KiwiRail focus on rest of network

‘Bureaucratic inertia’ holding up rail plans

by Wynsley Wrigley

KIWIRAIL is not yet working on a business case for the restoration of the Gisborne-Wairoa rail line. The business case is the vital next step required before the Government can formally make a decision on whether to re-open the line.

Frustration is growing among interested parties about the apparent lack of progress since the BERL feasibility study last year recommended that the line be re-opened for freight.

Kiwi Group chief executive Greg Miller said KiwiRail had many priorities across the network, “with our primary focus currently on resilience through the central North Island, along with mitigating the impacts from weather events on parts of our South Island network.

‘We are, however, committed to assessing the BERL report to confirm the validity or otherwise of figures.’

Rick Thorpe, a director of Tairawhiti Rail Ltd (TRL), one of the parties represented on the BERL feasibility study steering group, said there were no funds left from the $600,000 feasibility study, but a business case had never been part of its terms of reference anyway.

‘There has been discussion that once the politicians agree the restoration should proceed, then KiwiRail will be directed to do a business plan, utilising the significant work already completed by BERL,” said Mr Thorpe.

‘The report has now been with the various government agencies long enough for them to provide advice to cabinet ministers, especially given many of them attended the steering group meetings.

“The KiwiRail representative at the last steering group meeting confirmed that based on BERL’s numbers, the container freight service would be viable.”

Herald reader Wynne Brown has asked if the feasibility study had been a waste of time.

Mr Thorpe said it was too early to answer this question.

“The charges discussed suggested rail would compete well with the only current road option and provide significant savings for local exporters.

‘Bureaucratic inertia’, other political priorities and a lack of available KiwiRail resources are also concerns for why our project is not yet included in the New Zealand Rail Plan — the Government’s long-term vision and priorities for New Zealand’s national rail network.”

Mr Thorpe said the feasibility study, by Wellington-based economic research and consultancy business BERL, confirmed work previously done by KiwiRail and

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Major surgery to make little trooper’s heart whole

by Sophie Rishworth

A GISBORNE baby will have her heart made whole again during open-heart surgery at the end of the month.

Today, Valentine’s Day, is also Little Heart Day to recognise the 12 babies born every week in New Zealand with a heart defect.

Shiloh McMillan is nearly 11 months old. Her parents Charlotte, 25, and Neil McMillan, 24, were told during a routine scan their daughter would have heart problems. Tests later confirmed those problems would be major.

Shiloh was born with two holes in her heart, and the left side is smaller than the right. She has major heart surgery booked for February 27. This operation will be the reconstruction of her heart.

During surgery Shiloh’s heart will be taken out, she will be placed on life support, and surgeons will make her heart whole again before they place it back inside Shiloh.

“Basically it is making it into one whole heart. So that’s pretty scary.”

Charlotte says she and her husband will go to the doctors themselves after the surgery on February 27.

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A nasal gastric tube was also fitted, which Shiloh still has today.

She is also tube fed because a food aversion causes her to vomit even at the smell of food.

Charlotte and Neil were both shown how to give Shiloh food through a machine they have at home, and also how to re-insert the tube if it gets pulled out.

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Asking for help is hard but already they have been humbled by those who have donated.

Charlotte’s mum sent out a few emails late last year and the family was stunned and excited when they got $5000 from Mazda, which makes up a big chunk of the $7882 already raised.

FUNDRAISING

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Busy couple of days for charger

THE Trust Tairawhiti Rescue Helicopter team have had two big days this week.

On Tuesday, the helicopter flew to a two-car crash on the Matata straight in the Bay of Plenty.

A man in his 30s suffered serious leg injuries and was flown to Tauranga Hospital.

On Monday the Gisborne charger flew twice to Ruatoria, firstly to pick up an unwell four-year-old girl from the township medical centre, then to collect a 50-year-old woman who collapsed at work.

The women was treated by St John staff and the helicopter crew, then flown to Waikato Hospital.

The crew were in the air for four hours that day.

Guiulia plea after hammer attack

A WAIROA man has admitted injuring a woman by stomping on her head and hitting her about the head and body with a hammer.

Richard Charles Smith, 54, forest worker, pleaded guilty on one charge of assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

There had been a history of violence involving both parties prior to the incident, on January 30 of last year.

Scaling up truck driver programme

TAIRAWHITI Road Transport (TRT) industry stakeholders have been called to a meeting next week to discuss the acceleration of the TRT programme to attract and train more truck drivers in the region.

Eastland Wood Council and Tairawhiti Road Transport have invited road freight transport industry stakeholders to attend an update at the Cosmopolitan Club on Wednesday February 19 at 1pm.

“Dave Pardoe, the TRT programme manager will present the opportunities for employers to participate in the programme which will assist drivers to enter the industry,” said Eastland Wood Council chief executive Kim Holland.

“The TRT programme has recently received additional funding from the Provincial Growth Fund to scale up and accelerate the promotion, recruitment and training of professional drivers.”

The programme targets Tairawhiti road freight transport sector and includes delivery, livestock, freight, bulk haulage, long haul and logging.

“The programme has committed to working with 78 trainers working with employers, over the next two years,” Ms Holland said.

“There will be a chance to talk through any other issues that have arisen over the last few weeks with the impacts of the coronavirus on the haulage and logging industries.” To reply to the event email admin@drive35.co.nz

Police found man drunk and driving

CONCERNED about his whereabouts the family of a 22-year-old man asked police to keep an eye out for him over two big days this week.

When later located, Jayden Beardsley, forestry worker, was found to be drunk and driving.

He was sentenced by Judge Warren Cathcart to pay a $1,700 fine and to 12 months’ probation.

The major cost ($310,000) was for the engineering information from the Ministry of Transport (MOT) “that moving freight off the roads and on to rail makes economic, environmental and social sense”.

“The savings for our local exporters, based on the 2025 projection of 60,000 containers, would be in the range of $1.8 million to $2.4m each year.

“The 2020 reduced road maintenance cost for New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) is estimated to be $1.2m to $1.7m per year.

“The annual CO2 emission savings of 70 percent have been valued at $454,000, based on $25 a ton.

“Placing a value on the reduced cost of road accidents was avoided in the report and only the accidents from Gisborne to Waipawa were considered, instead of from Gisborne to Napierville.

“Based on the latest Ministry of Transport numbers a fatal crash has a social cost of $5m, a serious crash $1m.

“When the report did not include a government Return on Investment (ROI), it is clear from these numbers that the savings from moving 12,000 heavy truck movements off the Gisborne to Napier road will see the $30m investment repaid within six to seven years.”

Mr Thorpe said the Provincial Development Unit (which reports quarterly to Cabinet on the Provincial Growth Fund) decided on a feasibility study, determined the terms of reference and confirmed a budget of $600,000.

“The steering committee, which also included representatives from the Gisborne District Council, Hawke’s Bay Regional Council, Waioia District Council, Kiiwirail, MoT, New Zealand Transport Agency, Activate Tairawhiti, and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, met four times over the six months it took to complete the report.

“The project came in on budget but took longer than expected due to delays in getting engineering information from KiwiRail,” Mr Thorpe said.

“The major cost ($310,000) was for the detailed survey of the line by the various engineers employed to determine the cost of reinstating the rail link to Waipawa.

“The freight survey work cost $74,000, the balance was charged by BERL to cover the social, environmental and well-being aspects, and to compile the report.

Mr Thorpe said Tairawhiti RAIL had applied to the POF to fund the freight option and Trust Tairawhiti applied separately to consider the tourism options.

The PDU determined that there should be a joint study to determine the future use of the Waipawa-Gisborne rail line, but neither applicant received any funding for their contribution.

Mr Thorpe remains an enthusiastic supporter of the rail line.

“The volume of container freight will increase significantly since 2025, apples will go from 300 to 800 containers and processed timber volumes are expected to more than double.

“There will be real pressure on providing enough trucks and drivers.”

“Local and central government have a responsibility to provide the transport infrastructure to ensure our exporters can get their products to market.”

“Rail provides the most effective, social and environmentally responsible option. Let’s do this,” Mr Thorpe said.
Mr Young said.
Poverty Bay Cup is at 4.24pm. Racing begins at 12.55pm.
Ladies and gentlemen 25 years and over Sunday — please help us to dress for the occasion.

