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MAKING THEIR MOVE

Gisborne-connected Auckland band Dick Move will be one of two support bands for Dave Grohl (below) and his Rock & Roll Hall of Fame band the Foo Fighters at concerts in Wellington and Auckland in December. Punk band Dick Move features three Gisborne musicians — Lucy Suttor, Justin Rendell and Luke Boyes. Below left (from left) are band members Suttor, Harriett Ellis, Rendell, Lucy Macrae and Boyes. **STORY ON PAGE 3**

Dick Move picture by Mason Fairey; Grohl pic by NZ Herald



Cases reach new high

by Andrew Ashton

THE region has a record high number of new Covid cases today as Hauora Tairāwhiti district health board looks to expand its isolation facilities.

There are 442 new cases today, with one person in hospital.

"This is the highest daily case total we've had so far, which shows Omicron is still circulating freely in the community," a Hauora Tairāwhiti spokesman said.

The region's supported isolation quarantine (SIQ) facilities, which cater for those unable to isolate at home, will be increased.

The facilities at present include five flats, plus two dorms on site at Hauora Tairāwhiti,

six campervans, six units at Te Kuri a Tuatai Marae and six units in Hicks Bay.

They provide about 80 beds and are running at 75 percent occupancy.

Hauora Tairāwhiti is looking to increase numbers by another 16 campervans.

There are 3327 active cases in the community and 887 people have recovered.

"Since we're not yet at the peak, getting your booster is the best way to protect yourself and our community from Omicron," the spokesman said.

"One in three people who can now get their booster haven't got it yet. If it's been three months since your second dose, please get your booster (go to bit.ly/3o38iZP to find out where you can get vaccinated).

"Tomorrow our teams are at Ilminster

TURANGA Heath will be providing rapid antigen test kits to rural communities this week.

"Turanga Health is going to do a "Rapid Around the Rural Areas" delivery of Covid RAT kits tomorrow and Thursday," Turanga Health chief executive Reweti Ropiha said.

The Ministry of Health has made available several thousand test kits and these need to be in our rural areas rather than sitting in boxes in Gisborne.

Intermediate from 3.30 to 6pm for a kids vaccination drive-through, then at Elgin School at the same time on Thursday. Heaps of amazing prizes are up for grabs.

"There are heaps of chances to get vaccinated on the Coast this week too, with

"We are going to provide these to farming communities tomorrow and Thursday so people don't have to make a trip to town."

Pickups are at Muriwai Marae, Wednesday, 5.30 to 6.30pm; Matawai School, Thursday, 5.30pm to 6.30pm; Waihirere Marae, Thursday, 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

■ See the advertisement on page 9 in today's Gisborne Herald for further details.

vax fest events in Matakaoa today, Ruatoria tomorrow and Tokomaru on Thursday.

"There is a fantastic event this Saturday in Ruatoria called Whitiki Ngāti Porou Planes, a whānau vax event with flights, heaps of prizes and kai on offer."

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Off and running...swimming and cycling

LESSGO: Central School triathlon participants (from left) Gus Kinsella, Andre Blom, Matthew Callaghan, Tobias Smith and Kyah Mullany at the start of their year group race at Nelson Park.

Pictures by Rebecca Grunwell



Charlotte Willoughby pulls off her cap after completing the swim leg.



Cody McMurray on the run leg.



Elke Higgins on the cycle leg.

CENTRAL School's Rangī (senior syndicate) triathlon was held at Nelson Park on Friday.

The students took part as individuals or in teams over a course comprising an 800-metre run, 100m swim at the nearby Enterprise Aquatic centre and 1km cycle.

"It was a great day. The children challenged themselves and had fun," organiser and teacher Cambell McNaught said.

"Even though the inter-school event has been cancelled for the year, we thought it was important for us to run the event if we could.

"Unfortunately, this meant we could not invite parents down to spectate. However, we did our best to livestream each race."

Team events were participation only.

Individual results — Year 5 girls: Sophie Phelps, 1 Isabelle McGhee 2, Merike La Grange (Y4 student) 3.

Y5 boys: Tyler Sheldrake 1, Blake Pearse 2, Matthew Knudsen 3.

Y6 girls: Sophia Castles 1, Charlotte Willoughby 2, Elke Higgins 3.

Y6 boys: Henry Wallingford 1, Gus Kinsella 2, Tobias Smith 3.

LOOKING AHEAD



FOCUS ON THE LAND

- Prices and comment from the monthly cattle fair held at Matawhero today — around 900 head on offer.
- Motu farmers Mark and Jane Johnson from Alcuin Station are in the 2022 Ballance Farm Environment Awards.
- The weekly AgriHQ report updates the strong export prices for lamb, and beef exports in February very similar to the past four years

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Public input wanted on GDC growth strategy

‘Almost half of the region’s population doesn’t earn enough money to buy or rent a house and this will get worse unless something is done about it’

—Shane McGhie, GDC

AS PART of joint agency efforts to curb the worsening housing crisis, Gisborne District Council is inviting the public to information and feedback sessions on its new growth strategy.

The council’s urban growth and development workstream lead, Shane McGhie, says the Future Development Strategy (FDS) is one of the tools to solve the demand for housing in Tairāwhiti.

“Almost half of the region’s population doesn’t earn enough money to buy or rent a house and this will get worse unless something is done about it,” he said.

“The FDS will outline where building can occur to enable planning projected housing and business growth in Tairāwhiti.”

The council is seeking input from the community at the start of this process, and last week launched a website where people can nominate a potential growth area. The website can be accessed at bit.ly/35qA9Nv

“The purpose of these sessions is to introduce the FDS project and show why it’s important, outline the methodology and seek input on potential growth sites,” Mr McGhie said.

“The council is asking the community

to help verify their research on growth areas. These are areas where it might be suitable to build new houses over the next 30 years.”

“We’ve got a pretty good idea about suitable locations for growth but we know we may have missed areas, and we’d love input from stakeholders and community members. By working together, we can jointly develop a great plan for what Tairāwhiti looks like over the next 30 years.”

Webinar sessions will be held via Zoom. The sessions will be 30 minutes long and include a brief presentation, followed by a Q&A session with

technical experts.

Thirty-minute webinars will be held at midday and 7pm on Monday, March 28, and at 12 noon on Tuesday, March 29, and Wednesday, March 30.

Join one of these sessions and find out more on the GDC webpage, or email the team at trmp@gdc.govt.nz with any questions.

Growth site nominations will be open throughout March with a full public consultation on a draft strategy due in September.

The council expects the strategy will be operational before the end of the year.

From K Road bar to opening for the Foos

FROM PAGE 1
by Jack Marshall

PUNK rock singer Lucy Suttor is used to screaming about terrible landlords and political inaction to a hundred people.

But come December her band, Dick Move, will be thrashing in front of 50,000 as a support group for Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductees the Foo Fighters.

“I don’t want to stand there and look at the crowd so much. I might s..t myself,” said Suttor, who became the band’s frontwoman after leaving Gisborne.

Foo Fighters have locked in Amyl & The Sniffers and Dick Move to open for them at Wellington’s Sky Stadium on December 15 and Auckland’s Western Springs on December 17.

At first, Suttor thought it was a joke.

By day, she shares her

skills in Swedish relaxation and deep tissue massage at her studio, Nice Touch Massage, in Saint Kevins Arcade off Karangahape Road.

By night, a short walk away, is a nondescript door and behind that is the basement of the Whammy! Bar — one of Auckland’s last bastions of live music and where Dick Move came into creation.

In Suttor’s own words, Dick Moves is a five-piece, socialist, party punk band who hit hard and fast.

The band’s songs generally manage to stretch the whole of one minute and 20 seconds.

“Blink and you’ll miss them,” said Lucy.

Tickets for the December 15 and 17 shows are on sale at frontiertouring.com/foofighters.

Check out The Guide in Thursday’s Gisborne Herald for an extended article with Lucy Suttor of Dick Move.



GIZZY GRINDER: Young surf lifesaving athletes from across the eastern region converged on Gisborne at the weekend for a series of events to make up slightly for the national championships being cancelled. One event was the inaugural Gizzy Grinder — a run, swim, board and ski long-distance event modelled on Australia’s iconic Coolangatta Gold or the annual Mount Monster at Mount Maunganui, that included a jump off the railway bridge. STORY ON BACK PAGE
Picture by Keepa Digital

RECORD HIGH MEDIAN

House sales drying up at lower end of market

by Andrew Ashton

THE median house price in the district is up \$120,000 in just a year to a record high as realtors say lower-end buyers have given up on getting a home.

Data from the Real Estate Institute (REINZ) shows Gisborne’s median price is now \$715,000, eclipsing the region’s previous record of \$695,000 set in December 2021.

There were 46 sales last month, down from 64 in February last year.

“Unlike most other regions across the country, Gisborne saw a slight decrease in inventory levels in February,” REINZ regional director Neville Falconer said.

“There’s been a steady increase in out-of-town buyers as Gisborne becomes more of an attractive option to families and those looking for a lifestyle change.

“Auction rooms have been quieter than

usual due to banks making it difficult for bidders to be ready in time.

“Changes to the CCCFA (Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance Act) have significantly impacted buyers in the lower to mid-price range, with some leaving the market altogether.”

The rise of a fractured market can be seen clearly in further data supplied by REINZ.

Last month, 41.3 percent of all sales were for property priced between \$500,000 and \$749,999 and 21.7 percent were for \$1m or more.

Just 10 percent of February sales were priced between \$350,000 and \$499,999 — a stark difference from 56.4 percent in February 2020 and 23.4 percent in February last year.

Property Brokers Gisborne branch manager Stefan McNeely said banking and finance restrictions meant sales at the lower end of the market were drying up.

“We’re finding on that lower end, days on

market are taking longer for buyers to get their financial details together.”

On the other hand, the middle and higher parts of the market were still rising.

“While there are less buyers out there, people are still able to get the cash so they can buy.

“It’s still a good time to sell because we know what’s in front of us. People shouldn’t be holding off thinking there will be a miraculous turnaround.

“Yes we have a record median price right now and that’s in that market where people are still getting their hands on that money. So, they probably shouldn’t wait, they should keep coming.”

Bayleys Gisborne director Simon Bousfield said it had been another big month for high-end sales.

“There were 10 sales over \$1m in the month, notably the top two in Wainui being over two million. Both sold pre-auction in

our auction room.

“This illustrates the value strength in the market is still very evident and for the right property a desire to secure early.

“Some properties are being given slightly longer marketing campaigns to sell, allowing for tightening lending restrictions to be worked through to enable buyers better opportunity to purchase.

“At 54 percent, Gisborne continues to hold the highest property-sold-by-auction stats across the country — competition in auction rooms evidently driving increased record median results.”

Median prices for residential property across New Zealand increased 13.5% annually, from \$780,000 in February 2021 to \$885,000 in February 2022.

Across New Zealand, the number of residential property sales decreased 32.8 percent in February 2022 — from 8324 in February 2021 to 5597.

FAMILY NOTICES

Deaths

CLARKE, Reece Alister. — Passed away peacefully, on the 14th March 2022, in his 80th year, at Te Wiremu Rest Home. Dearly loved husband of Jackie, and adored father and grandfather of Vicki and Danielle Temm (Brisbane).

As per family wishes, a private cremation has been held.

Stonehaven – Proudly making a difference

Corson Grain fire

FIREFIGHTERS were called to the Corson Grain maize plant in Cochrane Street in Elgin at midday yesterday after a cooling fan overheated and started to set fire to the wall behind it.

“A worker spotted the fire and used a bucket of water to douse it,” a senior firefighter said.



SUPPORT: TROTAK kaimahi are making sure those in isolation have what they need. From left, Athena Emmerson-Kapa, Sativa Walters, Kim Torrez and Ahorangi Chambers. Picture supplied.

‘Aroha is tangible’

Maori health providers doing the mahi across rohe

by Matai O'Connor
Kaupapa Māori reporter

MĀORI health providers, social services and rūnanga are working overtime to increase vaccinations, support whānau in isolation and get rapid antigen tests to those who need them as the Omicron outbreak continues.

Tairāwhiti has one of the lowest vaccination rates for Māori in New Zealand and one of the highest percentages of Māori with Covid.

According to Hauora Tairāwhiti district health board, 60 percent of all cases in Tairāwhiti are Māori, while 87.1 percent of all eligible Māori have had their second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine and 63.1 percent have had their booster shot.

Turanga Health and Ngāti Porou Hauora (NPH) are the two Māori health providers in the region.

NPH is based out of Te Puia Hot Springs Hospital while Turanga Health is in Gisborne. Both have received funding from the Māori Communities Covid-19 Fund and work with Hauora Tairāwhiti.

NPH chief executive Rose Kahaki says the mahi changes every day and that a close and strong connection with East Coast communities is one of their strengths.

“Whānau who are Covid positive are connecting with community leads to get additional kai and support. Many whānau are well organised and prepared (to isolate).”

Phase 3 of the Omicron response means Covid positive patients are required to self-manage.

“If they are concerned or their level of wellness deteriorates, they should not hesitate to contact our health centres or Te Puia Springs Hospital,” Ms Kahaki says.

NPH clinics operate around the Coast.

It offers vaccinations throughout the East Coast through static and mobile clinics.

Ms Kahaki says they are reasonably well resourced at the moment but being on the Coast,



they always need more. “We have fallen into the compartment of always needing more stuff and like other areas of rural New Zealand, it has been hard to recruit to the countryside.

“However, we have had a lot of support from Hauora Tairāwhiti and the Public Health Unit.

“This is a time when we really need to rely on each other and support each other where staffing requirements are needed.”

Ms Kahaki says they have managed to retain staff but continued to struggle to recruit permanent doctors.

“We are mainly utilising locums so the cost is quite high. We have to go day by day, really. I think we are holding up. It’s good no one has had to leave . . . because of how tired they are.”

Turanga Health chief executive Reweti Rōpiha says these are trying times as the Covid landscape continues to evolve.

“It’s important to keep communication going between everyone to make sure we know what is changing.”

Mr Rōpiha says the Omicron outbreak is like a pressure valve but fortunately Turanga Health kaimahi have stayed with the organisation and this commitment is appreciated.

“We do a lot of things around wellbeing. We are quite conscious about how we keep ourselves in that wellbeing space. We make sure we celebrate things as a team and show gratitude towards the efforts kaimahi make — some working seven days a week.”

Turanga Health is focusing on three key fronts, he says.

“Sustaining and maintaining the vaccination approach, focusing on booster and tamariki vaccinations.

“Swabbing spaces — making sure

that RATs (rapid antigen tests) are available.

“And SIQ, (support in isolation/quarantine). We brought the cabins at Te Kuri a Tuatai Marae to help those who need appropriate support to isolate.”

Turanga Health last week ran vaccination drive-throughs at Waikirikiri Park.

“It’s about taking the settings to where the people are and creating experiences, not just the vaccination. With us as providers, we have to be agile to deliver that.”

Mr Rōpiha hopes the outbreak will peak by the end of March or start of April.

“Four to six weeks ago it was one positive case, then we got forecasts of 100 to 120, and now we are in the midst of it, we are seeing 360 a day.

“If it’s going to peak it might hit 400 or 500 a day, but it’s a bit of a crystal ball situation.”

He encourages whānau to remain committed.

“I know the agencies and other providers will put up what they can to help but without whānau remaining resolute in a space of chaos, because it is chaos, then we need whānau to stick together.

“We need whānau to share experiences, we need whānau to put their hands up. Without whānau doing this, agencies and providers can only do so much.”

Te Rūnanga o Turanganui a Kiwa (TROTAK) is supporting whānau isolating with Covid across the region.

“TROTAK has partnered with (charitable organisation) Supergrans to gain access through the food network to support all people who request manaaki support,” said Athena Emmerson-Kapa of TROTAK.

“TROTAK has been able to establish a warehouse to gather kai to support whānau from Ruatoria, Matawai, Wharerata, Rere and in between.

“The main requests are for kai, where to get RATs from and “I’ve had Covid but my tamaiti (child) has just tested positive, how do I



MAHI HARD: Turanga Health kaimahi at one of the vaccination events. From left, Api Tehau, Adam Tapsell, Hinehou Smiler and Pauline Gilroy. Picture supplied

register?”, she said.

Te Riu o Waiapu Trust (TROW) on the East Coast is also helping support whānau isolating with Covid.

TROW communications manager Cushla Tangaere-Manuel says their Covid outreach team were known as “ninjas”.

“Since the first outbreak, they have dedicated time to attending training sessions to ensure they provide our whānau with the best care within recommended guidelines.

“Each takes care of a portion of our area and has been helping whānau prepare plans in recent months. Now Omicron is present in Te Riu o Waiapu, whānau are engaging their plans.

“The TROW outreach ‘ninjas’ conduct tests and deliver immunity

packs (provided by Ngāti Porou Hauora) and day three and 10 tests.

“They also keep in constant contact with isolating whānau, ensuring their essential needs are met and they have adequate support.

“We’d like to acknowledge Tania Rauna and Kevin Pewhairangi, who travelled to Rangitukia to deliver training in association with Toitu Tairāwhiti,” she said.

Their ‘ninjas’ are constantly monitoring and all are in good health.

“We have a daily case update so whānau are fully aware of our status, and some whānau are freely sharing their own stories on their personal platforms.

“We remain mindful we are a whānau kōtahi and the aroha being shown across the board is tangible.”

Seed collecting gets the thumbs up from tamariki

by Avneesh Vincent

RERE School students got their hands dirty last week in an effort to enhance their learning and give back to the environment.

Last Thursday, the students, with the help of kaitiaki, collected eight species of seeds, including tawa, māhoe and kōwhai, from Pouriwai Station.

School principal David Milne said after the Wharekōpae water testing activity last year, the school was keen to incorporate more outdoor activities in their curriculum.

By using local resources and help from the community, the school was taking a more proactive approach.

“It is a good opportunity for the children to learn to give back to the environment and know what they can achieve when they work together,” he said.

Kaitiaki and Women’s Native Tree Project Trust nursery manager Kauri Forno was on hand to teach the students about eco-sourcing.

Eco-sourcing is collecting seeds close to where they will be planted. It is an important part of any restoration project and ensures the plants are suited to the conditions and are more likely to survive.

By using eco-sourced native plants, it is easier to maintain the areas unique characteristics.



WORKING TOGETHER: Students from Rere School took part in a seed collecting activity at Pouriwai Station. Back from left, Kauri Forno (Women’s Native Tree Project Trust), Hamish Cook, Manahi Maddock, Jack Candy, Robbie Worsnop and Kairo Taurima. Front, Enrique Perez (GDC land management officer), Ava Ellis, David Milne (Rere School principal), George Candy, Georgina Kemp with Beetham and dog Frankie, Mila Maddock, Ava Gannaway and Sophie Ovenden (GDC Wharekōpae project manager).

Pictures by Liam Clayton



HANDS-ON WORK: Manahi Maddock and George Candy show off the seeds they found.

Eco-sourcing minimises the risk of planting species that are not native to the area and could become invasive.

“It is good to have the children collect the seeds, train them to have ‘seed eyes on’ and teach them about when it is ripe to collect them from the trees,” Ms Forno said.

Seed collection was important

as Tairāwhiti had lost a lot of its forest cover, she said. Since the region geologically has younger soil and rocks, it is crucial to have more forest cover to protect areas from slipping and contaminating waterways.

“We need to start getting native trees back, so my role is to find seeds from different areas and encourage communities to

grow the seeds, look after the trees and ultimately plant more natives.”

Mr Milne said the location was the ideal place to give back because the land that Rere School currently sits on was donated by the Kemps, who were the original owners of the 21 hectare station, about four generations ago.

“The history resonates quite deeply here,” he said.

Station owner Jeremy Kemp said he was happy to have the school come in for the collection as it was always nice to have more native bush.

The Gisborne District Council said the revegetation programme was part of a wider project, but is yet to provide further response.

Caring for our coastlines

by Avneesh Vincent

COMMUNITIES across Aotearoa New Zealand got involved in activities last week to raise awareness of the importance of the ocean and marine life.

Seaweek, now in its 30th year, aims to reconnect Kiwis with the ocean and draw attention to an ecosystem that makes up about 93 percent of New Zealand’s territory and covers 71 percent of the planet.

