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FASHION IN THE FIELD:
While the main action was on the track at the Gisborne Races at Ashworth Park yesterday, there was plenty of action off it, including one of the highlights of the event — the fashion stakes. The best dressed women category proved particularly popular, with over 30 women glammed up to the nines, making it an extremely difficult job for the judges. They eventually went for Emma Payne. The men's winner was a little easier, with Shannon Dowsing repeating his success of 2018. Back (from left) are judge and fashion event sponsor Kirsty MacIntosh, Reuben Gordon (under-25 men's winner), Emma Payne (women's winner), Kimberly McMillan (u25 women's winner wearing a matching cast to her ensemble), crowd favourite Carmel O'Neill (a finalist in the women's category), Shannon Dowsing (men's winner) and judge Juana Vincent. Front are best dressed boy Stanley Reeves and best dressed girl Stevie Hawea. More from the races on page 2.
Picture by Paul Rickard

GISBORNE GIVES

‘When we receive those big donations we can provide families immediate assistance with no questions asked’

by Wynsley Wrigley

FORESTRY families continue to be hit hard by the financial impact of the coronavirus but East Coast Community Foodbank, supported by Gisborne businesses and the public, is offering full support.

East Coast Community Foodbank spokesman Johnathan Pere said the foodbank had given out 61 food parcels since the announcement of forestry industry workers being laid off,

“What is really surprising is that other families in need tell me they would rather have their parcels be given directly to those forestry families.

“The logging community is a priority at this moment, but others who need our assistance, please still contact us.”

East Coast Community Foodbank featured on TVNZ's I News last night.

Mr Pere told the channel the foodbank was busy with food requests from forestry workers.

“Not only have their wages been

completely halved, their wages have been completely cut,” he said.

One forestry worker, on reduced pay and using the foodbank, told TVNZ her whanau had to cancel plans to buy their Housing NZ home.

“Yesterday was OK with the pay. Hopefully it's not too bad next fortnight.”

EastCoast Food Community Foodbank was grateful to all donors, especially “our regular locals who have supported and donated to us before the virus outbreak”, said Mr Pere.

“We recently received a huge boost to our shelves by CPS Civil Project Services, who wanted to donate in wake of the logging lay-offs. Two of their staff, Drew Williamson and Simone Grogan, and myself did a big shop at Pak'nSave.

“Other community organisations like Turanganui a Kiwa Activity Centre have given us a huge boost and there has been a recent inquiry of support from Taiki E! Tairawhiti Impact House.

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ALL BETS ARE ON

OFF AND RACING: Horses come out of the gates for race 2 — the Gisborne Scaffolding 2000 — of the Gisborne Races at Ashwood Park in Makaraka. Capellani, third from left, won at \$5.40 for the win and \$2.90 for the place. Hundreds attended the Poverty Bay Turf Club meeting.



VICTORY BY A SHORT HEAD: More Wonder (above left), ridden by Ryan Elliot, pips Roll The Gold, with Jasmine Fawcett aboard, in the feature race of the Gisborne Races — The \$30,000 Gisborne Herald Poverty Bay Cup. Unless you put some big notes on it, you were not going to get rich from this one. The winner paid \$2.40 and \$1.30 and the trifecta was a modest \$64. Having a flutter, however, was just part of the occasion as punters enjoyed a couple of cold ones, food, the cooler weather and the company of friends and family. There were also various activities for grown-ups and kids alike over the afternoon, including sack races — enjoyed right by Te Arahi Clarke and Te Kanare Ihe — a tug-of-war (left), pony race and, of course, the ever-popular Fashion in the Field featuring some beautiful outfits. More on the races in tomorrow's Herald.
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Work scheme for foresters affected by slowdown

FEDERATED Farmers and the Eastland Wood Council have set up a scheme to find temporary farm work for forestry workers without work to go to at present to tide them over until the situation further improves.

“It’s a good chance to show that primary industries can support each other when times get tough,” the organisers said. “Most farmers have jobs which are a bit big to tackle alone, or need a few hands which never quite

get done, whether it’s spraying brush weeds, clearing/felling overgrown trees, stripping fences or getting that digger around the farm dams and tidying up a few tracks. “It’s all work we can offer that might

just keep our community ticking along until things improve in the forest sector,” they said. Farmers interested in providing work need to give details about the type of work, any special skills or licences

required to do it, how many hours work and for how many people, when the work is available and where it is. The contact person is Siobhain Fyall, 0274 769 551, or email generation.programme@eastlandwood.co.nz

‘Meteorological drought’: Niwa

by Roger Handford

THE northern part of the region is officially in meteorological drought and the rest of the district is not far behind.

The MetService outlook offers no rain until next weekend, and even then the forecast does not hold out hope for any meaningful amount.

The National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (Niwa) says the East Cape area is now in drought, and Niwa’s Hotspot report indicates the rest of the region is hot on its heels.

The MetService’s Daily Climate charts show most of the district is extremely dry, with only Wairoa and a small area south still not in serious soil moisture deficit.

While cooler and cloudier conditions have arrived, the long-term or extended outlook offers no opportunity for squeezing a drop from those clouds until next Sunday.

MetService’s computer outlook is for some moisture over Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, but calculates only a few millimetres

Gisborne’s soil moisture deficit has now passed the 143-millimetre mark.

While moisture loss has slowed over the past day or so, the average loss reached

just over 5mm a day at the end of last week.

The region’s soil moisture has been in deficit since October, having recovered only briefly after what was a long dry winter and an annual rainfall total of just under 800mm.

Meanwhile, the daily climate charts show temperatures for the region have been running a whole 2 degrees above normal for the time of year.

This week the mercury is expected to be back in the mid to upper 20s, with 29 degrees forecast for Friday and Saturday.

As well, sunshine has been pouring down at 125 percent of normal, and so far this year there have been just six days of rain over 1mm.

The rain total for the year to date is 28.8mm while at the same time last year Gisborne had had around 70mm.

Ex-tropical cyclone Uesi may be delivering rain to the deep south but nothing is forecast to come north from this.

Speculation another tropical cyclone would form to the east of Fiji has not been realised.

The three-month climate outlook for the Gisborne district remains unchanged. To the end of April it is likely to stay warmer and drier than usual.



PLEASE HELP: Johnathan Pere is pictured packing more food parcels this morning to be delivered to forestry workers in need of support because of the coronavirus. Picture by Paul Rickard

Donations needed ‘now and forever’

FROM PAGE 1

“When we receive those big donations we can provide families immediate assistance with no questions asked.

“We provide delivery, which helps families, because most cannot afford petrol or do not have a vehicle.

“I’m organising volunteers who will deliver parcels up the Coast, and to Patutahi, Manutuke, and Te Karaka, so we can reach more families at designated drop-off zones.”

Mr Pere said powdered milk, tin

foods — including tin fruits — sugar, cereals, flour, vegetables, toilet paper, and hygiene products seemed to be the main items families were wanting.

Mothers needed expensive products like sanitary items but “tell me they buy food rather than tend to their own needs”.

The foodbank always needed more donations.

“Donations will be needed now and forever because at this moment we have a coronavirus, but we also want to be prepared for a natural disaster

to hit the area or if other industries are hit with loss of jobs.

“East Coast Community Foodbank works by people and community power, and right now that is working naturally and progressively,” said Mr Pere.

But the foodbank would also directly contact big companies for support, he said.

■ The foodbank can be contacted through its Facebook page, by emailing eastcoastfoodbank@gmail.com or by phoning 027 390 5752.

Problem gamblers in limbo

Wait continues for community-based support service

by Aaron van Delden

PROBLEM gamblers and their whanau are in limbo without free support services in Tairāwhiti, a district health board member says.

The region has not had a government-funded problem gambling service since September 2018 when former provider Te Ara Tika Trust relinquished its “unsustainable” contract with the Ministry of Health.

Hauora Tairāwhiti board member Meredith Akuhata-Brown said the risk of problem gamblers coming to harm without support, along with the stresses their whanau faced, underscored the pressing need for the service to be re-established.

It appears the Ministry of Health agrees.

The ministry is considering stepping in with a temporary solution as the DHB struggles to recruit staff for the service.

Ms Akuhata-Brown questioned whether there was another organisation in the

region that could pick up the contract in the meantime.

She told The Gisborne Herald she would raise the issue at Hauora Tairāwhiti’s next board meeting on February 25 and ask about the priority DHB staff were giving to setting up the service.

Nati4Life Trust manager Tuta Ngarimu said there was “definitely” a need for a

funded problem gambling service in Gisborne, with millions of dollars being fed into the district’s pokie machines each year.

The trust was set up to support people affected by suicide.

Mr Ngarimu knew of a person who took their own life after losing their car, house and family to problem

gambling.

Hauora Tairāwhiti planning and funding manager Nicola Ehau said the DHB accepted a two-year contract, which started on August 1 last year, with the proviso the service would eventually return to a community provider.

This was after the ministry asked the DHB to help it re-establish a problem

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gambling service in Tairāwhiti, Ms Ehau said. The DHB-run service was meant to be set up by November once a counsellor and a health promotion adviser had been recruited. But no suitable candidates had come forward, despite the roles being advertised several times.

Ministry of Health addiction manager Richard Taylor confirmed the ministry had withheld payments for the service, given it was not operating.

The ministry had given the DHB

some money to set up the service but it could not stipulate how much in time for publication.

Neither could it elaborate on the “temporary options” it was considering if the DHB’s latest recruitment drive was unsuccessful.

Ms Ehau said the DHB was reviewing the vacancies and looking at how it could help candidates meet the job requirements.

“We are happy to provide training to the right person to ensure they have the necessary skills this community needs,” she said.

The DHB’s addictions team had provided counselling to problem gamblers who were also suffering from drug or alcohol addictions.

But problem gamblers without other addictions were being referred to the Gambling Helpline on 0800 654 655.

Problem gamblers in Tairāwhiti could also access free counselling in neighbouring Hawke’s Bay or Lakes DHB areas, and 10 Gisborne residents had done so in the 12 months to June 30, 2019.

In the year to September 30, 2019, the 159 gaming machines in Tairāwhiti made \$11.4 million.



MND MARCH: Walkers donned outfits in blue and turned out in force on Saturday to support Lynda Dayberg's fundraising and awareness walk for MND (Motor Neurone Disease) New Zealand. They walked from Bayley's Real Estate in Reads Quay to Midway Surf Lifesaving Club and back. Mrs Dayberg, diagnosed with the disease last year, said MND New Zealand provided a quick response and vital support to 350 Kiwis like herself each year, but received little in government funding.

Pictures by Paul Rickard

Community urged to put forward names for regional transport committee

THE Gisborne District Council (GDC) Regional Transport Committee is asking for nominations from members of the community with a special interest in roads, rail, walking, cycling and heavy transport across the region.

Committee chair Pat Seymour said the deadline for nominations has been extended until 4pm, Friday, February 28. This is instead of the advertised cut-off of today.

Mrs Seymour said the extension was to make sure the committee can get community representation from across different interest groups.

All nominations are to be handed in to Gisborne District Council.

"I encourage our community groups to check out the advert in the Gisborne Herald and to look for active members to sit on that committee for the three year term. It is vitally important that the community have their say on these critical issues for safety, for access and for business in our region.

"We all rely on roads for our commute and despite a strong push in the city for more use of cycle lanes, our economic drivers on the flats and all our hill country will forever rely on safe and accessible roads."

The committee is made up of four elected district councillors, and a representative of the New Zealand Transport Agency. There is provision for five nominated representatives.

"It is really important that these representatives, once appointed, feel comfortable to speak out at the meetings," Mrs Seymour said.

There are four meetings a year and two planned workshops. The Regional Transport Committee will develop the next regional transport plan for the district, that will then be submitted to the council for approval.

"Once approved, the plan guides the funding contribution from NZTA for roads, footpaths and cycle lanes in our city, for safety improvements and to make accessibility issues safe for our public.

City base for youth health services hub

Ruatoria suggestion to serve Coast communities

by Wynsley Wrigley

A COMMUNITY hub based in the former Adairs building, on the corner of Gladstone Road and Grey Street, and another in Ruatoria will form part of a new youth health services model for high-needs rangatahi.

Hauora Tairawhiti's community and public health advisory committee has received an information paper on the model and approved it for "available resourcing".

The paper, written by senior portfolio manager, child, youth and population Nicolette Pomana said the aim was to improve health outcomes for rangatahi — primarily aged between 10 and 19 — who have high needs or are either not high users or don't access health services.

Tairawhiti had a slightly higher proportion of the population in the 10 to 19 age group (15.2 percent) compared to the national average of 12.8 percent.

"Improving equity and access to services for young people within Tairawhiti remains a priority," the paper said. "Tairawhiti recognises the population of children and young people is large.

"We know from feedback received as

far back as 2008 that rangatahi have talked about having their own space," said Ms Pomana in the paper.

Youth health services had done little to remove barriers.

There were little or no youth health services in some areas — the lack of dental services in Coast communities was an example.

The paper said hui with rangatahi showed the need for a space that was accessible and youth-led.

Two coastal communities had highlighted their concern about issues such as suicide and self-harming.

A hui in Ruatoria discussed the impact of drugs, alcohol, gangs, violence and other socio-economic issues such as high deprivation and insufficient housing, and the need for services

specific to youth needs on the Coast.

Projected funds for the rangatahi-specific services will come from the cancelled GP in schools service (described as being a costly service model, which operated in few schools) involving total funding of \$435,200 from the 2019-2020 year to 2022-2023.

The paper said a Gisborne trust had leased space within the former Adairs building, which was used for art, music, dance and was accessible to "rainbow

youth".

"This site has space for potential health room(s) for young people."

There was no such space on the Coast which was rangatahi-specific other than Ruatoria schools and those working in sports and the arts.

"We would look to develop a collective working group, with supported co-ordination with a long-term view to an established rangatahi space."

The hubs are described as one of four potential opportunities.

The second "opportunity" is in "supporting rangatahi community development models".

There were organisations who supported rangatahi health needs and had the necessary people but lacked the resources.

There were opportunities to help through a grants programme, which would be modelled on the successful Maori Community Grants for Rheumatic Fever to Achieve Equity, said the paper.

The other opportunity was described as a "youth-centric capacity and capability to support community development", but this would require the completion of health service reviews.

Priorities for rangatahi services were named as sexual and reproductive health; adolescent oral-dental health; mental health and social wellbeing; access to primary care services.

Hui with rangatahi showed the need for a space that was accessible and youth-led.

Regatta ship visit went 'like clockwork'

by Murray Robertson

THE cruise ship Regatta completed her maiden visit to Gisborne on Saturday and Trust Tairawhiti general manager tourism Adam Hughes said it was a great day that went "like clockwork".

Regatta, carrying around 800

passengers, arrived in Turanganui-a-Kiwa/Poverty Bay just before 7am and sailed again shortly after 5pm.

"The passengers were a little slow to disembark the ship, but there or thereabouts the full complement came off during the day," Mr Hughes said.

"Steam train Wa165 and the tour to Eastwoodhill Arboretum were popular.

"There were a lot of North Americans

among the passengers and they were very keen on walking. We had them stretched out across all the city beaches, Titirangi, and throughout the city as they soaked up the Gisborne atmosphere."

The cruise ship season takes a small break now until the arrival of the Azamara Journey and Le Laperouse on March 5.

Home detention for drink driver who wrote off car

A DRIVER more than four times over the legal alcohol limit wrote off someone else's vehicle when he turned directly in front of it at an intersection, Gisborne District Court heard.

The drink-driver Simon Peter Fisher, 46, was also unlicensed at the time.

No one was injured in the collision, which happened at a Wainui Road intersection on August 23 of last year. It was about 8.15pm and there had

been light rain.

Fisher pleaded guilty to driving with excess breath-alcohol (a level of 1018 micrograms) for a third or subsequent time — his fifth — careless driving and driving while unlicensed.

Judge Warren Cathcart imposed six months home detention with standard and special post-detention conditions to include a rehabilitation programme.

He also ordered reparation of \$1230, which Fisher said he could pay at \$30 weekly.

Fisher was indefinitely disqualified from driving and will be subject in future to zero-alcohol provisions.

The sentence was one recommended by the Department of Corrections and applied to the drink-drive offence — Fisher's second in the past five years, the previous being in 2017.

The other two charges were fine-only offences for which he was convicted and disqualified.

The sentence was converted from a prison term with a starting point of 16-months reduced to 12 months after four months discount for early guilty pleas.

Judge Cathcart said he was surprised Fisher only got fines for his third and fourth drink-drive offences. A sentence with a stronger deterrent would

normally have been imposed.

He noted Fisher had two previous convictions for breaching a sentence of home detention but nonetheless the department recommended it for this offending, rather than imprisonment, due to Fisher's sole care of a son and employment.

Imprisonment would also make it difficult for Fisher to access the recommended rehabilitation programme.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

CHARGED with aggravated robbery involving the use of a sharp weapon, Chad Anthony Reti, 44, pleaded not guilty and elected trial by jury.

He was further remanded in custody to appear again by AV-link at a Crown case review hearing on April 29.

A young woman admitted drink-driving causing injury. Camille Te Nahu, 19, also pleaded guilty to dangerous driving (on Gladstone Road) and driving while disqualified.

Her blood-alcohol reading after the incident was 148 milligrams per litre of blood. (The limit before a criminal offence occurs is 80mg.)

Te Nahu was further remanded on bail for sentence on April 3.

A presentence report traversing the suitability of electronically-monitored sentence options, was ordered.

George Rowland, 19, pleaded guilty to assault and breaches of bail, community work and intensive supervision.

He was further remanded on bail for sentence on May 28.

A presentence report will traverse electronically-monitored sentence options.

Mohi Apanui, 20, pleaded guilty to seven charges of shoplifting, possession of a knife in public, two counts of theft, receiving (property over \$1000), driving unlicensed and a breach of bail.

He was further remanded for sentence on March 5.

A specialist health (dispositional) report was ordered.

Nardia Matekino Maisie Mason, 40, admitted drink-driving (658 micrograms) — her third.

She was sentenced to nine months' supervision, 60 hours community work, and will be subject to alcohol-interlock and zero-alcohol licence provisions.

A man who represented himself on two charges of disqualified driving — his seventh and eighth such offences — was told by Judge Warren Cathcart he should get proper legal advice for sentencing.

Robert John Gingles, 32, pleaded guilty to the charges for which he was further remanded on bail for sentence on May 28.

A report will traverse the suitability of electronically-monitored sentence options.

Judge Cathcart told Gingles he faced a custodial or electronically-monitored sentence so needed proper legal representation.

James Stafford pleaded guilty to driving while disqualified for the third or subsequent time — his third.

He was further remanded on bail for sentence on May 28, when he will also apply for community work in lieu of further disqualification.

Mavis Kura Uatuku, 46, admitted driving while disqualified for a third or subsequent time. She was further remanded on bail for sentence on May 28, when an application for community work in lieu of further disqualification will also be heard.

Matthew Harry Norman pleaded guilty to burglary. He was further remanded on bail for sentence and that and other charges on March 11.

Norman previously pleaded guilty to those other offences — an earlier burglary, a charge of receiving and two counts of attempted unlawful taking of a vehicle.

For two drink-drive offences, in close succession and both involving high readings (841mcg and 921mcg), Tyson Vaughan Rawenata-Davies, 25, was sentenced to two months community detention.

He will be subject to alcohol interlock and zero-alcohol licence provisions.

The offences are second and third drink-drives for Davies.

Since these latest offences, Davies stopped consuming alcohol and had self-referred to appropriate counselling.

Carlos Te Arika Pene, 36, admitted driving while his licence was revoked, for a third or subsequent time — his fourth.

He was sentenced to 120 hours community work and disqualified from driving for a year and a day.

LET'S GET PHYSICAL:

Exercise consultant Kelsey Hart (left) and YMCA operations manager Janene Dixon-Smith. Kelsey studied health and fitness at EIT then returned after a stint in Australia to do an advanced course to become a registered exercise professional. "I have met the most amazing people," says Kelsey, who works part-time at the Y. "I love to be able to help them achieve what they want to achieve."

Picture supplied



Winners all-round through health and fitness journey

A JOB helping people reach their goals has been achieved by a former EIT Tairāwhiti student.

Kelsey Hart, 20, began her journey towards becoming an exercise consultant in 2016.

"I started with a Health and Fitness level 3 course at EIT for personal reasons," she said. "I wanted to learn about how I could be fit and healthy."

With no other levels at EIT at that time after the 17-week course, she went to Australia.

"I went to the Sydney Fitness Show and everything just clicked with me, and I decided that was where I wanted to be."

Kelsey moved back home and by this time, in 2017, EIT Tairāwhiti had extended its exercise programme offerings to include the NZ Certificate in Exercise level 4 and 5.

She was noticed at the YMCA, where EIT exercise students do practical work and assessments, and was offered a voluntary position.

She recommends EIT's exercise programme, especially because once students have passed, they can be REPS (Registered Exercise Professionals) registered.