Prizes worth more than $4000 are up for grabs for those race fans who make an effort to dress in the right way.

Gerard, Kevin Meyers and 14 other trainers ranging from Jamie Richards, Baker Forsman, Mornery Gerard, Kevin Meyers and 14 other trainers to Paul Rickard are seen in the track racing.

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(nee Tasker)
29.6.1963 - 13.2.2017
There you will remain.

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WE'RE all getting older and slower. At least that's what Lynda Dayberg, 62, thought when she noticed she was struggling to run, shortly after taking one of her grandchildren for a bike ride. Other “little things” were happening, more accurately, not getting more difficult. A fall in late 2017 resulted in a herniated disc which probably served as a distraction to what else was occurring, she said.

Surgery in September 2018 for the herniated disc was a success but her bodily functions continued to deteriorate. The surgeon treating her back injury then referred her to a neurologist for further investigations.

The Hamilton-based neurologist diagnosed her with Motor Neurone Disease in April 2019. It was then Lynda realised she had probably been suffering from the disease over the previous 18 months to two years.

“I did not know what motor neurone disease was. She was told there was no treatment or cure. It would be mere about managing the symptoms while maintaining comfort, independence and quality of life. The MND New Zealand website proved to be a valuable source of information, giving you as much information as you want to know. “I thought this can't be what I've got.”

She was “unsure if it was a real thing.”

“It was unbelievable to me, I thought I was going to get better,” she said. The website put her in touch with MND New Zealand co-ordinator Jane Kay.

“She was very helpful in making sure we went to the right places to get support.”

“Between us (Lynda, Hauora Tairawhiti and MND New Zealand) we've set up a really strong team.” Electric chairs, ramps, a hospital quality bed, and other modifications in the house have proved vital in helping with the quality of Lynda’s life.

“There’s a lot of help available,” said Lynda.

“It’s up to you whether you take it or not.”

Geneva Healthcare caregiver Annie Meredith said there was a very broad team supporting Lynda, including surgeons, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, a dietitian and others.

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Sir Bob Jones withdraws his defamation case

WELLINGTON — Sir Robert (Bob) Jones has withdrawn his defamation case against New Zealand politician Winston Peters, who set up a petition after he wrote an article which suggested Maori should be denigrated. He continues to deny his column was racist.

The Labour MP for Tauranga had referred the matter to police to investigate. Peters said in light of the confusion, it was the confusion.

“Tauranga Mayor Tenby Powell, who also disagreed with police, said the man had been targeted by police in the aftermath of the shooting.

“Mr Powell said police were containing the situation, and that a police vehicle in pursuit had been involved in a shooting. The vehicle then stopped and an occupant was heard discharging the firearm. Police continued to discharge the firearm. Police remained on alert across the city.”

The Gisborne Herald
Govt’s homelessness action plan welcomed

by Jordan Bond, RNZ

AUCKLAND — An Auckland property manager says she would be delighted to be able to cease providing emergency housing.

Ms Andaz manages more than 10 houses around South Auckland used for emergency housing.

She said she wanted the children to be in more stable homes, and would not miss the damage she has had to fix.

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Ms Andaz said that was a fair grant, which usually lasts for a week.

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Wife claims self-defence after killing husband

by Anneke Smith, RNZ

AUCKLAND — The jury in the trial of a woman accused of murdering her abusive partner has heard that her mother told police the night of the stabbing.

Karen Anne Ruddelle is on trial in the High Court at Auckland charged with murdering Joseph Ngapera in their Manurewa home in the early hours of November 14, 2018.

It is the Crown’s case that she stabbed him with an intent to kill while her defence argues she was acting in self-defence after years of abuse.

Ruddelle’s youngest son, who was 14 at the time, spoke to Constable Wepiha Te Kanawa at the Thompson Terrace house.

The police officer wasn’t permitted to share what was said when he gave evidence this week, but Crown prosecutor Christ Howard read his notes to the court yesterday.

“I woke up, I walked into the kitchen. I saw my Mum arguing with Joseph. I think she stabbed him with a knife. I think she’s drunk. She doesn’t usually drink, he told Constable Te Kanawa.

“I think my mum got upset because Joseph was talking about my sibling in a negative way. I wasn’t awake when they were fighting. I just walked into the kitchen, I saw my Mum with a knife in her hand. I think she’s drunk. She doesn’t usually drink and she’s usually cool, but she got upset because Joseph was saying something about my brother. I think she stabbed him because he was arguing with Mum. The next thing I know Mum had a knife and stabbed Joe.”

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Romance scammers after money not hearts

WELLINGTON — People looking for love on dating apps this Valentine’s Day are being warned to be on the lookout for romantic scammers who target the day to exploit singles.

The internet watchdog Netsafe says the tricksters count on the age-old adage that “love is blind”.

Between 2018 and 2019, there were over 130 so-called “romance scams” reported to the internet watchdog, with the average financial loss a staggering $31,000.

Netsafe chief executive Martin Cocker said the scammers typically developed relationships with their victims on apps like Tinder and Bumble, before moving to other platforms.

“There are examples where people have met with someone who’s turned out to be a scammer but with 99 percent of the scam losses that are reported to us, the person who is handing over the money will never have physically met the person they are handing the money to.”

The fraudsters convince their victims to hand over money with stories about family crises, debts that urgently need to be paid, or they get them to pay for their flights so the love birds can be together.

A typical romance scam victim is female, from Auckland, and aged between 41 and 64.

Cocker said romance scams were particularly effective at extracting money over long periods, with most victims making multiple payments.

Once the money’s been paid, it is as good as gone.

“It’s extraordinarily difficult to recover money; to the point that you can say with almost 100 percent certainty that it will not be recovered,” he said.

“Romance scams are a double-whammy — you lose money, you have the embarrassment of having been tricked, and at the same time you are finding out that the person you have developed a romantic relationship with is not real.”

Cocker said a reason these scams could be so effective was that the victims often want to believe the best in their new flame, so risk seeing the situation with rose-tinted glasses.

“These scams can be harmful on many levels and I really feel for victims of romance scams and encourage them to come forward and talk to Netsafe about what they can do to resolve their situation.” — RNZ

AUCKLAND — A new shelter has been opened for homeless women in downtown Auckland.

The Auckland City Mission, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and the Ministry of Social Development, opened the apartment in Auckland’s CBD.

Women and those identifying as women can stay at the shelter for up to twelve weeks with support of a bed, food, shower and laundry facilities.

Following this, they will receive a further twelve weeks of support to aid them into permanent accommodation.

The programme will support up to 60 women a year, but general manager of social services at the mission, Helen Robinson, said that would not meet demand.

The Auckland City Mission chief executive Chris Farelly said the new apartment was more than just a shelter.

“This is a place of healing where people will be able to move on, to have the embarrassment of having been tricked, and at the same time to feel safe.”

Community Housing Aotearoa chief executive Scott Figenshow said the apartment was paving the way for addressing homelessness in New Zealand.

“This is exactly an example of what we need to be doing to help more of the participants. This is a place of healing where people will be able to stand in front of 10 of these examples.”

The announcement followed a pilot programme which ran during the winter last year. — RNZ
Farmers looking skywards as extreme dry takes hold in parts of region

by Andrew McRae, RNZ

HAMILTON — Farmers in parts of Waikato are looking skyward, hoping at least 100 millimetres of rain will fall within the next fortnight as an extreme dry takes hold in the region. Northern, central and eastern Waikato have not seen any decent rain since December, and that came after a fairly dry year.

While drought-like conditions in Northland have this week been declared an adverse event, a similar call is yet to be made in Waikato. The paddocks at Peter Le Heron’s Te Puninga farm, not far from Morrinsville, are patched and crispy brown.

“We are going backwards because we have no grass at all. What grass there is is a brown-to-silvery colour,” Mr Le Heron described the situation as dire. “The cows are really just chewing nothing and, as you can see, it is just as bare as your lawn would be at this time of year.”

Mr Le Heron was feeding his cows grass silage and brewers grain. “It is not enough to sustain good milking. We are really going backwards in terms of production,” he said.

