical, 27 Embargo, 29 Bristol, 30 Sodium, 31 Crawl, 32 Mirror, 34 Slit, 36 Tears, 38 Erred, 40 Germ, 45 Epoch, 46 Pitfall, 47 Omit, 48 Edited, 49 Adage, 50 Natural, 52 Eventually, 53 Begonia, 54 Extent, 55 Ignored, 56 Crown, 57 Half, 62 Sneak, 67 Blocked, 68 Console, 70 Sheriff, 72 Attract, 73 Weirdo, 74 Benumb, 75 Defend, 76 Caim, 78 Troth, 80 Truss, 82 Feud, 83 Peel.

2665 HARD
SUDOKU grid with numbers 1-9 in various positions.

SUDOKU
SUDOKU is a logic puzzle made up of 81 squares on a 9x9 grid. To solve the puzzle, each row, column and 3x3 grid within the larger grid must end up containing each number from 1 to 9, and each number can only appear once in a row, column or box. A sudoku grid has a single unique solution, which can be reached without using guesswork. SOLUTION IN NEXT PUBLICATION.

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY
Thursday, June 3, 2021 by Eugenia Last
CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Rafael Nadal, 35; Anderson Cooper, 54; James Purefoy, 57; Deniece Williams, 71.
Happy Birthday: Push hard for perfection, originality and giving a unique twist to whatever you do or say. Turn this year into one to remember. Walk away from difficult people and situations and toward what brings you personal and professional happiness. Take responsibility for your life, relationship with others and ability to turn your dream into a reality. Your numbers are 5, 12, 17, 24, 30, 36, 42.
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Be secretive about the changes you want to make; you'll get things done without interference. Don't lie if someone asks you a definitive question; just say it's a surprise and keep moving. Your determination will lead to a new opportunity. 3 stars
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take on only what you can do efficiently. It won't pay to put your reputation on the line to make someone else look good. Take the path that offers less aggravation; you'll enjoy what you do and will reach your destination on time. 4 stars
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Share facts. If you pass along information that doesn't come from a reliable source, you will jeopardize your reputation. Look for opportunities to improve your appearance, relationship with loved ones, and your health and emotional well-being. 2 stars
CANCER (June 21-July 22): It's time to start anew. Embrace opportunities with enthusiasm and a healthy imagination. Be the one to inspire others. Take the lead. Bring about positive change on a budget that is within your means. Take responsibility for your happiness. 5 stars
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let what others do ruin your day. Consider what's important to you and head in a direction that serves you well. A commitment to make a difference will encourage you to follow your heart and do something that matters. 3 stars
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Think less and do more. Take control of what's going on around you. Reach out to someone in need, and share your experience. What you do to make the world a better place will raise your profile and reputation. 3 stars
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Clear your head. Refuse to let others persuade you to get involved in something that isn't your best interest. Focus on what's important to you and how you can use your skills to make a difference. Use your energy constructively. 3 stars
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Step up and take care of unfinished business. Clear time and space to make room for new beginnings. Now is not the time to dawdle or to dwell on the past. Pick up the pace and get back in the game. 3 stars
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stick close to home and to the people you trust. Distance yourself from takers and those enticing you to do things you shouldn't. Discipline will pay off. Set goals, and don't stop until you are satisfied with what you achieve. 5 stars
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't jeopardize your health. Assess a situation and look for the best way to get things done with the least amount of risk. A change at home will make your life easier. An unexpected encounter will turn into an opportunity to advance. 2 stars
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put your effort where it will do some good. A change at home will lift your spirits as long as you stick to a budget. Don't let your emotions mix with your intelligence. Do what's affordable and helpful. 3 stars
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your imagination is working overtime. Don't make any assumptions. Get the facts and mull over your options. Keep busy physically and you will find it easier to remain calm and find a suitable solution to whatever troubles you. 3 stars
Birthday Baby: You are giving, opportunistic and ambitious. You are helpful and patient.

