

Kapi-Mana News

ON THE FAST TRACK?

The Plimmerton Farm development would create a 2000-home suburb in Porirua’s north. Plans to "streamline" rule changes for the project have now gone to the Environment Minister for approval. But environmental advocates are urging caution.

Plimmerton Farm, potential site of a new northern suburb for Porirua.

JOEL MAXWELL

Environmental advocates have urged caution over plans to “streamline” rule changes allowing a new 2000-home suburb in Porirua.

Environment Minister David Parker will decide whether to consider a proposed rezone of the 386-hectare Plimmerton Farm under a streamlined process, which largely removes the right for Environment Court appeals.

Now Porirua city councillors have been criticised for approving the proposal ready for consultation before Parker has even responded.

Friends of Taupo Swamp and Catchment member Judy McKoy said the group saw the 900-page proposal only two days ahead of the council decision.

She wondered how councillors could read the document before approving its contents for consultation. She would have preferred councillors wait till they heard back from the minister before approving the document.

McKoy said group members worried Parker might announce a decision early in January, in the middle of the summer break and – with the document now approved – it could drop immediately for consultation.

The farm sits on the eastern side of State Highway 1 between Plimmerton and Whenua Tapu and was thought to be the largest area of land destined for housing to be sold as a single transaction in the Wellington region. The development would create about 2000 homes and include a retirement village and retail area.

“It’s like summer reading for people, they can actually sit down and read it and relax rather than have a really short consultation.”

Mayor Anita Baker

It comes as the region faces a population surge over the coming decades that would see an increase in people equivalent to another Hutt City.

Staff told councillors that the earliest they thought a ministerial decision might be made would be by the end of January.

Porirua mayor Anita Baker said approving the document now actually gave the community more time to read it before formal consultation.

“It’s like summer reading for people, they can actually sit down and read it and relax rather than have a really short consultation... putting it [out] ahead of time was probably a good thing.”

Baker said she did not think the streamlined process would reduce the rights of people who might have concerns – developers had undertaken substantial consultation at the “front-end”.

“They’re actually getting a really good hit at it before it’s even done... if anything I think they’re actually getting a better shot at it.”

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“The Ninness team would like to wish you all a happy Christmas and best wishes for 2020”

Adventure safe, until suddenly it isn’t

GORDON CAMPBELL
TALKING POLITICS

OPINION: Even before the official inquiries begin to delve into last week’s tragic eruption, the scientific warnings about the risks of visiting the Whakaari/White Island active volcano plainly left much to be desired. Repeatedly, GNS Science concluded that the increasingly heightened activity it was observing would (safely) follow the same pattern as occurred in 2012-2016. On December 3 it re-assuringly stated that, “While the activity is contained to the far side of the lake, the current level of activity does not pose a direct hazard to visitors.”

Not that there was ever a particularly solid basis for such assurances. In November, GNS vulcanologist Dr Michael Rosenburg had indicated that the changes may or may not be a signal that something was happening.

“The White Island volcano is really complicated and just because one thing changes, it doesn’t necessarily mean that everything else will change and it doesn’t necessarily mean that this is going to lead to an eruption.”

Rosenburg said tour groups

Whether GNS Science should have been more forthright in its assessment of White Island will be up to the official inquiries to determine.

WHITE ISLAND FLIGHTS

could still visit the island.

Even if had the regulatory power to call a halt to the tours (which it didn’t), GNS Science seemed reluctant to fire a strong warning shot across the bows of the tour operators, especially at a time when the cruise ship season had just begun in earnest. Whether GNS Science should have been more robust and forthright in its assessments will be up to the official inquiries to determine.

For now, this tragedy has once again raised the risk of New Zealand being seen as a tourism

destination where commercial incentives – rather than safety factors – are allowed to determine where the boundary line of acceptable risk is being drawn.

The Carterton ballooning accident, the Fox Glacier air crash and several whitewater rafting fatalities have been other cases where risk existed, and – crucially – the judgment calls were left to the commercial operators to make.

That grey area is a common feature of our adventure tourism industry. Visitors can be advised

that an activity carries risk, and routinely the fine print will carry an exemption clause for any harm that ensues. Yet such warnings readily become part of the sales package (all part of the unpredictable grandeur of nature!) and tend to be treated as a marginal thrill factor.

The risks are not usually portrayed as being likely to kill without warning any customers caught in the vicinity at the wrong moment, given that no effective exit plan would be possible.

That’s where incumbency can be misleading. The fact that tours occurred daily without incident (so far, so good) fostered a false sense of security. In many countries, the prospect of being sued puts a brake on risky tourism activities and practices.

Yet in New Zealand, the profits of adventure tourism are privatised, but the risks are socialised. By and large, customers can’t sue in the wake of accidents.

In effect, tourists are regularly being taken into situations where no adequate methods exist for responding in time to the chronic risk of death and injury. White Island was safe, but only until it suddenly wasn’t.

Effective regulations - not commercial incentives – may need to govern such tourism activities in future.

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A pooey gift you’ll want to get

Suburb fast-track worries

KYLIE KLEIN-NIXON

Don’t mind me, just *dropping* the ultimate gag-gift idea on you in time for Christmas.

ZooDoo, the company that collects and composts dung from zoos around New Zealand, has been “quietly” making EndangeredFaeces fertiliser statues for the past 20 years.

The nutrient-rich little figurines are handmade in Porirua in the shape of elephants, rhinos and hippos from, as the name says, endangered animal poo. Designed to dissolve as they are watered, slowly releasing nutrients into the soil of your indoor or outdoor plants, they cost a stocking-stuffingly perfect \$11.

“Graham Norton wanted them on his show, but I just didn’t want to do that because we would have sold out within weeks,” says ZooDoo founder Peter Jan.

“They’re handmade, so we get a production going and we can make a few thousand, not a problem, but we’re a cottage industry. They’re more of a laugh [than the compost bags], but it does work. You can put it on your pots.”

ZooDoo’s been around “a long time”, almost 30 years, with all the registered charity’s profits going to mental health and suicide prevention.

The poo comes care of Kiwi zoos’ rhinos and hippos, which the company’s website called its “biggest performers” providing the *lion’s share* of product. OK, I’ll quit with the poo puns now.

“In the early days, we tried to get the manure from each animal for each figurine, but it was very difficult to do that, so they’re a mixture of everything,” says Jan.

“I know people who’ve had one on the window sill in their office for five or six years, just to get a bit of a laugh off their clients. So they do last.”

A great novelty gift for the ecologically minded, the statues are made at the charity’s Porirua factory. They’re biodegradable and most importantly, heat treated so they’re not stinky.

According to the ZooDoo website, large herbivore faeces is rich in nitrogen so good for growing most veges, but particularly leafy greens.

ZooDoo’s animal poo figurines were originally made from the poo of the animal the represent, but are now more likely to be a mix. Left, a figurine hard at work in a plant pot, slowly feeding the soil.

ZOODOO

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In 2018, Upper Hutt developer Malcolm Gillies and business partner Kevin Melville bought Plimmerton Farm from the Benge family, who had owned it since the 1960s.

Gillies said they put in a lot of work on the application for the streamlined process, and consultation had been “extensive”.

“One of the requirements of that fast-tracked process is you have to prove you’ve done the consultation... I’d be quite concerned if we were turned down, I’d wonder what we’d done wrong.”

The minister would not sign off on a decision over streamlining without carefully examining the application, he said. Gillies would have liked a decision from the minister before the end of the year. He hoped to start earthworks by the end of 2020.

Staff said the plan change would go ahead under the standard process if Parker declined the streamlining application.

A ministry spokeswoman said Parker was considering the application and while there was no time limit on the decision he tried to make decisions “within reasonable timeframes”.

The council made the application in October. It had supplied supplementary information later that month and in November, she said.

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Gully road takes shape

One year out from its planned opening, new photographs show just how much work has been done – and remains to be done – on Transmission Gully.

Construction began on the 27 kilometre-long expressway in April 2015 which, once completed, will connect Linden in north Wellington to Paekākāriki on the Kāpiti Coast.

Initially tipped to open in April 2020, the project was revealed last month to be "considerably behind" schedule, with the NZ Transport Agency now expecting a November 2020 opening date.

The agency blamed weather, seismic events, including the need for resources to be diverted

following the 2016 Kaikoura earthquake.

Recreational pilot Leo Cooney hired the Manawatū Aviation Club's Sky Arrow to fly over the works, almost a year to the day he last photographed them.

The photographs show the huge viaduct bridge which spans Cannons Creek, and at 226 metres long and 60m high is the project's largest bridge. The four-lane bridge includes a total of 44 steel girders, each 1.8m wide and 3m deep, to make up the framework of the bridge deck, supported by two abutments and two piers.

The agency announced in August the new expressway would not be tolled.

Above, the project's largest bridge, across Cannons Creek. Left, looking north up Transmission Gully.

LEO COONEY

The new Haywards intersection at Pāuatahaunui.

LEO COONEY

Council’s chief executive given two more years

JOEL MAXWELL

The council chief executive who emailed councillors during elections saying she contacted police about her city’s then-mayor has had her contract extended.

Porirua City Council chief executive Wendy Walker’s contract will run for two more years from August 2020 under the new council table.

Walker’s remuneration, including her motor vehicle, is \$356,000 annually. A council spokeswoman said there were “no plans to adjust this remuneration at this time”.

Mayor Anita Baker said she was pleased with the extension and Walker was simply doing her job over former mayor Mike Tana’s petrol card spending.

“It’s very hard when a mayor isn’t answering the questions, so she really had no choice, legally,” Baker said.

No complaint ultimately came from the investigation into his card spending – but Tana lost the mayoralty to Baker after a tumultuous final week of campaigning.

“I know we employ her, but she’s holding us accountable.”

Mayor Anita Baker

On Thursday, Baker said the council wanted someone “standing up for our ratepayers”.

“I know we employ her, but she’s holding us accountable.”

On October 4, Walker confidentially emailed councillors – some of whom were mayoral opponents – telling them she had contacted police over the “unusual” spending.

The detail was leaked to the media, overshadowing the final week of the elections.

