

The Gisborne Herald

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Joining the fight against measles

Gisborne-based physiotherapist Oka Sanerivi heads to Samoa next week to help at Apia's main hospital with the measles epidemic. He is seeking support from the community for the New Zealand Samoan Physiotherapists Network, which he set up in response to a call from the Samoan Prime Minister for volunteer Samoan medical professionals to help with the crisis.

STORY ON PAGE 4

Picture by Liam Clayton

Meth kingpin jailed

Drug dealing caused 'untold destruction' to community

A GISBORNE man who crowned himself kingpin of a methamphetamine "empire", distributing 6.28 kilograms of the drug here in four months, has been jailed for fourteen years, seven months.

Lucky Te Waata Campbell, 43, must serve at least half of it due to a minimum non-parole period also imposed at his sentencing yesterday by Judge Warren Cathcart in Gisborne District Court.

The sentence covered seven counts of possessing meth for supply and one of unlawfully possessing a firearm. Campbell pleaded guilty in May this year — two weeks ahead of a scheduled jury trial.

He was on sentence for possessing cannabis for supply when police became aware of his meth offending. Campbell

was kept under surveillance as part of Operation Pinyin, which ran from mid-2017 to early 2018 and targeted known drug dealers.

Text data dating back to May 2017 was analysed and from December 2017 police were authorised to monitor live phone calls. Campbell's

movements were tracked by cellphone polling data.

The operation was terminated in two phases on January 23 and 31, 2018, with various addresses searched.

Crown prosecutor Cameron Stuart said \$470,000 found by police

in searches related to Campbell was taken from the most vulnerable and impoverished in our community.

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Campbell did not use methamphetamine. His offending was not driven by addiction but by greed. Campbell was someone who could hold down a job and lived offence-free for 10 years before choosing to make a business out of drugs.

It had "no doubt caused untold destruction to the well-being and safety of others in the community", Mr Stuart said.

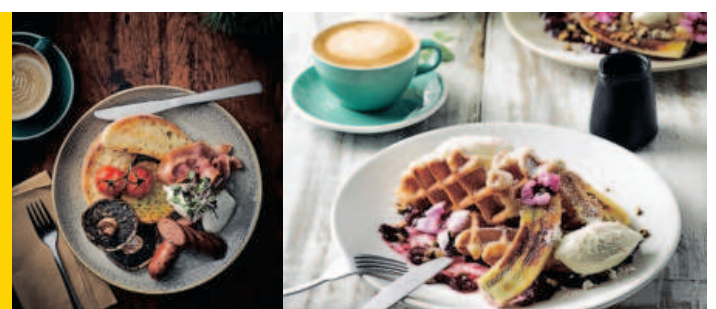
Evidence showed Campbell sourced meth in bulk from Auckland returning with it to Gisborne where he on-supplied it at wholesale and retail level.

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The spirit of Christmas

BEAUTIFULLY wrapped gifts and hampers collected by various groups around Gisborne show the spirit of Christmas is alive within the community.

Constable Rihara Houia, from Whangaia Nga Pa Harakeke, the family harm unit of Gisborne Police, said they had identified families in the community facing extreme hardship and were giving them the gifts and hampers.

"We have already given out 70 hampers collected through Countdown for the Blue Santa Project," he said.

Constable Liam Erickson said people were so appreciative and often broke down in tears when they were brought the hampers.

"It can be quite emotional. One person said it was the nicest thing they had ever got from the police."

Every year The Gisborne Herald supports a not-for-profit organisation that offers local families and children guidance and support.

This year that organisation is the Family Works - Presbyterian Support group.

The Herald's Kerry Hickey said they had been overwhelmed with the kindness of our community.

"The Gisborne Herald would like to thank everyone for your wonderful donations. The gift pile under the Christmas tree flowed across the floor."

"We are also supporting the SPCA with donations of food, toys and treats for the animals."

Items can still be left under the Christmas tree at The Gisborne Herald office on Gladstone Road up to 11am on December 24.



GOD BLESS: Equippers Church presents donated gifts to the Police Blue Santa project at their church in central Gisborne. From left are Pastor Ed Moa, Constable Liam Erickson, Debbie Kora, Alena Swannell, Constable Rihara Houia. Picture by Paul Rickard



PRESENTS GALORE: The Gisborne community has donated a huge number of presents for Family Works Tairāwhiti this year. Pictured under the Christmas tree are Karyn Foster (Family Works Tairāwhiti), Kerry Hickey (The Gisborne Herald) and Jan Dolman (Family Works Tairāwhiti). Picture by Liam Clayton



TOYS OF OLD: These are just some of the beautiful handcrafted wooden toys made by Gisborne Woodturners for Barnardos. Bill Wheeler (left), Murray Packer and Ian Utting are pictured with Ngakay Neshausen MokoMoko and Kaia Wilson. Picture by Rebecca Grunwell



FOOD FOR OUR FURRY FRIENDS: Gillian Campbell from the Gisborne SPCA, with Cleo, Harvey and Ella Parkin, receive pet food and toys collected by The Gisborne Herald. Picture supplied

LOOKING AHEAD



ALL THE LATEST NEWS, INCLUDING:

- Survey reveals Tairāwhiti kids spend an average of four hours a day on screens — twice the North Island average
- Proposed wood processing plant for the district could produce more than 300 jobs
- Petition put forward calling for the Endeavour models to be reinstated at their original locations
- Roadworks are keeping the city's windscreen repairers busy

MONDAY

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BETTER ACCESS: A new bridge across the Waipaoa River at Whatatutu, built privately by Thompson's Horticulture, improves access to their operation on both sides of the river. The bridge was officially opened by the cutting of a ribbon, and that was done (below) by Marilyn Thompson, pictured with her son Craig (right), who is the company's managing director. They were supported by other family members, staff and their families and others. They all gathered on the bridge (above) after the ceremony. Pictures supplied

Driver killed in Coast crash

A FEMALE driver died in a crash near Ruatoria last night. Emergency services were notified at around 7.40pm of the crash on Te Araroa Road/State Highway 35 on the Rotokautuku Bridge near Ruatoria. It involved a single vehicle that rolled off the road. The sole

occupant died at the scene. The driver was female. No more details were available at the time of print. The Serious Crash Unit has been advised and while the road is not blocked, motorists are asked to avoid this route if possible.

Tolley to stand as list MP at 2020 election

ANNE Tolley has announced she will stand for National in the next election as a list MP and will not be seeking re-election as the Member of Parliament for the East Coast.

"I have every confidence National will return to Government next term. If we have the privilege to govern, I will be putting myself forward to be Speaker of the House," said Mrs Tolley, who is the Deputy Speaker.

"The role of Speaker would require full-time attention. Given that, it wouldn't be fair to continue to be an electorate MP."

"It has been a privilege to be the MP for East Coast for the past 14 years. I worked hard to win the seat and I've loved every minute of representing such a diverse, hard-working, beautiful

area. I have no doubt National will find a strong candidate to take my place and that person will have my full support.

"I'd like to thank everyone who has supported me over the past 18 years in Parliament, and I will continue to represent and advocate for them while I am still the MP for East Coast. I thank the National Party board for allowing me to go on the list."

A National Party spokesperson said Mrs Tolley had been "an exceptionally hard working and local Member of Parliament, serving the East Coast since winning the seat for National in 2005".

"We will be looking to start and complete the process of candidate selection for the East Coast electorate early in the new year."

Spans across the water

THOMPSON's Horticulture has opened a new bridge across the Waipaoa River — a bridge the company built itself to improve access to operations on both sides of the river at Whatatutu.

The 97-metre concrete bridge connects Whatatutu Road to land across the Waipaoa River.

"It has been a concept for us for the last 20 years," said Thompson's Horticulture managing director Craig Thompson.

"We were pleased to celebrate the opening with the wider team."

Mr Thompson said it had been an important project for them.

"Previously our team had to use a gondola, boat or tractor to get across the Waipaoa River to and from work.

"Now, our over 100 permanent and casual team members can get to work via the new bridge, eliminating any risks and playing our part in caring for the river."

Mr Thompson's orchard has 18 hectares of Zespri SunGold kiwifruit planted, and five hectares of Zespri Green kiwifruit.

A recent addition to Zespri's



board, Mr Thompson has been a passionate kiwifruit grower for 40 years and is delighted the bridge offers so many opportunities for the area.

"We have around eight hectares of undeveloped land we can now plant, thanks to the bridge opening up access for the first time.

"The new bridge also opens up

previously undeveloped land, and access for two Maori titles next to the orchard for the first time."

Mr Thompson said local iwi were also excited for the opportunities the new bridge brought to their whanau in the area.

The bridge was built by contractors Concrete Structures and designed by Taiki Engineering.

END OF A METH 'EMPIRE'

Police found \$460,000, sawn-off shotguns in storage unit

FROM PAGE 1

The seven charges of possessing meth for supply related to seven trips he made while under surveillance.

He and wife Loretta Campbell, rented a storage unit long term.

When Campbell was arrested on January 23, police found \$460,160 in that unit, along with two dismantled sawn-off shotguns (to which the firearms charge relates).

On one trip to Auckland involving a new supplier and an unsuccessful deal, Campbell took a firearm with him for protection. It was not clear what type of firearm that was but the court could safely infer the firearms in the storage unit, likewise directly related to the drug offending, Judge Cathcart said.

Campbell, through counsel Cameron Robertson, claimed the guns were collateral for a loan-sharking business he also ran.

There was no ammunition found.

The Campbells also rented a former motel unit long term. Campbell called it his "batcave". Police found 96.8 grams

of meth remaining from the 6.28kg and about \$10,000.

Campbell's arrest followed communications intercepted the day before in which he told an Auckland supplier he was keen to make a deal for three kilograms of meth for \$600,000, albeit no arrangement was made.

In an acrimonious text to his wife shortly before his arrest, Campbell called his meth business his "empire".

In sentencing submissions, Mr Robertson said Campbell was born into a gang-connected whanau and it was a profoundly negative experience.

His mother introduced him to cannabis when he was nine. By 13, he was expelled from school and spent the next three years at one for problematic students.

Hostile environments he endured saw him develop out of "survival of the fittest". He never lost that aspect of himself — even when times were good.

Periods of greatness were followed by great falls.

When things went wrong, Campbell's survival instincts kicked in.

A defence-commissioned cultural

report further summed up reasons for Campbell's offending. It identified three key factors — systemic Maori deprivation; compromised childhood development due to exposure to domestic violence, early-life use of alcohol and marijuana, and the disability of deafness; and a creeping acceptance of the validity of criminality and exploitation of others.

Judge Cathcart said he accepted the report findings in part but noted Campbell was someone who had managed to overcome those odds and had largely done well in life with success in legitimate employment as evidenced by the many certificates, references, and other CV-type documentation presented by the defence.

Calculating the sentence, the judge set a starting point of 18 years imprisonment for the meth charges, with uplifts for the firearms charge and Campbell's status on sentence for other drug offending at the time of this offending.

Deciding the level of discount for findings in the cultural report, Judge Cathcart said he was troubled by comments attributed to Campbell, which

seemed to be self-serving and confusing, particularly as to why he became involved in meth dealing. Even the report writer questioned the plausibility of the explanation.

Campbell misrepresented that his wife knew nothing of the offending (a statement negated by evidence in her recent trial).

Nonetheless there were relevant issues for which six months' discount was appropriate, the judge said.

There was six months discount for Campbell's time on electronically-monitored bail — a year without incident.

He received discount of about 20 percent for his guilty pleas.

While not at the earliest opportunity, they came after his third assigned counsel made significant negotiations of material importance, particularly in having the alleged amount of meth' involved reduced from 7.9kg, the judge said.

■ High Court proceedings as to forfeiture of the cash found and other suspected proceeds of crime are pending.

FAMILY NOTICES

Deaths

CLEWS, David James. — Passed away peacefully at Duart House on Monday, December 16, 2019. Much loved Dad of Deborah and Pete, Mark and Kathryn, Louise and David, and Anne and Pete. Cherished Pop of Matthew, Robbie, Rebecca, Lauren, Jeff, Kelsea, James, Benjamin, and Pakawa. Great Pop to Eliza, Matilda, and Isla. Many thanks to the staff at Duart House.

A memorial service for David will be held in the Beth Shan Chapel, cnr Maraekakaho and Orchard Roads, Hastings on February 15, 2020 at 11am. In lieu of flowers, donations to Alzheimer's NZ would be appreciated and may be left at the service, or posted to Freepost 192225, Mental Health Foundation Fundraising, PO Box 10051, Auckland 1446.

Messages to the Clews Family, C/o PO Box 2555, Stortford Lodge, Hastings 4153.

Beth Shan Funerals, Hastings.
Ph 06 870 3399

MATTHEWS, Sholto Charles Henry. — On December 19, 2019, unexpectedly at home, aged 79 years. Adored husband of Diana. Much loved father and father-in-law of Susie and Michael Devonshire, Annie and Adam Simpson, Henry and Jules Matthews. Treasured 'Doots' of his eight mokopuna; Charlie, Max, Flora, Poppy, Hugh, Milly, Monty and Jade. Loved brother of Brian (deceased), Roland, Charlie and Mark.

A private family service will be held, with a memorial celebration of Sholto's life to follow. Messages to the Matthews family, C/- PO Box 2343, Stortford Lodge, Hastings 4153.

TERRY LONGLEY & SON

Deaths

RENNER, Helen Mary. — Passed away peacefully on 11 December 2019 after a short illness in her 90th year, surrounded by her family. Beloved wife of the late Philip. Cherished mother and mother-in-law of Elizabeth and Peter, Miriam and Andrew, and John (deceased). Treasured grandmother and great-grandmother of Matthew, Charlotte, Catherine, Michael, Harriet, Sanna, Jahn, Helena, Charlie, and Andre.

A private family service has been held in accordance with Helen's wishes.

All messages to the Renner family, C/- Hope Family Funerals, 4 Keenan Road, RD3, Tauranga 3173.



Unveilings

HONE MEIHANA TAUMAUNU

This is a notice for whanau to advise that the unveiling for Hone Meihana Taumaunu will be held this

SUNDAY,
22 December 2019
10.00am
Whangara Marae,
Pa Road, Whangara.

Naumai haere mai koutou katoa.

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Whanau & Friends are invited to the unveilings of

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28th Dec
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In Memoriam

BYCIE WHAIORA SADLER

One year ago today, God put His arms around you and whispered "Come to Me". My heart broke. Your life was a blessing, your memory and love precious. You are loved and missed beyond measure, but safe within my heart until we meet again in glory.

Your loving Sadler family



Beautiful memories silently kept of one that we loved and will never forget.

SANDRA SMITH

Love you always.

Jock, Tammy, John and grandkids.

POI, Kathleen

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Nothing can ever take away the love our hearts hold dear. Fond memories linger every day.

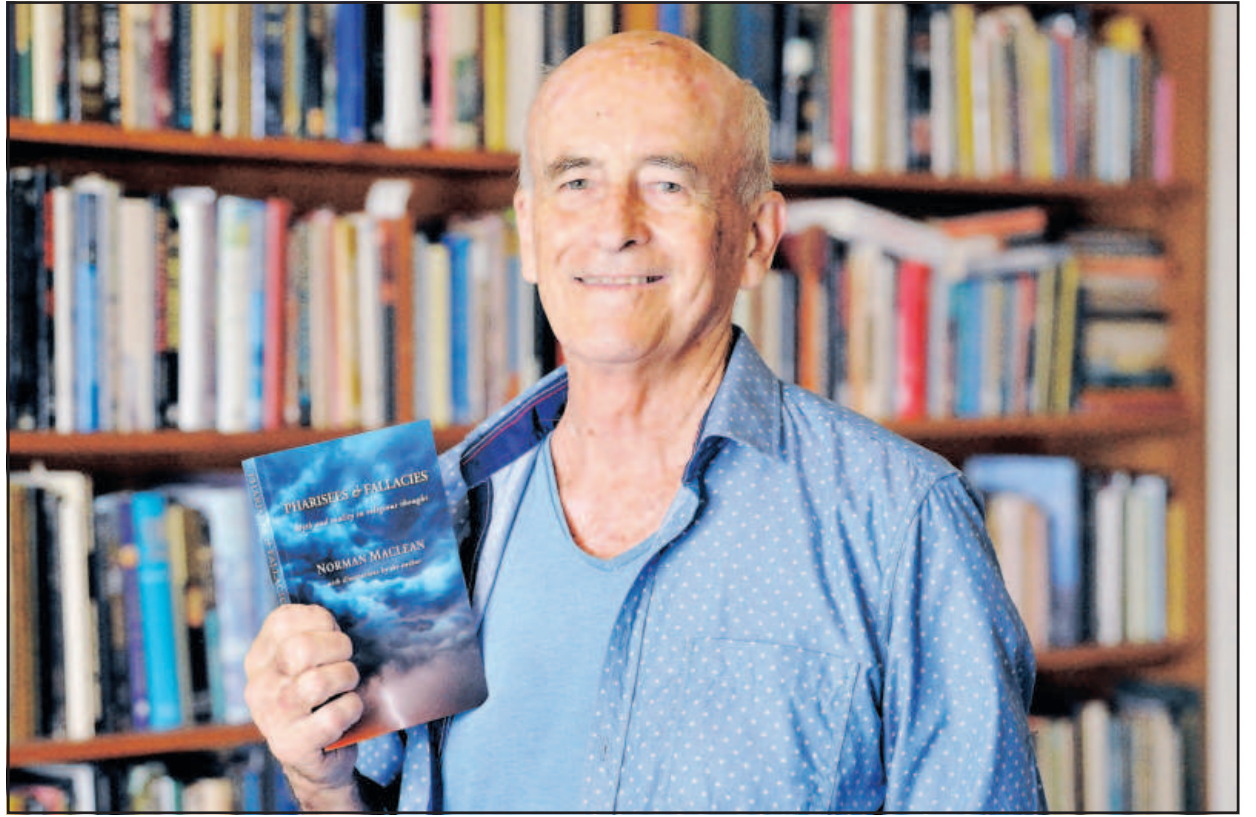
We miss you more each year.

Juliet, Danielle, Kyree and Keala xxx



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IN STORE FOR CHRISTMAS: Recently published by Steele Roberts, Gisborne artist, writer and classical antiquity scholar Norman Maclean's book *Pharisees and Fallacies* is now available — just in time for Christmas. Picture by Liam Clayton

Revealing fallacies about Pharisees

THE influence of myth, history and folklore on some of the most familiar characters and events in the old, and new testaments is at the heart of Gisborne writer Norman Maclean's recently-published new book *Pharisees and Fallacies*.

Although superficial knowledge of fables such as Adam and Eve's expulsion from Paradise are widespread, there is little understanding of how such stories have influenced culture, a phenomenon that has long intrigued Mr Maclean.

When people see a cartoon of a man and a woman wearing nothing but fig leaves and chatting with a serpent while contemplating an apple, they will generally identify the tale but will go no further than that, says Mr Maclean.

"The same applies to an image of a boatload of animals bobbing on a flood or a fiercely frowning, bearded chap clutching a pair of stone tablets while

standing on a mountain top. Yet the impact of these and similar archetypes, has profoundly shaped western society in particular."

Such images continue to fascinate, even when they are often relegated to the catch-all of irrelevant myth and legend, says the artist and classical antiquity scholar.

The original subject is obscured with colourful fancy and popular misunderstanding.

"When they fall into the hands of Hollywood directors, the distortions become even greater and the misconceptions multiply."

Just as many fallacies exist about the Pharisees, says Mr Maclean.

The Pharisees were a leading sect of Judaism who had popular support among most of ancient Judaea's population. They are the most abused and misunderstood sects of all time and are mistakenly reviled for their

supposed opposition to Jesus's activities, says Mr Maclean.

"Condemnation of the Pharisees over two millennia has strongly shaped anti-Semitism which found its most appalling manifestation in Hitler's Germany."

The real villains were the Pharisees' sectarian opponents who, in popular imagination, got off scot-free, he says.

Mr Maclean took the title of his book from that of a lecture series in about 2010. He feels the book has wider appeal since it touches on topics of perennial interest.

These include the prevailing fascination with apocalypse, angels and demons, as well as the pervasive influence of what used to be called New Age fantasies and are now mainstream trends.

■ *Pharisees and Fallacies* is available at Muirs Bookshop.

Reaching out to help in Samoa

by Kim Parkinson

SAMOAN physiotherapist Oka Sanerivi will be travelling to Samoa next week to help with the measles epidemic at Apia's main hospital Tupua Tamasese Meaole Hospital at Motootua.

Mr Sanerivi works as a neurodevelopmental therapist in the Child Development Service at Gisborne Hospital and will be offering his services to help relieve the team who are working around the clock in providing paediatric respiratory physiotherapy.

Many of the Samoan children who have been battling measles, have also been battling other complications that can come with the diagnosis, such as pneumonia and encephalitis.

Mr Sanerivi said measles weakened the immune system making it much more energy consuming to cough and clear your lungs. If you get a bacterial infection on top of that then it can

cause a very severe pneumonia. This is particularly true for children under the age of four years, whose lungs have not fully developed yet.

"Children have difficulty clearing the phlegm from their lungs and I will be helping them do this."

Responding to a call put out by Samoan Prime Minister, Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, for Samoan medical professionals, he has set up the New Zealand Samoan Physiotherapists Network.

He is coordinating a team of six New Zealand-based Samoan physiotherapists from across the country who will travel on a roster of about one to two weeks at a time.

Mr Sanerivi is funding his travel and time in Samoa himself and said if any individuals or organisations would like to contribute to the volunteer effort they could contact him directly.

Samoa is in the grip of a

measles epidemic, which began in October. The bereaved are growing daily as the government battles to keep the outbreak under control.

Two more children have died in Samoa's measles epidemic this week, bringing the toll to 75.

Both were under five, the age group that makes up almost all of the death toll.

The state of emergency in Samoa, declared due to the epidemic, has been extended to December 29.

The Prime Minister said it had been extended so as to administer vaccinations to the remaining population, who are yet to be immunised.

Of the number who had died, most were children under the age of 15, while 26 were babies aged less than a year old.

If you would like to contribute in anyway to the New Zealand Samoan Physiotherapist Network, contact Oka at oka.sanerivi@wintec.ac.nz

Rob Telfer reappointed to Gisborne Holdings board

by Aaron van Delden

ROB Telfer has been reappointed to the board of Gisborne District Council's trading organisation, Gisborne Holdings Ltd.

Mr Telfer's reappointment was announced on Thursday during the company's AGM, which followed the council's final meeting for 2019.

Chairing the AGM, Mr Telfer announced the company was paying the council a \$1.8 million dividend for the year to June 30.

His retirement by rotation led to a vacancy on the board that was advertised in November, although Mr Telfer, who is the board chairman, reapplied for the role and was automatically shortlisted.

The council's board appointment policy stipulates three-year terms

for board directors and tenures limited to six years, or nine years in exceptional circumstances.

Accordingly, Ming Lim-Pollard, who was appointed to the board on December 1, 2016, and Peter Reeves, who was first appointed in 2009, should have been due for retirement.

However, Gisborne District Council chief executive Nedine Thatcher Swann said some of the company's directors were appointed before the adoption of the current policy in October 2018.

The council would look at how to resolve inconsistencies in the board appointment process early next year, Ms Thatcher Swann said.

A \$200,000 fees pool for the company's five directors, including Dave Mullooly and Andrew Allan, was confirmed at the AGM.

New website much faster, poll this week failed though

by Jeremy Muir

THE webpoll for this past week failed — becoming one of a number of issues we have been working to resolve with our software supplier, related to a move to a new website during the previous week.

Overall the new website is performing well, with much faster response times.

Issues some online readers will have noticed are that comment trails from historic articles have disappeared, and internet searches that bring up links to historic Gisborne Herald articles do not then connect to the actual article.

We hope to resolve both these issues in the near future, but in the meantime online readers will find that the search function within the Herald website is working well.

It has been a busy time at The Herald lately, with this website switch associated with our editorial team moving into a new production system for the newspaper as well. Both are hosted in “the cloud”, hence the better performance.

The good news on the webpoll front is that a new polling system is set to go for the coming week, asking: Is Gisborne District Council doing enough with regard to climate change?

ON THE STREET

“What was the best Christmas present you ever received?”



UMA TE KANI
“When I had Christmas in Fiji with my family in the ‘90s.”



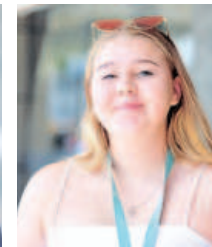
TJ BROOKING
“A bike”



ANNE-MARIA MCKEAGUE
“An orange. When we were kids fruit was expensive so my parents planted fruit trees and when there was grown fruit I was given an orange that I didn’t have to share.”



CLAIRE HOPPER
“Playhouse from my grandparents. It’s in my backyard and we decorated it.”



EVAMARIE PENFOLD
“A really cool doll’s house when I was eight years old.”



KITINI AIHAUKA
“Ta moko on my forearm that I got on Thursday night.”



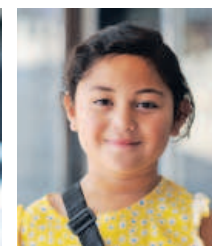
LULU VERMEULEN AND ANNABELLE
“My first bike when I was six.”



OPHELIA ROSS
“A guitar when I was still in primary school.”



SUE MORGAN
“When I was four I got a doll from my grandmother with hand-made, knitted clothing. I still have the clothes today.”



CHARLOTTE BROOKING
“A playhouse”

Commemorative tree planting surpasses target of 350,000

MORE than 1030 trees have been planted in Gisborne to honour New Zealand servicemen and women since the One Billion Trees initiative Matariki Tu Rakau began, Forestry Minister Shane Jones says.

A total of 386,150 trees have been planted around New Zealand.

“This number far exceeds our target of 350,000 trees in two years and has come in under budget, with \$2.6 million of the \$5.5m set aside for it being spent,” Mr Jones said.

At the end of the 2019 planting season, 53 applications from schools, community groups, councils, marae, conservation groups and RSAs around the country had been approved, and 150 events held.

“The kaupapa at these community events is very special. Old and young come together with a common goal to plant trees to honour those who have served in the New Zealand Defence Force,” Mr Jones said.

“They know their children and their children’s children will enjoy the special places that have been planted through the Matariki Tu Rakau grant.”

Because the project had been “such a success” and under budget it would continue next year and beyond, he said.

The grant criteria has also been widened to include other commemorative projects.

“The scheme has been very popular and we want to encourage more New Zealanders to be a part of the commemorative nature of the planting.”

“This has resulted in Te Uru Rakau (Forestry New Zealand) extending the scope of the grant to include the commemoration of other great New Zealanders,” Mr Jones said.

“I hope that through Matariki Tu Rakau more people will get involved in planting trees and enjoy benefits they provide, including carbon sequestration, clean air, urban cooling, better habitats and increasing bird life.

“We are looking forward to continuing and forming new partnerships within the Matariki Tu Rakau grant in 2020.”

To find out more about Matariki Tu Rakau visit www.mpi.govt.nz/matariki-tu-rakau

NEW WORKERS: More than 10,000 dung beetles of four different types have been released on to farmland in Mahia. The new “workers” are expected to improve the quality of that land and of the environment in general. They work 24/7 for “dung” wages. Releasing them are (from left) Simon Fowler (Manaaki Whenua), Josh Rofe (farmer from Te Haroa Farm), Henrik Moller (Otago University) and Bevan Parker from Pongaroa Station. Below right, Mr Fowler takes a close-up look at the burrowing beetles.

Pictures supplied



The wages are poo but they don’t mind

A NEW breed of farm workers who get paid in dung and work 24/7 to improve farms and the environment have started work in Mahia.

Dung beetles were released at a community gathering on Pongaroa Station as part of several collaborative initiatives involving Dung Beetle Innovations, Landcare Research, Whangawehi Catchment Management Group (WCMG), Beef + Lamb New Zealand (B+LNZ), and Australian-based project Dung Beetle Ecosystem Engineers.

Pongaroa Station farm manager Bevan Parker said the beetles were a great addition to the farming community.

“Dung beetles are just awesome. They’re everyone’s friend.

“They eat poo and by processing and burying it

they improve soil quality and reduce run-off and parasite transmission — better soil, better water, better animal health and better ecosystems.

“It’s a win for everyone. “We’re excited to have released over 10,000 dung beetles in Mahia, the largest number of beetles to be released in Aotearoa at one time.”

The beetles are being spread around the farms that are part of the Whangawehi Catchment Management Group.

Dr Simon Fowler, the Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research scientist in charge of the programme, said four types of dung beetle were being released because they were active in different seasons “and can cover each other when friends are napping”.



B+LNZ’s Hill Country Futures programme manager Eleanor Linscott said the beetles acted like miniature bulldozers by packing dung down tunnels they dug up to 60cm directly under the dung pat.

“They lay their eggs in dung balls and make the dung pats disappear faster and become blended into the soil profile.”

This release has been part

of a bigger project to future-proof farming business, community and environments.

“We’re looking at sustainable farming practices, and researching different ways of working to become more sustainable — like getting these little guys on the farms working for us,” said Hawke’s Bay Regional Council project manager (Hotspots) Nicolas Caviale-Delzescaux.

BRIEFS

Kirwin backs private mental health clinic

Name suppression breach

AUCKLAND — Police have charged an Auckland resident with breaching a court suppression order for the man who murdered Grace Millane.

A 63-year-old is accused of flouting a suppression order relating to the British backpacker's killer, Detective Inspector Scott Beard confirmed to the Weekend Herald.

He is the first person to be charged by New Zealand police after numerous suppression breaches before and after last month's high-profile trial.

The man has been summonsed to appear in the Auckland District Court next month. — NZ Herald

Search for missing climber

MOUNT COOK — A climber has gone missing while hiking in Mount Cook National Park.