DOUBLE CROSSWORD No 11,307
CRYPTIC CLUES
ACROSS: 1. Disturbing brute in tree causes commotion (8), 5. Plant mentioned in no other book (4), 9. Inventor of a calling system? (4), 10. Inclination to write music for psalm? (8), 11. How bird may be cowed (5), 12. Use evil to become difficult to catch (7), 13. Let on suspense affected abundance (13), 18. Some of it is article for guerrilla (8), 19. Tunes assumed by superior people (4), 20. Wrongly name a single flower (7), 21. Learner always produces something to lift (5), 22. It flies feathered or is flown unfeathered (4), 23. Write it about a number in sorrow (8)
DOWN: 2. In June, quality is not uniform (7), 3. Uncoined metal has animal on charge (7), 4. Ability to spot a pleasing iris in retaliation? (2,3,3,2,3), 6. Study from a pit (7), 7. Superior people are gamblers? (7), 8. Disdainfully rejects boys' movement (6), 13. A call to awaken? (3-4), 14. Sincere Eastern reform (7), 15. Do back up excursion on three legs... (6), 16. ...as close as can be for 14, perhaps (7), 17. He could make nurse go out with him to the theatre (7)
SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLE 11,306
QUICK CROSSWORD answers also fit the large grid
QUICK CLUES
ACROSS: 1. Advance (8), 5. Grasp (4), 9. Dross (4), 10. Illiberality (8), 11. Senseless (5), 12. Raise to higher rank (7), 13. Unexampled (13), 18. Precipitately (4-4), 19. Gown (4), 20. Lay by (7), 21. Woo (5), 22. Whirlpool (4), 23. Valuer (8)
DOWN: 2. Uproar (7), 3. Speculator (7), 4. Insomnia (13), 6. Unfold (4,3), 7. Swell (7), 8. Revenue (6), 13. Rising (7), 14. Commended (7), 15. Last (6), 16. Timid (7), 17. Ban (7)

STAR RATINGS
FIVE STARS: Nothing can stop you now. Go for the gold.
FOUR STARS: You can pretty much do as you please. It's a good time to start new projects.
THREE STARS: If you focus your efforts, you will reach your goals.
TWO STARS: You can accomplish a lot, but don't rely on others for help.
ONE STAR: It's best to avoid conflicts. Work behind the scenes or read a good book.



# Injury threatens Barty's bid

TENNIS by Ian Chadband, AAP

LONDON – Ash Barty has put on a brave face while revealing a hip injury threatens her dream of regaining her French Open title after she survived a first-round scare.

Australia's world No.1 endured a dramatic, injury-hit return to the scene of her greatest triumph at Roland Garros on Tuesday, needing a medical timeout for the "acute" problem following the second set before battling to a 6-4 3-6 6-2 win over the dangerous Bernarda Pera

Back on Court Philippe Chatrier for the first time since winning the title there in 2019, Barty — who decided not to defend her title in pandemic-hit 2020 — told the small crowd that she'd managed to prevail because "I just keep fighting."

That battle will now have to go on for a fortnight if she's to grab back her title as the top seed revealed how the injury to her left hip, which flared up over the weekend, was going to make surviving the tournament difficult.



**BEST LEG FORWARD:** Ashleigh Barty returns to Bernarda Pera of the US during their first round match in the French Open. Barty said Pera played an incredible match, but the Australian managed to apply more pressure in the third set to take the win. AP picture

"It's going to be a little bit tough this week," said Barty, somehow summoning up a smile.

"(The injury) just needed some (timeout) today to try to release it off as best I could.

"We were able to fight through, able to give ourselves a chance to play again the next round.

"A massive part of today was accepting the fact that, yes, I may not be absolutely 100 percent but I'm certainly good enough to go out there and fight and do the best I can and give myself a chance to win matches.

"I'm not going to hide behind the fact I'm not quite 100 percent, but I can guarantee I'll go out there with the right attitude every day and give it a crack no matter what."