“Seaweek is an annual opportunity to promote ways to learn about and experience the marine environment, and better appreciate the connections between land, sea and wellbeing,” Department of Conservation marine communications adviser Casey Spearin said.

Conservation events are often dominated by terrestrial issues such as deforestation and predator control.

“In Aotearoa, the ocean is vital to our way of life so it is important to have an event like this which focuses on the ocean,” she said.

One of the DoC’s goals was to increase the understanding of marine species, foster connections between the ocean and wellbeing and motivate people to engage in environmental volunteering such as beach clean-ups.

Last Friday, the Tairāwhiti Environment Centre (TEC) conducted a beach clean-up at Waikanāe Beach as part of a Sustainable Coastline programme. Sustainable Coastlines,



MAKING A DIFFERENCE: Tairāwhiti Environment Centre organised a beach clean-up to coincide with Seaweek, an annual celebration focused on our relationship with the ocean. From left, Amy Hardy, Jessica Wright, Henarata Kohere-Pishief, Kiri Allan, Stephanie Temple, Victoria Williams, Matthew Marion and Amanda Roe.

Picture by Liam Clayton

a charitable trust, operates nationwide to connect people with nature.

TEC hub support coordinator Stephanie Temple said the centre, along with eight volunteers, picked up rubbish along the coastline.

“Plastic is present in our oceans and it is affecting our aquatic life so it is important that we do our part of disposing of it before it becomes a hazard,” she said.

According to Greenpeace reports, researchers have found plastic in the stomachs of 44 percent of all seabird species, 22 percent of cetacean species, and in all sea turtle species.

Volunteer Amy Hardy said aside from picking up plastic bottle caps, she found a lot of broken-down plastics — micro plastics.

Ms Hardy, who is also the regional coordinator for

Experiencing Marine Reserves (EMR) in Gisborne, said it was important to spread awareness of the micro-plastic problem.

“Just being able to get the community involved and make a connection with Amy and the wider public is important for informing change,” Ms Temple said.

East Coast MP and Minister of Conservation Kiri Allan was

among the volunteers. “In weeks like this it is crucial to celebrate or commemorate the role that the sea plays in our life as island dwellers and it does come with a big responsibility. May we strive and continue to embody a culture of care for our coastlines.”

Ms Spearin said many rangers in our district had organised community events for Seaweek, from evening talks with ocean experts to needle felting 3D ocean creatures.

“Unfortunately, due to Covid, the Gisborne office decided not to host any events this year.

“Typically, one thing that the local office does is support EMR’s community snorkel day,” she said.

DoC East Coast community ranger Trudi Ngawhare said that since life on earth was dependent on healthy ecosystems, in the ocean and on land, DoC’s objective was always to inspire the community to get out and enjoy the taiao (environment).

“If you love it, you will look after it.

“For us ‘Coasties’, our moana is a huge part of our everyday life and living. Seaweek is a great time to reflect on what an awesome taonga we have.

“Celebrate by being beside it, being on it, being in it,” she said.

There are also plenty of Seaweek opportunities to participate in online.

There are cool activities for the kids and some great webinars with leading experts in marine science.

Head to <https://www.seaweek.org.nz/whats-on>

Mandate changes considered

WELLINGTON — Cabinet will this week consider “changes” to Covid-19 vaccine passes and mandates, according to Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern.

“Over the course of this week and next, Cabinet will be considering the changes we’ve been discussing on mandates, vaccine passes, and the Covid Protection Framework,” Ardern said at her post-Cabinet press conference.

“We’ll look to make announcements on these decisions next week.”

The Government has been under pressure to justify mandatory vaccination for sectors of the workforce now that more than 95 percent of the eligible population is fully vaccinated with two doses.

Vaccination is mandatory for workers across health, education, Corrections, Fire and Emergency, the border and close contact businesses that operate vaccine certificates under the Covid Protection Framework, or traffic light system.

Vaccine mandates have been highly contentious, prompting a three-week protest at Parliament that ended in a violent standoff with police and more than 120 arrests.

Newshub revealed last month that more than 2600 workers had been stood down across the Government’s sectors mandated to be vaccinated. Since then, the mandate for police and Defence



POSSIBLE CHANGES: Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern speaks at the post-Cabinet press conference.

Force has been quashed by the High Court.

Ardern has already signalled the Government’s intention to roll back the mandates and passports after the Omicron variant has peaked in the community.

“At that point, if we follow the pattern of other countries, we’ll likely see a rapid decline, followed by cases stabilising at

a lower level. That is the point when we can start to do things differently,” she said last month.

“Vaccine passes were a way of ensuring that within the relatively free system of the traffic lights, that people who were in high-risk places had some layer of protection.

“But once we come through a wave and peak of Omicron, that equation changes because many

unvaccinated people will at that point have been exposed to the virus.”

While some experts warn it’s too soon to celebrate, the number of daily Covid-19 cases has been reducing. The Ministry of Health reported 15,540 on Monday and 14,494 on Sunday compared to more than 20,000 on most days earlier last week.

Director-General of Health Dr Ashley Bloomfield has highlighted the importance of vaccination.

Citing research from January, Dr Bloomfield said last month: “Compared with being unvaccinated, the odds of contracting Omicron after receiving three doses dropped by 67 percent — two-thirds, and for Delta the risk declined by a stunning 93 percent.”

But National’s Covid-19 spokesperson Chris Bishop has been questioning the need for mandates now that the population is highly vaccinated.

In Parliament last week he suggested that “the utility of vaccine mandates are considerably diminished, given more than 95 percent of the eligible New Zealand population has now had two doses of the vaccine, and the impact of vaccination on transmission under Omicron is nowhere near what it was under Delta”.

His comments came amid

reports that unvaccinated Ministry of Social Development staff had been called to meetings to discuss their future. Oranga Tamariki let go 19 frontline staff who were covered by the mandate required for health and education workers.

Covid-19 Response Minister Chris Hipkins said in Parliament the use of vaccination requirements for certain workforces was something the Government kept under review.

“It is possible that some workforces will find those requirements removed before others and will do that based on public health advice and based on a proportionate risk assessment as we make those decisions,” he said last week.

“Many of the workforces covered by the vaccination requirements — so for people to continue to do those jobs they needed to be vaccinated — are in the public sector. The first course of action for those workforces was to find opportunities for redeployment.

“Where redeployment was not available, then people have been worked with to see whether there are other options available to them.

“Termination of their employment has only been used as an absolute last resort and people will have had plenty of time to work through that process.” — Newshub

Opposition give Govt a ‘fail’

WELLINGTON — Opposition parties across the political spectrum have given the government a ‘fail’ grade over its temporary fuel tax cuts.

Fuel taxes have been slashed by 25 cents a litre for the next three months as the government acts to counter soaring petrol prices.

PWC tax partner Sandy Lau told Morning Report it was a “once in a generation move”.

“It is something that we haven’t really seen before, the government looking to reduce excise taxes specifically. But in terms of looking to achieve what they are trying to . . . it’s one they have been able to do really quickly and swiftly and really have an immediate impact on the petrol prices.

“There is something quite unique about this particular time, but with the Government having done this once, next time, potentially, if there is continued focus on say petrol prices, there might be call to do this again.”

National Party leader Christopher Luxon said the petrol tax tweaks would provide some relief, but did not address the wider cost of living crisis.

“It’s not just fuel that’s gone up and petrol prices that are going up; food is up 13 percent and weekly rents are up \$150 a week. People deserve a break.

“The best way we think to do that is adjusting the tax thresholds; returning the extra tax Labour’s grabbing from inflation back to people so they’ve got cash in their pockets.”

Luxon estimated this could save the average earner \$870 a year, while the ACT Party has said it could deliver \$187 per person through its carbon tax refund policy.

ACT leader David Seymour said the refund would be taken up through the Emissions Trading Scheme and come out of what he called the Government’s “climate slush fund”.

“We could have given \$750 (each



PETROL PRICE CUTS: Green Party co-leader James Shaw, National’s Christopher Luxon and ACT’s David Seymour are not happy with the Government’s temporary fuel tax cuts.

year) back to an average family of four. In order to make those sorts of savings under Labour’s scheme you’d have to buy 3000 litres a year.”

The Green Party supported the halving of all public transport fares from April 1, but had also made clear it could not get on board with fuel excise cuts.

Co-leader James Shaw said direct payment supports — through the welfare system or via tax credits — was a better, greener way to go.

“If we’d been able to provide some support either through the income support system or the tax system then people would have the choice about how to spend that money.

“If you only do it through fuel taxes then it’s confined to that domain.”

Shaw said the Green Party was also concerned there was no guarantee petrol companies would not just absorb the fuel tax cuts into their profits.

Minister of Energy and Resources

Megan Woods has asked fuel businesses to share their rolling seven-day average fuel margins to monitor industry profits.

This disclosure was based on goodwill but Woods said she had spoken to several fuel companies and they were supportive of passing every cent on to customers.

“They all seemed very amenable to these changes. They can see on the forecourts of their petrol stations the impact this is having on Kiwis when they fill up their cars.”

The Government expected all fuel retailers to bring prices down, she said.

“But look, we’re going to have officials working with them . . . in order for us to monitor that this is flowing through to consumers.

“But we know we have to monitor this because the price of petrol could well go up again depending on what happens with the price of crude and the price internationally for the price of refined

product.

“What we have to ensure is that any price rise isn’t an increase in the profit margins of their fuel companies.”

Woods told Morning Report the Government had called it an energy crisis because the pricing of fuel was a crisis for many.

While it was a crisis of pricing, there was “absolutely no issue with the physical supply of fuel in the country”, Woods said.

She denied the cut was knee-jerk reaction to a bad poll.

Transporting New Zealand chief executive Nick Leggett told Morning Report the Road User Charge system was so complex he would “not even dare to begin to explain” it.

“There are 85 different categories across the road user charge levy system and as you can imagine it is really complex when you try and work out how you would apply a 25 cent per (kilometre) discount . . . or the Government’s discount in this count.

“There’s no fuel excise on diesel as there is on regular fuel and Road User Charges are the way the Government collects money from those diesel using vehicles . . . so obviously Road User Charges are a big cost for the trucking industry.”

Applying any change would be hard because the legislation said changes needed 42 days’ notice, he said.

Adding to the challenge was the fact that Road User Charges were purchased in advance, he said.

“We’ve offered the Ministry of Transport the ability to liaise on these matters so we can get them some advice on how to best bring this reduction in, but I’ve been assured there will be a three-month reduction, irrespective of when that commences.

“At this time of significant pressure and rising costs, this will be welcomed by the industry.” — Radio NZ

Islamophobia quadruples

CHRISTCHURCH — The Christchurch terror attacks emboldened far-right extremists and have been followed by an increase in real world and online instances of Islamophobia, a new report has found.

The third Islamophobia in Australia report was released this morning to coincide with the third anniversary of the shootings.

It outlined the shocking abuse and violence experienced by Muslims in Australia.

Online Islamophobia was reported 18 times as often in the immediate aftermath of the attacks and real-world Islamophobia quadrupled.

Just months after a terrorist stormed into two Christchurch mosques and gunned down dozens of worshippers, ultimately resulting in the death of 51, someone desecrated one of Australia's oldest mosques.

A swastika was spray-painted on to it, along with a racial slur lifted from the Christchurch terrorist and a message referring to him as a saint.

The report's chief investigator, Derya Iner, from Charles Sturt University, said 58 percent of Australia's mosques were the target of violence ranging from graffiti and vandalism to arson and death threats between 2014 and 2019, with 29 percent targeted in 2019 alone.

In the wake of the Christchurch shootings, such attacks were even more terrifying for their victims.

"The person who is doing that vandalism or that level of attack, you never know if he will go further. So that trauma, especially after Christchurch, was really triggered and it has a long lasting impact on the community," Dr Iner said.



VIGIL: People pay their respects for the Christchurch terror attack victims and place flowers during an Open Day at Preston mosque in Melbourne on March 17, 2019. AFP picture

The report painted a painful picture of the abuse endured by Muslims in Australia.

The cases showed anyone could be a victim.

"The reported incidents disclose that the perpetrator profile is diverse, ranging from homeless people and drug addicts to university staff and art gallery visitors. The reported cases indicate that anti-Muslim hate breaches social and professional hierarchies," the report said.

"A person begging for donations on a university campus can shout at an Australian Muslim woman to leave her country. A patient in the chair of a Muslim dentist can call all Muslims terrorists. Physical cases also display that racist disrespect to Australian Muslims is normal social behaviour from ordinary people — fathers, mothers and children, and sometimes

whole Australian families."

However, the victims were overwhelmingly women (82 percent) and the vast majority of the perpetrators were Anglo men.

Victims were often vulnerable, either women or children by themselves or in the company of other women or children.

Muslim women were often readily identifiable by their hijab, though there was also an underlying sexism behind many attacks, Dr Iner said.

"In some cases, the perpetrator is attacking a Muslim woman not knowing her husband is about to come, so the behaviour changes right away when male company approaches and confronts. The men who are perpetrators are looking for easy, weak, vulnerable targets."

While the report dealt with Australia, the Islamic Women's Council of New

Zealand national coordinator Aliya Danzeisen said it was mirrored here, where Islamophobia was also on the rise.

"We have academics based in New Zealand saying that it's increasing. We have intelligence and security saying that there's been an increase, and in November they even issued a warning that there was a possibility of another attack. There is definitely a notable increase from where we were before March 15 three years ago."

Just last month, three Muslim schoolgirls were attacked with one teenager suffering a concussion and having her hijab torn off by other students.

"This report emphasises why we as a nation need to get in front of this hate and not wait until it shows up on our front lawns or at the doors of our houses of worship and community centres to act," Danzeisen said.

"The council urges the New Zealand government to put forward legislation to address harmful speech as recommended by its own Royal Commission and to consider legislation that will ensure digital platforms are not actively distributing and augmenting such hate and can be held to account if they do. Every day of delay is another day that the government allows the virus of hate to grow in Aotearoa."

Real-world abuse and violence was fed by an online ecosystem of Islamophobia.

The report outlined some of the vile commentary which followed the Christchurch terror attacks including some who celebrated the murder of children.

Much of the hatred was based on

the idea Muslims were inherently violent and deserved what occurred in Christchurch.

"Seeing Muslims as terrorists and killers was 12 percent in the first report when the ISIS threat was heavily reported in mainstream media in 2014-15. This proportion increased to 27 percent in the second report based on the 2016-17 reports. This number reached 40 percent in 2018-19 when ISIS was deactivated and no ISIS terrorism was recorded," the Australian report said.

"The noticeable spike from 12 percent to 39 percent proves portrayal of Muslims as unconditionally terrorists and can be explained with the increasing influence of far-right extremist rhetoric and conspiracy theories, which justify extremist levels of anti-Muslim hate by demonising all Muslims as potential terrorists and killers. This narrative was one of the most popular post-Christchurch anti-Muslim narratives online."

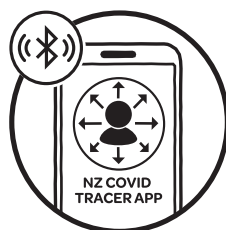
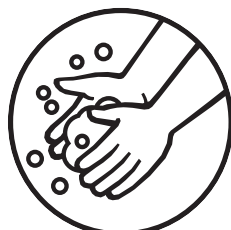
Australian Muslim Advocacy Network adviser Rita Jabri Markwell said the online community that helped create the Christchurch terrorist then celebrated what he had done.

"It's not fair that ordinary people are being manipulated by disinformation to the point of feeling disgust and fury towards other members of the community, and that those bad actors are allowed to get away with doing that with impunity."

Australia and New Zealand's governments needed to enforce stronger regulations on social media platforms, forcing them to take a harder line on policing and moderating hate speech, she said. — Radio NZ

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Search for doctor continues

by Laura Smith and Samantha Motion, Bay of Plenty Times

PAPAMOA — Friends of a missing Papamoa doctor have described him as generous, caring and active, saying his three-day disappearance is a shock.

Police say 31-year-old David Holland has not been heard from since Friday evening, when he told friends he was going for a swim near the end of Pacific View Road.

Holland later failed to come to work, which police said was unlike him.

Police, assisted by other agencies, have been combing the coastline and searching by sea and air. The search was expected to continue today.

They have asked that anyone who was on Papamoa Beach on Friday about 7.30pm and who may have seen Holland come forward.

Friends say Holland worked as a doctor at Tauranga Hospital and was dedicated to his work.

It was understood he had been in Tauranga for about four years and was living with flatmates in Papamoa not far from the beach where he was last known to be.

Matt Shand, who became friends with Holland through playing ultimate frisbee over the last two years, described him as a “caring person” and a “lovely soul”.

“We’re all in shock he has gone missing, no one can believe it. It took quite a while for the news to sink in.”

He said people who cared about Holland found themselves walking up and down the beach on Sunday night, hoping to find some sign of him.

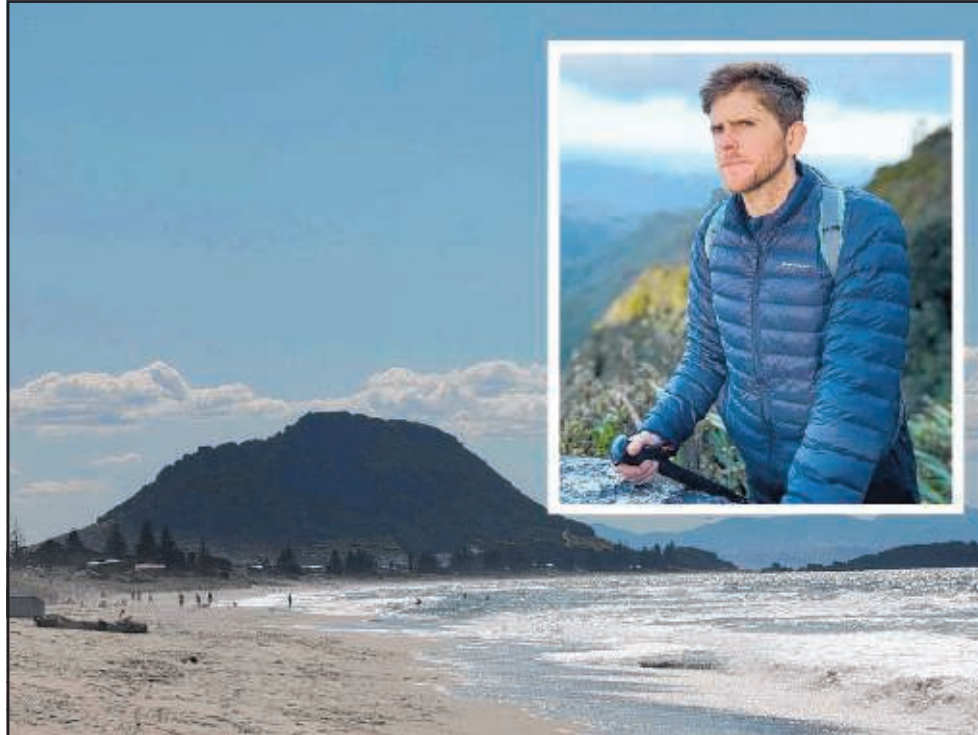
He said they hoped anyone who was in the beach area on Friday evening would come forward to the police.

“If people were in the area and maybe saw something . . . get in touch.”

“The hardest part is we don’t know, but we hope he’s OK. We hope that he is found.”

Shand described Holland as an adventurous person who was also “caring and full of life”.

He enjoyed playing board games and



MISSING: Searchers have been combing Papamoa’s coastline after David Holland went missing. Picture supplied

was a keen cyclist and outdoors man. It would not be unusual for him to swim alone.

“He is always doing something physical.”

Shand also relayed comments from another friend, who did not want to be named, but said Holland was the most generous, good and kind person they had ever met.

The friend said Holland decided to go into medicine after watching the “amazing medical team that supported his father during the last year of his father’s life”.

“Despite being short on time due to the demands of his job, he always made time for his friends and he was happy to help in times of need.”

The friend said the last time they heard from Holland was a call on the day he disappeared.

Holland had asked about the wellbeing of the friend’s family, seeing if they were OK amid the Covid-19 outbreak — an example of his caring nature.