Roger Lumsden farms 430 hectares with just under 800 Friesians, at Ohinewai in North Waikato. He has been on the family farm for about 26 years and is used to dry spells and droughts.

“I guess the concerning thing for us this year is that it has come early.”

BIG DRY: Steve Stark on his tinder-dry farm in Mangawara in Waikato.

Mr Lumsden said this adds its own challenges. “The last few droughts have come a month later, and by that stage we’ve done our pregnancy testing and we have a bit more production.”

“It’s just the fact it has come so early this year and it has put pressure on green feed crops, after a fantastic spring when we got plenty of grass slage and stuff.”

He said without any reasonable rain soon, it was going to be a long haul into winter.

Mr Lumsden said while his relationship with his bank was good, some farmers were under real pressure financially. “Hopefully they are talking to their banks, and hopefully talking to the people they need to be talking to. Yeah, [these are] interesting times: land prices are a little unsteady at the moment and banks will be watching what is going on with real interest.”

He said the industry was also seeing a little bit of an effect from the coronavirus (COVID-19) on milk auctions. “I guess the bright side is we are still looking at a reasonably good payout for this season, and that always helps.”

Mr Lumsden said experience of previous dry spells and droughts had taught him that farmers needed to react earlier and be ready to be in it for the long haul.

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“Whether it is climate change or not we are seeing a little bit of an effect but, at the end of the day, Mother Nature has a way with averages, and we have before been through a dry year and the following year has been extremely wet. “Whether it is climate change or not though, I am still yet to be convinced.”

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by Emma Russell, RNZ

Six months after Hassan was diagnosed, Pharmacr approved funding for Maviret which is expected to cure 99 percent of people living with hepatitis C.

After taking one pill a day with little to no side effects for eight weeks, Hassan was free of the virus and now lives a healthy life that he knows won’t be cut short from hepatitis C.

“My wife was really concerned when she heard about the diagnosis and is really pleased that it’s been cured,” Hassan said.

“I’ve only just started to come into my own in the last couple of years.”

Last year, the drug cured about 3500 people from hepatitis C, which can cause liver cirrhosis, liver cancer and require liver transplants.

Top Auckland liver specialist Ed Gane, who helped develop the cure in the United Kingdom, said there were about 40,000 New Zealanders who were expected to have the virus and could be cured. Those numbers were based on prevalence rates in Australia.

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by Te Aniwa Hurihanganui, Radio NZ

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Fire-hit convention centre out for Apec

Derek Cheng, NZ Herald

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“However, contingency planning has been accelerated following the ICC fire and alternative venues have been tentatively booked. The negotiations with the venues are still commercial-in-confidence so no further details can be released at this stage.”

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Coronavirus hitting NZ's economy

The side effects of the coronavirus outbreak are spreading through the New Zealand economy. JAMIE GRAY catalogues the damage so far.

AUCKLAND — From meat exports to tourism, losses to offshore students, the coronavirus outbreak in China — New Zealand’s biggest trading partner — has already had a big impact on the local economy.

As the death toll from the virus continues to mount, economists are already trimming their growth forecasts.

ASB expects New Zealand’s GDP to take a 0.6 percent hit in the first quarter of this year and says that if the outbreak worsens or reaches this country, the impact “could be more enduring and widespread”.

Finance Minister Grant Robertson says the latest Government accounts are in good shape, but coronavirus is expected to knock the economy in the coming months.

“At the halfway point of the (financial) year, the books are in good shape. There is normally movement in these numbers across monthly accounts, but that will be exacerbated in the second half of the year by the impact of coronavirus,” Robertson said this week.

The outlook over this week continued to keep its official cash rate unchanged at 1 percent but said the disease outbreak in China was “a downside risk” for the local economy.

Governor Adrian Orr said monetary policy had time to adjust to the impact of coronavirus, if needed.

Aside from the bank’s comments on the outlook, the release of its statement was upbeat, but private sector economists weren’t so sure.

“Our more up-to-date estimate of the economic impact on New Zealand of the virus is 0.6 percentage points rather than the 0.3 percentage points the Reserve Bank has factored in,” says ASB chief economist Nick Tuffley.

“The risks are skewed to a prolonged period before New Zealand sees a noticeable rebound in its key export earnings.”

Here’s a look at a broad swathe of New Zealand businesses and sectors have been affected so far.

Education

New Zealand’s universities say they face a huge financial hit from coronavirus, with more than 6500 Chinese students who are enrolled to study this year stuck at home.

Sector group Universities New Zealand says just over half of the 12,700 Chinese students who were expected to study at NZ universities have been ineligible to enter New Zealand because of the travel ban.

Ports

The coronavirus scare will hit Port of Tauranga especially hard, says CEO Kevin Lockie, who has worked in the port industry for 27 years.

The Government has said it would allow live crayfish exporters to return the delicacy — currently being held in tanks — to the sea.

Seafood

“While we are nervous, the type of nervousness we haven’t seen before,” says the port’s commercial manager Andrew Lockie, who has worked in the port industry for 27 years.

Dairy

Wholesale powder prices dropped by 6.2 percent at the latest Global Dairy Trade auction — the first to be held since the escalation of coronavirus in China that has driven widespread volatility in markets around the world. Uncertainty created by the virus outbreak is weighing on the dairy market, but growth at home is a immediate threat, says ratings agency Fitch. Fonterra — New Zealand’s biggest dairy exporter — has seen its share price come under renewed downward pressure.

Tourism

Tourism operators are bracing for a “significant” hit from the impact of coronavirus on the Chinese market, with one economist forecasting a 5 percent fall in overall tourist arrivals.

The Chinese Government ban on travel by private and official jet travel packages covers up to 90 percent of holidaymaker arrivals to New Zealand. More than 400,000 Chinese tourists visit New Zealand a year, most on holiday, and they spend more than $3.1 billion, making this country’s second biggest market behind Australia.

Meat

New Zealand sheepmeat and beef prices have fallen by about half since hitting record highs last year, with the outbreak of coronavirus in China adding fuel to the decline. Prices were on a roller throughout most of last year, hitting record highs only to get a knock from the Chinese Government intervention, followed by the outbreak and increased competition from other beef exporters, has seen them come off by about 50 percent.

Dairy

Auckland NZ sheepmeat and beef exports jumped 6 percent to $1.9 billion, according to the latest Dairy Magazine Association report.

This was largely the result of the growth in overall exports to China, which increased by 57 percent to reach $2.7 billion. Antarctic meat exports to China grew by 40 percent to $6.1 billion, and beef exports by 61 percent to $11.7 billion.

Forestry

The virus outbreak in China has hit the New Zealand forestry sector just as it was starting to recover from last year’s price slump. By last year, New Zealand log prices in China were improving, restoring a little confidence. The coronavirus outbreak has forced more than 1000 New Zealand forestry workers out of a job.

The Forest Industry Contractors’ Association says about 30 percent of the country’s logging crews are unable to work amid supply chain disruption and no one knows how long the situation will last.

Hotels

Millennium & Copthorne Hotels New Zealand says the country’s hotel revenue in the first quarter of this year due to cancellations stemming from coronavirus.

“A number of our hotels in high tourism areas are receiving cancellations from several Chinese hotels as the Chinese and NZ government travel bans and other containment measures could put the country reporting a preliminary net profit of $49.7 million for the year ended December 31.

Cancelling flights will result in revenue loss of between $2m and $3m with more cancellations expected for future months. We have advised that this revenue loss will not be covered by insurance.”

Airports

Analysts say the virus outbreak will weigh on Auckland Airport’s share price, but see no signs of any lay-off claims for the direct flights between Auckland and mainland China account for 8 percent of their total passenger numbers.

As the death toll from the virus continues to mount, much of this is disappearing as airlines including Air NZ and the biggest mainland Chinese carrier China Southern mothball their services to Auckland, or cut back to Shanghai.

But for the handful of operators still flying on some routes until the end of next month, one Mornington’s regional director Adam Fleck says the SARS outbreak of 2003 presented a comparable case, showing a strong near-term recovery from the first outbreak of SARS — which had a higher mortality rate.