Walker said she repeatedly contacted Tana over several weeks to find out why he had refilled the mayoral car within two-day periods on six occasions, but he had not given an explanation.

In the end Walker took no further action after receiving an independent report on Tana’s travel on the days in

Porirua City Council chief executive Wendy Walker has had her contract extended for two years from August, 2020.

question. The report said his travel included trips to Palmerston North – but private use was allowed under his contract.

Tana lost the election by 397 votes to former councillor Baker – with a quarter of the returns cast on the final day of voting.

On Thursday, Baker said she was pleased the council was able to secure Walker again – the issue had been “parked” and the council was moving forward.

Walker’s actions had not undermined the perception of fair elections, Baker said.

“I don’t think it did. If the mayor at the time had [just] answered her emails when asked... because she [Walker] was getting stonewalled, she had no choice.”

Tana has called for an independent investigation into Walker’s process and the leak, but councillors voted to take no further action.

Walker has previously refused to be interviewed about the process. Walker and Tana could not be reached for comment.

According to the last annual report, outgoing Wellington City chief executive Kevin Lavery has an annual salary of \$428,160.

Christmas food price crunch

DEBRIN FOXCROFT

Christmas roast will be more expensive this year with food prices up 2.4 per cent in the year to November, according to Statistics New Zealand.

Prices for meat, poultry and fish have risen progressively this year, up 4.7 per cent.

But prices were down slightly compared to October, 0.1 per cent after seasonal adjustment. Christmas goodies such as soft drinks, boxed chocolates, vegetables and pork roast were all cheaper.

Stats NZ consumer price manager Sarah Johnson said the average price of tomatoes, for example, was down 51 per cent in November from October.

Tomatoes, broccoli, and cucumbers were typical cheaper in November, she said.

Strawberry prices also fell 34 per cent in the month.

But kiwifruit prices were 67 per cent

higher than in November last year, to a weighted average price of \$6.25 per kilogram.

While fluctuations were normal throughout the year, the current price of Kiwifruit was unusual at this time, Johnson said.

“We typically see kiwifruit prices begin to rise in July of each year and peak in March. However, this November we saw prices similar to previous March peaks,” Johnson said.

The kiwifruit industry has largely bounced back from the bacterial disease Psa but kiwifruit growers are facing a tight labour market as workers have been encouraged to shop around for the best employment conditions.

Porterhouse beef was the main driver of the monthly increase in meat prices, up 4.2 per cent in November.

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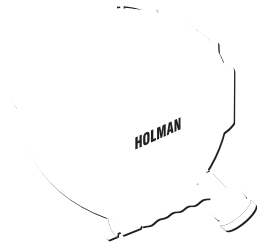
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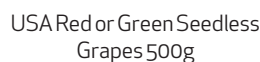
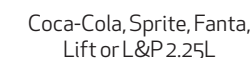
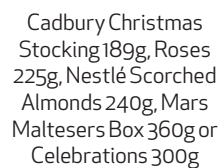
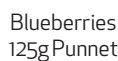
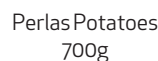
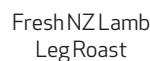
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KATE GREEN

Family inspiration for Youle exhibit

Kneeling on the floor of the vast exhibition space at Porirua's Pātaka gallery, Wayne Youle tinkers with the wiring of a string of neon emojis.

Nearby is a gravestone proclaiming the death of photography and, one room over, a wall bears a "Pound of Flesh"; literally a pound of clay colour-matched to the darkest piece of Youle's own skin.

Youle was born and raised in Porirua, and although he and his young family moved to Christchurch in 2003, Wellington would always be his spiritual home.

Twenty years since Pātaka hosted a young Wayne Youle for his first exhibition, the gallery welcomes the artist home for a major solo exhibition.

Of Ngāpuhi, Ngati Whakaeke and Ngati Pākehā descent, his past exhibitions had centred around race relations and identity.

In hindsight, Youle said he was trying to fit so much into one show because he was never sure when the next opportunity would come.

His first exhibition contained 100 pieces. Now aged 45, Youle said his latest collection was “more considered, more mature”, and contained just 20 pieces.

Dotted with dad jokes and references to his own father and sons, the exhibition was “strongly paternal”.

The first piece of art visitors would see was a display box holding two watches. The gold watch was given to Youle's father, just 18 years his senior, and the

other watch, one with a Mickey Mouse face, was a direct reference to Youle's father's original disdain for making art a profession, calling it a "Mickey Mouse job".

His son, aged 11, was on the autism spectrum, and Youle constantly found inspiration in him.

Raising kids and living through the Christchurch earthquake had an effect on his work, as his pieces became more personal.

“Things like that change you,” he said.

The pieces on display were directly inspired by Youle's personal life; a replica of his studio space; a life-sized silhouette of his own skeleton; the "pound of flesh".

These days Youle doesn't read his reviews, preferring to let his wife do so and report back with a simple thumbs up or down.

Although not a fan of interviews, he seemed at ease chatting as he stripped wires and linked them together to power the string of neon emojis, one of the last pieces to be assembled in the exhibition space.

In the past 10 years, he said, he'd seen some amazing places and met amazing people, and wasn't stopping anytime soon.

"I've got the best job in the world, mate."

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Keep an eye on your children. Watch them all the time around water whether you are at the beach, river or in your backyard enjoying time in a swimming pool.

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The warmer weather brings out the biting insects. Use insect repellent and wear clothes that cover areas that insects like to bite.

If you get bites, cuts or scratches remember to keep them clean and cover with a plaster, keep fingernails short to stop scratching and wash and dry hands well. Go to the doctor or nurse if your sore is not getting better.

Homemade presents can be awesome, such as these homemade biscuits iced by journalist Rob Stock’s daughter.

Learn to de-gift, and have a better Xmas

ROB STOCK
MONEY MATTERS

OPINION: I can only remember one Christmas present from last year.

My elder daughter made me some of the most gorgeous home-made iced biscuits.

Every other present faded from memory as fast as the cake (decorated by my other daughter) disappeared down happy gullets. If the biscuits had been the only present for me under the tree, I wouldn’t have cared.

I have proof many people feel the same way, cementing my belief that if New Zealand did without any shop-bought Christmas presents for any person over the age of 15, there’d be no net happiness loss. There might even be a gain.

Some polling from the Commission for Financial Capability (CFFC) shows exchanging gifts is only the seventh best thing about Christmas.

CFFC told people they could choose three things they looked forward to most at Christmas.

The top six ranked things were: time with family (62 per cent), summer weather (37 per cent), time off work/rest (33 per cent), food/eating/drinking/cooking (29 per cent), time with friends (20 per cent), and Christmas spirit/love/joy/peace (17 per cent).

Just 13 per cent included giving or exchanging gifts in their top three best things about Christmas.

What’s more, when asked for the things people hated most about Christmas, the first two ranked hates were: commercialisation and “money/too expensive”.

Humans have loved a good hedonistic social celebration ever since the dawn of society, but as Christmas is a strain on the budget, it makes perfect sense to pick the best bits out of the Christmas menu, and drop the less-loved ones.

For me Christmas is decorating a real Christmas tree, eating home-made mince pies, icing and decorating a home-made Christmas cake, heroically getting a turkey onto the table, and then setting fire to a home-made Christmas pudding.

GOLDEN RULES:

- Ignore other people’s ideas of Christmas
- Focus on happiness per dollar spent
- Make it a family celebration

Families should also draw comfort from the fact that if they do try to dial back the presents, they are not alone.

Of the people CFFC surveyed, four in 10 people had agreed family spending limits on gifts, a quarter had agreed no gifts at all, a fifth were doing secret Santa, and a fifth would give at least one homemade gift.

I’m always a bit dubious about what people say in surveys, but the CFFC data shows people striving to keep Christmas present excess in check.

But while it is easy to turn off the TV,

Just 13 per cent included giving or exchanging gifts in their top three best things about Christmas.

set the ad-blocker, and stay out of the malls, it’s harder to resist internal family Christmas oppression.

People should have a mind for others in their circle, and not inadvertently impose their Christmas excesses on them.

Among the people who find Christmas most stressful are those trying to stick within a budget within a wider, enthusiastic Christmas giving circle.

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Anthems revisited in art exhibit

KATE GREEN

Five migrant families have created and performed their own national anthems that reflect their feelings about place and belonging.

In “Anthems of Belonging”, artist and musician Olivia Webb worked with five migrant families, three of whom are based in Wellington, to write, perform, and film their songs.

They came from Kiribati, Zambia, Samoa, the Philippines, and the Netherlands.

Videos of each family performing their anthem are projected life-sized onto gallery walls at The Dowse Art Museum in Lower Hutt.

“National anthems are usually songs that unite people,” Webb said. “They sing of a nation’s values, history and identity.”

Webb wanted to show the contemporary lives of New Zealanders through songs about the multiple histories, identities, cultures, beliefs, and traditions in Aotearoa.

“Maybe through listening to such songs we might come to understand ourselves and others in new ways.”

Webb, who has previously done projects based around community and singing, is a singer herself, and knew the five families personally.

The family from Kiribati now live in Porirua, but wrote their anthem about the effects of climate change on their Pacific

Porirua’s Tiibin family sing about the effects of climate change on their home island in the Pacific, Tarawa. OLIVIA WEBB

Island home, Tarawa.

“It’s actually real, it’s happening right now, and most of our family are affected,” father Bwauro Tiibin said.

“We are happy we’re here, on the big island, but we worry about the small ones.”

Daughter Erebuka Bwauro said the song was a call for help.

“We hope the people who listen to it, if they can help in any

way... If we can get any help, anyhow, somehow.”

Webb’s own family was a part of the exhibition, and she said it was important for her to be on the other side of the camera to understand the experience.

It was often hard to get her busy family all in one place, and this experience allowed them to share stories that would have otherwise gone unsaid.

Her mother brought out her wedding vows that still underpinned the way she and her husband had raised the kids.

“I was unprepared for how emotional it would be,” Webb said.

See the exhibition for free from 10am – 5pm daily at The Dowse in Lower Hutt until March 22, 2020.

Police seek sightings of bike in accident

Police have asked for witnesses who saw a motorcyclist on State Highway 58 at Paremata leading up to a fatal accident last week that claimed his life.