It says everything about Barty's character that after receiving treatment at courtside at the end of a second set in which she'd been buried by Pera's barrage of winners, she got up to subdue an inspired opponent.

The trainer had worked on her lower back, left hip and the top of her heavily-strapped left leg as she lay on the court but, once back up again, Barty rediscovered her best tennis just when it was needed.

The top seed saved two break points at 1-1 in the decider but

after negotiating that minefield game, her superior all-court game finally began to tell as she reeled off the final four games to claim victory after two hours.

Barty had pulled out of the Italian Open with an old recurring arm injury, but at least there was no sign of that as she booked a second round tie with Poland's Magda Linette.

"I was able to build up a bit more pressure in that third set but Bernarda played an incredible match," said Barty, who was constantly discomforted by her powerful, aggressive Croatian-born opponent, who smacked a remarkable 36 winners.

The crushing forehand of the world No.70 made it difficult for Barty to assert any sort of control, even after she had taken the first set with three straight breaks of serve.

Only 100 or so fans were there to see Barty's victory, a far cry from the full house that saw her triumph in the final against Marketa Vondrousova over two years ago.

"Yeah, a little bit different but the world is different, isn't it?"

## Nadal dominant over 'Poppy'

TENNIS by Ian Chadband, AAP

LONDON — Alexei Popyrin can at least say he twice stood on the verge of winning a set against the greatest clay court player in history in his own Roland Garros kingdom.

Yet ultimately, Australia's rising star could only experience the same sinking feeling as countless wannabes before him on Court Philippe Chatrier as he became king of clay Rafael Nadal's latest victim, slayed in straight sets 6-3 6-2 7-6 (7-3).

Big-hitting 'Poppy', one of the best young talents in the game, held two set points in Tuesday's third set as he sniffed the chance of becoming only the third man ever to take a set off Nadal in a first round match.

Alas, for the 195cm Sydney beanpole, he first served a double fault and then, stretching for a smash, cracked it over the baseline to allow the 13-times champion to wriggle free of trouble.

"The moment got to me. He didn't do anything special at all. He got the ball back and I missed. You can't do that against these top players. I definitely won't let it happen again," said Popyrin, reflecting on what might have been.

Nadal, launching his bid for a record 21st grand slam triumph, takes it as a personal

affront to lose even a single set at Roland Garros and fought in time-honoured fashion to preserve his record of consecutive winning sets there, which he's now extended to 26.

Even battling that extra yard to make Popyrin play just one shot — that fateful smash — was worth it for Nadal.

"I was so close. Smashes are usually my best shots that I don't usually miss," said the 21-year-old. "To miss one, and how I missed it, was very disappointing."

You don't get second chances against the 34-year-old Nadal, who then went on to dominate the tiebreak and emerge triumphant, racking up his 101st victory at Roland Garros after two hours 23 minutes.

Popyrin, who'd fired 34 winners and left Nadal afterwards laughing on court about the breathtaking nature of his hitting, was let down by too many soft errors. He said he felt a mixture of pride and disappointment.

"I'll get over it by tonight. But I don't want to chalk down too many of my matches to experience any more."

He had words of praise from the great man Nadal ringing in his ears.

"He has everything to become a great, to become a fantastic player," Nadal said after the match.

## Top teams looking good

NETBALL by Murray Robertson

THE top teams in the netball premiership should have little trouble tonight from their opposition in the mid-week games in the Gisborne YMCA.

At 6pm Whangara Old Girls will be in action against premier newcomers Claydens Waikohu 3 in the Pakn'Save competition.

"Whangara gave a slick display of netball skills on Saturday and showed why they are sitting at the top of the grade," said netball commentator Sherrill Beale.

They put on 70 points against the other new team in premiers Tapuae from Wairoa.

"Waikohu 3 had a tough introduction to the premier grade last Wednesday when they met YMP Sunshine Brewery, and this game will be a similar encounter," Beale said.