The police are asking for information on the whereabouts of 50-year-old Petr Mandik who failed to make his flight from Christchurch Airport on Wednesday.

His silver Nissan Tiida has been found in the Tasman Valley carpark where he was last seen a week ago, on Friday 13 December.

He had planned to travel through an area that has been lashed by heavy rain in the past week, which has destroyed access to a number of alpine routes.

His route would have taken him on the Ball Pass Route to Haast Ridge, from there he would climb to Plateau Hut and on to Mount Cook via Zurbriggen Ridge before returning to Christchurch.

Petr did not make his flight from Christchurch Airport on Wednesday 18 December.

He is approximately 178cm tall, of a slim build and has short brown hair.

Anyone with information that may help locate Petr is asked to contact Police on 105.

by Cherie Howie, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — He was a superstar All Black who dazzled on the field, but it was his subsequent work in mental health — after opening up about his own battle with depression — that won hearts.

Now Sir John Kirwan is backing a new private mental-health clinic he hoped would ease pressure on the country's stretched public mental-health system by providing care to those who can afford to pay.

Re-centre opened in Parnell this month. "What we're really hoping is to take some pressure off the public system. I felt that the public system was under incredible pressure," Kirwan said.

"I've talked to (health minister) David Clark about (Re-centre). He wants everyone who can help in this space to help."

Demand for mental-health services had outstripped what was available in recent years, Clark told the Weekend Herald.

"As the Wellbeing Budget's mental-health package demonstrated, this Government is committed to building up publicly funded services to address this unmet need.

"That said, I welcome privately provided mental-health services like Re-centre that will provide additional support to New Zealanders in need."

Kirwan and fellow Re-centre board member and executive director Dr Richard Grenfell had been working for four years to open the Acurity Health Group-owned clinic.

Acurity, owned by Australia's Evolution Healthcare, runs three private hospitals in New Zealand. Its chief executive is former health minister Jonathan Coleman.



PRIVATE CLINIC: Dr Richard Grenfell and Sir John Kirwan have set up a new mental health centre, Re-Centre, in Parnell to help meet demand for mental health services in NZ.

NZ Herald picture

Kirwan met Grenfell, a former anaesthetist who is also one of Acurity's directors, at a rugby event and the pair spoke about Grenfell's hopes to develop a private mental health provider.

Kirwan was eventually asked to help get Re-centre, which is self-funded, started.

Both wanted to help reduce New Zealand's suicide rate, which rose by 17 percent in the last year to June 30 to reach 685 — the highest level since records began 12 years ago.

Kiwis' attitudes to mental health had improved greatly in recent years, he said. The big problem now was under-pressure treatment resources.

Private healthcare was available for physical health needs, such as hip operations, so there should be no difference for those with mental-health needs, he said.

He wanted people to understand that mental health was as important as physical health, he said.

"In the journey of your life, as with

physical health, you're going to go up and down. With your mental health, we just need to change our attitudes to it (and) part of our pathway to mental health is learning techniques around getting better."

At Re-centre, treatment started with an initial consultation with a psychiatrist followed by a care plan which could include medications, psychotherapy and lifestyle guidance.

Other options available included one-on-one or shared therapy, e-tools and wellness programmes such as yoga, art therapy and meditation.

Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation therapy is also offered.

"According to the Mayo Clinic, the therapy is a non-invasive procedure which uses magnetic fields to stimulate nerve cells in the brain, to improve symptoms of depression. It was typically used when other treatments failed."

The long-term plan for Auckland's Re-centre was to eventually open a 30 to 60-bed hospital, Grenfell said.

Buy-back of illegal guns ends

Owners of prohibited firearms face prospect of prosecution

by Anna Leask, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — Time is up on illegal firearms.

The gun buy-back is finished and from today police will prosecute anyone with a prohibited firearm.

Official figures are due to be released this afternoon, but it is thought upward of 56,000 now-illegal guns have been handed in through the buy-back scheme.

Another 190,000 parts have also been surrendered.

The six-month amnesty and buy-back scheme was put in place after gun law reforms — supported by all political parties but Act — banned most military-style semi-automatic (MSSA) firearms in the aftermath of the March 15 mosque shootings in Christchurch.

The Weekend Herald attended Auckland's last collection point at Henderson yesterday, where people were queuing to hand in their illegal weapons.

Chris Metcalfe was there with a rifle he bought when he was 15. He was reluctant to part with it — but happy to abide by the new law.

"I didn't realise that it was a rifle that needed handing in at first. My son is a police officer and he rang me yesterday and told me to do it," Metcalfe said.

"It's got sentimental value, but it's only metal and I've got to do the right thing."

After speaking with police, Metcalfe decided to get his rifle modified to make it legal so he

could keep it.

It is now registered and he has a certificate to say it can be modified and kept. Now all he needs to do is take it to an approved modifier and get the job done.

"I couldn't let it go," he said. "It's a happy day all round."

Others at the event were more than happy to take the money offered by police.

Police Minister Stuart Nash said there had been a last-minute surge in the past fortnight as people had come forward to "do the right thing" and hand over their weapons.

"More than 56,346 prohibited and unlawful firearms have so far been removed from circulation, through the buy-back and amnesty, as well as through modifications by approved gunsmiths at Government expense," he said last night.

"However, police have consistently warned the problem is we just don't know exactly how many guns are out in the community.

"This is why we need a register, to enable police to better track firearms."

The Weekend Herald saw about 100 weapons handed in yesterday, dismantled and sent to "the bulldozer" — a machine that bends them so that they are usable no longer.

By cut-off time last night, there had been more than 670 collection events held throughout the country.

The busiest collection points



AMNESTY OVER: An estimated 56,000 firearms were handed in during the Government's nationwide gun buy-back scheme. Chris Metcalfe was reluctant to part with the rifle he had had since he was 15, but chose to do so after finding out it would be illegal to keep it.

NZ Herald picture

were in the areas with the most firearms licence-holders.

Police were also doing organised pick-ups for bulk lots of firearms and were also working with retailers and dealers to collect their now-illegal stock.

Payouts have reached up to \$90,000 to some people.

Police Minister Stuart Nash and Deputy Commissioner Mike Clement will announce the final figures and statistics today.

Nash said that about 31,650 people had participated in the buy-back and "deserve credit and

acknowledgement".

"Their response has been excellent and reinforces what we said from the beginning; the vast majority of firearms owners are law-abiding people," Nash said.

"They have so far been paid almost \$100 million in compensation."

Alongside the guns, a huge number of prohibited parts were handed in, such as high-capacity magazines and pistol grips, which could modify existing firearms.

"Almost 188,000 prohibited parts are no longer in the community," Nash said.

"Another 1800 firearms have been seized from gangs and other offenders since March.

"From tomorrow, gun owners will not be paid for their prohibited firearms.

"The buy-back will be over. The special 'no questions asked' amnesty also ends tonight. Those in breach of the law face the risk of prosecution."

While the scheme has ended, voluntary surrenders — in place for decades — will continue.

Under this framework, police have discretion on a case-by-case basis over whether to prosecute.



'DUMB DROWNINGS': Water Safety NZ chief executive Jonty Mills said the rate at which the elderly are drowning is alarming. File picture

Drowning deaths rise in older age group

by Luke Kirkness, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — The number of preventable drowning deaths for people aged over 65 in New Zealand has increased dramatically in the past few years.

Water Safety NZ chief executive Jonty Mills said the statistics were alarming, and in many cases the older people were alone when they died.

Seventy-four older people have died in preventable drownings since 2014; 12 had died by December 17 this year alone.

"In the past four years, the over-65 (drowning numbers) have really increased quite dramatically," Mills told the Weekend Herald.

Ten people aged over 65 drowned in preventable deaths in 2014, 12 the following year and nine in 2016. However, the number had

been increasing since, to 14 in 2017 and 17 last year.

This year, 12 deaths have been recorded in the category with the summer holidays just beginning and two weeks left in the year.

The only age bracket that had recorded more preventable deaths since 2014 were those aged 15 to 24 years old with 88 deaths.

Mills said there were two main reasons people drowned — either they didn't have the skills to get out of trouble or they made bad decisions.

A preventable death was one where a water safety intervention could have had an effect.

"People are living longer, healthier lives, they are retiring and might have a bit of money in the pocket and they are jumping into the water in their droves," Mills said.

"Maybe they are not as fit as they used to be.

"Of the drownings in that bracket, two thirds of them are alone when they do get into trouble."

Water Safety NZ this month rolled out new technology the organisation hoped would help prevent "dumb drownings".

An artificial intelligence bot had more than 40 years of water safety data banked into its system to help it predict when the next drowning would take place.

The bot also used weather forecasts, tides, and where people could buy alcohol near the water to predict the "drowniest" days.

Mills hoped the data and insights provided by the bot would allow WSNZ to more accurately target water safety messages to Kiwis.

Preventable drownings were worst across Northland, Auckland, Bay of Plenty and Waikato.

'I'm gonna die tonight'

Father farewells second daughter after fiery crash

ASHBURTON — He held her when she was born. And he held her when she died on her 16th birthday.

All Jason Alexander has left are his dead daughters' names, Tayla and Sunmara, freshly tattooed on his neck, and his memories.

Both girls were passengers in a car that went over a bank and burst into flames on Summit Rd, in Christchurch's Port Hills on November 27.

Yesterday, Alexander farewelled his "little soldier" Sunmara, 16, after burying her sister Tayla, 17, two weeks ago.

"I've lost both my girls. With Tayla I got 'Sorry, your daughter is dead' and there was nothing I could do about it. With Sunmara I had to sit there and watch doctors slowly (battle to save her) — it was horrible."

Sunmara spent more than two weeks in the critical unit at Auckland's Middlemore Hospital where she underwent multiple skin grafts and amputation of her arm and foot in a bid to stop infection spreading.

"Watching your daughter die is just wrong. When the doctor said, 'It's going to be soon', I held her head and blubbed," Alexander said.

On the night of November 27, Alexander left the family's Ashburton home to visit his partner Lisa. The girls sneaked out, got into an older teenage boy's car and headed towards Christchurch.

Tayla died when the car went over a bank and burst into flames on Summit Rd about 11pm. Her funeral was held in Ashburton the following week, with her bright yellow coffin covered in flowers and heartfelt tributes.

Tayla sent a text to a friend showing concerns for her safety moments before the crash, saying "I'm gonna die tonight".

She said she was concerned about the speed of the car.

Alexander remains adamant he doesn't want the 19-year-old driver of the car to be punished or trolled on social media.

"We all make mistakes as teenagers — there is no point being angry, it won't bring my girls back and that's all I want. The boy will be feeling very scared, especially now."

Yesterday family and friends gathered again, this time at the Ashburton Hotel, to farewell Sunmara. She was carried out in a blue coffin to her favourite "funeral" song Behind Blue Eyes.

"Sunmara had an infectious laugh, she was a rebel with 100 causes. She loved Harleys and V8 cars and wanted to go out with a roar, so it was fitting they led the hearse," Alexander said.

The father who raised his daughters for the past 11 years wanted an open casket for his youngest but one side of her face was covered with cadaver bandages.

"You could barely recognise her, it was traumatising because that was the last image I have. I didn't want that to be my last memory," he said.

But he thanked the medical staff at Middlemore Hospital who worked tirelessly to save Sunmara. He also thanked the many kind strangers who donated money and one who even offered a kidney.

Alexander doesn't want his daughters to die in vain; some good must come out of this tragedy.

"Sunmara suffered so much. I want that road sorted out and to have more barriers up. It's a really dangerous road where all the boy racers go, and of course, there are big drops everywhere," he said.

Family friend Kelli Foster has created a petition on behalf of Alexander, which will be given to the Christchurch City Council, the NZ Transport Agency and to Parliament. — NZ Herald



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Managing an 'influx of referrals'

Psychologists cutting holidays short to help those affected by fatal eruption

by Samantha Olley, NZ Herald

WHAKATANE — Psychologists in Whakatane are cutting their holiday leave to manage “an influx of referrals” after the Whakaari/White Island eruption.

One of them, Dr Sally Davis, told NZME it was great people were reaching out for help but she said usually at this time of the year there was less support available.

“Services are pulling together to try to plug some of those gaps this Christmas given these extraordinary circumstances.”

Davis said some practitioners were going on leave for some time, but others who were able to make themselves available during the break were doing so.

She added that “community mental health services continue to be available over the holiday period” too.

Davis said she “personally had an influx of referrals following Whakaari”.

These ranged from friends and family of those who had lost their lives or were recovering in hospital, to first responders “who have been and continue to be exposed to traumatic scenes”.

“This is an event that we have not experienced before — support is required in a variety of ways to a variety of people in a variety of roles/disciplines.”

She said the needs would continue for “some time”.

“This is just the beginning. Many people have an increased level of support from family and friends following the initial aftermath of such a traumatic event. It is when people return to their work and their routines that those needing support feel the gaps and increased need for support.”

She hoped those affected by the eruption would be able to spend time with loved ones who normally live elsewhere over the Christmas break.

Psychologist Dr Lara Akers-Douglas is contracted to give counselling to hospital and emergency staff.

She has cancelled the start of her Christmas leave to accommodate the extra Whakaari-related referrals she was receiving.

“Healing from an event like this is best done in the context of existing social structures and networks.”

Akers-Douglas said after a traumatic event, many people experienced “intrusive thoughts and images, reoccurring thoughts and memories about the event, and feelings of high anxiety, shock, grief, or guilt”.

“Immediately following a critical incident, the main role of a mental health professional is to help the individual regain a sense of safety, calm, self and community efficacy, connectedness and hope.”

Akers-Douglas said spending time with existing family groups, friends, churches, work and sports teams often helped with this “although it is natural to wish to isolate”.

She said some people might be concerned that talking about their experiences or emotional state will affect others negatively “so may try to internalise this”.

Dr Mark Thorpe was the principal psychologist and professional adviser in the Bay of Plenty District Health Board for 16 years.

“My work was to try to look after the staff that were looking after the patients.” He said: “One of the definitions of



GIVING BACK: Given the circumstances surrounding the Whakaari/White Island eruption, psychologists in Whakatane are cutting their holidays short to make themselves available for those who reach out for help.

File picture

stress or trauma is too much change, too quickly, with insufficient preparation and the Whakaari/White Island eruption fits perfectly into that.”

Thorpe said he felt “quite helpless” seeing the situation for his former colleagues, from afar.

“I want to do something and I can’t and I thought well, that’s probably what a whole lot of other people surrounding the team and first responders are feeling.”

He said often “acts of God” or “Mother Earth” were harder for people to process.

“They’re out of our control completely, different to a human-based thing. This earth that we walk on . . . We don’t expect it to suddenly explode.”

He said many people on the front line were more disturbed by the extent of victims’ burns and the pain they’d endured than other serious injuries or fatalities they’d witnessed.

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Public asked to ‘be on the lookout’ for bodies

WHAKATANE — Police are asking the public to be on the lookout for two people still missing after the Whakaari/White Island eruption, while at beaches in the Eastern Bay of Plenty over the next few days.

The eruption last Monday left 16 people confirmed dead, with another two people still unaccounted for.

Police have been searching for the bodies, which are believed to have been washed into the sea.

Superintendent Andy McGregor said police divers had been stood down after completing all the searches assigned to them.

“I have to say they are very disappointed and . . . probably a bit upset as well that they have not been able to complete their task of bringing the deceased back to their families.”

A police helicopter and a Coastguard fixed-wing

aircraft were searching the area yesterday. The Coastguard will be back in the air today.

McGregor asked holidaymakers to keep a close look out, whether they are on shore, in a boat or in the air.

“They are very disappointed that they have not been able to complete their task of bringing the deceased back to their families.”

—Andy McGregor

“And what we say to members of the public is, if they come across something that’s been washed up or on the shoreline, to ring 111 . . . to identify

the location especially and we will get someone there as quick as possible.”

McGregor says there was no decision yet on when the official search would stop.

Meanwhile on Whakaari/White Island, very hot gas and steam is continuing to spew from active vents, scientists say.

GNS Science said volcanic tremors continued at low levels, but further eruptions over the coming days are unlikely.

An observation flight yesterday confirmed one of the vents was discharging gas and steam at 650 degrees Celsius.

Levels of sulphur dioxide were still high, but dropping slightly.

GNS Science said they had also noticed a 12-metre high scarp, left after part of the southwestern slope collapsed into the crater lake.

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Lundy's final appeal declined

WELLINGTON — Mark Lundy's final bid to overturn his convictions for murdering his wife and daughter have been unanimously declined by the Supreme Court.

One of his supporters said he was "not surprised" at the decision.

Lundy was previously convicted of killing wife Christine, 38, and 7-year-old daughter Amber at their Palmerston North home in August 2000.

Yesterday morning's Supreme Court judgement is the last in a long string of appeals.

The appeal bid hung on a single point — whether the Court of Appeal was wrong in choosing not to overturn Lundy's convictions when part of the evidence used to secure them was found to be inadmissible.

Lundy's lawyer, Jonathan Eaton QC, criticised the use of mRNA evidence at an earlier hearing, calling it "novel and junk science".

The evidence was used to tell the jury the brain or spinal tissue found in tiny specks on Lundy's shirt was likely human, rather than from an animal.

The method for analysing the brain tissue had "never been used before, never been used again", and the evidence

based off it had been found inadmissible by an earlier court ruling.

"The name Mark Lundy is synonymous with flawed opinions, flawed science and miscarriage of justice," Eaton said.

The Crown dug up the mRNA evidence after the Privy Council decision to "fill a gap" in the science linking Lundy to the murders, he said.

“The name Mark Lundy is synonymous with flawed opinions and miscarriage of justice.”

— Jonathan Eaton QC

"Once you've got the link that it's human, it's game over."

Christine and Amber Lundy were found hacked to death at their home, likely with an axe or tomahawk. The murder weapon was never found.

On the night of their murders, Lundy had checked into a motel in Petone, where he called an escort about 11.30pm.

It was fiercely contested during his first trial whether or not it was physically possible for Lundy to have travelled between Wellington and his

family home in a time that would have allowed him to be in the house at the time of the murders.

Justice Mark O'Regan read out the Supreme Court judgement yesterday morning in Wellington. He said the panel of judges on the case all agreed to dismiss the appeal.

Friend and supporter Geoff Levick told the NZ Herald he had not finished reading the full decision yet, but he was "not surprised", because the defence "was not presented properly in my opinion".

He would not comment further than that until he had time to read and process the full decision.

In a statement from Lundy's lawyers, Eaton, and Julie-Anne Kincade QC, they said Lundy continued to maintain his innocence. "Naturally, Mr Lundy, his legal team and his supporters who have all worked so tirelessly to both establish his innocence and uphold his absolute right to a fair trial, are very disappointed with the decision of the Supreme Court to dismiss his appeal against conviction."

Today's decision marked the end of the formal legal process for Lundy, but his supporters would not give up the fight on his behalf, they said. — NZME



OVER THE LIMIT: A member of the public saw the defendant lose control of his Nissan on a Highway. Picture supplied

Man jailed over 12th drink-driving charge

DUNEDIN — A 12-time drink-driver told police he was behind the wheel intoxicated again because "it was better than walking".

Anthony William Marsh, 58, appeared before the Dunedin District Court on Thursday with such a lengthy criminal history, it took several minutes while lawyers and Judge John Macdonald worked out just how many convictions he had.

The defendant first came before the court for drink-driving in 1981, the judge noted.

Counsel David McCaskill accepted his client's issues with alcohol had been long-standing but he argued things were improving.

On July 26, that was not evident.

A member of the public saw Marsh lose control of his Nissan on the Tapanui-Waikoiko Highway, wiping out a road sign in the process. He drove off, so they called police.

Officers found him in the area an hour later.

Marsh told them he was driving back to his home in Heriot from Kaitangata, a nearly 100km journey.

He told police he had got lost during the trip and did not recall skidding off the road.

The damage to Marsh's vehicle told a different story. When breathalysed, the defendant gave a reading of 1128mcg of alcohol per litre of breath — more than four-and-a-half times the limit.

McCaskill described it as "quite high". "That's a bit of an understatement," the judge responded.

Marsh's comments to police after the offence were unusual.

"In explanation, the defendant stated he was driving because it was better than walking," a summary of facts said.

McCaskill said that his client had been living in a caravan beside his parents' home but had an address available where he could serve a sentence of home detention.

Judge Macdonald agreed prison had not acted as a deterrent to Marsh's errant behaviour but, he said, it was the only way the public could be protected.

Marsh was jailed for nine months.

He was banned from driving for 28 days, which begins when he is released from prison. The alcohol-interlock regime will follow. — NZ Herald

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Sewage goes into Wgtn harbour after pipe collapse

WELLINGTON — Up to 100 litres of wastewater and raw sewage a second is pouring into the Wellington harbour after a wastewater pipe collapsed in the CBD.

Wellington Water chief executive Colin Crampton told Nine to Noon a small volume of waste can be held before it needs to be discharged, but the volume coming through is too great for that.

“It’s a very tricky situation because the collapse is a long way down underground. It appears it will be for a number of days.”

The discharge points are near the dive platform and Whairepo lagoon on the Wellington waterfront.

The collapsed tunnel, beneath Willis and Dixon streets, was being prepared for repair.

Crampton said staff were on the ground between the port area and Oriental Bay warning business owners, residents and others.

“We are telling people ‘don’t enter the water until we can give you a further update’. If people can conserve water in businesses and the CBD, there will be less wastewater produced and that will enable us to manage the system.”

Crampton said it was not yet possible to say how soon the problem could be fixed, but it was likely that raw sewage would continue to be emptied into the harbour for several days.

Staff were still trying to figure out what caused the blockage and how to fix it. They were also looking at a disused sewer pipe below Willis Street to see if that could be recommissioned.

“At the moment it looks like a localised problem but we will be going around critical points to recheck everything to make sure these sort of things will be avoided.”
— RNZ

Dead monkey found in shipping container

WHANGAREI — A dead monkey has been discovered squeezed between sawn timber packs on a ship docked in Whangarei.

It was a staff member from BBS Timbers who discovered the dehydrated monkey body upon opening the fumigated container that had arrived from Guyana in South America.

The facility quickly alerted Biosecurity New Zealand, which advised how to remove the monkey and a biosecurity officer followed up with an inspection and picked up the body for disposal.

“The whole response worked extremely well. We were contacted by the business very early and our officers quickly jumped into gear,” Biosecurity New Zealand spokesperson Stu Rawnsley said.

“You can’t ask for anything more than that when it comes to protecting New Zealand from biosecurity risk.”

“This was definitely one of our more unusual interceptions, but we need to remember the dead animal could have been harbouring diseases or hitchhiker pests with the potential to damage New Zealand’s economy and environment.”

Biosecurity NZ noted the monkey body was in a poor condition and the species had not yet been identified.

There are currently more than 4300 transitional facilities in New Zealand and they are strictly regulated by Biosecurity NZ.

— Nothern Advocate

Drones versus birds

DoC says pilots flout rules, harm birds

AUCKLAND — Drones are being flown amongst the gannets at Auckland’s Muriwai Beach, much to the alarm of birdwatchers and conservationists.

Permits are needed to fly drones on conservation land and in Auckland’s regional parks, but some people appear to be oblivious to the rules.

It is a major headache for the Department of Conservation, which says drones can cause serious harm to some of the country’s most precious wildlife.

Hundreds of gannets nest at Muriwai Beach from August to March, on a big cliff, with the ocean beyond.

Ian McLean, from Birds New Zealand, said he and other bird watchers were becoming increasingly anxious about drones being flown far too close to the gannets.

“Most seabirds or shorebirds are constantly looking up at the sky, they’re looking out for larger birds which might predate their eggs, like gulls or harriers, and it scares them to see a drone flying over.”

McLean said the drones posed more risks for the birds than just collisions.

“It puts them off their game, they are put into making a predator response, which might mean mobbing that drone and that takes them away from their chicks.”

McLean said that puts threatened bird species at great risk.

Muriwai Beach is a regional park, so permission is needed to fly drones there.

Auckland Council ranger Stephen Bell said they had five reports of people flouting the rules over the last few months.

He said drone pilots had to contact the council first.

“So we can see what they’re proposing to do, and we can make sure that they are staying away from all the areas they have to stay away from, like over people and over wildlife.”

The Department of Conservation is targeting irresponsible drone pilots this summer.

Senior community ranger Kat Lane said it was becoming more of a problem.

Two weeks ago, rangers at Te Arai north of Auckland saw two oystercatchers trying to attack a drone.

“[The birds] were just so disturbed by what on earth this drone was, harassing them, they literally tried to dive bomb it and get it out of the sky.”

“And they did. They knocked it down and I think broke the drone.”

Lane said that was something rangers had never seen before, and drones could undermine work to protect vulnerable species, like fairy terns.

“We do loads of habitat creation, we do tons of predator control, but we’ve had a few examples where drones have come along and forced the fairy terns to leave their nests and this can open up the nest to predation from other species such as gulls and harriers. There could be a risk of abandonment that they leave that nest



BIRDS IN DANGER: Drones pose more risks for the birds than just collisions.
Picture supplied

and don’t come back, and there’s also the risk that eggs can cool down or in some cases where the fairy tern can hunker down, it can lead to over-heating of the eggs.

“It really isn’t good news for some of our most threatened birds.”

As well as disturbing wildlife, drones could also be a nuisance for people trying to enjoy the outdoors, Lane said.

The Department of Conservation is urging people to use drones responsibly and check the rules before the use them over conversation lands or waters.

— RNZ



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Cruel death of sparrows

WELLINGTON — A person or persons unknown are again putting Christmas decorations on birds in a Wellington suburb.

The birds, dressed in tinsel, have been found in Kilbirnie since 2015, and there was a surge in reports during the last festive period.

The SPCA said it received 10 reports of sightings in November and a new report every day of a decorated bird this week.

The decorations stop the birds from flying, eating and drinking and lead to their death.

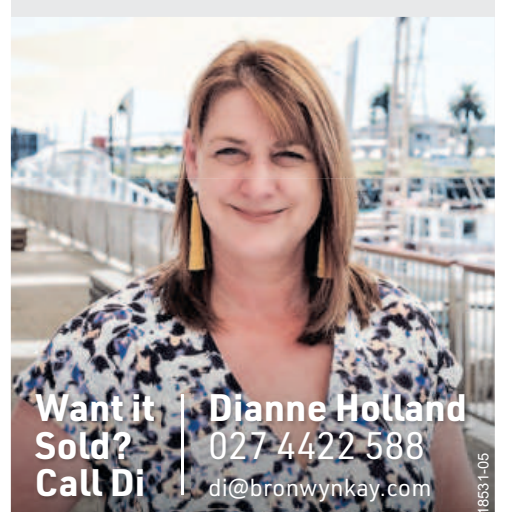
The reports are of a variety on non-native birds decorated in tinsel and other decorations including gold and red tinsel bows, pink and blue ribbons and yellow feathers.

“We don’t yet know if this is an act of intentional cruelty, but the birds are suffering



so we’re speaking out in the hopes that it stops,” SPCA Wellington said.

“After extensive efforts by our Inspectorate Team, we were unable to find the person responsible. We are continuing to treat this as an ongoing investigation.” — NZ Herald



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Deutsche Bank sells out of Craigs

AUCKLAND — Deutsche Bank — Germany's largest bank — is to sell its 49.9 percent stake in local broker Craigs Investment Partners back to the staff, thereby exiting its interests in New Zealand.

The ownership had been up in the air since July, when Deutsche announced a shake-up of its global business including the closure of its equities division and plans to cut 6 billion euros (\$10.1 billion) of costs and axe 18,000 jobs globally.

Deutsche closed its New Zealand operation as part of a global overhaul in 2015 but kept its stake in Craigs.

Today Craigs said it had reached an agreement for staff to acquire Deutsche Bank's 49.9 percent equity interest, for an undisclosed figure.

The deal is subject to approvals and is expected to be signed off by February 2020.

It will mean Craigs, one of the country's largest brokers will be fully owned by staff.

Craigs said the ownership change would have no impact on its business, which includes a private wealth arm with \$20 billion of client funds under management, institutional equities and research, investment banking and QuayStreet Asset Management.

Craigs also has a 50 percent equity partnership with Wilsons Advisory and Stockbroking in Australia.

Craigs chairman Neil Craig and managing director Frank Aldridge thanked Deutsche Bank for their involvement with Craigs as a global strategic partner.

"We have enjoyed a nine-year relationship with DB, one that has proved mutually beneficial throughout a period that has seen the New Zealand financial markets evolve and our business grow exponentially." — NZ Herald

Craigs, one of the country's largest brokers will be fully owned by staff.



LOCALLY OWNED: Craigs Investment Partners is set to become fully locally owned once more. Deutsche Bank will sell its 49.9 percent stake in the local broker.

File picture

'Pandemonium' in malls ahead of Christmas

AUCKLAND — With just a few days to go until Christmas, it is no surprise New Zealand's malls are flooded with people, with this week tipped to be the busiest of the year.

Scentre Group, which operates St Lukes, Albany, Newmarket, Riccarton and Manukau Westfield shopping malls, says record numbers of shoppers have been through its centres this week, with foot traffic set to exceed forecasts.

Westfield says "multiple tens of thousands" of people have already been through each of its centres, with the weekend expected to bring in further "record numbers".

Paul Gardner, regional manager for Scentre Group, has visited each of the ASX-listed mall operator's New Zealand centres this week. He says all have been in similar states of crazy.

"It certainly feels busier than ever," Gardner told the NZ Herald.

Carparks are scarce and the loading docks at Westfield Newmarket are humming, while supermarkets continue to restock their shelves.