"This means people who are registered have insurance. It ensures people have confidence in my ability."

Kelsey finished level 5 last year and now works about 25 hours a week

doing various things at the YMCA and has just launched her own business — Kelsey Hart Training.

"EIT didn't just give me the knowledge and science but also gave me experience and connections with so many different people to help on my journey."

She loves training people.

"I have met the most amazing people. I love to be able to help them achieve what they want to achieve. Working with people at the YMCA has given me a huge amount of confidence."

YMCA operations manager Janene Dixon-Smith says the partnership and memorandum of understanding has been running between the two organisations for a number of years.

"It means students can use our facility to run the practical part of their course. The long-standing relationship is part of our mission here to meet the needs of the community."

"EIT doesn't have these facilities onsite and it gives students real-world situations. They get the opportunity to experience how to train in an actual facility."

Students are actively involved and teamed up with members, creating a genuine, well-rounded experience.

"It also benefits us. As well as meeting the community need, we are building relationships with up-and-

coming instructors and personal trainers.

"I notice the bright shining stars like Kelsey and that helps me with my staffing," says Janene.

"It is difficult to get passionate staff and watching these students for six months to a year gives me plenty of opportunity. I seldom have to go out and get new staff."

Sport and Exercise lecturer and programme coordinator Ashleigh Sheldrake enjoys seeing her students achieve their goals.

The level 4 and 5 courses cover anatomy, physiology and how to design exercise programmes.

The study leads to a variety of work from personal training to health professional work.

"The fitness industry is definitely increasing in Gisborne," says Ashleigh. "Also we have the highest rate of diabetes in New Zealand, so educators about health and fitness are needed here."

As well as educating for a new career, some people attend the courses for their own benefit, or to help educate and promote health and exercise among employees in a business.

For more information about the NZ Certificate in Exercise level 4 and 5, go to the EIT website or call into the main office of EIT Tairāwhiti in Palmerston Road.

'Beyond the pale'

Councils respond to Kainga Ora powers

by Harry Lock, RNZ

WELLINGTON — Councils across the country are worried they are going to be shut out of having any say over major state-housing developments in their cities.

The issue has arisen because of a new bill, which would see housing agency Kainga Ora being granted powers to authorise and co-ordinate large-scale development projects.

However, mayors, councils and the body which represents councils around New Zealand have expressed concern over the bill, and particularly what it would mean for their involvement — or lack of — in major urban developments.

"We are concerned that it has the potential for Kainga Ora to run roughshod over local councils," said Dave Cull, head of Local Government NZ.

"There's a whole plethora of potential misalignment if Kainga Ora was just going: 'well we're just going to do things our way'."

One potential misalignment is around transport, Cull said.

"There doesn't seem to be any consideration of the role of regional councils in their public transportation role."

"How will the public transportation services, that will naturally be needed in any new developments — especially the big ones — harmonise with what's already in the surrounding community?"

The powers being granted to Kainga Ora have been laid out in the Urban Development Bill, which is still going through parliament. It has currently passed its first reading and is now at select committee.

Submissions on the bill closed last Friday.

Getting large and complex developments under way is at present a difficult process to navigate.

Councils said they did not have the funding to provide the infrastructure behind such projects, and when they do, it's easily held up. The Resource Management Act is a particular roadblock which



stalls a lot of progress.

It was why many local authorities agreed in principle behind the motivation of extending Kainga Ora's powers — they said there was a desperate need to streamline the process.

When it comes to housing, there is a shortage of supply, but no shortage of demand.

That was what the extension of powers to Kainga Ora was designed to achieve.

"It will be able to cut through the red tape and lead large-scale master-planned urban development projects that build whole communities at scale and pace," said Urban Development Minister Phil Twyford.

However, those powers being granted to Kainga Ora were concerning councils.

The bill gives Kainga Ora permission to authorise large urban developments, which are called Specified Development Project (SDPs),

even without a council's permission.

That is if the SDP is deemed to be in the "national interest".

Mayor of Dunedin City, Aaron Hawkins, said the bill hands over extraordinary powers.

It's not exactly clear to us how the decisions will be made around what is in the national interest or not, and whether those decisions will be made strategically or politically

— Mayor of Dunedin city, Aaron Hawkins

"That is the biggest issue: the priorities and the direction that the community have identified with us, through a fairly lengthy and robust planning process, can be ignored so long as the

outcome meets what is deemed to be in the national interest."

When councils did not agree with an SDP, which has been authorised by Kainga Ora, it became a double-edged sword for them.

"If councils don't support the SDP as presented, then they don't get a seat at the governing table when the project proceeds. But if you do support that proposal, that's put forward."

"It's beyond the pale really." The solution, Hawkins said,

was to resolve the definition of "national interest".

"It's not entirely clear to us how the decisions will be made around what is in the national interest or not, and whether those decisions will be made strategically or politically."

Kainga Ora has already provoked some feeling from councils — it was accused of poaching several staff members who worked for Auckland Council.

There was similar concern from Wellington City Council, although Mayor Andy Foster said they had not lost any staff members, and the issue had now been resolved.

But Foster said his concern was around the fact that Kainga Ora could glaze over local expertise.

"We will have engaged intensely with our community — we will have worked out where are the areas we want to develop, the scale we want to develop, where are the areas we want to protect."

"And what we don't want to have is a central Government agency just unilaterally coming in and saying 'we will develop some part of our city which in some way is not in accordance with the plan that we've worked out with our communities'."

The way to correct this, Dave Cull said, was to give councils the power and the funding to do Kainga Ora's job for them.

"There is an unfortunate tendency in New Zealand, when there is a problem, to say, well central Government will fix it. And we've been saying for some time, actually, you get the best outcomes if you make the decisions at a local level and empower those communities."

That runs against what Twyford said, in a statement to RNZ.

"Importantly for councils, their workload will reduce when Kainga Ora starts processes for its own building consents."

"The Government makes no apology for wanting more housing to be built in our high-growth centres more quickly."

BRIEFS

Concerns for missing girl

WELLINGTON — Wellington police have concerns for a girl who has gone missing in Lower Hutt.

Liberty, 12, was last seen around 8.45pm yesterday at her home in Wainuiomata, wearing a black hoodie.

While the 14-year-old girl she was with that evening had been located safely, Liberty was still missing.

In a statement, police said there were concerns for Liberty's wellbeing due to her age. The public have been asked to report any sightings of the girl immediately. — RNZ

Missing woman also . . .

WELLINGTON — Wellington police are appealing to the public to help find a missing woman.

Karina Bradnam, 29, was reported missing on February 15 and was last seen at Titahi Bay on February, wearing a t-shirt and jeans.

Police said there were concerns for Ms Bradnam's safety and wellbeing. — RNZ

Toxic algae in Qtown lake

QUEENSTOWN — People are being urged to avoid contact with a popular Queenstown lake due to concerns about toxic algal blooms.

A green discolouration was found at the northern end of Lake Hayes last week.

The Otago Regional Council said the water was being tested to check whether it was cyanobacteria — which can produce toxins harmful to people and animals.

The council says people should take a precautionary approach and stay out of Lake Hayes.

Dogs should also not be allowed in the water. — RNZ

Six rescued in Northland

KERIKERI — Six people have been rescued after their waka ama broke into pieces off the Northland coast yesterday.

Coastguard said it received a distress call just after 9am, and a helicopter and Coastguard volunteers reached the area just over an hour later.

The searchers found the paddlers in the water with the broken waka, off Taronui Bay, north of Kerikeri.

The six paddlers were checked over by a waiting ambulance crew, and there were no major injuries.

A volunteer skipper who helped pull the waka ama team to safety said they did everything right to keep safe.

Coastguard volunteer skipper Robb Henry said the group were about 1.5 kilometres from shore, but were easy to find as they stayed with their broken waka.

"We were able to see them clearly . . . they were all wearing lifejackets, they all stayed together with the vessel and used a locator beacon and also used the VHF radio. From our point of view it was a job we could complete."

"They were pleased to see us," he said.

Mr Henry said the arms between the waka and the outrigger appeared to have broken, but the vessel had not sunk.

"The fact that they did everything by the book and perfectly right means there are families in Northland tonight who are going to be very relieved, rather than families in Northland tonight who are going to be brokenhearted."

He said a local boat towed the broken bits of the waka to shore and locals helped drag the pieces up the beach. — RNZ

WorkSafe making amends for 'low-quality data'

WELLINGTON — Government agency WorkSafe is promising to clamp down over "hidden" deaths that are fuelling the tally of workplace fatalities.

The official count in 2018 of 42 deaths shot up to 86 last year prior to the Whakaari/White Island tragedy; the total in the end was 108 deaths for the year.

WorkSafe is now including ACC work-related death numbers after realising it had entertained a blind spot over transport deaths for years.

"Last year, we saw the clear picture for the first time," WorkSafe's new chief executive Phil Parkes told RNZ.

He is changing tack with the help of \$150 million of new funding

from ACC.

However, even as that is under way, the agency is being criticised for doing fewer investigations — it says it is prioritising resources into intervening sooner to stop accidents, so it does not have to investigate afterwards.

Also, the police are making very few health and safety inquiries into road crashes on behalf of WorkSafe.

The Transport Agency has so far not replaced the truck operator safety rating system it scrapped a year ago; it was flawed but at least it gave truckers a big incentive to fix their rigs before they took them in for a certificate of fitness check.

Mr Parkes admits it all adds up to a

system that's sub-optimal — but he does not admit they have dropped the ball.

"I'm deeply concerned that the number of fatalities has not continued to drop in line with our expectations," he told RNZ.

"The data hasn't been there in terms of one place where we could look at it. The data set was low quality and dispersed across the system."

"It was hidden for sure because it was in these data sets, but it hasn't been pulled together." Until now.

Yet, in 2013, the Independent Taskforce on Workplace Health and Safety was already reporting how it was "struck by how little knowledge" there was about headline fatality

figures, "and how unreliable they were".

It warned: "The Taskforce is left with a profound unease about the quality of data in New Zealand and the fact that this had previously not been detected by the agencies responsible for the data."

"We are deeply concerned that we do not have a clear, reliable picture . . . the Taskforce believes that data improvements, vital to advancing our understanding and targeting of issues and to monitoring and evaluating outcomes accurately, need to be addressed as a priority."

It has taken until the last few months to achieve that.

Mr Parkes rejected a suggestion

that WorkSafe's leadership team or board could have prioritised getting better data sooner.

"I don't think that was viable. But I do acknowledge if we'd have had the information faster, we could have acted faster."

"So we specifically need to change our focus from the existing sectors, which are construction, manufacturing, agriculture, forestry, and add a new sector, which is transport, postal and warehousing."

Under its new consolidated death-counting approach, the transport sector has leapt to the top of the most dangerous sectors for the first time.

— RNZ



VIRUS-HIT CRUISE: The Diamond Princess has been at Yokohama port since February 3. AFP/Yomiuri picture

Oz willing to evacuate NZ cruise ship passengers

WELLINGTON — Australia will fly out New Zealand citizens on board a cruise ship in Japan if it mounted an evacuation, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern says.

Eleven New Zealanders remained in quarantine on board the Diamond Princess cruise ship in Yokohama, Japan. Ardern said she had spoken to Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison last night, and had been told New Zealanders on the ship would be able to fly out with any Australian-assisted evacuation.

Australia did not have a confirmed evacuation flight at present, she said. "They have told us if they do undertake an assisted evacuation they will make room for our 11 New Zealanders who are there."

She said they would not need to transit through Christmas Island, which was where Australians evacuated from China were being quarantined.

"We would look to make a special provision to get them from Australia through to New Zealand... those details need to be worked through."

"Public health is the top priority. Getting them (the cruise passengers) back to New Zealand and maintaining their public health and (the health of) others is top of mind, of course."

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is looking at options to help the New Zealanders on board.

In a statement, the ministry said it was keen to assist New Zealanders to return to their homes as soon as possible, while ensuring their safety and that of others.

"We are in regular communication with the Japanese authorities, the ship's operator and our close partners about how best to proceed. "We are in daily contact with the New Zealand passengers through our embassy in Tokyo," it said.

The US government was also preparing to evacuate Americans who had been quarantined on the ship.

The cruise liner has the most confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infections outside of China. Its quarantine was set to end on Wednesday.

At the time of going to press this morning, the death toll due to COVID-19 had topped 1700 worldwide, and globally there were 69,290 confirmed cases of the virus.

Cabinet ministers would meet today to

discuss the Government's response to COVID-19's impact on the forestry and tourism sectors.

New Zealand's travel restrictions have been extended until next Monday at midnight, putting a further strain on tourism businesses.

Forestry Minister Shane Jones has signalled a package is being put together to help the forestry industry in time for today's Cabinet meeting.

Officials had been working to see what was possible, Jones told Morning Report. Governments had provided help over the years when problems affected the farming sector and "we're seeking to extend it into forestry".

Jones said China's ports had been dealing with "mountains of logs" coming out of Eastern Europe, felled due to a beetle attack that had ravaged forests, at the same time as the disruption from the coronavirus.

"Stakeholders and leaders both in Northland and the East Coast have asked if we can bring some of the provincial growth-fund (PGF) infrastructure, transport projects to the table a lot faster to absorb the labour that would otherwise be on the hillsides and in the forests.

"People from the South Island who want to get on with killing off the wilding pine have asked whether some of the labour could be relocated down there, where it could also be relocated to assist with horticultural production.

"A lot of the Tairāwhiti people, understandably, want to work at home (in Tairāwhiti), because their kids are at school and their families are embedded in the (local) communities."

Jones said the COVID-19 outbreak was a wakeup call to exporters who rely on single markets.

"When our exports are totally reliant on China and there are no other options in ASEAN countries, then welcome to the disruptiveness of international economics and international trade.

"It's a wakeup call to our exporters. If you have commodities that are reliant on single markets, then from time to time international trade without having enough diversity will do you damage." — RNZ

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Universities seeking travel-ban exemption for China students

by John Gerritsen, RNZ

WELLINGTON — Universities have asked the Government to exempt thousands of Chinese students from its ban on foreign travellers from mainland China.

The Government says the travel restriction aimed at stopping the spread of coronavirus (officially named COVID-19) has prevented 11,280 or 41 percent of the Chinese students now due in New Zealand from travelling here.

Among those stuck in China were 6742 enrolled with universities (53 percent of the total number of Chinese students enrolled with universities), 2225 school students (30 percent of the school total) and 1128 polytechnic students (41 percent of the polytechnic total).

The ban was introduced on February 2 for a period of 14 days. On Saturday, Health Minister David Clark announced it would be extended for another eight days.

The director of Universities New Zealand, Chris Whelan, said the ban had disrupted the lives of the affected students and if it was not lifted the universities could lose about \$170 million in fees.

"From our point of view, it's extremely serious," Mr Whelan said.

He said the universities had suggested the Government waive the travel ban for students.

"We're currently discussing the idea of an exemption, so some students may be able to come to New Zealand even if there is a more general travel ban," he said.

"We would be only doing that with the full support of the Ministry of Health and certainly observing any guidelines they put around it. There are some challenges but we are hopeful we might be able to do something in that space."

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern confirmed the Government was in discussions with the universities, but said nothing had been decided yet.

"The first thing we've done is say, yes, their student visas will still be able to give them entry

into the country later on, but universities have indicated to us that they have a particular window... in about April — the time by which they need their international students to start.

"We've had that request and — just for context — roughly 59 percent of international students are already in the country so there are a portion that are here but a portion that are not.

"Public health is our number one priority here — there are a couple of things which make any exemptions tricky. Of course, you'd basically have to be making these individualised decisions for what are thousands of visa holders, and that is quite a logistical exercise.

"Secondly, they have to be able to follow the quarantine — universities say they believe they can follow the quarantine, but there are other complicating factors as well," Ardern said.

Mr Whelan said the students could easily meet the Health Ministry's guidelines on self-isolation once they arrived.

He said the (financial) impact of losing first-year students could be felt for another four or five years.

He was not aware of any students cancelling their enrolment and, in the meantime, the Chinese government had given universities permission to teach their students online.

A spokesperson for the Chinese consulate general in Auckland, Xiao Yewen, said the Government should lift the travel ban, and not just for students.

"The key to solving this problem is to cancel the travel ban as soon as possible. This ban is not in line with the professional advice of the WHO. Very, very few countries have taken this kind of measure. The Chinese students will be watching this situation," he said.

Mr Xiao said the consulate general had been in close contact with New Zealand universities and they had made a lot of effort to help their students. "I think the universities have done their jobs and we highly appreciate that."

Education Minister Chris Hipkins said the Government was reviewing the travel restrictions every 48 hours and would lift them as soon as it could. However, Hipkins said it was not considering making exemptions.

"That's not something that we've considered at this point, but we're going to be looking at all of the options to lessen the impact and to ensure that people aren't unduly disadvantaged by the travel restriction we've got in place at the moment," he said.

Universities have acknowledged the coronavirus crisis has highlighted their dependence on China as a source of foreign students.

In the last financial year Chinese students provided about a third of New Zealand's 100,000 foreign students, one of the highest figures on record, and about half of the foreign students at universities.

Mr Whelan said universities had increasingly looked to foreign students to make up for a long-term real decline in per-student funding from the Government.

"Eleven percent of all the funding of universities now comes from international students and these are universities that generate generally [surpluses of] about 3 percent a year so if we lost our international students tomorrow every university and in fact probably every tertiary provider would start generating losses as of tomorrow.

"Whether or not we want to be overly-reliant on China, we've had to accept that China is a huge and important market for us and take those students," he said.

The president of the Tertiary Education Union, Michael Gilchrist, said the union had warned for some time that tertiary institutions were relying too much on income from foreign students.

"There are real financial risks developing. We're lobbying strongly for the Tertiary Education Commission to provide some assurances of support for tertiary institutions."

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Body found in Tauranga by cops investigating double homicide

Woman was a new mum; her partner was a suspect in last week's double murder

by Tom Dillane, NZ Herald

TAURANGA — The woman found dead in a Tauranga home was a new mother and the partner of the man killed by police after a wild shootout during a chase.

The woman, who died in a "domestic incident", lay dead for several days in her Brookfield home, police have confirmed.

She had given birth to a baby just two to three months ago, a neighbour said.

It is understood her partner was the man gunned down by police during a pursuit on Thursday night.

He was a suspect in the double murder of two men two days earlier at McLaren Falls.

Police would not comment on whether the two were in a relationship but confirmed the woman did have a newborn baby. They said the infant was not in the house after the murder and is now in the care of other family members.

Neighbours last saw the woman, who was described as being in her mid-30s, alive on Tuesday.

"I saw her driving the car, it might have been 5pm on Tuesday afternoon, and she was on her own. She waved to me. I was walking up to the shop," a neighbour said.

"It didn't look like there was a kiddie in the car then."

"She was really nice, I chatted to her a bit."

It is unclear when or how the woman died but the neighbour noticed a bad smell outside the house early on Friday.

"When I walked past I thought it was just rubbish," the person



POLICE AT THE BROOKFIELD PROPERTY: It is understood the body of a woman who died in a Lynwood Place property in the Tauranga suburb of Brookfield, had been lying there for days before being discovered on February 15. NZME picture

said.

"But later you could really smell it, and by Friday night the police were there."

"When I went for a walk Saturday morning, there were two cops patrolling. I asked one of them 'has someone died in there?'"

"And he said, 'Oh, keep it down, we don't want people to know yet,'" the neighbour said.

Another neighbour told the New Zealand Herald there had been children at the Lynwood Place house over Christmas, but everyone had cleared out a couple of weeks ago.

It is believed the woman's baby might have been taken to its grandparents in Auckland before the violent events took place.

On Saturday the police district commander, Superintendent Andy McGregor, said the Brookfield woman's death was a "domestic incident" that was "linked" to the McLaren Falls double homicide.

The woman's alleged partner was driving a Ford Falcon when he opened fire on police trying to stop him in Bethlehem on Thursday night.

The man, who several sources have said had Black Power gang links, sprayed several bursts of gunfire out the driver's window before police returned fire and killed him on Carmichael Road.

Photos of the bullet-strewn Falcon on Carmichael Road were confirmed by a person on the street as looking like the same car driven by the now-dead



AT THE SCENE OF DOUBLE HOMICIDE: Police at the scene of the double homicide near McLaren Falls early last week. NZ Herald picture by Alan Gibson

woman.

One neighbour said there had regularly been patched Black Power gang members moving in and out of the house.

The neighbour also claimed to have seen bags full of rifles being carried out of the property.

Some residents on the street also reported feeling a sense of intimidation because of the gang members' presence. A fox terrier-sized black dog was regularly seen yapping at the window.

The residents of the house on Lynwood Place, which remained a crime scene yesterday, were believed to have moved there early last year.

A campervan which was

always parked on the grass out front has gone.

Meanwhile, a 25-year-old Bay of Plenty man appeared on Saturday before a court in Christchurch charged with double murder over the McLaren Falls deaths on February 11.