Holland was an active member of Mount Maunganui Ultimate Frisbee. His former coach, who did not want to be named, said he had one of the kindest souls, and hoped he was found soon.

“David is kind, genuinely kind, positive and a go-getter.”

“He is one of my favourite people to play frisbee with because he’s just a pleasure to be around. On and off the field he’s positive, works hard, is a little bit cheeky and reliable.”

“The police are conducting a search and we, as his friends, are sharing the message that David is missing in hopes someone comes forward that can help with his location.”

Police said yesterday about 7pm the

search was finishing for the day, but teams would regroup today and continue.

The search had involved using drones to search the sand dunes, a fixed-wing aircraft searching land and sea, and a number of ground teams searching areas along the coast.

Surf-lifesavers and Coastguard have also been assisting.

“Police are reiterating our appeal to the public for any information which may help us locate Mr Holland.”

Mount Maunganui Lifeguard Service chairman Jamie Troughton said club members from Mount Maunganui, Omanu and Papamoa joined the water search on Saturday morning.

“Conditions weren’t nice on Friday night and they were still challenging on Saturday, with a good swell running, but, until we know more, it’s a bit of a mystery and we’re all just hoping he’ll turn up safe.”

“The three clubs are working really well together and we’re hoping for some sort of resolution.”

He said the search came during one of the busiest summers on record for local surf lifesaving clubs.

“All our clubs are struggling to fill patrols because of Covid, but the water is still warm and inviting so we’re just reminding the public to take extra care — the ocean doesn’t tend to take prisoners.”

A Coastguard spokesperson said one of the organisation’s two air patrol units flew down from Auckland to help. The three-person crew flew in a Cessna 182T about 4.5 nautical miles out to sea between Mount Maunganui and Kaituna on Sunday afternoon, scanning the water from above.

This was expected to be repeated yesterday afternoon.

Police said they had searched the beach and surrounding areas but found nothing to point them to Holland’s whereabouts.

■ Anyone with information regarding Holland or his whereabouts should call 105 and quote file number 220312/6869.

‘Love affair with Labour over’

WELLINGTON — The National Party believes the latest polls show Māoridom’s “love affair” with Labour is over with many wanting to see something done about the cost of living crisis.

The Hui, with Horizon Research, carried out its first poll of the year, finding 37 percent of Māori voters remain loyal to the party, while 17 percent have indicated some sort of switch away from Labour. It’s a significant decline from 54 percent support for Labour in 2020.

The decline for Labour was also reflected in the 1News-Kantar Public Poll released on Thursday night where more Kiwis were in favour of National (39 percent) than Labour (37 percent), the first time the centre-right party

has taken the lead in more than two years.

National MP Dr Shane Reti feels the poll results show Māori care more about the cost of living crisis than Labour.

“I have to say, looking at the poll in my summary of this is that Māori’s love affair with Labour is over,” Dr Reti told The Hui on Monday.

“You know, a sausage in a piece of bread at Waitangi Day doesn’t cut it anymore. When food prices have gone up 13 percent since they came into government, rent’s another \$140 a week and it’s \$45 to fill the petrol tank in an average car.

“And so this love affair is finished. And now, you know, we all need to button down and work on the things that matter.” — Newshub

Kidney Disease Rates

Māori 24%

Pasifika 33%

Intervention needed to prevent CKD among Māori and Pasifika

AUCKLAND — More intervention is needed to prevent chronic kidney disease and premature death among both Māori and Pasifika groups.

New research by the University of Otago has revealed they’re getting sick younger, and it’s having a huge impact on their families.

In the mid-1990s the attacking duo Joeli Vidiri and Jonah Lomu were a force to be reckoned with.

They also shared a battle off the field — both of them suffered from nephrotic syndrome, a rare kidney disease. “Both were very young,” says Otago University

kidney health expert Professor Rob Walker.

New research, co-authored by Prof Walker, has found that chronic kidney disease is alarmingly more prevalent among Auckland’s Māori and Pasifika populations than previously thought.

The studies show that Māori and Pasifika have higher rates than non-Māori and non-Pasifika with the disease presenting from the age of 40 — that’s 10 to 15 years younger than their counterparts.

These groups were also three to five times more likely to

commence kidney replacement therapy than NZ Europeans.

With kidney disease hitting Māori and Pasifika people in their 40s, it can have a huge impact on whanau — as it often affects the main breadwinner or carer.

“The policy system has not been there to engage,” says Otago University Faumuina Professor Fa’afetai Sopoaga.

But there is a way to start addressing the problem — a simple urine test. So more awareness and testing early on could prevent the disease and reduce the number of premature deaths. — Newshub

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'CAMPAIGN OF LIES'

Another defamation trial begins for ousted Conservatives leader

by Craig Kapitan, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — In the months after his unsuccessful bid for Parliament in 2014, then-Conservative Party leader Colin Craig's political career was on the verge of imploding due to allegations of sexual harassment by his former press secretary.

It was clear, Craig told a judge yesterday, that party board member John Stringer was intent on making sure that implosion happened — using his extensive political and media contacts and his own blog for what Craig described as “a persistent campaign of lies”.

“Going nuclear,” Stringer allegedly wrote in a text message at the time, which Craig cited during his opening statement in his latest legal stoush with Stringer.

“Time to carpet bomb the Colin Craig cult compound, make sure this clown doesn't come back.”

Both Stringer and the recipient of the text message, as well as various others, would later be sued by Craig for defamation. Many would counter-sue. The current judge-alone trial, before Justice Neil Campbell at the High Court at Auckland, is the latest in a series that have spanned the nearly seven years since Craig was ousted from the party he helped establish.

“A media firestorm followed. It engulfed myself,” Craig told Justice Campbell of the aftermath of Stringer helping spread the sexual harassment allegations. “Having been forced out of the party, Mr Stringer said his mission was accomplished.”

Much of Craig's opening statement yesterday covered ground that has been



Colin Craig

traversed at previous trials — including his insistence that he never sexually harassed employee Rachel MacGregor. Two prior High Court judges, however, have ruled otherwise.

MacGregor resigned from the party in September 2014, two days before the general election. Shortly thereafter, she confided sexual harassment allegations against Craig to Taxpayers' Union founder Jordan Williams, who later shared some of the statements with Stringer.

Craig said Stringer then took the allegations and embellished them as he spoke with media, sent an email to fellow board members and tipped off Whale Oil blogger Cameron Slater.

“Obviously, the crux of the trial is going to be the nature of the personal and professional relationship between me and Ms MacGregor and whether she was sexually harassed,” Craig said.

He pointed to a section of her LinkedIn profile in which she listed herself as a “storyteller”, suggesting she “retroactively used her skills as a storyteller” to recast the narrative of what he characterised

as a consensual “emotional affair” and “mutually affectionate” friendship between the two.

MacGregor, however, will not be called to testify at the current trial. Both sides have agreed to rely on her testimony at three prior court proceedings.

Justice Kit Toogood, who oversaw Craig's successful defamation case against Slater in 2015, ruled that Craig had engaged in “moderately serious” sexual harassment of MacGregor “on multiple occasions from early 2012 to 2014”.

Following a 2018 trial in which Craig and MacGregor each sued the other for defamation, Justice Anne Hinton also found that sexual harassment had occurred. In addition, she ruled that the pair had defamed each other. Last November, MacGregor was awarded \$400,000 in damages.

This week isn't the first time Craig and Stringer have faced off in court.

Stringer had previously sought more than \$3.5 million in declarations, damages, aggravating damages and seemingly punitive damages against Craig and others. Justice Matthew Palmer in April 2020 ruled against all of Stringer's claims, describing the suit as “misconceived”.

Palmer had also initially dismissed Craig's efforts to countersue, although that decision was later overturned on appeal.

“Enough is enough,” the judge said at the time.

Both Stringer and Craig are representing themselves at the current trial. Stringer has not yet given an opening statement or had an opportunity to call witnesses.

Trauma for woman after seeing crash

AUCKLAND — A young woman who saw a man fatally hit by a car on a dark rural road says she's traumatised by the grisly accident scene and can't get the sound out of her head. “I'm going to need a huge amount of therapy. I saw way too much.”

Police believe the victim was struck by four separate vehicles north of Tirau on Saturday night. The woman was just metres from the man during the final “horrific” collision. It's understood the fourth vehicle was the only one to stop immediately after hitting the man, who is yet to be identified by police. “It just doesn't feel right,” the woman told The New Zealand Herald.

“How the hell can three vehicles hit this man and no one stopped?”

The woman, who the Herald has agreed not to name, said she was travelling from Auckland to Tokoroa on Saturday with her ex-partner.

The pair's car broke down in Mercer but a man travelling south in another vehicle with his six-year-old son stopped and offered them a lift. At about 8.30pm the group was driving through Pairere, north of Tirau, when the two men commented “that looks like a guy on the road”.

As the vehicle slowed, the woman jumped out and ran back up the road, fearing someone could be hurt, but said she couldn't see anything in the “pitch black”. Suddenly a vehicle roared past and struck the man lying in the middle of the road. “I witnessed everything. I was unfortunately pretty much next to the guy when he was run over.”

Police and volunteer fire crews arrived and closed the road. Bits of another car were found at the crash site, the woman said. — NZ Herald

UP IN BLAZE: A spectacular fire broke out at an Auckland marina yesterday, destroying at least one boat and damaging five others. The fire started about 3.30pm in Beachlands' Pine Harbour Marina. A local resident said he saw flames shooting from a motor yacht, then two men running “hard out” down the pier. Russell Heenan, whose home overlooks the marina, thought the men had been working on the boat before the fire started and that it was most likely an accident. “A gas bottle just exploded and nearly blew us off the pier,” he said. NZ Herald picture



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'Absolutely devastating'

Principals shocked at proposed ban on international students

TAURANGA — Bay school leaders are "up in arms" about a Government proposal to prohibit enrolment of international students under Year 9.

Principals in the region say the move would have a "huge impact" on school culture and result in the loss of millions of dollars in revenue.

The Ministry of Education has proposed to restrict enrolment of international fee-paying primary and intermediate-aged students for state, state-integrated and private schools.

It applies to both individual and tour group students under Year 9.

The ministry's consultation document said 5225 primary and intermediate-aged international students contributed more than \$29 million of revenue in 2019.

This figure did not include tour group students that stayed for up to three months.

Korean Times director Hyun Taek Yang said in 2019 there were about 300 primary and intermediate-aged Korean students living in Tauranga with a parent. This equated to roughly \$4 million in school tuition fees for the primary school sector.

Schools International Education Business Association executive director John van der Zwan said it would be "absolutely devastating" for the schools if the restrictions were implemented.

The Waihi-based organisation supports and advocates for schools across the country that host international students.

Van der Zwan said the consultation document citing "wider migration pressures" as an issue relating to enrolment of international students was "ridiculous".

"The impact those people coming into New Zealand have on our housing and infrastructure is so small it is ridiculous.

There is a lack of any real credibility or evidence to support the claims being made."

He feared overseas families would start to seek education opportunities in Canada and Australia.

Oropi School principal Andrew King said restrictions would make it "so much harder" to bring the school's intercultural curriculum to life.

"It's so much harder too when you're only connecting with students from other cultures by email or Zoom."

Revenue from fee-paying students meant ESOL teachers were employed to support both international and domestic students who needed language support.

Tauranga Intermediate principal Cameron Mitchell said any restrictions placed on enrolment would have a "huge impact" on the school culture.

Its international programme had been running for the last 20 years — with many students coming from Korea, China, Japan, Thailand and Germany.

"Schools are up in arms. There is a huge amount of concern, frustration and anger at the Government," he said.

He said revenue from fee-paying students went towards "world class pastoral care" and also helped fund English language support for both international and domestic students.

Counsellors and teacher aides for domestic and international students with additional learning needs were also employed. Mitchell disagreed with the "perception" international students only went to high decile schools.

"We were decile four when we set up our very strong international links 20 years ago. Cross-cultural connections happen regardless of whether you are a high or low decile school."

The school's international director Annamieke Hart said the school was fielding inquiries from "many" overseas families about the possibility of studying at the school.

Yang from Korean Times said Tauranga was the "most popular" New Zealand destination for Korean children.

Seventy percent of Korean international students in Tauranga were aged between five and 12, he said.

A submission on the proposed changes written by Taek Yang said the agency saw firsthand "so much evidence" of the benefits of having international students under Year 9 in Tauranga.

About 70 to 80 international students under Year 9 were expected to come to Tauranga if the borders reopened.

He said tuition fees for students attending public schools cost about \$15,000 yearly.

Another \$60,000 was spent on living costs between a student and their caregiver.

Priority One chief executive Nigel Tutt said the proposed changes could be "detrimental" to the region's international education sector.

He described the proposal as a "solution looking for a problem" that had "come out nowhere".

Education Tauranga regional relationship manager Melissa Gillingham said 23 of the organisation's 38 members were primary and intermediate schools in the region.

Gillingham felt "very strongly" the proposed restrictions were "not the right approach" for the recovery of international education.

International student Seohye Park moved from Korea to Tauranga about five years ago.

‘ Schools are up in arms. There is a huge amount of concern, frustration and anger at the Government.’



— Cameron Mitchell

The 11-year-old student felt children from other countries should continue to have the opportunity to study in New Zealand and enjoy the outdoors.

"It is really good to have international students who come to New Zealand. They get to play and be free."

Ministry group manager of policy Shelley Robertson said the review was requested by Education Minister Chris Hipkins and no decision had been made at this stage.

As part of the review it was looking at issues including diversion from domestic students, inequity between schools, resourcing and wider migration pressures.

The review was in line with the Government's Immigration Rebalance, which proposes changes to visa and entry requirements.

Robertson said international students under Year 9 contributed to "promotion of global citizenship and the economic contributions", but most were at high decile schools and in the Auckland region.

"This creates an inequitable distribution of the educational and immediate economic benefits across school deciles and regions."

Border closures had meant schools adjusted to "reduced international revenue" during the pandemic, she said.

And to mitigate further loss in revenue students already enrolled would be able to continue their education if changes were implemented, she said.

She acknowledged proposed restrictions may have a "minor pipeline impact" for international education enrolments at secondary level. — NZ Herald

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UNPRECEDENTED SURGE: NZ Automotive Investments says it has seen an increase in sales of hybrid and electric vehicles over the past fortnight. RNZ file picture

EV, hybrid sales going ‘gangbusters’

WELLINGTON — Hybrid and electric vehicles are flying out the doors of used car dealerships, with motorists looking to slash their fuel bills as prices rise.

NZ Automotive Investments (NZAI), which owns the nationwide chain of 2 Cheap Cars, said hybrid and electric vehicles (EV) now make up nearly half of its sales, up from an average of about 20 percent.

The increase has mainly come over the past fortnight, the company said.

Chief executive David Page said sales of the EV/hybrids were going “gangbusters” as the price of petrol and diesel climbed following Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and the subsequent economic sanctions on Russia.

“Kiwis are really interested and concerned around fuel prices and I think that shows with the decisions they are making around purchasing cars,” he said.

Switching from an average family car to the company’s top selling petrol hybrid, the Toyota Aqua, would see motorists slashing their fuel bills by more than half, Page said.

The boom also comes as the Government’s clean car rebate scheme expands from next month, to include newly registered petrol hybrids and other low-emission vehicles, whereas at the moment the scheme only included full-electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV).

Page said dealerships were already prepared for a jump in sales with the looming rebate scheme expansion, but the soaring price of fuel had brought the demand forward.

“We have essentially stocked up for that (rebate) so we are fortunate at the moment to have a good supply of these cars. There is no real wait time on them,” he said.

Despite the increasing demand, Page did not believe the prices for used EV/hybrids would also increase.

“I think people are still sourcing them at similar prices. However, there are a lot of other factors at play so we have to see what happens,” he said.

The rising cost of fuel was described as an “energy crisis” by Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern yesterday, as the Government announced it would reduce the fuel excise duty and road user charges by 25 cents per litre, for three months.

However, petrol prices are expected to continue climbing, meaning motorists would keep paying well above average over the coming months.

Page believed hybrid and EVs would remain popular in the short to medium term, because motorists had become more fuel conscious when considering the cars they wanted to buy. — RNZ

Gull Petroleum to get a new owner soon

WELLINGTON — The country’s third biggest fuel retailer, Gull Petroleum, is to get a new owner.

Current owner Ampol has agreed to sell Gull to Australian investment company Allegro Funds for \$572 million.

Ampol had promised the Commerce Commission that it would sell Gull so it could pursue its \$2 billion takeover of Z Energy.

The offer price is made up of \$509m in cash and Allegro taking up about \$63m worth of leases and debt. Ampol said it would put the proceeds towards the purchase of Gull.

Gull general manager Dave Bodger said the change of ownership would make no difference.

“Under new ownership, Gull won’t change. We will aim to keep prices low, keep the oil giants honest, and unlike the big guys, we will just keep things simple including our offices and overheads.”

He said Gull’s slimmed down operations with a single terminal and mostly unstaffed was attractive to buyers.

Ampol has agreed to supply Gull fuel for five years.

The Gull sale needs approval of the Commerce Commission and the Overseas Investment Office.

Ampol’s takeover of Z Energy also needs approval from the regulators as well as Z Energy shareholders, who vote on March 25.

Allegro already has investments in New Zealand, including Toll Express, Hannahs & Number One Shoes, and Carpet Court. — RNZ

‘Watch-this-space scenario’

Recruiter warns of impending NZ worker exodus

by Riley Kennedy, Otago Daily Times

DUNEDIN — A Dunedin recruiter is warning New Zealand’s borders reopening could put even more strain on the country’s tight labour market.

The Covid-19 pandemic has put significant pressure on New Zealand’s labour market with unemployment at one of its lowest levels at 3.2 percent.

That was “pretty much” full employment, Platinum Recruitment director Dean Delaney said.

Despite what some people thought, New Zealand’s borders reopening would not help the country’s “very tight” labour market, Delaney said.

It might relieve certain sectors, such as agriculture and horticulture, but there was a cohort of New Zealanders who were ready to leave the country as soon as they could.

The younger generation had not been able to go overseas for the past two years on their OEs and now they were finally able to.

As the cost of living increased in New Zealand, workers would also be looking at higher salaries in other countries where it was cheaper to live.

“It is a watch-this-space scenario,” Delaney said.

It was an “incredibly tough” time for employers trying to secure talent, potential candidates not wanting to move cities.

“Some people are saying they’ve been through two lockdowns with their

current employer and they just are not moving.”

Most sectors in Dunedin were short-staffed, but the city’s IT sector was “critical” and most at risk of employees leaving offshore.

Organisations had to meet the market in order to secure skilled workers — “if they don’t, someone else will”.

Employers that could promote their “cultural wellbeing” to the candidate were more likely to have success hiring, he said.

“That is what people are looking for these days, not necessarily the biggest paycheck,” Delaney said.

Crew Consulting recruitment consultant and co-founder Tom Sweeney, of Dunedin, said it was the tightest market he had seen in his 15 years in the industry.

Dunedin recruiter Dean Delaney said there was a cohort of New Zealanders — yet to experience an OE — who were ready to leave the country as soon as they could.

SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — The Government’s move to ease the cost of living pain by reducing the tax on fuel provided a reprieve for the battered and volatile New Zealand sharemarket.

The S&P/NZX 50 Index turned upwards soon after Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced that fuel excise duties and road user charges will be slashed by 25c a litre each from midnight. Public transport fares would also be cut by a half, and the changes will last for three months.

The index closed at 11,805.11, down 16.27 points or 0.14 percent after reaching an intraday low of 11,735.83 and high of 11,827.54. The index has fallen nearly 9.5 percent so far this year.

There were 63 gainers and 81 decliners on

light volume of 35.98 share transactions worth \$128.39m.

Shane Solly, portfolio manager with Harbour Asset Management, said the local market had a better outcome than expected — after it was reported that Russia had reached out to China over the Ukraine conflict and this knocked sentiment overseas.

“There is pain in the household and business budgets because of the sharp rise in commodity prices and the move to reduce the fuel tax will take some pressure off. Globally, we have seen weakness in the consumer stocks because of the increase in the cost of living and this has been weighing on the likes of Restaurant Brands and others,” Solly said.