Westfield malls had been bustling with shoppers ever since Black Friday. In previous years, there would often be a week of respite between the typically busy Black Friday week and the seven to 10 days before Christmas, but this was not the case this year, Gardner said.

"We had a record Black Friday and it didn't stop in the week after, with Cyber Monday onwards. In previous years it went into a bit of a lull for a week or so, but that hasn't happened."

Paymark figures show transactions in the month of December are up about 50 percent, Gardner said that was inline with what the mall operator had experienced this month.

— NZ Herald

Akld berth reaches new record

AUCKLAND — An Auckland berth at the desirable Orakei Marina on Tamaki Drive fetched more than \$800,000 in just 20 minutes, the boss of that business said.

Jason Snashall, Orakei Marina general manager, said a 20 metre berth went for "north of \$800,000 recently. We put it out on email to our interested buyers. We've got a waiting list and it was snapped up within 20 minutes."

A new national record could be set if the sale of a 35 metre berth advertised recently at \$1.6m goes ahead. Putting that to the market so far failed and the berth ad has been withdrawn.

"But this is New Zealand's most expensive marina," Snashall said.

Berths at the marina are sold on terms running through till 2041 when an application would be made to continue the marina business, he said.

The Orakei Marina is owned by a charitable trust, he said, and unlike other marinas in private hands, did not have a profit motive.

The marina was developed by Tony Mair who is now about to start work on a 181-berth Kennedy Point Marina on Waiheke Island.

That will be the island's first purpose-built marina but Mair said he had fought for years to begin. He got a resource consent in 2017 but opponents went to the Environment Court twice, the Maori Land Court and the High Court.

Mair now plans to begin work on the island in April and said berths had sold from \$180,000 each.

The NZ Herald reported last year how berth prices were rising fast, particularly in advance of the 2021 America's Cup.

"The demand is outweighing the supply. Some of the prices in Bayswater have doubled in the last year," said Ken Davern, who works for MarinaBerths.com.

A limited number of marinas around the city meant little choice for many, particularly if they had to leave an area like the Viaduct and find

new berths. Compounding berth supply has been Team New Zealand taking over the majority of Hobson West Marina as a base for the 2021 America's Cup.

Around 160 superyachts and a further 100 medium-sized boats are projected to enter the Hauraki Gulf for the cup. — NZ Herald

Berth prices

- Orakei Marina: \$800,000-\$1.6m
- Kennedy Point Marina, Waiheke Island: from \$180,000
- Bayswater Marina: one berth advertised \$26,000
- Lyttelton: \$5000-\$11,800 reported sales at opening, 2018

Fined for removing negative reviews

WELLINGTON — Holiday home website Bachcare has been fined \$117,000 for editing, and in some cases, not publishing reviews posted by users.

Bachcare pleaded guilty to two charges under the Fair Trading Act after an investigation by the Commerce Commission.

The commission said between June 2017 and September 2018, the company removed negative comments about rental properties listed on its website, as well as comments about Bachcare's maintenance and management of them.

Reviews that gave a rating below three-and-a-half stars were not published at all.

That created artificially positive

impressions about certain holiday homes and Bachcare's services, the commission said.

This is the first court action taken by the Commerce Commission over online reviews.

Commissioner Anna Rawlings said online reviews were an important source of information for consumers.

"This is particularly important in markets such as short-term property rentals, where customers may not have access to other information to help them decide whether a property is suitable for their needs.

"Consumers have a right to expect that reviews solicited from past customers will be published in a way that accurately

represents the feedback received," she said.

In this case, consumers had no way of knowing that star ratings were inflated, or that the text of some reviews had been edited to cast the property in a more positive light, Rawlings said.

"This type of conduct undermines the trust that consumers will place in reviews of products or services.

Businesses which collect and present online reviews have to "faithfully present genuine customers' reviews", Rawlings said. "Any discretion exercised by the trader over the publication of reviews must be made very clear, otherwise consumers can be misled and traders risk breaching consumer law." — RNZ

SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — The S&P/NZX 50 Index remains on track for a record year, nudging higher in heavy trading as investors made way for the latest index reweightings ahead of the holiday period.

The benchmark index increased 1.68 points, or 0.02 percent, to 11,482.29, and is up about 30 percent so far this year. Within the index, 28 stocks rose, 14 fell, and eight were unchanged. Turnover was \$230 million, with 15 stocks trading on volumes of more than a million shares.

NZX and FTSE index reweightings came into effect today, meaning large institutional investors tracking those benchmarks have to change their portfolios to match.

Shane Solly, a portfolio manager at Harbour Asset Management, said there had been some buying in the lead-up to the reweighting and

that he expected it to keep washing through the market in coming days.

"This is an illiquid time of the year for markets given that people go away. But this index movement today has been pre-empted to a degree, so we've got some stocks like Fisher & Paykel Healthcare that have been very strong, giving back some of that recent performance," he said.

F&P Healthcare has been the best performer on the NZX50 this year, up 72 percent. It fell 4.2 percent to \$22.17 today on a volume of 1.2 million shares, almost twice its 90-day average of 703,000 shares. That was the day's biggest decline.

Among the year's other top performers, Port of Tauranga increased 1.9 percent to \$7.70, Ryman Healthcare was unchanged at \$16 with 1.2 million shares traded, and Restaurant

Brands New Zealand was unchanged at \$12.30.

Solly said low interest rates have been the key catalyst for capital markets this year, and while that may persist into 2020, he expects to see a broader range of outcomes among companies.

Kiwi Property Group was the most traded stock on a volume of 5 million shares. It fell 3.9 percent to \$1.495, taking its gain so far this year to 11.7 percent.

Sky Network Television led the market higher, up 5.7 percent at 74 cents, on a volume of 4.1 million shares.

The stock has been beaten up by investors this year as they remain sceptical the pay-TV operator can adapt to the new online media environment.

Metlifecare rose 4.3 percent to \$6.38 on a volume of 1.2 million shares. It rallied yesterday after the board rejected an indicative takeover bid at \$6.50 a share, saying internal valuations put the price at more than \$8. It has also attracted two other potential suitors.

Meridian Energy was up 3.9 percent at \$5.02 on a volume of 2.9 million shares.

The government released consultation papers yesterday about the emissions trading scheme that proposed lifting the current fixed price option and introducing floor and cap prices.

Mercury NZ was up 2.4 percent at \$5.03, Genesis Energy increased 1.9 percent to \$7.70 and Contact Energy was unchanged at \$7.15 on a volume of 2.7 million.

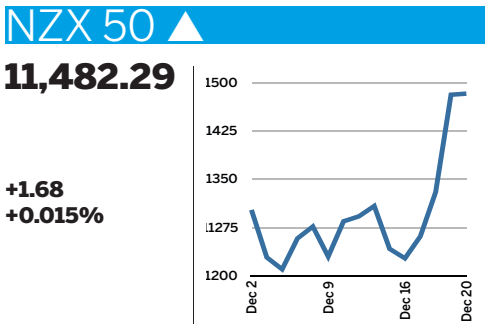
Spark New Zealand increased 0.2 percent to \$4.1 on a volume of 3.4 million shares, Goodman Property Trust was up 0.5 percent at \$2.19 with 2.7 million units traded, Fletcher Building decreased 0.8 percent to \$5.23 on a volume of 2.2 million and Gentrack dropped 2.6 percent to \$3.70 with 2.2 million shares traded.

Of other stocks trading on volumes of more than a million shares, Auckland International Airport increased 1.2 percent to \$9.10, Air New Zealand was up 3 percent at \$3.05, Kathmandu Holdings rose 2.4 percent to \$3.38 and a2 Milk was down 1 percent at \$15.34. — BusinessDesk

SHAREMARKET

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

MONDAY-TO-FRIDAY OFFICIAL MARKET STATISTICS



TOP 10 TURNOVER		
Share name	Shares	
Wellington Drive	39,898,500	
New Talisman	21,466,100	
Spark NZ	17,223,900	
Kiwi Prop	13,137,700	
BLIS Tech	11,060,900	
Meridian Energy	9,144,200	
Sky Network	7,974,600	
AuckAirport	6,873,200	
Contact Energy	6,322,000	
Fletcher Building	6,146,800	

TOP 10 VALUE		
Share name	Dollars (000)	
Fishr&Paykl Health	98,613,600	
Spark NZ	74,476,200	
AuckAirport	60,956,600	
Ryman Health	51,753,000	
a2 Milk	50,960,000	
Contact Energy	45,386,900	
Meridian Energy	44,910,300	
Fletcher Building	32,416,900	
EBOS Group	22,540,400	
Mercury NZ	21,734,100	

BIGGEST 10 RISES		
Share name	Percentage	
Chorus	10.2586	
Comvita	9.6085	
PaySauce	9.0909	
Heartland Grp Holding	8.8235	
Port of Tauranga	8.7571	
Napier Port	8.5714	
Smartpay	8.00	
Metlifecare	7.7703	
Kathmandu	7.6433	
Air NZ	7.3944	

BIGGEST 10 FALLS		
Share name	Percentage	
Enprise Group	15.5556	
NZME Ltd	7.1429	
NZ King Salmn	5.9633	
Cannasouth	4.8387	
Plexure Group	4.00	
Serko Ltd	3.9604	
GFNZ Grp Ltd Ord	3.5714	
Metro Perf Glass	3.4483	
PGG Wrightson	2.9536	
Mercer Group	2.1739	

NZX 10 ▼		
11,328.19	-53.23	-0.468%

MIDCAP ▲		
32,176.51	+246.43	+0.772%

SMALLCAP ▲		
65,171.44	+45.33	+0.07%

NZX All ▲		
12,424.69	+2.60	+0.021%

New Zealand

	Last Price	Weekly Move	52-week High	52-week Low	NTA	Dividend CPS	Yld%	P/E Ratio
A-C								
Abano	5.23	-0.2	6.68	3.35	-4.10	.29	5.83	17.89
AFT Pharm	3.46	+0.6	3.56	1.70	-0.9	.11	-	28.86
Air NZ	3.05	+2.1	3.31	2.23	1.69	.24	10.02	12.7
AlliedFarmers	.68	+0.4	.85	.64	2.78	.13	4.08	5.11
AMP	2.00	-0.2	2.84	1.69	.73	-.85	2.09	-
ANZ	25.90	-0.9	31.10	24.10	21.05	2.24	7.29	11.53
Aorere	.00	-	.00	.00	-	-.00	-	-
ArborGen	.18	-0.0	.22	.17	.12	-.00	-	-
Argosy	1.38	+0.4	1.54	1.15	1.28	.17	5.50	7.94
Arvida	1.73	+0.9	1.77	1.22	1.25	.16	3.54	10.6
Asset Plus Ltd	.63	-	.65	.56	.69	.01	6.64	39.43
AuckAirport	9.10	+3.5	9.90	7.06	4.98	.43	3.40	20.98
Augusta Cap	1.48	+0.1	1.65	1.05	.74	.03	5.98	37.3
Aus Found	7.39	+1.8	7.39	6.09	7.12	.35	4.93	20.78
Aust Food	.00	-	.00	.00	-	-.00	-	-
AWF Madison	1.89	-0.1	2.00	1.56	-.73	.03	11.90	49.31
Bankers Inv	19.62	+1.8	19.70	14.60	19.67	.31	2.03	62.97
Barramundi	.71	+0.1	.72	.57	.72	.04	8.26	16.14
Blackwell	.00	-	.00	.00	-	-.00	-	-
BLIS Tech	.05	+0.0	.05	.01	.00	.00	-	33.78
Briscoe Grp	3.75	-0.7	3.87	3.20	1.09	.28	7.59	13.33
Burger Fuel	.49	+0.1	.70	.39	.15	.02	-	23.67
Cannasouth	.59	-0.3	.84	.28	.11	-	-	-
Carbon Fund	1.07	+0.5	1.10	.92	.98	-	-	-
Cavalier Corp	.34	-	.56	.23	.72	-.24	-	-
CDL Inv	.92	+0.4	.92	.66	.78	.08	5.28	11
Chatham Rock	.18	-0.0	.23	.15	.00	-	-	-
Chorus	6.39	+5.9	6.40	4.64	1.64	.12	5.00	52.79
City of Lond Inv	8.82	+1.7	8.92	7.06	8.68	.22	4.13	39.96
Colonial Motor	8.86	+2.1	9.11	7.75	6.37	.66	7.05	13.23
Comvita	3.08	+2.7	5.42	2.50	2.60	-.59	-	-
Contact Energy	7.15	-0.9	9.05	5.80	3.26	.48	6.81	14.85
Cooks Glob Fds	.06	-	.08	.03	-.168	-.00	-	-
CSM Group	.02	-	.02	.00	.00	-.00	-	-
D-F								
Delegat Group	11.90	+4.0	12.50	9.40	3.70	.46	1.98	25.41
EBOS Group	23.23	+2.3	25.60	19.85	43	.93	3.38	24.84
Enprise Group	.76	-1.4	.94	.65	.57	-.01	-	-
EROD Ltd	3.02	-0.6	3.25	1.95	2.0	-.02	-	-
EvolveEduc	.16	+0.1	.39	.09	-.20	-.16	-	-
Finsoft Solutions	.98	-0.1	1.60	.98	-.54	.00	-	129.59
Fishr&Paykl Health	22.17	+6.1	23.15	12.21	1.40	.40	1.60	54.58
Fletcher Building	5.23	-0.2	5.55	4.28	3.53	.19	4.40	27.21
Foley Wines	1.88	-	2.00	1.47	1.33	.05	2.22	31.83
Fonterra	4.03	-0.1	4.85	3.15	2.04	-.37	-	-
Fonterra Shrhlds Unts	4.03	-0.1	4.85	3.15	3.77	-	-	-
Foreign & Colonial	14.95	+3.0	15.10	11.58	15.10	-.86	1.46	-
Freightways	8.63	+2.3	8.84	7.08	-.47	.40	4.91	21.15
G-L								
General Capital Ltd	.07	+0.0	.09	.05	.03	.00	-	288.51
GemesisEgy	3.10	+1.4	3.77	2.55	1.74	.05	7.21	53.2
Gentrack Grp	3.70	-	6.59	3.55	.02	-.03	3.00	-
GEO	.10	-0.0	.16	.07	.00	.06	-	1.46
GFNZ Grp Ltd Ord	.54	-0.2	.65	.50	.32	.04	6.48	11.51
Good Spirits Ltd	.13	-	.14	.09	-.50	.01	-	11.75
Goodman Prop Tst	2.19	+0.3	2.25	1.52	1.72	.37	3.58	5.87
Green Cross Health	1.19	-0.1	1.24	.94	-.10	.10	8.17	11.39
Hallenstein Glasson	6.13	+1.5	6.48	3.98	1.25	.48	9.97	12.6
Heartland Grp Holding	1.85	+1.5	1.85	1.31	1.04	.13	7.51	14.2
Hendrsr Far East	7.25	+2.5	7.55	6.27	7.08	.43	5.97	16.74
ikeGPS Grp	.86	+0.2	.96	.49	.06	-.04	-	-
Infratil	4.98	+1.3	5.19	3.56	2.93	.02	4.17	169.56
Investore	1.81	-0.1	2.00	1.50	1.70	.15	5.38	11.9
JPMorg GlobGrth	7.15	+3.5	7.32	5.21	6.69	.50	3.49	14.12
Just Life Group	.48	-	.53	.33	.02	.02	6.37	21.69
Kathmandu	3.38	+2.4	3.39	2.00	.25	.24	6.11	13.9
Kingfish	1.58	+0.1	1.60	1.28	1.62	.16	8.24	9.63
Kiwi Prop	1.49	-0.2	1.70	1.33	1.42	.08	5.93	16.95
M-O								
Mainfreight	42.20	-0.8	43.15	29.95	6.50	1.40	1.94	30.13
Marlin Global	1.02	+0.1	1.02	.81	1.01	.06	7.89	15.25
Marsden Mari	7.00	-0.2	7.19	5.00	3.36	.23	3.17	29.83
MarWineEst	.19	-	.24	.19	.04	-.00	-	-
Mercer Group	.22	-0.0	.25	.16	.04	-.01	-	-
Mercury NZ	5.03	+1.7	5.62	3.50	2.54	.26	4.28	19.19
Meridian Energy	5.02	+0.2	5.54	3.34	2.00	.13	5.34	37.95
Metlifecare	6.38	+4.6	6.38	4.20	6.96	.18	1.72	34.68
Metro Perf Glass	.28	-0.1	.57	.27	.08	.01	-	14.31
Michael Hill	.69	+0.1	.81	.50	.43	.04	5.19	15.49
Millennm&Cophthm	2.58	-0.1	3.00	2.40	4.08	.40	4.04	6.32
Moa Ord Shrs	.29	+0.1	.52	.28	.31	-.04	-	-
New Talisman	3.80	+3.0	3.84	2.90	1.67	.03	.91	110.91
Napier Port	.00	-	.01	.00	.00	-	-	-
NZ King Salmn	2.05	-1.3	2.98	1.76	.86	.08	3.39	25.02
NZ Oil & Gas	.60	-0.0	.73	.47	.85	-.04	-	-
NZ Refining Co	1.87	-0.3	2.42	1.86	2.35	.09	4.83	20.2
NZME Ltd	.39	-0.3	.61	.37	-.24	.04	-	8.47
NZX Limited	1.33	+0.5	1.35	.97	-.01	.05	6.37	26.48
OceaniaHlth	1.17	+0.8	1.19	.99	.98	.07	4.02	15.74
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Pacific Edge	.12	-0.0	.32	.11	.00	-.01	-	-
PaySauce	.54	+0.4	1.10	.45	-.01	-.02	-	-
PGG Wrightson	2.30	-0.7	2.53	2.00	2.14	.75	6.51	3.03
Plexure Group	.72	-0.3	1.20	.23	.08	-.00	-	-

	Last Price	Weekly Move	52-week High	52-week Low	NTA	Dividend CPS	Yld%	P/E Ratio
PLP Fund	1.05	+0.0	1.05	1.04	1.05	-	-	-
Port of Tauranga	7.70	+6.2	7.82	4.90	1.71	.14	3.30	52.07
Precinct Prop	1.83	+0.1	1.92	1.42	1.48	.15	3.56	12
Promisia	.00	-	.00	.00	-.00	-.00	-	-
Prop For Ind	2.40	+0.4	2.50	1.78	1.83	.25	4.08	9.45
PushpayHld	4.09	-0.1	4.15	2.95	.12	.17	-	23.82
QEX	.79	+0.1	1.29	.60	.21	.01	-	41.65
Rakon	.27	+0.0	.36	.24	.36	-.01	-	-
RestaurantBrands	12.30	+7.5	12.50	7.97	-.42	-.00	-	-
Ryman Health	16.00	+1.0	16.14	10.40	4.52	.68	1.46	23.21
Sanford	8.00	+0.1	8.00	6.35	1.00	.44	3.99	17.96
Scales Corp	4.95	+0.4	5.45	4.25	2.23	.80	5.33	6.12
Scott Tech	2.25	+0.3	2.98	2.00	.50	.11	4.65	19.89
SeaDragon	.00	-0.0	.00	.00	.00	-.00	-	-
Seeka Kiwifruit	4.63	-0.5	5.35	4.20	4.23	.35	7.20	13.06
Serko Ltd	4.85	-2.0	5.23	2.50	.11	-.00	-	-
Skellerrup	2.38	-0.1	2.49	1.91	.65	.14	6.52	15.91
Sky Network	.74	+0.2	2.00	.69	-.24	-.56	14.08	-
SKYCITYEnt	3.97	+0.9	4.14	3.41	.53	.21	7.00	18.7
Smartpay	.54	+0.4	.58	.16	-.10	-.01	-	-
Smartsh APAC	2.14	-0.1	2.23	1.77	2.14	-.07	1.45	-
Smartshr AU 20	3.91	+0.1	4.12	3.22	3.92	.35	3.23	10.88
Smartshr AU Div	1.71	+0.2	1.76	1.36	1.70	.12	3.29	13.22
Smartshr AU Fin	7.24	+1.2	7.95	6.65	7.22	.06	5.15	113.48
Smartshr AU Mid	7.37	+1.3	7.49	5.94	7.31	.09	2.35	81.32
Smartshr AU Prp	1.60	+0.1	1.73	1.39	1.58	.30	3.89	5.33
Smartshr AU Res	5.19	+0.3	5.31	4.10	5.17	1.02	2.58	5.05
Smartshr Auto	3.20	+0.3	3.24	2.70	3.17	-	-	-
Smartshr Emr	1.35	+0.3	1.39	1.12	1.35	-.03	1.36	-
Smartshr Emr Equ	2.19	+0.5	2.22	1.93	2.17	-	-	-
Smartshr EU	1.79	+0.6	1.83	1.42	1.76	-.01	2.29	-
Smartshr EU Equ	2.50	+0.3	2.54	2.25	2.48	-	-	-

EDITORIAL

So, what has changed?

In not wanting to make an empty gesture — by declaring a climate emergency, but not giving way on anything in its plan for 2020/21 to show that it means it — Gisborne District Council has found itself accused of doing just that.

Councillors are also charged with going back on their word from the recent campaign trail.

In response to an impassioned plea from Tairawhiti Youth Environment, just Meredith Akuhata-Brown and Shannon Dowsing supported declaring a climate emergency at Thursday's meeting.

Instead, the council adopted a staff recommendation to "formally acknowledge that climate change is a significant issue for Tairawhiti and should be considered in all council decision-making" — having rejected a last-minute suggestion from Tony Robinson that they mention climate emergency in the decision.

Six months earlier the previous council, asked to declare a climate emergency, resolved instead to take a leadership role in the district's response to climate change.

Back then now deputy mayor Josh Wharehinga had moved that they make the declaration, and he was seconded by now Mayor, then deputy mayor, Rehette Stoltz. It was defeated on a voice vote.

Our new council governance team has given voters/ratepayers enough reasons to expect they would declare a climate emergency this week, so it behoves them to explain why they did not. Public debate in the chambers did not achieve that.

Your editor's view is that the council is late to taking a leadership role for the region in climate action, but it is starting to do so and could have pledged further steps, such as the decision-making one that it did, and declared a climate emergency — or maybe avoided that word but acknowledged we are in a climate crisis that is worsening and requires us to change how we live.

Most critically, the world needs to move away from burning fossil fuels as quickly as possible. The best way to achieve this is through progressively steep carbon taxes that incentivise a faster switch to alternatives, with the proceeds invested in clean energy, carbon offsets and supporting the less well-off through this energy transition.

Councils need to be role models, and to help facilitate and build support for climate action; they need to prepare for the consequences of a changing climate; but our councillors would be right to fear that reprioritising scarce resources from a busy work programme could see them wasted on ineffective actions.

A small ask, bad excuse

Re: Climate plea, December 20 story.

A decision by councillors from a generation who have reaped the economic rewards of using the environment to their own benefit now denies the generation who will bear a larger share of the consequences of the climate change upon us — such a small ask, and using spending priorities as an excuse.

The status quo does not address either the need for action nor the small ask requested.

Remember the raised hands when asked on the election trail on climate change and keeping promises?

Congratulations to the two local councillors who are true to their word.

ALISTAR McKELLOW

Addressing root cause . . .

Re: Climate plea, December 20 story.

So could councillor Dowsing tell us how he would address the root cause?

G.R. WEBB

I would be happy to discuss how to address the root cause Mr Webb, you are welcome to reach out and have a coffee with me any time.

I am happy to discuss the disturbing quantities of waste generated by a society of lazy consumers, exported offshore to be dumped in rivers in third world countries.

Or the irony that logs over the port can circumnavigate the world returning as products cheaper than locally-milled, all because of a broken system that is underwriting the cost of transport both on road and by sea.

Or our current lack of budget to see significant waste reduction,

poor catchment for waste collected in our stormwater network, among other issues that we recognise need addressing.

These are not insignificant problems and will take enormous strategic planning and long-term application to solve.

I understand the argument that we are unlikely to create any impact by addressing issues at a local level. In fact, we probably score well against others with the quantity of forest we have in-region.

However, we must promote a new norm where individual accountability is valued and people make better choices.

Look at the generational shift in smoking — it is simply undesirable now because we understand the harm, unlike a generation who were told it was safe and subjected to heavy marketing.

SHANNON DOWSING

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

Hoping for new direction

At last we have a new Mayor and I am hoping her direction for Gisborne will go further than statues, walkways and cycleways. From my perspective, for the entire 18 years of Meng Foon's reign we the locals had our concerns passed over for tourist ventures.

I am still waiting for my submission to be addressed regarding the cycleway proposed for Rutene Road; despite many promises that there would be public consultation on this pie-in-the-sky idea . . . more wasted ratepayers' money!

I would also like a question answered definitively by someone in the council's traffic and roading department . . . I was told by someone from this department that any trucks with an H licence are not permitted to use Rutene Road but when I rang the council call centre I was told, rudely

I felt, that "logging trucks can go wherever they like".

Really? I watch and feel logging trucks with three loaded trailers thundering over the uneven surface and shaking my house with alarming frequency, not to mention the big double-trailer trucks carting everything from dirt to squash.

I would appreciate an answer, as would my neighbours.

There is so much potential in this city. I hope beyond hope that the new Mayor will address the issues that affect us locals rather than favour the tourists.

I believe rail is the answer to a lot of our problems, however many issues and opinions of the locals have been passed over during the lengthy reign of Mr Foon. Time these things were sorted out.

SUE CLIFTON

Our youth let down

Re: Failure to comprehend our situation, December 20 column.

Councillors Robinson, Foster and Wharehinga and those others who attended the school strikes for climate. Congratulations. You have taught our youth a valuable lesson — politicians lie.

I certainly recall Cr Robinson's large poster "Vote Robinson" during the march with some suitably climate-focused slogan on the other side. And almost all those councillors, including the Mayor, addressed the crowd of young people and supporters, telling them how they cared about climate change and supported their action.

I'm sure those young people will remember that lesson.

In the immortal words of The Who: "Take a look at the new boss — he's the same as the old boss. You won't get fooled again."

Sadly youth aren't able to expect those who have been part of causing the problem of climate change to find solutions. Or when they have the power to do something, to even pretend to try.

ROSE EASTON

In the general population there seems to be zero understanding of what we are up against:

- The virtual absence of what, in primeval times, bound our hunter-gatherer ancestors together — the need to help other members of the group. Industrialised societies are simply too anonymous for this primeval sense of morality to exist, except amongst relatives, friends and neighbours.

- In hunter-gatherer societies it's highly likely that status was closely tied to contribution to group survival. In industrial societies,

status has been replaced by power, which in turn is closely linked to wealth and is strongly competed for.

- Wealth and power act like a drug; to the 0.1 percent, there is no such thing as "enough".

- The power elite and, increasingly, most people have virtually no contact with nature and with each other, except for the above-mentioned relatives, friends and neighbours. Asking people to reduce their consumption to a fraction of what it is now is like asking them to lose one of their chief sources of satisfaction; consumption.

We are a society hooked on cheap fossil-fuel energy, and like junkies who allow their habit to destroy them, we are allowing the destruction of our planetary home. In my view, only the most powerful of all primeval forces — fear — will see people make the drastic changes that are needed. And by then it will be too late, if it isn't already.

MARTIN HANSON, Nelson

I don't get it. Tairawhiti Youth Environment only asked councillors to acknowledge the climate emergency that we face, by declaring it so.

Maybe our district unwittingly elected too many of Martin's "zero understanding of what we are up against" people.

Had all been true to their show of hands at the meet-the-candidates event, climate emergency would have won the day.

With this rejection, on top of the COP25 Madrid climate summit's staggering failure on Sunday, I am gutted. That's politics I suppose.

But thanks to those councillors who supported this attempt to declare a climate emergency.

BOB HUGHES

Lives ruined, disrupted

On Wednesday, The Gisborne Herald published a letter from me in which I stated how sad it was to see how cannabis affects young people's lives and employment, and that I had seen this 20 years ago in Napier.

I was saddened to read on page 7 of Thursday's Gisborne Herald that six childcare centre workers in Rotorua tested positive to cannabis, and the centre closed down two days later. This article was very sad reading; the first one to come to the team leader's attention seems to be a heavy user. Also very sad is the fact

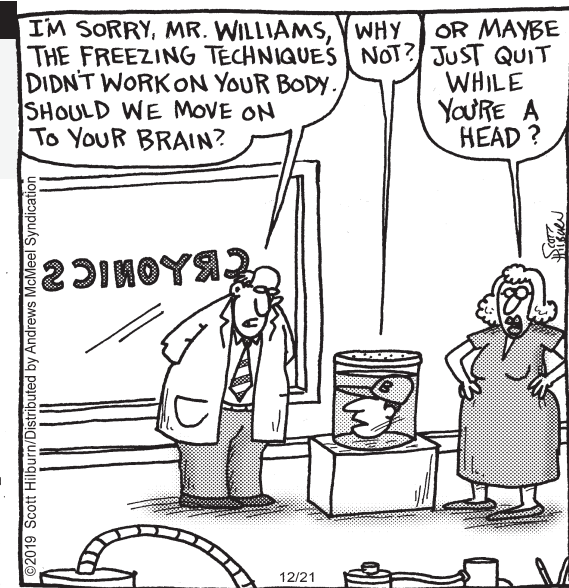
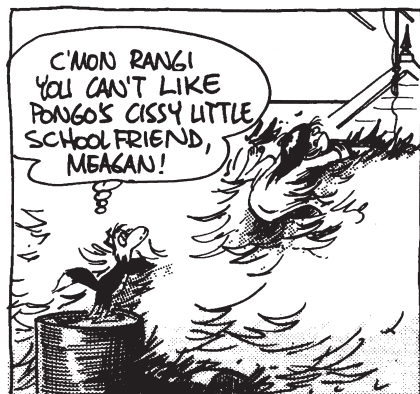
that five of the six are registered, qualified teachers — so therefore the years of study and tuition have now been wasted, and the country, the childcare sector, parents using this centre and the young children attending it have had their lives disrupted because of cannabis.