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Auckland NZ sheepmeat and beef exports jumped 6 percent to $1.9 billion, according to the latest Dairy Magazine Association report.

This was largely the result of the growth in overall exports to China, which increased by 57 percent to reach $2.7 billion. Antarctic meat exports to China grew by 40 percent to $6.1 billion, and beef exports by 61 percent to $11.7 billion.

Forestry

The virus outbreak in China has hit the New Zealand forestry sector just as it was starting to recover from last year’s price slump. By last year, New Zealand log prices in China were improving, restoring a little confidence. The coronavirus outbreak has forced more than 1000 New Zealand forestry workers out of a job.

The Forest Industry Contractors’ Association says about 30 percent of the country’s logging crews are unable to work amid supply chain disruption and no one knows how long the situation will last.

Hotels

Millennium & Copthorne Hotels New Zealand says the country’s hotel revenue in the first quarter of this year due to cancellations stemming from coronavirus.

“A number of our hotels in high tourism areas are receiving cancellations from several Chinese hotels as the Chinese and NZ government travel bans and other containment measures could put the country reporting a preliminary net profit of $49.7 million for the year ended December 31.

Cancelling flights will result in revenue loss of between $2m and $3m with more cancellations expected for future months. We have advised that this revenue loss will not be covered by insurance.”

Airports

Analysts say the virus outbreak will weigh on Auckland Airport’s share price, but see no signs of any lay-off claims for the direct flights between Auckland and mainland China account for 8 percent of their total passenger numbers.

As the death toll from the virus continues to mount, much of this is disappearing as airlines including Air NZ and the biggest mainland Chinese carrier China Southern mothball their services to Auckland, or cut back to Shanghai.

But for the handful of operators still flying on some routes until the end of next month, one Mornington’s regional director Adam Fleck says the SARS outbreak of 2003 presented a comparable case, showing a strong near-term recovery from the first outbreak of SARS — which had a higher mortality rate.

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The first two political polls of the year are in, with the 1News Colmar Brunton poll and the September 19 general election polls set to be a cliffhanger, just as the final polls of 2019 did.

It also looks entirely possible that the good voters of Northland will decide our next government, with the 1News Colmar Brunton poll out last night having National and the Labour-Green block tied on 46 percent and NZ First on 3 percent — so out of Parliament unless it wins an elector seat.

With no NZ First, on this poll result National would be able to form a government with ACT (on 2 percent) if David Seymour retains his Epsom seat and Labour could form a coalition. However, if experienced and outspoken NZ First MP Shane Jones defected to this result National MP Matt King in Northland, backed strategically by centre-left voters — or for Wong Peters in the 2015 by-election — on this result it then would be a return for the coalition of Labour, NZ First and the Greens.

However, the Green Party’s hold on the Back bencher is a strong foundation, with support down 2 percentage points to 5 percent — the thresholds need to be met on 5 percent and 6 percent. Labour was up 2 points to 41 percent, its first gain in this poll since July 2013, however, confirm that it is still 46 percent. A significant 17 percent of the 1004 eligible voters polled from 3.5-4 percent. This trend seems to be in their time — undecided — or refused to say who they would vote for.

The Newsheath Research poll out on Sunday had National and Labour closer than they have ever been in the history of this poll. National was down 0.6 percent to 43.3 percent, a Labour up 0.9 points to 42.5 percent. With the Greens on 5 percent. down 0.7 points. The trend that would be a Labour-Green government.

NZ First was down 0.4 points on 3.6 percent in the Reid poll; with a potential Jones victory in Northland bringing more NZ First MPs into Parliament on his coat-tails, it would be difficult to imagine Labour and especially the Greens Party losing their seats in a coalition when they are not needed.

Both polls showed what must be an encouraging bump for National leader Simon Bridges to 11 percent as preferred prime minister — up 1.5 points in the Colmar poll, to his highest result since May 2018 when he recorded 12 percent (Jacinda Ardern was up 6 points to a commanding 46 percent support), and up 3.9 points to 10.6 percent and a first entry into double figures for the Reid poll (against 38.7 percent for Ardern, up 0.3 points).

by Clive Bibby

THIS column is the second in a series examining the vulnerability of a region without a plan to prepare for the worst effects of climate change.

The absence of such a plan, I feel compelled to stimulate a debate about the consequences of not having one, and I wish consumers to have some suggestions of what a draft copy might look like that our council can get to act before it is too late.

I believe there are four items within the council’s area of responsibility that need immediate attention, and list them in priority order: Reliable fresh water supplies; Economic development of Northern Tairawhiti; Irrigating the Poverty Bay Flats; Tourism development.

Arguably the No.1 priority for any council planning its defences against climate change is providing access for its constituents to adequate supplies of non-polluted fresh water.

It should be obvious to anyone that fresh water can be seen, if it isn’t already, as the most precious commodity related to human survival on this planet. Unfortunately it is one that we are mercilessly abusing, especially in the many parts of the world where it has already become scarcer long before the threat of climate change is fully acknowledged.

Consequently, we need to investigate other potential water storage sites and the urgency can’t be overstated.

We need new, reliable sources of fresh water that are of such quality required to service the needs of both urban and rural communities of the future. Whatever source we decide to hook up to, the fresh water will be available for all citizens living in the Tairawhiti region — not just the precious few who we want to own and use it exclusively.

If we get our development proposals right, the demands for fresh water for both urban and rural will decide our next government.

So where should we concentrate our search?

Credit where it’s due

In the past I have written several letters to The Herald challenging the outcome of some medical treatments I received at our hospital.

Since my accident on January 7, 2020 and ongoing visits to the Hawa Ora, I would like to thank all medical and support staff for their professionalism and exceptional ‘duty of care’ shown towards me and my whānau.

To the ambos, the ED doctors and nurses, Mr Birch, and everyone else involved in my recovery, your empathy and professionalism is much appreciated and life saving.

In these changing times when we are under increasing pressure from Wellington, it is good to know that the basic principles of patient-centred care for our community, notwithstanding all outside governance pressures, are being attended to. Keep up the good work.

Nga mihi.

WALLY TE UA

1080 petition organisers here soon

Clear we are not animals


Bob, rest your mind as a church-goer. The Bible/Scripture is very clear that man and woman are not created equals, but God created human beings; he created them godlike, reflecting God’s nature.

He created them male and female. (Genesis 1:27, 2:24-25 Message). We are “human beings” created for His Holy Spirit within our spirit. Christianity is a revelation and relationship in the spirit of a man/woman. That’s foundational for all that follows.

STEWART PATRICK

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

TRICIA CHEEL

Brownes Bay, Auckland

The use of 1080 in New Zealand has three main reasons:

1. Protection and restoration of native forest and other vegetation types which have been and are being severely damaged by browsing animals, mainly possums, deer, with rats and mice.
2. The protection and restoration of native bird populations (mainly) which are being severely impacted by introduced predators – possums, stoats, weasels, ferrets, hedgehogs, rats, wild cats. Dogs are also a major menace in kiwi habitat, but 1080 is not used against them.
3. Possums are targeted because they spread tuberculosis bacterium among the nation’s dairy herds. TB has a negative effect on the accessibility of the milk from those cows. Possums are targeted because they spread tuberculosis and predators – possums, stoats, weasels, ferrets, rats, mice, hedgehogs and wild cats – must be controlled for these reasons.

When used in accordance with Department of Conservation protocols, 1080 is a safe poison to use to achieve these goals.

BRIAN SWALE, Clyde

www.STOP1080.com
China refines way count is tallied, fatalities rise to 1,367

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Trump slams ex-adviser who defended impeachment witness

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Thursday defended his former national security adviser John Bolton, who told NBC that the president had some hesitation about joining the administration but ultimately decided to become his chief of staff.

Trump also defended John Bolton’s former aide, Vice President Mike Pence, who recently resigned from his White House role.

Trump said he didn’t think Pence was the best choice for the job and that he ultimately decided to hire John Bolton.

Trump also criticized former Vice President Joe Biden, who is running for president, saying that he wasn’t ready to serve as president.

Trump’s comments come as his administration faces criticism for its handling of foreign policy and national security.