The motorcyclist died after appearing to have left the road between James Cook Dr and Joseph Banks Dr in the accident on Tuesday, police said.

He was found critically injured by a passing motorist at around 12.30pm, and died at the scene, police said.

Police said they would like to hear from anyone who saw a black BMW motorcycle ridden by the man travelling within Whitby or on SH58 at midday on Tuesday, or anyone who may have witnessed the crash.

It was the second fatal accident involving a motorcyclist near Paremata in a week.

On Wednesday police said a man critically injured after colliding with a car on State Highway 1 near Paremata shortly after 5pm on December 4 had died in Wellington Hospital.

People with information on either crash are asked to contact Detective Sergeant Iain Burns on 04 381 2000. .

YOUR UK PENSION

The IRD have changed the tax rules on UK Pension Transfers. If you have a Personal or Company UK Pension Scheme, then you need to seek urgent financial advice if you want to reduce or avoid the costs of a large tax penalty.

Under the new IRD tax rules you can transfer your UK pension to New Zealand via an approved NZ ROPS and either qualify under the transitional tax residency period, or pay tax based on the number of years you have been in New Zealand.

You need to act now to either completely avoid the IRD tax charge or reduce the effects of the IRD tax charge.

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Monday 23 December

Tuesday 24 December

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Friday 3 January

8am to 5pm

8am to 5pm

8am to 1pm

CLOSED

Normal hours resume

Pātaka Museum of Arts and Cultures

Monday 16 – Saturday 21 December

Sunday 22 December

Monday 23 December

Tuesday 24 December

Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26 December

Friday 27 December

Saturday 28 December

Sunday 29 December

Monday 30 & Tuesday 31 December

Wednesday 1 & Thursday 2 January

Friday 3 January

10am to 5pm

11am to 4.30pm

10am to 5pm

10am to 12.30pm

CLOSED

10am to 5pm

10am to 4.30pm

12pm to 3.30pm

10am to 5pm

CLOSED

Normal hours resume

Main Library

Monday 16 – Friday 20 December

Saturday 21 December

Sunday 22 December

Monday 23 December

Tuesday 24 December

Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26 December

Friday 27 December

Saturday 28 December

Sunday 29 December

Monday 30 & Tuesday 31 December

Wednesday 1 January & Thurs 2 January

Friday 3 January

10am to 5.30pm

10am to 5pm

12pm to 4pm

10am to 5.30pm

10am to 1pm

CLOSED

10am to 5.30pm

10am to 5pm

12pm to 4pm

10am to 5.30pm

CLOSED

Normal hours resume

Pukerua Bay Library

Saturday 21 December

Sunday 22 December – Monday 6 January

Tuesday 7 January

10am to 1pm

CLOSED

Normal hours resume

Cannons Creek Library

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 December

Monday 23 December

Tuesday 24 December

Wed 25 December – Sunday 5 January

Monday 6 January

CLOSED

1pm to 5pm

9am to 12pm

CLOSED

Normal hours resume

Titahi Bay Library

Saturday 21 December

Sunday 22 December

Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 December

Wed 25 December – Thursday 2 January

Friday 3 January

10am to 1pm

CLOSED

10am to 1pm

CLOSED

Normal hours resume

Whitby Library

Saturday 21 December

Sunday 22 December

Monday 23 December

Tuesday 24 December

Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26 December

Friday 27 December

Saturday 28 December

Sunday 29 December

Monday 30 & Tuesday 31 December

Wednesday 1 & Thursday 2 January

Friday 3 January

10.30am to 2pm

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1pm to 5pm

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10.30am to 12pm & 1pm to 4pm

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1pm to 4pm

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Normal hours resume

Refuse/recycling collection

Monday 16 – Friday 20 December

Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 December

Wednesday 25 December

Thursday 26 & Friday 27 December

Monday 30 December – Friday 3 January

Normal Collection

Normal Collection

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Normal Collection

Normal Collection

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Monday – Saturday

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Christmas Day

7am to 5pm

9am to 5pm

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Depot

Monday 16 – Friday 20 December

Monday 23 December

Tuesday 24 December

Wed 25 December – Thursday 2 January

Friday 3 January

7:30am to 4pm

7.30am to 4pm

7.30am to 1pm

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Animal Control Centre office

Monday 16 – Friday 20 December

Saturday 21 December

Sunday 22 December

Monday 23 December

Tuesday 24 December

Wednesday 25 December

Thursday 26 December

Friday 27 & Saturday 28 December

Sunday 29 December

Monday 30 December

Tuesday 31 December

Wednesday 1 January

Thursday 2 January

Friday 3 January

Saturday 4 January

Sunday 5 January

Monday 6 January

8am to 4.30pm

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Normal hours resume

Te Rauparaha Arena

Monday 23 December – Sunday 5 January

Monday 6 January

CLOSED

Normal hours resume

Arena Aquatic Centre

Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 December

Wednesday 25 December

Thursday 26 – Tuesday 31 December

Wednesday 1 January

Thursday 2 & Friday 3 January

Saturday 4 January

8am to 5pm

CLOSED

8am to 5pm

CLOSED

8am to 5pm

Normal hours resume

Arena Fitness Centre

Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 December

Wednesday 25 December

Thursday 26 – Tuesday 31 December

Wednesday 1 January

Thursday 2 – Sunday 5 January

Monday 6 January

8am to 5pm

CLOSED

8am to 5pm

CLOSED

8am to 5pm

Normal hours resume

Cannons Creek Pool

Monday 23 December

Tuesday 24 December

Wednesday 25 December

Thursday 26 December

Friday 27 – Tuesday 31 December

Wednesday 1 – Friday 3 January

Saturday 4 January

10am to 4pm

10am to 4pm

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Normal hours resume

What’s happening?

Meri Kirihimete from your Mayor and Councillors

Seasons greetings from (left to right) Cr Mike Duncan, Cr Moze Galo, Mayor Anita Baker, Cr Geoff Hayward, Cr Ross Leggett, Cr Josh Trlin, Cr Euon Murrell, Cr Kylie Wihapi and (not pictured), Cr Izzy Ford, Cr Faafoi Seiuli and Cr Nathan Waddle.

Porirua Mayor Anita Baker and the Councillors want to take this opportunity to wish all residents a safe and happy holiday season. “On behalf of the team we want to thank you for your support this year, and we look forward to continuing to serve our beautiful city in 2020. We hope you enjoy the summer – stay safe and take time if you can to relax with friends and family. Merry Christmas and happy holidays to you all.”

Popular Summer Concert Series returns

Grab a picnic, put on your dancing shoes and head to the Aotea Lagoon rose garden in January for Porirua City’s ever-popular Summer Concert Series.

The series is held over Wellington Anniversary Weekend, from 17–20 January. Come along and enjoy a relaxed summer evening of music at one of four free shows, featuring new artists as well as old favourites.

The concerts are one of the much-anticipated events on Porirua’s summer calendar, says Mayor Anita Baker.

“With a relaxed vibe, a beautiful setting, great music and good company, the Summer Concert Series is something people really look forward to,” she says.

“If you haven’t come along before, pack a picnic and head on down.”

All shows go from 6–8pm and are in the rose gardens at the southern end of Aotea Lagoon. Food trucks will be available for those wanting to buy dinner.

This year’s line-up features three returning favourites, plus a band new to the series.

Friday 17 January – The Hustle
Get ready for one of the region’s hottest party bands. The Hustle bring the finest mix of funk, disco and soul from way-back-when to today’s top 10.

The band deliver party bangers set to keep the dance floor (or lawn) raging.

Saturday 18 January – Mojo Band
With non-stop top 10 hits from the 50s through to the very latest music, Mojo aim to get everyone up and dancing with an impressive set list of rock ‘n’ roll, pop and classic hits.

Lead singer Grant Sullivan is the voice of *Dancing with the Stars* and Mojo have been rocking together for more than 20 years in New Zealand and overseas.

Sunday 19 January – The Shenanigans: It wouldn’t be a Summer Concert Series without our favourite Irish band

The Shenanigans, who never fail to entertain.

The band bring their own unique style with a fun, Celtic twist on each song – be it rock ‘n’ roll, country or Irish classics. Come and experience some summer fun with The Shenanigans – you won’t be disappointed!

Monday 20 January – Shaun Preston: Another hot summer

favourite is singer, songwriter, pianist and all-round entertainer Shaun Preston, back by popular demand.

Performing a diverse range of hits from acts like The Killers, David Bowie, Adele and Elton John, Preston is a firm favourite for many concert-goers. His impressive, high energy show is the perfect finale to the 2020 series. Don’t miss it!

What's On

MUSIC & THEATRE

A Christmas Festival: Bach Choir and Wellington Brass join to present a concert of wonderful Christmas music, old and new. Tickets available on Eventfinda, at Marsden Books and at the door. December 14, 2pm, St Mary of the Angels Church, Boulcott St, Wellington City.

Porirua Sing Your Lungs Out: a fun community choir for people with chronic lung disease and other chronic conditions. Meets every Friday morning and led by a music therapist. Admission free, enquiries Claire 0274056458. 10.30am, Supper Room, Mungavin Hall, 27 Mungavin Avenue, Porirua.

Stampede Country And Variety Club: Come celebrate with us at our last club day for the year. Bring a song along or be part of the audience, \$4 entry includes entertainment and afternoon tea. December 22, 1pm, Levin

Cosmopolitan Club 1-5pm, 47-51 Oxford St, Levin.

Xmas Party at LFMC: All are invited to a festive night, with regulars and members performing. \$5 entry and bring a small plate please. December 13, 7:30pm, Levin Folk Music Club, 155 Bartholomew Rd, Levin.

FAMILY & COMMUNITY

Aviary Society: Interested

especially in foreign finches, canaries and hookbeaks, and building/talking about aviaries, family-orientated, ring in evenings 06 367 2525.

Books and Bickies: Come and share what you have been reading with our friendly group. Listen to others talk about their reading and find your next great read. Morning tea provided. All welcome. December 13, 10:30am, Ōtaki Library, Cnr Main and Aotaki Streets, Ōtaki.