It is obvious that the voters of New Zealand must vote against legalising this terrible drug that ruins young lives. We need to support the police in their efforts to stop the drug trade.

TONY DOBSON

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- Anyone can write a column, 600 words maximum, but a photo is required.
- Always include full name and contact details.
- If you use a nom de plume, there is a higher bar for acceptability.
- Letters may be edited for clarity, length or legal reasons.



Brexit bill on target

UK lawmakers back PM's plan to exit EU

LONDON — British lawmakers gave preliminary approval on Friday to Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Brexit bill, clearing the way for the UK to leave the European Union next month.

The House of Commons voted 358-234 for the Withdrawal Agreement Bill.

It will receive more scrutiny and possible amendment next month, and also has to be approved by Parliament's upper chamber, the House of Lords. But Johnson's commanding Conservative majority in Parliament means it is almost certain to become law in January. Britain will then leave the EU on January 31.

Johnson said on Friday that passing the bill would end the "acrimony and anguish" that has consumed the country since it voted in 2016 to leave the EU. Opponents argue that leaving the EU will only trigger more uncertainty over Britain's future trade relations with the bloc.

Friday's vote was a moment of triumph for Johnson, who won a commanding parliamentary majority in last week's general election on a promise to end more than three years of political gridlock and lead Britain out of the European Union on January 31.

The UK's departure will open a new phase of Brexit, as Britain and the EU race to strike new relationships for trade, security and host of other areas by the end of 2020.

Johnson, however, painted Friday's vote as a moment of closure. Opening debate on the bill he said, optimistically, that after January 31, "Brexit will be done, it will be over."

"The sorry story of the last 3½ years will be at an end and we will be able to move forward together," he said.

"This is a time when we move on and discard the old labels of 'leave' and 'remain,'" Johnson added. "Now is the time to act



DEAL DONE: Boris signalled an end to Britain's era of Brexit deadlock on Thursday, announcing a packed legislative program intended to take the UK out of the European Union on January 31. AP Picture

together as one reinvigorated nation."

Britain voted narrowly to leave the EU in a 2016 referendum. But previous attempts by Johnson and his predecessor, Theresa May, to pass a Brexit deal through the UK Parliament foundered as lawmakers objected to sections of the agreement and demanded a bigger say in the process.

Johnson's election victory finally gives him the power to get his way.

The bill commits Britain to leaving the EU on January 31 and to concluding trade talks with the bloc by the end of 2020. Trade experts and EU officials say striking a free trade deal within 11 months will be a struggle, but Johnson insists he won't agree to any more delays.

The Brexit bill has been amended to bar ministers from agreeing to extend the transition period with the EU.

That has set off alarm bells among businesses, who fear that means the country will face a "no-deal" Brexit at the start of 2021.

Economists say that would disrupt trade with the EU — Britain's biggest trading partner — and plunge the UK into

recession.

Johnson said on Friday he was confident of striking a "deep, special and democratically accountable partnership with those nations we are proud to call our closest friends" by the Brexit deadline.

Armed with his 80-seat majority in the 650-seat House of Commons, Johnson has stripped out parts of the Brexit bill that gave lawmakers a role in negotiating a future trade deal with the EU and required ministers to provide regular updates to Parliament.

The clauses were added earlier in the year in an attempt to win opposition lawmakers' support for the Brexit bill — backing that Johnson no longer needs.

A promise that workers' rights will not be eroded after Brexit has also been removed from the bill, although the Conservative government says it will enshrine employment rights in separate legislation.

Opposition Labour Party lawmaker Hilary Benn said Johnson's bill was "a gamble with our nation's economy."

"If he fails, the cliff-edge of a no-deal Brexit becomes in just 12 months' time," he said. — AP

UK charges US diplomat's wife over teen's death

LONDON — An American diplomat's wife who left the UK after being involved in a road accident that killed a British teenager has been charged with causing death by dangerous driving, British prosecutors said Friday.

The Crown Prosecution Service said it had begun extradition proceedings against Anne Sacoolas.

The decision to charge Sacoolas, who has claimed diplomatic immunity, has caused tensions between the UK and the United States. British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab welcomed the move but the State Department called it unhelpful.

British police say 19-year-old motorcycle rider Harry Dunn died in August when he was hit by a car driven by Sacoolas, whose husband was an intelligence officer at RAF Croughton, a military base in central England used by US forces. Sacoolas claimed diplomatic immunity and left Britain after the crash.

Dunn's family has urged her to return and face British justice, and met with US President Donald Trump in Washington as part of their campaign.

Britain's prosecution service said it had authorised police to charge Sacoolas with causing death by dangerous driving — which carries a maximum sentence of 14 years in prison — "following a thorough review of the evidence available."

Prosecutors said they had begun extradition proceedings although it is up to the government to formally ask through diplomatic channels for Sacoolas to be sent back to Britain.

Sacoolas's lawyer, Amy Jeffress, said her client had co-operated fully with the

investigation but "will not return voluntarily to the United Kingdom to face a potential jail sentence for what was a terrible but unintentional accident."

Dunn's mother, Charlotte Charles, said the charge was "a huge step in the start of achieving the promise to Harry that we made."

The tragedy has caused a diplomatic dispute between Britain and the US over Sacoolas' legal status.

Under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, families of diplomats are granted immunity from arrest or detention. British prosecutors maintain that immunity does

not apply to dependants of consular officials based outside of London.

But the US State Department said on Friday that "at the time the accident occurred, and for the duration of her stay in the UK, the driver in this case had status that conferred diplomatic immunities."

In its statement, the State Department expressed "deepest sympathies" over Dunn's death but said the decision to charge Sacoolas was not "a helpful development."

Raab, however, called the decision "an important step towards justice for Harry and towards solace for his family."

"Dunn's parents' trip to see Trump in the White House in October sparked controversy when it emerged that Sacoolas was in the room next door, ready to meet them in front of journalists. They refused the offer.

Trump also appeared to be giving excuses for Sacoolas, saying American drivers often get confused because motorists in Britain drive on the left side of the road. — AP

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—Charlotte Charles

Trump blasts Christian magazine that called for his removal

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump blasted a prominent Christian magazine on Friday, a day after it published an editorial arguing that he should be removed from office because of his "blackened moral record."

Trump tweeted that Christianity Today, an evangelical magazine founded by the late Rev. Billy Graham, "would rather have a Radical Left nonbeliever, who wants to take your religion & your guns, than Donald Trump as your President."

The magazine "has been doing poorly and hasn't been involved with the Billy Graham family for many years," Trump wrote. Some of his strongest evangelical supporters, including Graham's son, rallied to his side and against the publication.

Their pushback underscored Trump's hold on the evangelical voting bloc that helped propel him into office and suggested the editorial would likely do little to shake that group's loyalty.

Rev. Franklin Graham, who now leads the Billy Graham

Evangelical Association and prayed at Trump's inauguration, tweeted on Friday that his father would be "disappointed" in the magazine.

Graham added that he "felt it necessary" following the editorial to share that his father, who died last year after counselling several past presidents, had voted for Trump.

Christianity Today "represents what I would call the leftist elite within the evangelical community. They certainly don't represent the Bible-believing segment of the evangelical community," Graham told The Associated Press in an interview.

Trump "attempted to use his political power to coerce a foreign leader to harass and discredit one of the president's political opponents," Galli wrote, referring to former Vice President Joe Biden.

"That is not only a violation of the Constitution; more importantly, it is profoundly immoral."

The schism among Christians about Trump dates back to before his election. Prominent Southern Baptist Russell Moore



TRUMP'S BLAST: Trump declared that he "won't be reading ET again!" using the wrong initials to describe the Christian publication. AP picture

warned that Trump "incites division" in a 2015 op-ed. The essay cited the Bible in asking fellow Christians to "count the cost of following" him. It later earned a tweeted lashing from then-candidate Trump.

Many prominent evangelicals have only intensified their

support for Trump as Democrats moved to impeach him, circling the wagons despite Trump's personal history, which includes multiple allegations of sexual misconduct, deeply divisive policies and profanity-laced comments.

"No President has done more

for the Evangelical community, and it's not even close," Trump said in his tweets.

He declared that he "won't be reading ET again!" using the wrong initials to describe the Christian publication.

Johnnie Moore, a member of Trump's evangelical advisory board, tweeted that during the "hyperventilating" over the "inconsequential" editorial, he was at Vice President Mike Pence's residence, "where dozens of evangelicals who actually lead MILLIONS were celebrating Christmas undistracted by impeachment & grateful" for the administration's policies.

The editorial did not take a position on whether Trump should be removed by the Senate or by popular vote in the 2020 election, calling it "a matter of prudential judgement."

But Galli wrote that the need for Trump's removal "is not a matter of partisan loyalties but loyalty to the Creator of the Ten Commandments."

The editorial came one day after Trump became the third president in American history to be impeached. — AP

Starliner capsule takes off, won't dock at space station

CAPE CANAVERAL — Boeing's new Starliner capsule went off course on Friday during its first test flight, spoiling a crucial dress rehearsal for launching astronauts next year.

The capsule will stay in orbit for a few days but won't dock with the International Space Station as planned. It will return to Earth as early as Sunday, landing in the New Mexico desert, NASA and company officials said. They said the capsule was stable and safe.

Friday's blast-off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, went flawlessly as the Atlas V rocket lifted off with the Starliner capsule just before sunrise. But a half-hour into the flight, Boeing reported that the capsule didn't get into the right orbit. Officials said the spacecraft's timer didn't work properly and it burned up too much fuel to safely make the trip to the space station.

This was Boeing's chance to catch up with SpaceX, NASA's other commercial crew provider that successfully completed a similar demonstration last March. SpaceX has one last hurdle — a launch abort test — before carrying two NASA astronauts in its Dragon capsule, possibly by spring.

A successful Starliner demo could have seen Boeing launching astronauts by summer. But that might not be possible now. At a briefing, NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine said it was too early to know if another test flight would be needed before flying astronauts.

"I'm not ruling it out," Bridenstine said on whether the next Starliner might carry crew or go empty. Had astronauts been on board, they may have been able to take over, correct the problem, and get the capsule to the space station, he said.

It's been nearly nine years since NASA astronauts have launched from the US. The last time was July 8, 2011, when Atlantis — now on display at Kennedy Space Center — made the final space shuttle flight.

Since then, NASA astronauts have travelled to and from the space station via Kazakhstan, courtesy of the Russian Space Agency. The Soyuz rides have cost NASA up to \$86 million apiece.

The space agency handed over station deliveries to private businesses, first cargo and then crews, in order to focus on



BON VOYAGE: A blast-off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, went flawlessly as the Atlas V rocket lifted off with the Boeing Starliner crew capsule just before sunrise. AP pictures

getting astronauts back to the moon and on to Mars.

Commercial cargo ships took flight in 2012, starting with SpaceX. Crew capsules were more complicated to design and build, and parachute and other technical problems pushed the first launches from 2017 to now next year. Last April, a SpaceX crew capsule exploded during a ground test.

The US needs companies competing like this, Bridenstine said on Thursday, to drive down launch costs, boost innovation and open space up to more people. He stressed the need for more than one company in case of problems that kept one grounded.

Thousands of spectators jammed the launch area on Friday, eager to witness Starliner's premiere flight. The United Launch Alliance rocket blasted off from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and was visible for at least five minutes, its white contrail a brilliant contrast against the dark sky. The mood quickly turned

sombre as news of the setback trickled out.

All three astronauts assigned to the first Starliner crew were at control centres to watch the launch: NASA's Mike Fincke and Nicole Mann and Boeing's Chris Ferguson. Ferguson commanded the last shuttle mission. He's now a test pilot astronaut for Boeing and one of the Starliner's key developers.

"This is why we flight test, right? We're trying to get all of the bugs removed out of the system," said Fincke at the briefing. "There's always something."

Built to accommodate seven, the white capsule with black and blue trim will typically carry four or five people. It's 16.5 feet (5 metres) tall with its attached service module and 15 feet (4.5 metres) in diameter.

For the test flight, the Starliner carried Christmas treats and presents for the six space station residents, hundreds of tree seeds similar to those that flew to the

moon on Apollo 14, the original air travel ID card belonging to Boeing's founder and a mannequin named Rosie in the commander's seat.

The test dummy — named after the bicep-flexing riveter of World War II — wore a red polka-dot hair bandana just like the original Rosie and Boeing's custom royal blue spacesuit.

The flight was designed to test all systems, from the vibrations and stresses of liftoff to the touchdown at the Army's White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico, with parachutes and airbags to soften the landing. Even the test dummy is packed with sensors.

On the eve of the flight, Bridenstine said he's "very comfortable" with Boeing, despite the prolonged grounding of the company's 737 Max jets. The spacecraft and aircraft sides of the company are different, he noted. Boeing has long been involved in NASA's human spacecraft program, from Project Mercury to the shuttle and station programs. — AP

No Christmas for Notre Dame Cathedral

The church will skip celebration for first time since French Revolution

PARIS — Notre Dame kept Christmas going even during two world wars — a beacon of hope amid the bloodshed.

Yet an accidental fire in peacetime finally stopped the Paris cathedral from celebrating Midnight Mass this year, for the first time in over two centuries.

As the lights stay dim in the once-Invincible 855-year-old landmark, officials are trying hard to focus on the immediate task of keeping burnt-out Notre Dame's spirit alive in exile through service, song and prayer.

It has decamped its rector, famed statue, liturgy and Christmas celebrations to a new temporary home pending the restoration works, just under a mile away, at another Gothic church in Paris called Saint-Germain l'Auxerrois.

And there it will remain, as works slowly progress to rebuild the cathedral after the April 15 fire destroyed its lead roof and spire and was moments away from engulfing its two stone towers. "This is the first time since the French Revolution that there will be no midnight Mass (at Notre Dame)," cathedral rector Patrick Chauvet told The Associated Press.

There was even a Christmas service amid the

carnage of World War I, Chauvet noted, "because the canons were there and the canons had to celebrate somewhere," referring to the cathedral's clergy. During World War 2, when Paris was under Nazi occupation, "there was no problem." He said that to his knowledge, it was only closed for Christmas in the period after 1789, when the anti-Catholic French revolutionaries turned the monument into "a temple of reason."

Christmas-in-exile at Saint-Germain l'Auxerrois this year will be a history-making moment.

"We have the opportunity to celebrate the Mass outside the walls, so to speak . . . but with some indicators that Notre Dame is connected to us," Chauvet said.

Those indicators include a wooden liturgical platform that has been constructed in the Saint-Germain church to resemble Notre Dame's own. A service will be led at midnight on December 24 by Chauvet to a crowd of faithful, including many who would normally worship in the cathedral, accompanied by song from some of Notre Dame's now-itinerant choir. The cathedral's iconic Gothic sculpture "The Virgin of Paris," from which some say Notre Dame owes its name, is also on display in the new annex.

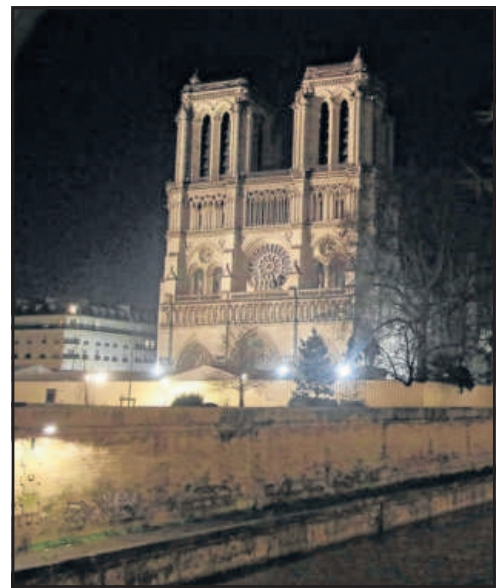
The 14th-century masterpiece, which measures around two metres (six feet) and depicts Mary and baby Jesus, has come to embody the officials' message of hope following the fire.

"It's a miraculous virgin. Why? Because at the time of the fire, the vault of the cathedral completely crashed. There were stones everywhere, but she was spared. She could have naturally received the vault on her head and have been completely crushed," Chauvet said.

Since September, the church has been welcoming the cathedral's flock each Sunday.

Notre Dame was home to a vibrant 160-strong choir-school, which provided singers for each of the cathedral's some 1000 annual services. Midnight Mass at Christmas was always a special event in the year — one of the rare times the entire choir sung together and used the cathedral's famed acoustics to their fullest.


Instead of disbanding, this now-homeless chorus of singers, ranging in age from 6 to 30, has too honed an upbeat message and decided to continue on in a divided form. On Christmas Eve, its members will sing at various yuletide events, including at Saint-Germain l'Auxerrois, as well as, bizarrely, at the Russian Circus. — AP



DARKNESS LOOMS: It took a fire in peacetime to finally stop Notre Dame from celebrating Christmas Mass. AP picture

GORDON McLAUCHLAN

A Short History of Farming in New Zealand



CHRISTMAS TREAT: It is nearly Christmas and Focus on the Land has been given a copy of Gordon McLauchlan's latest book "A Short History of Farming in New Zealand" and it is up for grabs. To be in the draw, which will be made on Monday afternoon, simply email your details to murray.robertson@gisborneherald.co.nz. Gordon's "Short History" books have been bestsellers and this one promises to be no exception. It looks at the farming culture and methods of the early settlers, how European farmers adjusted to New Zealand conditions, regional trade industries in rural areas, refrigeration and exporting, global trade in wool, dairy and kiwifruit, and the future faced by farmers and rural towns. It is an informative read! Good luck with winning the book. Merry Xmas — M.



GAME CHANGER: The recent success of GroCo's 2019 Gisborne Sauvignon Blanc wine at the World Bulk Wine Exhibition in Europe has been described as a "game changer" for Gisborne. The Gisvin and GroCo team celebrated the success — from left, Fiona Cherrington, Petina Baker, Reid Fletcher, Andrew Vette, Mark Thompson, Tully Midford, Mike Jones and Rob Godwin. Picture supplied

Gold medal was a game changer

A GOLD medal for GroCo's 2019 Gisborne Sauvignon Blanc awarded at the World Bulk Wine Exhibition in Amsterdam at the beginning of the month was nothing short of a "game changer" for the regions wine industry, an industry spokesman said.

While Sauvignon Blanc has been by far New Zealand's single biggest variety (representing 87 percent of New Zealand wine exports), it has not been grown in any volume in this region.

"Gisborne has long held the reputation for world class Chardonnay but competes on a very competitive world stage," the spokesman said.

"Gisborne Sauvignon Blanc production not only meets a world class price point but, as the Gold medal attests, new growing and winemaking techniques mean we are also now meeting and exceeding international expectations in flavour.

"This combination is set to be a game changer for the local industry."

He said from a growing perspective, the variety yields well and has harvested earlier to achieve a certain flavour profile, reducing the risk of adverse

weather affecting yield and quality — and ultimately grower returns.

"That's a winning combination for growers.

"Understanding the export potential of this product, growers have also really bought into the need to grow for flavour, adopting new strategies to achieve this."

Wine making practices have also been significantly redefined to get the absolute

best from this grape, the spokesman said.

"The Gold medal result is a real credit to the GroCo growers for producing the quality fruit and the Gisvin team lead by Winemaker Mark Thompson for making the

This combination is set to be a game changer for the local industry.

wine.

"It is the culmination of a concerted programme lead by Andrew Vette and backed by Gisvin to introduce another viable option for the Gisborne wine growing industry.

"We could easily double our already considerable programme and are actively looking for more growers to plant Sauvignon Blanc in Gisborne.

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Shared vision to be world leaders in sustainability

BEEF and Lamb New Zealand DairyNZ have welcomed the launch of a shared sector-wide vision to be world leaders in the sustainable production of high-quality food and fibre.

The Primary Sector Council's vision — Fit for a Better World — aligns with work that is already under way from both DairyNZ and B+LNZ in the form of both Dairy Tomorrow and Taste Pure Nature.

"We are supportive of the Primary Sector Council's broad vision of having a coordinated approach across sectors and a Government that will help us develop our international brand and deliver more value for farmers," said B+LNZ chair Andrew Morrison.

"New Zealand farmers are constantly having to adapt to shifting consumer demands in order to compete internationally and achieve a premium in the global marketplace.

"Consumers are increasingly asking for assurances that the product is both sustainably and ethically produced.

"We believe that our farmers are already world leaders when it comes to the production of high-quality, pasture-based products with a low environmental impact — but that doesn't mean we can get complacent. We are always striving to improve" said DairyNZ chair Jim van der Poel.

"Sustainable farming has a critical role to play in New Zealand's future prosperity

and wellbeing. If we all work together to embrace change, adapt and thrive, Kiwi farmers have a bright future ahead."

The Dairy Tomorrow strategy aims to ensure dairy farming is sustainable and profitable into the future.

Taste Pure Nature is a country of origin brand that takes advantage of New Zealand's unique farming systems where beef cattle and sheep are naturally raised, outdoors, and pasture-fed year-round.

Underpinned by the New Zealand Farm Assurance Programme and the work of Beef and Lamb New Zealand's Environment Strategy, overseas consumers are given confidence that what they are purchasing lines up with their values after seeing the Taste Pure Nature branding.

"As a sector, we want the New Zealand public and our international consumers to know that our farmers are world-leading, innovative, sustainable and huge drivers of our national economy," Mr van der Poel said.

"We also want them to know that our sector is made up of hardworking families and communities that want exactly the same thing that they do — sustainably produced healthy food and fibre that is good for us, our children and the environment."

Both DairyNZ and B+LNZ will be engaging in the process through Food and Fibres Aotearoa New Zealand and look forward to the final report launch in March next year.



EWES GALORE: The 2020 sales season at the Matawhero saleyards kicks off with the Ewe Fair on January 8 with about 12,000 mums expected at this stage, a much bigger yarding than last January, when just over 7340 head were presented (pictured). It was a very good yarding of quality stock last January and the same can be expected this time around, and another strong start to the sales year should eventuate.

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Prices remain the same

by Trevor Brown

PRICES were largely unchanged at the final sheep sale for 2019 held yesterday at the Matawhero saleyards, where 2120 sheep sold, of which the primary feature were the 2058 store lambs, most of which were by terminal sires.

Glentui Station at Tolaga Bay topped the store lambs with 91 cryptorchid lambs making \$124.50.

There was a large consignment of 1297 hogget lambs from Totangi Farm Ltd at Ngatapa, their best line of 136 ram lambs selling for \$116, a pen of 199 of their small mixed-sex lambs sold for \$50.

Local buyers were bidding keenly on all lines, all of which were healthy and carrying good body condition.

A pen of 21 big prime lambs from Grants Panel Shop at Te Karaka fetched \$165.

Best prices — Store male lambs: Glentui Station, 91, \$124.50, 165, \$115, 12, \$92.50; Totangi Farm Ltd, 136, \$116, 283, \$112, 138, \$78. Store ewe lambs: Totangi Farm Ltd, 79, \$110, 258, \$92, 224, \$71.

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A GOOD YEAR: Tairāwhiti's farming, horticulture and cropping fraternities have had a pretty good year with a kind autumn and winter and a kinder spring, with a high level of production throughout the year, culminating in a brilliant lambing season for the farmers. McNeil farming got 2019 underway in fine style in early January with an "incredible" on-farm sale at Puketoro, inland from Tokomaru Bay (below), with a bigger crowd and premium returns. The grape vintage (right) was called "one of the best ever".

File pictures



I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.



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ON THE LAND: The Poverty Bay Hunt Club trek on Te Hau Station at Whatatutu in February was a big success (left) and likewise the Poverty Bay Centre dog trial championships in mid-April, where Leo Edginton and Kim, Henry Gaddum and Tau, Tim Lamont and Jade and Ruie Bridge and Cash took the titles (below left).



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Lost and found

Reports indicate Michigan man may be baby abducted in 1964

CHICAGO — When a woman posing as a maternity-ward nurse snatched a newborn from its mother's arms more than 55 years ago, the case made headlines nationwide and led to a massive search by FBI agents and police.

The mystery seemed solved two years later, when police found an abandoned child who appeared to be the missing boy and returned him to the parents, who raised him as their own. But 47 years after he came home, DNA tests showed that he was not related.

Now recent media reports say a man living in rural Michigan may be the child of Chester and Dora Fronczak who was abducted on April 26, 1964, from a Chicago hospital.

An FBI statement issued this week confirmed that the investigation remains open and agents continue to pursue leads. But the statement stopped short of confirming the reports — first by Las Vegas television station KLAS and then by Chicago's WGN-TV.

The stations did not name the man or say where he lived in Michigan. And they did not elaborate about how he was identified as the kidnapped child, including whether DNA testing played a role.

"We can tell you the adult Paul Fronczak is living in Michigan and has been made aware of his real identity," a December 12 report on KLAS said.

WGN went further in a report this week, saying it had spoken to the man.

The man, who asked not to be identified, became aware several months ago of evidence pointing to him and was trying to come to terms with the revelations, WGN reported.

In 1966, a boy was found abandoned in New Jersey, and law enforcement officials said at the time that he had ears shaped like those of the baby kidnapped in Chicago. The Fronczaks believed him to be their long-lost child.

"That's my baby. It's Paul," the mother was quoted as saying at the time.

But in another cruel twist for the family, genetic tests that were not available in the 1960s revealed in 2013 that it was not him.

If the recent reports are accurate, questions would quickly arise about whether the people who raised the man knew he had been kidnapped or were themselves involved in the abduction. It's unclear if anyone could still be subject to criminal charges.

Messages left at a telephone number



KID-NAPPED: The adult Paul Fronczak is living in Michigan and has been made aware of his real identity. AP picture

on Thursday for a Dora Fronczak in suburban Chicago were not returned. Messages for a Paul Fronczak in Nevada also were not returned. "I'd like to know who I am, my birthday, how old I am? But more important: Is the real baby alive and still out there," Paul Fronczak said in 2014, according to WGN.

After the DNA test indicated the person she thought was her son was not him, Dora Fronczak still seemed haunted by the abduction and by the prospect of experiencing the anguish all over again.

"We went through this once, and we certainly don't want to go through this again," she said in a 2013 interview with the Chicago Sun-Times.

The kidnapper had fled the hospital with the baby in her arms and wrapped in a receiving blanket, police said, citing witnesses. She then got in a taxi bound for the southwest side of Chicago.

A week later, the FBI distributed an artist's rendition of the suspect, who newspapers referred to as "the mystery woman." Witnesses described her as around 40, standing 5-foot-4 with a ruddy complexion and black, greying hair.

More than 200 police officers, some with the drawing and a photo of the baby, went door to door in neighbourhoods near where the taxi dropped the kidnapper off.

The postmaster general even enlisted 175,000 mail carriers nationwide to help, asking them to report anything suspicious, including someone on their route suddenly having an unexplained baby.— AP

Twitter fights interference, bans Saudi-linked accounts

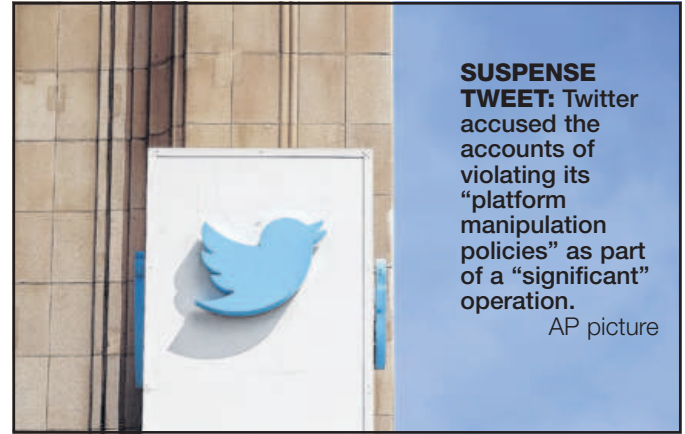
SAUDI ARABIA — Twitter has banned almost 6000 accounts for being part of an alleged state-backed information operation originating in Saudi Arabia.

The social media network announced the bans in a public blog posted on Friday.

It accused the accounts of violating its "platform manipulation policies" as part of a "significant" operation.

Twitter said they were part of a larger network of more than 88,000 accounts engaging in "spammy behaviour" on a "wide range of topics".

"Primarily, accounts were amplifying messages favourable to Saudi authorities, mainly through inauthentic engagement tactics such as aggressive liking, retweeting and replying,"



SUSPENSE TWEET: Twitter accused the accounts of violating its "platform manipulation policies" as part of a "significant" operation. AP picture

the platform said in its post.

Twitter said the majority of the content was in Arabic, but some also "related to events relevant to Western audiences".

Twitter believe the "co-ordinated" activity can be traced to a social media marketing company called Smaat based in Saudi Arabia.

BBC News has approached both the Saudi government and Smaat for comment about Twitter's allegations.

The bans follow an announcement by Twitter in September that seven Saudi accounts, including that of a former royal adviser, had been banned for similar alleged behaviour. — BBC

Netherlands court orders slash in emissions

NETHERLANDS — The highest court in the Netherlands has upheld a ruling requiring the government to slash greenhouse gas emissions by at least 25 percent of 1990 levels by the end of next year.

The case was brought six years ago by the Urgenda environment group in a bid to force ministers to go well beyond EU targets.

However, the chances of the government reaching the target look slim.

By the end of 2018, emissions were down only 15 percent on 1990 levels.

Dutch environment researchers believe that levels could be cut by 23 percent by the end of 2020 but believe the reduction could be as low as 19 percent.

The government in The Hague presented its climate accord at the end of June, with plans for a 49 percent cut in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and phasing out coal-fired power generation starting in 2020.