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You will love these

Illuminating ode to Ireland

MAORI MADE EASY: WORKBOOKS 5-8 by Scotty Morrison published by Penguin Books

The next four workbooks, which extrapolate the original book, Maori Made Easy, 2 are now available. Scotty Morrison's books have been bestsellers and will take anyone with a desire to learn to reo, through to becoming competent at reading, writing and understanding the language.

Morrison suggests just 30 minutes per day for two to three years to grasp the basics, put it into practice and fit learning a language into your normal busy day.

These are accessible guides to learning reo Maori, created by reo Maori-speaking teachers as working pages for students. They are fun, user-friendly and relevant to modern readers. The workbooks will help learners connect the dots between the current dictionaries and grammar books that are on the market. Scotty Morrison is a TV personality and strong advocate of te reo Maori. — KP

Hilariously heart-warming novel

NOTHING TO SEE HERE by Kevin Wilson published by Text Publishing

"We are so happy to have you here," he said; he didn't blink. I didn't know if this was something necessary for a politician, if blinking was a sign of weakness or something. As a result, I began blinking so much that I almost started crying.

Lillian is 28 years old, works two dead-end jobs and lives in her mother's attic. The highlight of her life is the letters she receives each year from her oldest friend Madison.

Two were once inseparable as teenagers when they roomed together at an elite boarding school. Madison's tuition was paid for by her wealthy father and Lillian's paid for by a scholarship for promising students.

The school was supposed to be Lillian's ticket out of poverty. But, due to a scandal, she was forced to leave and return to public school.

Madison went on to marry a US Senator, Jasper Roberts, in Tennessee and is now the mother to a young son, Timothy.

When Madison's latest letter arrives and requests that Lillian travel to Madison's home because she has "an interesting job opportunity" for Lillian, she is too curious to not go and find out more.

Upon arriving at Jasper and Madison's mansion, Lillian is informed that Jasper has two other children to his ex-wife Jane, ten-year-old twins, Roland and Bessie.

Their mother has dramatically died and now Jasper and Madison will have to raise them, but they need help in the form of a nanny.

Lillian accepts the position, she is told that the children have a unique allergy, they spontaneously combust and catch fire when they get agitated, not harming themselves but instead burning anything that comes into contact with their flaming bodys.

The twins are skittish children, who take time to warm to Lillian, naturally untrusting of the adults around them after the lives they have lived so far.

Over the summer, Lillian, Roland and Bessie will come to understand one another, and try to figure out solutions to their heat problem.

With Jasper aiming to one day be the President of the United States, this oddball family is under pressure to appear normal in the public eye.

But when you have fire children in your home, can life ever be normal?

Nothing to See Here is a hilarious and heart-warming novel full of strange and wonderful characters. It somehow strays into the realm of fantasy without being unbelievable.

Yes these children catch fire, but everything else about love, friendship and what it means to be a family is utterly realistic.

It is both amusing and serious, fantastical and touching.

This is a novel that the critics appeared on all the 'Best Books of 2019' lists and after reading it, I can see why. It is unique, funny, charming, and it’s clever.

Pick up a copy and just try to stop yourself from devouring it in one sitting. It's that good. — KP
TRYING IT OUT: The kids had a day full of fun and frolic as they raced hard to reach the finish line as fast as they could. Each kid received a medal for their efforts after crossing the finish line.

ACTIVE AND HEALTHY: The Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon was all about “giving it a try”. Hundreds of Gisborne youngsters took part in the event at Churchill Park on Wednesday. Kids aged between 7 to 15 years participated in swimming, cycling and running stages. In their multi-coloured swimwear (above), it’s a frantic start to one of the girls’ age group races at the Olympic Pool.

These and other photos are available for sale at The Gisborne Herald or online www.gisborneherald.co.nz/photos

Pictures by Rebecca Grunwell
### Classifieds

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Southland races at Invercargill

Jet6  TBA D.12.3, 3.4, 5.6, 7.8, 9.10, 12.3, 4.5, 6.7, 9.10, 2.3, 4.5, 7.8 | P6L5.30

Jet7  TBA D.12.3, 3.4, 5.6, 7.8, 9.10, 12.3, 4.5, 6.7, 9.10, 2.3, 4.5, 7.8 | P10L5.30

Oamaru harness at Oamaru

Jet6  TBA D.12.3, 3.4, 5.6, 7.8, 9.10, 12.3, 4.5, 6.7, 9.10, 2.3, 4.5, 7.8 | P6L5.30

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Oamaru races at Ellerslie Saturday

Jet2  TAB Doubles 12.3, 4.5, 6.7, 7.8, 9.10, 2.3, 4.5, 6.7, 9.10, 2.3, 4.5, 7.8 | P6L3.8
**New South Wales races at Randwick Saturday**

**JETMET 11 TAB doubles 1-2, 5-6, 9-10 Treble 4-5-6, 8-9-10 Quadruple 3-4-5, 7-8-9-10 Place 5-10**

- **1 TAB Highway Handicap 2.15**
  - $75,000, 3yo & up Class 1, 1300m
  - T. Habeck (5) 9.0 3.20
  - B. L. M. X 4.0 3.20

- **2 Purdy’s Acre Trophy 3.05**
  - $50,000, 3yo & up BM 65, 1600m
  - P. Nelson (1) 5.9 4.0
  - W. H. C. 4.0 4.0

- **3 The Glorious Goodwood 2.30**
  - $24,000, 3yo & up BM 65, 1000m
  - D. M. M. (1) 4.0 5.40
  - D. R. 3.40

- **4 Talindert Stakes 3.40**
  - $70,000, 3yo & up BM 65, 1400m
  - R. G. B. 5.9 4.0
  - R. H. 3.40

- **5 CS Hayes Stakes 4.50**
  - $160,000, 3yo & up BM 65, 1400m
  - P. B. 4.30
  - M. G. 3.50

- **6 ANZAC Day Races April 25 6.42**
  - $75,000, Benchmark 80, 1800m
  - M. R. 4.0
  - R. B. 3.40

- **7 The TAB Volcano 6.65**
  - $25,000, 3yo & up BM 65, 1400m
  - R. C. 4.30
  - R. C. 3.40

**Victoria races at Flemington Saturday**

**JETMET 12 TAB doubles 1-2, 5-6, 9-10 Treble 4-5-6, 8-9-10 Quadruple 3-4-5, 7-8-9-10 Place 5-10**

- **1 TAHBESHI, MOUNT TAMARIND, KATE 3YO, 1400M, BM 65, 3.00**
  - S. J. W. 4.0
  - M. B. 3.40

- **2 T. R. (11) 4.0 9.0
  - D. J. 3.40

- **3 Flette, The Londonian, Vagabond 3YO, 1400M, BM 65, 3.00**
  - C. A. 4.0
  - L. J. 3.40

- **4 HAPPY CLAPPER 3YO, 1200M, BM 65, 4.00**
  - J. B. 4.30
  - R. J. 3.40

- **5 R. R. 4.30
  - I. D. 3.40

- **6 ANZAC Day Races April 25 6.42**
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  - R. B. 3.40

- **7 The TAB Volcano 6.65**
  - $25,000, 3yo & up BM 65, 1400m
  - R. C. 4.30
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**Queensland races at Eagle Farm Saturday**

**JETMET 14 TAB doubles 1-2, 4-5, 8-9 Treble 4-5-6, 7-8-9 Quadruple 3-4-5, 6-7-8-9 Place 5-10**

- **1 Acoot Green Handicap 3.33**
  - $2,500, 3yo & up BM 65, 1300m
  - A. P. 4.30
  - P. P. 3.40

- **2 EVENTS @ BRIC Handicap 4.08**
  - $2,200, 3yo & up BM 65, 1200m
  - A. P. 4.0
  - P. P. 3.40

- **3 Black Caviar Lightning 6.30**
  - $750,000, Group 1 WA, 1000m
  - A. B. 4.0
  - J. B. 3.40

- **4 The Society Rooftop Plate 8.00**
  - $37,500, 3yo & up BM 65, 1800m
  - A. P. 4.0
  - P. P. 3.40

- **5 Asian Racing Conference 8.40**
  - $37,500, Class 5 SW, 1400m
  - A. P. 4.0
  - P. P. 3.40