The victims were aged 43 and 32.

Name suppression was given to the 25-year-old man.

It is understood he and the man killed by police in Bethlehem on Thursday were related. Police yesterday located a blue Ford Territory Ghia AWD, registration plate CDE931, which they say might be linked to the deaths at McLaren Falls.

Home owners want Govt to share earthquake-strengthening costs

by Jordan Bond, RNZ

WELLINGTON — Owners of earthquake-prone apartments want the Government to pay some of the cost of strengthening rather than offer low-interest loans.

The last-resort financial help is open to owner-occupiers of multi-storey apartments in high-risk quake zones who cannot get a loan anywhere else to do the work.

The money will only need to be paid back when the apartment's sold, or the owner dies. However, residents did not want to take on huge debt, and believed the Government should share the bill.

Carol Brown is retired, mortgage-free and a homeowner. She thought she was set up for life in Wellington's Aro Valley until her apartment was declared quake-prone. "I'm in my 70s and debt-free, but I'll be taking on a burden of \$100,000 to \$250,000 for something that I don't want."

The estimated costs to strengthen her apartment building have already doubled since the first estimate a few years ago, and may continue to rise before anything even happens.

When she bought the unit in the late 1980s it was within building regulations. Now it is not, and it must be fixed by

Residents do not want to take on huge debt.

2030. "The effect is actually this: having paid off for your home a few years down the track, the Government is now demanding you pay for your home all over again," she said.

"I had a home for life. Then all of a sudden the rug is pulled out from under me. It's a nightmare, actually."

The Government loan on offer is capped at \$250,000, with the interest rate set at 60 percent of a five-year, fixed interest rate — essentially 40 percent off. It has set aside \$23 million to fund and run the scheme.

Mel Johnston, the chair of the Macalister Heights Body Corporate, said for the cost to fall solely on the owner, many of whom are not well off, would change their lives — through no fault of their own.

"It's \$240,000 per owner to strengthen the building only up to 67 percent of the new building standard. That's an enormous sum of money for anyone to have to service, and that massively disadvantages all of those people for most of their lives. Some people will never recover from this."

The vast majority of the owners in her building had bought before it was ruled quake-prone. That designation — and the associated costs with getting it up to standard — came as a big surprise.

Ms Johnston said it would be better if the Government offered to pay part of the costs, like it did for owners of leaky homes. "If it's about trying to save lives, which is the policy argument, at the moment, all of that cost is going on to private people."

Wellington City councillor Iona Pannett said the low-interest, suspended loans were a good start — but some owners, including retirees, would be anxious having hundreds of thousands of dollars of new debt hanging over their heads.

She said the strengthening costs for some people would be more than the \$250,000 cap allowed for. The recipients of the loan could not get finance from banks, so she questioned how the Government expected them to finish the work.

Ms Pannett said there was a lot more central Government could be doing.

"We know that New Zealand will have another quake, and it will be a big quake, we just don't know where it will be. So it makes sense to frontload some of those costs."

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Police eagle helicopter trial for Chch

CHRISTCHURCH — The police have announced a five-week trial of an Eagle helicopter in Christchurch.

The helicopter, taken from the fleet in Auckland, will be starting to fly around the city from today, until March 20.

Police Commissioner Mike Bush said the benefits of the Eagle helicopter were evident in Auckland, where it attends thousands of incidents a year.

Almost half of those are road policing and fleeing driving events.

“It is clear that air support offers benefits to our frontline policing by providing aerial surveillance and monitoring from a safe distance and with a wider picture — enabling an efficient response and resolution,” he said.

He said that of events attended by Eagle outside of Auckland, Canterbury was the second highest in Eagle attendance.

“Eagle was deployed to Canterbury on four separate occasions around the horrific attack of March 15 — to provide surveillance, and for the visit of HRH Prince William.

“During these deployments, Eagle also attended a number of requests for service, such as road safety, backup/surveillance for search warrants, and assistance during search and rescue events.”

Bush said the police wanted to investigate if there was demand to expand the eagle service beyond Christchurch.

The helicopter is a Bell 429 and there will still be two helicopters in Auckland.

— RNZ

One injured after ‘whanau incident’

NAPIER — At least one person has moderate injuries after a brawl involving more than 15 gang members in Napier.

The police say one person has been taken to Hawke’s Bay Hospital with moderate injuries after another round of gang violence in Napier.

They were alerted to the fight on Percy Spiller Avenue, in the Napier suburb of Maraenui, about midday.

It was initially thought Mongrel Mob and Black Power members were fighting, but police revised that to say the fight involved 15 members of one gang, some of whom are family members.

However, Napier mayor Kirsten Wise says the brawl was not gang related.

“It has been confirmed that yesterday’s incident was not gang related at all. It was a whanau incident, and the community within Maraenui are now gathering around to support the whanau that were actually involved.”

Wise says she spoke to the police and community leaders about the incident.

The brawl is the latest violent

incident after a string of gang-related fights, shootings and violent incidents that have shaken Napier and Wairoa communities, with hundreds turning out to a public meeting at the end of January to discuss the problem.

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—Napier mayor Kirsten Wise

The mayor of Wairoa says people are sick of gang skirmishes and shouldn’t have to put up with it, but is worried the problem seems to be growing.

Craig Little believes the police are doing a good job trying to keep a lid on flare-ups, but he says gang violence is a nation-wide problem.

“I honestly don’t think they can recruit enough police to keep up, gangs are just getting bigger and bigger by the day, and I just don’t know how they’re doing it.”

“I just think we are, as a country, going to have to get a lot tougher on gangs.”

Recent gang violence incidents include a brawl between 30 to 40 Mongrel Mob and Black Power members which broke out in Taradale, Napier, on January 19, leaving two people injured, and during which shots were fired at a car, hitting a child’s car seat.

Earlier that day, shots were fired between two vehicles and a house in Ruatoria, before a car loaded with firearms crashed nearby.

In another incident a few days later, officers seized guns and ammunition in Wairoa after reports Mongrel Mob members were heading to the shopping centre.

In early February, Wise said she hoped to hold a hui to bring together gang leaders, police, and others from the community to discuss the issues, and try to ease the tensions. — RNZ

‘I gave it all I had’

Illness forces Elton John to halt Auckland show

AUCKLAND — An emotional Elton John has reached out to fans on social media saying he’s “disappointed and deeply upset” that he couldn’t complete his show — however his next two Auckland shows are set to go ahead.

The distraught performer was forced to call off his first Auckland concert midway through the performance on Sunday night after suffering pneumonia and losing his voice.

“I’m sorry, so very sorry,” a sobbing John told the Mt Smart crowd.

The superstar, who earlier needed medical assistance while on stage, broke down in tears and needed to be assisted from the stage after attempting to launch into Daniel, but having no voice left.

The song was number 16 in a 25-strong playlist at Mt Smart Stadium. Concert reviewer Karl Puschmann said John’s voice remained powerful during his early songs — until he spoke.

John reached out to fans on Instagram and Facebook an hour after the show was called off.

“I want to thank everyone who attended tonight’s gig in Auckland. I was diagnosed with walking pneumonia earlier today, but I was determined to give you the best show humanly possible. I played and sang my heart out, until my voice could sing no more.

“I’m disappointed, deeply upset and sorry. I gave it all I had. Thank you so much for your extraordinary support and all the love you showed me during tonight’s performance. I am eternally grateful.”

He signed the message off saying “Love, Elton xx”.

A statement released through a publicist this morning said: “Elton John was disappointed and deeply upset at having to end his Auckland concert early last night.

“He is resting today, and doctors are confident he will recover.

“At this stage, all remaining shows will go ahead as planned.”

John told the crowd early in the concert he had been diagnosed with ‘walking pneumonia’ on Sunday morning. His voice was “shot”, he said, but he was determined to put on a great show.

The concert was paused for almost five minutes straight after John completed Someone Saved My Life Tonight about 8.40pm.



‘I’M SORRY, SO VERY SORRY’: Elton John had to be helped from the stage at Mt Smart Stadium last night when his voice gave up because of walking pneumonia. NZ Herald picture

John remained on his piano stool as assistants and medical staff tended to him. His blood pressure was taken as the assistants spoke to him.

There were no announcements and John remained on stage. After several minutes and without speaking, John continued the concert with the song Levon.

The large screens flanking the stage had briefly gone dark but within minutes the concert resumed — to wild cheers from the crowd at Mt Smart Stadium.

He struggled to perform Candle in the Wind and told the audience he did not know how long he could continue as he “had nothing left”. He left the stage just after 9pm and the stage, screens and stadium were left in darkness.

However, he managed to return to the stage about eight minutes later in a new costume.

But several songs later, as he started Daniel, it was clear he had no voice. The show was over.

Walking pneumonia is an infection caused by bacteria that primarily affects an individual’s lower and upper

respiratory tract.

The condition is not as severe as the other forms of pneumonia and, in most cases, hospitalisation and bed rest are not required for recovery. It goes unnoticed and feels similar to the common cold for most individuals.

John had resumed his tour of New Zealand after jetting back from Los Angeles to attend the Academy Awards.

On Saturday night he performed at the Mission Estate Winery in Napier to a packed crowd, with scores of fans arriving early in a bid to get the best vantage point possible.

Most fans seemed far from upset from the Sunday night cancellation, instead praising the 72-year-old’s work ethic on social media.

“I admired him more for trying to push through . . . What a legend! Thank you for sharing your amazing talent with us,” wrote one fan.

“Elton John continuing his show after a medical scare just showed how amazing he is, he did an amazing show in Auckland tonight,” wrote another. — NZ Herald

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Lack of rain an ongoing concern

WELLINGTON — There were warnings about the wet weather ex-tropical cyclone Uesi would bring to the West Coast over the weekend — but other parts of New Zealand have seen barely any rain in weeks.

Weather commentator Richard Green told RNZ's First Up Uesi had delivered some heavy rain, as well as strong winds overnight, but it was nothing out of the ordinary.

While it completely missed the North Island, moving down the centre of the Tasman Sea, a bit of rain and respite would have been welcomed in areas of the country where rain has been scarce.

Auckland has been without rain for a record-breaking 42 days, but Mr Green said there was another concerning situation in Blenheim and

Marlborough, where it has been dry for the last 59 days. While a couple of showers could come to the region, he said it was largely hit and miss.

"This has been tough for farmers, there's no doubt about that, especially in the north and even in Canterbury and eastern parts of the North Island," he said.

"But for crop growers, this has been one of the best, it's a summer they'll remember.

"Some people are laughing, some are smiling, but they're not doing it too loudly as others are suffering."

Today's forecast from the MetService showed cloudy periods, with isolated light showers for Northland to Waitomo and Taumarunui, including Coromandel, Bay of Plenty and Taupo.

In Gisborne and Hawke's Bay, it would be

fine and warm with high cloud, while Whanganui, Taihape, Manawatu and the Tararua District could expect thickening cloud and scattered afternoon showers.

Taranaki, also Horowhenua, Kapiti Coast, Wellington and the rest of Wairarapa would be often cloudy, with scattered showers, some would possibly be heavy this morning.

Nelson, Buller, Westland and Fiordland were expecting rain with some heavy falls at first north of about Hokitika and easing to isolated showers in the south.

For the remainder of the South Island, the weather would be mainly fine with high cloud, but scattered showers from the afternoon, mostly about the Canterbury Plains and eastern Otago, where some might be heavy with possible thunderstorms.

— RNZ



PARCHED: Much of the North Island is grappling with the driest weather on record. RNZ picture by Liz Garton

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AIRBNB PUSH: Airbnb suggests hosts who egregiously breach standards be banned from any platform.

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US billionaire seeks consent for Waiheke Island lodge

AUCKLAND — US billionaire Julian Robertson's plans for a luxury lodge on Auckland's Waiheke Island are being assessed by Auckland Council after his representatives applied for resource consent before Christmas.

The application was lodged just before the December 31, 2019 deadline set by the Overseas Investment Office, when it approved the \$19.5 million sale of a property on Kauaroa Bay in 2018 to Waiaua Bay Farm, an entity ultimately controlled by the retired hedge fund manager.

According to the application, the 34-hectare property would have 16 small stand-alone visitor villas of 56 square metres and an owner's lodge. It said the development, designed by Cheshire Architects, would take two years to build on the site on the southern coast of Waiheke, south-east of the township of Ostend.

The architecture firm is best known for Auckland's Britomart Precinct and CityWorks Depot. It also designed the luxury lodge 'The Landing' in the Bay of Islands for lawyer-turned-developer Peter Cooper.

Auckland Council has yet to decide whether the public should have a say on the project and has sought additional information about the proposed development.

A spokeswoman for the Waiheke local board said it had been briefed on the project but didn't have a decision-making role and therefore took no formal position on the consent application.

The developer has promised to provide public walking access to the coast and a lookout point on the property with a 300-degree view across Auckland, Koi Island and Whakanewha Bay.

Other conditions of Robertson's purchase, according to documents obtained under the Official Information Act, show that he must get resource consent by 2021 and the lodge must be operational by 2026. The application said the property would be sold if consent was not obtained.

A December 20, 2019 environmental impact report described a 520 square-metre lodge with guest dining room, kitchen and reception that connects to a recreation building. A new tennis court would be built and an existing boatshed and helipad would be used.

The report by Peter Hall Planning said minimal earthworks were needed for the site because the villas would be served by narrow cart tracks given most guests wouldn't arrive by private car. They would either be picked up from the ferry or arrive by helicopter or boat.

The lodge would retain the previous owner's helipad consent, restricting the type of helicopter which can be used and hours for landing and take-off.

Sheep would continue to graze on the property.

The lodge is expected to employ between 30 and 40 staff as well as part-time workers and contractors for food delivery and maintenance, and the application outlined the economic benefits to the area. — BusinessDesk

Airbnb hosts face IRD crackdown

by Hamish Rutherford, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — Airbnb has begun a push for a nationwide regulation of short-stay rentals, backing a framework for bed taxes and information sharing with IRD to ensure tax compliance among hosts.

Representatives from the online accommodation market met with Local Government NZ's metropolitan mayors group in Wellington on Friday to present a set of broad proposals to consider.

A growing number of councils have begun consultations on regulating aspects of the sector. Derek Nolan, Airbnb's head of public policy for Australia and New Zealand, said it could face difficulties if councils acted alone developing different rules.

"We need regulation . . . but let's not have 70 iterations of it around the place, and let's have a conversation about how we can have a national approach, with some local differences built in" rather than "a hodgepodge of different regulatory contexts across the country".

Airbnb's proposals effectively propose a framework for a bed tax levied on all accommodation providers, which councils could opt into.

It comes amid mounting pressure in some parts of New Zealand for a new means of revenue to cope with growing tourist numbers.

Auckland Council charges a targeted rate on providers, while Queenstown Lakes District Council is pushing for a night "bed tax" of 5 percent across all accommodation providers.

Nolan said a levy of the type proposed by Queenstown could be easily charged in proportion to how much of an impact a

property was having.

Some hosts only offered a room on occasion, while others rented out entire properties full time, meaning the impact of two hosts on local amenities could be very different.

"The targeted rate is a kind of clumsy tool to deal with those (differences)," Nolan said, whereas a bed tax was "proportionate to how much they decide to participate in the sharing economy and how often they decide to host".

“We need regulation . . . but let's not have 70 iterations of it around the place.”

—Derek Nolan

Such a charge would require a law change, with local government minister Nanaia Mahuta confirming the charge is not currently possible under the Rating Act.

Airbnb's proposals also include a code of conduct which would enable hosts who egregiously breach standards to be banned not only from one platform, but from any.

A "sliding scale" of regulation would impose fewer rules on hosts who only offered part of their homes for rent differently to those which offered entire properties, Nolan said.

Airbnb also proposed the creation of a data-sharing framework, so long as it protected privacy, to improve understanding of the sector as well as ensure hosts were paying the required tax on their activity.

"We are very open to making sure compliance (with tax obligations) is part of what we are doing," Nolan said.

The company was seeking meetings with Tourism Minister Kelvin Davis and officials at the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE).

Nolan said the company would allow the proposals to "sink in" as it appreciated it would require a change at a national level, but it appeared mayors were pragmatic.

"They realise this is new, do they want to spend all their resources of 70 different councils, hiring people to all do the same job?"

Queenstown Lakes mayor Jim Boulton said he did not agree with Airbnb's proposals entirely, but "applauded" the company's change in stance towards regulation.

"From where they were a few years ago where it was a bit of a locked horns environment between councils and Airbnb, it's a much better environment and I have in recent times found them to be open and interested in finding solutions."

Boulton said the challenges his council faced would be different to others but the concept of a national approach was positive.

"It makes sense if it can be at a national level. I certainly wouldn't say that what applies to us applies for everyone, but I think the idea is an excellent one."

While Boulton welcomed the company's support for a framework for bed taxes, he indicated he would not withdraw from Queenstown Lakes' plans which would require a law change.

"We're pretty committed to our model. We have been working on it for three years, we are delighted with how far we have got and we would be really nervous of something that just interfered with that process."

'It's only money': RocketWerkz reaches for the top

AUCKLAND — A video gaming start-up out of Dunedin has topped hundreds of lawyers, accountants, financiers and global businesses by securing the penthouse floors of New Zealand's tallest new office tower on Auckland's waterfront.

"It's only money. You can't take it with you," said RocketWerkz chief executive Dean Hall of his firm's surprise leasing transaction of Precinct Properties' \$1 billion PwC Tower at Commercial Bay.

That move has trumped the blue ribbon corporate brigade, all will be beneath the whiz kid game developers: giant well-established businesses PwC New Zealand, Chapman Tripp, MinterEllisonRuddWatts, Jarden, DLA Piper, Marsh, Macquarie Bank and Delegat.

"We wanted to make a

statement. We're scaling the company up and we're doing to the gaming industry what Sir Peter Jackson did to the film industry," Hall said on Saturday, adding that leasing such premises was a drawcard for new staff.

Scott Pritchard, chief executive of Precinct which developed the 40-level tower nearing completion, said the successful New Zealand business had leased levels 38 and 39 on a six-year term.

RocketWerkz is now in temporary Albert St premises but Hall hinted last year he was about to improve digs.

"It's an aspirational move. We wanted to position ourselves as different. It's all about attracting talent," Hall said, referring to RocketWerkz's need for more personnel.

Around 60 to 80 staff specialising in video game development will work on the two floors to be connected by stairs: "The fit-out is more than \$1m but less than \$5m. We pay for that. It will be pretty wild," Hall said.

The NZ Herald has reported how Precinct took High Court action last year to liquidate a company which signed a deal for the same two top floors but reneged. Golden Tower NZ told Precinct in November 2017 it no longer wanted the space but the landlord claimed \$379,000 from that would-be tenant.

Each PwC office floorplate is 1364sq m and although no rents were revealed by Hall or Pritchard, top office premises can go for around \$700/sq m so RocketWerkz could be paying just under \$2m per year.

"The rent doesn't bother me too much. They're very competitive and one of the reasons I liked it is Precinct is really easy to work with," Hall said.

Asked whether he had considered Precinct's Wynyard Quarter Generator, Hall said: "We did talk to them about it. Security is a massive issue for us."

"We're trying to make one of the biggest games in the world. These new premises are highly secure. A lot of the Generator places were difficult to lock down."

On December 14, the Herald named Hall as one of the top 20 emerging tech leaders.

Chinese gaming giant Tencent bought a 46 percent stake in RocketWerkz in a deal which some say could be worth "tens

of millions" (Tencent spent more than \$100m buying a majority stake in Rocketwerkz's closest peer, West Auckland's Grinding Gear Games). Hall said last year he would open a second studio in Auckland to create a big-budget survival game.

Hall founded RocketWerkz after five years in the Air Force plus a successful stint in the gaming industry in Europe. He returned to New Zealand in 2015 to found his own gaming studio.

In 2018, he opened a second studio in Auckland and went on a hunt to hire 60 new staff to create a big-budget survival game.

But on Friday morning, he was about to lead staff on a team-building exercise at Rangitoto: "You can't all be lucky and beautiful, right?" — NZ Herald

EDITORIAL

Bleak week with violence, virus

A week of violence lying under the shadow of a deadly virus made for a bleak background to the past seven days in New Zealand.

Possibly surpassing anything else in the grim week was the case of a four-year-old Flaxmere boy found with serious head injuries which are suspected to be the result of physical abuse.

The boy was taken to Starship Hospital and even if he survives will be disabled for life. He had previously been admitted to hospital with broken bones and was at one stage removed from his family.

The worst part of the situation is that it just carries on the sad fate of fellow victims such as Moko and Lillybing. There were marches around the country following Moko's death but the long, tragic litany of savage abuse of the most vulnerable members of society continues.

Then in Tauranga there was a double shooting and a following armed confrontation and death that shook the Bay of Plenty city and the rest of New Zealand. After two men were shot on a rural property, a fleeing suspect opened fire on pursuing police the next day. Eventually he was stopped and fatally shot not far from the Tauranga CBD.