“On the other hand, banks will be operating in a better environment with the increase in interest rates and they will get some margin expansion.”

Solly said changes in the S&P and FTSE global indices will create further volatility later this week as investment managers rebalance their holdings. Ebos Group is going into the FTSE Global All Cap Index, while Contact and Meridian Energy will have lower weightings.

Contact and Meridian have been benefiting from growth in the iShares Global Clean Energy indices but that growth slowed in the last week, removing some of the buying support.

Contact, which went ex-dividend last week, was down 5c to \$7.88, while Meridian was up 3.5c to \$5.145. Ebos Group climbed 93c or 2.51 percent to \$37.99.

Skellerup Holdings was down 15c or 2.78

percent to \$5.24 after it was disclosed to the market late on Friday that its chief executive David Mair sold 700,000 of the company shares for a return of \$3.812m. Mair reduced his holding from 5.5m shares to 4.8m.

Online travel provider Serko, up 6c to \$4.77, has confirmed its full-year revenue guidance of \$18m-\$20.5m after experiencing positive transaction growth with Australian business reaching 60 percent of the 2019 volumes.

Z Energy, under takeover by Ampol, told the market that fuel distributor Gull New Zealand would be sold to Australian investment manager Allegro Funds for \$572m. The net proceeds of \$509m would be used by Ampol to buy Z Energy — the scheme of arrangement still needs approval from the Commerce Commission and Overseas Investment Office. Z Energy’s share price gained 4c to \$3.67. — NZ Herald

EDITORIAL

Govt moves to change narrative

First up on Sunday morning, Nanaia Mahuta admitted mistakes over her controversial Three Waters reforms. Yesterday Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern reframed much more empathetically her denials the previous week of a cost of living crisis, on her regular Monday morning slot on TV Three's The AM Show. She also signalled a major move to alleviate those cost pressures — which came later in the day with a 25c cut to fuel taxes and road user charges, and a halving of public transport fares — and said a timeline for reopening the border to tourism was imminent.

There's nothing like a mid-term slump in the polls to have a Government reassess its priorities and try to soften some of the hard edges that are turning off voters.

Mahuta told Jack Tame on Q+A that she underestimated two areas of the three waters reform programme — how much the public already knew about water management and the trade-offs in council spending decisions, and the "high level of sensitivity from local government" over a \$3.5m advertising campaign that depicted a range of water failures, and laid the blame on councils.

The Minister of Local Government acknowledged decades of underinvestment in water infrastructure and said "... perhaps the advertising campaign wasn't the best way to tell the message".

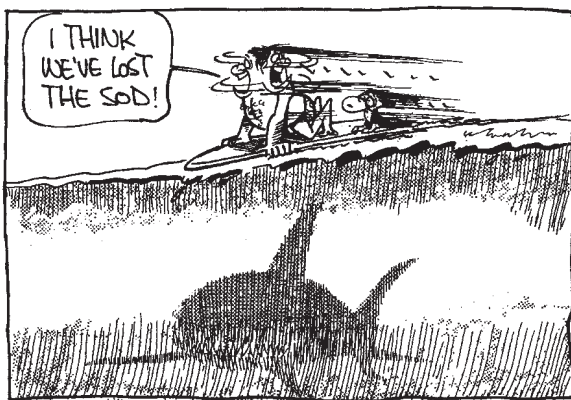
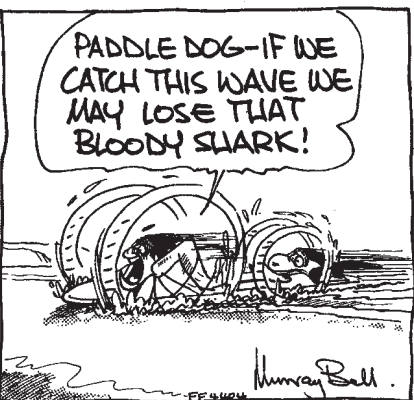
Speculation remains that the role might change hands, with a new Minister seeking more consensus from the sector on what everyone agrees is an area that needs reform.

Ardern meanwhile has changed her tune on the cost of living crisis, while maintaining that the drivers of inflation are coming from abroad and are not her Government's fault.

Her performance last week recalled John Key's denials of a housing crisis, a position he maintained throughout his prime ministership — and the country has seen our housing situation develop into a real crisis since, leaving many households with little room in their budgets for the inflation of today.

The Government will continue to seek levers to help it regain support, and also try to ensure the economic cycle is working in its favour in the lead-up to next year's election.

The pandemic situation is starting to stabilise, with Auckland past its peak of cases and the rest of the country thought to be close to a peak — so hospitalisations should stop rising in another week or two. This will help the Government move further soon on easing restrictions; particularly around mandates, which the public has been souring on.



No one is taking responsibility

by John Woods



FRIDAY'S piece of Local Democracy Reporting headlined "Toxic workplace claims" says it all with regard to the closure and sale of the council-owned vehicle testing station... except that it does not reveal anyone at Gisborne Holdings Ltd or Gisborne District Council actually taking responsibility for the tragic loss of this public service.

As I said in this column six weeks ago, their combined incompetence and failure in governance for what was once a vital asset and service belonging to the ratepayers of this district begs answers to the questions many of us have asked.

Gordon Webb was on the mark in his letter of February 11 when he asked what did GDC know about the sale, and we're still waiting for them

(eg the Mayor and the sycophant councillors who have all been silent on this topic) to answer.

It transpires, based on answers I've received to my Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act questions to GHG/GDC, that the writing was on the wall in plenty of time for diligent stakeholders to intervene and do something proactive about the management problems within the testing station structure. All they had to do was be responsible and investigate the poor performance of the station when problems were first flagged in 2019.

The more important thing about all this is the point raised by Gordon that GHG should have followed its statement of intent and sought GDC approval before closing and selling the testing station, which was a strategic asset for this district.

The chairman and directors of GHG were out of line to think they were mandated to do what they wanted with the testing station.

So again I ask GDC, why didn't someone

intervene and cause a proper review or investigation of the testing station's operations?

My own contention is that the trading loss of \$27,000 given by the GHG chair as justification for dumping the testing station was minor in the overall scheme of things financially, and with its huge asset base and cashflow, GHG could easily have maintained and sustained the testing station until, with smart governance and management, it could be returned to viability and even profitability.

If the councillors we elected and the directors they appointed had the smarts and business acumen we expect of them, they could have saved this business and service.

It's tragic that we learn now, when it is too late, of the toxic culture that was obviously what really brought down this service.

I am now worried about what other problems are lurking beneath the surface in GHG's other trading operations, and whether GDC is watching carefully enough.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

On chances of spreading it

Re: Shameful lack of concern, March 14.

Just for the record Maree, the unvaxxed are supposed to be struck down by Covid, bedridden, sick, obviously not wandering around the community infecting people. Vaxxed sufferers are still infectious, but have mild or no symptoms

and are thus more likely to be wandering around oblivious to their infectiousness and spreading it around. Logic?

CRAIG BAULD

PS: Of course, it occurs to me, it is going to be super-embarrassing if I die of Covid!

Covid death toll muddied

On Magic Talk yesterday, listeners were asked to comment on how, in their view, the Ministry of Health should be reporting New Zealand's Covid death toll. Should the number of deaths WITH Covid be included with deaths FROM Covid? Quite clearly, they should not.

The public is interested to know the lethality of the disease and they can only gauge this from knowing that the reported deaths were caused directly by Covid. For the ministry to talk in terms

of "Covid-related deaths" muddies the waters.

If the public are not to be alarmed unduly by the daily death toll, they should also be told the age (as reported in this paper), co-morbidities and vaccine status of the deceased.

Perhaps daily reporting of statistics on the leading causes of death in New Zealand such as lung cancer, ischaemic heart disease, breast cancer and diabetes might give some context to the Covid data.

PATRICK COOPER

Funny that... Not discussed

In the words of P.J.P. Newdick, S.C.F.V., 2D.T.E.

Mr Wilson, I do have a sense of humour. My sense of humour, like my opinions, differs from yours. I understand this and I can live with it. I truly believe it is what makes the difference between good debate and unacceptable drivel. I am not totally convinced that you understand this, but I live in hope that given time you too will come to this conclusion.

I tried to get Captain Cook's views on this, but sadly he is dead and cannot speak for himself.

PHILIP NEWDICK

Re: More on mandates... March 12.

Thanks Lara, no I am not quite frail and as for home help, vaxx has never been part of the discussion and I have never been asked.

The point I was making, obviously not very clearly, is that the mandates on workforces resulted in many workers leaving and there were not enough to meet contract requirements. And that mandates have caused suffering.

ANNE BAULD

Love the raised voices

God, how I love the Gizzy Herald. Its disputatious readers make Hawke's Bay Today look absolutely, positively boring. Whole pages of opinion on both March 11th and 12th, featuring many of the usual suspects as well as newbies who can't resist raising their voices too.

Thank goodness we live in Aotearoa, though Clive, I have to inform you that you're barking on the wrong side of history.

Gleefully and much entertained, I remain yours sincerely,

GERALDINE OLIVER

Flying Ukrainian flag

I can be a bit opinionated at times, especially when I know I'm right! But the muted response to my effort the other day showing my support for Ukraine, over the cowardly actions of its neighbour Russia, has left me scratching my head.

We have all seen and read about Russia's war on Ukraine with great horror. I decided to raise a Ukrainian flag to remind people in our vicinity of the atrocities being committed right now in our small and vulnerable world.

However, the flag shop had sold out... drat! So I made one. Not as large as a regular-sized version, but a flag and we raised it. I felt satisfaction at what I had achieved. I then decided to take a few pics

and send them around my family and friends... thinking to myself, this will rattle a few dags.

So I sent off the pics with a little note attached, expecting an encouraging response. Apart from one son saying "Cool Mum. I'd really like to go and join those great guys", the few replies I got were along the lines of "really nice", "great flag", "good work"...

No one said, "Love your idea, I'm inspired to get off my butt and do something too."

So, my actions fell short... it seems we have become so focused on problems here, we have lost sight of the plight of others in the world.

PAT MCGUINNESS

Rocking Thai cuisine...

Re: Culture and kai, March 10 video.

Hi Nalinee and team on the video. You are awesome, caring and kind to care for my people in our Gisborne community. Nalinee you rock in Turanganui a Kiwa. Jessie and Barbara, you are both awesome to go to classes and learn from her. You are all fantastic! Keep up the good

work ladies — spread and share the love.

I am from Gisborne and I always like to read The Gisborne Herald and keep up to date with what is happening in my home community. I live and work in Tamaki Makaurau but I return home whenever I can.

HORIANA KAAHO

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LETHAL SIEGE: Residents watch on as Ukrainian firefighters work in an apartment building after it was hit by artillery shelling in Kyiv on Monday. AP picture

Attack continues as two sides hold talks

LVIV, Ukraine — Russia and Ukraine kept a fragile diplomatic path open with a new round of talks on Monday even as Moscow's forces pounded away at Kyiv and other cities across the country in a punishing bombardment the Red Cross said has created "nothing short of a nightmare" for civilians.

Meanwhile, a convoy of 160 civilian cars left the encircled port city of Mariupol along a designated humanitarian route, the city council reported, in a rare glimmer of hope a week and a half into the lethal siege that has pulverised homes and other buildings and left people desperate for food, water, heat and medicine.

The latest negotiations, held via video conference, were the fourth round involving higher-level officials from the two countries and the first in a week. The talks ended without a breakthrough after several hours, with an aide to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy saying the negotiators took "a technical pause" and planned to meet again on Tuesday.

The two sides had expressed some optimism in the past few days.

Mykhailo Podolyak, the aide to Zelenskyy, tweeted that the negotiators would discuss "peace, ceasefire, immediate withdrawal of troops and security guarantees".

Previous discussions, held in person in Belarus, produced no lasting humanitarian routes or agreements to end the fighting.

Overall, nearly all of the Russian military offensives remained stalled after making little progress over the weekend, according to a senior US defence official who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the Pentagon's assessment. Russian troops were still about 15 kilometres from the centre of Kyiv, the official said.

The official said that Russian President Vladimir Putin's forces have launched more than 900 missiles but that Ukraine's airspace is still contested, with Russia not achieving total air superiority.

Overnight, air raid alerts sounded in cities and towns around the country, from near the Russian border in the east to the Carpathian Mountains in the west, and fighting continued on the outskirts of Kyiv. Ukrainian officials said Russian forces shelled several suburbs of the capital.

Ukrainian authorities said two people

US warns China over support for Russia

WASHINGTON — Face to face, President Joe Biden's national security adviser warned a top Chinese official on Monday about China's support for Russia in the Ukrainian invasion, even as the Kremlin denied reports it had requested Chinese military equipment to use in the war.

US adviser Jake Sullivan and senior Chinese foreign policy adviser Yang Jiechi met in Rome, with the Biden administration increasingly concerned that China is using the Ukraine war to advance Beijing's long-term interest in its competition with the United States.

Sullivan was seeking clarity on Beijing's posture and was warning the Chinese anew that assistance for Russia — including helping it avert sanctions imposed by the US and Western allies — would be costly for them.

"The national security adviser and our delegation raised directly and very clearly our concerns about the PRC's support to Russia in the wake of the invasion, and the implications that any such support would have for the PRC's relationship not only with us, but for its relationships around the world," said State Department spokesman Ned Price, using the initials for the People's Republic of China.

Meanwhile, two administration officials said the US had determined that China had signalled to Russia that it would be willing to provide

military support for the campaign in Ukraine and financial backing to help stave off the impact of severe sanctions imposed by the West. The officials said that assessment had been relayed to Western and Asian allies and partners earlier on Monday.

"Moscow has received a positive response from Beijing," said one official, describing a diplomatic cable sent to US embassies asking for them to inform their host governments of the information. The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive information.

Sullivan made clear during an "intense" seven-hour meeting that the Biden administration has deep concerns about China's alignment with Russia at this time, White House press secretary Jen Psaki said.

In advance of the talks, Sullivan bluntly warned China to avoid helping Russia evade punishment from global sanctions that have hampered the Russian economy.

"We will not allow that to go forward," he said. Russia, however, denied it needed China's help.

"No, Russia has its own potential to continue the operation, which, as we have said, is unfolding in accordance with the plan and will be completed on time and in full," said Dmitry Peskov, President Vladimir Putin's spokesman. — AP

were killed when the Russians struck an airplane factory in Kyiv, sparking a large fire. The Antonov factory is Ukraine's largest aircraft plant and produces many of the world's biggest cargo planes.

Russian artillery fire also hit a nine-storey apartment building in the northern Obolonskyi district of the city, killing two more people, authorities said.

And a Russian airstrike near a Ukrainian checkpoint caused extensive damage to a downtown Kyiv neighbourhood, killing one person, Ukraine's emergency agency said.

Kateryna Lot said she was in her apartment as her child did homework when they heard a loud explosion and ran to take shelter.

"The child became hysterical. Our windows and the balcony were shattered. Part of the floor fell down," she said. "It was very, very scary."

A town councillor for Brovary, east of Kyiv, was killed in fighting there, officials said. Shells also fell on the Kyiv suburbs of Irpin, Bucha and Hostomel, which have seen some of the worst fighting in Russia's stalled attempt to take the capital, local authorities said.

Airstrikes were reported across the country, including the southern city of Mykolaiv, and the northern city of Chernihiv, where heat was knocked out to most of the town. Explosions also reverberated overnight around the Russian-occupied Black Sea port of Kherson.

Nine people were killed in a rocket attack on a TV tower in the western village of Antopol, according to the region's governor.

In the eastern city of Kharkiv, firefighters doused the smouldering remains of a four-storey residential building. It was unclear whether there were casualties. — AP

BRIEFS

Cyclone kills 15 in Africa

MAPUTO, Mozambique — Cyclone Gombe has flooded large areas of northern and central Mozambique, killing 15 people, officials said on Monday.

The dead include five members of the same family in the Angoche coastal area of Nampula province, Governor Mety Gondola said. The number of injured is now at least 50, the Prime Minister's office announced.

Gombe is the most recent of a series of cyclones that have hit southern Africa so far this year. The cyclones have highlighted how climate change may be affecting weather patterns and risking the lives of people in vulnerable places like Mozambique. The UN weather agency previously warned of more "high-impact tropical cyclones" that are linked to climate change hitting the region.

Most of the fatalities occurred when the cyclone first hit Mozambique's northern coast on Friday last week and its strong winds and rains caused many houses to collapse, said the official update.

Some coastal districts in Nampula province remained isolated on Monday, without power, water and communication. — AP

Reporter injured in Ukraine

KYIV — Fox News reporter Benjamin Hall was injured while reporting outside of Kyiv on Monday and was hospitalised, the network said.

Hall is a Washington-based correspondent who covers the US State Department for Fox News, where he has worked since 2015.

"We have a minimal level of details right now, but Ben is hospitalised and our teams on the ground are working to gather additional information as the situation quickly unfolds," Fox News Media CEO Suzanne Scott said in a message to Fox employees. — AP

Protester interrupts broadcast

NEW YORK — The live main evening news programme on Russia's state television was briefly interrupted on Monday by a person who walked into the studio holding a poster against the war in Ukraine.

The OVD-Info website that monitors political arrests identified the woman who interrupted the broadcast on Channel 1 as Marina Ovsyannikova. The website said Ovsyannikova was detained and taken into police custody.

"What is going on now is a crime," she said. "Russia is an aggressor country and Putin is solely responsible for that aggression." — AP

Attack threatens food supply

KYIV — Russia's war against Ukraine is threatening the global food supply and putting developing countries, especially the world's poorest, at risk, the United Nations chief and the head of the UN food agency warned on Monday.

More than 40 African and least-developed countries import at least one-third of their wheat from Ukraine and Russia, and 18 of them import at least 50 percent, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres told reporters. These countries include Egypt, Congo, Burkina Faso, Lebanon, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen, he said.

"All of this is hitting the poorest the hardest and planting the seeds for political instability and unrest around the globe," the secretary-general warned.

David Beasley, executive director of the World Food Programme, told The Associated Press during a visit to the Ukrainian city of Lviv that 50 percent of the grain the programme buys to feed "the 125 million people we reach on any given day, week or month" comes from Ukraine, as does 20 percent of the world's supply of corn.

Guterres announced \$40 million from the UN's emergency fund to get critical supplies of food, water and medicine into Ukraine, where at least 1.9 million people are displaced. — AP

Israel to build field hospital

JERUSALEM — Israel plans to set up a field hospital to provide medical treatment for refugees in western Ukraine, officials said on Monday.

The project is spearheaded by the country's foreign and health ministries, according to a statement from Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett's office. The hospital should be operational by next week, the foreign ministry said.

"It's an initiative that not many countries can take upon themselves, and Israel has this ability and we are going forward," Bennett said.

The Foreign Ministry said the hospital will operate for month, providing refugees with an emergency room, a delivery room, and other services. — AP



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Homes for Ukraine scheme launches in UK

LONDON — The British Government has launched its Homes for Ukraine site for those wanting to register to host a refugee, with 25,000 signing up in the first three hours. Housing and Communities Secretary Michael Gove said the UK had a history of “supporting the most vulnerable during their darkest hours”.

He said there would be no limit to how many Ukrainians could enter the UK under the visa sponsorship scheme.

Each household housing a refugee will be offered £350 a month, tax free.

They will not be expected to provide food and living expenses but can choose to offer this.

People who wish to offer a rent-free space in their home or a separate residence, for at least six months, can register their interest from now.

They will be able to individually sponsor a Ukrainian national's visa from Friday. Those initial applications will rely on the applicant knowing a named individual from Ukraine they want to help.

But Ukrainian refugees with no family or other links to the UK can and will be hosted as part of the scheme, Gove said.

He said the sponsorship scheme was initially only between people who are already known to each other so it gets “up and running as soon



SEEKING REFUGE: More than 2.8 million people have fled Ukraine in the wake of Russia's invasion, according to the UN refugee agency. AP picture

as possible”.

The scheme will be expanded with the support of charities, community groups and churches who can help with matching refugees

to hosts.