While there have been cuts in methane and nitrous oxide as well as other gases, levels of carbon dioxide emissions have changed little in the Netherlands since 1990.

Last month, under pressure to act

over a nitrogen oxide pollution crisis, Dutch ministers announced a cut in the daytime speed limit to 100kmh (62mph).

The Council of State forced the government to act in that case, by declaring that rules for granting building and farming permits were in breach of EU law protecting nature.

In its decision on Friday, the Supreme Court said it had based its ruling (in Dutch) on the UN climate convention and the state's legal obligation to protect the lives and wellbeing of Dutch citizens.

"There is a great deal of consensus in the scientific and international community over the urgent need for a reduction in greenhouse gases by at least 25 percent by developed countries," the court said.

While the EU target for a cut in carbon emissions is 20 percent of 1990 levels, Urgenda took up the case on behalf of 886 Dutch citizens, arguing that their government had a legal duty to prevent climate change and should seek a bigger reduction.

They first won their case in June 2015 but it was challenged by the government all the way to the Supreme Court. —BBC

14 dead in India as CAA stir escalates

NEW DELHI — Police banned public gatherings in parts of the Indian capital and other cities for a third day on Friday and cut internet services to try to stop growing protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) that have left 14 people dead and more than 4000 detained.

Thousands of protesters stood inside and on the steps of New Delhi's Jama Masjid, one of India's largest mosques, after Friday afternoon prayers. They waved Indian flags and shouting slogans against the government and the citizenship law —which critics contend marginalises Muslims and threatens India's secular democracy in favour of a Hindu state.

Police banned a proposed march from the mosque to an area near India's Parliament and sprayed protesters with water cannon blasts to prevent them from walking toward a monument about 4 kilometres away in central Delhi where other protests converged.

The death toll from the protests rose to 14 after Avani Awasthi, a spokesman for the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, said late on



CAPITAL INTERRUPTED: People marched through a street during a protest against the Citizenship Amendment Act after Friday prayers in New Delhi. AP picture

Friday that six people had died amid clashes between protesters and police.

Two of the victims were killed in the town of Meerut, when people fired gunshots from a

rooftop, said Dinesh Rai, a senior police official in Uttar Pradesh state.

Elsewhere in the state, protesters set fire to police posts and vehicles and hurled rocks at security forces. Police fired tear gas and used batons to disperse protesters in the towns of Muzzaffarnagar, Saharanpur, Firozabad and Gorakhpur. Most of the detentions have happened in Uttar Pradesh state, where more than 100 have been arrested and 3305 detained since Thursday, said state police chief O.P. Singh.

Also in New Delhi on Friday, about 10,000 people protested outside Jamia Millia Islamia University, the site of weekend clashes in which students accused police of using excessive force that sent dozens to hospitals. They collected signatures for a petition demanding the new citizenship law to be scrapped.

Critics have slammed the law as a violation of the country's secular constitution and labelled it as the latest effort by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindu nationalist-led government to marginalise India's 200 million

Muslims. Modi has defended the law as a humanitarian gesture.

A British colonial-era law banning the assembly of more than four people was in place in parts of the Indian capital as well as in several cities in Assam and Uttar Pradesh, where a motorised rickshaw driver was fatally shot during a protest in Lucknow.

Authorities erected roadblocks and turned areas around mosques in New Delhi, Lucknow and other Muslim-dominated areas into security fortresses to prevent widespread demonstrations after Friday prayers.

While some see the citizenship law as a slight against Muslims, others, including some Hindu conservatives in Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party, fear it will encourage immigration to India, where public services for its 1.3 billion people are already highly strained.

The protests come amid an ongoing crackdown in Muslim-majority Kashmir, the restive Himalayan region stripped of its semi-autonomous status and demoted from a state into a federal territory last summer. — AP



KIWI INGENUITY: One man's innovative idea has taken the social media world by storm. Picture supplied

'Stick-library' a viral hit

KAIAPOI — When Kaiapoi man Andrew Taylor decided to collect some sticks for the dogs at the new dog park, he could not have imagined his idea would make headlines all over the world.

The 59-year-old toolmaker was trimming trees on the side of his house when he had an idea for what to do with the branches he was cutting off.

Taylor decided to build a "library" so all dogs could use and return sticks at the new dog park near his house.

He smoothed down the branches and put them in a box, sanded the edges to make it safer for dogs reaching into it, and engraved it with the words "stick library".

He then took the boxful of sticks to the new dog park in Kaiapoi, Canterbury.

"Our dog Bella had become a stick lover because she ripped to shreds any balls or toys," his daughter, Tayla Reece, said. "While trimming the trees, my dad found himself with a lot of dead branches, and knowing from experience how hard it can be to find a good stick, and that the new dog park was opening soon, he had the idea that he would save them and put them in some kind of box."

"Dad is the type of guy that is always thinking of things to make, so the next day he found a suitable crate and made the sign for the top," Reece added.

"He decided to call it the stick library because it implied that you return the stick once you're finished with it."

She uploaded footage showing the stick library and the videos quickly spread across Facebook, with people praising Taylor's ingenious idea.

Dog owners and their pooches who visited the local park also loved the new "library".

"I first shared the video to our Kaiapoi Residents Noticeboard on social media, where people thought it was a really awesome idea and shared pictures of their own dogs saying thank you or heading down and using the stick library," Reece said.

"Shortly after that, I made an event asking people to meet me at the dog park on December 11 to celebrate the stick library and get some photos."

"Approximately 50 people turned up with their dogs and one guy even brought his cat," she said.

"As people started to arrive there was a disbelief of how simple the idea was, but it's one of those ideas no one had thought of." — NZ Herald

Wgtn council retracts ban on breastfeeding

WELLINGTON — Wellington City Council has reversed its policy about women breastfeeding in its pools, despite earlier concerns about a contamination risk.

It's an about-turn that has surprised mother Rebecca Robertson, who was told she wasn't allowed to breastfeed her 20-month-old in the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre in Kilbirnie.

The council created a new policy for staff when asking a customer not to breastfeed in the water.

However, after Robertson aired her incident, it inspired a group of women to do their own research, which she believes was pivotal in the council reversing its policy.

"It's brilliant news, it took a long time coming though," Robertson said today. "I was really surprised, they have taken their time but they've got there."

While the council allowed breastfeeding at a pool complex, breastfeeding in the water was banned due to national pool water quality standard requirements — and the heightened risk of vomiting resulting in pool closure.

"I know there is increased debate now on this subject in the industry but until any change in classification of baby vomit being separated from older people vomit is the standard, I would consider the above a reasonable step for us to take to minimise the likelihood of pool closure," the council's Community Pools manager said in an email.

However, since Robertson's complaint it

prompted a review to ensure it was fair, reasonable and aligned with best practice.

Wellington City Council Community Pools Manager Amy Carter said council staff had spoken with other New Zealand councils about their breastfeeding in pools policies.

"There doesn't appear to be any consistency among councils about breastfeeding in pools. However, Auckland and Christchurch City Councils do allow mothers to breastfeed their babies in the pool, and our policy was out of step with this approach."

"We respect the mother's right to breastfeed her baby wherever she needs to. We want to ensure parents and caregivers have the best time possible when they visit our pools, and feel as relaxed as possible," she said.

The council would now work with other councils "to try to get some consistency across the country on breastfeeding and bottle feeding in public swimming pools".

Robertson said the backtracking had a lot to do with the work a group of women did behind the scenes.

"I think that's due to a lot of work being put on it by a lot of women. I know some of the women I have been in contact with that have actually looked up all the research and provided the council with that research, so I think it's probably a result of them having the research in front of them and all of the women making that happen."

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Medical dreams shattered, former Otago student jailed

DUNEDIN — A student who had dreams of medical school has been jailed for two and a half years after a bloody bar attack that left three people with permanent facial scars.

Sammy Ayoun Soud (22) held his head in his hands and blew kisses to his wailing parents in the public gallery, who had to be escorted from the courtroom.

The Auckland man, who had been studying at the University of Otago, pleaded guilty to wounding with intent to injure and two counts of wounding with reckless disregard after his trial at the Dunedin District Court had started earlier this year.

Defence counsel Sam Lowery told the court today his client originally denied the charge because he had no memory of the incident on August 2 last year.

Once he heard the victims give evidence, that stance changed.

The late acceptance of guilt should not be viewed as indicative of a lack of remorse, Mr Lowery said. He urged Judge Kevin Phillips to sentence Ayoun Soud to home detention.

Prison, Mr Lowery said, would change the defendant's life and effectively end his hopes of a career in medicine. The judge though ruled the offending was too severe.

After downing a litre of vodka and popping some pills, Ayoun Soud joined 250 other students who headed into the Dunedin CBD for a gig at Fifty Gorillas, a bar on Princes St.

The defendant first became involved in a bout of pushing with another person but the violence soon escalated.

The first victim approached Ayoun Soud and asked if he was "all good".

Despite the innocuous question, the

defendant raised his glass and slammed it into the left side of the man's face.

The jagged remainder, he threw at the victim's friends standing nearby.

It hit a second man in the face and a shard struck a woman in the chin.

Both men needed multiple stitches to close their facial wounds and suffered visible scars as well as psychological trauma.

The female victim described the four stitches she needed to close her gash as "the most painful thing she had ever felt", the court heard.

Crown prosecutor Richard Smith said the offending could have been reflected by more serious charges being laid. "It's precisely the type of violent conduct that needs to be seriously deterred and denounced," he said.

"It's a matter of pure fortune (the victims) are not blind."

He questioned the legitimacy of Ayoun Soud's remorse, as did Judge Phillips, who referred to Facebook messages sent by the defendant in the days after the incident.

In them he said he was unsure how he would make up for what he did and suggested maybe he could "get the man a couple of grams".

The judge suggested that was a reference to drugs being given to a victim.

References provided to the court described Ayoun Soud as "a happy drunk" and a non-violent person.

The man's father said the incident was out of character and believed his son had been led into a drinking culture.

Ayoun Soud was ordered to pay his victims a total of \$2750 once he is released from prison. — ODT

Carston collects treble and hoists a hundred training wins

ASHBURTON — Andrew Carston recorded the 100th training win of his career on Thursday as part of a treble at Ashburton.

The Riccarton conditioner is in his sixth season of training and headed to Ashburton confident of success but unaware he was about to reach the milestone.

"It was a super day out," Carston said. "I had a big team in and I thought some were pretty well placed, but you never go to the races too confident.

"It was good to get the 100th winner out of the way. I didn't even know, it was Michael Pitman who reminded me. He knows everything about stats."

Ticket to Ride brought up win 100 when taking out the Richie McCrea Painting and Decorating Open (1400m). A winner of the Gr.3 Canterbury Breeders' Stakes (1400m) two starts back, Ticket to Ride jumped well under jockey Kylie Williams and travelled comfortably off the back of pacemaker Xcuses Xcuses, before going on to win untroubled by two lengths.

"She continues to impress," Carston said. "I thought it was as softer win as she has got since I have had her.

"She will take improvement from yesterday and she will go towards the Timaru Cup (Listed, 1600m) on December 28."

It was the tenth career win for the daughter of Shocking who is raced by Peter Setchell and Margaret Christian.

Montreux Miss completed the second leg of Carston's treble when breaking her maiden in the NZB Insurance Pearl Series Race (1200m). The four-year-old mare was backing up off a third placing at Riccarton a fortnight ago, and led from start to finish under in-form stable apprentice Kozzi Asano.

"She has a pretty patient owner," Carston said. "She has placed a few times and she deserved the win.

"In saying that, I thought it was a good effort

and I wouldn't be surprised if she went on with it."

Completing the trio of wins was Hee's Our Secret who made the most of a drop down in grade to win the Vale Myra Harnett R65 (1400m), also ridden by Asano, the nation's leading rider.

"I never thought I would get him back to rating 65 because he is a pretty handy galloper," Carston said. "I wasn't surprised at all with the win. I think he will go on with it but where I'm not sure."

Carston currently sits 10th on the New Zealand Trainers' Premiership with 15 wins for the season.

"I've never had this many winners this side of Christmas ever," he said. "The team is going well and let's hope it continues." — NZ Racing Desk

Tapanui races at Gore Sunday

Selections

- Race 1: SHE IS GOLD, MY CASHIER, POWER PUNCH
- Race 2: BUCK SHELLFISH, ROSIE MAE, SECRET DREAMS
- Race 3: FINAL SAVINGS, PROMISING, MILANO
- Race 4: THE SELECTION, ARE YOU CEREAL, FAIRWAY FLIGHT
- Race 5: FREE AND EASY, JIM'S GIFT, TICKETS ON HER
- Race 6: PICTURE ME ROLLIN, CAMINO ROCOSO, COME FLY WITH ME
- Race 7: PABLEAU, OLAF, BEAM ME UP SCOTTY

1 Forest Lodge 12.53

- \$10,000, maiden, 2000m
- 1 70s25 Power Punch (2) 58.5 53 K Kwo (a3)
 - 2 L4746 My Cashier (4) 58.5 49 S Wynne
 - 3 5s558 Port Stephens (6) 58.5 48 B Murray (a2)
 - 4 780s7 Dough Boy (1) 58.5 45 C Barnes
 - 5 8 Heiback Erebus (8) 58.5 45 T Moseley
 - 6 09777 Tricky Mickey (3) 58.5 45 C Johnson
 - 7 s0034 She Is Gold (7) 56.5 51 T Comignaghi
 - 8 0s579 Melanite (5) 56.5 48 C Campbell (a2)

2 Harliwich Contracting 1.28

- \$10,000, maiden, 1335m
- 1 76s Flickitova (6) 58.5 46 C Campbell (a2)
 - 2 0 Pablo Picasso (7) 58.5 45 K Kwo (a3)
 - 3 908 Resuscitate (1) 58.5 45 K Mudhoo
 - 4 3s02 Buck Shellfish (8) 57 54 K Asano (a2)
 - 5 8s234 Secret Dreams (3) 56.5 53 K Williams
 - 6 47255 Rosie Mae (9) 56.5 52 R Mudhoo (a2)
 - 7 — I-Remember-You SCRATCHED
 - 8 55s Transcendent (4) 56.5 47 T Moseley
 - 9 Perceive (5) 55 45 C Barnes
 - 10 s8600 Touchabeel (2) 55 45 C Johnson

3 Soohs/white Robe Lodge 2.03

- \$10,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 1335m
- 1 10s57 Final Savings (14) 60 65 L Callaway
 - 2 8s845 He's Mi Brother (12) 59.5 64 L Callaway
 - 3 s7720 Full Fury (2) 58.5 62 K Asano (a2)
 - 4 42624 Promising (3) 57.5 64 K Kwo (a3)
 - 5 92056 Milano (6) 57.5 60 S Wynne
 - 6 27326 Drumstorm (10) 57 59 K Mudhoo
 - 7 s10s0 Never Quiz (11) 56 61 Z Bholah (a3)
 - 8 0s098 Qashqai (8) 55.5 56 T Comignaghi
 - 9 310 Heidi Hi (7) 55 62 C Johnson

Jetbet 6 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

4 Heriot Hotel/ab Lime 2.38

- \$10,000, maiden 2yo&up, 1200m
- 1 Are You Cereal (7) 58.5 47 L Callaway
 - 2 5s Irish Guru (8) 58.5 47 D Bothamley
 - 3 9 Up My Sleeve (9) 58.5 45 K Kwo (a3)
 - 4 Are There (2) 57 45 C Johnson
 - 5 99s24 The Selection (5) 56.5 52 T Comignaghi
 - 6 90s40 I Remember You (4) 56.5 49 A Bohoran (a3)
 - 7 Jacquette Delahye (3) 56.5 45 T Moseley
 - 8 2s0s Fairway Flight (1) 55 52 C Barnes
 - 9 Uphold (6) 55 45 C Campbell (a2)

5 Mit Sprint 3.13

- \$11,000, rating 72 benchmark, 1200m
- 1 4s652 Friar Tuck (5) 59.5 71 C Campbell (a2)
 - 2 s057L Moss Jazz (1) 57.5 71 L Callaway

3 s7113 So Natural (6) 57.5 67 C Barnes

- 4 4s567 Jim's Gift (4) 57 70 T Moseley
- 5 84021 Opio Rose (3) 57 70 A Bohoran (a3)
- 6 31061 Times Time (9) 57 70 K Asano (a2)
- 7 36913 Free And Easy (10) 55.5 67 B Murray (a2)
- 8 21138 Hazelnut (8) 55 66 K Kwo (a3)
- 9 08871 Tickets On Her (7) 54.5 65 R Mudhoo (a2)
- 10 45523 Arnage (2) 54 61 K Williams

6 Dynes Transport Tapanui Cup 3.48

- \$55,000, open handicap, 2000m
- 1 87107 Gallant Boy (6) 60 97 C Campbell (a2)
 - 2 32082 Irish Excuse (7) 59 95 K Williams
 - 3 s1021 Come Fly With Me (3) 56.5 94 A Bohoran (a3)
 - 4 35001 Camino Rocoso (5) 55.5 88 C Johnson
 - 5 10644 Lochan Ora (9) 54.5 86 K Kwo (a3)
 - 6 4s913 Shakti (2) 54.5 86 K Mudhoo
 - 7 7s713 Sheztoucha (4) 54 84 T Comignaghi
 - 8 — Zentessa SCRATCHED
 - 9 43s32 Kilowatt (12) 54 83 K Asano (a2)

7 Aon Insurance 4.23

- \$10,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 2000m
- 1 04241 Olaf (5) 59.5 64 B Murray (a2)
 - 2 s5622 Pableau (12) 59 63 K Kwo (a3)
 - 3 02533 Beam Me Up Scotty (13) 58.5 62 R Mudhoo (a2)
 - 4 04615 Our Boy Ritchie (11) 58.5 62 K Asano (a2)
 - 5 73658 Aulyn Star (9) 58 61 S Wynne
 - 6 6310s The Flagon (10) 58 61 C Barnes
 - 7 s0029 Colour Me Red (4) 57 59 T Moseley
 - 8 91446 Heaven Knows (3) 56.5 62 K Williams
 - 9 08174 Madam De Soir (2) 56 61 C Johnson
 - 10 s7038 Fazioli (1) 56 57 K Mudhoo
 - 11 97756 Our Boy Baz (7) 55.5 56 Z Bholah (a3)
 - 12 60s89 Chookie's Girl (6) 55 59 C Campbell (a2)
 - 13 00885 Stellacanto (8) 54 56 T Comignaghi

Rangiora harness at Rangiora Sunday

Selections

- Race 1: GO MARG, LUMINOSITY, MONO GAMBLE
- Race 2: DUKE, EVER SO BETTOR, C R GOLD
- Race 3: REFINE, GLACIER COASTER, HIGHLAND REIGN
- Race 4: KRYSYAL DELIGHT, ROBYNS MAJOR, LIVE SPORT
- Race 5: GRAND PRINCESS, AMULET, RUSTY I AM
- Race 6: SHADOW PHANTASY, REGATTA, CHAL BE
- Race 7: BEAU MAJOR, ALYSSA DELIGHT, SOUTHERLY CHANGE
- Race 8: DOITSON, FRANCO GARRETT, FRANCO NIVEN
- Race 9: GO ON ANDOVER, MOMENTOUS, WE'LL MEET AGAIN
- Race 10: MOSSDALE ART, RAGNARR, TRACKSAREFORTRAINS

1 Tripo Project MGMT. Trot 12.06

- \$7000, non-winners stand, 2600m
- 1 Abadabado (Fr) 1 Robbie Holmes
 - 2 00P56 Ken's Dream (Fr) 2 Lionel Dobbs
 - 3 s0600 Shes So Right (Fr) 3 Sheree Tomlinson
 - 4 58 Go Marg (Fr) 4 Amber Lethaby
 - 5 00s78 Fast Wet N Windee (Fr) 5 Philippa Wakelin
 - 6 00 Pacino (Fr) 6 Samantha Ottley
 - 7 30s00 Dora Explorer (Fr) 7 David D McCormick
 - 8 09s Play Dough (Fr) 8 Chris McDowell
 - 9 34047 Mono Gamble (Fr) 9 John Dunn
 - 10 Navara (Fr) 10 Jason Ford
 - 11 02262 Luminosity (Fr) U1 Jim Curtin
 - 12 040 Hashtag Faye (Fr) U2 Jessica Young-Grant
 - 13 s0080 Faith No More (Fr) U3 Michael Cations

2 JD & EA Properties Pace 12.38

- \$7000, non-winners 3yo+. mobile, 1950m
- 1 60900 Luminite (Fr) 1 Colin DeFilippi
 - 2 00609 Kastell Briant (Fr) 2 Sheree Tomlinson
 - 3 C R Gold (Fr) 3 Robbie Holmes
 - 4 7558 Adhika (Fr) 4 Rebecca Heads
 - 5 P7 Ticking Over (Fr) 5 Craig D Thornley
 - 6 60s0P Shadow Dancer (Fr) 6 Lawrence McCormick
 - 7 53533 Duke (Fr) 7 Blair Orange
 - 8 57800 Kennedy (Fr) 8 Terry Chmiel
 - 9 67 Wicked Witch (Fr) 9 David D McCormick
 - 10 44750 Kenya (Fr) 21 Sam Payne
 - 11 s90s9 Jeremy Wells (Fr) 22 Jack Harrington
 - 12 66670 Boilover (Fr) 23 Robbie Close
 - 13 20s0 Ever So Better (Fr) 24 Ben Hope
 - 14 06050 Silent Shadow (Fr) 25 John Morrison

3 Dakin Group 1.10

- \$8000, r40-r46. mobile, 1950m
- 1 32722 Glacier Coaster (Fr) 1 Jessica Young-Grant
 - 2 8s879 Mr Asia (Fr) 2 Craig D Thornley
 - 3 44036 Highland Reign (Fr) 3 Mark Hurrell
 - 4 s5040 Rozzano (Fr) 4 Sheree Tomlinson
 - 5 70035 Shardan Suzie (Fr) 5 Gerard O'Reilly
 - 6 s9486 Kacie Cullen (Fr) 6 Blair Orange
 - 7 06307 Tin Roof Blues (Fr) 7 Chris McDowell
 - 8 58210 Refine (Fr) 8 Robbie Close
 - 9 02970 Magical Mellissa (Fr) 9 Jonny W Cox
 - 10 70090 Star Paige (Fr) 21 Kimberly Butt
 - 11 735s8 Beaudiene Gambler (Fr) 22 Ross Houghton
 - 12 90483 My Nikayla (Fr) 23 Tim Williams

4 Vermeulen Family Pace 1.45

- \$7000, non-winners 3yo+ f&m. mobile, 1950m
- 1 07006 Shadow Aveross (Fr) 1 Jessica Young-Grant

Jetbet 8 TAB D. 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 T. 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 8-9-10 Q. 2-3-4-5, 7-8-9-10 PL6 5-10

2 08000 Emma G (Fr) 2 Samantha Ottley

- 3 — Starlight Kiwi SCRATCHED
- 4 0s704 Viewfield Dream (Fr) 3 Sam Thornley
- 5 285s5 Live Sport (Fr) 4 John Dunn
- 6 Truehawk (Fr) 5 Lawrence McCormick
- 7 59087 Deja Blue (Fr) 6 Terry Chmiel
- 8 007s5 Sheelasinleague (Fr) 7 Sheree Tomlinson
- 9 57s Robyns Major (Fr) 8 Blair Orange
- 10 94629 Krystal Delight (Fr) 21 Ben Hope
- 11 Lucy P (Fr) 22 Tim Williams

5 Jack Behrns Memorial Trot 2.20

- \$8000, r40-r51 stand, 2600m
- 1 05690 I'Idoitmyway (Fr) 1 John Morrison
 - 2 91680 Lady Hillary (Fr) 2 Bob Butt
 - 3 08842 Rusty I Am (Fr) 3 Philippa Wakelin
 - 4 48025 Natives Lasting Love (Fr) 4 Kyle Cameron
 - 5 00858 Heavenly Love (Fr) 5 Murray Edmonds
 - 6 04398 Blink N Bones (Fr) 6 Barry Ford
 - 7 624s9 Midnight Assassin (Fr) 7 Colin DeFilippi
 - 8 0s070 Midnight Sioux (Fr) 8 Craig D Thornley
 - 9 058s5 Grand Princess (Fr) 9 Sheree Tomlinson
 - 10 90000 Windsor (Fr) 10 Jim Curtin
 - 11 07757 Gin Rummy (Fr) 11 Ian Cameron
 - 12 08789 Look Both Ways (Fr) 12 Terry Chmiel
 - 13 061s9 Amulet (Fr) U1 John Dunn
 - 14 39906 Rachmaninov (Fr) U2 Trevor Grant

6 Jack Thompson Pace 2.55

- \$7000, non-winners 3yo+ stand, 1950m
- 1 0077s Kwik Sport (Fr) 1 Terry Chmiel
 - 2 00 Woolfie Mac (Fr) 2 Colin DeFilippi
 - 3 99038 Miss Behavin (Fr) 3 Kimberly Butt
 - 4 08407 President Pat (Fr) 4 Neil Burton
 - 5 66670 Boilover (Em) (Fr) 5 Sheree Tomlinson
 - 6 s5980 American Flyer (Fr) 6 Ross Houghton
 - 7 44369 Calypso Rock (Fr) 7 Robbie Holmes
 - 8 Mini Dot Morris (Fr) 8

9 670 Rocknroll Scooter (Fr) 9 Craig D Thornley

- 10 38 Regatta (Fr) 10 Samantha Ottley
- 11 Shadow Phantasy (Fr) 11 Ricky May
- 12 08000 Emma G (Em) (Fr) 12 Amber Lethaby
- 13 08s Megarock (Fr) 13 Ben Hope
- 14 4 Chal Be (Fr) 14 Jim Curtin
- 15 Boulton Home (Fr) 15 Blair Orange
- 16 65 Scottynn On Thebeach (Fr) 16 Robbie Close
- 17 s496P Spanna (Fr) 17 John Morrison

7 Kaiapoi Club Racing Hcp 3.30

- \$8500, r40-r60 special handicap stand, 2600m
- 1 9s005 Swap Over (Fr) U1 Robbie Close
 - 2 2165 Alyssa Delight (10) 1 Ben Hope
 - 3 41251 Beau Major (10) 2 Robbie Holmes
 - 4 3175s Fear Rockn (10) 3 Jessica Young-Grant
 - 5 198 Southerly Change (10) 4 Ricky May
 - 6 515 Mr Bohannon (10) 5 Scott Lethaby
 - 7 00030 Pocket Call (10) 6 Lionel Dobbs
 - 8 57509 Precious Sara (10) 7 Craig D Thornley
 - 9 03580 Baltimore Jack (20) 1 Blair Orange
 - 10 73929 Rollova (20) 2 Bob Butt
 - 11 61359 Arocknathepark (20) 3 Gavin Smith
 - 12 90866 Linton Shard (20) 4 Tim Williams

8 New World Summer Cup 4.05

- \$13,000, r56+ discretionary handicap stand, 2600m
- 1 22721 Franco Garrett (Fr) 1 Craig D Thornley
 - 2 s7858 Dadndave (Fr) 2 Blair Orange
 - 3 08s90 All About Henry (Fr) 3 Carl Markham
 - 4 84047 Homebush Lud (Fr) 4 Ben Hope
 - 5 66452 The Kaik (Fr) 5 Kimberly Butt
 - 6 s4003 Kendra (Fr) 6 Ricky May
 - 7 8s342 Mad Lu Li (Fr) 7 Katie Cox
 - 8 s0705 Be Mine Tonight (Fr) U1 Samantha Ottley

9 64317 Doctor Tim (10) 1 Gavin Smith

- 10 27933 Doitson (10) 2 Bob Butt
- 11 23911 Franco Niven (10) 3 John Dunn
- 12 21109 Overarm (10) 4 Terry Chmiel
- 13 s8324 Bringitonhome (20) 1 Robbie Close

9 North Cant. Trotting Hcp 4.40

- \$9000, 3yo+ r52-r70 discretionary handicap stand, 2600m
- 1 78s16 Quik Shot (Fr) 1 Gavin Smith
 - 2 53490 Take After Me (Fr) 2 Ross Houghton
 - 3 47614 Sally Lindenny (Fr) 3 Gerard O'Reilly
 - 4 314 Go On Andover (Fr) 4 John Dunn
 - 5 95451 Sugar Cane (Fr) U1 David D McCormick
 - 6 31s01 BK Dawn (15) 1 Philippa Wakelin
 - 7 21842 Momentous (15) 2 Samantha Ottley
 - 8 5053P Ali Lindenny (15) 3 Craig D Thornley
 - 9 9s2s9 Valmagne (25) 1 Ricky May
 - 10 50318 Alvia Hest (25) 2 Blair Orange
 - 11 80569 Medusa (25) 3 Kyle Cameron
 - 12 46653 We'll Meet Again (25) 4 Justin Smith

10 Morrison Cars Pace 5.15

- \$8500, r47-r55. mobile, 1950m
- 1 P6680 Nui Ba Den (Fr) 1 Robbie Close
 - 2 08s59 Hilarious Prince (Fr) 2 Gavin Smith
 - 3 19990 Hands Up Jack (Fr) 3 Jonny W Cox
 - 4 0556s Jenora (Fr) 4 Terry Chmiel
 - 5 2370s Mossdale Art (Fr) 5 Ben Hope
 - 6 57s25 Ragnarr (Fr) 6 Bob Butt
 - 7 609s0 Get It On (Fr) 7 Tim Williams
 - 8 s7045 Kotare Yolande (Fr) 8 Ross Houghton
 - 9 7005s Spicy Girl Becqui (Fr) 9 Ricky May
 - 10 s9600 Kayla Maguire (Fr) 21 Jim Curtin
 - 11 04075 Rayna River (Fr) 22 Chris McDowell
 - 12 90335 Tracksarefortrains (Fr) 23 Samantha Ottley