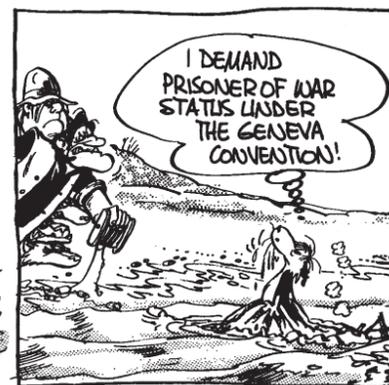
The shootings are believed to be the result of gang tensions arising after motorcycle gang the Mongols moved to establish itself in the city and clashed with the Mongrel Mob. A fourth death, of a woman, is believed to be linked.

It is the worst example yet of the gun violence that has increased in New Zealand since Australia began deporting violent criminals, the "501s" named for the clause under which they have been deported here.

Recent statistics show that 40 percent of those deportees have reoffended since arriving and the motorcycle gang is reportedly led by a 501.

Sitting in the background is the growing spread of the Coronavirus in China. By the weekend nearly 1400 people had died and 63,000 were infected although the number of new infections fell for the fourth day today. The deaths included six health workers, more than 1300 of whom have been infected.

There was at least some good news last week when Taika Waititi won an Oscar for the best adapted screenplay with his Hitler spoof Jojo Rabbit. East Coast man Waititi is a comic genius and if ever there was a time we could do with a laugh it is now.



'Race to the middle' bereft of vision

by Alex Penk



WHO is the real "party of infrastructure"? Is it Labour, who just announced that they'll spend billions on roads and rail, or is it National, who claim that Labour is just implementing their old policies?

This is one example of how hard it is to separate our two major political parties, which was also shown by the Prime Minister's election date announcement. Invoking "stability", a "strong economy", and spending on health and education, she sounded exactly like her predecessor, Sir Bill English, when he announced the 2017 election.

This kind of ideological convergence makes it less likely that we'll get a real contest of ideas at the election, the kind that helps us clarify who we are and who we want to become as a nation — and more likely that we'll be treated to a contest of personalities to be fought out in the pages of Woman's Weekly.

Some might argue this represents the best of democratic compromise. Instead, I think it represents a narrowing of vision, with the leadership of both parties hewing to more or

less the same view of the government's role, grounded in a political ideology of pragmatic managerialism.

There are many reasons for this, but the role of MMP is particularly interesting. MMP can encourage lowest-common denominator politics, where post-election negotiations to form a government produce a selection of policies that the governing parties can live with rather than a policy programme that anyone believes in strongly.

Witness the fate of Labour's policy to repeal the three strikes law and its desire to implement a capital gains tax, both shot down by coalition partner NZ First.

Under MMP there is also a tendency for new ideas to be forced out to the margins of minor parties' manifestos, leaving National and Labour hugging the same middle ground and competing for the same support.

With this kind of convergence, it's no wonder that elections are becoming increasingly presidential — focused on the personalities of the party leaders and dependent on their personal brands as portrayed in "soft" media — as there's less and less of substance to distinguish the major parties' philosophy of government.

Politicians fighting elections can offer us

something more substantial. Take George HW Bush's famous presidential campaign speech in 1988. He spoke of "a nation of community", one where government has a role to play alongside a plethora of organisations and entities, big and small, making up "a brilliant diversity spread like stars, like a thousand points of light in a broad and peaceful sky".

The major parties have shown us little evidence of such a vision, and instead we seem to be trapped in a dull managerial echo chamber, listening to repeats of the political consensus of the early 2000s.

We should encourage our political leaders to offer us more substance and to develop a wider range of visions for the future. That combination of depth and debate will give us the best chance to meet the challenges and opportunities of the decades ahead, and to weave a stronger social fabric.

■ Alex Penk is chief executive of the Maxim Institute, an Auckland-based think tank.

■ What's On in Council This Week will appear in this space tomorrow. An IT hiccup meant Councillor Shannon Dowsing could not access the agendas in time for today's paper.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

Time to let others have a go KiwiRail Costly for us

Re: Bureaucratic inertia holding up rail plans. February 14 story.

The comments of KiwiRail CEO Greg Miller in the Herald of February 14th are completely irresponsible and he should resign from KiwiRail forthwith.

As anyone following the rail issue in New Zealand is aware, the Government has given a mandate and a MASSIVE amount of money (a lot of which appears to be advanced without an adequate business case), to KiwiRail to grow rail in New Zealand.

Now we have the CEO of KiwiRail hiding behind the lack of a business plan even though the BERL report, which KiwiRail fully co-operated with and contributed to, showed the line to Gisborne is more than viable. Are you kidding me?

If KiwiRail doesn't want to re-open the line (which certainly appears to be the case) then get out of the road and let others who wish to provide a rail service get on with the job of restoration and operation of the line. It must be remembered that numerous lines in

early New Zealand were built and operated by private concerns eg the Wellington and Manawatu Railway, which was taken over by the Government in 1908.

There are likely to be far more containers out of Gisborne than Otiria, yet KiwiRail are re-opening the line to Otiria and opening a container yard, which in reality is a re-opening of the container yard after KiwiRail closed the original facility several years ago — something KiwiRail doesn't publicise. The lack of interest shown in Wairoa-Gisborne by KiwiRail makes no sense when the Government wants rail to be its weapon against climate change.

KiwiRail's complete lack of vision for the WHOLE rail network has become glaringly obvious and it is well past time that the rail network of New Zealand became open access so places like Tairāwhiti can get access to a cleaner/greener transport option and ensure ongoing employment opportunities for the people of Tairāwhiti in the face of continued climate change.

JOHN RUSKIN

Re: Fairer way, February 15 comment.

I think that's the point Rehette Stoltz is making . . . pricing that way makes it expensive for us.

LIZZ CRAWFORD

It's the best

Re: BeeBox's huge honey gift to Supergrans, February 7 story.

BeeBox make the best honey in New Zealand — trust me, I've been all over tasting honeys across both the North Island and South Island. Perfect!

WARSTUB, Feilding

Thanks for sharing Disappointed at delays Ka nui te pai

Re: 'This can't be what I've got', February 14 story.

Thank you for sharing your story. We have a very dear friend who has MND — we are helping out and trying to keep her smiling.

LYNETTE VALK, Blenheim

Best wishes Lynda. Make the most of what you are able to do while you can do it. Thanks for sharing your story.

FRANCES, Wellington

Re: Rebuilt, awaiting decision, February 15

How disappointing and frustrating to read the council's response in regard to the Endeavour models.

I attended a meeting held at Council back in January when installation was discussed, now wait until April? Considering

all the money spent during the October Cook activities surely the reinstallation of these models won't be delayed further due to cost.

I think supporters of the models' reinstallation have been extremely patient to date and deserve better.

BARB WOODS

Re: Language comes naturally but you have to practice, February 15

Ka nui te pai Hunaara. it is great to see the hard work of Ripeka Heeney and others coming to fruition. I had the pleasure of working with them in the mid-70s.

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No handshakes: covid-19 spooks places of worship

MANILA — In a popular Catholic church in the Philippines, nearly half of the pews were empty for Sunday Mass. The few hundred worshippers who showed up were asked to refrain from shaking others' hands or holding them during prayers to prevent the spread of the virus that started in China.

In Hong Kong, Cardinal John Hon Tong, wearing a mask, announced the suspension of public Masses for two weeks and urged churchgoers to instead watch them online.

Buddhist temples, Christian churches and Muslim mosques have been ordered closed since January 29 in mainland China, where the new coronavirus strain was first detected in the central city of Wuhan, the epicentre of the outbreak. Mosques have cancelled weekly Friday prayers since January under an order to avoid "collective religious activities."

Religious leaders should encourage Muslims to "trust the party" and avoid crowds, the Communist Party-controlled body that oversees China's officially authorised mosques said in a statement.

The restrictions and dwindling crowds in religiously diverse places of worship underscore the extent of the scare over the outbreak that has permeated many aspects of life in the hard-hit Asian region.

The virus has killed more than 1700 people and infected more than 69,000 others, mostly in China, where several cities that are home to more than 60 million people have been placed under lockdown in an unprecedented effort to contain the disease.

All but three of the deaths have been in China, Japan, Hong Kong and the Philippines have reported one fatality each.

In Japan, where Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines are tourist destinations, a sharp decline in the number of foreign visitors has been a palpable setback. At normally popular Suzumushi, or Crickets, temple, a sign read, "Due to the impact of the COVID-19, no waiting expected," using the name given to the disease by the World Health Organisation.

"We assimilate with parishioners and many other people. We know that the talk of the town is really this virus and it's obvious that many are scared," said the Rev. Siegfred Arellano, a priest at the Binondo church in the Philippine capital's Chinatown. Attendance at Masses, Arellano said, "has really dropped."

After consulting health experts, the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines announced steps late last month to fight the virus.

Churchgoers were advised to avoid hand contact and receive the Eucharistic host, the consecrated bread that Catholics believe to be the body of Jesus Christ, in the hand instead of the mouth.

They said holy water should be replaced more often in church stoups and a protective cloth installed on the grills



BELIEVE IN GOD: A Catholic woman wearing a protective mask touches an image of Jesus Christ at the Minor Basilica of San Lorenzo Ruiz in Manila's Chinatown, Philippines. In a popular Catholic church in Manila, the worshippers who showed up, had been asked to refrain from shaking or holding hands in prayers. AP picture

separating priests and worshippers in confessional boxes.

In Hong Kong, Tong initially approved precautions that included a choice for churchgoers to watch Sunday Mass online.

Those who opted to go to churches were asked to wear masks and told that "singing is suspended," except for short hymns like "Alleluia." The new virus is spread through respiratory droplets, according to health officials.

Tong later announced the two-week suspension of Masses, saying the move was crucial to suppressing the outbreak, and asked Hong Kong's 400,000-strong Catholic community not to panic.

Masses in Singapore's Catholic churches have also been suspended indefinitely starting Saturday to contain the spread of the virus. The city-state has reported that 67 people have been infected, including a senior pastor and several members of the Grace Assembly of God church, which has shut down two premises and quarantined all staff.

Crowds also have thinned at Bangkok's popular Wat Pho, a centuries-old Buddhist temple complex known for its giant reclining Buddha. The temple is normally visited by thousands of tourists, many of them Chinese, during the peak travel season from December to February, but large numbers of visitors as well as locals have stayed away since the outbreak began, said Phra Maha Udom Panyapho, a monk in charge of tourism at the temple.

A Protestant church in Seoul shut its doors and switched entirely to online

worship services after one of its followers tested positive for the virus on January 30.

A key mosque in Malaysia's administrative capital of Putrajaya and two other mosques briefly closed their doors last month to non-Muslim visitors amid the virus scare, but later reopened after Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad called the move irresponsible.

Tens of thousands of ethnic Hindus, meanwhile, gathered last weekend to celebrate an annual festival called Thaipusam in the central Malaysian state of Selangor, undeterred by the outbreak. Malaysia has reported 19 cases of the virus.

Without a cure in sight, many Asians have turned to faith. Religious leaders across Asia have issued public prayers for the sick to recover, the contagion to stop and governments and international health agencies to find a cure.

Indonesia, the world's largest Muslim-majority country, has not had any confirmed cases and residents walk about and pray in groups five times a day in mosques without masks.

More than 60 people with pneumonia-like symptoms, including several foreigners, were placed under observation but later tested negative for the virus.

Indonesian Health Minister Terawan Agus Putranto said a strong immunity, healthy lifestyle and prayers were the best weapons against the outbreak.

"The key is to keep praying and maintain your immunity," Putranto said. "Don't underestimate the power of prayer." — AP

Jinping's early involvement in virus outbreak raises questions

BEIJING — A recent speech by Chinese President Xi Jinping that has been published by state media indicates for the first time that he was leading the response to a new virus outbreak from early on in the crisis.

The publication of the February 3 speech was an apparent attempt to demonstrate that the Communist Party leadership had acted decisively from the beginning, but also opens up the Chinese leader to criticism over why the public was not alerted sooner.

In the speech, Xi said he gave instructions on fighting the virus on January 7 and ordered the shutdown that began on January 23 of cities at the epicentre of the outbreak.

His remarks were published by state media late on Saturday.

"On January 22, in light of the epidemic's rapid spread and the challenges of prevention and control, I made a clear request that Hubei province implement comprehensive and stringent controls over the outflow of people," Xi told a meeting of the party's standing committee, its top body.

The number of new cases in mainland China fell for a third straight day, China's National Health Commission reported Sunday. The 2009 new cases in the previous 24-hour period brought the total to 68,500.

Commission spokesman Mi Feng said the percentage of severe cases had dropped to 7.2 percent of the total from a peak of 15.9 percent on January 27. The proportion is higher in Wuhan, the Hubei city where the outbreak started, but has fallen to 21.6 percent.

"The national efforts against the epidemic have shown results," Mi said at the commission's daily media briefing.

China reported nearly 1700 deaths. Another 9419 people have recovered from COVID-19, a disease caused by a new coronavirus, and have been discharged from hospitals.

Xi's role was muted in the early days of the epidemic, which has grown into one of the biggest political challenges of his seven-year tenure.

The disclosure of his speech indicates top leaders knew about the outbreak's potential severity at least two weeks before such dangers were made known to the public.

It was not until late January that officials said the virus can spread between humans and public alarm began to rise.

Zhang Lifan, a commentator in Beijing, said it's not clear why the speech was published now. One message could be that local authorities should take responsibility for failing to take effective measures after Xi gave instructions in early January.

Alternatively, it may mean that Xi, as the top leader, is willing to take responsibility because he was aware of the situation, Zhang said.

Trust in the government's approach to outbreaks remains fractured after the SARS epidemic of 2002 and 2003, which was covered up for months.

Authorities in Hubei and Wuhan faced public fury over their initial handling of the epidemic. In apparent response, the Communist Party's top officials in Hubei and Wuhan were dismissed and replaced last week. — AP

Americans on Diamond Princess to trade one quarantine for another

TOKYO — Americans Cheryl and Paul Molesky are trading one coronavirus quarantine for another.

The couple from Syracuse, New York, are cutting short a 14-day quarantine on the Diamond Princess cruise ship in the port of Yokohama, near Tokyo, to be flown back to the United States. But they will have to spend another two-week quarantine period at a US military facility to make sure they don't have the new virus that's been sweeping across Asia.

About 380 Americans are on the cruise ship. The Japanese defence ministry said around 300 of them are preparing to leave. Some Americans

disembarked on Sunday night and boarded buses to take them to Tokyo's Haneda Airport.

The US State Department has arranged for charter flights to fly the Americans back to the United States. Canada, Hong Kong and Italy said they were planning similar flights of passengers.

The US Embassy in Tokyo said Washington was evacuating the Americans because the passengers and crew members on board the Diamond Princess were at a high risk of exposure to the virus.

The Americans will be flown to Travis Air Force Base in California, with

some continuing to Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

After arriving in the US, all of the passengers will need to go through another 14 days of quarantine — meaning they will have been under quarantine for a total of nearly four weeks. Other governments, including Canada and Hong Kong, also will require the passengers to undergo a second 14-day quarantine.

"We are glad to be going home," Cheryl Molesky told NHK TV in Japan. "It's just a little bit disappointing that we'll have to go through quarantine again, and we will probably not be as comfortable as the Diamond Princess,

possibly."

Molesky also said she was getting concerned about the rising number of patients on the ship.

"It's a little bit scary with the numbers going up of the people being taken off the ship for the (virus), so I think its time to go. I think its time to cut our losses and take off," she said.

Japan on Sunday announced another 70 infections on the Diamond Princess, raising the ship's total number of cases to 355. Overall, Japan has 413 confirmed cases of the virus, including one death.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and

Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health, said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation," that 40 Americans have gotten infected, and those showing symptoms will not be able to get on the evacuation plane.

"If people on the plane start to develop symptoms, they'll be segregated within the plane," Fauci said, adding that the additional 14-day quarantine is because of the "degree of transmissibility on that cruise ship is essentially akin to being in a hot spot."

He added that an infected person who shows minimal symptoms could still pass the virus to someone else.

— AP

BREATH-taking: Bumper crowd attended the concert to help raise fund for those affected by the magablaze in Australia. AAP picture



'Live Aid' set lights up hearts

Sydney rocks as Fire Fight Australia concert enthralled and raised \$9m

SYDNEY — Tens of thousands of people poured into Sydney's ANZ stadium for a star-studded relief concert, in a massive show of support for those affected by the summer's bushfire crisis.

More than 70,000 people were expected at the Fire Fight Australia concert on Sunday, which according to organisers sold out within 24 hours of tickets going on sale.

Hosted by comedian Celeste Barber, who has raised more than \$50 million for bushfire relief, all ticket profits would go to groups which are helping fire-ravaged communities get back on their feet.

Donations had topped \$9 million as of 11pm on Sunday.

Barber became emotional when she thanked the volunteer firefighters who sacrificed their time and life to battle the devastating blazes, saying "you will never know how grateful we are".

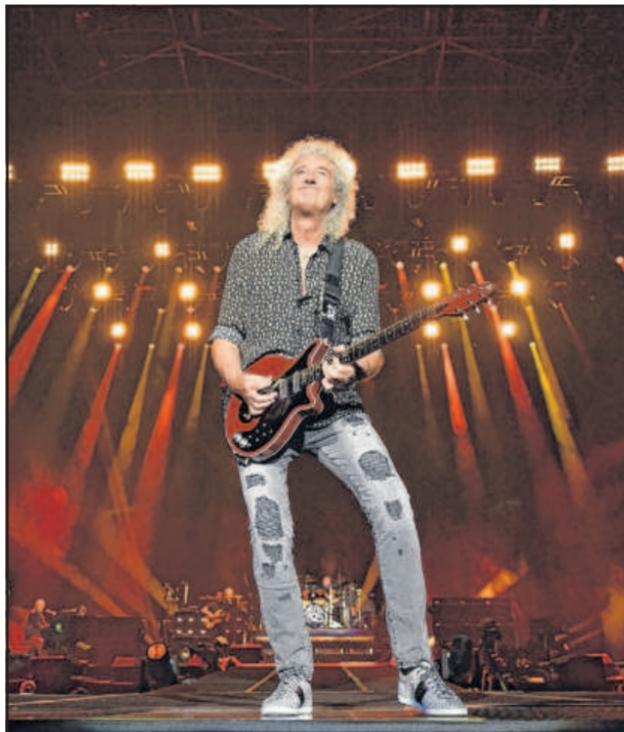
"Our volunteers across this entire country, they are the ones who saved us," Barber told the crowd.

"They are the ones who cancel holidays to stay here and look after us, and I will speak now very confidently on behalf of a nation when I say to those volunteers: Thank you."

Barber also fired a shot at government handling of the bushfire crisis. "As Aussies, we band together because we have to look after each other — because it turns out people at the top don't," she said to cheers from the crowd.

Rock behemoths Queen + Adam Lambert reprised the band's iconic 1985 Live Aid set for the roaring crowd, with Alice Cooper, Irish favourite Ronan Keating and singer-songwriter K.D. Lang also performing.

Lambert said their involvement was a "no-brainer"



BUSHFIRE RELIEF CONCERT: Above, Brian May of Queen performs during the Fire Fight Australia bushfire relief concert on Sunday. AAP picture

while Keating, whose brother-in-law is a volunteer firefighter in Queensland, flew into the country especially for the concert.

"I wanted people in Australia to know that we heard you, and that you weren't alone," Keating told the Seven Network.

"That was really important to me, that I could be here and perform or do whatever just to stand in solidarity."

Andrea Gartside decided to attend the nine-hour concert with her friend Maureen Mackie to support the firefighters after the unprecedented fire season.

"We're doing our part in helping," she told AAP at ANZ stadium.

"It's going to be awesome . . . it's great that it's bringing everyone together for a good cause."

Queen fan Cheryl Hind was excited to see the band perform again.

"It's part of why I'm here today and to thank the fires for everything they've done," she told AAP.

"It's just amazing."

Lisa Yasso travelled from central Queensland to see the legendary rock band perform again.

"It's an awesome cause," she said.

Popular Australian acts spanning generations were also on the line-up, including 5 Seconds of Summer, Amy Shark, Daryl Braithwaite, Delta Goodrem, Grinspoon, John Farnham, Lee Kernaghan, Olivia Newton-John.

Fire Fight's profits will be shared between the Red Cross' disaster relief and recovery fund, rural and regional fire services and the RSPCA's bushfire appeal.

Donations to the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal will also be accepted during the concert, to fund grants for community-led projects needing support in the bushfires' aftermath. — AAP

Liftoff: Candy, cheese soar to space station

CAPE CANAVERAL — A cargo ship rocketed toward the International Space Station on Saturday, carrying candy and cheese to satisfy the astronauts' cravings.