No time scale has been announced for when this will happen but Mr Gove said it would expand “rapidly”. — BBC

Assange denied permission to appeal extradition

LONDON — Britain's top court on Monday refused WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange permission to appeal against a decision to extradite him to the US to face spying charges.

The court said it refused because the case “didn't raise an arguable point of law”.

Assange, 50, has sought for years to avoid a trial in the US on a series of charges related to WikiLeaks' publication of a huge trove of classified documents more than a decade ago.

The case is now expected to be formally sent to British Home Secretary Priti Patel, who will decide whether to grant the extradition.

A British district court judge had initially rejected a US extradition request on the grounds that Assange was likely to kill himself if held under harsh US prison conditions. US authorities later provided assurances that the WikiLeaks founder wouldn't face the severe treatment that his lawyers said would put his physical and mental health at risk.

In December, the High Court overturned the lower court's decision, saying that the US promises were enough to guarantee that Assange would be treated humanely.

Monday's news narrows Assange's options, but his defence team may still seek to take his case to the European Court of Human Rights.

Nick Vamos, the former head of extradition at the Crown Prosecution Service, said Assange's lawyers can also seek to challenge other points that he had lost in the original district court decision.

Barry Pollack, Assange's US-based lawyer, said on Monday that it was “extremely disappointing” that Britain's Supreme Court is unwilling to hear the appeal.

“Mr Assange will continue the legal process fighting his extradition to the United States to face criminal charges for publishing truthful and newsworthy information,” he said.

Assange's British lawyers, Birnberg Peirce Solicitors, said they can make submissions to the Home Secretary within the next four weeks, ahead of her making any decision.

American prosecutors say Assange unlawfully helped US Army intelligence analyst Chelsea Manning steal classified diplomatic cables and military files that WikiLeaks later published, putting lives at risk.

But supporters and lawyers for Assange argue that he was acting as a journalist and is entitled to First Amendment protections of freedom of speech for publishing documents that exposed US military wrongdoing in Iraq and Afghanistan. They argue that his case is politically motivated.

If convicted, Assange's lawyers say he could face up to 175 years in jail in the US, although American authorities have said the sentence was likely to be much lower than that.

Assange's partner Stella Moris, who has two young children with him, said on Sunday they have been given permission to marry in prison later this month. — AP

French delighted by 'return to normality'

PARIS — France lifted most Covid-19 restrictions on Monday, abolishing the need to wear face masks in most settings and allowing people who aren't vaccinated back into restaurants, sports arenas and other venues.

The move had been announced earlier this month by the French government based on assessments of the improving situation in hospitals and following weeks of a steady decline in infections.

It comes less than a month before the first round of the presidential election scheduled on April 10.

But in recent days, the number of new infections has started increasing again, raising concerns from some scientists it may be too soon to lift restrictions. The number

of new infections have reached more than 60,000 based on a seven-day average, up from about 50,000 a week before.

Starting from Monday, people are no longer required to show proof of vaccination to enter places like restaurants and bars, cinemas, theatres, fairs and to use inter-regional transport.

The so-called vaccine pass had taken effect at the end of January.

A restaurant owner in Paris, Laurent Negre, praised a “return to normality”.

“We got used to these restrictions and complicated protocols so we will enjoy work more now. So it's good news,” he said.

Parisian Bartholome Laisi, 23, said “it's a good thing because people will be able to get more freedom of movement. But we

‘It's a good thing because people will be able to get more freedom of movement’

— Laurent Negre



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Fans and colleagues pay tribute to Oscar-winning actor

NEW YORK — William Hurt, the Oscar-winning US actor whose roles ranged from acclaimed 1980s dramas to Marvel films, has died at the age of 71.

Hurt won the best actor Oscar in 1986 for playing a prisoner in a Brazilian jail in *Kiss of the Spider Woman*.

He was nominated two more times in the next two years, for *Children of a Lesser God* and *Broadcast News*.

In recent years, he has been known as General Thaddeus "Thunderbolt" Ross in five Marvel blockbusters.

Hurt made his Hollywood breakthrough at the start of the 1980s in films including *Body Heat* alongside Kathleen Turner.

Hollywood website *Deadline* quoted a statement from Hurt's son Will as saying: "It is with great sadness that the Hurt family mourns the passing of William Hurt, beloved father and Oscar-winning actor, on March 13, 2022, one week before his 72nd birthday.

"He died peacefully, among family, of natural causes. The family requests privacy at this time."

Variety said the news was confirmed by Hurt's friend Gerry Byrne.

He received his third Oscar nomination in three years for *Broadcast News* in 1988.

Fellow Marvel actor Mark Ruffalo wrote on Twitter: "Wow, another major loss to the acting community. Great actor. Great mind. RIP"

Matthew Modine described him as "a consummate professional" who was "continually searching for greater truth and



WILLIAM HURT

human understanding".

Antonio Banderas said "a great actor has left us", while other tributes came from Russell Crowe, M Night Shyamalan and Rebecca Front.

Hurt began acting on stage in the 1970s before making his big-screen breakthrough as an obsessed scientist in *Altered States*, which earned him a best newcomer nomination at the Golden Globes in 1981.

That year, he also starred as a womanising lawyer in erotic thriller *Body Heat*, before being cast in *The Big Chill* and *Gorky Park*.

Winning an Oscar for playing a gay man who shares a cell with a political prisoner in *Kiss of the Spider Woman* was "very isolating", he later told the *Los Angeles Times*.

"The instant they gave it to me, I thought, God, what do I do now? How am I going to walk into a room and have any other actor trust me?"

That did not stop him getting two more consecutive nominations, though, before roles in *The Accidental Tourist*, *Lost in Space*,

Contagion and *AI*. Then came a fourth Oscar nomination for David Cronenberg's *A History of Violence* in 2006.

He also received Emmy nominations for playing Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson in 2011's *Too Big to Fail*, and for legal TV drama *Damages*.

He returned to the theatre in productions including *Henry V*, *A Midsummer Night Dream* and *Hurlyburly*, the latter of which saw him recognised with a nomination at Broadway's Tony Awards.

He was regarded as a compelling but complex and often confrontational presence, however. Fame was "a challenge" and "not a happy condition for me", he admitted.

"It's a privilege and a responsibility, and I'm not sure I carried the responsibility well at times, which is embarrassing," he told *The Telegraph* in 2013.

The actor revealed in 2018 that he had been diagnosed with terminal prostate cancer. — AP



'FIGHT FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE': The Dutch and Australian governments have launched a legal case against Russia at the International Civil Aviation Organisation seeking to hold Moscow accountable for its alleged role in the downing of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17. AP picture

Australia takes legal action over MH17

AMSTERDAM — Australia and the Netherlands have initiated legal action against Russia for the downing of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17, in what has been described as a "major step forward" in the fight for truth and justice.

The case was announced on Monday in The Hague, and Canberra is the latest bid to hold Russia legally responsible for the missile strike that brought down the passenger jet over eastern Ukraine on July 17, 2014, killing all 298 people on board.

An international investigation concluded that the Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur flight was shot down from territory held by separatist rebels using a Buk missile system that was driven into Ukraine from a Russian military base and then returned to the base. Moscow denies involvement.

The Dutch government said the timing of the case isn't connected to Russia's

invasion of Ukraine, but alluded to the devastating conflict in its announcement.

Foreign Affairs Minister Wopke Hoekstra stressed that the Dutch government would continue to do all it could to hold Russia responsible.

"The deaths of 298 civilians, including 196 Dutch citizens, cannot remain without consequences," he said. "The current events in Ukraine underscore the crucial importance of that."

The Australian government said in a statement that "Russia's unprovoked and unjustified invasion of Ukraine and the escalation of its aggression underscores the need to continue our enduring efforts to hold Russia to account for its blatant violation of international law and the UN Charter, including threats to Ukraine's sovereignty and airspace".

Among the victims were 38 residents

of Australia.

The latest legal action comes as the Dutch murder trial in absentia of three Russians and a Ukrainian for their alleged roles in the downing of MH17 continues. Verdicts are expected late this year.

Prosecutors have sought life sentences for the suspects. Three of the suspects have boycotted the trial, one is represented by a Dutch legal team, which insists he is innocent.

The new ICAO case follows Russia's decision to walk away in October 2020 from negotiations with the Netherlands and Australia over state responsibility for the flight's downing.

Dutch Infrastructure Minister Mark Harbers said the latest legal action is aimed at securing international recognition "that Russia is responsible for the MH17 disaster. Next of kin have a right to that." — AP

Man sought after shooting five homeless men

NEW YORK — A search was under way on Monday for a gunman who has been stalking homeless men sleeping on the streets of Washington, DC, and New York City, fatally shooting two people and wounding three more in less than two weeks.

Police released surveillance photographs of the suspected gunman on Sunday, including one in which the hooded man can be seen holding a pistol in a blue glove.

The killer's motive — if any — was unknown and authorities turned their attention to trying to offer what protections they could to homeless people who might become targets.

New York Mayor Eric Adams said police officers and homeless outreach teams would focus on finding unhoused people in the subways and other locations and would urge them to seek refuge at city-owned shelters.

"The case is a clear and horrific intentional act of taking the life of someone, it appears, because he was homeless," Adams said at a news conference.

"Two individuals were shot while sleeping on the streets — not committing a crime but sleeping on the streets."

The latest violence underscored the urgency to get the homeless off the streets and into safe housing, said Jacquelyn Simone, the policy director for the Coalition for the Homeless in New York City.

The earliest known shooting happened at around 4am on March 3 in Washington DC, police said, when a man was shot and wounded in the city's Northeast section. A second man was wounded on March 8, just before 1.30am.

At 3am the next day, March 9, police and firefighters found a dead man inside a burning tent. A subsequent autopsy revealed that the man had died of multiple stab and gunshot wounds.

The killer then apparently travelled north to New York City, police said.

At 4.30am on Saturday, a 38-year-old man sleeping on the street in Manhattan not far from the entrance to the Holland Tunnel was shot in his right arm as he slept.

The victim screamed and the gunman fled, police said.

About 90 minutes later, the gunman fatally shot another man on Lafayette Street in SoHo, police said. The man's body was found in his sleeping bag just before 5pm on Saturday.

Police determined the same person committed the attacks based on the similarities of each shooting and evidence recovered from the scenes. The victims were attacked without provocation, police said.

"We are committed to sharing every investigative path, clue and piece of evidence with our law enforcement partners to bring this investigation to a swift conclusion and the individual behind these vicious crimes to justice," Metropolitan Police Chief Robert Contee said. — AP



COLLECTION SITE: A customer receives some rapid antigen tests (RATs) at Gee's Pharmacy, in Taradale. Picture by Paul Taylor

RAT roll-out 'a disaster' for some pharmacies

Hawke's Bay chemists speak out about struggles

by Sahiban Hyde,
Hawke's Bay Today

HASTINGS — The manager of a pharmacy serving as a collection site for rapid antigen tests (RATs) says staff are coping abuse and "ratty behaviour", while another pharmacy had a brick thrown through its window.

Hastings Unichem manager and pharmacist Alex Chan said they opted to be a collection site for RATs as it was a service they could provide for their customers.

Mr Chan said on March 4, when the phone went off auto answer, the demand for RATs began and then it increased, and had been a constant since.

"We had to continuously service customers collecting the subsidised RATs outside the pharmacy, with non-stop phone calls about them — on top of our usual work flow."

Being on the front line and dealing with "ratty people" was unpleasant on top of having to wear full PPE, "drenched in sweat", trying to read and type through fittested masks and visors.

Most people were grateful though, he said.

But there were delays and occasionally conflict when some people ended up joining the queue but not knowing what they needed to do to get an order for collection.

"We are then expected to immediately serve,

troubleshoot and solve their demands," Mr Chan said.

He said there was a "poor chain of communication" from the Ministry of Health from the day the administration system was updated and changed to the "behavioural management" of incoming traffic. That was when the number of people turning up expecting to be handed out a RAT without an order "increased by the hour".

"It became clear by the end of the week that we were damned if we did and damned if we didn't provide this service."

Ms Ng said she and some of her colleagues had experienced abuse and threats from members of the public.

Upon appeal, the Hawke's Bay district health board (DHB) provided the pharmacy with two administrative staff to help out, along with a security guard.

Meanwhile, the pharmacist at Westshore

Pharmacy, Karen Ng, said her pharmacy opted out of being a collection site when they realised how much pressure they would be put under.

"The roll-out of free RATs to the general public was a disaster from the beginning from our pharmacy's point of view."

She said they agreed to a very specific contract, which included critical workers with close-contact exemptions, who were vaccinated and asymptomatic.

"Controlled, documented and barely paid 50 cents — but a necessity to keep the country moving," Ms Ng said.

And then, last week, all hell broke loose, she said.

"What was worse than the public showing up first thing — before our doors even opened — to demand their free tests with no documentation and then abusing us for it, was that there was zero warning to us that a procedural change in RATs' collection points was coming."

Suddenly they were being "abused, the phone was ringing off the hook and . . . people were ordering multiple tests, with zero proof they were close contacts."

"After that first day, I went home crying and I immediately opted out of being a collection site."

Ms Ng said she and some of her colleagues had experienced abuse and threats from members of the public.

She claimed one pharmacy had even had its window broken by a customer, who threw a brick in when the pharmacy had run out of RATs to give out that day.

"Some pre-planning, DHB or city council involvement is crucial to ensure your primary healthcare workforce — especially vaccinating pharmacies — should not have to bear the full weight of this roll-out as we were already so close to burning out and striking."

The Ministry of Health responds

A Ministry of Health spokesperson said it was "ultimately a business decision" for each pharmacy whether they opted in to be a

RAT collection site or not.

"During the shift to RATs as our primary testing modality, DHBs offered pharmacies the opportunity to become RAT collection sites through an expression-of-interest process.

"The ministry always engages with national pharmacy sector organisations and DHB representatives ahead of any changes."

There was a need for work to be completed at pace due to the rapid spread of Omicron, but the Ministry of Health said they also wanted to acknowledge the mahi that was being carried out by pharmacies at this time who were supporting the public health response.

"Given the high demand for testing, the Ministry of Health is continuing to ask the public to be patient and to be kind to staff who are distributing the RATs."

Gee's Pharmacy coping, so far

Collection site Gee's Pharmacy in Taradale said they had not had a bad experience yet, but they could also understand how the demand could get overwhelming for some pharmacies.

Owner Chris Marshall said he and his wife had the capacity to carry out the service because they had enough staff to be a collection site.

"The majority of people have been really good.

"In the past 10 days or so, we have handed out approximately 2000 RAT kits."

Russians in NZ facing bullying, abuse at school

by William Hewett, Newshub

AUCKLAND — Russians living in New Zealand have been experiencing a rise in hostility, bullying and abuse from some New Zealanders following the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Dennis Vlasin, a Russian living in New Zealand, told the AM Show yesterday that he knew of some kids who were being bullied at school because they were Russian.

"My own kids are too young to go to school, but I've heard from some of my friends that their children are being bullied because they are Russian, and they are being asked questions like, 'Why are you so aggressive?', 'Why are you attacking Ukraine?'"

"And, they are being called 'bad', and also some really rude words," Mr Vlasin told the AM Show.

"Children have been coming back home in tears and parents have been crying as well.

"They have had conversations with principals and teachers and it's kind of a really bad thing that is happening (to Russian children in NZ) now."

Mr Vlasin said a lot of Russians moved here because of the decisions (Russian President) Vladimir Putin had made.

He told the AM Show that many Russians in New Zealand were trying to support each other right now, but they were also really wanting to show their support for Ukrainians.

"We never voted for this government, but we still feel kind of responsible for it . . ."

"But I'm not sure if that is correct to feel like that anyway," he said.

"We are trying to support each other through different groups. Plenty of Russians are going to friendly protests alongside Ukrainians — the 'Stop the war in Ukraine' marches, for instance.

"We're supporting each other all the time, we're sharing information and we are trying to do as much as we can for each other."

Mr Vlasin is the founder of Kiwi Education, where he tries to help people move from overseas to settle in New Zealand.

He said the number of inquiries from people in Russia had increased "significantly".

"People want to come here, they have been planning to come here to New Zealand for some time, but now they want to speed up that process — obviously. They want to come here desperately, both Russians and Ukrainians."

IN BRIEF

Pedestrian dies near Tirau

TIRAU — A pedestrian died after being struck by four vehicles near Tirau at the weekend.

The person was walking on State Highway 1 in Pairere heading towards Tirau when they were hit by a vehicle at about 8.30pm on Saturday night.

Police believed the victim was then run over by three more vehicles.

Police had identified two of the subsequent vehicles, but were yesterday asking the public to help identify the third vehicle, which had been described as a flat-deck ute.

Police received several calls from motorists in the area around the time that the person was run over.

Anyone with any information that could assist police piece together the events leading up to the incident was urged to contact police, quoting the file number 220313/9231. Alternatively, information could be given to Crime Stoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111. — NZ Herald

TUESDAY—WEDNESDAY'S TELEVISION GUIDE

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

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

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

7.30 Dog Squad *PG TV*
New Zealand working dogs and their handlers carry out their daily duties.

8pm Carlos' Reno Rescue *TV*
Carlos, Jarrod and Jewel renovate a room for youth advocate, Jay Parker.

8.30 NEW Nurses Down Under *M TV*
Witness medical dramas through the eyes of the nurses at three of Sydney's busiest hospitals.

9.30 Coronation Street *PG TV*

10.30 1 News Tonight *TV*

11pm Shortland Street *PGVC TV*

11.30 Sunday *TV*
A weekly in-depth current affairs show.

WEDNESDAY

12.25 Inside Central Station *PGV TV*
Tracking the daily challenges of Sydney trains, on one of the world's biggest and busiest rail networks.

1.20 Te Karere *TV*

1.45 Infomercials

5.35 Te Karere *TV*

6am Breakfast *TV*

9am The Ellen DeGeneres Show *PG TV*

10am Tipping Point *TV*

11am The Chase *TV*

Noon 1 News At Midday *TV*

12.30 Emmerdale *PG TV*
Charles tries to explain himself; Manpreet gets a shock; Jai has a decision to make.

1pm Coronation Street *PG TV*

2pm Kirstie And Phil's Love It Or List It *TV*

3pm Tipping Point *TV*

4pm Te Karere *TV*

4.30 Neighbours *PG TV*
Paul pays the ultimate price for his lie; Leo's decision ignites devastation; Aaron blames Chloe for destroying his happiness.

5pm The Chase *TV*

BRAVO

5.30 Shark Tank *PG*

6.30 Bar Rescue *PGLC*

7.30 Air Crash Investigations *MC*

8.30 Reported Missing *MC TV*

9.45 Family Massacre *16C*

10.45 Snapped: Killer Couples *MVC TV*

11.45 Accident, Suicide Or Murder? *MVC TV*

WEDNESDAY

12.35 Infomercials

6am Infomercials

10am Hoarders *PG TV*

10.50 Bar Rescue *PGLC TV*

11.40 Snapped: Killer Couples *MVC TV*

12.40 Accident, Suicide Or Murder? *MVC TV*

1.40 The Real Housewives Of New York City *M*

2.40 Hoarders *PG TV*

3.35 Face Off *PGC TV*

4.35 Celebrity Ghost Stories *PGVLC TV*

5.30 Shark Tank *PG*

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5pm The Simpsons *PG TV*
Bart's voodoo doll spell accidentally makes his teacher pregnant.

5.30 Friends *TV*

6pm The Big Bang Theory *PG TV*

6.30 Home And Away *PG TV*

7pm Shortland Street *PGVC TV*

7.30 Travel Guides *PG TV*
The Travel Guides are in Turkey for a holiday full of exotic culture, history and surprises.

8.30 CSI: Vegas *16V TV*
Grissom and Sara close-in on who framed Hodges; a plane lands at McCarran Airport and everyone onboard is dead.

9.25 FBI: International *MVC TV*
The team investigates a journalist's death by poison after his attempt to meet with an anonymous source in Poland.