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**Legend:** T = Tabloid, C = Column, K = Obituary, A = Article, C.S. = Columnist, S = Spell of three months, F = Fall, P = Pulled up, L = Last rider, TV = Featured on Trackside TV.
1 AAMI Plate 2.41

2 TAB Adelaide Cup Day 9/10 3.36

3 Sydney Morning Herald 11/12 1.80

4 TAB Adelaide Cup Day 11/12 2.45

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA RACES AT ASCOT**

Jettib 16 TAB doubles 1-2, 4-5, 8-9, Trebles 3-4-5, 7-8-9 Quaddie 2-3-4-5, 6-7-8-9

1. TAB Churchill Plate 5.37

2. TAB Churchill Plate 5.37

3. TAB Churchill Plate 5.37

4. TAB Churchill Plate 5.37

**VICTORIA RACES AT BENDIGO**

Jettib 13 TAB doubles 3-4, 7-8, Trebles 2-3-4, 5-6-7 Quaddie 1-2-3-4, 5-6-7-8

1. TAB Crown Plate 4.84

2. TAB Crown Plate 4.84

3. TAB Crown Plate 4.84

4. TAB Crown Plate 4.84

**QUEENSLAND RACES AT ROCKHAMPTON**

Jettib 38 TAB doubles 2-3, 5-6, Trebles 4-5-6, 7-8-9 Quaddie 3-4-5-6, 7-8-9-10

1. TAB Cup Plate 2.46

2. TAB Cup Plate 2.46

3. TAB Cup Plate 2.46

4. TAB Cup Plate 2.46

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA RACES AT MORPHETTVILLE**

Jettib 15 TAB doubles 1-2, 4-5, 8-9, Trebles 3-4-5-6, 7-8-9 Quaddie 2-3-4-5, 6-7-8-9

1. TAB Handicap 5.01

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**EASTLAND TRUCKWASH**
Will be closed for routine maintenance from 7am, Sunday 16th of February and will Re-open midday Tuesday 18th of February.

Please contact 0800 327 5619 for further information

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- Election of Officers
- Amendment to the Rules
- Welcome past, present and future members.

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Test drive today. 4WD, 2.4, 7 seater family SUV, alloys, airbags, tints, tiptronic transmission, room for everyone, be fast

2009 SUZUKI SWIFT
Sporty, 1600cc injected, automatic, rear spoiler, alloys, tints, test drive today

NOW $9320
NO DEP.
$67.16 per week

2010 TOYOTA AQUA
1500cc, hybrid, automatic, airbags, ABS brakes, remote locking, fuel efficient, 2.7 litres per 100kms, test drive today

NOW $11,430
NO DEP.
$71.70 per week

2011 Holden SR8
Alloys, spoiler, towbar, airbags, ABS brakes, remote locking, 3.6 VR, auto

NOW $12,985
NO DEP.
$79.13 per week

2011 NISSAN JUKE
Funky cool 5 door automatic, full electrics, airbags, ABS brakes, 1600cc, tints, CD player, alloys, remote locking

NOW $11,320
NO DEP.
$71.15 per week

2007 NISSAN X-TRAIL
2000cc, 6 speed manual, full leather interior, alloys, 4x4, air conditioning, full electrics

NOW $10,340
NO DEP.
$66.90 per week

2007 NISSAN TIIDA
2 litre, auto, 7 seater, tints, ABS brakes, airbags, great family wagon, only 45,000kms, remote locking

NOW $11,985
NO DEP.
$75.16 per week

2011 NISSAN LEAF
Lime model, electric, 5 door, automatic, zero emissions, only 15,000kms, alloys, tints, remote control, stereo, ABS brakes, extra conus, 500Nm torque, nano-lodge, amazing

NOW $39,930
100% ELECTRIC

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This offer does not apply to any other specials/lease promotions or Outlet Centre vehicles. 4 year warranty available with purchase and does not apply to taxi. Counties and incorporations $950 excess per claim. Weekly payments are based on no deposit over 72 months & include a $275 establishment fee & a 65 monthly account fee. 4 year petrol warranty valued at $1595 or a Diesel 4 year Warranty valued at $1395. $950 minimum trade-in weekly payments calculated after trade-in. The total amount payable can be calculated by multiplying the payment shown by 312. The interest rate for the term is fixed. All contracts subject to Finance Company approval. This offer expires 27/02/20.

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2012 MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER PHEV
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2016 TOYOTA HILUX
Grunt 2.2 diesel, AWD with factory alloys, towbar, multi airbags, roof rails, tints, full electrics, CD player, test drive today
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2015 NISSAN NAVARA
2595cc turbo diesel, 6 speed manual, alloys, sports bar, a/c, dual airbags, towbar, Bluetooth, cruise control
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Big nobby, 7 seater, family wagon, 3 litre diesel, 4wd, towbar, reverse camera, many many extras, test drive today
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2009 NISSAN NV200 VAN
Hard to get 8 seater van with wheelchair lift, 2.5 petrol, automatic, hi roof, multi-purpose van
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1.6 litre, 4x4, 5 door, auto, alloys, with this $500 fuel voucher
NOW $28,985

2012 NISSAN SERENA
8 seater, 2 litre, automatic, dual sliding doors, perfect for tradesman or small business
NOW $9990

2010 MAZDA BIANTE
3 litre, 6 door, 4x4, automatic, tints, alloys, with this $500 fuel voucher
NOW $9990
TRAFFIC BULLETIN:
Upcoming resurfacing works for SH35 between Torere and Waihau Bay

Due to road width constraints, we will need to close the road for short durations, up to 30 minutes in both directions during the worksite and the road sealing takes place.

This work is part of the Transport Agency’s largest maintenance programme for the Hawke’s Bay.

Work is planned to take place from Monday 17 to Friday 21 February, weather dependent.

Please allow for increased travel times as we advise motorists to expect delays of up to 30 minutes in both directions during the worksite and the road sealing takes place.

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NEW ZEALAND’S BEST QUALITY VEHICLES

2018 MAZDA 3 GLX
From $201 pw*

2015 TOYOTA AQUA
NOW
$50

2005 TOYOTA VITZ
Auto, 1500cc, hatch
NOW
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Auto, 1800cc, hatch
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Flat deck, auto, 4x4
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*Interest rate of 10.75% only available on classic finance line purchase. A $400 booking fee and $19.20 PPSR fee also apply. Weekly payments are based on a 240, 120 or 60 months and include interest, insurance and payment protection insurance. The total cost paid can be calculated by multiplying the weekly figure by 281. The interest rate for the term of the loan is fixed. Subject to Toyota Financial Services lending criteria.

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**Events affected by coronavirus**

by The Associated Press

**ATHLETICS**
World athletics championships in Nanjing from March 13 to 15 postponed to March 2021.

**Asian indoor championships in Hangzhou on February 12 and 13 cancelled.

**Formula One**
China Masters in Hainan from February 25 to March 1 postponed. New dates not set.

**BADMINTON**
China Masters in Hainan from February 25 to March 1 postponed. New dates not set.

**BASKETBALL**
Women’s Olympic qualifying tournament moved from Foshan to Belgrade, Serbia.

**JUNIOR CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS**

Across: 6 Population, 8 Lord; 10 Panicus; 13 Namaste; 14 Names; 17 Circle; 19 Undertake.

Down: 1 Jon; 2 Push; 3 Cup; 4 Lion; 5 Umhlanga;

6 Elegantis; 11 Ageing; 12 May; 15 Made; 16 Sure; 17 Chet; 18 Cat.

**CRYPTIC SUDOKU**

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

**DOUBLE CROSSWORD**

Quick Crossword answers also fit the large grid

**CRYPTIC CLUES**

**ACROSS**
1. It’s both simple and hard at the same time.
2. Noisy game? (7)
3. Party comic (5)
4. Speech written on an envelope? (7)
5. Good man taking the leap (5)
6. A flying machine? (5)
7. In America, wise people fight (5)
8. He’s leader has a point of view (6).
9. Proceeds, thanks to royalty (7)
10. Work to rule? (5)
12. Speed once regulated by local authorities (4)
13. A reason why some people fight (5)
14. Where Egyptians live (5)
15. A position or an opening will interest you (5).
16. A personal connection to someone you love (5).
17. Changes made to row 5 must be made without using guesswork.
18. A flying machine? (5)
19. Was a possessive type? (5)
20. A joining of hands in marriage or work (5)
21. Offered services, and donate love and peace to those you encounter (5).