Northrop Grumman launched its Cygnus capsule from the Virginia seashore. The nearly 4-ton shipment should arrive at the orbiting lab Tuesday. It took three tries over the past week to get the Antares rocket off the pad, with it finally taking flight at 3:21 p.m. — an auspicious 3-2-1.

"Awesome launch," Joel Montalbano, NASA's deputy space station programme manager, said once the capsule reached orbit.

Besides the usual experiments and gear, the capsule holds cheddar and manchego cheeses, fresh fruit and vegetables, chocolate and three kinds of gummy candy expressly requested by the three station astronauts: Skittles, Hot Tamales, and Mike and Ike's.

Periodic supply runs by Russia, Japan and NASA's two private shippers, Northrop Grumman and SpaceX, usually provide more than experiments, equipment, clothes and freeze-dried meals. The capsules also bring family care packages, as well as fresh food to offset the run-of-the-mill station grub.

This latest delivery should have arrived well before Valentine's Day. But last-minute equipment concerns at the

Wallops Island launch pad halted last Sunday's countdown for the Antares rocket, then bad weather moved in. Dangerously high wind scuttled Friday's attempt.

This was the company's 13th space station delivery for NASA. The Cygnus capsules get their name from the Swan Constellation. This particular Cygnus has been christened the SS Robert H. Lawrence in honour of America's first black astronaut. Lawrence, an Air Force major, was chosen in 1967 as an astronaut for a classified military space programme known as the Manned Orbiting Laboratory. He was killed five months later in a plane crash and never flew in space.

The space station is now home for Americans Jessica Meir and Andrew Morgan and Russian Oleg Skripochka. Morgan has been up there since July and the two others since September; they'll remain on board until April. Three other astronauts returned to Earth earlier this month.

Until astronaut launches resume from Florida — possibly by SpaceX this spring — the station crew will be limited in size to three. NASA astronauts now launch on Russian rockets from Kazakhstan.

Boeing, NASA's other commercial crew provider, is struggling with software problems in its astronaut capsule. A December test flight was marred by coding errors. — AP



CHEESY ROCKET: The cargo ship is rocketing towards the International Space Station, carrying the usual experiments and gear but also candy and cheese to satisfy the crew's cravings. AP picture

Storm Dennis lashes UK

'Red warning' for life threatening floods announced in South Wales

LONDON — Storm Dennis hammered Britain on Sunday, bringing a month's worth of rain in just 48 hours to parts of South Wales, which bore the brunt of the country's second severe storm inside a week.

Rivers across Britain burst their banks and a number of severe flood warnings remained in place as authorities strove to get people to safety and to protect homes and businesses. The Met Office, Britain's meteorological service, said the disruption is set to carry through into Monday. Dennis is roaring across Britain with high winds and heavy rains, prompting authorities to issue 350 flood warnings, including a "red warning" alert for life-threatening flooding in South Wales.

Major incidents have been declared in a number of areas in England and Wales as authorities mobilised resources to deal with the impact of the overflowing rivers that have cut off some communities.

A man in his 60s died after falling into the River Tawe in South Wales mid-morning and his body was found further along the river, Dyfed-Powys Police said on social media. Police said his death was not being treated as suspicious or being linked to the bad weather.

On Saturday, Storm Dennis was blamed for the deaths of two men who were pulled from the sea in separate searches off England's southeastern coast.

Dennis has been so intense that England posted a record number of flood warnings and alerts and a rare "red warning" for extremely life-threatening flooding was announced for South Wales.

The Met Office only issues its highest red warning when it thinks the weather will be so dangerous there's a "risk to life" and that people must take immediate action to protect themselves.

It was the first time a red warning has been sounded since December 2015.



FLOOD RISK TO LIFE: Left, people watch waves and rough seas pound against the harbour wall at Porthcawl in Wales, as Storm Dennis sweeps across the country on Saturday. Enormous waves are churning across the North Atlantic as Britain braces for a second straight weekend of wild winter weather and flooding. Below, rescue operations continue as emergency services take residents to safety, in Nantgarw, Wales on Sunday. AP pictures

Although the warning only lasted a few hours, South Wales Police declared a major incident as firefighters and rescue crews continued to help communities following multiple floods, landslides and evacuations. Nearby Gwent Police said residents of Skenfrith, Monmouthshire, were being advised to evacuate due to the flooding.

The Met Office said the highest wind gust recorded was 146 kmh at Aberdaron in north Wales on Saturday.

It also said a total of 157.6 mm of rain fell at Crai Reservoir in the Welsh county of Powys over 48 hours to Sunday morning. One of the worst-hit areas in South Wales was the village of Nantgarw, Rhondda Cynon Taff, near Cardiff, which saw entire streets left underwater since the early hours of Sunday morning.

As the wet and windy weather started to clear across parts of the south and headed north and eastwards, the number of flood warnings across the UK declined but there were still around 360 of them in place on Sunday, from the north of Scotland through

to Cornwall in southwest England.

John Curtin, the executive director of flood and coastal risk management at the Environment Agency, said in a tweet that at one point during the day, England had the most flood warnings and lower-level alerts in force — 594 — than on any other day on record.

The local authority in Herefordshire, an English county that borders central Wales, declared a "major incident" amid widespread flooding and said it was focusing on making sure "vulnerable residents are evacuated".

West Mercia Police, also declared a "major incident" for Shropshire, another county in central England that borders Wales.

Flood warnings could remain in place for a while since much of Britain is still saturated from last week's Storm Ciara, which left eight people dead across Europe.

Curtin from the Environment Agency said in a tweet that the "high but not exceptional"



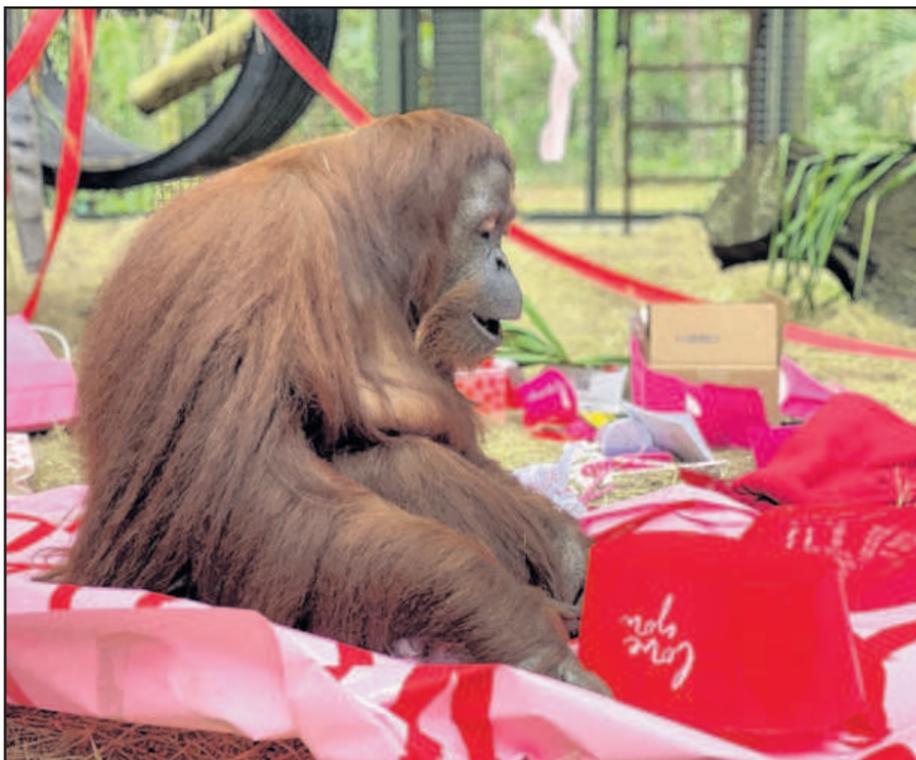
rainfall figures of the past 24 hours shows how the legacy of Storm Ciara has "driven the widespread significant flooding we're seeing."

Army personnel have been seconded to assist people in areas of West Yorkshire that were badly hit by flooding during last weekend's Storm Ciara.

The British Red Cross said that with water levels expected to peak on Monday or Tuesday it

was ready to respond across the country.

"British Red Cross have been liaising with relevant local authorities, offering to support people affected by Storm Dennis across the UK," its crisis response officer Georgie Timmins said. There were transport disruptions too, with hundreds of flights cancelled due to the high winds while train services were repeatedly disrupted by flooding. — AP



PERSONHOOD GRANTED AS BIRTHDAY GIFT: An orangutan named Sandra, who was granted legal personhood by a judge in Argentina and later found a new home in Florida, celebrated her 34th birthday on Valentine's Day with a special new primate friend. Patti Ragan, director of the Center for Great Apes in Wauchula, Florida, says Sandra "has adjusted beautifully to her life at the sanctuary" and has befriended Jethro, a 31-year-old male orangutan. Prior to coming to Florida, Sandra had lived alone in a Buenos Aires zoo. Sandra was a bit shy when she arrived at the Florida centre, which is home to 22 orangutans. "Sandra appeared most interested in Jethro, and our caregivers felt he was a perfect choice because of his close age, calm demeanour, and gentle nature," Ragan said in a news release. "Sandra still observes and follows Jethro from a distance while they are in the process of getting to know and trust each other. But they are living harmoniously in the same habitat spaces as they continue to gain confidence in their relationship." Judge Elena Liberatori's landmark ruling in

2015 declared that Sandra is legally not an animal, but a non-human person, and thus entitled to some legal rights enjoyed by people, and better living conditions. "With that ruling I wanted to tell society something new, that animals are sentient beings and that the first right they have is our obligation to respect them," she told The Associated Press. But without a clear alternative, Sandra remained at the antiquated zoo, which closed in 2016, until leaving for the US in late September. She was in quarantine for a month at the Sedgwick County Zoo in Kansas before arriving in Florida. On Friday, Sandra celebrated her birthday, complete with pink signs and wrapped packages. Jethro, who was once in the entertainment business, attended the party. Ragan said that Sandra and Jethro will "sit in the vicinity of each other," but not close enough to touch. Sandra weighs 129 pounds, and Jethro, 260. "Sandra does like to watch Jethro eat," Ragan said. "Some adult male orangutans will advance an introduction forcefully, but Jethro has been patient and calm giving Sandra more confidence in his presence." AP picture



PROTECTED SPECIES: The Asiatic black bear is endangered. Picture supplied

Woman charged with smuggling black bear bile

AUCKLAND — For the first time, a woman will appear today in a New Zealand court accused of smuggling in Asiatic black bear bile from China.

She is charged with illegally importing 12 vials of bear bile crystals.

The bears are an endangered species that are protected under the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species Treaty (CITES), meaning the international trade of the bears, or products derived from them, is prohibited.

The woman did not declare the vials of bear bile which is sometimes used in traditional Chinese medicine.

A global ban on commercially trading in Asiatic black bears has been in force since 1979 and was imposed by 175 countries — including New Zealand.

Asiatic black bears are classed as vulnerable to extinction with a decreasing population of fewer than 50,000 in the wild.

Once found as far west as France and Germany, the Asiatic black bear is now confined to the forests of eastern Asia from Afghanistan to Taiwan and Japan. — RNZ

Wgtn water infrastructure 'in crisis', councillor says

by Hamish Cardwell, RNZ

WELLINGTON — A Wellington councillor says the city's water infrastructure is in crisis and needs a fundamental overhaul.

Hundreds of Island Bay residents have repeatedly gone without water for long periods in recent days after an old water main burst.

It comes after two other major failures with the capital's sewerage system in recent months.

Just days before Christmas, a sewerage pipe caved in in the CBD under Dixon Street, spilling millions of litres of raw waste into the harbour.

Another broken wastewater pipe at Moa Point on the south coast last month had trucks hauling a million litres of sludge to the landfill every day.

Now residents of Severn Street in Wellington's Island Bay had to go without water for two days last week, after an ageing water main failed.

Wellington Water called a public meeting on Thursday evening to discuss the issue.

Severn Street resident Nicola Bark said she woke up on Tuesday to no water.

"I've got a kid with a disability and he struggles with things anyway, so it just made it extra hard for him," Bark said.

"The water wasn't on for us until

9pm so that affected dinner — we had to think about going out for dinner and the expense of that."

Seventy properties were without water for 16 hours that day.

The water went off again the next day right at dinner time.

"It's very frustrating, very difficult to deal with," Bark said.

"It doesn't really feel like I'm living in the capital city of New Zealand and paying a lot of rates."

Residents said there was no communication from Wellington Water on the first day of the outage, which made everything worse.

Two hundred and fifty houses initially lost supply on Wednesday before it was restored — bar the same 70 houses that got cut off the first time.

Wellington Water said two nights in a row without water was unacceptable and it was sorry for the inconvenience.

Severn Street resident Katy Greco-Ainslie has lived on the road for 10 years and said there has been constant water outages the whole time.

"No sooner do they fix the problem . . . and you have another

problem.

"It's like they just moved the problem to another point in the pipe and 'here we go again'."

Both residents said there was no communication from Wellington Water on the first day of the outage, which made everything worse.

She said she was not optimistic things would improve.

Southern ward councillor and Island Bay resident Fleur Fitzsimons said the run of problems showed the capital's water infrastructure was in crisis.

"There needs to be a fundamental review of the structure and nature of Wellington Water and a complete overhaul, potentially, of its operations."

Gary Cullen from Wellington Water said while the city's water infrastructure was getting old, the recent spate of broken pipes has simply been unlucky.

"I think it's just unfortunate timing — these things can happen at any time."

"Then the incident on Dickson street, that infrastructure is 83 years old, and at Moa Point it is a different issue altogether."

"It's just a coincidence that these things are happening at the same time."

Wellington Water said scheduled work to repair and replace aged pipes on Severn Street has been brought forward to March.

NZ's gigantic e-waste problem

AUCKLAND — Here's a fun fact: if you took all the gold humans have ever mined and melted it down into a cube, it would be about 20 square metres in size.

But every year, we bury more and more of that gold in landfill — with little to no hope of it ever being re-used.

That is because gold is a key component in many electronic products, like TVs, computers, smartphones — in fact, these products have higher concentrations of gold and rare earth elements per tonne than are found naturally in ore.

But many countries haven't developed sophisticated, large-scale programmes for reusing and recycling old electronic products, or e-waste.

That includes New Zealand.

The average New Zealander produces more than 20 kilograms of e-waste every year — one of the highest per capita amounts on the planet — yet we are the only country in the entire OECD without a national e-waste scheme.

Of the 80,000 or so tonnes of e-waste we produce each year, the best estimates suggest we recycle less than two percent of that total — a mere 1600 tonnes.

So, what happens to the rest of it?

Well, it goes to landfill, either here in New Zealand, or somewhere else in the world.

This isn't as big a deal as it might first sound: a well-maintained landfill isn't going to contaminate its surroundings, even if it's bursting with electronic waste.

But what about landfills that aren't so well-maintained — as is the case in many countries in Asia and West Africa? What are the risks?

AUT waste management expert Jeff Seadon says if you don't dismantle e-waste correctly, heavy metals and toxins can get into the environment.

"They can be picked up by those dismantling (the products), they can be picked up in the soil, in the water, and back into the food chain."

"The results of that being blood disorders, liver disorders. We also get central nervous system damage. So you can get effects like minamata disease."

"And also, children are often employed

doing this sort of thing. Their bodies are much smaller, so smaller amounts lead to higher concentrations of this in their bloodstream," he says.

New Zealand is a bit of a pariah among developed countries in having no centralised e-waste recycling scheme: dumping e-waste in landfill is illegal in many countries around the world, including much of Australia, and the European Union has been developing its own policies for



DUMPING: New Zealand throws away about 80,000 tonnes of e-waste each year, and only two percent of that is recycled. File picture

nearly 30 years.

But we haven't been wholly indolent: successive governments have invested more than \$20 million into local e-waste schemes over the past 10 years, with much of that coming from its waste management fund.

The problem is, many of those pilot schemes have either died on the vine, or been derailed by economic issues — with one flagship project, the TV takeback scheme, meeting an unedifying end.

So what should New Zealand

be doing in this space?

Patrick Moynihan, the owner and director of Computer Recycling in Auckland, has a few ideas.

"I'd look to set up a governing body — an association of types. I'd approach everybody who has a permit for exporting waste for recycling and ask them to collaborate on what the next steps are."

"I'd forcibly introduce product stewardship on certain items. And I'd outright ban electronic waste from all landfills."

Of course, Patrick Moynihan would say that, given he literally makes money from the secondary electronic economy.

But Jeff Seadon agrees — and he has a couple of words of advice for consumers.

"Think about the lifetime of (your device). Are we going to pay \$2000 for a device that lasts two years? What will you do with that at the end of its life?"

"It's like a bauble: it loses its shine very quickly. So we should be looking for longevity, not the flash look." — RNZ

MONDAY—TUESDAY'S TELEVISION GUIDE

TVNZ 1 © TVNZ 2020

5pm The Chase *TV*
6pm 1 News At 6pm *TV*
7pm Seven Sharp *TV*
7.30 A Concert For Australia: Fire Fight *TV*
 Music icons, including Ronan Keating, Queen, Olivia Newton-John, unite to share one stage for Australia during its time of need.
9.05 Bancroft AO *TV*
 Elizabeth must choose between professional and personal loyalties.
10.05 The Force PG *TV*
10.35 1 News Tonight *TV*
11.05 The Red Line AO *TV*
 The stories of three different families begin to converge.
TUESDAY
12.05 The Catch PGR *TV*
 Alice discovers some very hard truths about her brother Tommy; Ben and Rhys's latest con may turn out to be a little too risky.
12.55 Te Karere *TV*
1.20 Infomercials
5.35 Te Karere *TV*
6am Breakfast
9am The Ellen DeGeneres Show *TV*
10am Tipping Point *TV*
11am The Chase *TV*
Noon 1 News At Midday *TV*
12.30 Emmerdale PGR *TV*
 As some seek to come to terms with yesterday's events, Amy feels guilty; as the investigation continues, secrets begin to be revealed.
1pm Coronation Street PGR *TV*
2pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show *TV*
3pm Tipping Point
4pm Te Karere
4.30 Dog Squad *TV*
5pm The Chase *TV*

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5pm The Simpsons *TV*
5.30 Home And Away *TV*
6pm The Big Bang Theory *TV*
6.30 Neighbours *TV*
7pm Shortland Street PGR *TV*
7.30 The Bachelorette NZ *TV*
 The bachelors are reeling from yesterday's shock surprise.
8.30 The Undateables *TV*
 Three new singles look for love – a basketball player who does not have height on his side, a vlogger with cerebral palsy, and an avid cyclist dealing with past injuries.
9.35 Mums Gone Wild: Embarrassing Parents AO *TV*
 Forty-something mothers who set out to turn back the clock and tear up the ageing rule book.
10.35 Two And A Half Men PGR *TV*
11.05 Mom PGR *TV*
11.35 Grey's Anatomy PGR *TV*
TUESDAY
12.25 The Resident AO *TV*
1.10 Shortland Street PGR *TV*
1.35 Infomercials
2.40 Lucifer AO *TV*
3.25 Love Island UK AO *TV*
5.05 Neighbours *TV*
5.30 Infomercials
6.30 Darwin And Newts *TV*
6.40 Moon And Me *TV*
7.05 My Little Pony *TV*
7.25 Star v The Forces Of Evil *TV*
7.50 Bunnica *TV*
8.10 The Lion Guard *TV*
8.35 FINAL Sofia The First *TV*
9am Infomercials
10am Neighbours *TV*
11am The Bachelorette NZ *TV*
Noon 2 Broke Girls AO *TV*
1pm Take Me Out PGR *TV*
2.10 American Housewife PGR *TV*
2.40 Home And Away *TV*
3.10 Shortland Street PGR *TV*
3.40 The Barefoot Bandits *TV*
4.05 The Deep *TV*
4.30 Friends *TV*
5pm The Simpsons *TV*
5.30 Home And Away *TV*

THREE

5pm Millionaire Hot Seat *TV*
6pm NewsHub Live At 6pm
7pm The Project
7.30 Married At First Sight Australia PGR *TV*
 The final four singles get married, with a standoffish bride and a revelation that could end a marriage before it has begun.
9pm Talking Married AO
9.10 SVU AO *TV*
 Benson works with a young woman to help her remember the details and suspects of her rape; Rollins and Fin learn a new witness-interview technique.
10.05 NewsHub Late
10.35 Hawaii Five-0 AO *TV*
 Five-0 helps a private investigator with the case of a kidnapped woman whose husband may have something to hide; Rachel tells Danny she is getting a divorce from Stan.
11.35 Face The Truth PGR *TV*
 Will a secret porn career end a relationship?
TUESDAY
12am Infomercials
5am Infomercials
6am The AM Show
9am House Rules PGR *TV*
10.05 Infomercials
11.30 Millionaire Hot Seat *TV*
12.30 Face The Truth PGR (Part 1)
1pm Dr Phil AO
1.55 Married At First Sight Australia PG *TV*
3.25 Seafood Escape
4pm Outback Gourmet *TV*
4.30 NewsHub Live At 4:30pm
5pm Millionaire Hot Seat *TV*