10.25 CSI *MV TV*

WEDNESDAY

12.15 Claws *16S TV*

1.05 Emmerdale *PG TV*

1.30 Infomercials

2.30 2 Tunes

2.45 Survivor New Zealand *PG TV*

3.55 God Friended Me *PG TV*

4.35 Neighbours *PG TV*

5am Infomercials

5.30 Religious Programming

6am Les Mills Born To Move *TV*

6.25 Children's Programmes *TV*

9.10 Infomercials

9.40 Les Mills Body Attack *TV*

10.05 Home And Away *PG TV*

10.40 Shortland Street *PGVC TV*

11.10 The Mindy Project *PG TV*

11.40 Charmed *PG TV*

12.40 Heroes *PG TV*

1.35 The Drew Barrymore Show *PG TV*

2.30 Superstore *PG TV*

3pm Sabrina The Teenage Witch *TV*

3.30 The Feed *TV*

5pm The Simpsons *TV*

5.30 Friends *TV*

CHOICE

5pm Mysteries At The Museum *PGC*

6pm American Restoration *PG*

6.30 Jade Fever *PG*

7pm Jade Fever *PG*

7.30 Property Brothers: Forever Home

8.30 Bang On Budget *PG*

9.30 Amazing Spaces

10.30 Jade Fever *PG*

11pm Jade Fever *PG*

11.30 Mysteries At The Museum *PG*

WEDNESDAY

12.30 Jamie And Jimmy's Food Fight Club *PG*

1.30 American Restoration *PG*

2am ChoccyWoccyDoodah

3am Escape To The Chateau *PG*

4am Property Brothers: Forever Home

5am Mysteries At The Museum *PG*

6am ChoccyWoccyDoodah

7am Jamie And Jimmy's Food Fight Club *PG*

8am Escape To The Chateau *PG*

9am BBQ Pitt Masters *PG*

10am Mysteries At The Museum *PG*

11am Jade Fever *PG*

11.30 Jade Fever *PG*

Noon Property Brothers: Forever Home

1pm Bang On Budget *PG*

2pm Amazing Spaces

3pm Escape To The Chateau *PG*

4pm Adam And Poh's Malaysia In Australia *PG*

4.30 Rick Stein's Cornwall

5pm Mysteries At The Museum *PG*

THREE

5pm Gold Rush *PG TV*
Gold miners of the Yukon hope to strike it rich.

6pm Newshub Live At 6pm

7pm The Project

7.30 Married At First Sight Australia *PG TV*
Twelve couples try to make their marriages work, despite meeting for the first time on their wedding day.

9pm Australia Behind Bars *M TV*
An insight into the harsh realities of daily life behind bars for inmates and corrections officers.

10pm Newshub Late

10.30 NEW The Hui
Mihingarangi Forbes presents a mix of current affairs investigations, human interest and arts and culture stories.

11.05 Newshub Nation *TV*

WEDNESDAY

12.15 Infomercials

5.30 AM Early

6am AM

9am Infomercials

10.30 Match Game *PG TV*

11.30 Yard Crashers *TV*

Noon House Hunters International

12.30 House Hunters International

1pm MOVIE Killer Caregiver *M*
2018 Thriller. After a woman is injured in an accident, a young live-in caregiver moves into her home and strange events begin to unfold. Nicole Hayden, Camila Banus.

3pm Cutthroat Kitchen *PG*

4pm Yard Crashers

4.30 Newshub Live At 4:30pm

5pm Gold Rush *PG TV*

PRIME

5.30 Prime News

6pm Netball Zone *TV*

6.30 Storage Wars *PGL TV*

7pm Pawn Stars *PG TV*

7.30 American Pickers *PGC*
Mike and Frank uncover some rare and valuable Rock and Roll memorabilia.

8.30 Dan Brown's The Lost Symbol *MC TV*
Langdon follows the next clue; Katherine works with Sato to find her father.

9.30 Fires *MLC TV*
On Christmas Eve, Tash and Mott escort locals to a community hall for refuge; Mish and Glen put aside their differences to spread some Christmas cheer.

10.35 Super Rugby Aupiki *(RPL)*
Blues v Matatu.

WEDNESDAY

1.45 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert *PG*

2.45 Love Island USA *MLS*

3.40 Closedown

4am Infomercials

7am Cricket: ICC Women's World Cup *(HLS)* Australia v West Indies.

8am The Casagrandes *TV*

8.25 Hunter Street *PG TV*

8.50 The Moe Show *TV*

9am Wheel Of Fortune *TV*

9.30 The Office *PGC 1/2*.

10.30 The Fast Fix: Diabetes *PGC TV*

11.30 Royal Pains *MC*

12.30 NEW The Comeback *MLC*

1.10 Friday Night Lights *MVC TV*

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

3pm Wheel Of Fortune

3.30 Jeopardy

4pm American Pickers *PG TV*

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

5.30 Prime News

MAORI TV

5pm Ariki *TV*

5.30 Taikura Kapa Haka Festival *TV*

6pm Aotea *TV*

6.30 Te Ao Marama

7pm Toi Te Ora *TV*

7.30 David Rocco's Dolce Africa

8pm Hunt With Me *M TV*

8.30 NEW Animal Empires

9.30 Fighting Chance *PG*

10pm Home, Land And Sea *TV*

10.30 National Sprint Championships *TV*

11pm Te Ao Marama

11.30 Closedown

WEDNESDAY

6.30 Pipi Ma *TV*

6.35 Takoha *TV*

6.45 Takaro Tribe *TV*

7am Taki Atu Taki Mai *TV*

7.10 Potae Pai *TV*

7.20 Kia Mau *TV*

7.30 Purakau *TV*

7.40 Darwin And Newts *TV*

7.50 He Rourou *TV*

8am Pukana *TV*

8.30 Oranga Ngakau *TV*

9.30 Whanau Bake-Off *TV*

10am David Rocco's Dolce Africa

10.30 Toi Te Ora *TV*

11am Tribe

11.30 Matau *TV*

Noon Te Ao Tapatahi

12.30 Survive The Wild *TV*

1.30 Toku Reo *TV*

2.30 Ako *TV*

3.30 Takoha *TV*

3.45 Takaro Tribe *TV*

4pm Taki Atu Taki Mai *TV*

4.10 Potae Pai *TV*

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4.30 Purakau *TV*

4.40 Darwin And Newts *TV*

4.50 He Rourou *TV*

5pm Pukana *TV*

5.30 Taikura Kapa Haka Festival *TV*



Nurses Down Under 8.30pm on TVNZ 1



Travel Guides 7.30pm on TVNZ 2



Dan Brown's the Lost Symbol 8.30pm on Prime

RNZ NATIONAL

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

6.30 Trending Now

7.06 Nights With Bryan Crump.

10pm News At Ten

10.15 Lately With Karyn Hay.

11.04 Worlds Of Music With Trevor Reekie.

WEDNESDAY

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

5.45 Between Two Posts *(HLS)*

6.30 LIVE Super Rugby
Aupiki Blues v Matatu. From FMG Stadium Waikato, Hamilton.

9.15 Aotearoa Rugby Pod

9.45 Sky Speed

10.15 Six Nations *(RPL)*
Wales v France. From Cardiff.

WEDNESDAY

12.15 French Top 14 *(RPL)*
Clermont v Bordeaux. From Parc des Sports Marcel Michelin, Clermont-Ferrand.

2.15 Between Two Posts

3am The Breakdown

4am Aotearoa Rugby Pod

4.30 Six Nations *(RPL)* England v Ireland.

6.30 Super Rugby Aupiki *(RPL)*
Chiefs Manawa v Hurricanes Pou.

8.30 Super Rugby Aupiki *(RPL)*
Blues v Matatu.

10.30 Super Rugby Pacific *(RPL)*
Reds v Fijian Drua.

12.30 Between Two Posts

1.30 Super Rugby Pacific *(RPL)*
Waratahs v Force.

3.30 Japan Rugby League One *(RPL)* Shining Arcs v Shizuoka.

5.30 Super Rugby Aupiki *(RPL)*
Chiefs Manawa v Hurricanes Poua.

SKY 5

5.05 Counting Cars *PG*

5.30 Pawn Stars *PG*

6pm Trucking Hell *M*

7pm RBT *MC*

7.30 The Mentalist *MVC*

8.30 Trucking Hell *M*

9.30 Outback Truckers *PGL*

10.30 Person Of Interest *M*

11.30 Addicted To Fishing *PG*

WEDNESDAY

12am Addicted To Fishing *PG*

12.30 Wheel Of Fortune

1am Jeopardy!

1.25 RBT *MC*

1.50 Outback Truckers *PGL*

2.35 Trucking Hell *M*

3.30 Trucking Hell *M*

4.20 Person Of Interest *M*

5.10 The Mentalist *MVC*

6am Jeopardy!

6.25 Wheel Of Fortune

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8am Addicted To Fishing *PG*

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9.40 The Mentalist *MVC*

10.30 Person Of Interest *M*

11.30 Pawn Stars *PG*

Noon Jeopardy!

12.25 Wheel Of Fortune

12.50 Trucking Hell *M*

1.40 Outback Truckers *PGL*

2.30 The Mentalist *MVC*

3.20 Addicted To Fishing *PG*

3.45 Addicted To Fishing *PG*

4.10 Jeopardy!

4.35 Wheel Of Fortune

5pm Counting Cars *PG*

5.30 Pawn Stars *PG*

MOVIES PREMIERE

6.25 The Outpost *16VLC* 2020 Drama. Scott Eastwood, Orlando Bloom.

8.30 The High Note *ML* 2020 Drama. Rather than play it safe, a middle-aged singing icon and her overworked personal assistant believe the time has come to sing a new tune. Tracee Ellis Ross, Dakota Johnson.

10.25 Crisis *16VC* 2020 Thriller. Gary Oldman, Armie Hammer.

WEDNESDAY

12.20 Four Good Days *MVLS* 2019 Drama. Mila Kunis, Glenn Close.

2am The Furies *18VL* 2019 Horror. Airlie Dodds, Linda Ngo.

3.25 Charm City Kings *16VLC* 2020 Drama. Jahi Di'Allo Winston, Meek Mill.

5.25 The Unholy *MVLC* 2021 Horror. Jeffrey Dean Morgan, Cricket Brown.

7.01 Great White *16VLC* 2020 Horror. Katrina Bowden, Te Kohe Tuhaka.

8.30 Voyagers *16VS* 2021 Adventure. Colin Farrell, Tye Sheridan, Lily-Rose Depp.

10.15 Songbird *16V* 2020 Thriller. KJ Apa, Sofia Carson.

11.40 Radioactive *M* 2019 Drama.

1.30 Escape From Pretoria *MVLS* 2020 Thriller.

3.15 Unpregnant *MLSC* 2020 Comedy.

5pm Snake Eyes: G.I. Joe Origins *MVL* 2021 Action.

DISCOVERY

5.40 Fast N' Loud *MLC*
When Lightning Strikes.

6.35 Aussie Gold Hunters *PG*

7.30 Outback Opal Hunters *PG*

8.30 Expedition X *MLC*
Devil in the Forest.

9.30 What On Earth? *PG*
Temple of the Island Eater.

10.30 What On Earth? *PG*
Horror of Dead Mans Island.

11.25 Naked And Afraid *MVL*

WEDNESDAY

12.15 Maine Cabin Masters *PG*

1.05 Unexplained And Unexplored *PG*

1.55 Deadliest Catch *PG*

2.45 Naked And Afraid *MVL*

3.35 Yukon Men *MLC*

4.25 Alaska: The Last Frontier *PG*

5.15 Aussie Gold Hunters *PG*

6.05 How Do They Do It? *PG*

6.30 Man Caves *PG*

6.55 You Have Been Warned *MLC*

7.45 Maine Cabin Masters *PG*

8.35 Top Gear *PG*

9.25 Fast N' Loud *PG*

10.20 Expedition X *MLC*

11.15 What On Earth? *PG*

12.10 How Do They Do It? *PG*

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2pm Naked And Afraid *MVL*

2.55 Aussie Gold Hunters *PG*

3.50 Deadliest Catch *MLC*

4.45 Alaska: The Last Frontier *MLC*

5.40 Fast N' Loud *MLC*

RACE TO THE LINE:

From left, Jhurnee Swann, Macy Jacobs, Ruby Carr and Indie Neshausen put their best feet forward in the run leg of the Central School Triathlon age 9 section at Nelson Park.

Picture by Rebecca Grunwell



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WATCH YOUR DIET

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

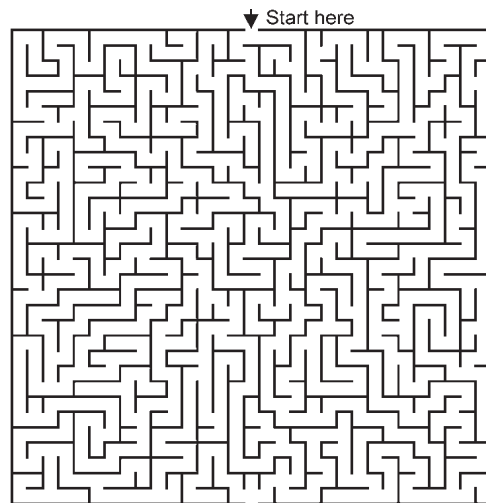
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| CALCIUM | FAT-FREE | IRON | PASTA | VITAMINS |
| CALORIES | FIBRE | JUICE | PROTEIN | WATER |
| CARBOS | FISH | LACTOSE | REDUCED | WHEAT |
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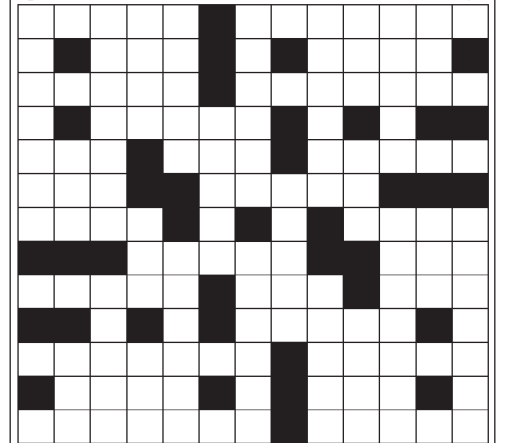
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Enter numbers into the squares so that every row, every column and every 3x2 box contains all the numbers from 1 to 6

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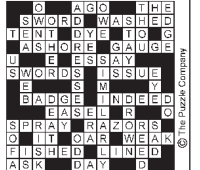


WORD-FIT



Fit all the words into the grid to create a finished crossword.

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| EAR | | PARADE |
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| ERA | 5 LETTERS | 7 LETTERS |
| EYE | AGREE | CLASSES |
| GIN | BLAME | COBWEBS |
| MOM | BLAST | DRESSED |
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

5	2	6	4	3	1
4	1	3	2	5	6
2	5	4	1	6	3
6	3	1	5	4	2
3	4	2	6	1	5
1	6	5	3	2	4

TRIO
HAS

TRIO

These four words can be completed using the same three-letter sequence. Can you find it?

H _ _ _
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BELFAST (M) WED 11.10am
BERGMAN ISLAND (M) TUE, WED 1.20pm, 5.50pm
BLIND AMBITION (E) TUE, WED 1.20pm, 6.10pm
DEATH ON THE NILE (M) TUE, WED 8.20pm
FACING MONSTERS (E) TUE, WED 3.45pm
OFF THE RAILS (M) TUE, WED 11.10am, 3.45pm, 8.20pm
THE BATMAN (TBC) TUE, WED 10.40am, 12.45pm, 2.05pm, 4.15pm, 5.30pm, 7.45pm
THE DESPERATE HOUR (M) TUE, WED 10.45am, 4pm, 8.50pm
UNCHARTED (M) TUE, WED 11am, 1.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm
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LOST & FOUND

Found

BIKE, black Milazo. Ph 867 8121.

Lost

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Readers Bargains

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KIDS games x6, all complete, \$25 the lot. Doll's plastic pushchair, doll, \$10. Battery talking monkey \$15. Babies first farm friends singing doll, \$10. Mirror with picture in centre, very old, \$20. Purple/silver mirror, \$20. Purple mirror \$20. Mirror with shell surround, \$15. Ph only during day, 021 0818 1710.

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Meetings

MANDATE HUI – ONLINE VOTING DEADLINE EXTENSION TE WHĀNAU Ā RUATAUPARE

Ngā Hapū ō Tokomaru Ākau (NHOTA) filed applications in the High Court in 2017 pursuant to the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 on behalf of Te Whānau ā Ruataupare and Te Whānau ā Te Aotāwarirangi. On 10 June 2017, NHOTA representatives were mandated to represent Te Whānau ā Ruataupare at a publicly notified hui held at Tuatini Marae. On 26 February 2022, a further mandate hui took place via Zoom.

Mandate hui kaupapa

- 1.Update on NHOTA's Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 High Court application.
- 2.Re-affirm mandated representatives for Te Whānau ā Ruataupare.
- 3.Re-affirm applicant contact for Te Whānau ā Ruataupare.

NHOTA rohe moana From Te Ngutu ō Ngore (Orange Bay) south to Te Māwhai and 12 nautical miles out from all points along the stated coastline.

The mandate hui was held on Saturday, 26 February 2022.

If you were unable to attend, you can still vote online. Please email meerah@tamakilegal.com for a registration form, information packs, voting information and a voting form. If you do not have online capacity, please phone Meerah at 028 8516 5964 or on 0800 37 10 37.

You must return your voting form by **5pm, Monday 21 March 2022**. Due to unforeseen circumstances, there has been an extension to the original online voting deadline.

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As traded 3.2 litre, 4WD, Bluetooth, reverse camera, canopy, deck drawer, great value
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From \$225pw



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3 litre V6 auto, great value, popular sedan
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3 litre, manual, turbo diesel, 4WD, trusty ute
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2.5 litre, auto, 7 seater, reverse camera, Bluetooth stereo, alloys, sharp SUV
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From \$115pw



2017 SUBARU FORESTER
2.5 litre, 4WD, auto, NZ new, Bluetooth stereo, alloys, great looking SUV
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From \$120pw



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2.5 litre, 4WD, petrol, reverse camera, ample boot space
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2016 SUZUKI SWIFT
1.3 litre, auto, very economical, late model, great value
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From \$100pw



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3.5 litre, 4WD, auto, 7 seater, full leather interior, Bluetooth, alloys, tints, towbar
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2.8 turbo diesel, 4WD, auto, great looking ute
NOW \$38,990

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South Waikato races at Matamata Wednesday

2 TAB Doubles 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Trebles 2-3-4, 6-7-8 Quaddies 1-2-3-4, 5-6-7-8 Place6 3-8

Table of race selections and results for South Waikato at Matamata, including selections, team wealeans, tokoroa club, raf's regulars, matley financial services, and holster L&S South Waikato Cup 5.20.

Timaru harness at Phar Lap Raceway Wednesday

8 TAB Doubles 2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Trebles 2-3-4, 5-6-7 Quaddies 1-2-3-4, 4-5-6-7 Place6 2-7

Table of race selections and results for Timaru harness at Phar Lap Raceway, including selections, catering south canterbury, laser electrical timaru, park night 'N Day Timaru, and may 28 racing at Timaru.

Manawatu greys at Palmerston Wednesday

3 TAB Doubles 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Trebles 2-3-4, 6-7-8 Quaddies 1-2-3-4, 5-6-7-8 Place6 3-8

Table of race selections and results for Manawatu greys at Palmerston, including selections, outback trading company, great mates rehoming, and greyhounds make great pets.

Melbourne races at Sandown Hillside Wednesday

TAB doubles 4-5, 8-9 Trebles 2-3-4, 7-8-9 Quaddie 2-3-4-5, 6-7-8-9

Table of race selections and results for Melbourne races at Sandown Hillside, including selections, ladbrokes switch plate, ladbrokes blended bets, and ladbrokes bet ticker.

Out for four weeks

Johnson injured in round one

LEAGUE

WARRIORS halfback Shaun Johnson is set for a month on the sideline after being injured in the Warriors' season-opening loss to St George Illawarra on Saturday.

Scans and further assessment today have revealed the 31-year-old halfback has a minor pectoral strain which is expected to keep him out of action for up to four weeks.

In his first match for the club in more than three and a half years, Johnson had a hand in each of the Warriors' three tries in their 16-28 defeat by the Dragons, but also acts of head-scratching inconsistency, notably an ill-advised crossfield kick in his own half that led to a backbreaking Dragons try.