Christmas Celebration: All welcome to attend a Christmas programme of singing carols and reading the nativity story in the Scriptures. For more information phone Mortimer 02041686405. December 14, 4pm, Kowhai Room, Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu.

Christmas in Mahara Place: Father Christmas and his sleigh come to Mahara Place on Saturday 14th December after Christmas Carols from Kāpiti Senior Singers – wear your wackiest hat and be in to win! December 14, 11am, Father Christmas and Carols in Mahara Place, Mahara Place, Waikanae.

Christmas Lunch: Oasis Community Cafe/Centre Christmas Lunch, Waitangirua Mall (Back of Mall) Music and lots of fun. See you there. December 19, 12pm, Oasis Community Cafe, 3 Niagara St, Shop 19, Waitangirua.

Eat Drink & Be Crafty: Enjoy locally made crafts, food,

Christmas Lunch: Oasis Community Cafe/Centre Christmas Lunch in Waitangirua. See listing this page.

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refreshments and music in a rural setting at Battle Hill, Pāuatahanui on Saturday 25 January 10am till 4pm. A great family day out. January 25, 10am, Battle Hill, Pāuatahauni.

Embroidery, Stitching & Afternoon Tea: We meet at 1pm, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Tuesday, monthly Feb-Nov. \$2 entry. If you find it hard to get going then come and enjoy the company to get you started again. 1pm, Horowhenua Embroiderers Guild, Levin & Districts Brass Hall, 82 Weraroa Rd, Horowhenua.

Friends of Waikanae River: Meet most Mondays for 2.5 hours. We grow, plant and maintain native

plants to enhance the river environment. We welcome new members. Ph 022 0831550 or just turn up. 9am, Friends Waikanae River Nursery, Nimmo Ave East, entrance to River, Waikanae.

Golf Market Day Fundraiser: Used golf clubs, equipment, clothes etc for sale. The Golf Shop will also have Xmas Gift packs for sale. 1pm to 4pm Saturday. December 14, 1pm, Waikanae Golf Club, Te Moana Rd, Waikanae Beach.

Kāpiti Horticulture Society/ Garden Club: Our last meet for the year is a fun Christmas Party. Wear something Red. Flower of the month is a Rose. Please bring a

GET LISTED

Want to see your event in this list? Visit nbly.nz/kap and fill out the online form with your event details. Make sure you do this at least one week before your event. Inclusion is at the editor's discretion.

small plate to share .Ph Marilyn 04 2990121. December 6, 7pm, Ocean Rd Community Centre, Ocean Rd. Paraparaumu Bch.

Kāpiti Indoor Market - Christmas 2019: Come and join us for Christmas fun. 100+ local businesses and food trucks. Fun for the kids. Gold coin entry donation to Menzshed Kāpiti. 9.30am till 2pm www.kapiti-indoor-market.co.nz for more info. December 15, 9:30am, Waikanae Memorial Hall, Pehi Kupa St, Waikanae Beach.

Kāpiti Radio Yacht Club: races DragonForce 65s on Awatea Lagoon Awatea Ave every Friday, 1pm. Also a public sale session there every Sunday morning at 10am. Contact Geoff Amos 021 02749921 for details.

Linkline Social Club Inc: Active, independent, mature and on your own? Enjoy social activities with similar others, including restaurant dinners, cafe lunches, walks, games, outings, movies, etc. Phone Jocelyn 577 1876 for details. December 31, 6pm, New Year Dine Out at Petone Club, 47 Udy St, Petone.

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OPINION: Experts tell us that children who read are better informed, have improved concentration levels and are more sociable, employable and empathetic.

Parents know this – they love to see their child engrossed in a book – but still there’s a chasm between dream and reality.

Books often become undesirable to kids, along with school work, music practice, parents, washing and even speaking, from around the intermediate age. But as parents we still insist on continued involvement in nearly all aspects of their lives – except books.

Books seem a step too far, too hard. It’s an avoidable battle and I often hear parents say, “I’ve given up”. Buying a real book takes time, some book knowledge, some not-always-available cash and a tough skin – if your gift isn’t greeted with enthusiasm.

Let’s imagine a New Zealand where every child owns a collection of books to take into adulthood. If we can agree on this, then I suggest the task of building this library may need to fall to that under-used commodity: grandparents.

Today’s grandparents are from the generation who managed to escape life, or understood other perspectives, through books. We had no option but to read and reread. We know the value of a book that makes a reader care, cry, ponder, imagine and think about themselves in terms of bravery, their place in the world, or the world as it was – or might be. We need someone to access the real books that make this generation’s children feel – and who better than the old folk, Generation Hard-Copy?

On my sixth birthday, I was

given a book called *Oh Essie*. The gift was well-intentioned, but the story was ghastly. A forgetful little girl in Africa picks up someone’s baby thinking it was her sister. She searches from house to house, trying to return the baby, as darkness creeps up behind her. My sister and I read that book many times, horrified for Essie and dismayed by her memory issues. But today, if one of us forgets something we only need to whisper “Oh Essie” to make each other laugh.

It can be difficult to know what’s current or what’s suitable

Buying a real book takes time, some knowledge, cash and a tough skin – but it’s worth it.

for older children and young adults, so find a book lover – they’re always keen to share their knowledge – or read reviews, find books that have been short-listed for awards, ask a librarian, or go into a book shop and ask for recommendations. Another option is to visit second-hand bookshops, or buy discards from the library.

When one of my sons was born, my late father gave him his own copy of *When We Were Very Young*. The original dedication and date (1932) defied the austerity of the era that it was first gifted and the new dedication for my son, in Dad’s distinctive handwriting, was also a thing of beauty. As children do, Chris put the book aside for 25 years, but he recently rediscovered it. What might have once been a disappointing gift is now a keepsake. It places him in his family, and the gift is a time capsule of sorts.

So, grandparents, let’s unite and turn the reading tide. If we decide to gift at least one book a

year to the children and young adults we love (young adulthood is a term that loosely extends to age 30 these days), then we might be able to improve the dismal reading stats.

Inscribe and date the book you give, read aloud to the child if they’ll let you, follow up on how they enjoyed it, but most of all, continue the tradition yearly, trusting that you’re doing something important for your grandchildren.

“Happy Christmas, darling, you’ll thank me in 25 years.”

Mary-anne Scott has raised four boys and written three novels for young adults, all of which have been shortlisted for the NZ Book Awards for children and young adults. As one of seven sisters, there aren’t many parenting problems she hasn’t talked over. Please note that Mary-anne is not a trained counsellor. Her advice is not intended to replace that of professional counsellor or psychologist.

To send Mary-anne a question email life.style@stuff.co.nz with Dear Mary-anne in the subject line. Your anonymity is assured.

A fab follow-up for fans of Frozen

Review

Frozen II (PG, 103 mins)
Directed by Chris Buck, Jennifer Lee
Reviewed by **James Croot** ★★★★★

Even six years after its debut, the love for *Frozen* in my household is yet to melt away.

Disney’s tale of two princesses delivered a potent mix of thrilling adventure, tear-inducing emotion, memorable characters and toe-tapping tunes that prompted a heartfelt four-word from the then 3-year-old youngest member of our quartet: “I love that movie.”

Since then, we’ve thrashed the soundtrack, held the themed birthday party, acquired the beach towel and watched the breathtaking mini-musical at California Adventure Land.

However, tempering expectations of this long-awaited sequel is Disney’s rather terrible track record at recreating an original animated movie’s magic.

The Jungle Book, *Aladdin*, *Bambi* and, um, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* all spawned further adventures that fully deserved their direct-to-DVD status.

So I’m glad to report that, while it doesn’t quite reach the heights of the first tale, *Frozen 2* is a fabulous follow-up that children and their caregivers should warmly embrace.

I do temper this with a parental warning, that does mean another round of merch and music. There’s a new character who has the potential to rival *The Mandalorian*’s “Baby Yoda” for T-shirt ubiquity this summer and Elsa has not one, but two power ballads this time (*Into the Unknown* and *Show Yourself*).

When the film opens, all is well in Arendelle. Anna is happy being surrounded by family and friends, Olaf is loving his

personal permafrost and Kristoff’s only concern is plucking up the courage to ask Anna to marry him.

But, despite putting on a brave public face, Queen Elsa is restless. Her nagging doubts about her powers persist and she’s begun to hear a siren song, seemingly from a distant land to the north, “who knows, deep down, I’m not where I’m supposed to be”.

Then comes a night of terror. Arendelle is struck not only by

earth, wind and fire, but also flooding, leaving the kingdom’s residents fearing for their lives.

Enter the trolls, who inform the Queen that while “angry magical spirits are not for the faint of heart”, that a “wrong demands to be righted” and that Arendelle has no future without such a resolution.

What follows is another rollicking roller coaster of a story filled with peril, laugh-out-loud moments and takeaways that this time include “doing the

next right thing” and being prepared to make up for the sins of previous generations (a theme that will likely resonate with followers of Greta Thunberg).

While Elsa (via Idina Menzel) gets to hit those high notes again, it’s actually Kristen Bell’s Anna and Jonathan Groff’s Kristoff whose songs stay with you.

Anna’s *The Next Right Thing* is a haunting, but empowering tune, while Kristoff’s *Lost in the Woods* lament will be a true delight for any fans of 1980s power ballads.

He also delivers perhaps the most telling (especially in a time when the world is obsessed with toxic masculinity) line of the movie: “My love is not fragile.”

The visuals are once again top-notch, and the addition of the likes of *Westworld*’s Evan Rachel Wood, *This is Us*’ Sterling K Brown and Mr Melanie Lynskey, Jason Ritter, to the vocal cast are also welcome.

I did find it interesting that the opening bore a strong resemblance to the faux plot of the last Marvel movie and that the overall theme is about a young woman bringing balance to the “force”, sorry kingdom, however, perhaps that just reflects the ubiquity of the Mouse House in 2019 pop-culture.

In the end, after a year of so many reboot and reimagining disappointments, *Frozen 2* is a wonderful and welcome exception.