PRIME

5pm 3rd Rock From The Sun *TV*
5.30 Prime News
6pm Rugby League: Super League (HLS)
 Wigan Warriors v Toronto Wolfpack.
6.30 Sky Sport News
7pm The Crowd Goes Wild
7.30 Aussie Pickers *TV*
8.30 MOVIE SWAT AO *TV* 2003
 Action. A drug lord in the custody of a Los Angeles SWAT team offers \$100 million to anyone who can free him.
11pm Rugby League: Gallagher Premiership (HLS)
TUESDAY
12am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert PGR
1am Closedown
6am Ben 10 *TV*
6.25 The Powerpuff Girls *TV*
6.50 Krypto The Superdog *TV*
7.15 Danny Phantom *TV*
7.40 The Fairly Odd Parents *TV*
8.05 Nicky, Ricky, Dicky And Dawn *TV*
8.30 The Moe Show *TV*
9am Celebrity Antiques Road Trip *TV*
10am The Doctors PGR
11am The Chase Australia *TV*
Noon Everybody Loves Raymond *TV*
12.30 NCIS: New Orleans PGR *TV*
1.30 Frasier *TV*
2pm The Late Show With Stephen Colbert PGR *TV*
3pm Wheel Of Fortune
3.30 Jeopardy
4pm A Place In The Sun
5pm 3rd Rock From The Sun *TV* (Part 1)
5.30 Prime News

MAORI TV

5pm Waiata Mai
5.10 Pukoro
5.40 Tamariki Haka
5.50 E Kori
5.55 Pipi Ma
6pm ZooMoo *TV*
6.10 Te Nūtūbe
6.20 Darwin + Newts *TV*
6.30 Te Ao: Maori News
7pm Whanau Living *TV*
7.30 Carluccio's Six Seasons PGR *TV*
8pm Te Ao With Moana
8.30 MOVIE The 5th Eye AO
 2017 Documentary.
10.30 #whiuatepatai AO *TV*
11pm Te Ao: Maori News *TV*
11.30 Closedown
TUESDAY
6.30 Paia
6.40 My Mokai
7.10 He Rourou *TV*
7.20 E Kori *TV*
7.25 E Ki E Ki
7.30 Haati Paati *TV*
7.40 Huhu: Te Tunga Rakau
7.50 Huritua
8am Polyfest Kapa Haka *TV*
8.30 Sidewalk Karaoke PGR *TV*
9am Easy Eats *TV*
9.30 Opaki *TV*
10am Celebrity Playlist *TV*
10.30 Whanau Living *TV*
11am Matangi Rau *TV*
Noon Funny Whare: Gamesnight PGR *TV*
12.30 Finding Aroha PGR *TV*
1pm Nga Pari Karangaranga O Te Motu *TV*
1.30 Opaki *TV*
2pm Toku Reo *TV*
3pm Senior Kapa Haka Regionals *TV*
3.30 Playlist
4pm Polyfest Kapa Haka *TV*
4.30 Pukana *TV*
5pm Paia
5.10 My Mokai
5.40 He Rourou *TV*
5.50 E Kori *TV*
5.55 E Ki E Ki



Bancroft
9.05pm on TVNZ 1



The Undateables
8.30pm on TVNZ 2



SWAT
8.30pm on Prime

CHOICE

5.30 Mysteries At The Museum **6.30** Salvage Hunters **7.30 FINAL** Russia With Simon Reeve **8.30** Chris Tarrant: Extreme Railway Journeys **9.30** Extreme Everest With Ant Middleton **10.30** China's Secret Lands **11.30** Mysteries At The Museum **TUESDAY** **12.30** Great Australian Cookbook **1am** River Cottage: Veg Every Day **2am** Alone AO **3am** Hope For Wildlife **4am** Chris Tarrant: Extreme Railway Journeys **5am** Mysteries At The Museum **6am** How To Stay Young **7am** River Cottage: Veg Every Day **8am** Hope For Wildlife **9am** Great Australian Cookbook **9.30** Climbing The Property Ladder **10.30** Mysteries At The Museum **11.30** Salvage Hunters **12.30** Russia With Simon Reeve **1.30** Chris Tarrant: Extreme Railway Journeys **2.30** Extreme Everest With Ant Middleton **3.30** Wild Birds Of Australia **4.30** Jamie's 30-Minute Meals **5pm** Gourmet Farmer Afloat **5.30** Mysteries At The Museum

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5pm Hoarders **6pm** Judge Jerry **6.30** Love It Or List It **7.30** Snapped PGR **8.30** Murder Becomes Personal AO **9.30** A Lie To Die For AO **10.30** Snapped PGR **11.30** Snapped: Killer Couples AO **TUESDAY** **12.20** Infomercials **10am** Four Weddings USA **10.55** Snapped PGR **11.50** Keeping Up With The Kardashians PGR **12.50** The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills PGR **1.30** Streetmate PGR **2pm** Below Deck AO **3pm** Undercover Boss **4pm** The Kelly Clarkson Show **5pm** Hoarders

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5pm Checkpoint **6.30** Trending Now **7.06** Nights With Bryan Crump. **8.15** Dateline Pacific Current-affairs programme covering the major Pacific stories of the week. **8.30** Windows On The World International public-radio features and documentaries. **9.30** Insight **10pm** News At Ten **10.15** Lately With Karyn Hay. **11.06** Nashville Babylon **TUESDAY** **12.04** The All Night Programme **5am** First Up **6am** Morning Report **9.06** Nine To Noon **10.45** The Reading **Noon** Middy Report **1.06** Afternoons **4.06** The Panel **5pm** Checkpoint

PAY TV

SKY SPORT 1

5pm Super Rugby: Lions v Stormers (HLS)
5.30 Super Rugby: Jaguares v Reds (HLS)
6pm Japan Top League
6.30 Sky Sport News
7pm Pro14 Highlights Show
8pm Gallagher Premiership Highlights Show
9pm French Top 14 Highlights (HLS)
9.30 Super Rugby: Blues v Crusaders (RPL)
11.30 Super Rugby: Hurricanes v Sharks (HLS)
TUESDAY
12am Pro14 Highlights Show
1am Gallagher Premiership Highlights Show
2am French Top 14 Highlights
2.30 Rugby Nation
3.30 Super Rugby: Brumbies v Highlanders (HLS)
4am Gallagher Premiership: Gloucester v Chiefs (RPL)
6am French Top 14: Bordeaux v Lyon (RPL)
8am French Top 14: Racing 92 v Toulouse (RPL)
10am Pro14 Highlights Show
11am Gallagher Premiership Highlights Show
Noon French Top 14 Highlights
12.30 Rugby Nation
1.30 French Top 14: Paris v La Rochelle (RPL)
3.30 French Top 14: Agen v Castres (RPL)
5.30 Pro14 Weekly Highlights Show

SKY SPORT 2

8.30 South Africa v England (HLS) Third T20. From SuperSport Park in Centurion.
9.30 Blackcaps v India (HLS) Third T20. From Bay Oval, Mount Maunganui.
10.30 Women's: White Ferns v South Africa (HLS) Fifth T20. From University of Otago Oval in Dunedin.
11.30 Ford Trophy Final (HLS)
TUESDAY
12am Women's Tri Series: Australia v England (HLS) T20.
1am Women's Tri Series (HLS) Final T20.
2am ICC U19 World Cup (HLS) Semi-final One: India v Pakistan.
3am ICC U19 World Cup (HLS) Semi-final Two: New Zealand v Bangladesh.
4am ICC U19 World Cup (HLS) Third Place Playoff: Pakistan v New Zealand.
5am ICC U19 World Cup (HLS) Final: India v Bangladesh.
6am Ford Trophy Final (HLS)
6.30 South Africa v England (HLS) Second T20.
7.30 South Africa v England (HLS) Third T20.
8.30 Women's: White Ferns v South Africa (RPL) First T20.
Noon Blackcaps v India (RPL) First ODI.

SKY 5

5pm Wheel Of Fortune PG
5.30 Hardcore Pawn PG
6pm Highway Thru Hell PG
7pm Border Security: Australia's Frontline M
7.30 CSI MV
8.30 Border Security PG
9pm RBT MC
9.30 A1: Highway Patrol MVL
10.30 SVU MV
11.15 Highway Thru Hell PG
TUESDAY
12.05 CSI: Cyber MV
12.50 Wheel Of Fortune PG
1.15 Jeopardy! PG
1.40 Border Security: Australia's Frontline M
2.05 A1: Highway Patrol MVL
2.50 RBT MC
3.15 Border Security PG
3.40 SVU MV
4.25 Hardcore Pawn PG
4.50 CSI MV
5.35 The Simpsons PG
6am Jeopardy! PG
6.25 Wheel Of Fortune PG
6.50 The Simpsons PG
7.15 CSI: Cyber MV
8am Border Security: Australia's Frontline M
8.25 Highway Thru Hell PG
9.15 Hardcore Pawn PG
9.40 CSI MV
10.25 SVU MV
11.10 CSI: Cyber MV
11.55 Jeopardy! PG
12.20 Wheel Of Fortune PG
12.45 A1: Highway Patrol MVL
1.35 The Simpsons PG
2pm Raw Live MVC
5.05 Wheel Of Fortune PG
5.30 Hardcore Pawn PG

MOVIES PREMIERE

5.20 Action Point 16VLS 2018 Comedy. Johnny Knoxville.
6.45 Kodachrome MLS 2017 Drama. Jason Sudeikis, Ed Harris.
8.30 Domino 18VLC 2019 Thriller. In a world affected by terror and suspicion, a Danish police officer goes rogue to get justice for his partner's murder by a member of ISIS. Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Guy Pearce.
10.05 Teen Spirit PGL 2019 Drama. Elle Fanning, Zlatko Buric.
11.40 Time Freak ML 2018 Romantic Comedy. Asa Butterfield, Sophie Turner.
1.25 Screamers 16VLC 2016 Horror. Tom Malloy, Chris Bannow.
2.50 Domino 18VLC 2019 Thriller.
4.20 7 Days In Entebbe MVL 2018 Thriller.
6.05 Action Point 16VLS 2018 Comedy.
7.30 Time Freak ML 2018 Romantic Comedy.
9.15 Kodachrome MLS 2017 Drama.
11am Teen Spirit PGL 2019 Drama.
12.35 7 Days In Entebbe MVL 2018 Thriller.
2.20 Action Point 16VLS 2018 Comedy.
3.45 Time Freak ML 2018 Romantic Comedy.
5.30 Welcome To Acapulco 16VLC 2019 Action.

DISCOVERY

5.40 Railroad Australia PG
6.35 Outback Opal Hunters PG
7.30 Fast N' Loud PG Sema Dreamin'.
8.30 Diesel Brothers PG
9.25 Kindig Customs PG Dave's New Toy.
10.15 Car Crash TV
10.40 Car Crash TV
11.05 Naked And Afraid MVL
11.55 How It's Made PG
TUESDAY
12.20 How Do They Do It? PG
12.45 The World's Deadliest Weather Caught On Camera PG
1.35 Deadliest Catch M
2.25 Moonshiners MVL
3.15 Bering Sea Gold PG
4.05 What On Earth? PG
4.55 Naked And Afraid MVL
5.45 Deadliest Catch M
6.35 Fast N' Loud PG
7.30 The World's Deadliest Weather Caught On Camera PG
8.20 Outback Opal Hunters PG
9.10 Diesel Brothers PG
10am How It's Made PG
10.25 How Do They Do It? PG
10.50 Railroad Australia PG
11.40 Swamp Murders M
12.30 The Perfect Murder M
1.20 Web Of Lies PG
2.10 The World's Deadliest Weather Caught On Camera PG
3pm Bering Sea Gold PG
3.50 Deadliest Catch M
4.45 Fast N' Loud PG
5.40 Railroad Australia PG

KEY *TV* Closed captions; *TV* Repeat; (HLS) Highlights; (RPL) Replay; (DLY) Delayed; 16 Approved for persons 16 years or over; 18 Approved for persons 18 years or over; AO Adults only; C Content may offend; L Language may offend; M Suitable for mature audiences; PG/PGR Parental guidance recommended for younger viewers; S Sexual content may offend; V Contains violence.

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Monfils retains Rotterdam title

TENNIS

GAEL Monfils won his second tennis title in seven days as he swatted aside Canadian teenager Felix Auger-Aliassime 6-2 6-4 in a lopsided Rotterdam Open final to retain the trophy.

The 33-year-old Frenchman, who came into the tournament on the back of a record-equalling third triumph in Montpellier the previous Sunday, converted four out of 11 break points as he denied his 19-year-old opponent a maiden ATP title on Sunday.

"You're young, you'll improve fast and you'll win this tournament and other tournaments, so keep going," Monfils told Auger-Aliassime.

It was a 10th career title for world No.9 Monfils, who improved his win-loss record in the tournament to 14-1 with his only loss coming to Slovakia's Martin Klizan in the final four years ago.

It was a disappointing day for Auger-Aliassime, who had made history by becoming the youngest finalist in the event, dropping only one set on his way to the title clash.



GAEL MONFILS

He made 12 unforced forehand errors as Monfils broke early to race to a 4-2 lead before easing through the opening set.

Monfils overcame a minor blip when he was broken while ahead 5-2 in the second, but Auger-Aliassime was unable to stage a late comeback and force a decider as the Frenchman held firm to seal the contest on his fifth championship point. — AAP

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Solution to CODE-CRACKER Extra 1092

JUMBO CROSSWORD SOLUTION 1424

ACROSS: 1 Scoop, 4 Trespass, 9 Basket, 14 Point, 15 Tricks of the trade, 17 Corgi, 18 Rub, 19 Therapy, 20 Journeyed, 21 Skimpy, 24 Bering Sea, 25 Drying, 26 Enable, 29 Usefulness, 31 Inn, 32 Curdle, 33 Kelp, 35 Ill, 37 Ball, 39 Observers, 40 Next of kin, 41 Habit, 42 Persists, 47 Orchards, 51 Sauna, 55 Lethargic, 56 Bulldozer, 58 Fame, 59 Ass, 60 Tier, 61 Weaner, 62 Ego, 63 Asphyxiate, 66 Author, 67 Bandit, 69 Anonymous, 72 Defeat, 73 Scheduled, 75 Admiral, 77 Ear, 80 Erase, 81 David Copperfield, 82 Guess, 83 Defend, 84 Singsong, 85 Stunt.
DOWN: 2 Cirrhosis, 3 Oscar, 5 Rife, 6 Schools, 7 Alternatives, 8 Space, 9 Brewery, 10 Sect, 11 Eureka, 12 Diary, 13 Stubble, 14 Pigment, 16 Superfluous, 22 Angers, 23 Entrant, 24 Baffles, 25 Danish, 27 Breaker, 28 Elixir, 30 Sort, 32 Clubs, 34 Panes, 36 Moth, 38 Awe, 42 Pilot, 43 Retreat, 44 Ivan, 45 Tugged, 46 Sugar, 48 Curry powder, 49 Affairs, 50 Dim, 51 Scandal, 52 Absent, 53 All of a sudden, 54 Idea, 57 Zephyr, 64 Tarpaulin, 65 Toffees, 66 Allergy, 68 Decided, 70 Onerous, 71 Garage, 72 Dried, 74 Eaves, 76 Idiot, 78 Gene, 79 Span.

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SUDOKU

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

5	6	4	9	3	1	2	8	7
8	7	3	5	4	2	9	6	1
1	9	2	6	8	7	5	4	3
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7	1	5	2	9	6	4	3	8
9	4	8	7	5	3	1	2	6

SOLUTION IN NEXT PUBLICATION.

DOUBLE CROSSWORD

No 10,916

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CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- Partly instruct how to create a character (5)
- E.g. seals that don't alter with time (7)
- Rue flat being taken thus and become lachrymose (7)
- Teacher makes a mess of trout (5)
- Local community putting things in order (10)
- A graduate uses his true letters? Not at all professional! (10)
- Give tuition to the retinue (5)
- 100, being up to scratch, come into line (7)
- Stripes for clergyman? (7)
- Be a very hungry bird? (5)

DOWN

- Good government producing royal vessel (10)
- Varnish from the Far East (5)
- The chief loses one cook (4)
- Wager everything included in dancing entertainment (6)
- Ants seen in tidy order (8)
- Pagan way to cook chicken (7)
- Tear about to make me weary after finishing work (10)
- Regularity is a quality of nightfall, perhaps (8)
- Boy in pain becomes a hero (7)
- A nook for a holiday? (6)
- One about five find the answer (5)
- The rule is to have a choice of letters (4)

SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLE 10,915

QUICK
Across: 1 Alleviate; 8 Old; 9 Stipulation; 11 Recital; 12 Odour; 13 Caress; 15 Debate; 17 Stoop; 18 Density; 20 Adolescence; 22 Out; 23 Extremity.
Down: 2 Let; 3 Vaunt; 4 Arable; 5 Evil one; 6 Connotation; 7 Adversely; 10 Incorporate; 11 Recession; 14 Suppose; 16 Advent; 19 Niche; 21 Cut.
CRYPTIC
Across: 1 Discharge; 8 Lei; 9 Centrepiece; 11 Depress; 12 Aphis; 13 Canopy; 15 Plunge; 17 Ether; 18 Unveils; 20 Bestsellers; 22 Emu; 23 Sincerity.
Down: 2 Ire; 3 Horde; 4 Repast; 5 Eyeball; 6 Elephantine; 7 Pilasters; 10 Nip in the bud; 11 Decreased; 14 Peruses; 16 Puts on; 19 Valse; 21 Rot.

Quick Crossword answers also fit the large grid

QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- Aloft (5)
- Curtail (7)
- Detestable (7)
- Force in (5)
- Rise in value (10)
- Store-house (10)
- Respond (5)
- Relate (7)
- A flower (7)
- Sucrose (5)

DOWN

- Explorer (10)
- Unwilling (5)
- Shoal (4)
- Visitor (6)
- Manufacturer (8)
- Naval officer (7)
- Simple (10)
- Situation (8)
- Dress (7)
- Objective (6)
- Arbitrator (5)
- Barrel (4)

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by Eugenia Last

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ARIES (March 21-April 19):

Share less in order to minimize opposition. You'll accomplish the most if you work alone. Adequately prepare before you present your objective. Launching your plans too soon will lead to criticism or theft. Protect your pursuits, passwords and reputation. 2 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):

Share information, assess situations and explore possibilities. Your dedication to pursue something you feel passionate about will bring satisfying results that promote positive change. Continue to grow emotionally and intellectually, and recognition for your accomplishments will be yours. 5 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

Don't waste time on trivial matters or people who are misleading or playing games with you. A geographical change will inspire you to try something new or to revisit a dream you have yet to fulfill. Don't fold under pressure. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22):

A change will enhance your personal life. Conversations will lead to decisions that will change your life. A partnership will complement what you are trying to achieve. Expand your knowledge, and update your skills. Live in the moment. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

Consider what you want. A personal change should be your priority. Let go of anything or anyone holding you back. It's time to venture down a path that leads to something you want. Your happiness is up to you. Romance is encouraged. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Enjoy what life has to offer, and be willing to embrace the changes that come your way. It's time to start something new, but first, complete anything you've left undone. The result of purging and forging ahead will be gratifying. 5 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Stay out of the line of fire. Someone will try to disrupt your life if you are too accommodating or willing to put up with unreasonable demands. Look inward, and make personal growth your priority. Learn from experience. 2 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Mingle with people who have a sharp, imaginative mind; good ideas will push you in a new direction. Mix creativity with ambition and drive, and you will find a way to up your game and use your skills to prosper. 4 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Control your emotions. Don't let anyone know how you feel if you want to remain in control. Spend time on self-improvement and boosting your confidence, not putting up with people who are critical or demeaning. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

A healthy attitude coupled with discipline and a good work ethic will lead to a better lifestyle. Physical fitness and proper diet should be priorities. Be open to suggestions, but do only what you feel is in your best interest. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Relax, and take a moment to review what's come and gone. Consider what you want and what you are willing to give. Draw the line between helping because you want to and being taken advantage of because you are too kind. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):

Reach out to someone who needs a helping hand. Your input will make a difference and encourage a promotion or a boost to your reputation. Someone from your past will offer information that will lead to a unique opportunity. 4 stars

Birthday Baby:

You are perceptive, humorous and diligent. You are determined and loyal.

STAR RATINGS
FIVE STARS: Nothing can stop you now. Go for the gold.
FOUR STARS: You can pretty much do as you please. It's a good time to start new projects.
THREE STARS: If you focus your efforts, you will reach your goals.
TWO STARS: You can accomplish a lot, but don't rely on others for help.
ONE STAR: It's best to avoid conflicts. Work behind the scenes or read a good book.

Rules breach taints City name

FOOTBALL by Rob Harris, AP

LONDON — Manchester City are now tainted champions.