**DOWN**
1. Music (3)
2. First helping; 2 (6)
3. Scholar of French (7)
4. A joining of hands in marriage or work (5)
5. A flying machine? (5)
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**QUICK CLUES**

A crucible is a heating device used for melting or refining metals.

**SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLE 10,913**

Quick Crossword answers also fit the large grid

**THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY by Erynnia Last**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020**

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:**

Amber Riley, 34; Matt Groening, 66; Melissa Manchester, 69; Jane Seymour, 66.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

*Amber Riley (34)*

Teen star has a point of view. Be confident today. It’s a good time to assert yourself. You have strength to assert your will. Be firm in your convictions.
The 10/30 aspect to your Jupiter transit today creates a great opportunity for networking with others. Your eyes to a new way of doing things. Be open to trying something new.

**ARIES** (March 21-28):

You’ll need to be on your toes today. You must have a plan, or you are likely to flounder. It’s best to proceed with caution. However, don’t be afraid to try something new.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20):

Today is a good day to make a first impression. Be yourself and don’t try to be someone you’re not. You’ll attract those who are interested in you.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21):

You may have a lot of energy, but it’s best to use it wisely. You may be able to accomplish more if you focus on your goals.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22):

Today is a good day to start new projects. You’ll be able to achieve what you set out to do.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22):

Today is a good day to focus on your goals. You’ll be able to achieve what you set out to do.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

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**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

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**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

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**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

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**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

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**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20):

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Sports Briefs

Cup scheduled confirmed

The schedule and match conditions have been locked in for the 2021 America’s Cup in Auckland. Cup organizers Terracycle and co-owner of record Luna Rossa have agreed on a racing schedule.

Missed cut hanging over Ko

NEW Zealand golfer Lydia Ko faced a battle to make the halfway cut at the Australian Open - her first tournament of 2020. Ko carded three-over-par 74 on the opening round to be eight shots behind leader Jodi Shadoff, of England, and one behind the projected cut.

The former world No.1, who has dropped to 43 on the LPGA rankings, mixed three birdies with two bogeys and a double bogey. She had 29 putts but had only 11 of 18 greens in regulation.

Ewart Shadoff produced a flawless 7-under 66 to be one shot ahead of South Korean duo Jeongeun Lee6 and Inbee Park.

Folau set for league return

ISRAEL Folau has moved a step closer to making his rugby league Super League return after being named in Catalans Dragons’ 21-man squad for this weekend’s match against Castleford Tigers. The 30-year-old former Wallabies star has not played since being sacked by the club in May for posting homophobic comments on social media and it is 10 years since his last rugby league game.

Being included in a 21-man squad does not guarantee he will play but Folau has had two weeks of training with his new team-mates and coach Steve Metailsman said this week ‘he looks in really good shape’.

Folau signed a one-year contract with the French club.

It’s Salah’s call on Olympics

MOHAMMED Salah’s potential involvement for his country in the Tokyo Olympic Games will be a decision for the player and his club Liverpool, Egypt’s Olympic coach said today.

Media reports on Salah’s inclusion in a provisional 50-man squad led to speculation he could not force his club Liverpool and his coach Juergen Klopp,” he said. “We cannot force Salah to participate with us because FIFA regulations do not compel him to participate.”

FIFA lead, Friday March 12 may not be used as a race meeting, the New Zealand Olympic coach said today.

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UFC middleweight champion Israel Adesanya was named Sportsman of the Year at the Halberg Awards last night and stole the show with a powerful acceptance speech.

The Nigerian-New Zealand MMA fighter was the first combat sport athlete to win an award since 1953 and delivered a fiery acceptance speech, calling for an end to the ‘tall poppy’ culture in the country and motivating young athletes.

Adesanya claimed the honour ahead of Tom Walsh, Scott McLaughlin and Kaleene Watson with McLaughlin probably the unluckiest of the trio as he has shone out, after his remarkable feats in the Supercars.

“This isn’t really for me,” said Adesanya. “This is for the young generation coming up who get to see someone they can relate to, someone of my essence if you will, that can see a combat athlete... is up there with the likes of the All Blacks, the Black Caps, the Tall Blacks.”

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Israel Folau has moved a step closer to making his Super League return after being named in Catalans Dragons’ 21-man squad for this weekend’s match against Castleford Tigers. The 30-year-old former Wallabies star has not played since being sacked by the club from north London and his coach Juergen Klopp,” he said. “We cannot force Salah to participate with us because FIFA regulations do not compel him to participate.”

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**CRICKET by Ben O’Brien-Leaf**

**MORE of the summer game shall be played.** The Cricket Championship begins at 3.15pm today at the Harry Barker Reserve.

The Gisborne Boys High School-based six-week competition features the Tairawhiti Women’s Cricket Club, GBHS Life Guards, the Blues and Royals, and the Christian School in nine-a-side games involving the TWCC to be played.

The three boys’ teams are the Life Guards, the Blues and Royals, and the Ducks.

In a nod to tradition, the 20-over games involving the TWCC to be played on Fridays — and the 30-over games for the all-boys’ teams played on Saturdays — certain standard fielding restrictions are in place but out go power plays, free hits, super overs and batting retirements as the game returns along the way to a place in the national regional competition.

“This is a fantastic example of the player pathway in action and how our local girls can go further with their netball,” centre manager Allisa Hall said. “Massive congratulations to Manaia from all of us here at GNC.

“We cannot wait to follow the Waikato-BOG team’s progress this season and watch Manaia on court. Everyone here is rapt. Next step the Waikato Magic!”

Netball New Zealand believes the Beko Netball League is fundamental to strengthening netball New Zealand’s performance pathway for new talent. The league is contested by regional representative teams and provides players for the ANZ Premiership franchises.

It starts on March 21. The teams will be the Northern Manuels, Northern Comets, Waikato Bay of Plenty, Central Manawatu, and Southern Blasts. They will go head to head for the title over a 12-week round-robin competition.

Of the 23 games this season, 16 will be televised live on Sky Sport.

The grand final will be played at the TSG Arena in Wellington on Sunday, June 21.

**FIND OUT MORE about the Beko Inter-provincial Netball League at:**


**NETBALL by Murray Robertson**

**STOP-start affair on the move tomorrow**

**CRICKET by Grant Miller**

IN a three-team competition, Poverty Bay cricketer DJ Harry Cup must feel like a stop-start affair for the players.

But the business end is near and the two teams on the park tomorrow — Horouta and High School Old Boys — will be out to bank as many points as possible to get themselves in a strong position before crunch time.

Competition frustraters Bollywood Stars High School Old Boys are coming off a break and need to find that groove.

Horouta have been playing recently and, though they haven’t got ticks in the win column, they have enough points to be in this year’s trophy.

HSOB captain Carl Shaw said his side were eager to try new ideas and tactics.

He said it felt like they hadn’t started, with a break last weekend and a bye for his team before that.

HSOB would be keen to rip in, he said.

Horouta club captain and senior bowler Billy Morse said the main focus for his team would be on scoring more runs.

Horouta bowed out OBR for under 150 in their last game but then didn’t capitalise with the bat. Morse said Jo van der Veen had added solidity to the middle order and all-rounder Graham Hudson had shown his importance to the side since returning from the back injury.

Tomorrow’s game at Harry Barker Reserve is scheduled to start at 1pm.

**RUNS THE KEY:** Horouta will want opener Parminder Waddo, returning from a back injury, to set the platform.

Me Knight and Horouta captain Heyan Ransinghey are key in this 5 v 6 battle. There is the veterans’ ability to punish the bad ball and frustrate the younger team.

**Looking good for clash**

**Big stage beckons Manaia Hutana**

**NETBALL by Murray Robertson**

FORMER Gisborne netballer Manaia Hutana has earned a spot in the 2020 Waikato-Bay of Plenty Beko inter-provincial team for the Beko inter-provincial competition.