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Plenty of pasta and pangrattato

GARLICKY PASTA WITH BACON AND PANGRATTATO

Serves 4
Ready in 30 minutes

Ingredients

- Pangrattato**
■ 2 Tbsp butter
■ Pinch of chilli flakes (optional)
■ 1 clove garlic, minced
■ 50g panko breadcrumbs

- Pasta and sauce**
■ 350g spaghetti
■ 1 brown onion, finely diced
■ 3 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
■ 300g shoulder bacon, diced 1cm
■ 2 courgettes, diced 1cm
■ 1 punnet cherry tomatoes, cut in half
■ ½ cup grated parmesan
■ 1 Tbsp butter

Method

Bring a large pot of salted water to the boil.
Cook pangrattato: Heat butter in a fry-pan on a medium heat, add chilli and garlic and cook for

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about 1 minute, until fragrant. Add breadcrumbs and cook a further 2-3 minutes, tossing until golden. Transfer to a bowl and reserve pan.
Cook pasta: Cook pasta in pot of boiling water for 8-10 minutes, until tender. Reserve ½ cup pasta water, then drain well and toss with a little oil to prevent sticking.
Prep sauce: Prep onion, garlic, bacon, courgettes and cherry tomatoes.
Cook sauce: Return reserved pan to a high heat with a little oil

and cook onion, garlic and bacon for 7-8 minutes, until starting to brown. Add courgettes and cook a further 2-3 minutes, until starting to soften. Add half the

reserved pasta water, cherry tomatoes, cheese and butter and cook a further 1 minute, until saucy. Toss through drained pasta and season to taste.

Serve bacon pasta topped with plenty of pangrattato.

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GARDENING

Harvest your spuds

RACHEL CLARE

The tastiest thing I’ve eaten in the last month are the early potatoes that the Garden to Table class at Henderson North School grew in their “spud in a bucket” competition.

“It’s like digging for buried treasure!” one of the kids said as they harvested their spuds, and I concur, plus it’s delicious treasure best served boiled with melted butter and mint and seasoned with salt and pepper.

Many potato varieties can be harvested when the plants have flowered and the foliage has died down. However, this doesn’t apply to all of them, particularly earlies, which often don’t flower at all. If you’re not sure whether your spuds are ready to harvest, do some bandicooting by poking your fingers into the soil around the edge of a plant and “tickling” them to see how large they are.

Or check out Morton Smith-Dawe’s variety guide with approximate growing times on their website.

Main-season spuds planted in October or November can be mounded up. As well as mounding them up with soil, you can use pea straw or dry grass clippings.

RESCUE PLANTS FROM WEEDS

This week I have been frantically

weeding in case we come back from the holidays and the house and garden are lost behind a Sleeping Beauty wall of bindweed.

Some of it is already flowering, so I am trying to remove as much as I can before they drop seeds.

Rather than yanking the tightly wound tendrils off my precious plants and stripping off their leaves in the process, I trace them to the underground

runners, like I’m doing a path puzzle, until I find the roots and can fork them out.

I’m adding them to a lidded bucket of water which I can fling on the compost heap once they’ve rotted.

Dig, hoe or fork out any weeds that are strangling your plants or hogging space.

If you don’t have time to weed, nip off any flower heads and bag them until they rot, so you’re not spreading seeds in your compost.

Henderson North School's Foster Vavega harvests some delicious edible treasure.

LIBERATE THE UNPLANTED

If you are like me and constantly underestimate how much you can achieve, you will have plants languishing in pots that have not yet made it into a garden bed.

Plant them now before they die, especially if you’re heading away over Christmas. Before you plant them, soak them in a bucket of seaweed tonic, such as Seafeed.

If you have trees to plant (guilty!), as well as adding good-quality compost, sheep pellets and fertiliser to the planting hole, at this time of year it’s a good idea to add a granular soil wetter such as Saturaid.

This will channel water to the root zone of your plants and prevent them from drying out if you won’t be home to water them.

Add Saturaid to your intentionally potted plants too.

You can also retain water in the soil by mulching around plants and trees.

Just remember to keep mulch off woody stems.

And don’t buy any new plants until after the holidays!

SNIP OFF SPENT HEADS

After a glorious seasonal debut,

GET GROWING

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repeat-flowering roses have finished their first flush and spent blooms should be deadheaded to encourage the next wave of blooms in a few weeks’ time.

I employed my own Santa’s little helper to do this job and as well as wearing his Santa hat, which he even wears to bed at the moment, he thoroughly enjoyed using the secateurs and did all my roses for me (this will kill an hour in the first week of the school holidays).

As he can count to five, it was easy to show him how to prune just above the first growth bud above a five-leafed branchlet but you can also just snip off the flower heads.

Deadhead your flowering annuals too to keep them going.

Don’t let roses dry out over summer – water them regularly and mulch them too.

Just make sure you keep the mulch away from their stems to avoid collar rot.

The wonderful late rosarian Barbara Lea Taylor suggested mulching and feeding at the same time by adding a layer of sheep pellets or blood and bone, watering in well, then covering this up with fine bark chips or compost.

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THE EXPLAINER

Gardeners’ friend targeted

Help wasp wipeout tackle the latest wasp invader sweeping the nation, the backyard bandit: paper wasps. **SKARA BOHNY** reports.

paper wasps is their refusal to take bait: these picky eaters only eat other living insects, which got them labelled the gardeners’ friend because of their effectiveness against cabbage moths.

Unfortunately, they are just as effective against monarch caterpillars and butterflies or other beneficial bugs.

The difference between paper wasps and vespula wasps is akin to different genres of film: vespula, the common and German wasps dominating beech forests, are like action movies; while the paper wasp, which prefers a quiet life under your eaves or hanging off the fence are maybe more like a thriller. You never know when you’re going to accidentally stumble across a nest in your garden and rark up some angry,

Wasp Wipeout has acquired a new target, but it needs your help to gain ground against this pest.

The wipeout has always focused on common and German wasps, because they really hammer beech forest biodiversity. However, if you live in an urban area, it is far more likely that the wasps you’ve seen the paper wasp.

The tricky thing about tackling

A nest like this in your letterbox or on your fence is vulnerable to a good fly spray. Snip the nest off and freeze it overnight once the adults are gone.

MARTIN DE RUYTER

stinging pests. For Wasp Wipeout to tackle the spreading problem, it’s going to take a community effort. That’s why Wasp Wipeout is enlisting your help to deal with them one nest at a time.

Wait until twilight, when the wasps return to their nest, arm yourself with fly spray or wasp spray with good reach, and after making sure any vulnerable family members like the very young or old, the allergic, or your pets are safely inside, spray the nest. Wait for the adults to die, then if you can easily reach the nest, snip it off into a bag and freeze overnight to kill any larvae. To reduce the chances of re-infestation, ask your neighbours to check their properties, and offer to help if they need it.

There are three types of paper wasp in New Zealand, and none of them native: Australian, Asian, and European paper wasps. The Australian paper wasp is an orange and black insect found mostly in the upper North Island, and has been in the country for more than 100 years after an accidental introduction during the

late 1800s. The Asian paper wasp is a narrow black and yellow wasp with long dangling yellow legs, and arrived during the 1970s. The most recent arrival, the European paper wasp, looks very similar to the Asian paper wasp, and was accidentally introduced sometime between 2010 and 2013.

Richard Toft, who developed the revolutionary Vespex bait for vespula wasps, said paper wasps were “the number one pest of urban areas”.

Victoria University insect ecologist Professor Phil Lester said European paper wasps would be a big issue as they became more established. “People are just unaware of how much of an issue they’re going to be. They’re spreading throughout the country.”

Until recently, the European wasps had been mostly established in the Nelson Tasman region, while the Asian paper wasp has established a firm grip on the whole country.

Wasp Wipeout is a collaboration between Stuff, the Department of Conservation, the Tasman Environmental Trust and Conservation Volunteers New Zealand. Donations can be made at <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/wasp-wipeout-1>

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You & your pet

IN ASSOCIATION WITH MASTERPET

Don't let your dog lose its cool

Dogs do not have very effective thermoregulation as they cannot sweat and can only cool down by panting.

That means in summer, car travel and exercise should be done in the cooler parts of the day to avoid heat stroke.

Cars can heat up incredibly fast – up to 10 degrees Celsius higher than the environmental temperature in 10 minutes and 20C higher in just 30 minutes, reaching 50C on a 30C day. Even on cooler days, the temperature of the car increases by about 5C every hour. Dogs pant to cool down, but excessive panting – in a hot car, or after exercise in the hottest part of the day – causes swelling of the back of the mouth, making the panting less efficient, so the body temperature rises rapidly.

A dog's normal body temperature is 38-39C, and anything over 40.5C becomes life threatening. During heat stroke, a dog's temperature rises rapidly to 40C and higher. If untreated, body organs start to “cook”, resulting in kidney or liver failure, brain damage, or even death.

If you notice your dog is overheating – excessive panting,

Never leave you dog shut up in a vehicle - they heat up incredibly fast.

wide open eyes, red or purple gums and/or tongue – wet it immediately and get it to a vet quickly. Do not use cold water/

ice as this causes constriction of the skin blood vessels. Quick action reduces the chances of long-term side effects.

Dogs cannot sweat and can only cool down by panting. Plenty of water will help them avoid heat stress.

If symptoms are mild or you cannot get to a vet, wet your dog and use a fan to cool it. Keep wetting it until panting has stopped and body temperature has returned to normal. You should provide cool drinking water but not force water into the mouth. If you know how to use a rectal thermometer, check the temperature to ensure it is returning to normal.

Monitor your pet for the rest of the day, and if it is unstable,

has blue/purple gums, salivates excessively or seems unwell in any way, visit a vet as soon as possible.

Depending on the severity of the heat stroke, your vet may do blood tests and place the dog on a drip. Vets have a number of ways to reduce a dog's body temperature that you cannot do at home.

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Conversations

GET IN TOUCH ONLINE

Sack Santa’s bosses over commercialisation

Whoever is running the company called Christmas, they’re fired.

No matter how you look at it, they haven’t delivered on the strategic plan.

For a start the vision was supposed to be peace on Earth; and the mission, something about celebrating the birth of Christ with loved ones while helping those less fortunate.