A club transformed by lavish investment in part to promote the emirate of Abu Dhabi on the world stage is damaged by deceptions in the pursuit of glory on the football field.

Cut through all the raging against the footballing prosecutors by City, UEFA showed there is a price to pay for misleading the governing body of European football.

If you don't play by the rules, you don't get to play in the Champions League. For two seasons in City's case. It doesn't matter if Pep Guardiola is the coach or you have some of the world's most expensive players in the team.

Banishing such a wealthy, powerful club from its elite competition was a test of resolve.

Not for the leadership of UEFA but the independent investigatory and adjudicatory bodies, with the final verdict decided by a panel headed by a European Court of Justice judge.

When City complained that "this is a case initiated by UEFA, prosecuted by UEFA and judged by UEFA", it was a statement seemingly as misleading as some of its financial reporting.

City appeared to hope the public and UEFA would never discover it was allegedly funneling money around Abu Dhabi to fund sponsorships that helped to ensure it

complied with Champions League spending rules.

Already there were questions about the club's reliance to raise revenue on sponsorships from Abu Dhabi when it has been owned since 2008 by Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, a deputy prime minister of the United Arab Emirates and a member of Abu Dhabi's royal family.

The alleged scheming was only discovered thanks to leaked internal correspondence that City believes should be inadmissible because it is "hacked or stolen" materials. The club has never disputed the authenticity of the documentation gained by German publication Der Spiegel and published in 2018. Nor has it publicly challenged Financial Fair Play rules.

In fact, City accepted the need to be monitored by rules restricting losses and the ability of owners to pump money into clubs for spending on players when it first reached a settlement in 2014 to avoid a Champions League ban.

It is the 2012-16 financial submission from City that became subject to UEFA scrutiny again when the trove of leaks was published appearing to show how the true source of income was being allegedly covered up. Even though Etihad Airways was paying for naming rights and jersey sponsorship, the company appeared to receive most of it back from City's Abu Dhabi holding company.

According to UEFA, City overstated sponsorship revenue and break-even

information in documentation. With City planning to appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport against the Champions League ban and 30 million euro fine, more extensive details from the case should become public.

City is not a club that likes to be challenged, favouring annual in-house gentler "interviews" with its chairman rather than open news briefings.

When it comes to legal cases, spending on a strong squad is the answer just like on the field. Legal representatives from three different firms were deployed by City at CAS in a hearing last year attempting to get the case thrown out. UEFA was outnumbered 8-2 by City lawyers.

It was the type of defeat City has not become accustomed to in the Sheikh Mansour era.

It was a team that for years wearily watched neighbours Manchester United dominate the Premier League, partly while playing in the third tier before beginning the ascent back to the Premier League in 1999.

Abu Dhabi wealth ensured City could compete with United to spend on players in a manner unimaginable before 2008.

When City beat United to the Premier League title in the closing minutes of the 2011-12 season it ended a 44-year title drought. The Premier League trophy has been collected three times more since then and it's currently in City's possession after they edged Liverpool by a single point last season.

City will soon be surrendering the silverware to Liverpool due to their 25-point deficit in the league rather than any investigations. The Premier League, though, continues to look into the financial dealings unearthed in the leaks.

The one trophy that has eluded City is the one — as it stands — it won't get to compete for again after this season until 2022-23.

And what prospect of Guardiola sticking around for the entire period in European exile, with his City contract in its final 18 months already?

Guardiola has been the public face from City defending the club's conduct, but he is far removed from the financial division.

The loss of Champions League television and prize money alone — almost 100 million euros last season — will prove costly to City's domestic mission to provide a greater challenge to Liverpool next season.

Factor in, too, that City will still have to comply with FFP rules if they qualify for Europe again in 2022. So, once again, regardless of the owner's wealth, lavish spending on players will be not feasible.

And just like in the early years of Sheikh Mansour's ownership, City will have to convince players to join and settle for not playing in the Champions League.

City's place in the game and world sport is diminished again. The vehicle to promote the Abu Dhabi brand is now associated by many with rule-bending rather than just excellence in sport.

Son makes his piece of history

FOOTBALL

LONDON — Tottenham Hotspur's Son Heung Min has surpassed 50 league goals as the South Korean's brace earned a late 3-2 win at Aston Villa in the English Premier League.

Spurs defender Toby Alderweireld scored at both ends in the first half on Sunday after the Belgian handed Villa the lead with a ninth minute own goal before making amends with his first goal in three years with a hammered half-volley to equalise.

Son put Jose Mourinho's side ahead on the stroke of halftime to claim his half-century mark by converting a rebound after missing a penalty kick.

Villa defender Bjorn Engels, who gave away the penalty, headed in a corner for his first club goal to make it 2-2 but

Son raced away in the fourth minute of stoppage time to seal a dramatic winner.

"I thought we deserved to win but I think they did not deserve to lose," said Mourinho.

"Villa played to win."

The victory moves Spurs closer to European Champions League qualification in fifth, a single point behind fourth-placed Chelsea, who host Manchester United on Monday.

Dean Smith's Aston Villa sit 17th and one point above the relegation zone.

"It was a good performance against a team that are fifth in the league but we deserved more than that," said Villa boss Smith.

Arsenal host Newcastle United in Sunday's late match.

Alderweireld did not give Tottenham the best start following the mid-season break after turning a cross from Villa's

Anwar El Ghazi into his own net.

But in the 27th minute, Alderweireld caught the ball on an impressive turn and smashed his shot into the roof of the net from close range for his first Spurs goal since May 2017.

Spurs would eventually lead before halftime after Engels brought down Dutch striker Steven Bergwijn in the area.

Villa goalkeeper Pepe Reina dived to his right and saved Son's spot kick, but the South Korean scooped up the rebound for his landmark goal.

Engels briefly earned redemption by opening his Villa goal account with a header from a 53rd minute corner to equalise.

However, Son's winner came when Engels made an unfortunate slip up.

The 25-year-old Belgian let a pass run through to Son, which allowed the winger to sprint clear and steal three points with a side-foot finish into the far corner moments before the final whistle.

Yesterday Liverpool moved within five wins of ending their 30-year title drought in the English top flight after they extended their record Premier League lead to an astonishing 25 points.

Substitute Sadio Mane produced the sole moment of real quality at Carrow Road as Liverpool fended off Storm Dennis and hosts Norwich City for a 1-0 win - their 25th in 26 games this season.

Mane climbed off the bench to net his 12th league goal of the campaign and extend unbeaten Liverpool's winning streak to 17 top-flight matches.

They are just one win away from matching Manchester City's Premier League record run of 18 consecutive victories.

Mane delivered with a



HALF-CENTURY UP: Tottenham's Son Heung-min, pictured during the game against Aston Villa today, is the first Asian player to score 50 goals in the English Premier League. AP picture



HAVING A GO: Arsenal's Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang shoots at goal during an English Premier League football match against Newcastle at the Emirates Stadium in London today. AP picture

lovely touch to control Jordan Henderson's ball over the top and strike at the near post in the 78th minute.

It was a fine way for Mane to mark his first Liverpool action since hobbling out of a 2-1 win at Wolverhampton on January 23.

Juergen Klopp hailed Mane's "perfect" injury return after he was brought off the bench on the hour mark.

"It helps when you have such quality on the bench to bring on," the Reds manager said.

"The quality of the others is just too big that you have to push somebody through.

"It was perfect for Sadio to have a few minutes but it looked like he was ready, yes."

The runaway leaders inched closer to their first league trophy since 1990 by grinding out a nervy win, amid howling winds and driving rain.

"We knew it would be difficult

coming here even though they are bottom of the league," Henderson said.

"Overall I thought it was a good performance."

Meanwhile, Burnley have made it three wins out of four in the league with a 2-1 victory at Southampton.

Ashley Westwood netted inside two minutes for the visitors and former Burnley striker Danny Ings levelled in the 18th.

But substitute Matej Vydra provided the brilliant winner on the hour mark at a rain-soaked St Mary's - his first goal in 17 months.

Burnley rose to 10th, three points ahead of 13th-placed Southampton, who endured a third successive loss.

"They were better than us first half," Burnley boss Sean Dyche said.

"Second half, we calmed the game down. We scored a sublime goal." — DPA/AP

NRL Nines unveils potential superstars

RUGBY LEAGUE

NORTH Queensland fullback Scott Drinkwater was named best player of the NRL Nines in Perth, but the spotlight was stolen by rising star Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow.

The 18-year-old emerged as a potential superstar for the Cowboys across the two-day tournament in Perth, scoring four tries across four games with freakish footwork and blistering speed.

The former schoolboys rugby star is on a development contract with the Cowboys and won't be eligible to play NRL until July.

"It's good to see that he's able to do that at that level. We've seen him do it at

schoolboy level and every other level that he's played at so far," Cowboys coach Paul Green said after winning the club's second Nines title — beating the Dragons 23-14 in the final.

"Nines is not 13-a-side by any stretch. I think people have got to remember that.

"There's been plenty of guys in the past that people have got excited about in this tournament that haven't necessarily kicked on to forge a really good NRL career.

"He's got a lot of talent, we know that and we saw what he can do over the weekend several times.

"He would have got a lot of confidence from that and hopefully when he does get his chance (at NRL) he looks back and

won't be as nervous. If he can show that sort of form he'll have a long career."

Although he was the standout rookie, Tabuai-Fidow didn't make the final team of the tournament, which was determined by player of the tournament votes.

Cowboys skipper Jason Taumalolo made the list alongside Drinkwater.

Rising Dragons fullback Cody Ramsey was also named after a stunning show across four games for the grand finalists.

Celebrating his 20th birthday on Saturday, he scored a hat-trick against the Panthers in the semifinals to finish with four for the tournament.

On a training contract with the Dragons, the young plumber from the NSW town of Orange said he was hoping

to impress head coach Paul McGregor for an NRL deal in Perth.

"The coaches just said: 'you play your own football, we've been watching you at training and you've been going good and they just told me to try hard and I've just been in the right position at the right time'," Ramsey said.

"I get a bit more space to run and a bit more freedom to use my pace."

TEAM OF THE TOURNAMENT: 1. Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), 2. Clint Gutherson (Eels), 3. Mason Lino (Knights), 4. Tyrone Peachey (Titans), 5. Jason Taumalolo (Cowboys), 6. Phillip Sami (Titans), 7. Luke Metcalf (Sea Eagles), 8. Cody Ramsey (Dragons), 9. Viliame Kikau (Panthers).

Breakers' owner in 'black eye' call

BASKETBALL
by Josh Price, NZ Herald

THE New Zealand Breakers have been busy at work the day after they were eliminated from the ANBL playoff race.

Owner Matt Walsh will talk to league organisers about the manner in which they were eliminated, while two starters Finn Delany and Rob Loe have been re-signed to the club for the foreseeable future.

The Breakers had expected to be in the playoff race until at least this afternoon where they would have needed the South East Melbourne Phoenix to beat Melbourne United to qualify for the playoffs.

However, it was the Brisbane Bullets — who needed a 33-point win over the Cairns Taipans — who ended their season, claiming a remarkable 124-88 triumph that gave them a superior points percentage to the Breakers.

It's the use of points percentage in the first place that has rubbed Walsh the wrong way.

"I've never been anywhere else in the world that uses this kind of points system," he said.

"You got a Cairns-Brisbane game where you've got Brisbane starters playing against Cairns development players, and that determined our playoff fate."

Walsh went further, saying it's not a case of sour grapes, but rather something that detracts from the league.

"I think it's a black eye for the league and I don't know how anyone looks at that and thinks wow this is great for basketball in Australia and New Zealand."

Regardless of the process, the Breakers won't feature in the 2020 playoffs, due to a poor start to the season which at one point left them with a 2-8 record.

They finished with a record of 15-13 with the return of a number of key players from injury including Delany and Loe, who will now be a part of the side's make-up for the next two and three seasons respectively.

23-year-old Delany recovered from a foot injury to have

a career year with the club averaging 12.3 points and six rebounds per game.

He says the decision to stay was easy.

"I feel I have unfinished business here and I want to win a championship here. I've got a lot more to grow in this league and this team and I want to accomplish something special."

28-year-old Loe, who averaged 9.6 points and 4.2 rebounds, recovered from a fractured skull to be a crucial part of the Breakers' late season run.

Walsh says the pair were high priority signings going forward.

"It really shows the spine of our team, the backbone of the team is going to be New Zealand talent and those are the guys who make us go."

Corey Webster and Tom Abercrombie are the other Kiwis to have already confirmed their future with the club.

MVP nominee Scotty Hopson and fellow imports Sek Henry and Brandon Ashley have yet to confirm their futures.

Morgan blasts England to twenty20 series win

CRICKET

CENTURION — Captain Eoin Morgan has hit an unbeaten 57 off just 22 balls to lead England to a twenty20 series victory over South Africa and a highly satisfying end to their three-month cricket tour.

England chased down a challenging target of 223 in the third and final T20 at SuperSport Park on Sunday to take the series 2-1.

Morgan clubbed seven sixes as England finished on 5-226 with five balls to spare for a five-wicket win.

"Extremely satisfying, particularly when I'm there at the end," Morgan said. "Nice note to end this tour on ... it's a hugely productive series for us."

South Africa made 6-222 after choosing to bat first with surprise selection Heinrich Klaasen top-scoring with 66 from 33 at his home ground and Temba Bavuma

making 49 from 24.

England's key partnership was Morgan's stand with Ben Stokes, which reaped 61 runs from 27 balls.

The visitors needed 53 from the last four overs but Morgan hit two sixes in the 17th over, Stokes did the same in the next over, and Morgan did it again in the 19th.

Stokes, who scored 22 from 12, was caught on the boundary at the start of the penultimate over and England still had work to do.

Morgan eased the tension by connecting with two low full tosses from Lungi Ngidi off successive balls. The first disappeared into the crowd over mid-wicket and the second went flying over the square leg boundary.

England ultimately only needed one run off the last six balls with Moeen Ali sending a four down the ground for the victory.

England's 5-226 was their second-highest total batting

second in T20s and the fifth-highest ever for a team batting second.

Morgan's 50 came off 21 balls, equalling his own record set last year in New Zealand for the fastest T20 half-century by an England player.

There were two other half-centuries at the top of the order with Jos Buttler hitting 57 from 29 and Jonny Bairstow bagging 64 from 34.

The victory gave England a winning end to the tour in Centurion, where it started with the first Test in December.

England came from behind in every one of the three series, fighting back to win the Test series 3-1, to draw the ODI series 1-1, and to win the T20 series 2-1.

The success will be especially welcome for England with the T20 World Cup in Australia in October and November. England lost to the final of the last T20 World Cup to the West Indies in 2016. — AP

Robinson gets a second cup win for this season

SKIING

ALICE Robinson has done it again.

The New Zealand alpine skiing sensation has won her second world cup giant slalom of the season with two stunning runs at Kranjska Gora in Slovenia, the sixth round of the circuit.

Three days after winning the Emerging Talent award at the Halbergs, the Queenstown skier has enhanced her growing reputation with a remarkable dominant display against the world's best female Giant Slalom skiers.

The 18-year-old was second quickest on the opening run, clocking 57.70, which was just .24 of a second behind reigning world champion Petra Vihova of Slovakia.

But she blitzed everyone including Vihova with her second run, clocking 56.62 for a combined time of 1:54.32, which was .34 of a second quicker than Vihova and more than 1.5 seconds faster than Slovenia's Meta Hrovat and Switzerland's Wendy Holdener, who tied for third.

World Cup Giant Slalom series leader Federica Brignone finished eighth.

Robinson's second run was something to behold. She was explosive from the start and flew down the course, extending her lead at every split to lay down a marker for Vihova which the Slovak couldn't match.

Earlier Robinson had a terrific start position of fourth for the opening run and she didn't disappoint, enjoying some of the best snow conditions. She scorched down the upper section of the course skiing with aggression and confidence.

Robinson's result follows a fifth place finish in Sestriere in Italy late last month, a 9th in Lienz in Austria after Christmas, 10th in Courchevel in France, a DNF in Killington in the US and her season-opening win in Sölden in Austria.

At the time Robinson was still just 17 and became the youngest ever winner of the Sölden GS.

What is astonishing is the young Kiwi is more than five years younger than most of her rivals — and ski racers don't usually peak



CELEBRATION TIME: New Zealand's Alice Robinson on the podium after winning an alpine ski women's world cup giant slalom, in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia, yesterday. AP picture

until their mid 20s. Robinson is fast becoming a superstar in the sport.

Robinson remains fifth in the World Cup standings with 300 points but is now just nine points behind Italian Marta Bassino in fourth and 14 adrift of American great Mikaela Shiffrin, the Olympic champion who didn't compete overnight following the recent death of her father.

Vihova's second place finish has seen her consolidate second in the standings and is now 74 points behind Brignone who leads with 407.

With 100 points for a win and two races to go before the World Cup Finals in Italy, Robinson has a genuine chance of claiming the overall Giant Slalom World Cup title.

Robinson switches her attention to a World Cup Super G race in Crans Montana in Switzerland next weekend. Her next Giant Slalom will be in Osterschwang in Germany on the 7th of March before she races in Are in Sweden the following week ahead of the World Cup Finals in Cortina d'Ampezzo in Italy in late March. — NZ Herald

SBW could fight AFL great

BOXING

SONNY Bill Williams is set to get back in the boxing ring.

The Daily Telegraph reports the former All Black will fight AFL great Barry Hall this year.

Williams, who is playing rugby league for the Toronto Wolfpack, has a 7-0 boxing record as a professional. His last time in the ring was a charity fight in December 2018.

Hall's promoter Danny Green told the Telegraph that they organised a fight

with Williams after a rematch deal with retired NRL star Paul Gallen fell through.

Hall and Gallen fought last year in a controversial draw.

"Barry's going to move on and fight Sonny Bill instead," Green said.

"We've spoken to (SBW's manager) Khoder (Nasser) and they're on board.

"We'll do it in Sydney later this year when Sonny Bill is available.

"I've done two previous deals with Khoder and it's always been a handshake.

"I trust him. Barry's keen, they're keen."

According to the Telegraph, the fight will take place after the Super League season. Williams is two games into his first season with the Wolfpack.

Williams made another code switch after last year's Rugby World Cup when he took up a \$10 million deal in Toronto.

ADDITION TO THE FAMILY: Sonny Bill Williams posted a photo of him holding his and wife Alanah's newborn boy, Essa, their fourth child. Williams is reportedly set to get back in the boxing ring.

Picture supplied



Chiefs and Stormers only teams unbeaten

RUGBY

WELLINGTON — All Black playmaker Damian McKenzie had a major role as the Chiefs continued their unbeaten start to the Super Rugby season on Saturday and took over top spot on points difference from the Stormers.

Both have three wins from three games and are the only unbeaten teams left after three rounds.

The Hamilton-based Chiefs won 43-17 against the Sunwolves in Tokyo among three victories in three matches by New Zealand sides.

The Cape Town-based Stormers conceded their first points of the season and were trailing the Lions 30-26 nearly two minutes after the final hooter in their South African derby in Johannesburg. The Stormers kept the ball alive and worked an opportunity for centre Ruhan Nel to score a dramatic match-winning try in the last play of the game. The 33-30 win was the Stormers' first in Johannesburg in five years.

The Chiefs' McKenzie missed last year's World Cup and most of the 2019 season with a knee injury but has made a strong return over the past two weeks after sitting out the opening round of Super Rugby.

The Sunwolves scored first with a try to first five-eighth Garth April after strong running from former England centre Ben Te'o.

McKenzie featured as the Chiefs struck back with tries on both flanks, using the width of the field to score through wingers Solomon Alaimalo and Shaun Stevenson.

The Sunwolves missed a vital chance to score in the 17th minute when McKenzie tackled Jarred Adams just short of the line.

McKenzie then made a second try for Alaimalo, and the Chiefs had a 24-7 lead.

The Sunwolves had to score next and did so when Georgia hooker Jaba Bregvadze wrestled the ball over the line from a maul just before halftime.

The Chiefs made the game safe when flanker Lachlan Boshier scored within three minutes of the restart, pouncing on a Sunwolves turnover. The last hope of a Sunwolves rally was snuffed out by a try-saving tackle by Chiefs halfback Brad Weber on Sunwolves centre Shogo Nakano, although Nakano did score in the 73rd minute.

The Chiefs punished a tiring Sunwolves team with late tries to Quinn Tupaea and Kaleb Trask.

The Durban-based Sharks lost their unbeaten record when they lost 38-22 to the Hurricanes in Wellington in a match of spectacular long-range tries.

The Sharks set the ball rolling in the 13th minute with an 80-metre intercept try involving captain Lukhanyo Am and winger Madosh Tambwe.