"They will need all players working together

for the full hour as Whangara like to move at speed through the court."

YMP outscored them by a solid margin last week too.

In the 7.30pm clash YMP take on Gillies Electrical Gisborne Girls High School Senior A.

"YMP like to move the ball at speed through the court, and like Whangara they gave a good display of their skills last Wednesday against Waikohu 3.

"So the students will need to bring their top game to compete against them."

"Girls High struggled with the defensive pressure from F45 HSOG last week and made some basic errors," Beale said.

"They will have worked on these over the week and I expect them to be more competitive than the 20-goal deficit that they suffered last time they met YMP."

## Country backs Osaka

TENNIS

PARIS — Naomi Osaka has received support from her country Japan, her sponsors and leading sporting figures after the world No.2 withdrew from the French Open in a row about media duties, saying she had been suffering from depression and anxiety.

One of the biggest names in sport, Osaka stunned the tennis world when she pulled out of the grand slam on Monday after being fined and threatened with expulsion for declining to face the media after her first-round match on Sunday.

The four-time grand slam champion last week signalled her intentions to skip her media duties to protect her mental wellbeing and she returned to Twitter on Monday to announce her withdrawal.

While her original stance had earned the 23-year-old little backing from her fellow professionals, most saying that dealing with the media was part of the job, her withdrawal triggered a wave of support from around the world.

Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsunobu Kato told a news conference he would "watch over her quietly" and there was concern on the streets of Tokyo for the woman who will be one of the faces of this year's Olympic Games.

According to sports business website Sportico, Osaka earned \$55.2 million over the past 12 months, a record haul for a female athlete, much of it from sponsorship deals with major companies in Japan and the United States.

Japanese sponsor Nissin Foods wished Osaka a quick recovery while the world's biggest athletic shoe maker, Nike, lauded her for her courage in sharing her mental health experience.

"Naomi Osaka's decision reminds us all how important it is to prioritise personal health and wellbeing," Mastercard, one of Osaka's long list of sponsors, said.

Japanese automaker Nissan Motor Co also showed solidarity with its brand ambassador.

Tennis trailblazers Martina Navratilova and Billie Jean King said it was very brave of Osaka to reveal her struggle with depression.

Williams sisters Serena and Venus, as well as younger American players Coco Gauff and Sloane Stephens, chimed in with messages of support as the focus shifted from Osaka's responsibilities to her wellbeing.

Messages of support came from athletes in other sports.

"You shouldn't ever have to make a decision like this — but so damn impressive taking the high road when the powers that be don't protect their own. Major respect," wrote NBA All Star Steph Curry on Twitter.s.

There was also some criticism of Roland Garros organisers for their handling of the matter.

French Tennis Federation President Gilles Moreton offered Osaka support in a statement read to the press, but the irony of him not taking questions afterwards was not lost on some. — AP

## Kvitova out after fall

TENNIS

PARIS — Petra Kvitova has withdrawn from the French Open after injuring her ankle in a freak fall while performing her post-match media duties.

The 11th seeded Czech player, who reached the semi-finals at Roland Garros in 2020 and 2012, beat Belgian qualifier Greet Minnen 6-7(3) 7-6(5) 6-1 in her opening match on Sunday and fell and hurt her ankle shortly afterwards.

"It is with great disappointment that I announce my withdrawal from Roland Garros," the 31-year-old Kvitova said on Twitter on Tuesday.

"During my post-match press requirements on Sunday I fell and hurt my ankle.

"It's incredibly bad luck, but I will stay strong and do my best to recover in time for the grasscourt season."

Meanwhile, Australian Open runner-up Jennifer Brady breezed past Anastasiya Sevastova to reach the second round and match her best performance at the French Open.

The 13th-seeded American, who has never reached the third round at Roland Garros, won 6-3, 6-3 after breaking Sevastova at love in the final game.