The key performance indicators (KPIs) should surely be measuring the level of charity, volume of family time and regularity of thanks.

Staff should be living the values of joy, kindness, giving, family and togetherness underpinned by peace and harmony.

Well, the reviewers are here and Christmas Inc: your rating is low.

Firstly, you forgot to trademark your brand and Coca-Cola stole your intellectual property, thus Saint Nicholas was commercialised into Santa and a new brand value, over-

indulgence, created.

The less fortunate have been axed as key customers and are instead being compensated with gifts of loneliness, ill health and a constant reminder they can’t afford Christmas.

Kindness and peace are off the agenda, instead the Christmas Inc brand creates a flurry of stress and an expectation of mountains of plastic gifts which we go into debt to deliver.

Christmas Inc also runs a volunteer programme. And guess what? It’s you. Santa is too busy

asking kids to sit on his lap in shopping malls and the elves have long since been restructured out, so you’re running the event.

Christmas Inc now requires us to spring clean, clip the lawns and have pristine flower beds. It has also extended its range to include the beauty industry.

Hairdressers and day spas are booked out as we interpret the “you’d better be good” tagline to include having perfect nails, hair, spray tans and even waxing. Santa has high

The Christmas company has failed to deliver on its promise.

standards nowadays.

Meanwhile in New Zealand Christmas Inc has a sub brand called Summer Holidays which suggests relaxation and peace right? Wrong.

Not only are we blasting round the streets in our lunch hour in a non-strategic, present buying frenzy, we’re also booking our summer break.

Back at work, people are nonsensically demanding to know what tasks will be completed by Christmas. Just who is going to be there on December 25 ticking off whether we’ve met that deadline?

Perhaps Santa expects delivery on our KPIs before he fills our stockings.

By Christmas Day we’ll be ready to apply for stress leave after an evening of overtime twisting ourselves in Sellotape and wrapping paper, creeping around in the dark filling Santa sacks and choking on carrots and cookies left out for Santa and his reindeer who never bothered to

show up for their promised 24 hour shift.

On the day itself, we’ll focus hard on our vision of peace as we serve traditional lamb roast demanded by Uncle Jack while the teenager beside him argues that she’s saving the world by eating lentils.

Then there’s the hell of gifts. Those who go into a mighty huff when the one present allocated to them from the extended family isn’t right, those still enjoying gift giving and others handing out charity goats. Yes, some village in Africa now has years of my presents and they’re all called Billy.

Christmas Inc has also undergone digital disruption, with thousands of families miscommunicating their Christmas plans and expectations through What’sApp – that wasn’t what was meant by family time.

So, let’s sack the Christmas Inc board and find a new chief executive. There’s still hope. Peace on Earth might feel unattainable but when you’re planning Christmas, mix in some of the original values and maybe there will at least be a little peace on your earth.

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CONVERSATIONS

Freedom of speech: How far should it go?

OPINION: ACT leader David Seymour has proposed a new law to force universities to allow freedom of expression on campus. It follows Massey University refusing permission for Don Brash to speak at the Manawatū campus last year and this year a feminist with controversial views about transgender women, which have seen her banned from Twitter. So where to do you stand on this? An MP from each side of the House gives their views.

red

Priyanca Radhakrishnan
List MP, Labour

Everyone has the right to freedom of expression, in accordance with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (BORA). However, freedom of speech is subject to limits.

Freedom of speech is not speech free from consequences. For example, according to the Human Rights Act, it is unlawful for anyone to publish or distribute threatening, abusive or insulting words likely to excite hostility or bring into contempt any group of persons on the ground of the colour, race or their ethnic origins.

Lauren Southern and Stefan Molineux were granted visas to visit New Zealand and speak. That was because they met the requirements set by Immigration New Zealand.

However, it was made very clear that their race baiting and misogyny were not welcome here. I'm proud of the response of Auckland Live and Gabrielle Mullins who refused to provide a platform for hate speech in Aotearoa because those sorts of views cause harm.

Universities have an important role as the critic and conscience of our society. They are also responsible for the health and

safety of students and staff.

Universities are independent and that means they can – and should – perform their role without political interference. That means universities must decide when specific views threaten the wellbeing of people in their campus communities.

Massey University's decision to refuse permission for Don Brash to speak at the Manawatū campus may not have been the decision I would have made. However, the university rightly had the autonomy to make that decision.

As Education Minister Chris Hipkins said in response to this, universities should have a very high threshold for free speech and robust debate. However, to threaten the university's funding would be an infringement of its autonomy.

This government has always supported free speech, even when we haven't agreed with the things people were saying. Allowing speech that is divisive is not an endorsement of the content of such speech, but an acknowledgement of their right for people to hold different opinions.

We recognise that sometimes freedom of expression can pose some serious risks, so we will not stop universities from being able to judge for themselves whether on the odd occasion that risk is too great.

Ideally, I would like us to be a society where we're free to air our views but refrain from speech that is likely to incite hate. Ultimately, each of us has the power to stand up and have our voices heard when we hear something we disagree with or opinions that are likely to provoke hate and violence.

blue

Stuart Smith
Kaikoura MP, National

Freedom of speech is an essential building block to any functioning democracy.

Not only does it allow people to convey their views but also for people to hear other's speak.

The exchanging and contesting of ideas can create change and allow for society to progress. Recent news of universities cancelling or preventing certain people from speaking on their campuses is concerning given our strong need to protect free speech.

People should be free to express their ideas, even if those ideas are unpopular, unconventional, or even wrong.

Being open to debate allows sunshine on the arguments so that we can make our own decisions. A person may say things that make people uncomfortable or be controversial, but in a free society, ideas that people may disagree with should be discussed and debated rather than censored.

Freedom of speech in a democracy means having to tolerate the expression of diverse views. It also works both ways – people are entitled to voice their views

and others are entitled to criticise those views.

Today however, it seems people prefer to attack the controversial views of others they don't agree with rather than engaging and challenging their ideas through robust debate.

Even universities, who are tasked with the development and preparation of the minds of our future workforce, are preventing certain people speaking on their campuses for fear of the mental harm or negative media coverage these speakers may cause.

While universities are entitled to protect their private interests, they should be upholding their main values of advancing knowledge through freedom of thought, debate and scientific rigour.

There will always be people who offend others. Students shouldn't necessarily be protected from these people but rather exposed to them to challenge their ideas and allow them to develop personally.

However with free speech comes responsibility. As such, there are some things that are never acceptable in our society. We already have laws in place to protect people from expression that violates the law, falsely defames a specific individual or constitutes a genuine threat or harassment.

If we were to change these laws then it cannot be a rushed process as we need to get it right and ensure all potential consequences of such laws that may impact our right to free speech are considered.

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BOOKS

They Will Have to Die Now: Mosul and the Fall of the Caliphate

by **James Verini**
(Oneworld, \$39)
Reviewed by Duncan White

Reports from the wars in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria are met with exhaustion in an increasingly inward-looking West, fixated as we are on the political battles being waged in Washington and London. As the black holes of Brexit and Trump feed greedily on our attention, the internecine conflicts of the Middle East fade into background noise. The War on Terror has, as it was perhaps destined to, become the Forever War. There are now troops serving in the US military who weren't even born when 9/11 happened. The complexity of it all – and our complicity in it – has given way to simplified horror stories about Isis and the abject sense that people have simply ceased to care. That's why *They Will Have to Die Now* is such a necessary book, as the American journalist James Verini takes on the ambitious project of reporting from the front lines of the war with Isis in Iraq, in a way that is attentive to the humanity of those embroiled in it. What he is not interested in is amplifying Isis' death-cult propaganda. Too much reporting from Iraq and

Syria has, he argues, been lurid, falling "somewhere on the same spectrum as the Caliphate's own blood-porn". He is certainly interested in the larger idea of Isis, which he sees as a millennarian project designed to fail, but he also wants to know why it appealed to so many young Iraqis who were not fanatics. To do so, he plunges into the history of Mosul, Iraq and jihadism to tell a story of religious factionalism, political corruption, foreign interference and the nihilism of growing up in a state of perpetual war. Without this knowledge, you cannot understand what is happening on the front lines – and Verini's front-line reporting is exhilarating. The narrative heft of the book comes from a refugee camp outside Mosul, where Verini gets to know Abu Omar and Abu Fahad, estranged brothers who fled the siege. Verini quickly realises they are keeping secrets from him. The more Verini learns about these brothers, the more suspicious he becomes about the nature of their relationship with Isis. In the final chapters, their secrets spill

out in ways that are both particular and emblematic. This family, for which read this country, is locked in a cycle of retributive violence like the House of Atreus, brothers fighting brothers, new generations rising up to revenge the crimes of the old. The fall of the Caliphate is, Verini

argues, no occasion for triumphalism. New cycles of violence grind into life. This incarnation of Isis might have been defeated, and American forces might be extricating themselves from the battlefield, but for the people of Mosul and Iraq, the Forever War rumbles on. – *The Daily Telegraph*

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Across

1. Olympic sport with around 50 clubs in New Zealand (6)
5. Emotional shock (6)
9. Scribble aimlessly (6)
10. New Zealand clam, *Paphies subtriangulata* (6)
11. Pacific island vegetable (4)
12. Tip Top caramel-flavoured icecream with hokey pokey (4,4)
14. Woolshed worker (colloq) (6)
16. Plant with 120 native species (6)
19. Fascinate (8)
21. Mature (4)
22. Loathsome (6)
23. City with suburbs of Beachville, Marybank and Toi Toi (6)
24. Move restlessly (6)
25. Ghosts (6)

Down

2. Fruit whose only NZ export variety is Hass (7)
3. Gruelling (7)
4. Enduringly fresh or youthful (9)
6. Circular (5)
7. Falsehood (7)
8. Embarrassed (7)
13. Unfinished business (5,4)
14. Recite (4,3)
15. Not tested (7)
17. For many years NZ's most popular car (7)
18. Make better (7)
20. Entertain (5)

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1 THE TOP 10

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- 2.** Which song begins: "First I was afraid, I was petrified"?
- 3.** Randy Newman wrote the songs and music for which animated film series?
- 4.** What did USSR stand for?
- 5.** Are there more bones in a dog's skeleton or a human skeleton?
- 6.** In the Narnia stories, what is the surname of Edmund, Lucy, Peter and Susan?
- 7.** What were the last two territories to become US states, both in 1959?
- 8.** Which character in *Dad's Army* often proclaimed: "We're doomed"?
- 9.** The fandango is from which country?
- 10.** An animal can be declared extinct if it has not been sighted for how many years: 50, 75 or 100?