After Wes Goosen scored for the



HITTING HIS STRAPS: Chiefs playmaker Damian McKenzie played a major role in his side's 43-17 victory over the Sunwolves in Tokyo in Super Rugby action at the weekend. NZ Herald picture

Hurricanes and Tyler Paul for the Sharks, All Black centre Ngani Laumapi scored a superb try for the Hurricanes from a cross-kick by Jordie Barrett.

Winger Ben Lam struck twice from distance to give the Hurricanes a 29-17 lead after 51 minutes and All Black hooker Dane Coles, who came off the bench for his first appearance of the season, scored from a lineout drive to put the home team ahead 38-17.

A late try to replacement Mzamo Majola wasn't enough to bridge the gap and the Sharks and Hurricanes now share 2-1 records.

Like the Stormers, the New Zealand-based Highlanders scored a converted try way after the final hooter to claim a 23-22 win against the ACT Brumbies.

The 84th-minute score ended the Brumbies' 11-game winning streak at home, while the Highlanders made it five straight victories against the Australian team.

ACT hooker Folau Faingaa scored a hat-trick of rolling-maul tries but it wasn't enough as the hosts failed to take advantage of a yellow card in the second half. Highlanders winger Patelesio Tomkinson was lucky to avoid being sent off after making no attempt to wrap his

arms around the body as his shoulder made contact with Tom Banks's head in a tackle.

Referee Nic Berry deemed the initial contact shoulder to shoulder and only opted for the sin bin in the 45th minute.

The Highlanders hung tough before Teariki Ben-Nicholas crashed over next to the posts way after the final siren and Josh Ioane slotted the match-sealing conversion.

"This is a tough place to come to," Highlanders coach Aaron Mauger said. "There was a lot of courage shown in that last five or six minutes.

"I'm really proud of the way we fought back and gave ourselves an opportunity to win it. We train for those scenarios and I thought the guys executed their plan very well."

Hooker Julian Montoya scored three tries as Argentina's Jaguares rallied from 24-12 down at halftime to overrun the Queensland Reds 43-27 in Buenos Aires.

Replacement hooker Santiago Socino also scored a try as the Jaguares demolished the Reds pack through a series of powerful lineout drives.

The Reds scored four tries in the first half but managed only three points in the second. — AP



WINNING NUMBERS

DRAW No. 1934

BONUS NUMBER

WINNING NUMBERS
 (02) (04) (10) (17) (29) (31) (05)

Total Lotto prizes **\$4,698,532**

DIVISION	PRIZE MONEY	No. OF WINNERS
ONE 6 winning Nos	\$1,000,000	1
TWO 5 winning Nos plus the Bonus No.	\$22,221	19
THREE 5 winning Nos	\$539	777
FOUR 4 winning Nos plus the Bonus No.	\$52	1861
FIVE 4 winning Nos	\$29	29,197
SIX 3 winning Nos plus the Bonus No	\$20	40,605
SEVEN 3 winning Nos	Bonus Ticket	393,552



WINNING NUMBERS (31) (10) (04) (17)

Total Strike prizes **\$974,709**

TOTAL	PRIZE MONEY	No. OF WINNERS
Four out of Four	ROLLOVER	0
Three out of Four	\$619	107
Two out of Four	\$66	5566
One out of Four	Bonus Ticket	141,120



Total Powerball prizes **\$28,630,353**

DIVISION	PRIZE MONEY	No. OF WINNERS
ONE Lotto Division 1 + winning Powerball No.	ROLLOVER	0
TWO Lotto Division 2 + winning Powerball No.	\$37,102	2
THREE Lotto Division 3 + winning Powerball No.	\$1123	54
FOUR Lotto Division 4 + winning Powerball No.	\$107	134
FIVE Lotto Division 5 + winning Powerball No.	\$58	2159
SIX Lotto Division 6 + winning Powerball No.	\$38	3048
SEVEN	Bonus Ticket + \$15.00	29,614

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Horouta profit from attacking play

CRICKET by Grant Miller

A SUPERB spell of attacking cricket by Horouta has shaken up Poverty Bay's DJ Barry Cup competition.

After an ordinary start with the bat on Saturday, Horouta made up for it with the ball, charging to a first-innings win against High School Old Boys and then cracking 100 for three inside nine overs, setting up an exciting run chase if HSOB dared to pursue 140 at 10 an over.

Dare, they did. Bollywood Stars HSOB had posted 75 after eight overs and while Scott Tallott (44 off 30 balls) was at the crease, they had a shot at winning the game outright.

But they came up short and lost seven wickets on their way to 100.

The upshot is that Horouta were rewarded for their positive play with a points bonanza, getting eight bowling points for all their wickets, four points for winning on first innings and two batting points for twice making it to 100.

Their haul of 14 points for the match, against the seven for HSOB, has put them in the lead in the competition by seven points, although they have played more games than HSOB and OBR and those two teams play a double-header this weekend.

Neither side can afford to have a poor weekend, as disastrous performances by either could put them out of contention for the final.

For Horouta, Keegan Martin produced a man-of-the-match performance at Harry Barker Reserve.

The left-arm medium pacer (3-25) knocked the top off the HSOB batting order in their first innings. He bowled one delivery that straightened from around the wicket and took Tallott's off stump.

Martin then stroked a splendid, game-changing unbeaten 29 off 15 balls.

Horouta captain David Situ said his team were lucky to get past 100 in their first innings but he was



POSITIVE PLAY: Horouta batsman Keegan Martin hit 29 not out off 15 balls, putting his team in a commanding position in their game against High School Old Boys at Harry Barker Reserve on Saturday. Horouta picked up a first-innings win from the match and a bag-load of DJ Barry Cup competition points. Picture by Paul Rickard

delighted that they restricted HSOB to 73.

Horouta then faced a choice — do everything possible to deny their opponents wickets or bat with freedom and look to score quickly.

They chose an aggressive mindset and Martin's efforts were supplemented by Graham Hudson scoring 21 off 11 balls and Situ getting 26 not out from 20 balls.

With his team just three wickets down when they rollicked to 100, Situ declared the innings closed, setting HSOB a difficult but enticing run chase.

HSOB made a bright start, before Ajay Kumar fell for 18 off 11 balls.

Tallott played something of a lone hand after that and, although he hit a glorious upper cut on to the hockey turf and HSOB kept pressing, his departure at the start of the ninth over damaged his team's hopes of stealing an unlikely win.

In the end, HSOB picked up a batting point for getting to 100 but were 40 short of their target when they ran out of overs.

HSOB captain Carl Shaw said the match was an

exciting one to be part of.

"It shows how much fun that format can be — there were three games in one in just an afternoon."

Shaw won the toss and chose to field.

"We started really well. There was a little in the pitch early but it was good to bat on."

Horouta were in strife at 55-7 and HSOB opening bowler Marshall Norris took 3-43.

However, HSOB let their opponents off the hook and Horouta No.8 Chris Collier scored 34 not out.

"Marshall bowled exceptionally in both innings," Shaw said.

"Unfortunately, we let them get 30-plus more runs than they should have scored.

"Then we batted the worst I have ever seen."

Hudson made life uncomfortable for the HSOB batsmen when he bowled short of a length and he had a series of shouts for lbw — none given out — when he pitched up.

But it was Martin who snared the early wickets. Then Tushar Balat, a threat with his movement, chimed in with four wickets to finish off the tail.

Shaw said Horouta batted with purpose in their second innings and he appreciated Situ setting up the game for an exciting finish by batting positively and then allowing HSOB a shot at victory with a well-judged declaration.

HSOB gave it a good go and the reward for Horouta was that they took seven wickets.

Shaw said HSOB were in the hunt until the last two overs.

HOROUTA 112 off 31.4 overs (Chris Collier 34 not out; Carl Shaw 3-17, Marshall Norris 3-43, Baxter Mackay 2-10) **and 100-3 off 8.5 overs** (Keegan Martin 29 not out, David Situ 26 not out, Graham Hudson 21; Norris 3-26) **beat HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS 73 off 21 overs** (Tushar Balat 4-10, Martin 3-25, Parminder Kulaar 2-11) **and 100-7 off 14 overs** (Scott Tallott 44; Balat 3-37, Hudson 2-45).



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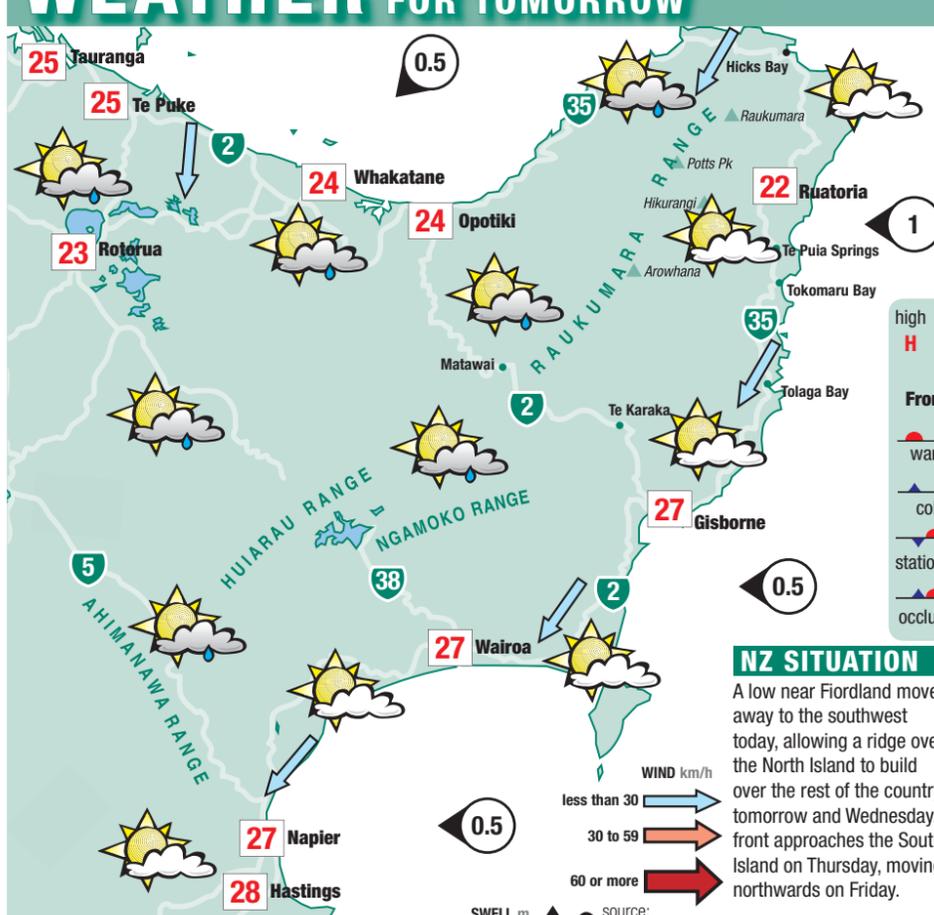
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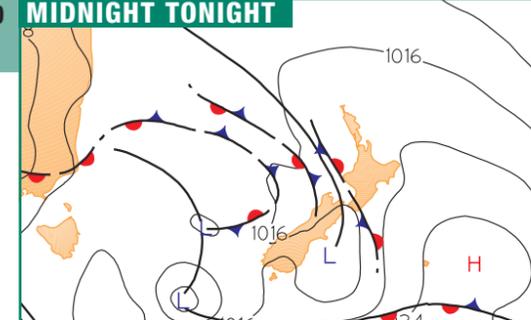
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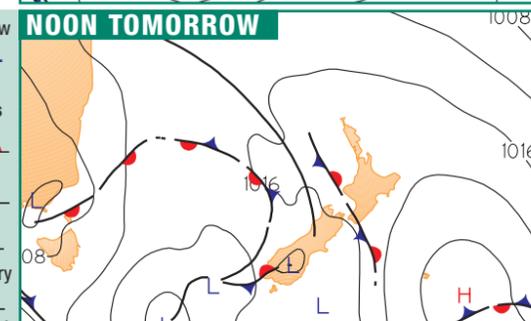


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MIDNIGHT TONIGHT



NOON TOMORROW



GISBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT

Tuesday Feb 18		Wednesday Feb 19	
am	pm	am	pm
Hicks Bay	H 2:48am 3:05pm L 9:03am 9:32pm	Hicks Bay	H 3:49am 4:04pm L 10:03am 10:31pm
Waipiro Bay	H 2:41am 2:58pm L 8:36am 9:05pm	Waipiro Bay	H 3:42am 3:57pm L 9:36am 10:04pm
Tolaga Bay	H 2:29am 2:46pm L 8:24am 8:53pm	Tolaga Bay	H 3:30am 3:45pm L 9:24am 9:52pm
Gisborne	H 2:16am 2:35pm L 8:26am 8:54pm	Gisborne	H 3:14am 3:31pm L 9:24am 9:50pm
Wairoa	H 1:57am 2:23pm L 8:14am 8:37pm	Wairoa	H 2:54am 3:18pm L 9:11am 9:32pm

NZ SITUATION

A low near Fiordland moves away to the southwest today, allowing a ridge over the North Island to build over the rest of the country tomorrow and Wednesday. A front approaches the South Island on Thursday, moving northwards on Friday.

NZ TOMORROW

Auckland	fine	27
Hamilton	fine	28
Tauranga	fine	25
Rotorua	fine	23
Taupo	showers	25
Napier	fine	27
New Plymouth	showers	23
Palmerston North	fine	26
Wellington	showers	21
Christchurch	fine	28
Queenstown	fine	23
Dunedin	showers	19

GISBORNE READINGS

Taken at the Airport, for the 24 hours to 9am, Monday 17 Feb 2020

SUNSHINE hours	8.7
To date for February	168.9
Average for February	199.0
To date this year	463.9
To date last year	461.5

WIND km/h
Max gust on Sun 16 Feb N 30

RAINFALL mm
24 hours to 9am, Mon 17 Feb 0.0
To date for February 0.2
Average for February 74.0
To date this year 28.8
To date last year 67.0

EVAPOTRANSPIRATION mm
Daily average for past week 4.9

TEMPERATURE °C
Maximum 25.9
Minimum 15.7
Grass minimum 13.1

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE
At 9am 17 Feb (hPa) 1019.5
At 9am 17 Feb (inches) 30.11

WORLD TOMORROW

Adelaide	fine	17	22
Amsterdam	rain	5	10
Bangkok	showers	24	33
Beijing	fine	-6	9
Berlin	fine	6	10
Brisbane	fine	23	31
Buenos Aires	fine	17	26
Cairo	rain	11	19
Canberra	thunder	17	29
Cape Town	fine	16	31
Delhi	fine	10	27
Frankfurt	cloudy	5	11
Geneva	fine	5	10
Hong Kong	fine	10	17
London	rain	5	11
Los Angeles	fine	11	24
Melbourne	thunder	20	23
Moscow	rain	3	6
New York	showers	3	11
Paris	showers	5	11
Perth	fine	18	34
Singapore	showers	24	33
Stockholm	rain	5	8
Suva	showers	24	30
Sydney	thunder	21	29
Tokyo	fine	4	13
Toronto	rain	-1	5

GIBBORNE CITY

TOMORROW	morning min	max	WEDNESDAY	morning min	max	THURSDAY	morning min	max
Fine spells. Northeasterlies.	17	27	Fine spells. Northerlies.	17	25	Fine. Light winds and sea breezes.	15	26

GIBBORNE REGION

Fine spells. Isolated afternoon showers, mainly about the ranges. Northeasterlies.	Fine spells. A few afternoon showers about the ranges. Northeasterlies.	Fine, apart from isolated afternoon showers about the ranges. Light winds and sea breezes.	Fine. Light winds and sea breezes.
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GIBBORNE SUN PROTECTION ALERT

9:30 AM - 5:10 PM PROTECTION REQUIRED
Whatever your skin colour

Data provided by NIWA

TODAY IN HISTORY

1925 — A severe morning gale swept Wairarapa. Large trees were uprooted, old sheds and fences razed to the ground and crops flattened. "The force of the wind may be gauged from the fact that the index fingers of the Greytown town clock were unable to keep up with the time and lost 15 minutes in an hour."

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SILVER FOLLOWS GOLD

KAYAKING

ZACH Ferkins was less than a second away from a momentous double at the national canoe sprint championships at Lake Karapiro yesterday.

Karapiro-based Poverty Bay Kayak Club paddler Ferkins followed up his barnstorming open men's K1 1000-metre win on Saturday with a silver medal in the K1 500m yesterday.

He finished 0.58 of a second behind North Shore paddler Ashton Reiser, who won the K1 200m on Friday.

Six months ago, Reiser had surgery to both forearms after being beset by compartment syndrome issues.

Also yesterday, Lisa Carrington beat a high-class field in the final of the open women's K1 500m.

In near-perfect conditions on the last day of the championships, Carrington was pushed all the way by fellow New Zealand squad members Caitlin Ryan and Aimee Fisher but held them off to add the K1 500m crown to the K1 200m title she secured on Friday.

Carrington, the reigning world champion in both events, clocked 1 minute 48.23 seconds — a little under two seconds shy of the world-best time.

Ryan earned silver in 1:50.42 and Fisher was third in 1:52.54.

In the open men's 500m, Reiser produced a strong late surge to win the title in 1:43.37 — 0.58s clear of silver medallist Ferkins.

Hamish Legarth (Hawke's Bay) added 500m bronze to the 1000m bronze he earned on Saturday, holding off fellow national squad member Ben Duffy (Arawa) by 0.16s in a time of 1:44.24.

Poverty Bay's Sam Ferkins finished eighth in the final of the open men's 500m but in the afternoon he won the open men's five-kilometre race.

Candidate for race of the day came in the open women's K4 500m final. Britney Ford and Alex Bermingham of Poverty Bay combined with Brooklyn Saunders (Arawa) and Rebecca Cole (North Shore) to finish second, 0.03 of a second behind a North Shore crew whose winning time was 1:44.99.

In the women's under-16 division, Poverty Bay's Genna Robertson, in 2:15.44, took second place in the K1 500m behind Arawa paddler Madison Garrett, whose win completed a personal haul of five gold medals from the championships.

In other Poverty Bay results yesterday

- Genna Robertson (PB) and Natasha MacGibbon (Arawa) won the u16 women's K2 500m in 2:01.59.
- Emma Brownlie was second in the A Final of the u18 women's K1 500m in 2:08.06.
- Seren Rogers won the u18 women's K1 5km and the B Final of the u18 women's K1 500m.
- Ollie Egan was second in the u14 men's K1 500m in 2:29.10, and second in the u14 K1 5km.
- Amber Dearness was third in the u14 women's K1 500m in 2:24.56.
- Rogers and Brownlie were third in the u18 women's K2 500m in 2:02.78.
- Angus Baker won the u16 K1 5km.
- Geoff Mould was third in the master men's 55-plus K1 5km.
- Alex Bermingham was third in the open women's K1 5km.

• The Saturday K1 1000m victory for Zach Ferkins was one of the most emphatic performances of the regatta. The 21-year-old New Zealand men's kayak squad member, established an early advantage and did not relinquish control, crossing the line in a time of 3:38.31.

In a race many expected to be a much closer affair, fellow squad members Ben Duffy (Arawa), in 3:44.83, and Hamish Legarth (Hawke's Bay), 3:45.87, grabbed the minor medals.

"I backed myself to paddle well today and I'm stoked to win," Ferkins said. "During the race I tried not to look around but I could see no one in my peripheral vision."

"With 200m to go I looked over my shoulder and it was, wow, oh my God, I'm so far ahead. I then just tried to hold it together and put in a little kick at the end."

Also on Saturday afternoon, Poverty Bay paddler Alex Bermingham combined with Samalulu Clifton (North Shore) to win gold in the open women's K2 500m in a time of 1:57.67.

Elise Legarth and Rochelle Austin (North Shore) secured silver in 2:01.03, with Poverty Bay pair Britney Ford and Kim Thompson earning bronze in 2:02.51.

In the age groups, Poverty Bay's Angus Baker and Will Pittar joined with Thomas MacGibbon and Alex Hickman of the Arawa club to win the u18 men's K4 500m.

The Poverty Bay team of Stacey Warren-Moiser, Seren Rogers, Nicki Graham and Emma Brownlie were second in the u18 women's K4 500m.

In other Poverty Bay results on Saturday afternoon

- Angus Baker won bronze in the u16 men's K1 500m.
- Georgie Beaufoy was second in the tyro women's K1 500m.
- Baker and Jamie Walker were second in the u16 K2 500m.
- Ollie Egan and Matt McKendry won the u14 men's K2 500m.
- Geoff Mould was second in the master men's 55-plus K1 1000m.
- Will Pittar was second in the B Final of the u18 men's K1 1000m.



NECK AND NECK: Lisa Carrington (nearest camera) is just ahead of Caitlin Ryan as they race in the final of the open women's K1 500 metres in the canoe sprint championships at Lake Karapiro yesterday. Pictures by Vera Bucsu

BIG WEEKEND: Poverty Bay Kayak Club paddler Zach Ferkins blew away the opposition in the K1 1000m on Saturday and was a close second in the 500m race yesterday.