— AAP

# The day the Coast invaded Napier

FROM BACK PAGE

The crowds continued to grow as the True Blue fans were determined to fill the ground. After a lovely meal and some refreshments — no flat-deck ute grandstands here — it was time to sort out some seats. Should we stay with the invited guests or go to the media room? Rick suggested Jennifer and I go to the stand opposite, where all the noise was coming from, but it looked to be overflowing. “We’ll never get a seat in there,” Jennifer said. “Go on Hiller, they’ll find a seat for you,” Rick said. They did. How, I don’t know. But we soon joined in with the cheering and singing. Radio commentator Murray Deaker was almost pleading with Hawke’s Bay fans to go to the game as all he could see was sky blue colours around the ground. At the fulltime whistle, Coast supporters invaded the field to salute their players with a rousing haka. Ngati Porou East Coast chairman Bill Burdett, who had been through the hard times with the union, was almost overcome with emotion watching this and a haka from the players themselves in tribute to their supporters. “What other team goes to their supporters at the end of a game like this, so close to winning, to do the haka. No matter how disappointed, no matter how tired, they acknowledge the supporters.” The late Api Mahuika said to me, “Well John, we may have lost on the scoreboard but that’s about the only place we lost today. Today was a victory for Ngati Porou.

“As we have been humble in victory throughout the season, we can be magnanimous in defeat. We congratulate Hawke’s Bay on their victory.” Skipper Wirihana Raihania said the haka was not for the opposition. “It is for our supporters, it is for ourselves, it’s who we are, where we are from, it’s for our whanau.” Some lean times followed but come 2012, Ngati Porou East Coast were back in the limelight and back among The Gisborne Herald headlines, thanks to player-coaches Ngarimu Simpkins and Rua Tipoki. Having lost the 2011 Meads Cup final to Wanganui, the Coast made the 2012 decider and again their opponents were Wanganui. Only this time the game was in Ruatoria. With 15 minutes remaining, Wanganui led 27-3 and the home supporters were stunned. A try to TK Moeke looked like being a consolation effort but when Ziggy Fisihoi scored shortly after, the chant went up: “Nati . . . East Coast . . . Nati . . . East Coast.” Mike King added another five-pointer and with first-five John Semple having slotted three conversions, the gap was only three points. The Coast had the opportunity to level the scores when they were awarded a kickable penalty 30 metres in from the left wing. With the crowd screaming “take the points”, Simpkins instead took a quick tap and fired the ball out towards the right wing, Semple threw a cut-out pass to winger Verdon Bartlett, who scored in the corner — 29-27 to the Coast with time up. It was surely the greatest comeback in the history of the Meads Cup and made the front



JOHN HILL in his Ngati Porou East Coast shirt. Picture by Paul Rickard

and back page of The Herald. Following the win, someone said the mana of the maunga had been restored. Truth is, the mana of Mt Hikurangi was never lost. It has always been there. Why have I not mentioned many players? Because there is not the room in this article to do so without disrespecting some of the many

great players over the Coast’s 100 years. But for their parts, McClutchie and “Nanny” Kath McLean deserve special attention. McClutchie was New Zealand Rugby Awards Coach of the Year in 1999 — not just third division coach but overall coach, beating out Wayne Pivac, who led Auckland to the first division title. McClutchie was also named Maori Coach of the Year in 2001, heading off former All Black captain and North Harbour coach Buck Shelford and Waikato’s national championship-winning basketball coach Jeff Green. “It’s the greatest honour I could ever receive,” McClutchie said after accepting the Te Maru o Tumatauanga Trophy. “I’m proud to be Maori and this award is the pinnacle for me. “But it’s not just about me. I accept this award on behalf of everyone I have worked with over the years. I’m just the coach. There are a lot of people who work behind the scenes.” In 2001, long-serving Coast administrator “Nanny” Kath (now deceased) was honoured with a Services to Rugby award by the International Rugby Board. Despite having suffered a minor stroke, she and Coast union chief executive Anthony Nelson travelled to London to accept her award. I was invited to be a part of the Coast squad who went to Palmerston in 2001 to play Manawatu and saw first-hand the esteem in which she was held by everyone connected with the Coast. It was Nanny Kath this, Nanny Kath that, don’t you be lifting those bags, we’ll do it for you, have you had enough to eat, we’ll look after you. The players could not do enough for her.