Auckland greys at Manukau Sunday

Selections

- Race 1: MY BRO BOBBY, RICCI TELLI, BOTANY RIFLES
- Race 2: MY SNUGGLES, PADDY FAST, COOPER PEDY
- Race 3: NOISE MAKER, BAILEY AND CREAM, TAMANTHA
- Race 4: BIGTIME ZACK, PLISKOVA, MASTER BRADY
- Race 5: BILLY BULLET, BIGTIME GAL, YELLA ELIA
- Race 6: BOTANY ESMAY, TRIBAL CONQUEST, GURU'S CHOICE
- Race 7: LITTLE MOO, OPAWA BIG, KAPAI TAHI
- Race 8: MANILA BALA, SHALLAY PALLAY, THANK YOU NEXT
- Race 9: LOOKING SNATCHED, SPRING MECHANIC, JINJA MIGHT
- Race 10: STAY RICH, BIGTIME JACOB, EXPRESS EMPORIUM
- Race 11: CARBON TIGER, BUDDY BOOM, MISS CLAUDE
- Race 12: PODIUM PHOBIA, BOTANY WAYNE, BIGTIME HEARTY

1 Speedmaps @Formpro Ratings 1.19

- \$1365, C0, 318m
- 1 7374 Botany Rifles nwtwd Phil Green
 - 2 77s68 Magic Eight Ball nwtwd R & N O'Regan
 - 3 75662 Fear The Fur nwtwd S O'Neill
 - 4 66532 Riccitetelli nwtwd Marsha Black
 - 5 471 My Bro Bobby 18.80 Hayley Mullane
 - 6 78775 Indi Shae nwtwd S O'Neill
 - 7 44653 Xena Poppy nwtwd R & L Udy

8 85864 Forego nwtwd Greg Pomeroy

- EMERGENCIES:
- 9 66487 Donny nwtwd Udy & Cottam
 - 10 5578 Cambodian King nwtwd R & N O'Regan
- ### 2 Sports Bowl Func. Centre Srs Ht 1.37
- \$1450, C1, heat, 318m
- 1 86551 My Snuggles nwtwd Glennis Farrell
 - 2 65372 Coober Pedy 18.99 R & N O'Regan
 - 3 44747 Agbeze 18.98 Marsha Black
 - 4 2128F Big Time Rose nwtwd Agent & Williams
 - 5 77857 Tilly's Silly 18.95 R & L Udy
 - 6 78677 Bigtime Wayno nwtwd Agent & Williams
 - 7 35185 Paddy Fast 18.86 M & J Smith
 - 8 84645 Bigtime Kiowa nwtwd Agent & Williams
- EMERGENCY:
- 9 67881 Fancy 19.00 Hayley Mullane

3 Sports Bowl Func. Centre Srs Ht 1.54

- \$1450, C1, heat, 318m
- 1 75236 Star Secret 19.14 Agent & Williams
 - 2 64687 Mr Felix 19.01 Marsha Black
 - 3 88843 Miss Dupre nwtwd S E Hunt
 - 4 58162 Noise Maker 18.70 Phil Green
 - 5 32281 Bailey And Cream 18.96 R & L Udy
 - 6 46586 Bigtime Mike nwtwd Agent & Williams
 - 7 74467 Winbourn Freddy nwtwd Sean Codlin
 - 8 23374 Tamantha 19.04 Bob Bond
- EMERGENCY:
- 9 67881 Fancy 19.00 Hayley Mullane

4 Sports Bowl Func. Centre Srs Ht 2.12

- \$1450, C1, heat, 318m
- 1 74386 Just Maddie nwtwd Marsha Black
 - 2 87485 Small Paige 19.03 Agent & Williams
 - 3 28682 Master Brady nwtwd Sean Codlin
 - 4 71424 Pliskova 18.78 Steve Clark

Jetbet 9 TAB D. 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 T. 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 7-8-9, 10-11-12 Q. 2-3-4-5, 9-10-11-12 PL6 7-12

5 32341 Bigtime Zack 18.57 Ben Craik

- 6 84866 Smash Out nwtwd R & L Udy
 - 7 22757 Ford Man 18.90 R & L Udy
 - 8 54735 Smalltime Johnny 19.02 Agent & Williams
- EMERGENCY:
- 9 67881 Fancy 19.00 Hayley Mullane

5 Sports Bowl Func. Centre Srs Ht 2.30

- \$1450, C1, heat, 318m
- 1 22757 Yella Ella 18.58 R & L Udy
 - 2 7325F Just Na 18.89 Marsha Black
 - 3 54888 Unconscionable 18.61 R & L Udy
 - 4 73685 Shambi's Girl 18.96 K T Herbert
 - 5 6335s Bigtime Gal nwtwd R & N O'Regan
 - 6 82547 Small Boy nwtwd Agent & Williams
 - 7 64438 Bigtime Claws 18.88 Agent & Williams
 - 8 18741 Billy Bullet 18.68 Howard Scott
- EMERGENCY:
- 9 67881 Fancy 19.00 Hayley Mullane

6 Sports Bowl Func. Centre Srs Ht 2.47

- \$1450, C1, heat, 318m
- 1 328s2 Tribal Conquest 18.80 R & L Udy
 - 2 38866 Guru's Choice 18.71 Agent & Williams
 - 3 54363 Big Time Ricky nwtwd Agent & Williams
 - 4 67475 Thrilling Arnold 18.70 Sean Codlin
 - 5 F2236 Botany Esmay 18.69 Phil Green
 - 6 86777 Go Show nwtwd Agent & Williams
 - 7 65674 Smash Burton 19.12 R & L Udy
 - 8 37868 Wairoa Angel 19.22 M Prangley
- EMERGENCY:
- 9 67881 Fancy 19.00 Hayley Mullane

7 \$15,000 Guaranteed Pick6 3.04

- \$2860, C1/2, 527m
- 1 85148 Dignity Dented 31.23 Thayne Green
 - 2 32575 Amy Amy 30.4

Queensland races at Townsville Sunday

Jetbet 14 TAB doubles 3-4, 7-8 Trebles 2-3-4, 6-7-8 Quaddie 1-2-3-4, 5-6-7-8

Selections
Race 1: TENNESSEE BOY, WHICH LILY, ROYAL RUSKI
Race 2: MOSEF, PANTONE, YOU'RE IN MY HEART
Race 3: ZIGGI ROCKS, LADY YENDOR, KWIKILLA
Race 4: ABERRATION, HI ZERO, REGAL REECE
Race 5: WAS IT WORTH IT, DEPUTY DAN, CRAIGLEA CETINA
Race 6: MISS POWDER KEG, URBAN MYTH, FANTIZZY GIRL
Race 7: AIRACOBRA, SWEET SURPRISE, SWEET PERFUME
Race 8: BROOK'S PLEASURE, SER SER SCHON, SPIRIT'S SILK

1 Sky Racing Handicap 4.15

\$19,000, 2yo, 1000m
1 Tennessee Boy c (2) 58 100 W D'Avila
2 Royal Ruski (5) 56 81 J Felix
3 31 Which Lily c (3) 56 96 P Cullen
4 35 Aussie Hero (4) 55.5 94 C Mc Iver
5 6 Apolline (1) 54 90 P Romeo

2 Canadian Club Handicap 4.50

\$19,000, Maiden, 1200m
1 525 Mosef b (4) 59 95 W O'Connell
2 8 Deadly Day h (12) 58 92 S Sheargold

3 5 Ticket To India (17) 58 91 Ms B Thomson
4 88262 Buoyancy (14) 57.5 100 W D'Avila
5 8s207 Timeless Grey h (16) 57 92 C Whiteley
6 07s63 You're In My Heart h (3) 57 93 F Edwards
7 s4s03 Duke Of Cleveland h (2) 56.5 92 S Pawsey
8 50s37 Mount Dumaresq (10) 56.5 97 T Doyle (a2)
9 62543 Pantone (15) 56.5 95 B Pengelly
10 05339 Dream Piece (5) 54 94 Ms C Jokic
11 3s649 First Train (7) 54 82 J Felix
12 94433 McKeegan (9) 54 91 M Gray
EMERGENCIES:
13 s8682 Belar Blue (6) 54 87 P Cullen
14 66367 Jack Reacher (13) 54 87
15 0s568 Flash Fox h (8) 54 87
16 29805 Arte Et Marte h (1) 54 95 P Romeo
17 70324 The Marshall b (11) 54 89 M Gray

3 Hygain Handicap 5.25

\$19,000, 3yo, 1400m
1 5s141 Lady Yendor th (5) 61.5 96 B Pengelly
2 43523 Hit Snooze dh (2) 57 100 N Day
3 4s642 Kwikilla th (4) 54 92 Ms C Jokic
4 51s76 Idle Jack (1) 54 94 P Romeo
5 34251 Ziggi Rocks (3) 54 98 T Doyle (a2)
6 44281 Soldati t (9) 54 100 W D'Avila
7 08138 Vamparina t (6) 54 90 C Whiteley

8 03434 Craiglea Lizzy (8) 54 91 C Mc Iver
9 362s8 Craiglea Topaz (7) 54 86 Ms Z White (a)
4 TAB-Download The App Plate 6.00
\$19,000, Class 3, 1400m
1 53782 Aberration dhn (3) 59 97 N Day
2 797s5 Eden Road w (14) 59 82 P Romeo
3 s6740 Feringo twh (8) 59 93 C Whiteley
4 52639 Moving Target (4) 59 92 Ms B Thomson
5 00121 Regal Reece (6) 59 99 S Sheargold
6 07736 Dordogne twh (7) 57.5 93 F Edwards
7 96561 Hi Zero th (12) 57.5 100 B Pengelly
8 25465 Imaginalthepeople w (2) 57.5 90 M Gray
9 409s3 Naughty Corner dh (11) 57.5 88 Ms C Jokic
10 34165 Triumph Star t (10) 57.5 97 P Cullen
11 44434 Power Of Divas w (1) 57 96 S Pawsey
12 s00s9 Jeux (5) 56 93 S Pawsey
13 44441 Got The Tickets (9) 55.5 88 Ms R Payne
14 56077 Mikeys Turf w (13) 54 98 W D'Avila

5 Brown Brothers Handicap 6.35

\$19,000, Benchmark 65, 1609m
1 21500 Mustarrid cdw (2) 62.5 92 Ms C Jokic
2 3s452 Deputy Dan tdwn (12) 61 91 B Pengelly
3 6s871 Was It Worth It d (3) 60 100 R Wiggins
4 38963 Centro Superior wb (5) 58.5 88 Ms R Payne
5 68073 Craiglea Cetina tdw (6) 57 90 Ms Z White (a)

6 14712 Agility b (10) 54.5 92 Ms B Thomson
7 27747 Newstead hn (7) 54.5 96 N Day
8 37121 Drops Of Jupiter tw (11) 54 93 W D'Avila
9 65541 Cousin Muscles tw (11) 54 90 P Romeo
10 22416 Do I Have To d (9) 54 91 M Gray
EMERGENCIES:
11 61974 Magic Scene w (4) 54 88 C Mc Iver
12 44535 Prince Of Baroda d (8) 54 85

6 Catch You At Cluden Hcp 7.10

\$19,000, Rating 60, 1000m
1 202s8 Simply Marvellous tc (11) 58 83 N Day
2 63588 Music h (3) 57.5 87 B Pengelly
3 48592 Stone Philosopher c (6) 57.5 86 J Felix
4 Double Em SCRATCHED
5 64s12 Nic's Time d (9) 56 100 Ms B Thomson
6 83781 Urban Myth ch (12) 56 98 S Sheargold
7 95457 Dancing Diva tcw (7) 55 92 Ms R Payne
8 71276 Text Me w (8) 55 86 C Whiteley
9 5s543 Miss Powder Keg h (2) 54.5 87 F Edwards
10 0900s Punccheon Journey h (1) 54 82 Ms C Jokic
11 45125 Fantizzy Girl c (5) 54 94 P Cullen
12 2625s Blazon Tales w (4) 54 89 P Romeo

7 Carlton & United Breweries 7.50

\$19,000, Benchmark 75, 1000m
1 81175 Airacobra tdwh (2) 59 98 N Day
2 Shigeru-Mahogany SCRATCHED

3 435s6 Four Excel cdwn (11) 55.5 94 P Romeo
4 3135s Sweet Perfume tcwh (5) 55 99 Ms C Jokic
5 38471 Our Atom dw (3) 54.5 97 W D'Avila
6 97654 Perfect Knowledge tdh (9) 54.5 96 Ms Z White (a)
7 25162 Sweet Surprise dw (6) 54 100 C Whiteley
8 3225s Night Attire t (4) 54 95 Ms B Thomson
9 16314 Ready Zaim Fire dw (1) 54 93 J Felix
10 52023 Bon Temps cdw (8) 54 98 Ms R Payne
11 258s5 Shrouded h (7) 54 89 F Edwards

8 Christmas At Cluden Hcp 8.25

\$19,000, Rating 60, 1000m
1 16125 Bollette d (12) 59 94 M Gray
2 8416s Grazie Mille Bella wh (4) 57.5 95 Ms C Jokic
3 1100s Ser Ser Schon dw (6) 57.5 95 P Romeo
4 5s812 Brook's Pleasure (5) 57 99 N Day
5 6542s Spirit's Silk dn (3) 56.5 97 Ms N Summers
6 s2525 Delta Magic cd (8) 56 91 P Cullen
7 54090 Cheeky Reward dwh (9) 55.5 98 Ms Z White (a)
8 900s9 Owens w (10) 55.5 80 Ms B Thomson
9 44434 Power Of Divas dw (2) 55.5 98
10 23522 Anne Catherine tdw (11) 54 94 C Whiteley
11 03154 Gotta Minute (7) 54 90 Ms R Payne
12 73s33 Chic Sox dwh (1) 54 100 F Edwards

Christchurch greys at Addington Monday

J8 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 T. 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 7-8-9, 10-11-12, 13-14-15 Q. 2-3-4-5, 12-13-14-15 PL6 10-15

Selections
Race 1: KNOW FAREWELL, SNEAKY SNITCH, CANCUN
Race 2: GOLDSTAR BEAU, HOME BUSH MARISSA, JINJA TWINKLE
Race 3: OPAWA GONZO, OPAWA DAWN, TREVOR WILKS
Race 4: OPAWA JAWS, STYLISH STEPPER, BUGSY BROWN
Race 5: GADZOOKS, POORAN'S JADEJA, MACEY BAXTER
Race 6: SYDNEYS SOX, MULBERRY BRIT, HOME BUSH COMET
Race 7: OPAWA DI, CALM INFERNO, IMPRESSIVE FLASH
Race 8: CARL SPACKLER, TWO BE FRANK, RAQUEL ALLEN
Race 9: RETALLICK, OPA'S DREAM, HOME BUSH PIERCE
Race 10: MACADOODLE, OPAWA CUTIE, HAIDEE BALE
Race 11: XABIL BALE, MR BLACKJACK, OPAWA DAN
Race 12: TUCKER, LETHAL LETTIE, QUEENA BALE
Race 13: PUNTERS KIRSTY, HOME BUSH REHAINA, CISCO REIGN
Race 14: MITCHAM PRU, TREMONTI, PLATONIC AFFAIR
Race 15: DYNA WINK, EVER RESTED, JINJA DYLAN

1 The Fitz Sports Bar Sprint 11.35

\$1365, CO, 295m
1 47584 Ohoka Megan nwtwd Lisa Waretini
2 34 Sneaky Snitch nwtwd Hart & Taylor
3 52747 Cancun nwtwd Norman Wanhalla
4 866 Marakesh Max nwtwd John McInerney
5 Know Farewell nwtwd Garry Cleeve
6 77883 Impressive Gift nwtwd John McInerney
7 86474 Ginger Cracker nwtwd Michael Dempsey
8 87757 White Roxy nwtwd Michael Dempsey
EMERGENCIES:
9 7s687 Blushing Pete nwtwd Robin Wales
10 88868 Homebush Odette nwtwd John McInerney

2 Kolorful Kanvas Dash 11.53

\$1365, CO, 295m
1 88683 Homebush Marissa nwtwd John McInerney
2 36877 Mulberry Tip nwtwd Ken Cassidy
3 26563 Jinja Twinkle nwtwd Allan Joyce
4 882 Goldstar Beau nwtwd S & B Evans
5 45644 Shoelace Jack nwtwd Michael Dempsey
6 66675 Grey Wind nwtwd Norman Wanhalla

7 55857 Sozin's Rhapsody nwtwd John McInerney
8 58758 Chelsea Smile nwtwd Craig Roberts
EMERGENCIES:
9 57777 Impressive Mood nwtwd John McInerney
10 6878s Go Kiki nwtwd Robin Wales

3 Happy B'day Cooper Claridge 12.11

\$2390, CO, 520m
1 6 Opawa Dawn nwtwd Robin Wales
2 73262 Haze Adams nwtwd J M McCook
3 73354 Max Volume nwtwd Ashley Bradshaw
4 75563 Ain't He Lucky nwtwd Norman Wanhalla
5 53 Culvie Numb Boy nwtwd Hart & Taylor
6 4 Opawa Gonzo nwtwd Robin Wales
7 8 Opawa Rod nwtwd Robin Wales
8 84872 Trevor Wilks nwtwd Norman Wanhalla
EMERGENCIES:
9 7 Carlos nwtwd Robin Wales
10 46878 Opawa Pauline nwtwd Robin Wales

4 Active Electrical C'church 12.29

\$2390, CO, 520m
1 57625 Jinja Toni nwtwd Allan Joyce
2 44485 Bobble nwtwd J & D Fahey
3 386 Opawa Nash nwtwd Robin Wales
4 7 Bussy Brown nwtwd Robin Wales
5 s2557 Punters Choice nwtwd Robin Wales
6 74727 Billy Ray nwtwd Norman Wanhalla
7 8 Opawa Jaws nwtwd Robin Wales
8 3 Stylish Stepper nwtwd Malcolm Grant
EMERGENCIES:
9 7 Carlos nwtwd Robin Wales
10 46878 Opawa Pauline nwtwd Robin Wales

5 Steve Anngow Drapes & Blinds 12.46

\$1450, C1, 295m
1 74626 Gadzooks 17.44 Bruce Dann
2 77586 Little Lottie 17.47 Mitchell & Smith
3 83644 Macey Baxter 17.22 John McInerney
4 56586 Goldstar Flora nwtwd S & B Evans
5 52337 Smash Gator 17.39 Malcolm Grant
6 61847 Denuto 17.52 Ray Adcock
7 65365 Know Majority 17.44 Garry Cleeve
8 83532 Pooran's Jadeja 17.74 J M McCook
EMERGENCIES:
9 68268 Homebush Flynn 17.30 John McInerney
10 66755 Goldstar Power 17.49 S & B Evans

6 Swimming Goat @ Stud 1.04

\$1450, C1, 295m
1 33438 Mulberry Brit 17.60 Ken Cassidy
2 54355 Homebush Comet 17.55 John McInerney
3 77353 Tonkawa 17.62 Mitchell & Smith
4 67133 Sydneys Sox 17.30 Lisa Waretini
5 44336 Pacemaker 17.54 Ashley Bradshaw
6 81825 Goldstar Tawny 17.60 S & B Evans
7 81667 Precious Payton 17.49 S & B Evans
8 36662 Horse Range Gold 17.71 Malcolm Grant
EMERGENCIES:
9 68268 Homebush Flynn 17.30 John McInerney
10 15486 Absent nwtwd Garry Cleeve

7 Springston Hotel Sprint 1.21

\$1450, C1, 295m
1 28744 Smash Ocean 17.50 David Kingston
2 58457 Heidi Hates Rap 18.06 Sharon Hindson
3 21282 Calm Inferno 17.60 Bruce Dann
4 7s472 Dagny 17.38 J M McCook
5 21352 Mulberry Rock 17.48 Ken Cassidy
6 33874 Goldstar Wynter 17.36 S & B Evans
7 25231 Opawa Di 17.10 J & D Fahey
8 23544 Impressive Flash 17.53 John McInerney
EMERGENCIES:
9 68268 Homebush Flynn 17.30 John McInerney
10 38684 Jinja Sneak 17.36 Allan Joyce

8 Jingle Bell Sprint 1.38

\$1450, C1, 295m
1 44454 Gotcha Pixie 17.64 S & B Evans
2 48238 Raquel Allen 17.76 Craig Roberts
3 24321 Carl Spackler 17.73 Ray Adcock
4 8TF16 Know Tactics 17.61 Garry Cleeve
5 46474 Elite Blueblood 17.69 John McInerney
6 31721 Two Be Frank 17.33 Bruce Dann
7 84765 Right On Time 17.52 Howard Anderson
8 43536 Goldstar Hurley nwtwd Lisa Waretini
EMERGENCIES:
9 68268 Homebush Flynn 17.30 John McInerney
10 56675 Goldstar Clover 18.20 S & B Evans

9 Amber Cleaning Serv. Santa 1.59

\$1450, C1, 295m
1 64713 Opa's Dream 17.58 Ray Casey
2 14 Retallick 17.33 Calum Weir

3 53664 Jay Spencer 17.57 Lisa Waretini
4 67388 Rosies Choice 17.81 Norman Wanhalla
5 56434 Goldstar Galaxie 17.40 S & B Evans
6 65264 Jingli Jill 17.42 Mitchell & Smith
7 53765 M'lady Sadie 17.38 Ashley Bradshaw
8 74784 Homebush Pierce 17.54 John McInerney
EMERGENCIES:
9 68268 Homebush Flynn 17.30 John McInerney
10 37837 Eric Mate 17.41 J M McCook

10 Christchurch Casino Stakes 2.17

\$2505, C1, 520m
1 22313 Opawa Cutie 30.83 Robin Wales
2 32665 Go Great nwtwd Robin Wales
3 56533 Shermo Bale 30.57 Craig Roberts
4 44645 Goldstar Truman 30.85 S & B Evans
5 21327 Longshanks 30.75 Ashley Bradshaw
6 32236 Haidee Bale 30.59 Daniel Roberts
7 133 Macadoodle 30.55 J & D Fahey
8 44144 Goldstar Dawson nwtwd S & B Evans
EMERGENCIES:
9 s4663 Boyka nwtwd J & D Fahey
10 78746 Our Nala 30.70 Robin Wales

11 Clarkson's Sign Studio 2.35

\$2505, C1, 520m
1 1512 Xabil Bale 30.12 Craig Roberts
2 43121 Mr Blackjack 30.38 J & D Fahey
3 12 Opawa Dan 30.65 Robin Wales
4 54336 My Kirsty 31.03 Hart & Taylor
5 43783 Tikao Jackie nwtwd Mitchell & Smith
6 24762 Ohoka Carken 30.88 Lisa Waretini
7 63276 Goldstar Scooby 30.65 S & B Evans
8 43454 Black Stockings 30.75 Ashley Bradshaw
EMERGENCIES:
9 51587 Go Rap nwtwd Robin Wales
10 74875 Opawa AI 30.53 Robin Wales

12 Ray White Cashmere Xmas 2.53

\$2505, C1, 520m
1 25F74 Hustle Ace 30.72 Norman Wanhalla
2 5658s Born Tasha 30.65 J & D Fahey
3 63628 Goldstar Chief 30.83 S & B Evans
4 54486 Know Talent 30.75 Garry Cleeve
5 73122 Lethal Lettie 30.92 Ashley Bradshaw
6 17446 Queena Bale nwtwd Craig Roberts
7 45252 Tucker 30.63 Daniel Lane

6 63753 Dream Kay 30.29 Robin Wales
EMERGENCIES:
9 51587 Go Rap nwtwd Robin Wales
10 46388 Stumpy Bill 30.61 Michael Dempsey

13 Crate & Barrel Hotel Sprint 3.11

\$1450, C1, 295m
1 56s52 Cisco Reign 17.58 Daniel Roberts
2 33682 Punters Kirsty 17.40 Robin Wales
3 55387 Mulberry Will 17.71 Ken Cassidy
4 36572 Know Dollars 17.51 Garry Cleeve
5 12257 Billy Budd 17.51 Alan Botherway
6 22232 Homebush Rehaina nwtwd John McInerney
7 14177 Goldstar McQueen 17.58 S & B Evans
8 588s5 Just James 17.43 Howard Anderson
EMERGENCIES:
9 68268 Homebush Flynn 17.30 John McInerney
10 45848 Batty Who 17.73 Mitchell & Smith

14 Beach Cafe & Wine Bar 3.31

\$1450, C1, 295m
1 45573 Tremonti 17.78 Bruce Dann
2 32858 Platonic Affair 17.47 Lisa Waretini
3 73663 Memphis Jewel 17.40 Craig Roberts
4 41547 Frosty Kate 17.71 Michael Dempsey
5 22314 Mitcham Pru 17.44 Ashley Bradshaw
6 77728 Dapper Danny 17.56 John McMillan
7 14566 Goldstar Spook 17.67 S & B Evans
8 24525 Jinja Liv nwtwd J M McCook
EMERGENCIES:
9 68268 Homebush Flynn 17.30 John McInerney
10 35875 Paringi Pam 17.39 Mitchell & Smith

15 Merry Xmas From C'church GC 3.52

\$1450, C1, 295m
1 14 Ever Rested 17.53 Ashley Bradshaw
2 23423 Jinja Dylan nwtwd Allan Joyce
3 16773 Aroha 17.19 Alan Botherway
4 65458 Goldstar Charger 17.72 S & B Evans
5 7187s Dyna Wink nwtwd Craig Roberts
6 78734 Tearaway Tara 17.43 J M McCook
7 36888 Know Legend nwtwd Garry Cleeve
8 77882 Mulberry Sox 17.87 Ken Cassidy
EMERGENCIES:
9 68268 Homebush Flynn 17.30 John McInerney
10 15477 Curly Bill 17.59 Michael Dempsey

Palmerston North greys at Manawatu Monday

Jetbet 3 TAB D. 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 T. 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 8-9-10 Q. 2-3-4-5, 7-8-9-10 PL6 5-10

Selections
Race 1: IDOL ANDY, IDOL LEO, YOUNG DUMB BROKE
Race 2: BIGTIME THOR, BIGTIME JAMIE, BIGTIME CHARLOTE
Race 3: BIGTIME BANJO, BIG TIME FROSTY, BIGTIME STELLA
Race 4: SHE'S FOR US, BIG TIME LEBRON, TROPHY TRONPHY
Race 5: BIGTIME DIESEL, THOMAS WILLIAM, MY PABLO
Race 6: BIG TIME JACKSON, WOMAN NO CRY, JAY MIKE
Race 7: BOYS GET PAID, SILENT DISMISSAL, BIGTIME FOREST
Race 8: TOMMY THE JETT, BIGTIME ALFIE, RIVALRIES
Race 9: BIGTIME LEVI, HEY FERNANDO, ASK KING JEFF
Race 10: MIGHTY MUSCLE, HOT PLATTER, DJAY DYNAMIX

1 Tab Promo For Races 1 & 2 12.02

\$1365, CO, 410m
1 24687 Young Dumb Broke nwtwd Melissa Olden
2 37563 Star Way nwtwd Carol Morris
3 5457 Sub Twenty Three nwtwd Lisa Cole
4 5 Idol Andy nwtwd Marcie Flipp
5 42475 Penny Mowhawk nwtwd David Denbee
6 7 Idol Leo nwtwd Marcie Flipp
7 67834 Dewie nwtwd Sue Gommans

8 4486 Life Is Good nwtwd Melissa Olden
EMERGENCIES:
9 36874 Free Thinker nwtwd Melissa Olden
10 54568 Trudy Remarkable nwtwd Carol Morris

2 Tab Promo For Races 1 & 2 12.20

\$2035, C2/3, 410m
1 67288 Bigtime Thor 23.38 Lisa Cole
2 2315F Big Time Tatum 24.32 Lisa Cole
3 56384 Johnny Mowhawk nwtwd David Denbee
4 3F665 Bigtime Charlotte nwtwd Lisa Cole
5 16516 Elouera Mist 23.90 J & D Bell
6 44322 Bigtime Jasmine 23.51 Lisa Cole
7 46831 Bigtime Molly 23.81 Lisa Cole
8 83551 Bigtime Jamie nwtwd Lisa Cole
EMERGENCIES:
9 36777 Dyna Lenny nwtwd Kellie Gommans
10 38582 Arthur's Crown nwtwd Richard Waite

3 Formpro Ratings Free Monday 12.37

\$2390, C4, 410m
1 64153 Millie Prince 23.29 J & D Bell
2 31783 Big Time Nash 23.39 Lisa Cole
3 32116 Bigtime Caleb 23.56 Lisa Cole
4 35658 Big Time Frosty 23.37 Lisa Cole
5 72111 Idol Duke 23.52 Marcie Flipp
6 67413 Bigtime Stella 23.62 Lisa Cole
7 72734 Bigtime Banjo 23.49 Lisa Cole
8 32586 Big Time Billie 23.47 Lisa Cole
EMERGENCY:
9 64877 Bigtime Bronx nwtwd G & S Fredrickson

4 Greyhounds As Pets 12.55

\$2860, C4/5, 410m
1 s1268 Trophy Trophy 23.32 Angela Turnwald
2 54124 Funky Facts 23.27 G & S Fredrickson
3 87128 Bigtime Pearl nwtwd Lisa Cole
4 75316 She's For Us 23.48 Matt Roberts
5 72377 Bigtime Enjay 23.56 G & S Fredrickson
6 74718 Bigtime Ziggy 23.44 Lisa Cole
7 68461 Bigtime Lizzy 23.43 Lisa Cole
8 61542 Bigtime Eve 23.21 Lisa Cole
EMERGENCIES:
9 18375 Big Time Lebron 23.38 Lisa Cole
10 64877 Bigtime Bronx nwtwd G & S Fredrickson