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CROSSWORD

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Winning ways to keep women in sport

New research shows an alarming spike in the number of young women undergoing surgery for ligament injuries, but focused training can help, writes **ACC**.

Opinion: Kiwi women are trailblazers. From being the first in the world to gain the female vote to Jean Batten setting aviation records, to Iriaka Ratana becoming the first Māori woman elected to Parliament, our women have a history of changing the world.

And in sport, they’re not only playing more than ever before, but they’re also breaking records and achieving at the highest levels.

However, new research shows an alarming spike in the number of young Kiwi women undergoing surgery for anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injuries.

This injury has long-term effects on a young person’s health and wellbeing.

The most noticeable increase was a staggering 120 per cent in women aged 15-19 years, significantly younger than the male age group requiring the most surgery for ACL injuries.

The percentage of ACL injuries caused by sport also increased, so we believe there’s a direct link between young women playing more sport and becoming increasingly injured.

Research shows that the cause of ACL injury is multifactorial and that some of those risk factors are sex-specific – biomechanical, anatomical, hormonal and neuromuscular differences put girls at increased risk of sustaining ACL injuries.

For example, there are differences in the way nerves and muscles work together, which mean young women are often set up for high risk-movement patterns.

This means a lot of young women could be losing the opportunity to have a life-long career or hobby in sport, and coaches are losing some potential superstars.

With a little bit of education and focused training, ACL

With a little bit of education and focused training, ACL injuries are preventable.

injuries are preventable. This gives us a great opportunity to keep more girls and women playing sport and avoid major injury.

Training and conditioning programmes can reduce the risk of ACL injury by 50 per cent and are simple to implement – that’s a winner when it comes to keeping women in sport. However, training programmes might be underserving women because

historically research on training practices has been done on men, so training hasn’t always tailored to women’s unique physiological needs.

The ACC SportSmart warm-up is a physical conditioning programme that does help mitigate some of the risk factors, especially in females. Research shows that the earlier we can get girls mastering these movements, the more protective it can be.

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Along with doing the appropriate training and conditioning, parents and coaches should make sure girls have time for free, unstructured play to improve the development of motor skills that can help them avoid ACL injury later in life.

Playing a wide variety of sports also helps with this. Find your local sports clubs and exercise groups on Neighbourly and join this summer to help add variety to your schedule. Share these tips and encourage the young women in your life to stay in the game for longer.

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Public notice of application for on-licence
Section 101, Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

FLS 2019 Limited, C/ P O Box 177, Greytown 5742, Restaurant Owners has made an application to the District Licensing Committee at Porirua for the issue of an on licence in respect of the premises situated at 1 B Hagley Street, Porirua City known as Dynasty Restaurant. The general nature of the business conducted (or to be conducted) under the licence is Restaurant.

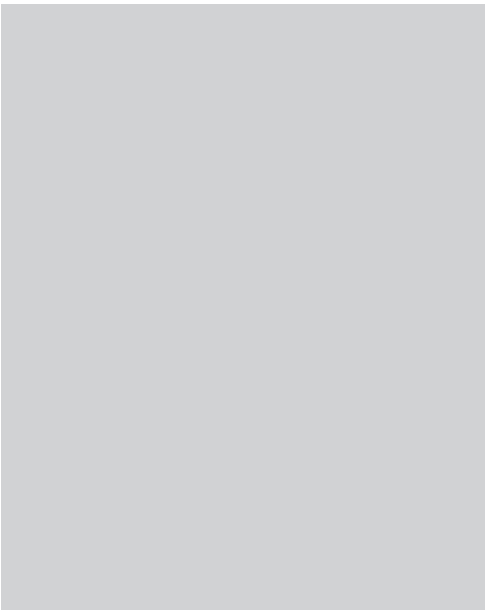
The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is (or is intended to be) sold under the licence are: Monday to Saturday 10.00am to 12 midnight. Sunday 11.00am to 10.00pm.

The application may be inspected during ordinary office hours at the office of the Porirua District Committee at Porirua City Council, Administration Building, 16 Cobham Court, Porirua City.

Any person who is entitled to object and who wishes to object to the issue of the licence may, not later than 15 working days after the date of the first publication of this notice, file a notice in writing of the objection with the Secretary of the District Licensing Committee at P O Box 50218, Porirua 5240.

No objection to the issue of a licence may be made in relation to a matter other than a matter specified in section 105(1) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

This is the first publication of this notice.



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Garden watering restrictions are now in place.



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9:30 am Christmas Day

Anglican Church

St Christopher's: cnr Main & Lyndhurst Rds, Tawa

Christmas Eve, 6pm Christingle Family Service
Christmas Eve, 11pm Carols and Communion
Christmas Day, 9:30am Family Worship & Communion

Baptist Church

227 Main Rd, Tawa

Christmas Eve, 8pm "Carols, Candles and Cake"
(coffee and cake served from 7:30pm)

Catholic Parish (Our Lady of Fatima Church)

169 Main Rd, Tawa

Christmas Eve, 7:00pm Family Mass
Christmas Eve, 11:30pm Carols and Midnight Mass
Christmas Day, 10:30am Christmas Day Mass

Catholic Parish (St Pius X Church)

Te Pene Ave, Titahi Bay

Christmas Day, 9:30am Christmas Day Mass

Union Church

6 Elena Pl, Tawa

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Native birds star in fire campaign

JESSICA LONG

Fire season has become a new reality for New Zealanders, prompting a public awareness campaign about the dangers infernos pose to the country’s wildlife.

This year posters adorned with the kiwi, tūi and pīwakawaka aim to spread awareness and information about how to prevent, and the effects of, a devastating wildfire.

The campaign, which started on Saturday, pulls at the heartstrings with messages about the destruction fire poses to people, property and the native birds “that are part of our national identity”.

Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) service delivery deputy chief executive Kerry Gregory said fire was one of the most significant risks to threatened species such as the kiwi and tūi because it destroyed habitat, as well as life.

“All are threatened by fire, either directly or indirectly through the destruction of their habitat,” he said.

“No-one wants their property destroyed or their life disrupted by fire, but many of us still don’t understand the risks associated with some common activities.”

The warning comes after out-of-control fires, the likely result of sparks from machinery, devastated forestry in Nelson.

It threatened homes, killed stock and forced residents to evacuate their properties.

The fires, which burnt through about 2400 hectares for just over a month, sparked a

Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) has launched its summer wildfire prevention campaign, featuring some of New Zealand’s most beloved native birds including the pīwakawaka and kiwi.

national emergency.

In November about 5000ha of land was scorched in Otago – the fire spreading five times faster than usual due to weather conditions.

It was one of the largest fires the country had seen in more than 30 years, according to FENZ.

The fire caught near Te Papanui Conservation Park, near Middlemarch, with hot and windy conditions fanning the flames and helping it spread through almost 3000ha in one day.

Last year, out-of-control land-clearing and campfires saw

thousands of hectares of natural habitat destroyed.

In Australia, bushfires are raging in New South Wales and Queensland with smoke blanketing towns and cities across both states and reaching as far as New Zealand.

Lives have been lost, properties destroyed, thousands of hectares of bushland charred and wildlife killed.

A spark from a “cooking fire”, a burn-off, a piece of equipment like a lawnmower, or a charcoal barbecue could ignite a devastating wildfire in extreme conditions, Gregory said.

Controlled burns, cooking and camping fires cause 65 per cent of New Zealand’s wildfires, he added.

The public needed to keep up to date with the fire status changes in their area before they worked with machinery outdoors, or lit fires of any kind.

FENZ worked with the Department of Conservation to select the kiwi, tūi and pīwakawaka as ambassadors for the campaign.

More information about the campaign, how to reduce fire risks, and information about fire permits can be found on the FENZ website.

Where is the region’s water going?

AMBER-LEIGH WOOLF

Wellingtonians may be indulging in much longer showers than people in other cities, judging by the region’s water use.

Every day, a single person in the Wellington metropolitan region uses about 220 litres of residential water.

By comparison, Melbourne residents use around 150 litres.

Wellington Water network strategy and planning group manager Mark Kinvig said every drop saved was a win for the environment.

“It’s not about using water, but about valuing it and using it more efficiently – everything from turning off the tap while brushing your teeth and using full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher.”

Residential water use in Auckland and Dunedin is much lower, at about 180 and 200 litres per person each day, respectively.

Small actions would keep water in rivers and aquifers,

Reduce Your Use

- Turn the tap off while brushing your teeth, take shorter showers, and use full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher
- Install low-flow shower heads and garden irrigation systems
- Use watering cans instead of hoses in the garden, and collect water in a rainwater tank for the garden
- Water the garden in the morning or evening
- Get leaks fixed
- Wash cars on the lawn so that runoff is absorbed

reduce carbon emissions, and avoid the cost and environmental impacts of building new water sources, Kinvig said.

“Every drop people save will reduce our carbon emissions and energy use, will leave more water in the environment, and reduce the amount of wastewater we have to treat.”

People could conserve water by using watering cans instead

of hoses, watering in the morning or the evening, not leaving taps running, getting leaks fixed, and taking shorter showers, he said. “Showers use about 16 litres a minute.”

Wellington’s water comes from three sources: Hutt River/Te Awakairangi; the combined flow of the Wainuiomata and Orongorongo rivers; and the Waiwhetu Aquifer, a natural underground reservoir beneath the Hutt Valley that is fed by river water.

Wellington Water takes the water needed from the rivers, but there are times where there isn’t enough to meet public demand.

When the water in the rivers gets low, typically during summer, Wellington Water supplements the supply with water stored in Macaskill Lakes at Te Marua.

If no-one acted, the city would need more water, as recent and expected population growth had reduced capacity in the existing sources, Kinvig said.