"Shaun had some positives," coach Nathan Brown said after the match. "Plenty of blokes had some positive points and some negative points."

"We probably had some blokes who were below where they'd like to be, which is hard at this level."

"But Shaun had some positive stuff and it's always easier for your half, when

you're making the opposition work a bit harder as well."

Johnson joins experienced winger Dallin Watene-Zelezniak and rookie centre Viliami Vailea on the club's injury list.

Watene-Zelezniak broke his left thumb in the opening minutes of Saturday's encounter but still played the full 80 minutes, a courageous performance highlighted by him scoring his fifth try in his 10th match for the club.

The 26-year-old will have surgery and is likely to be out of contention for six to eight weeks.

On his Instagram account, Watene-Zelezniak said: "Ah, the ups and downs of rugby league. I'll be grinding to get back soon! Lessgooo."

Vailea (19), playing his third NRL match, needed treatment after a knock to his left knee midway through the first half.

He played out the full 80 minutes but he has suffered a MCL (medial collateral ligament) injury which is expected to keep him out of action for three to four weeks. — NZ Herald

Andrews world champion

SKIING

QUEENSTOWN teenager Ruby Andrews has won the freeski slopestyle title at the Junior World Championships in Switzerland. Andrews started her first run with a technical back swap on the rainbow rail before putting together a solid jump section and finishing off with a 270 onto the final rail. She was rewarded 85.40 by the judges for this run, her score remaining untouchable for the remainder of the event.

"I could not be happier to take the win here at Leysin today! Feels so good to be back on the podium after not competing for two years! Thanks to everyone who made this possible," Andrews posted on social media. Although her

second and final run was a victory lap, Andrews dropped in with the intention to add more technicality to her run and bump her winning score even higher. A couple of small bobbles resulted in her run one score being her top score of the day. There were two New Zealand men competing in the freeski slopestyle finals. Harper Souness (Queenstown, 16) finished in fifth position and Luca Harrington (Wanaka, 18), Big Air silver medallist, finished in thirteenth position. While the freeskiers were throwing down on the slopestyle course the snowboarders were getting to work on the Big Air jump. Dane Menzies (Wanaka based, 16) finished just off the podium in fourth place and Txema Mazet-Brown (Raglan, 15) finished in eighth place. — RNZ

Brady retirement over

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

TOM Brady's retirement lasted 40 days. Brady said he's returning to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for his 23rd season in the NFL.

The seven-time Super Bowl champion announced his decision on Twitter and Instagram, saying he has "unfinished business." "These past two months I've

realised my place is still on the field and not in the stands," Brady wrote. "That time will come. But it's not now. I love my teammates, and I love my supportive family. They make it all possible. I'm coming back for my 23rd season in Tampa."

Brady led the Buccaneers to a Super Bowl title following the 2020 season and NFC South

championship last season. He teamed with coach Bill Belichick to win six Super Bowls during 20 seasons with the New England Patriots. The 44-year-old Brady led the NFL in yards passing (5,316), touchdowns (43), completions (485) and attempts (719) in 2021, but the Buccaneers lost at home to the Los Angeles Rams in the divisional round. — NZ Herald

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2900 EASY

SUDOKU

SUDOKU is a logic puzzle made up of 81 squares on a 9x9 grid. To solve the puzzle, each row, column and 3x3 grid within the larger grid must end up containing each number from 1 to 9, and each number can only appear once in a row, column or box. A sudoku grid has a single unique solution, which can be reached without using guesswork.

SOLUTION IN NEXT PUBLICATION.

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THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

Wednesday, March 16, 2022 *by Eugenia Last*

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Joel Embiid, 28; Judah Friedlander, 53; Lauren Graham, 55; Victor Garber, 73.

Happy Birthday:

Read between the lines, and you'll figure out how to get the most out of whatever you pursue. Choose a path that offers satisfaction and joy, not stress and regret. Adjust your lifestyle to fit your budget, and use your attributes to serve you instead of those using you for their profit. Be mindful of others and good to yourself. Your numbers are 9, 14, 22, 25, 34, 37, 49.

ARIES (March 21-April 19):

Put in the time, and you'll reap the rewards. Reach out and make a difference to a cause that matters to you. The connections you make will be lasting and fruitful. An unexpected change is apparent. Take advantage of an opportunity. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):

Don't jump into something without doing your homework. Test the atmosphere before you engage in a conversation concerning sensitive issues. Have a backup plan in place, and you'll come out on top. Change that comes from the heart will gain you respect. 5 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

Don't be fooled by someone's rhetoric. Listen, then head in a direction that suits you, not the others. Look out for your well-being. Use your skills and expertise to your advantage, and put your energy into something that makes you happy. 2 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22):

Conversations will lead to something that interests you. The information you gather will spark your imagination and encourage you to use your ideas to pursue something that excites you. A unique approach to an old plan will be fruitful. 4 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

Slow down; spontaneity will get you in trouble. Bide your time, put your generosity on the back burner, and don't let your emotions interfere with practicality. Concentrate on how you look and feel, and on what makes you happy. Romance is favored. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Don't hold back. If something bothers you, say something. Conversations will lead to resolutions that will put your mind at ease and make your relationship with someone better. A positive change is within reach; don't be afraid to make a move. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Preparation is paramount if you want to bring about positive change. Let your intuition help you decipher what's best for you, and put your energy where it will help you excel. Networking, focusing on self-improvement, and updating your skills, image and goals will pay off. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

It's up to you to bring about change. Stop dreaming and start doing. Concentrate on what will make your life easier and put to rest what stands between you and your goals. Clear up clutter and unfinished business, and get finances in order. 4 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Don't lose sight of your goals. Refuse to let anyone meddle or cause emotional turmoil. Look inward and consider what you want. Protect against injury or illness by avoiding being put in a vulnerable position. Choose to do your own thing. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

You'll receive an unexpected opportunity. Don't hem and haw when action is required. Size up whatever situation you encounter, and do what's best for you. Don't follow others when it's apparent you stand to get ahead by relying on experience. 5 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Put your energy into self-improvement, health, fitness and meaningful relationships. Choose to follow the path that puts a smile on your face and a skip in your step. Live in the moment, and prioritize love, peace and happiness. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):

Get involved in what's happening around you. You don't have a say if you don't participate. Share your thoughts and make a difference. Change begins with you. Consider what makes you happy, and take the path that fulfills your needs. 3 stars

Birthday Baby:

You are insightful, passionate and thoughtful. You are sensitive and compromising.

STAR RATINGS
 FIVE STARS: Nothing can stop you now. Go for the gold.
 FOUR STARS: You can pretty much do as you please. It's a good time to start new projects.
 THREE STARS: If you focus your efforts, you will reach your goals.
 TWO STARS: You can accomplish a lot, but don't rely on others for help.
 ONE STAR: It's best to avoid conflicts. Work behind the scenes or read a good book.

DOUBLE CROSSWORD

No. 11,542

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CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- Witty remarks about English animals (8)
- A pair of braces? (4)
- We will shortly find a source of water (4)
- Like the greatest very large fire-resistant material (8)
- The lady is twice a mother (5)
- A rum one mixed to inflame with desire (7)
- In which sanity carries some weight? (6,7)
- Parson finds man had been lying down (8)
- The pit belonging to me (4)
- Feared an adder being disturbed by a man (7)
- Some fine verse? Not at all! (5)
- Fellow worker is ship's officer (4)
- It covers wound while putting clothes on (8)

DOWN

- Get ready to trim beforehand (7)
- Fine gentleman will annoy worker (7)
- Does he train teachers in the construction business? (6,7)
- Our town could be old-fashioned (7)
- Shyness of a substitute? (7)
- Coming back later I go in to sell (6)
- The coat man on the road (7)
- Closest Eastern resort (7)
- Refer to a student fighting a duel (6)
- First-class, but a thousand deducted for having no purpose (7)
- Business anxiety? (7)

QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- Corporeal (8)
- Observe (4)
- Destiny (4)
- Defeat (8)
- Condition (5)
- Apparel (7)
- Flighty (13)
- Example (8)
- Church recess (4)
- Stern (7)
- Instant (5)
- Neat (4)
- Wrestle (8)

DOWN

- Cheer (7)
- Perspire (7)
- Commercial (13)
- Saw (7)
- Support (7)
- Painter (6)
- Parvenu (7)
- Gratified (7)
- Banished (6)
- Astonishing (7)
- Lascivious (7)

SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLE 11,541

QUICK
 Across: 6 Heathen; 7 Folly; 9 Orb; 10 Potential; 12 Dictatorial; 15 Hibernation; 17 Courteous; 19 Cut; 21 Mercy; 22 Violate.
 Down: 1 Decry; 2 Sty; 3 Veto; 4 Posterior; 5 Almanac; 8 Sextet; 11 Wisecrack; 13 Tinder; 14 Disobey; 16 Quote; 18 Unit; 20 Sly.

CRYPTIC
 Across: 6 Capital; 7 Sharp; 9 Pen; 10 Designate; 12 First to last; 15 Under orders; 17 Parsonage; 19 Tab; 21 Scoop; 22 Managed.
 Down: 1 Camel; 2 Mix; 3 Pale; 4 Chandlers; 5 Protest; 8 Listed; 11 Diversion; 13 Spoons; 14 Infancy; 16 Wager; 18 Goal; 20 Can.

Quick Crossword answers also fit the large grid

Another loss on the road for Lakers

BASKETBALL

THE NBA-leading Phoenix Suns have handed the Los Angeles Lakers their 10th straight road game defeat, routing the 17-time champions 140-111 in Arizona.

Devin Booker had 30 points, 10 assists and four steals while Deandre Ayton had 23 points and 16 rebounds for the hosts who were never threatened on Sunday night and improved to 54-14.

Phoenix led 48-22 after the first quarter, the Suns' highest output in a period this season, and finished with a season-high 79 points at the half.

"We played poorly," Lakers coach Frank Vogel said.

"How we started, really the whole night, was unacceptable . . . This is a tough matchup to play small-ball against but we definitely have to be better than we were tonight." — AAP

Hurricanes get extra day

RUGBY

THE Covid-hit Hurricanes are confident they will be able to play their Super Rugby Pacific game against the Chiefs this weekend, despite limited preparation.

Last weekend's match against Moana Pasifika was postponed as they were unable to field a side because of the virus.

There is a chance that this weekend's game against the Chiefs in Wellington will be pushed back a day until Sunday.

The game is scheduled for Saturday night, but the Hurricanes coach assistant Chris Gibbes said there are discussions about delaying it a day.

"From our perspective having an extra day with the game on Sunday would be massively beneficial for us so hopefully we can get that across the line.

"The challenge is going to be from a training perspective that we get enough time and the Sunday game gives us an extra day, but if it's Saturday we'll deal with it."

Gibbes said his players are back training in small groups, however he concedes they are still likely to have some players unavailable.

"That's the focus for the next few days, we have guys at different stages coming

back, but we're confident we'll have a team for this weekend."

He said preparing for a game when you don't even know what players you will be able to field is a challenge.

"We have trained together as a whole group for a while and the guys that have come in have been very professional about the way they go about their learnings, so we're confident that the game plan will still roll the way we want it to and guys will be able to pick it up."

Gibbes said their main priority is player welfare and that's all they're focused on.

"We've got to make sure we give guys the opportunity to get ready, if you try forcing teams and guys that aren't quite right you're not putting them in the centre of the conversation.

"If I was a betting man (which I'm not) I'd say that we'll be sweet (to play) but you just never know it's a day-to-day thing with this Covid and you can't get too far ahead of yourself, but we're confident as a group that we'll be ready to roll.

"We're desperate to play, we want to be playing at our home ground."

The Hurricanes and Chiefs have two wins each from their three games so far. — RNZ

SPORT BRIEFS

Raducanu out of Indian Wells

US Open champion Emma Raducanu has blown her chance to advance to the round of 16 of the WTA 1000 event in Indian Wells.

Raducanu served for the match in the deciding set against Petra Martić but could not finish the job as the Croatian snared a 6-7 (3-7) 6-4 7-5 victory. The British 11th-seeded Raducanu led 5-4 with a break but Martić reeled off three successive games to prevail in two hours and 46 minutes. "I'm happy that I stayed calm when I was not playing so good," Martić said in her on-court interview. The match had been an eventful one.

World No.79 Martić seized the early initiative with a break in the first set but Raducanu quickly turned things around to lead 5-3. — AAP

Monfils defeats Medvedev

DANIIL Medvedev has crashed out of the Indian Wells Masters in the third round to give up his world No.1 ranking. Medvedev appeared on track to reach the last 16 when he won the first set against Gael Monfils but the French ace roared back to seal a surprise 4-6 6-3 6-1 victory. Monfils clinched the win on the sixth match point in front of an adoring California crowd with a backhand winner, letting out a roar as he set up a meeting with teenage sensation Carlos Alcaraz. "I'm quite happy right now, I'm in my zone," Monfils said. Monfils handed Medvedev the break in the ninth game of the first set with a pair of double faults and two forehand errors, as the reigning US Open champion dropped just four points on his serve in the opener. — AAP

Russia out, Australia in

AUSTRALIA will replace the suspended Russian team for the Billie Jean King Cup tennis Finals.

Russia was banned from defending its Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup titles following its Feb. 24 invasion of Ukraine. Belarus, a key staging area for the invasion, which Russia says is a "special operation", has also been banned from the international team competitions. The Australian team were the highest ranked side among the losing semi-finalists in 2021 and will take Russia's automatic spot in this year's Finals of the tournament formerly known as the Fed Cup. The host cities for the Davis Cup competition also have not yet been named. — RNZ

Breakers pipped by Perth

THE Breakers have been beaten 104-102 in overtime by the Perth Wildcats in their Australian NBL game in Hobart. The Wildcats Vic Law scored a game-high 39 points and hit the basketball that forced extra time, while Bryce Cotton made a three-pointer and was fouled with 1.4 seconds left. Hugo Besson (23 points), Yanni Wetzell (17 points, 19 rebounds) and Ousmane Dieng (eight points) led the Breakers. Breakers coach Dan Shamir was disappointed but felt his side was simply unlucky Cotton ended with the last shot. The 5 and 14 Breakers are second to bottom on the table and play Perth again on Sunday. — RNZ

Mitchell to stay aggressive

AS he prepares to make his return to the NRL, South Sydney teammates have declared Latrell Mitchell the game's best player and say they don't want him to change his aggressive nature.

Mitchell makes his comeback for Souths against the Melbourne Storm on Thursday after serving his suspension for a brutal hit on Sydney Roosters centre Joey Manu which rubbed the Bunnies No.1 out of their run to the 2021 grand final. Last week discussions about the 24-year-old's temperament came to the fore once more when he was involved in a training ground fracas with back-rower Jacob Host.

Host laughed off the altercation but backed Mitchell to help them bounce back from their season-opening defeat away to the Brisbane Broncos. — AAP

Smith still in contention

CAMERON Smith has shot a third round 69 at the PGA Tour's weather-disrupted Players Championship, keeping the Australian in contention for the title.

Having resumed at six under, three off the lead, in the delayed championship on Monday morning, Smith birdied the 'island hole' 17th to close within two shots of shock leader Anirban Lahir.

There was a four-way tie for second at Sawgrass with Americans Doug Ghim and Sam Burns joined by English veteran Paul Casey and Sebastian Munoz, of Colombia. Munoz made the cut with one shot to spare but carded a 65, only matched by Scott Stallings, 15th on five under. Casey had started the event with a triple bogey. Alongside Smith was American Tom Hoge, who had held a share of the lead after 18 and 36 holes. — AAP

GBHS season over

Horouta and OBR in preliminary semifinal

CRICKET by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

IT was always going to be tough.

To qualify for Saturday's preliminary final, Galaxy World Gisborne Boys' High School needed to beat Horouta with a bonus point in 50-over premier-grade cricket at the weekend.

Even then, they needed Coastal Concrete OBR's net run-rate to dip against Bollywood Stars High School Old Boys.

GBHS were placed fourth in the competition with only one win.

Neither the GBHS-Horouta game nor the HSOB-OBR game in Round 7 was

held at the weekend due to players being unavailable because of Covid-19.

The preliminary final will now be contested by David Situ's Horouta and Nick Greeks's Coastal Concrete OBR on Saturday. The match will start at 12.30pm on Harry Barker Reserve No.1.

The winners will play Carl Shaw's unbeaten HSOB on March 26.

Poverty Bay director of cricket David Castle said: "Seventeen players across the premier grade were isolating at the weekend due to Covid-19."

Having had advice from Northern Districts Cricket under New Zealand

Cricket, competition management decided to treat both games in Round 7 of the DJ Barry Cup as abandoned matches, not as games lost by default.

"As a result, potentially vulnerable players were not required to come to Harry Barker Reserve," Castle said.

"And nor were Senior B teams set to play semifinals put in a position of having to fill their clubs' first-grade teams to their competitive cost.

"The health of the cricket community, general public and the integrity of both our premier and Senior B club competitions was our main concern."

Adams takes win against old team

BASKETBALL

OKLAHOMA CITY — Dillon Brooks had to wait a few more minutes to make his return.

After being sidelined for 27 games due to an ankle injury, Brooks walked onto the court Sunday only to see that both Memphis and Oklahoma City were wearing white uniforms. The Grizzlies retreated to their locker room to change into their navy blues — a five-minute delay.

The mishap was a rare snag in an otherwise successful night for Brooks and Company. The Grizzlies trailed the Thunder for a total of 25 seconds all night before leaving with a 125-118 win.

Memphis saw a balanced scoring effort: Desmond Bane had 21, Jaren Jackson Jr. 18, Ja Morant 17, Brooks 15, Brandon Clarke and Tyus Jones with Ziaire Williams had 11.

"Tons of credit to the Thunder," Memphis coach Taylor Jenkins said. "They were just relentless for 48 minutes . . . We just got enough stops in crucial moments there."

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander led the Thunder with 31 points and seven assists, and Darius Bazley had a season-high 29 points to go along with 10 rebounds for Oklahoma City, which has lost six of its last seven games.

Memphis led 38-26 at the end of the first quarter, with former OKC player Steven Adams recording seven points and eight rebounds in nine minutes. He



REBOUNDS ARE MINE: Oklahoma City Thunder forward Isaiah Roby (left) shoots in front of Memphis Grizzlies centre Steven Adams. Adams claimed seven offensive rebounds of his team's 20 to secure the win. AP picture

finished with 9 points and 16 rebounds.

"It was beautiful, man," Adams said of his return. "Nostalgia . . . It was awesome coming back."

The Thunder opened up the second quarter on a 7-0 run that Lindy Waters III capped off with a 3-pointer, but the Grizzlies led 61-54 at halftime.

Despite picking up his fourth foul with 6:11 left in the third, Gilgeous-Alexander stayed in the game and scored seven of his team's next 12 points.

Memphis took a 95-79 lead heading

into the fourth quarter, but Bazley scored 12 points to will Oklahoma City into contention. A 3-point shot by Theo Maledon trimmed the deficit to 121-115 with 25.5 seconds left in regulation, but the Grizzlies hung on.

"We needed a lot of things to happen for us and a lot of stuff not to fall for them," Bazley said of the late push. "(Memphis) is a good team . . . But I thought we did a good job of just staying together and trying to get all the way back into it." — AP

Presidents v OBR in final

Captains play pivotal roles in semifinal matches

CRICKET by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

THE underdog champions of 2021 have made it back to the grand stage.

Bollywood High School Old Boys Presidents captain Ollie Needham carried his bat for 53 as the blue-and-whites tipped up No.1 seeds the Civil Project Solutions Ngatapa Green Caps by four wickets in Senior B club cricket's 1 v 4 semifinal.

This Saturday, from 2pm at Harry Barker Reserve, they will defend the Hope Cup against powerful No.2 seeds the Craig Christophers-led Rawhiti Legal OBR, who beat Horouta Te Waka by seven wickets.

Needham's outfit, who had won only three matches before the weekend, lost to Mike Gibson's Green Caps by 25 runs on December 4 but three weeks ago they snapped the Caps' eight-game unbeaten streak.

"It was a hard-fought contest befitting a semi, but ultimately Mahmood Khan closed out the game for us with two sixes," said Needham, the match and Presidents CricHQ MVP (most valuable player).