5 Affordable Pet Accesories 1.12

\$2505, C1, 457m
1 31338 Big Time Chad 26.50 Lisa Cole
2 52752 Bigtime Diesel 26.18 G & S Fredrickson
3 83364 Waitohi 26.05 Angela Turnwald
4 136 Belmonts nwtwd Lisa Cole
5 33482 Thomas William 25.97 David Denbee
6 37447 Big Time Trae 26.11 Lisa Cole
7 81822 My Pablo nwtwd Nathan Udy
8 1144 Dangerous Di nwtwd L E Dunkerton
EMERGENCY:
9 73647 Bigtime Kate 26.13 G & S Fredrickson

6 J P Print, Petone 1.30

\$2505, C1, 457m
1 47556 Diamond Geezer 26.93 Mark Goodier
2 236F7 Valve Bouncing nwtwd Nathan Udy

3 46514 Big Time Gwyn 26.42 Lisa Cole
4 41112 Big Time Jackson 26.13 Lisa Cole
5 35623 Woman No Cry 26.43 Angela Turnwald
6 32143 Jay Mike 26.28 Nathan Udy
7 58364 Grunty Mama 26.80 S & C Blackburn
8 42487 Bigtime Rosie 26.24 G & S Fredrickson
EMERGENCY:
9 73647 Bigtime Kate 26.13 G & S Fredrickson

7 Paul Claridge Electrical 1.48

\$2860, C2, 457m
1 1611 Silent Dismissal 26.11 Angela Turnwald
2 21636 Bigtime Fred 26.04 Lisa Cole
3 11222 Boys Get Paid 26.01 Angela Turnwald
4 32754 Bigtime Forest 25.97 Lisa Cole
5 35525 Tuff Knight 26.78 Bernie Mitchell
6 63112 Big Time Elsa 26.20 Lisa Cole
7 11754 Double What nwtwd Angela Turnwald
8 45132 Electrical Storm 26.30 Mark Goodier
EMERGENCIES:
9 47837 Big Time Benny 26.58 Lisa Cole
10 38668 Tuff Treasure 26.52 Bernie Mitchell

8 Doug Bradley Painters 2.06

\$3325, C2/3, 457m
1 74536 Tommy The Jett 26.09 Angela Turnwald
2 24375 Bigtime Alfie 26.25 Lisa Cole
3 22225 Rivalries nwtwd J & D Fahey
4 85363 Spring Fox nwtwd D & J MacAuley
5 56843 Gazza's Girl nwtwd G & S Fredrickson
6 64s25 Bigtime Acacia 26.09 Lisa Cole
7 74771 Bigtime Benji 26.11 Lisa Cole

8 14577 Buddy Loaded 26.23 Glen Hodgson
EMERGENCIES:
9 57367 Vibe nwtwd Angela Turnwald
10 47837 Big Time Benny 26.58 Lisa Cole

9 Outback Trading Terminating P6 2.24

\$4735, C4/5, 457m
1 85287 Fare Dodger 26.01 Mark Goodier
2 42154 Ask King Jeff 25.78 Lisa Cole
3 55442 Turanza's Terror 25.98 Angela Turnwald
4 76355 Thrilling Trev 26.10 Kellie Gommans
5 47234 Bigtime Rod 26.04 Lisa Cole
6 62F33 Cheeseball 26.11 Lisa Cole
7 16163 Hey Fernando nwtwd G & S Fredrickson
8 14244 Bigtime Levi 25.75 Lisa Cole
EMERGENCIES:
9 28366 Big League Diva 25.95 G & S Fredrickson
10 85876 Bigtime Lilah 25.75 Lisa Cole

10 Nancy Cobain (Grp 2) Final 2.42

\$16,000, C2, distance, final, 660m
1 81412 Hot Platter 38.72 Angela Turnwald
2 24621 Mighty Muscle 38.26 J & D Fahey
3 51763 Djay Dynamix nwtwd Lisa Cole
4 41131 Gem 38.49 J & D Fahey
5 s3361 Tradition 38.53 J & D Fahey
6 12872 Kamada Park 38.53 Angela Turnwald
7 11142 Emgrand Park nwtwd Angela Turnwald
8 27513 Max Dancer nwtwd J & D Fahey
EMERGENCIES:
9 26343 Opawa June 38.41 Angela Turnwald
10 71134 Thrilling Nina nwtwd Karen Walsh

Extra Palmerston North greys at Manawatu Monday

Jetbet 9 TAB D. 1-2, 3-4 T. 2-3-4 Q. 1-2-3-4

Selections
Race 1: BIG TIME SPOT, BIGTIME DAISY, NAHARIS
Race 2: PARIS END, OPAWA FLASH, CHOICE SISTER
Race 3: MORNING SUN, GIRAFFE CLUB, JAY WENDY
Race 4: BEES AND BIRDS, THREE AMIGOS, BIG TIME VEGAS

1 Kernow Construction 3.04

\$1685, C2,

NOTICE BOARD

Entertainment

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STAR WARS: The last Skywalker (M) SAT-SUN 11.30am, 1pm, 2.30pm, 5.30pm, 7pm, 8.30pm. MON 10am, 11.30am, 1pm, 2.30pm, 5.30pm, 7pm, 8.30pm
STAR WARS: The Rise of Skywalker 3D (M) DAILY 4pm
THE QUEEN'S CORGI (PG) SAT 2pm. SUN 11.20am, 2pm
PLAYMOBIL: THE MOVIE (G) DAILY 1.10pm
THE ADDAMS FAMILY (PG) SAT-SUN 11.55am, 4.05pm. MON 10am, 11.55am, 4.05pm
FROZEN 2 (PG) SAT-MON 10am, 12.10pm, 2.20pm, 7pm. SUN 12.10pm, 2.20pm, 4.35pm
THE GOOD LIAR (R13) SAT-MON 4.35pm, 8.20pm. SUN 8.20pm
KNIVES OUT (M) SAT-SUN-MON 3.20pm, 8.20pm
FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS (M) SAT-SUN 6pm. MON 10.30am, 6pm
JOJO RABBIT (M) SAT-SUN 6pm. MON 1.50pm, 6pm
***BOLLYWOOD* DABANGG 3 (TBA)** SUN 7.15pm

Times may vary subject to late changes
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Raffle Results

FRIENDS OF THE HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
 Drawn 18th Dec 2019
 Winner:
 Ticket 409 JAN

Meetings

POTIKIRUA KI WHANGAOKENA TAKUTAI KAITIAKI TRUST (ROHE 1)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting is called for members of the hapu of Ngati Porou within the area, Potikirua ki Whangaokena.

Proposed Special Resolution: "That the Potikirua ki Whangaokena Takutai Kaitiaki Trust Deed be amended so that references to the name of trustee, Hal Hovell, be given instead as his full legal name of Stanley William Harry Hovell." Passing of the Special Resolution will correct a flaw in the current Trust Deed.

Meeting date: Sunday, 5 January 2020

Time: 1pm
 Venue:
 Matahi o Te Tau Marae

Horoera Rei Kohere (Chair)

Meetings

PAHOU TRUST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Calling all Owners of Wharekahika C7 & C11
Sunday, January 5 2020

Hinemaurea Marae Wharekahika
 Start Time 10AM

AGENDA:

- Financial Report
- Chairman's Report
- Review and Accept Trust Order
- Discussions and Open Forum?

WHAKAI STATION SPECIAL MEETING

Calling all Owners of Wharekahika B1 & B2
Sunday, January 5 2020

Hinemaurea Marae Wharekahika
 Start Time 2:30PM

AGENDA:

- Constitution of Ahu Whenua Trust
- Election of Trustees
- Discussions and Open Forum?

Meetings

WHAREKAHIKA A14B SPECIAL GENERAL HUI

12th JANUARY 2020 at 11am

POTAKA MARAE
AGENDA

- Karakia
- Mihi
- Declare Conflict of Interest
- Update from Trustees
- Election of two trustees (new positions)
- Karakia
- Kamutu

Lunch provided

Public Notices



All of us at Barnardos in Gisborne, wish all of you in the community, a very happy festive season, and a safe and peaceful new year.

We give thanks to everyone who has supported our work over this past year and look forward to continued cooperation in the year ahead.

Our office and all services will close at noon on Tuesday 24th December 2019 and will reopen on Monday, 6th January 2020.

Ngā mihi o te Kirihimete me te Tau Hōu, let's keep it violence-free.

Work Wanted

ELECTRICIAN. All works certified. 10% off hourly rate. Paul, 0226 783 024.

TREE removals, tree trimming. Greenwaste removal, 0274 668 201.

Public Notices

THE PROPRIETORS OF AHIKOUKA A6B INCORPORATION & WAIOMATATINI C & WAIROA 1A TRUST

Shareholders & Whanau are invited to attend a farm tour
SATURDAY, 22 February 2020
 Commence at 8.30am
 Lunch at 12 noon
 Wananga at 1pm

MEET AT WAIOMATATINI WOOLSHED, 983 WAIOMATATINI ROAD, RUATORIA

Please notify the office if you are going to attend

RSVP by 5pm, 7 February 2020 to: mbu@bdo.co.nz or arataha.stn@gmail.com or Ph 0800 11 11 55 and ask for MBU Group

There will also be accommodation available for Saturday night at Porourangi Marae

(Note: If you phone in our office is closed from 5pm 20th December 2019 and re-opens on 13th January 2020)

Work Wanted

FLOOR Sanding & POLYURETHANING

Of old and new floors.

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HARDWORKING 26 year old male seeking packhouse work or similar. 027 255 7988.

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 The Gisborne Herald

Meetings

WAIPIRO A31 TRUST

2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of beneficial owners will be held at BDO offices on **Saturday 25 January 2020 at 10.30am.**

AGENDA

1. Mihi/Karakia.
2. Apologies.
3. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.
4. **Election** - for two positions caused by the resignation of Lee Cudd & Ngawiki Cudd
Note (1) Nomination duly completed by nominator and candidate must be lodged at the Incorporations office, 1 Peel Street, Gisborne not later than **10.30am, Wednesday 22 January 2020.**
 (2) Proxy forms and power of attorney must be lodged at the Incorporations office by **10.30am, Thursday 23 January 2020.**
5. Chairperson Report.
6. Annual Accounts for the years ended 30 June 2018 & 2019.
7. Distribution recommendations.
8. Appointment of Auditor and Share Valuer.
9. Special Resolution: *Beneficial owners to vote in favour of one of the following -*
 Enter a 20yr carbon farming lease with NZ Carbon Farming Continue to lease the property for livestock farming
10. General Business.

Notes

Proxy and Powers of Attorney forms are available to beneficial owners at BDO Gisborne Ltd, 1 Peel Street, Gisborne.

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 CHAIRPERSON

Situations Vacant

Te Kura Tuarua o Turanga Wahine Gisborne Girls' High School

SPORT COORDINATOR POSITION

Gisborne Girls' High School is a high performing sports school with high expectations. We are looking for a permanent part time, 25 hours per week, term time, Sports Coordinator to work in conjunction with our Sports Administrator to oversee the management of the many sporting codes offered to our young women. The position will take effect from the beginning of Term 1, 2020.

Applications by formal letter, application form with CV and cover letter can be emailed to: info@gghs.school.nz or posted to PO Box 249, Gisborne.

Applications close Monday 13 January 2020 at 3.00pm.

Jan Kumar
 Principal

Situations Vacant



Turanga Health is an Iwi based health provider in Turanganui a Kiwa servicing the tribal boundaries of Ngai Tamanuhiri, Te Aitanga a Mahaki and Rongowhakaata.

Employment opportunities

Registered Nurse – Fixed Term to 19 December 2020 (Maternity Cover)

We have a vacancy for an experienced registered nurse to join our Tamariki Ora Team.

This role is supported by Kaiawhina – strongly integrated in other primary care initiatives within Turanga Health service delivery and promises the successful candidate a wide range of job variety and work satisfaction.

CAYAD (Community Action on Youth and Drugs) Coordinator – Fixed Term to 31 July 2020 (Maternity Cover).

We have a vacancy for a Health Promotor to work alongside other Turanga Health kaimahi and community groups with an aim to collectively reduce alcohol and drug related harm in young people.

If you are up for the challenge and want to work within a unique team of passionate health professionals, then pick up a copy of the job description and application form and submit your expression of interest letter along with a CV and completed job application to: Turanga Health, PO Box 41, Gisborne 4040, Attn: Mahi Ora, or Drop off to: 145 Derby St, Gisborne.

All completed applications for this position are to be received at Turanga Health's main office: 145 Derby St, Gisborne, no later than 5pm, 20 January 2020.

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

Public Notices

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Public Notices



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SHAREHOLDER FARM TOUR

Saturday 15 February 2020

Meeting at Whangara B5 Woolshed, 2072 State Highway 35 Whangara, at 9.00am sharp.

Only 4-wheel drive vehicles (no bikes) will be permitted to access the farms. For transport on the day, please notify BDO Gisborne if you are going to attend and require transport OR if you have a 4-wheel drive vehicle available to take passengers.

Lunch & refreshments to be provided.

Only those that register will be allowed to attend due to transport and catering numbers.

Registrations: by 5.00pm
 Friday 7 February 2020
 to BDO, PO Box 169, Gisborne or email mbu@bdo.co.nz

Public Notices

Spread the Joy of Christmas

The Gisborne Herald are collecting gifts under our Christmas tree for:

SPCA Gisborne Centre & Tairawhiti Family Works – Presbyterian Support

If you, your family or business would like to give a gift to support these great causes, please bring it into our office, 64 Gladstone Road. Children's gifts do not need to be wrapped. Some suggestions for the SPCA, tins, dog/cat biscuits, toys and training treats.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
 Luke 2:10-11 KJV

Be blessed this Christmas.
MERI KIRIHIMETE

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Situations Vacant

REGISTERED NURSE (WELL CHILD) 1.0 FTE

Do you want to make a difference in the lives of young people? Do you have a 'whatever it takes' attitude to your work?

We have an exciting opportunity for registered nurses to join our Youth Health team

All candidates must be registered with the New Zealand nursing council and have a current annual practicing certificate. Experience in working with children and youth will be an advantage. The ability to engage with children and young people is essential.

There is a variety of hours available however the minimum will be 0.6 FTE (48hours/fortnight) up to full time (80hours/fortnight)

For further information regarding this opportunity, please contact **Sandi French** on (06) 869-2092 ext 8700

Apply online www.hauroratairawhiti.org.nz



The District Health Board of Gisborne/Tairāwhiti

Situations Vacant

MAORI ISSUES REPORTER

The Gisborne Herald is seeking an experienced and/or trained journalist to join our news team as a Maori issues reporter. This is a full-time permanent role.

Candidates for this key role in our news team need to be well-versed in te ao Maori and, preferably, be fluent in teo speakers.

Strong interest in people, politics, economics and social outcomes would be great attributes to have, as would good existing relationships within, and knowledge of, Te Tairāwhiti.

The successful applicant will have great communication and writing skills, enthusiasm and versatility. Multimedia and social media skills would be big advantages.

Applications with CV should be sent to:

Editor
The Gisborne Herald
PO Box 1143, Gisborne 4040
E-mail: editor@gisborneherald.co.nz

Applications close Monday, January 20 at 5pm.



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Situations Vacant



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We require Class 5 drivers with truck and trailer experience for our squash harvesting operation, starting the beginning of January 2020.

Applicants need to be energetic, reliable and able to pass a pre-employment drug and alcohol screen. We offer good hourly rates and performance bonuses.

Please apply with CV to **Coxco Farming & Horticulture Ltd**, Innes Street, Gisborne or email to admin@coxco.co.nz

Situations Vacant



Gisborne Community Early Education Centre/Te Whare Tiaki Tamariki

INFANT/TODDLER TEACHER

We are seeking a fun, passionate, professional teacher who is a qualified, registered Early Childhood Teacher to join our team of enthusiastic teachers.

We have a well established Tautoko System (Primary Care) approach which is inspired by the Pikler and RIE philosophies. A genuine interest in this specialised area of teaching is crucial to supporting the existing character and culture of our nurturing, home-like environment.

If your personal philosophy includes building respectful relationships that promote security, autonomy and resilience for our infants and toddlers, please get in touch with us for an Application and Job Description.

We are located at 175, 179 and 181 Palmerston Road, Gisborne or,

• E under5s@xtra.co.nz
• P 06 867 7575

Please Note: All applications will be considered. Applications close on the 10th January 2020.

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IDEAL Christmas gift. 2m3 Pine \$120, 4m3 \$220, 6m3 \$320, 8m3 \$430, 12m3 \$640, short logs unsplit 20m3 \$250. Mac's Wood. Ph 862 8876.

Situations Vacant



Gisborne Community Early Education Centre/Te Whare Tiaki Tamariki PEDAGOGICAL LEADER/MANAGER

New Year - New Job? We are looking for an experienced, inspirational leader who holds a Diploma, Degree or better in Early Childhood Education and is a Registered Teacher.

We are inspired by the Pikler/RIE and Reggio philosophies and have a long established Tautoko System (Primary Care). We believe that genuine relationship building is the key to all children's learning.

If you believe you can lead a team of professional, compassionate teaching staff where the team is 100% qualified, then please get in touch with us for an Application and Job Description.

We are located at 175, 179 and 181 Palmerston Road, Gisborne or,

• E under5s@xtra.co.nz
• P 06 867 7565

Applications close on the 10th January 2020.

For Sale

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Garage Sales

16B FERGUSON Dr. h/h close-up sale: tools, antique, crokery, general, \$1 - \$300 2-day sale start Boxing Day.

Fruit and Produce

STONEFRUIT. Bruce Estate Orchard open 7.30am till 6.30pm, 7 days. Ready picked or pick your own - bring containers please. www.nashigisborne.com for directions and info. Closing soon after the weekend.

Situations Vacant

COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER

IS IT YOU WE ARE LOOKING FOR?

Our Youth Health Team are seeking support from an innovative, creative Community Support Worker who will have the ability to engage with children, young people and their whanau. This role will focus on access to appropriate health services across our district and equity in health outcomes. There will also be an element of health promotion/health education in this role so the ability to present to individuals and groups is essential. The work is based in both rural and urban schools so travel is involved.

For more information about this position please contact **Sandi French** on 06 8692092 ext 8700 or 0273110359.

Apply online www.hauroratairawhiti.org.nz



The District Health Board of Gisborne/Tairāwhiti

Situations Vacant

Ngati Porou East Coast Schools & Kura

FOUR LEARNING SUPPORT CO-ORDINATOR POSITIONS

Porou Ariki Kahui Ako & the Ngati Porou Principals Association are advertising four Learning Support Co-ordinator positions based on the East Coast to work with schools and kura, in clusters, from Potaka to Whangara. The positions are for experienced trained teachers with a record of best practice. All positions are bilingual requiring applicants to be fluent in te reo ake o Ngati Porou me ona tikanga.

The positions will be based at the following schools/kura:

- TKKM o Kawakawa Mai Tawhiti
- TKKM o Te Waiu o Ngati Porou
- Hiruharama School
- Tolaga Bay Area School & Kahukuranui

Please contact the tumuaki/principal of the base school/kura for further information:

- Campbell Dewes - tari@kkmt.school.nz
- Phil Heeney - tari@tewaiu.school.nz
- Keriana Tawhai - office@hiruharama.school.nz
- Nori Parata - tolaga.school@uawa.ac.nz

All applications close on Friday 24 January 2020 and should be sent to the school/kura where the position being applied for is to be based. Appointments will be made in early February 2020.

Nori Parata, Chairperson
Ngati Porou Principals Association

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Ideally land within a 40km radius of the town boundary is preferred, but all offers on land will be considered.

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General Manager
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carla@cedenco.co.nz

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ADIDAS 3/4 trackpants in hot pink by Missy Elliot. Size 8 women's. Tags still attached, \$39. Ph 027 7724 810.

CHILD'S bike 4 to 8 yrs \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Ph 867 6971.

ADIDAS 3/4 trackpants in hot pink by Missy Elliot. Size 8 women's. Tags still attached \$39, Lacoste men's size 8.5 designer black leather trainers. Still in box never worn \$140 Ph 027 7724 810.

WEDDING veil, short, white, worn once. \$20. Ph 863 3971.

CINDERELLA high heels silver with Crystal flowers and diamantes. Never worn. Women's size 7. \$49 Ph 027 7724 810.

BARBEQUE tool set. 10 piece in sturdy aluminium carry case, (in original wrapping). \$40 ono. Ph 867 4901 or 027 2236350.

EMPORIO Armani women's Pink suede belt, never worn, still in packet, comes in gift tin \$29; George designer black studded dress, size 8. Still with tags attached. RRP \$639 selling for only \$99 Ph 027 7724 810.

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CINDERELLA high heels silver with Crystal flowers and diamantes. Never worn. Women's size 7, \$49; Roxy women's jacket, Red/black. Size 12, tags attached \$39 Ph 027 7724 810.

EMPORIO Armani women's Pink suede belt, never worn, \$29; George designer black studded dress, size 8, tags attached. RRP \$639 selling for only \$99. Ph 027 7724 810.

LEISURE Master tent. Excell cond Verandah, aluminium frame. Had little use. Bargain at \$450 ono. Ph 862 3731.

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SUNSHINE 9x9 tent, gc \$200, Kiwi 1 room plus sunroom 14x12 gc \$400. Ph 862 5558.

LACOSTE men's size 8.5 designer black leather trainers. Still in box, never worn, \$140. Ph 027 772 4810.

SMALL glass top coffee table \$30, restored rimu table 79x125cm \$250, car vacuum cleaner \$15, electric knife (as new) \$10, round chrome table \$25. Ph 867 2701.

SIMPSON 350 no frost fridge/freezer \$95, Atlas bar fridge, suit caravan \$40, full set r/h golf clubs, bag, trundler \$140, full set r/h golf club, bag, trundler \$120, 1/h golf clubs with bag \$70. Ph 868 8529 or 021 022 60003.

SHOPKINS series 4. Unopened still in packet. 12 pack includes glittery stack and display case, \$30. Ph 027 7724 810.

TENT, two room Kathmandu retreat 270, used twice, \$400. Ph 029 232 2576.

PLYWOOD ski 4.6 mts and .750 mt set up for crayfishing, 4 pots ropes and floats, paddles, beach wheels, hutchwilco life jacket, never used \$500 the lot. Ph 867 1282.

BREVILLE indoor outdoor electric barbeque griller. 37cm round plate, with little use. Excellent condition. Cost \$129.99, sell for \$75 ono. Ph 857 4901 or 027 2236350.

FOLDING trestle table (Fredman Tables). 2.4m x 75cm. Metal framework with rounded corners and plywood top, gc. \$75. Ph 8674901 or 027 2236350.

OUTDOOR glass top table and 6 chairs, as new, \$150. Ph 863 0551.

ROXY women's jacket, Red/black. Size 12. Still with tags attached \$39; Millenium falcon hot wheels ship to play with your hot wheels cars inside and around \$30. Ph 027 7724 810.

GIRLS Mountain Bike. Radius Crystal 24" girls bike. Vgc. White and purple. Viewings on request. \$120 ono. Ph Tim 021 1309 320.

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500 5yr Rom FET
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Situations Vacant



Like any big concept the idea of justice evolves as our society changes. What was normal 5 years' ago may not be acceptable now.

That's why, at the [Ministry of Justice](#) we're on a journey to redefine our relationship with New Zealanders.

Service Manager

Operations and Service Delivery, Ministry of Justice, Tairāwhiti Māori Land Court, Gisborne

This is a rare opportunity to showcase your leadership abilities and relationship skills to join and lead an awesome team working in an attractive and temperate locality to deliver high quality services for the Māori Land Court.

It is:

- a full-time, permanent, people leader position
- your chance to engage with a supportive high performing multi-disciplinary team providing judicial support and services that enable the aspirations of Māori land owners
- offering the opportunity to enjoy a diverse range of work and to make a positive contribution to the work of the Māori Land Court and other agencies involved in the retention and development of Māori lands
- about enabling access to information for Māori land owners about their land interests and the processes of the Court.

The ability to travel across the district and occasionally to support regional and national programs. A full New Zealand driver's licence is required.

This role has responsible accountability for the delivery of a range of services across the Tairāwhiti District of the Māori Land Court. You will lead the implementation of business and service improvements to the Court's operations. You will also be responsible for building the capability and delivering high quality services along with your team.

To be successful in this role you will have already shown your abilities as a proven people leader and a great communicator (both written and verbal). You will be able to demonstrate an ability to engage and motivate teams to deliver quality and timely operations every day.

An appreciation and respect for tikanga and te reo Māori are also an advantage in the context of the Māori Land Court.

Salary range: \$83,219 - \$117,485

Joining the Ministry of Justice means you will become part of an inclusive organisation that values you and the communities we serve.

How to apply

To apply, please go to the [Ministry of Justice vacancies website](#): apply.justice.govt.nz and follow the instructions.

For tracking purposes, all applications must be submitted via our online process.

Applications close on Sunday, 5 January 2020.



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The Gisborne Herald Christmas Office Hours

Weekdays 23 Dec - 03 Jan
8.30am - 3.30pm

Saturdays as per normal
8.30am - 10.30am

CLOSED - NO PAPER
25-26 Dec, 01-02 Jan

Normal office hours resume from
Monday, 6 Jan 2020

DEADLINES

Family Notices
9am on day of publication

Classifieds

12 noon, business day prior

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Anglican Church of Ruakokore, Papatea Bay

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22nd Dec 10.30am:
 Worship Service
24th 11.30pm:
 Christmas Eve Service
25th 9am Christmas Day
 Combined Service
St David's
 Cnr Rutene & De Lautour Rds, Kaiti
22nd Dec 10.30am Christmas
 Service *Pastor Richard*
Matawhero Church
 24th 7pm
 Christmas Eve Service

TAMARAU COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Mathews Rd (off Wainui Rd)
10.30am:
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 Speaker: Ray Brown
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Tues 24th 5.30pm: BBQ,
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A warm welcome
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Scriptures and songs for all ages.
Tonight, Sat 21st at 8.15pm
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Sun 22nd Dec 8am: Holy Communion
10am: Holy Communion
Tues 24th Dec 7pm: Nativity - "The Donkey Service"
11.30pm: Midnight Communion
Wed 25th Dec 9am: Christmas Communion
Waipaoa Parish
22nd Dec 9.30am: Morning Prayer and farewell to Peter at St Luke's, Waerenga-a-Hika
25th Dec 9.30am: Christmas Communion at St Luke's, Waerenga-a-Hika.

 **ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH of St Mary Star of the Sea**
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS TIMETABLE:
Tuesday 24 Dec: Saint Mary Star of the Sea Church
9am: Mass
6pm: Family Vigil Mass preceded by Carols at 5.30pm
12pm: Midnight Mass preceded by Carols at 11.30pm
Wednesday Christmas Day 25 December:
Mass at 9am St Mary Star of the Sea
Mass at 10.30am Tolaga Bay
Wednesday 1 January 2020
5.30am: Sunrise Mass on the beach (along Midway Beach)
Mass at 9am: St Mary Star of the Sea
 All other Mass times stay the same during the week

MAORI ANGLICAN CHURCH
 Holy Communion Services
St David's Church
 224 Rutene Road
8am: Every 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday
Whanau Karakia with Holy Trinity
 70 Derby Street
10am: Every 1st Sunday
Nikorā Tapu Anglican Church
 5 Oneroa Road
10am: Every 2nd and 4th Sunday
8am: Christmas Day
Toko Toru Tapu Church
 73 Whakato Road
10am: Every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday
10:30pm: Christmas Eve
All Saints' Church, Pakowhai
 402 Lavenham Road, Waituhi
10am: Every 1st Sunday
There will be no services after Christmas. Services will resume on Sunday 2 February 2020.
 Nga mihi o te Kirihimete ki a koutou.

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 Sundays 10am
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 Ptrs. Tom & Josie Crawford
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Central Baptist Church
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Sunday Service
10am
ALL WELCOME

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 Cnr Ormond & Lytton Rds
SUNDAY SERVICES - All Welcome
8:30am & 10:30am
Loving God - Loving people Ki te Atua - Ki te Tangata

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 bad days give you experience,
 worst days give you lessons,
 and best days give you memories
 Power of Positivity

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HOW TO SET YOUR GOALS
 'Write down the revelation and make it plain.'
 Put your goals in writing. God told the prophet Habakkuk, 'Write down the revelation and make it plain...so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time... Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.' (Habakkuk 2:2-3 NIV)
 Note the word 'delay', because it's not one we particularly like. God can give you a vision overnight, but usually it won't be fulfilled overnight. You'll face disappointments, discouragements, and delays. Because your vision always costs more than you estimated, and takes longer than you planned, it can become 'blurred' by your circumstances and emotions. That's why it's so important to write it down and keep it in front of you! Why did God tell Abraham that his children would be as numerous as the stars in heaven? Because stars are something you can physically look at and count. 'Where there is no vision, the people perish [languish and waste away].' (Proverbs 29:18 KJV)
 The word 'perish' suggests something that's slowly decaying, and that's what happens when you don't keep your God-given vision in front of you. If you've dreamed of losing weight, post a picture that inspires you on your refrigerator. If you dream of one day owning your own home, stick a picture of it on your message board. And if your goal is to give a certain amount to God's work, write a cheque for that amount and place it where you'll see it every day. With a clear-cut written goal, you'll always know where you are and remember what God has called you to do.
 Extract from 'The Word For Today'

Taylor wants to stay with Phoenix

FOOTBALL by Daniel Gilhooly, AAP

WELLINGTON — Captain Steven Taylor has declared a desire to see out his career at Wellington Phoenix, which will be music to the ears of their ambitious A-League coach Ufuk Talay.