“If we don’t reduce consumption, we will need to progress the development of new water sources in the next 10-20 years.

“This will cost the region several hundred million dollars and have a sizeable carbon and environmental footprint.”

However, residents aren’t entirely to blame – Wellington’s water network was causing water loss, Kinvig said.

“A relatively large proportion of our network is at or approaching its designed replacement date, so we will also be increasing our efforts to optimise our maintenance and renewal programme.”

The region has residential garden watering restrictions in place during daylight saving, and year-round in Upper Hutt.

Residents can use a single watering system (sprinkler, irrigation system, soaker hose, or unattended hose) between 6am-8am and 7pm-9pm on alternate days, based on their house number.

Police seize \$400,000 of meth in Porirua

JESSICA LONG

Police have charged two men with possession of methamphetamine for supply after finding a stash worth about \$400,000 in Porirua.

Two 19-year-old Wairarapa men were arrested on Thursday after police found 500 grams of the drug – about 5000 street doses – at a Porirua address.

A police statement said the sting would significantly dis-

rupt supply to Wairarapa and harm to the community.

Detective Inspector Darrin Thomson said the investigation was ongoing. The arrests sent a clear message “to those preying on the vulnerable”.

“We will take every opportunity to prevent the harm caused by this drug and hold those responsible to account.”

The men will appear at Porirua District Court on Friday.

MOTORING

Jaguar’s monster XE has feelings

DAVID LINKLATER

We’ve already taken a close look at Jaguar’s outrageous XE SV Project 8 – the only example of this exotic new model in New Zealand. But now comes the fun bit: we get to drive it.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

The Project 8 is the product of Special Vehicle Operations (SVO), Jaguar Land Rover’s division of all things interesting. It makes performance, luxury, off-road, classic/heritage and even armoured vehicles like the Range Rover Sentinel.

The Project 8 is the ultimate version of the XE sedan, designed to work primarily on a circuit but also be completely road-legal. For that reason it’s way more extreme than a BMW M3 or Mercedes-AMG C63 S, very limited in production (just 300 globally, all left-hand drive) and very, very expensive with a start price of \$350,000.

It’s the only V8-powered XE you can buy; it has a high-powered version of the same supercharged V8 that serves in most SVR stuff and it’s AWD.

There’s loads of carbon fibre and aluminium, track-happy chassis setup including manually adjustable ride height, carbon-ceramic brakes and aerodynamics

JAGUAR XE SV PROJECT 8

Price: \$350,000 (Track Pack \$370,950).
Powertrain: 5.0-litre supercharged-petrol V8, 441kW/700Nm, 8-speed automatic, AWD, fuel economy 11.0 litres per 100km, 0-100kmh 3.4 seconds.
Body style: Four-door sedan (two-seater in Track Pack configuration).
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to keep it planted at 300kmh-plus.

If it looks really different to a standard XE, that’s because it is: of the body panels, only the roof and front doors are shared.

In fact, the powertrain has been ripped out of the F-Type SVR, which is why you get a stubby gearlever rather than the annoying rotary dial of other XE models.

You can have your Project 8 in Touring or Track specification. The latter removes the rear seats and adds a roll cage, 20-inch lightweight wheels, carbon fibre racing seats with four-point harnesses, black roof, decals and a GoPro Hero 6 Black with professional quality suction cup. Oh, and a fire extinguisher. Don’t forget the fire extinguisher.

The Track pack adds \$20,950 to the price. With a few other extras

such as “solar attenuating windscreen” and head-up display, the total for our car is \$382,400.

WHERE DID YOU DRIVE IT?

Our small media group was basically allowed to gatecrash a Jaguar NZ event at the Hampton Downs circuit in the Waikato for SVR customers.

Us lot took to the track in four SVR vehicles: Project 8 up front, F-Type SVR behind, followed by the raucous F-Pace SVR SUV.

We only drove the Project 8 on the circuit. This particular car is not currently registered and probably won’t be. But it’s no mere showpiece: it will be displayed, but also driven at track events to wow those those well-heeled SVR customers.

As always with SVR cars, the big V8 is the initial party piece: it’s

throaty and burrows into your bones.

But after a bit of familiarisation time with a warmish engine and cold tyres, the real magic emerges.

Project 8 is still a heavy car (nearly 1.8 tonnes) and it’s AWD, to help tame all that power.

It doesn’t feel like either, at speed out on the track. The brute force of the big V8, but also the delicate responses of steering and chassis, make it feel positively nimble.

Of course the AWD is a great safety net for full-throttle acceleration out of corners, but it feels much more like a RWD car when you do go silly. There’s hardly any push at the front and the steering still feels pure.

Sadly, I can’t say I got value out of the Project 8’s aero package.

Jaguars are often understated. And then some aren’t.

It’s apparently quite handy beyond 250kmh and really has an effect past 290kmh; along the back straight at Hampton Downs I stopped looking at the instruments beyond 220kmh, in anticipation of Turn One with a brick wall to the right and a lot of slippery runoff to the left. Good times.

WHAT STANDS OUT?

It’s just an awesome Frankenstein’s Monster of a car. Astonishing to drive on the circuit in any road-car context.

It really does feel like the people at SVO have been let loose in the workshop unsupervised. The Project 8 is unashamedly raw-feeling, but in a competition-car way: still exquisitely sorted. In the same way that Frankenstein’s Monster has feelings.

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Raptor becomes a cop car

DAVID LINKLATER

We do love the Ford Ranger in New Zealand: it's the country's best-selling vehicle and widely regarded as a benchmark for one-tonne pickup trucks. But do we love it as much as they do in the Northern Hemisphere? Following a three-day drive-off in Sweden, Ranger has just taken away the International Pickup Award 2020 (IPUA) as part of the International Van of

the Year programme. Voted on by 18 members of an independent jury, the revised Ranger was praised for its "cleaner and greener" drivetrain and technical and safety advances. Ranger was up against the new Mitsubishi L200 (that's Triton to us), revised Nissan Navara and Renault Alaskan and current Toyota Hilux. It was a very close run competition, according to Jarlath Sweeney, chairman of

the jury: "Just six points... [separated] the top two contenders in the final tally. "The Ford Ranger scored 78 points to the 72 gained by the Mitsubishi L200, with the Toyota Hilux coming in third. "Jury members adjudged the Ranger to be the best all-rounder and noted that it's a best seller too, as the previous version together with this revised model dominate the European marketplace with almost 30 per cent share of the IPUA one-tonne

segment. So the public recognise its merits also! "Marks were allocated on each vehicle based on powertrain efficiencies, load volume and capability, driver and passenger comfort and safety aspects, as well as low total cost of operation from a business point of view." The Ranger previously won the IPUA in 2013. From awards to hot pursuit, the Ranger Raptor is also being trialled by the South Wales

Police in Britain as the force's latest "blue light vehicle". It's seen as an ideal way to access the UK's most rural locations – in a huge hurry if necessary. No point trying to outsmart the police on-road, either, as evaluations of a Ford Focus ST estate are also under way. Both are the product of Ford's Special Vehicle Preparation team, in Essex, which has added full police livery with all-round emergency lights and sirens.

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Mercedes’ smooth, silent straight six SUV

DAMIEN O’CARROLL

Getting the best out of the Mercedes-Benz GLE SUV might just be a matter of detail. Like the detail of what number is on the tailgate.

SO WHAT’S NEW?

While the four-cylinder turbo diesel engine in the “entry” GLE 300d produces some big numbers that look good on paper, it fails to be particularly convincing at pushing along a large (and the GLE is surprisingly large) luxury SUV.

While it is good, it is noticeably “four-cylindery” and lacking in character, but it also lacks the solid mid-range heft of a larger capacity engine that is particularly noticeable around town.

But good news! For a mere \$11,000 more, you can get an engine that the GLE truly deserves – a silky-smooth, impressively powerful inline six-cylinder diesel engine that transforms it from “well, it’s okay” to “damn it’s good!”.

And while \$11,000 is a lot of money, the upgrade is well worth it.

HOW DOES IT ALL COME TOGETHER?

The 2.9-litre turbo diesel inline six-cylinder engine transforms the GLE into a truly stunning

thing – well worth a *Top Cars* nod – and not because a big SUV “should always have a big six”, but because it is simply a truly stunning engine.

The engine is the most powerful (so far, at least) version of the modular straight six that has also appeared in the E, CLS and S-class.

While diesel engines aren’t traditionally associated with characterful and silky smooth

performance, Benz’s latest straight six is all of that and more.

While it is all-but silent wafting around town, nail the throttle and it produces a beautifully refined straight six bellow that is slightly distant, but brilliantly lush and insistent, and is accompanied by equally insistent acceleration.

With 243kW of power and a deeply impressive 700Nm of

torque on tap, the diesel straight six does an impressively refined impersonation of petrol inline six with utterly seamless and silky smooth power delivery, but with the fat low down torque of a very good diesel engine as well.

This seamless and incredibly smooth power combines with the GLE’s high levels of quality and technology to produce an deeply impressive thing to drive.

The GLE is a surprisingly big SUV. It deserves a big engine.

MERCEDES-BENZ GLE 400D

Base price: \$139,900.

Powertrain and performance: 2.9-litre turbo-diesel inline six, 243kW/700Nm, 9-speed automatic, AWD, fuel economy 7.7L/100km, 201g/km CO2 (source: RightCar), 0-100kmh 5.7 seconds.

Vital statistics: 4924mm long, 1797mm high, 2995mm wheelbase, luggage capacity 630-2055 litres, 22-inch alloy wheels with 285/40 front and 325/35 rear tyres (part of AMG Sport Package, 20-inch wheels are standard).

We like: Utterly superb engine, comfortable, loads of tech, impressive fuel economy, an engine so good it is worth mentioning twice.

We don’t like: Mercedes-Benz SUVs are starting to look the same, not quite as dynamically sharp as a BMW X5.

ANY OTHER CARS I SHOULD CONSIDER?

The obvious rivals are the BMW X5 and Audi Q7, but while both offer similarly powerful engine options and high levels of luxury and tech, neither can boast the wonderfully slick and smoothness of the GLE’s inline six.

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