On Saturday, Needham batted through for the second time in 2021-22 to score his first half-century of the season. In doing so, he surpassed Horouta's Aman Kamboj as the leading run-scorer (309 at an average of 31) in the 30-over competition.

"The first six Mahmood hit was held — reverse cup at Cow Corner by Richard Briant — who then went over the boundary completing the catch. The second six cleared Ryan West at long-off.

"Now we're into the final against OBR, a side stacked with match-winners."

Ngatapa skipper and MVP Mike Gibson won the toss on HBR 3 and chose to bat. The Green Caps posted 165-5 on maybe the best-prepared pitch this year, both Nos.3 and 2 playing superbly.

Ngatapa's stroke-makers performed. Opener Grant Walsh (52) put up his third half-century in eight appearances, Gibson made 45 coming in at No.5, Ryan West made 27 from second-drop, and Charles Morrison made 22 from No.3.

The second-wicket stand of 62 between Walsh and Morrison was the biggest partnership of the game, and showcased good batsmanship.

Needham (1-14 in four overs) shared the new ball with spearhead and former Otago representative Jason Lines (1-19), the first of only two of the seven options employed to bowl out.

Fourth-change Khan, an attacking outswing bowler, took 2-28 from four overs and young medium-pace Marcus Gray (1-21 from two overs) finished off the innings.

The first over of the HSOB innings, bowled by Zac Borrie (1-35 off three overs) was eventful. Striker's end umpire James Raroa rightly called deliveries 1 and 3 — full-tosses — as no-balls for height.

With the fifth of eight balls in that set, Borrie produced a peach to bowl Matt Jefferd for a golden duck.

But in the fifth over, Presidents No.3 Jarrod Renouf (31 from 23 balls, with six fours), hit a pull-shot, then an on-drive, then another pull-shot for three consecutive fours to end the over and seize the upper hand. Renouf and Needham put on 37 for the second wicket.

Gibson took 2-39 off five overs, and gloveman Cam McNaught held two catches to finish his season with 16 catches atop the fielding leaderboard. Campion College's Daniel Baillie (10) and the HSOB regular 'keeper Needham (8) are next in line. Of non-wicketkeepers, Ngatapa all-rounder West has been the most influential, with six catches.

Yet all of this was a mere prelude to Khan's taking 15 runs off the 27th over — bowled by Gibson. It began with two wides and cost 19. HSOB, 139-6 after 26 overs, now needed only eight runs in three overs to win the game.

They got them, finishing with 166-6 in 28 overs. Gibson said: "Both teams played well, with our guys fighting right to the end. It was a good season."

THOM Berry and Craig Christophers, batting together, do many things.

The B Grade's best opening pair set the perfect tone for OBR with their smart running between wickets and punishment of the bad ball. Theirs is a high level of batsmanship at the top of the order.

OBR captain and match MVP Christophers combined with Berry (80 not out) to put on 145 runs in 20.2 overs of their seven-wicket win against Horouta Te Waka in the 2 v 3 semifinal on HBR 2.

The stand ended when Christophers (68) was bowled attempting a pull-shot off seamer Billy Morse.

Morse, deputising for regular skipper Mel Knight, took 1-12 in three overs with a tight left hamstring muscle in a brave, quality effort as The Waka's seventh bowler.

Morse praised both OBR and Horouta. "Craig and Thom batted expertly to steer them into the Hope Cup final," he said.

"Chaitanya Sambare (71 off 60 balls with nine fours) was our CricHQ MVP as second-drop but there's no getting away from the fact that we missed Mel," said Morse, who pulled four short balls to the boundary in his run-a-ball 26.

"I hurt my left hamstring when I batted and that forced us to change our bowling line-up. After trying six bowlers, I bowled and got the breakthrough we needed, but it was too late.

"I'm proud of the fact that our team executed plans to pressure the new batsmen (left-hander Deevon Gray, then the B Grade's only century-maker this season, Jannie Jacobs) and try to contain Thom.

"We made OBR work hard for those last 30 runs and pushed them to the 29th over."

Morse won the toss. Grace Levy (11) lost her partner Vishal Singh (9) with the score at 14-1 but played a fine support role for Sambare in the pair's second-wicket stand of 42.

Sambare continued the onslaught, figuring in a third-wicket partnership of 30 with Kamboj (9) and a fifth-wicket stand of 34 with Riley Horsfield (4).

Only one leg-before-wicket appeal got the nod in the game, a good decision by umpire Gary Coutts. Kamboj looked to sweep Christophers (2-23 in six

overs), off-spin from around-the-wicket. The ball pitched in line with off-stump and hit the batsman in line with middle and off, just above the ankle.

Horouta reached 174-6 in 30 overs. Christophers and the tantalising loop of leg-spinner Mana Taumaunu (1-10 in two overs) altered the balance. Gloveman Berry's stumping of Sambare off Taumaunu to end the 23rd over at 129-5 was a big moment in the game. Morse and Rubi Perano (9no) put on 45 for the seventh wicket, a tremendous effort from Nos.8 and 7 respectively.

The OBR openers dominated the run-chase, but five overs after Morse dislodged the OBR captain, Horsfield leapt to hold an incredible one-handed catch off a big drive from Gray, and Kamboj bowled Jacobs, who was looking to whip a full-length inswinger away square on the leg-side.

The game ended with a touch-shot through mid-wicket for four by Berry, who caught Horsfield in the first innings and had a top all-round match.

Christophers said: "Thom batted beautifully and deserved to hit the winning runs. A good partnership at the top gave us the advantage, but Horouta never gave up and created some nervous moments for us before the end of the match... 174 was a tricky score to chase.

"Billy and his team batted well. They pressured us into bowling four-balls and wides."

1 v 4: BOLLYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS PRESIDENTS 166-6 (Ollie Needham 53 not out, Jarrod Renouf 31; Mike Gibson 2-35) **beat CIVIL PROJECT SOLUTIONS NGATAPA GREEN CAPS 165-5** (Grant Walsh 52, Mike Gibson 45, Ryan West 27, Charles Morrison 22; Mahmood Khan 2-28).

2 v 3: RAWHITI LEGAL OBR 178-3 (Thom Berry 80no, Craig Christophers 68) **beat HOROUTA TE WAKA 174-6** (Chaitanya Sambare 71, Billy Morse 26no; Craig Christophers 2-23, Lloyd van Zyl 2-26).

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Across

- 1 Led White Ferns to historic 2000 World Cup success (5)
- 4 Coached Highlanders to 2021 Super Rugby Trans-Tasman final (7)
- 8 — of the green (3)
- 10 Blues' Fiji and All Black winger 1990s (6)
- 12 Formed potent All Black midfield pairing with Frank Bunce (6)
- 13 White Ferns World Cup pace bowler, Hannah -- (4)
- 14 Legendary 1924 All Black "Invincibles" fullback (5)
- 15 First joint venture rugby body of pro era, abbrev (6)
- 19 Black Caps white-ball keeper/batsman 2018-21 (8)
- 20 Hurricanes/Highlanders All Black hooker 2002-13 (4)
- 21 Most-capped White Ferns cricketer, -- Bates (5)
- 22 Highlanders' All Black prop rookie 2021 (2, 5)
- 24 Journeyman halfback made ABs' 2002 northern tour (3)
- 26 French-trained 2011 Melbourne Cup winner (7)
- 28 Kiwi golfer won men's golf's "fifth major" 2002 (5)
- 30 Aussie rugby league great nicknamed "GI" (6)
- 31 All Blacks' 2021 World Breakthrough Player of (6)

Down

- 1 White Ferns captain current World Cup campaign (6)
- 2 Medical procedure, -- scan abbrev (3)
- 3 Scottish rugby stadium (11)

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- 5 Wallabies' 1999 World Cup-winning captain (5)
- 6 Former Aussie dual international, -- Rogers (3)
- 7 Japan's 2006 Melbourne Cup winner, -- Blues (5)
- 9 Life story, abbrev (3)
- 11 Colin Meads' great Springbok rival, Friki -- (2, 5)
- 16 Popular section of Dunedin's stadium, the -- (3)
- 17 Kiwi winner famed Boston and New York marathons 1981, Allison -- (3)
- 18 Hurricanes/Chiefs All Black first-five 2010-17 (6)
- 20 Former Black Caps opening batsman, Matt -- (5)
- 21 Black Caps leggie made Test debut v Bangladesh 2013 (5)
- 23 Champion British heavy-weight boxer, -- Fury (5)
- 25 Parramatta rugby league club's nickname (4)
- 27 Australian football competition, abbrev (3)
- 28 Golf event, -- am (3)
- 29 Counties All Black prop 1979-81, -- Ketels (3)

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Blues debut team

RUGBY

THE Blues women have named six Black Ferns and two Black Ferns Sevens players in the starting XV for their first ever game of Super Rugby Aupiki.

After a Covid decimated buildup which included the cancellation of last weekend's game against the Hurricanes Poua, the Blues are eager and excited to finally get on the park, and focussed on a strong first-up performance against Matatū on Tuesday night in Hamilton.

Experienced midfielder Ruahei Demant will captain the team with the pack anchored with Black Ferns props Krystal Murray and Aldora Ituna with two emerging forwards who were debutants on the Black Ferns northern tour in lock Maiakawanakaulani Roos and No 8 Liana Mikaele-Tu'u.

Canterbury's Mel Puckett is rewarded with the start at halfback inside internationals Patricia Maliepo and Dement, while there are exciting runners outside in Blake Ferns Sevens stars Theresa Fitzpatrick and Tyla Nathan-Wong.

"We have the extended bench and we will need to use them wisely," said coach Willie Walker.

Arsenal in top four of EPL

FOOTBALL

ARSENAL returned to the Premier League top four after goals from Thomas Partey and Alexandre Lacazette earned them a 2-0 win at home to Leicester City. The win moves the Gunners a point ahead of Manchester United but crucially Mikel Arteta's side have three games in hand on their rivals for the final Champions League slot. Arsenal have now won their last five games and a run of nine wins from their last

eleven encounters in the Premier League has transformed their season after a poor start to the campaign. Kai Havertz scored an 89th-minute winner to give Chelsea a 1-0 victory over Newcastle United in their first home match since Britain's government sanctioned Russian owner Roman Abramovich with an asset freeze. The win left the Blues in third place in the table, 10 points behind leaders Manchester City who play tomorrow, while Newcastle are 14th, nine points clear of the relegation zone. — RNZ

Two new legends inducted

TWO more Tairawhiti Legends of Sport were inducted at the Sporting Excellence Awards this month — Raipoia Brightwell (waka ama) and Terry Sheldrake (triathlon).

Brightwell, daughter of Tahitian traditional voyager Francis Cowan, was part of the land support team for the Hawaiki-nui voyage undertaken by her husband Matahi and her father. Their journey using a traditional craft and handed-down knowledge showed how Maori could have navigated their way to Aotearoa.

The inclusion of Raipoia Brightwell in the Tairawhiti Legends of Sport recognises her contribution to the development of waka ama as a sport in New Zealand, her prowess as an international-class paddler and steerer, and her coaching with the country's first waka ama club, Mareikura.

She follows her husband Matahi Brightwell into the ranks of the Tairawhiti Legends of Sport, just as she did when she followed him into the Waka Ama New Zealand Hall of Fame a few years after Matahi and two other pioneers of the sport were the first to be inducted.

Terry Sheldrake was one of four founding members of the Eastland Triathlon Club in 1983 and helped form the New Zealand Triathlon Association in 1984.

He drove the establishment in Gisborne of the Eastland Sports Foundation Education Trust, now known as Sport Gisborne Tairawhiti.



HONOURED: Terry Sheldrake, above, photographed last year about the time he received the Sir Eion and Jan, Lady Edgar Lifetime Achievement Award for his services to triathlon and sport, and Raipoia Brightwell, right, pictured when she was inducted into the Waka Ama New Zealand Hall of Fame. Both have now been inducted into the ranks of Tairawhiti Legends of Sport.



File pictures

As founding chief executive of the regional sports trust, he led the organisation from 1990 to 2002. Sheldrake and his wife Kathy were integral to the delivery of the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon.

Terry Sheldrake was president of Triathlon New Zealand from 1996

to 2000, and on the International Triathlon Union (ITU) executive board from 2008 to 2020. He was made a life member of Triathlon New Zealand in 2009 and in 2015 received the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to triathlon.

At last year's New Zealand Sport and

Recreation Awards, Sheldrake received a lifetime achievement award.

In a video feed, Sheldrake said sport was all about the athletes. If they were having a good time, the work done by administrators amounted to an amazing way to spend a life. He thanked his wife and family for their support.

WEATHER FOR TOMORROW

15 Mar, 2022

FRONTS: warm, cold, stationary, occluded

WIND km/h: less than 30, 30 to 59, 60 or more

SWELL m: e.g. S 1m

SOURCE: SwellMap.co.nz

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GISBORNE CITY	
TOMORROW morning min 14 max 19 Rain, possibly heavy. Fresh southerlies.	THURSDAY morning min 13 max 18 Showers. Southerlies.
FRIDAY morning min 12 max 18 Showers. Southerlies.	

GISBORNE REGION	
Rain, possibly heavy. Southerlies, strong in exposed places at times.	Showers. Southerlies.
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SATURDAY Showers, clearing and becoming fine. Southerlies.

10:00 AM - 4:25 PM PROTECTION REQUIRED
Even on cloudy days
Data provided by NIWA

MIDNIGHT TONIGHT

NOON TOMORROW

GISBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT

Wednesday Mar 16		Thursday Mar 17	
Hicks Bay H 6:02am 6:20pm L 12:13pm	Hicks Bay H 6:49am 7:09pm L 12:29am 1:01pm	Waipiro Bay H 5:49am 6:07pm L 11:48am	Waipiro Bay H 6:36am 6:56pm L 12:04am 12:36pm
Tolaga Bay H 5:37am 5:55pm L 11:36am 11:52pm	Tolaga Bay H 6:24am 6:44pm L 12:24pm	Gisborne H 5:13am 5:33pm L 11:25am 11:45pm	Gisborne H 5:59am 6:22pm L 12:12pm
Wairoa H 4:50am 5:15pm L 11:07am 11:26pm	Wairoa H 5:36am 6:02pm L 11:54am		

SUN-MOON-MAORI FISHING GUIDE

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Rise 7:06 am Set 7:26 pm	Rise 7:07 am Set 7:25 pm
Set 4:19 am Rise 6:44 pm	Set 5:24 am Rise 7:12 pm
Best at 11:36 am 11:59 pm	Best at 12:23 pm

NZ SITUATION

A subtropical low to the northeast of the North Island moves away to the east tomorrow. A front moves up the east coast of the South Island during today and tomorrow. A ridge spreads over most of the country during Thursday.

NZ TOMORROW

Auckland	fine	27
Hamilton	fine	26
Tauranga	fine	25
Rotorua	fine	22
Taupo	fine	19
Napier	showers	19
New Plymouth	fine	23
Palmerston North	fine	20
Wellington	showers	18
Christchurch	showers	16
Queenstown	showers	18
Dunedin	fine	14

TODAY IN HISTORY

1958 – The lowest North Island mean sea level pressure on record, 963 hPa, was recorded at Cape Reinga as former-tropical cyclone Ida passed nearby.

GISBORNE READINGS

Taken at the Airport, for the 24 hours to 9am, Tuesday 15 Mar 2022

SUNSHINE hours
On Monday, 14 Mar 0.8
To date for March 99.7
Average for March 179.0
To date this year 513.6
Average year to date 520

WIND km/h
Max gust on Mon 14 Mar S 35

RAINFALL mm
24 hours to 9am, Tue 15 Mar 0.0
To date for March 5.9
Average for March 102.0
To date this year 197.1
To date last year 171.3

EVAPOTRANSPIRATION mm
Daily average for past week 3.7

TEMPERATURE °C
Maximum 20.1
Minimum 16.2
Grass minimum 15.6

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE
At 9am 15 Mar (hPa) 1019.7
At 9am 15 Mar (inches) 30.11

WORLD TOMORROW

Adelaide	fine	20	32
Amsterdam	fine	3	15
Bangkok	thunder	27	33
Beijing	cloudy	5	12
Berlin	fine	4	14
Brisbane	showers	19	29
Buenos Aires	fine	20	30
Cairo	fine	7	18
Canberra	cloudy	11	24
Cape Town	fine	17	23
Delhi	windy	19	36
Frankfurt	fine	3	17
Geneva	fine	4	18
Hong Kong	cloudy	20	25
London	rain	2	15
Los Angeles	fine	12	27
Melbourne	showers	19	27
Moscow	snow	-7	-1
New York	fine	9	14
Paris	fine	8	20
Perth	fine	18	27
Singapore	thunder	24	34
Stockholm	fine	-1	9
Suva	thunder	24	31
Sydney	showers	19	25
Tokyo	fine	9	20
Toronto	fine	0	14



BASKETBALL
Adams claims victory over old team

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Two legends honoured

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Competition attracts

SURF LIFESAVING by Murray Robertson

MORE than 80 athletes from surf lifesaving clubs across the eastern region enjoyed a big weekend of competition in Gisborne.

It was a replacement event for the cancelled 2022 Surf Life Saving New Zealand national championships.

The nationals were to have been held in Christchurch over the weekend but were cancelled due to Covid.

Eight clubs — Whangamata, Waihi, Mt Maunganui, Omanu, Papamoa, Whakatane, Waikanae and Midway — had athletes taking part in the Gisborne competition instead.

“On Friday afternoon athletes competed either individually or as part of a team in the inaugural Gizzy Grinder,” eastern region surf lifesaving sport manager Sonia Keepa said.

The race incorporated a run, bridge jump, swim, board and ski, she said.

It was likened to a small-scale Coolangatta Gold endurance race, held across the Turanganui River, Waikanae and Midway beaches, and Turanganui-a-Kiwa/Poverty Bay.

“Teams were greeted with a magic Midway day for Saturday’s ‘Iron Eliminator’, beach flags, and teams challenge events,” Keepa said.

“Clear blue skies and two feet of clean swell made for fun conditions throughout the day.”

The “Iron Eliminator” was modelled on the Nutri-Grain elimination event in Australia.

The Team Relays Challenge after lunch began with run-swim, board-run, ski-run and rescue relays contested across two rounds over the afternoon.

Keepa said clubs used the opportunity to mix experienced athletes with younger team members to allow mentoring of race skills.

On Sunday, the paddleboard competition was held at Wainui to make the most of surf conditions.

“Teams were formulated and with the help of Gisborne Boardriders Club members Andrew McCulloch, Kieran Grealish, Glen Sutton, and Matt and Jack Long, a tag-team format was implemented,” Keepa said.

Some outstanding boardriding and big-surf skills were on show, with “awesome” hooting and encouragement coming from the beach.

Keepa thanked all those who helped realise the idea of the event format and contributed to making the weekend competition happen.

She paid tribute to the athletes, who — despite the difficulties of the past two years, with both national championships cancelled — had refused to get down about it.

“They have continued to show up, train, commit and encourage their peers to be part of an amazing sport and community,” Keepa said.

She thanked the clubs, coaches and parents for their support.

Results —

Gizzy Grinder — Open male: Jack Keepa (Waikanae) 1; Jacob Corrin (Midway) 2; Yahni Brown (Midway) 3.

Open female: Maddison Greetham (Omanu) 1; Trelise Chote (Papamoa) 2; Georgia Davoren (Papamoa) 3.

Male Iron Eliminator: Jack Keepa (Waikanae) 1; Daniel Hart (Mt Maunganui Lifeguard Service MMLS) 2; Braith Swanberg (Omanu) 3. **Female Iron Eliminator:** Sophie Petro (Midway) 1; Maddison Greetham (Omanu) 2; Olivia Marshall (MMLS) 3.

Races draw athletes from across eastern region



FUN WEEKEND: The loss of the New Zealand surf lifesaving championships due to Covid for the second year in a row was a big blow to the movement’s young athletes. For 80 of them, though, events in Gisborne at the weekend were loads of fun. Included were the inaugural Gizzy Grinder run/swim/craft race, won by Waikanae’s Jack Keepa, and an ironman “eliminator” event at Midway.

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