Manaia Hutana, pictured entering the ball under pressure from Horouta goalpost Lucy Tartanapati at the YMCA, has been picked for the Waikato-Bay of Plenty team for the Beko inter-provincial competition.

FILE picture by Paul Rickard
Stormers proving their worth

RUGBY by Steve McMorran, AP

WELLINGTON — The Stormers have the chance of a history-making start to the Super Rugby season when they play fellow South African side the Lions tomorrow in the tournament’s third round.

The Cape Town-based Stormers matched their own record, achieved once in the 25-year history of Super Rugby, of maintaining a clean sheet in consecutive matches when they beat the Wellington-based Hurricanes 27-0 in Round 1 and the Pretoria-based Bulls 13-0 in Round 2.

They first achieved the feat in 2014, beating the Chiefs 33-0 and Bulls 23-0 and then have the chance to become the first team in the tournament’s history to hold opponents scoreless in three straight games.

On both occasions their back-to-back clean sheets were achieved on their way to the top of Newsland and if they are to better their record they will have to do so on the road. They travel to Johannesburg tomorrow to face the Lions, who are 1-1 after losing heavily to the Jaguares before beating the Queensland Reds.

The Lions have yet to score a point in their opening two rounds, losing 44-0 at the hands of the Bulls before briefly leading the Hurricanes before losing 29-24.

Lions assistant coach Julian Redelinghuys said his team relished the challenge posed by the Stormers’ impenetrable defence.

“They’ve done well to keep zero on the scoreboard for two games,” Redelinghuys said.

“You hear it a lot from us but we keep to the processes and if the points come, they come. Keep on knocking on the door for the next opportunity.”

The Stormers say they will target a better record and will have to do so straight games while they get a first decent shot at restating his case for the Springboks captaincy.

Young full-back Nakanobu Makombe underwent surgery for a damaged hamstring and will likely miss the rest of the season.

The Stormers leading the Africa conference by a point from the Durban-based Sharks after beating the Highlanders in New Zealand last weekend.

The Lions and Argentina’s Jaguares have 1-1 records and the Bulls, who have a bye this round, are winless after two losses.

With their powerful line-up and impressive form, the Stormers have been one of the best things about the Super Rugby season so far. Bu, it is a season once again haunted by reports that South Africa may be about to quit both Super Rugby and the Rugby Championship to play in the Six Nations beat Britain’s premier club tournaments.

Similar reports have emerged over the last year, based on the premise that the time zone in Britain would be more congenial for South African television viewers than those in Australia and New Zealand.

South Africa’s withdrawal would severely damage the prestige of the fourth

Note of the progress of Frizell and the Tongan-born 26-year-old is a powerful ball carrier who has bagged nine caps, including four at last year’s Rugby World Cup, where he was a late replacement for the injured Luke Jacobson.

With All Blacks Luke Whitehead, Liam Squire and Elliot Dixon having left the Highlanders, Foster will take particular note of the progress of Frizell and the dynamic Mikaele Tu’u.

The Highlanders are on the up after they have been quite good for the last couple of years, said Foster, impressed off the bench last week.

“We were pleased with him last week when Springboks hooker Boongi Mbonambi underwent surgery for a step,” Foster told Sky TV.

For that reason, New Zealand Rugby was quick to reject the latest reports and insist an exit from Super Rugby was imminent.

New Zealand Rugby chief ex-coach Mark Robinson said South Africa could not realistically bound to remain within the Sanzaar grouping for the time being.

“We need our teams to be successful as we have shown in the past. South Africa are very good teams and we have a very strong partnership with them.”

Frizell replaces Dillon Hunt, while his starting changes are at lock, where Jesse Parete replaces the injured Pate.杨幂 and Culum, and won the possession battle where Sio Tomkinson usurped rodeo Timo Faumuina.

Coach Aaron Mauger has retained last year’s five-eighth revelation Josh Ioane at inside centre, hoping it will help his team’s chances of recording a fifth straight win against the Brumbies.

HIGHLANDERS: Jack Whetton, Dillon Hunt, Kayne Hammington, Michael Collins, Te Araki Ben-Nicholas.

LINES UP FOR CHAMPS

SURF LIFESAVING

It’s been a long time coming but Whakatane will finally host one of surf lifesaving’s largest junior events this weekend.

The remote two-day Eastern Region Junior Championships start at Ohope tomorrow morning with sunshine and light winds forecast for the Bay of Plenty beach.

That’s in stark contrast to the weather forecast that hit the Traverse region last weekend and forced the abandonment of the event before even could event could even event.

With over 500 athletes from 19 different North Island surf clubs the event will see the country’s best on show to help the ideal preparation for the Oceans 2020 championships over the weekend.

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Maunga to Moana not to be missed

TAKING ON THE CHALLENGE: Matakapua team members (from left) Carol Taana, Lisa Rudpand, race support Shaun Auguri (on quad) and Campbell Dewes pause on their way down Hikurangi to look at neighbouring Aorangi during last year’s Maunga to Moana. Over 100 people have registered for this year’s adventure. Picture supplied

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SURF LIFESAVING by Murray Robertson

WAIKANAE will have five crews competing in the BP North Island IRB surf lifesaving championships this weekend. Among them will be driver Connor Mitchell and crewman Oliver Shivnan, aiming to add to their successes last year. The Surf Life Saving New Zealand event will be staged at Paekakariki Beach on the Kapiti Coast near Wellington tomorrow and Sunday. Mitchell and Shivnan and their patient, Harry Allan, won all four titles in the under-22 division of the North Island event last year. They also did exceptionally well at the New Zealand championships. “Oliver and I and our new patient, Silke McNaught, will be looking to repeat last year’s results,” head coach Mitchell said.

The overall team had grown substantially since the 2019 events. “We have two more teams this season.” The club’s under-23 A team members are Mitchell, Shivnan and McNaught (the age-group has changed from u22). In the u23 B team, Cole Williams (driver), Sam Blackburne (crew) and George Allan (patient) are back together again. They also did well last season.

The open women’s team members are driver Britta Carrol, crew Ana Naden and patient Emily Horne. Harry Allan will take the tiller this year in the club’s u19 men’s team, with Travis Mitchell as crewman and Harry’s brother George Allan as patient. The u19 women’s team members are driver Holly Hope, crew Aoife Fyall and patient Emily Horne.

“Jell this year we have a very strong contingent for the North Islands — our biggest team yet with 13 competitors across five teams and four divisions,” Mitchell said.

“Our under-23 men’s B team of Cole, Sam and George have their first year in that division, but have looked good at training and should make most finals, along with a few podium finishes.”

“The open women, Britta and Ana, have been putting in a lot of effort over the summer and winter, joined by patient Emily Horne. They are hungry for medals this year. “Our under-19 men, Harry and Travis, are looking good for their first year of competition, and have picked up the skills and drive needed to produce some top-quality results. The under-19 women, Holly and Aoife, are competing in a new young female division, and skills picked up at training over the past year and a half should give them good results.”

He said that with five teams and a good skill base from all competing, Waikanae should be in the running for a strong overall result. Last year the club came third overall. “I am after an improvement and good results for the club this time round.”

Tomorrow before competition starts, Mitchell, Shivnan and patient Harry Allan will compete in a selection trial against four open men’s teams for a slot at representing New Zealand. The championships this weekend will feature 174 individual athletes — 72 of them females — from 15 surf lifesaving clubs throughout the North Island.

Clubs that will be represented are: Waikanae, Bethells Beach, East End, Kariaotahi, Mairangi Bay, New Plymouth Old Boys, Opunake, Paekakariki, Pauanui, Piha, Red Beach, Sunset Beach, Waimarama and Westshore.

FOUR FROM FOUR: The Waikanae inflatable rescue boat under-23 crew will this weekend look to emulate the achievements of the equivalent crew at last year’s North Island champs, where they won all four under-22 titles (the age group has changed since then). Above, the 2019 crew (from left) patient Harry Allan, crewman Oliver Shivnan and driver Connor Mitchell are all concentration on their way in to the beach. Below, Mitchell sprints to the finish as Shivnan (left) and Allan wait in the IRB. This weekend five Waikanae crews compete in the 2020 North Island championships on the Kapiti Coast.