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## WEATHER FOR TOMORROW

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### MIDNIGHT TONIGHT

### NOON TOMORROW

### GISBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT

Thursday Jun 3		Friday Jun 4	
am	pm	am	pm
Hicks Bay	H 12:46am 1:09pm L 7:00am 7:17pm	Hicks Bay	H 1:39am 2:05pm L 7:55am 8:14pm
Waipiro Bay	H 12:33am 12:56pm L 6:35am 6:52pm	Waipiro Bay	H 1:26am 1:52pm L 7:30am 7:49pm
Tolaga Bay	H 12:21am 12:44pm L 6:23am 6:40pm	Tolaga Bay	H 1:14am 1:40pm L 7:18am 7:37pm
Gisborne	H 12:08am 12:31pm L 6:25am 6:41pm	Gisborne	H 1:00am 1:25pm L 7:17am 7:35pm
Wairoa	H 12:16pm L 6:08am 6:27pm	Wairoa	H 12:43am 1:08pm L 6:59am 7:21pm

### NZ SITUATION

A broad ridge of high pressure lies over the country Thursday, then should move eastwards on Friday as a trough approaches the South Island from the west. The trough moves onto the South Island Saturday as a northerly flow strengthens over the North Island.

### GISBORNE CITY

TOMORROW	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Fine. Light winds and sea breezes.	Mainly fine, a few cloudy periods. Light winds.	Fine with high cloud later. Northerlies.	Cloudy with northerlies.

### NZ TOMORROW

Auckland	fine	17
Hamilton	fine	16
Tauranga	fine	17
Rotorua	fine	14
Taupo	fine	13
Napier	fine	17
New Plymouth	fine	17
Palmerston North	fine	16
Wellington	fine	15
Christchurch	fine	13
Queenstown	fine	13
Dunedin	fine	15

### GISBORNE READINGS

Taken at the Airport, for the 24 hours to 9am, Wednesday 2 Jun 2021

SUNSHINE hours	3.2
On Tuesday, 1 Jun	3.2
To date for June	122.0
Average for June	1062.4
To date this year	—
To date last year	1062.4
WIND km/h	SW 44
Max gust on Tue 1 Jun	SW 44
RAINFALL mm	0.0
24 hours to 9am, Wed 2 Jun	0.8
To date for June	111.0
To date this year	364.3
To date last year	271.6
EVAPOTRANSPIRATION mm	1.2
Daily average for past week	1.2
TEMPERATURE °C	14.0
Maximum	5.2
Minimum	0.0
Grass minimum	0.0
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE	1015.5
At 9am 2 Jun (hPa)	29.99
At 9am 2 Jun (inches)	29.99

### WORLD TOMORROW

Adelaide	showers	10 17
Amsterdam	showers	11 22
Bangkok	fine	28 36
Beijing	cloudy	16 28
Berlin	fine	11 25
Brisbane	rain	13 22
Buenos Aires	fine	8 16
Cairo	fine	17 34
Canberra	showers	1 15
Cape Town	fine	12 21
Delhi	thunder	21 37
Frankfurt	cloudy	15 26
Geneva	fine	14 24
Hong Kong	fine	28 33
London	showers	12 21
Los Angeles	fog	16 27
Melbourne	showers	10 18
Moscow	fine	8 20
New York	showers	17 23
Paris	thunder	17 26
Perth	fine	7 21
Singapore	thunder	25 34
Stockholm	fine	8 21
Suva	showers	23 30
Sydney	rain	11 19
Tokyo	drizzle	19 24
Toronto	showers	14 19

### TODAY IN HISTORY

2000 — A hailstorm shattered part of a Saab 340 aircraft and stripped paint from the aircraft’s nose about 20 minutes after it took off from Wellington for Napier. The aircraft made an emergency landing at Palmerston North. The turbulence was “tremendous”, according to a passenger.