Moments after Talay spoke of the need to build a settled squad for future seasons if they're to match the ongoing success of a club like Sydney FC, Taylor put his hand up to stick around.

The former long-serving Newcastle United defender has only played a season and a half at the Kiwi football club but has enjoyed it enough to enter extension talks.

No offer's been forthcoming but the 33-year-old Englishman said he would "love to" play out his days in Wellington and hopes others in the squad can also finalise contracts soon.

"Last year with a lot of players, they waited until the playoffs and that was probably bad timing for us," Taylor said.

"It wasn't nice when people were unsure.

"The club know I want to be here but that's up to them. This place has been fantastic for me. I've absolutely loved my football here."

Minutes earlier, Talay said that today's opponents in Wellington, Sydney FC, could thank continuity for their perennial winning deeds.

The assistant coach when the Sky Blues triumphed in last season's grand final, Talay arrived in Wellington in May to find the Phoenix had retained just seven players.

He's built a competitive group who sit sixth nearing the midway point of the season, and riding a five-game unbeaten stretch.

However, Sydney have got the jump on all their rivals, five points clear after winning their past six games.

"They're not starting from scratch in pre-season so that makes a massive difference," Talay said.

"The only way you can challenge for and win titles is if you have consistency in your playing group and obviously your footballing staff as well.

"The goal is to maintain 14 or 15 players for next season. Then you just add more quality to the team."

He said Sydney had done exactly that, believing the addition of "the three Bs" — Kosta Barbarouses, Alex Baumjohann and Luke Brattan — had made them even more clinical than last season's premiers.

Sydney will arrive with the ink still drying on contract extensions signed by coach Steve Corica and accomplished players Milos Ninkovic and Michael Zullo.

The only hiccup this week has been a disrupted preparation courtesy of Sydney's heat and smoke-stained atmosphere.

"One training session was reduced in length because of smoke," Corica said.

"We'd already shifted to an early start time to escape the heat.

"The smoke is a little bit difficult, you don't know when it's going to come. You've just got to take that into consideration and be a little bit flexible with your training programme."

BACK TO TAKE CHARGE:

In an August 2015 file photo, Arsenal's Mikel Arteta (centre) lifts the trophy after his team beat Chelsea 1-0 in the English Community Shield football match at Wembley Stadium, London. Arsenal have hired Arteta as manager, hoping their former midfielder can turn around their fortunes. He has spent more than three years learning the coaching ropes as assistant to Pep Guardiola, inset (left), at league champions Manchester City.

AP pictures



Arsenal look to Arteta

FOOTBALL

LONDON — Arsenal have hired Mikel Arteta as manager.

They are hoping their former midfielder can turn around the fortunes of the ailing London football club after spending more than three years learning the coaching ropes as assistant to Pep Guardiola at English champions Manchester City.

Arteta signed a three-and-a-half-year contract as the full-time replacement for Unai Emery, who was fired three weeks ago.

Arteta was persuaded to leave his role at City despite potentially being in line to be the natural successor to Guardiola.

"What I have learned mostly is you have to be ruthless and consistent, and fit the culture of the club to sustain a winning mentality," Arteta said.

"Every act is important. Pep's work-rate is incredible. The staff have to be able to transmit it and when (the players) buy into that, you can be strong."

The Spaniard retired in 2016 after spending the last five years of his playing career at Arsenal. He

returns to Emirates Stadium with Arsenal having regressed, no longer in the Champions League or challenging in the English Premier League.

"We all know there is a lot of work to be done to achieve that but I am confident we'll do it," Arteta said.

"I'm realistic enough to know it won't happen overnight but the squad have plenty of talent and there is a great pipeline of young players coming through from the academy."

Arsenal are 10th in the league, as close to the relegation zone as they are to the top four.

Arteta was close to taking charge of Arsenal after the departure of long-time manager Arsene Wenger in the off-season of 2018. Emery got the job, but couldn't revive the team and left them in something of a mess when he was let go last month.

"I want to do things my way by convincing them it is the right way for everybody to live better," Arteta said.

"Everybody has to be responsible and I do not want them hiding. I want people who deliver passion and energy. Anyone who does not buy into this has a negative effect, is not good enough for this

environment and culture."

Head of football Raul Sanllehi said the club interviewed others before opting to pursue Arteta.

"We met several top-class candidates and Mikel stood out to every single one of us as the perfect person for us," Sanllehi said.

"Mikel understands what it means to our fans around the world.

"We look forward to him getting down to work and bringing the best out of our squad as we work to get our season back on track."

Arteta takes over a side porous in defence and with a lack of quality or leadership in midfield. They are in their worst shape since the mid-1990s, before Wenger was in charge.

"Mikel Arteta has certainly a great future," Wenger said this week.

"He has learned a lot in his first experience, in his first position as an assistant coach.

"He will have to deal with the fact he has no experience at that level, and he will have to get surrounded well and have a good environment at the club." — AP

SPORTS BRIEFS

'Painful' loss for Dortmund

BERLIN — Hoffenheim scored two late goals to inflict a painful 2-1 defeat on Borussia Dortmund in German football's Bundesliga today.

Mario Gotze, in for the injured Marco Reus, put Dortmund ahead in the 17th minute but Sargis Adamyan levelled in the 79th minute and Andrej Kramaric headed the winner for the home team three minutes from time.

Dortmund, who drew 3-3 against RB Leipzig midweek, remain fourth, four points off leaders Leipzig and Borussia Monchengladbach.

Leipzig are at home to Augsburg while Monchengladbach are at Hertha Berlin and Bayern Munich, in third place level on points with Dortmund, greet Wolfsburg among this weekend's matches. — DPA

Proteas will target Root

PRETORIA — South Africa batting coach Jacques Kallis says the side will target under-pressure England cricket captain Joe Root during the upcoming test series.

Root has struggled with the bat this year as England failed to regain the Ashes and were beaten in New Zealand, although he finally found his form with a double-century in Hamilton.

Kallis says the hosts will single out Root in a bid to heighten the scrutiny surrounding his captaincy.

"He's under a bit of pressure but every captain goes through that," Kallis said.

"They've kept him as captain so they obviously believe in him. We'll certainly try to keep the pressure on him, and on England.

"But he's a world-class player so just because he's under pressure doesn't mean he's not going to have a good series.

"No doubt he will be up for a big fight and he'll want to turn it round. We have to make sure we are on the ball against him."

Kallis has linked up with old teammates Graeme Smith and Mark Boucher, who have been appointed South Africa interim team director and head coach respectively. — PA

Durante struck in the head

SYDNEY — Western United are sweating on the results of concussion tests for veteran footballer Andrew Durante, who was taken from the field at Bankwest Stadium after he was struck in the head with the ball.

The 37-year-old went down in the 79th minute of last night's A-League draw with Western Sydney Wanderers and was helped from the field by medical staff.

The New Zealand international reported dizziness, and coach Mark Rudan said Durante did not "look himself" as he came to the sideline.

Rudan said Durante was shaken and would need to pass the proper protocols to be free to play his former team Wellington Phoenix in Ballarat next week. — AAP

England add two bowlers

JOHANNESBURG — England have added two bowlers to their squad after illness struck the camp less than a week before the first cricket test against hosts South Africa.

Seamer Craig Overton and off-spinner Dominic Bess will join the squad as cover ahead of the start of the four-test series, which begins on Boxing Day in Pretoria.

Bowlers Jofra Archer, Stuart Broad and Jack Leach are among a host of squad members hit by "flu-like" symptoms sweeping through the England camp.

Batsmen Joe Denly and fielding coach Carl Hopkinson were also suffering, officials said.

Bess, 22, played two tests against Pakistan in 2018 while 25-year-old Overton won the last of four caps in the Ashes in September. The Somerset duo are due to arrive in Johannesburg on Saturday. — PA

Hopson's effort helps soften departure of Webster

BASKETBALL by Daniel Gilhooly, AAP

WELLINGTON — Scotty Hopson has helped soften the departure of New Zealand Breakers star Corey Webster with an athletic performance in a 90-84 National Basketball League home win over South East Melbourne Phoenix.

American swingman Hopson was the game's standout figure in Christchurch last night, dominating the two middle quarters to finish with 24 points and nine rebounds.

The Breakers' slim hopes of reaching the finals took a giant blow midweek when they released prolific New Zealand guard Webster to a lucrative club deal in China.

Hopson filled the void superbly, finding mismatches with ease because of his height and athleticism.

His purple patch came during a 10-minute period either side of halftime when the hosts turned a five-point deficit into a 17-point lead.

Hopson hoped the Breakers'

performance answered critics who believe Webster's release was effectively raising the white flag on their season.

"We're a tight-knit group," he said.

"We've been fighting together every day. We're pushing each other and we want to have success.

"We've lost Corey Webster, who's a really good player, but we've got to stick together as a team. We have to battle back, we've got a long road ahead of us, but we've just got to get one win at a time."

The Breakers' advantage was reduced

to four points in the final minute but the Phoenix failed to produce the necessary big plays on a night when some key players were off their game.

That couldn't be said of league-leading scorer Mitch Creek, who matched Hopson's 24 points and was more accurate from the field.

Dane Pineau pulled down nine rebounds for South East Melbourne but fellow starters John Roberson and Tai Wesley had quiet nights, the latter hampered by early foul issues.

Maligned MCG pitch on track for Boxing Day

CRICKET by Jason Phelan, AAP

MELBOURNE — Legendary cricket pitch whisperer Les Burdett has given the MCG's much-maligned wicket his emphatic seal of approval less than a week out from the Boxing Day Test.

Fears that Australia and New Zealand would be subjected to a substandard pitch were raised when a Sheffield Shield match between Victoria and Western Australia at the venue was abandoned due to a dangerous surface.

Following that debacle, Burdett, the highly respected curator at Adelaide Oval for 40 years and adviser with Cricket Australia, was brought in to supervise test preparations.

After surveying the pitch prepared by

MCG curator Matt Page, Burdett is not only confident the wicket will be safe, but that it will also make for an entertaining contest.

"The initiatives done for this year, I never say 100 percent on anything, but I'm 99.99 percent sure that this is going to be a test match worth watching because the situation has changed," Burdett told reporters yesterday.

"It just looks healthy.

"I can walk down the side of that pitch now and it just has the goods. They're going to leave a bit of grass on there.

"You'll have a pitch that has more life in it than in years gone by because the characteristics and the structure of it have changed."

The strip being prepared for the Boxing

Day Test is not the one that was deemed unsafe due to uneven bounce that resulted in Western Australian batsmen being hit by balls rearing up off a good length.

That situation arose after Page watered the pitch more than he usually would in a bid to produce a more lively wicket, as he was urged to by Cricket Australia and the venue operators.

But a change in weather left the pitch too wet, and dangerous divots were created in the wicket as it dried.

It continued a disappointing run for a wicket square widely criticised for producing lifeless, flat surfaces that allow batsmen to dominate.

The pitch was given a "poor" rating by the ICC following the drawn Boxing Day

Test against England in 2017.

But alterations have been made under the surface of the centre wicket, with the underpinning concrete slab removed.

While Burdett is confident the Boxing Day pitch will be a success, he feels for Page as he prepares the most scrutinised 22 yards of turf in the country.

"He's hurting," Burdett said.

"He loves the game and the industry, and all he wants to do is do the right thing by everybody.

"The last thing we want to do as curators is embarrass our families, our friends and the stadium. We want it to be right. I'm just coming in to support these guys, who are doing their utmost.

"They're good technicians, the boys here . . . they know what they're doing."

Ferreira crowned champion

SURFING

BANZAI PIPELINE, Oahu/Hawaii — Italo Ferreira, of Brazil, is the 2019 World Surf League (WSL) champion.

He defeated compatriot Gabriel Medina in a heated final in six-to-eight-foot waves at the Billabong Pipe Masters, the final stop on the Men's WSL Championship Tour (CT) and third gem of the Vans Triple Crown of Surfing.

Ferreira is only the third Brazilian to win the world title and Billabong Pipe Masters trophy.

"I've dedicated my whole life to getting one trophy and I did it," he said.

"This is going to my grandmother and my uncle first.

"I came to Pipe a month ago to train and test my boards. This trophy means a lot to me and I just don't have the words."

On Ferreira's path to victory, he overcame Medina — two-time world champion and formidable competitor — in the final, and Kelly Slater (USA), 11-time world champion and seven-time Billabong Pipe Master, in the semifinals.

Ferreira's wave selection reigned supreme under pressure, in part thanks to Pipeline specialist Shane Dorian (Hawaii), who helped coach and guide the Brazilian, but largely due to his perseverance. He committed to being on the North Shore for a month ahead of this event.

Ferreira opened the final heat of the season in the first 15 seconds with inside position and earned the best single-wave score of the final, a 7.83 (out of a possible 10), for a rare backdoor barrel on his backhand. He never gave up the lead and put pressure on Medina from start to finish and ultimately ended with a 15.56 scoreline to Medina's 12.94.

Conditions progressed throughout the day to deliver proper Pipeline barrels that pushed 12-foot faces for the Brazilian showdown.

Medina had a brilliant performance against John John Florence (Hawaii) in the quarterfinals and scored a near-perfect 9.23 for a cavernous Pipeline left, along with an 8.40 to combo Florence.

Medina's dominance seemed

unbeatable, especially with his expertise in big frontside barrels.

On his way to the final, Medina eliminated another Brazilian, Caio Ibelli, in dramatic fashion with an interference to top off his win in Heat 5, Round of 16. This heat was a rematch of the MEO Rip Curl Pro Portugal quarterfinals, where Medina earned an interference penalty against Ibelli.

Ibelli was left with a ninth-place result, matching his personal best at the Billabong Pipe Masters.

"Just playing the game," Medina said.

"It was my priority, I knew if I had an interference that I was going to count my big wave. There was like 20 seconds left so it's all good. I wasn't sure (whether Caio would have got the score), that's why I went. He needed a five, but it was really hard out there. I just had to play the game. Sometimes if it's in the rules, you gotta play the game."

AFTER 21 years, Kelly Slater made a historic comeback to win his third Vans Triple Crown of Surfing title by besting an international trio that included former Billabong Pipe Master Michel Bourez (France), Jack Freestone (Australia) and Ethan Ewing (Aust) heading into finals day.

This Vans Triple Crown had some of its best surf in recent years. Event No.1, the Hawaiian Pro at Haleiwa, had prime conditions, and event No.2, the Vans World Cup of Surfing at Sunset Beach, had massive, challenging surf.

"I've been planning this attack for 21 years," Slater said with a chuckle.

"The first two (Vans Triple Crown titles) that I won I really wasn't even thinking about them because I was so focused on trying to win a world title and focused on Pipeline at the time.

"I had a really fun finish to the year for me. If I'd got here this year and only caught that wave (the perfect 10-point ride during Round of 32, Heat 8) it would have been a success, so I'm stoked."

The Vans Triple Crown is in its 37th year of crowning the best surfer of the North Shore competitive season and is the world's longest-running annual



NUMBER ONE: Italo Ferreira, of Brazil, yesterday claimed his first world surfing title. WSL/Cestari picture

heritage surf series.

Only 10 non-Hawaii athletes have claimed the Vans Triple Crown title in the past 37 years, two coming from the USA (Slater and Griffin Colapinto). Slater received a trophy carved out of a broken surfboard by sustainable artist Ruben Aira.

Results — Billabong Pipe Masters, final: Italo Ferreira (BRA) 15.56; Gabriel Medina (BRA) 12.94.

Semifinal 1: Italo Ferreira (BRA) 14.77; Kelly Slater (USA) 2.57.

Semifinal 2: Gabriel Medina (BRA) 13.00; Griffin Colapinto (USA) 7.10.

Quarterfinal 1: Italo Ferreira (BRA) 15.66; Yago Dora (BRA) 13.50.

Quarterfinal 2: Kelly Slater (USA) 12.94; Jack Freestone (AUS) 9.26.

Quarterfinal 3: Gabriel Medina (BRA) 17.63; John John Florence (HAW) 12.33.

Quarterfinal 4: Griffin Colapinto (USA) 9.84; Michel Bourez (FRA) 8.77.

Round of 16, Heat 1: Italo Ferreira (BRA) 11.84; Peterson Crisanto (BRA) 4.23.

Heat 2: Yago Dora (BRA) 7.50; Julian

Wilson (AUS) 6.27.

Heat 3: Jack Freestone (AUS) 5.00; Ricardo Christie (NZL) 4.23.

Heat 4: Kelly Slater (USA) 7.33; Seth Moniz (HAW) 6.20.

Heat 5: Gabriel Medina (BRA) 4.23; Caio Ibelli (BRA) 1.13.

Heat 6: John John Florence (HAW) 5.66; Soli Bailey (AUS) 3.90.

Heat: Griffin Colapinto (USA) 10.67; Jesse Mendes (BRA) 8.50.

Heat 8: Michel Bourez (FRA) 13.43; Kolohe Andino (USA) 9.50.

Men's 2019 WSL CT Jeep

Leaderboard (after Billabong Pipe

Masters): Italo Ferreira (BRA) 59,740pts,

1; Gabriel Medina (BRA) 56,475, 2; Jordy

Smith (ZAF) 49,985, 3; Filipe Toledo

(BRA) 49,145, 4; Kolohe Andino (USA)

46,655, 5.

Vans Triple Crown of Surfing Top 5:

Kelly Slater (USA) 13,900pts, 1; Ethan

Ewing (AUS) 13,750, 2; Michel Bourez

(FRA) 12,700, 3; Ezekiel Lau (HAW)

12,600, 4; Frederico Morais (PRT)

12,200, 5.

Italo Ferreira's 2019 WSL CT results:

Quiksilver Pro Gold Coast, 1st; Rip Curl Pro Bells Beach, 5th; Corona Bali Protected, 17th; Margaret River Pro, 5th; Oi Rio Pro, 17th; Corona Open J-Bay, 2nd; Tahiti Pro Teahupo'o, 17th; Freshwater Pro, 9th; Quiksilver Pro France, 2nd; MEO Rip Curl Pro Portugal, 1st; Billabong Pipe Masters, 1st.

Seth Moniz, of Hawaii, was named as the 2019 Rookie of the Year.

The 2019 WSL Championship Tour awards 10 Olympic qualification slots for men and eight for women, with a limit of two male and two female surfers a nation.

Provisionally qualified from this year's Championship Tour are —

Men: Jordy Smith (South Africa); Kolohe Andino and John John Florence (United States); Kanoa Igarashi (Japan); Jeremy Flores and Michel Bourez (France); Gabriel Medina and Italo Ferreira (Brazil); Owen Wright and Julian Wilson (Australia).

Women: Sally Fitzgibbons and Stephanie Gilmore (Australia); Johanne Defay (France); Tatiana Weston-Webb and Silvana Lima (Brazil); Carissa Moore and Caroline Marks (United States); Brisa Hennessy (Costa Rica).

These surfers join the four men and four women who qualified for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics by way of the 2019 ISA World Surfing Games, and the man and woman who qualified by way of the Lima 2019 Panamerican Games, to make a total of 28 slots confirmed.

The remaining 12 places will be contested at the 2020 ISA World Surfing Games in May. The top five eligible men and top seven eligible women will complete the 40-strong field of competitors for the Olympics.

Those entrants decided at the 2019 ISA World Surfing Games are —

Men: Shun Murakami (Japan); Ramzi Boukhiam (Morocco); Billy Stairmand (New Zealand); Frederico Morais (Portugal).

Women: Shino Matsuda (Japan); Anat Lelior (Israel); Bianca Buitendag (South Africa); Ella Williams (New Zealand).

Decided at the 2019 Panamerican Games — Men: Lucca Mesinas (Peru). Women: Daniella Rosas (Peru).

Sydney-to-Hobart fleet preparing for tough grind

SAILING by Darren Walton, AAP

SYDNEY — Crews are bracing for some of the most challenging Sydney-to-Hobart conditions in years after the Bureau of Meteorology delivered a "sleepless forecast" for next week's race.

Officials say they have contingency plans in place to combat Sydney's smoky haze, while uncertain winds have skippers tipping one of the more unpredictable races for the 75th staging of the ocean classic.

After having to cancel this month's Big Boat Challenge due to extremely poor

visibility, the Cruising Harbour Yacht Club yesterday welcomed the forecast of clear blue skies for the Boxing Day start.

But with Gabrielle Woodhouse from the Bureau of Meteorology unable to pinpoint when a southerly change would follow the north or north-easterly winds forecast for Boxing Day, the bumper 157-strong fleet were preparing for a tough grind.

"It's a sleepless forecast," said Adrienne Cahalan, skipper of the 62-footer Chinese Whisper.

"Navigators are going to be up all night. It's going to be a very tactical race.

"This looks like a busy, busy race, this

one — but a good one because it's always nice to know when it's all not set in stone because there's still lots of uncertainty.

"It's going to be hard to say which size boat (the overall) race winner is going to come out of as we sit here today."

While the super-maxis have traditionally dominated the race, Andrew Buckingham, skipper of 32-footer TSA Management, said the unusual forecast offered "some belief that it gives the little boats a chance" to claim handicap honours.

CHYC commodore Paul Billingham was confident the club wouldn't have to activate their contingency plans because

of the bushfire-driven haze.

"It's obviously a difficult time here in New South Wales with fire surrounding Sydney and more to come tomorrow, so our thoughts as a club and a race are with the firefighters," Billingham said.

"There's a lot more uncertainty this year than perhaps there has been in the past so we'll keep a weather eye on what's happening and make our decisions as the week goes by."

Infotrack skipper Bradshaw Kellett said he didn't anticipate any boats threatening LDV Comanche's 2017 race record of one day, nine hours, 15 minutes and 24 seconds.

Trio's dedication paying dividends

TRAMPOLINE by Grant Miller

THE Gisborne Trampoline Club's top trampolinists and tumblers are poised to qualify for international competition next year.

Lily Arnold was named the best all-round trampolinist of the year at the club's end-of-year prizegiving.

"She's very dedicated to trampolining and hardly misses a training session," coach Doug Callahan said.

"She helps me coach."

Callahan said Arnold would be pushing to qualify for Australian or Indo-Pacific competitions next year at sub-junior international level (14 and under).

Lily Rolls and Capria Tamatea were named the club's best all-round tumblers.

"I couldn't split them," Callahan said.

"They're both dedicated and want to train all the time."

Rolls is eyeing international competition at the sub-junior level and Tamatea at youth level (12 and under).

The Gisborne club will host the first nationals qualifier of the year at the ElectriNet Sports Centre on February 28. About 150 trampolinists and tumblers are expected to compete.



DEVOTED: Lily Arnold (centre) is the Gisborne Trampoline Club trampolinist of the year. Capria Tamatea (left) and Lily Rolls are the club's tumblers of the year.

Picture by Rebecca Grunwell

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NOON TODAY

MIDNIGHT TONIGHT

GISBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT

Sunday Dec 22		Monday Dec 23	
am	pm	am	pm
Hicks Bay	H 3:28am 3:49pm L 9:42am 10:18pm	Hicks Bay	H 4:31am 4:47pm L 10:43am 11:17pm
Waipiro Bay	H 3:21am 3:42pm L 9:15am 9:51pm	Waipiro Bay	H 4:24am 4:40pm L 10:16am 10:50pm
Tolaga Bay	H 3:09am 3:30pm L 9:03am 9:39pm	Tolaga Bay	H 4:12am 4:28pm L 10:04am 10:38pm
Gisborne	H 2:50am 3:13pm L 8:59am 9:33pm	Gisborne	H 3:50am 4:10pm L 9:59am 10:31pm
Wairoa	H 2:31am 2:57pm L 8:45am 9:15pm	Wairoa	H 3:30am 3:54pm L 9:45am 10:12pm

SUN-MOON-MAORI FISHING GUIDE

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	Rise 5:40 am Set 8:32 pm		Rise 5:41 am Set 8:33 pm
	Rise 2:47 am Set 4:07 pm		Rise 3:20 am Set 5:16 pm
	Best at 9:22 am 9:47 pm		Best at 10:13 am 10:39 pm

NZ SITUATION

A narrow ridge precedes a front which moves up the country tomorrow and Monday, while a low approaches the North Island from the northeast. The low moves away to the southeast on Tuesday while a weak front moves over the far south.

NZ TOMORROW

Auckland	fine	21
Hamilton	fine	23
Tauranga	fine	25
Rotorua	fine	23
Taupo	fine	22
Napier	fine	21
New Plymouth	fine	20
Palmerston North	fine	21
Wellington	fine	18
Christchurch	fine	25
Queenstown	showers	20
Dunedin	showers	23

GISBORNE SUN PROTECTION ALERT

8:50 AM - 5:20 PM PROTECTION REQUIRED

Seek shade, reapply sunscreen
Data provided by NIWA

WEDNESDAY

Showers, especially from afternoon. Southerly breezes.

GIBBORNE CITY

TOMORROW	MONDAY	TUESDAY
morning min 12 max 20	morning min 11 max 22	morning min 16 max 22
Fine. Southerly breezes.	Cloudy, patchy rain developing. Southerlies.	Occasional rain, easing later. Southerlies.

GIBBORNE REGION

Fine south of Tolaga Bay. Cloudy periods and a possible shower or two in the north. Southerlies, strong about East Cape.	Cloudy, patchy rain developing. Southerlies.	Occasional rain, easing later. Southerlies.
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GIBBORNE READINGS

Taken at the Airport, for the 17 hours to 5pm, Friday 20 Dec 2019

SUNSHINE hours	14.1
To date for December	139.7
Average for December	238.0
To date this year	2497.9
To date last year	2307.5
WIND km/h	
Max gust to 5pm, Fri 20 Dec	NW 65
RAINFALL mm	
24 hours to 9am, Fri 20 Dec	0.0
To date for December	40.0
Average for December	64.0
To date this year	754.0
To date last year	1066.8
EVAPOTRANSPIRATION mm	
Daily average for past week	4.2
TEMPERATURE °C	
Maximum to 5pm	23.1
Minimum	15.1
Grass minimum	14.0
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE	
At 5pm 20 Dec (hPa)	1002.8
At 5pm 20 Dec (inches)	29.61

WORLD TOMORROW

Adelaide	fine	13	29
Amsterdam	rain	4	8
Bangkok	showers	25	32
Beijing	cloudy	-6	5
Berlin	cloudy	2	7
Brisbane	fine	22	34
Buenos Aires	fine	13	30
Cairo	fine	12	21
Canberra	haze	14	28
Cape Town	fine	14	26
Delhi	fog	7	17
Frankfurt	drizzle	5	8
Geneva	rain	6	9
Hong Kong	fine	18	22
London	showers	7	10
Los Angeles	rain	10	17
Melbourne	fine	12	22
Moscow	rain	0	6
New York	fine	1	7
Paris	showers	8	11
Perth	fine	18	29
Singapore	thunder	24	33
Stockholm	rain	4	5
Suva	showers	23	29
Sydney	fine	19	23
Tokyo	drizzle	4	8
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Now it's just for fun



HOOKED: Cory Scott takes a fish he hooked at the world championships to officials. Picture supplied



FINISHING WELL: Gisborne angler Cory Scott won his final session at the fly fishing world championships in Tasmania this month. He finished 22nd overall. Picture supplied

FLY FISHING by Grant Miller

ANGLING amid snow, gales and tiger snakes was one wild way for Cory Scott to bow out from top-echelon competitive fly fishing.

Scott, from Gisborne, is a three-time national champion and he competed at the world championships in Tasmania this month, in trying conditions.

He was keen to have one more crack at getting a world title and the New Zealand team were well prepared for the event, which was near enough to a home tournament in which professional anglers from powerhouse European nations would not have an advantage. But things didn't go to script.

"The biggest storm of the year threw everything into disarray," Scott said.

"The weather was nothing short of absolutely atrocious."

Stormy weather muddied the lakes

and the anglers were greeted by snow, hail, chilly winds and a risk of hypothermia.

Home advantage for the Australians (and the New Zealanders, who had done their homework) was wiped out.

"It was back to a level playing field." Scott, 45, competing in his last world champs, had his moments, though.

He started well. Despite hooking just seven fish from a boat at Woods Lake, the longest being 447 millimetres, he placed second in the first session.

And he finished well.

Scott's fifth and final session was at Meander River.

"I wanted to go out on a high note," he said.

"I really liked the look of the water.

"I didn't like the geography. I was informed there were tiger snakes there."

Scott decided to target deeper water.

He netted 12 fish and won the session. "Every fish I hooked, I landed.

"It was great to go out on top."

It was tough going in between. His second session, at the Mersey River in the lowlands, cost him any chance of victory, overall.

He received a hint of what was in store for him on Day 2 through banter from other anglers.

"As soon as I walked out of the hotel door I was welcomed to the 'Bus of Death'."

The river level was "alarmingly low" and he was allocated a stretch where it was difficult to be competitive.

"I fished as well as I could. I got nine fish but eight were under-size."

Scott was back on a boat the next day, at Little Pine Lagoon, and caught just the one fish but at 480mm it was good enough to place him 11th in the session.

In his fourth session, the three fish he caught on the boat at Penstock Lagoon placed him seventh.

Overall, from 118 anglers, he finished 22nd and was satisfied with his performance.

"It was the best result for a Kiwi since 2008."

France, the Czech Republic and Spain were the top three teams and New Zealand finished 13th.

Scott said "other loves in life" such as surfing were put on the backburner while he competed in fly fishing.

"The past six years have been pretty intense."

He owns and edits New Zealand Surfing Magazine and he and wife Sarah have three sons, aged seven to 18.

He loves the back country and will not retire from fishing, as he intends to continue pursuing it for the enjoyment.

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