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# A COAST FAMILY STORY

**Former Gisborne Herald sports reporter John Hill gave away the shirts and other memorabilia from his days as a semi-professional footballer and New Zealand international . . . experiences that included the 1982 World Cup in Spain. But he won't part with his favourite jersey, the sky blue of Ngati Porou East Coast. As the Coast union counts down to its centenary celebrations this holiday weekend, Hiller reflects on his greatest Nati memories.**

He whanau kotahi tatou Nati . . . We are one family.

I wasn't there when the East Coast Rugby Football Union was formed 100 years ago but I wouldn't be surprised if similar words were spoken.

Former Ngati Porou East Coast skipper Wirihana Raihania said those words before leading his team out to play Manawatu in a must-win game in Palmerston North to secure a home semifinal in the second division of the national provincial championship in 2001.

The result?

A nailbiting but fully deserved 24-22 win against a team the Coast had never beaten.

This was followed by a resounding 21-12 victory over Nelson Bays (another historic win) to book a final date with the mighty Magpies from Hawke's Bay at McLean Park in Napier.

The Coast lost 30-27 despite outscoring the home side five tries to two.

The Sky Blues lost the final but won the hearts of everyone.

But let's rewind the clock a few years to 1999, when Joe McClutchie's men upstaged their biggest rivals, Poverty Bay, in the NPC third division final at Whakarua Park, Ruatoria.

This was the start of a dream run by the country's smallest rugby union in size but biggest in wairua (spirit), and resulted in some of the best sporting headlines in The Gisborne Herald.

I must confess the headline writer was Herald sports editor at the time Chris Taewa — headlines Coast supporters thought I had written because my name was on the reports. So thanks, Chris, for making me a hit with the players and fans alike.

McClutchie's goal was to build a team of Ngati Porou players, along with some honorary "Nati" players, and he took them up Mt Hikurangi to bond.

Playing for the jersey, for their people, was a motivating factor in all East Coast teams.

"We play for the jersey, for pride, not money," former Coast player Tyrone Delamere said. "It's hands up, not out." Back to the 1999 final.

Whakarua Park was packed, complete with Coast-style corporate boxes — flat-deck utes with sofa "grandstands" and predominantly Steinlager-filled bars.

The wahine in the grandstand stood singing and dancing as players walked on to the pitch. It was the first of many occasions that made the hairs on the back of my neck stand on end.

Coast first five-eighth Victor Taingahue wrote his name into Coast history with the drop goal that separated the teams, 18-15, at the end of 80 minutes.

The Herald headlines were Victor-ious; Cool Coast give Reds the Blues.

The second headline was in reference to the fact that while the Bay players prepared in close to 30 degrees on the Whakarua Park ground, sapping their



**TAKING NOTES:** Gisborne Herald sports reporter John Hill (left) shows exemplary journalistic objectivity as Rua Tipoki scores a try for Ngati Porou East Coast against Buller at Whakarua Park, Ruatoria, in 2012. Picture by Paul Rickard

energy, McClutchie's men warmed up indoors.

McClutchie, who regarded the players as sons and the team as family, went from player to player, encouraging them, telling them what he wanted from them as individuals while reminding them who they were playing for.

"Who are we?" he would ask.

"Nati . . . East Coast," was the response. The more he asked, the louder the reply.

While I can't take credit for the headlines CT (Taewa) wrote, I can tell you of the pre-match predictions of the Herald sports department of the time.

The late, great John Heikell said the Bay, 24-19, the sports editor also tipped the Bay, 25-22. The former soccer player turned rugby writer saw it differently, 20-17 to the Coast.

OK, the score was wrong but the result was right.

This was all based on the performance of a magnificent forward pack who destroyed title favourites and previous competition leaders North Otago that season.

The Coast team that famous day from 1-15 were Sam Matenga (deceased), Derek Leefe, Quentin Carmichael, Inia Roko, Kele Leawere, Toka Liku, Horace Lewis (deceased) Wirihana Raihania (captain), John Nukunuku, Victor Taingahue, Koro Ngarimu, Setariki Kaunicaramaki, Tyrone Delamere, Maika Vere, Doone Harrison. Reserves were Arthur Green, Ben Reedy, Graeme Walker, Bailey Mackey, Morgan Waitoa (making his 103rd appearance), Huki Wilson ((deceased), Marijan Manuel. Assistant coach was Eli Manuel, manager was Anthony Nelson, physio was Roger Main and masseur was Jum Reedy.

More great headlines were to follow as the Coast became the darlings of the local and national press as they continued to rewrite the history books with exciting rugby, strong defence, a magnificent rolling maul and backline flair.

"They may have won the 1999 final but they won't win this year (2000)" said some Bay supporters . . . they were wrong.

Again the Coast defied all the odds,

travelling to Oamaru to defend their title against North Otago, who were the favourites.

Time for another Herald headline: YOU BEAUTIES: Flutey on song as comeback kings win back-to-back NPC div 3 titles.

Dare I say it, The Herald got it right again in its pre-match prediction, going even further by saying the kicking duel between Mano Flutey and his counterpart Simon Porter could decide the final. Flutey scored 20 points in a 25-21 victory after the Coast trailed 21-9.

The return of the victorious team was another one of those special moments for this reporter, who was at the airport to meet McClutchie's men.

At first there were only a few supporters present but as news filtered through that the team were on their way, the crowd increased until the airport was packed.

Guitars came out and, accompanied by some liquid refreshments, the music started.

When the plane landed, the True Blue supporters burst into spontaneous and emotionally charged waiata that sent a shiver down my spine.

That welcome was just for the supporters who had travelled to Oamaru. What was it going to be like when the team arrived?

The players were not due until 10.45pm. Surely the fans would not wait around.

They did, and the numbers grew until the plane finally arrived at 11pm.

As the players and management walked slowly towards the welcoming party the volume rose to a crescendo and then came another sight I did not expect to see — the humility and reverence of the players' response.

Here was a group of players who only hours earlier had created history, winning back-to-back titles. There was no fist-pumping, no jumping up and down, no hollering, no two-fingered (for two titles in a row) salutes, no shirts hanging out or ties undone.

Instead they stood, heads bowed, some close to tears, as they respectfully acknowledged the reception.

Then it was time for the players to

respond.

Proud to be Ngati Porou, proud of his whanau, McClutchie stepped back from the limelight and let the players show their appreciation.

"When you see support like that it makes you want to play for them," he said.

The win meant promotion to the second division and a chance to take on the big boys.

"They'll get slaughtered" was the general opinion of many non-Nati supporters.

Fast forward to October 21 and despite all the critics, McClutchie and his men had earned the right to play Hawke's Bay in the final.

Win and they would get the chance to play the cream of New Zealand's rugby teams.

Was there no end to this fairy-tale run? There was — a loss to Hawke's Bay but let me tell you about that day.

Herald photographer Paul Rickard, my wife Jennifer and I travelled down to the game. As we headed south the balloons and banners that adorned the route from Tolaga Bay to Ruatoria the previous week for the semifinal had been taken down and put back up along the highway to Napier and McLean Park.

"If you didn't know any better you would think we were going the wrong way," Rick said.

"Do you think there will be as many as there were last week?" Jennifer asked.

That question was answered emphatically when we arrived at the ground at 12 noon, two and a half hours before kick-off.

As we approached McLean Park we could hear the singing.

"Have you ever seen anything like this?" an elderly carpark attendant asked. "I've been here since 9.30 and they started coming, then asking for tickets and wanting to know when the gates would open.

"Do you think there will be many more coming?" he added with a look that suggested he wished he had taken the day off.

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