Newly elected MP Dana Kirkpatrick has told Parliament she is “staunchly East Coast” and had a “quintessential rural New Zealand” upbringing.

Delivering her maiden speech in Parliament yesterday, the National Party MP for East Coast said she was “born and raised in Gisborne, Tūranganui-a-Kiwa, in a small village called Patutahi in the valley known as Ngatapa. It is a place I proudly call home and always will. “My parents worked hard on the family farm that had been settled by my great-grandfather David Kirkpatrick in 1891, passed to his son David and then to my father — yes, you guessed it, David — and my mum Heather. “On my mum’s side of the family, we are descended from an English immigrant family — the Gaukrodgers — and the distinguished Ruru and Haronga families, who are proudly Te Aitanga a Māhaki.”

She was proud “to have representatives from my Haronga and Ruru whānau of Te Aitanga a Māhaki here.”

Ms Kirkpatrick expressed her gratefulness to those “who made the journey . . . that brought us all to this place now . . . Mum, my brother Andrew and family, Tracy, Riley and Jake, the Freds, aunts, uncles and cousins, friends and former colleagues from many of my roles”. “It is humbling that there are people here today who represent all the different parts of my life’s journey. “It is great to have my children Anna and Sam in the gallery, too. You have supported me through career changes and the journey that became politics 101 and then East Coast MP.” She also thanked volunteers, party faithful, “my incredible campaign team” and National Party figures such as Tony Ryall, Anne Tolley, Ian McKelvie and Judy Kirk.

Ms Kirkpatrick acknowledged the presence of several Te Karaka residents who were impacted by the severe weather events of nearly 12 months ago.

“...in 2022 it dawned on me that shouting at the telly wasn’t working and probably never would, and that if I was to make a difference, I would have to get elected.”

East Coast MP Dana Kirkpatrick

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OFF THE RAILS?

Future uncertain for Railbike Adventures’ Mahia attraction after ‘extortionate’ rates demand

by Michaela Gower, Hawke’s Bay Today

A business owner who had hoped to transform a derelict line into a railbike attraction in Mahia says Wairoa District Council is killing the attraction by charging more than $10,000 a year in rates.

But the council says it has simply treated the business the same way it would any commercial venture on railway land.

Railbike Adventures was due to finally open in northern Hawke’s Bay in January 2024 – six years after operations manager Geoff Main took out a 30-year lease of the track from KiwiRail.

The Mahia cycle trips were set to take tourists from Nihia to the Koguwhara viaduct on a tandem railbike that only required pedaling.

Mr Main had planned to time the opening of his Mahia adventure for 2021 before Covid, but the council says it has simply treated Railbike Adventures in the same manner as any other commercial entity.

Mr Main said his initial lease was for 48km of track in Wairoa council territory. However, 28km between Wairoa and Nihia was unusable because of issues with dogs, metal and electric fences across the track.

He lost a further four kilometres after a storm after Cyclone Gabrielle severely damaged the track between Nihia and Opoutama, which left him with 36km of usable track.

In December, Mr Main put the opening on hold again after realising he had a $28,715 bill for rates that had accumulated over the 2020/21 and 2021/22 financial years.

The bill, paid by KiwiRail to the council and then passed on to him to pay, was for his lease of the rail line and surrounding land for a tourist venture in Wairoa District Council territory.

Mr Main said he had made the initial checks when the land came up for public tender in 2019 and had a phone call with a KiwiRail employee about the possibility of rates charges before signing the lease in 2018.

He says the employee told him there were no rates to pay on the land.

Mr Main said he had worked for years to restore and maintain the 16km stretch of the railway line that he would use from Mahia.

Land on either side of the railway track was valued at a commercial rate, rather than a rural rate, despite the fact it was poorly maintained and unable to be used for commercial purposes, he said.

Wairoa Mayor Craig Little said land used to operate a railway was non-rateable, but land used for other purposes such as the Railbike Adventures was rateable.

The council is supportive of Railbike Adventures and wants this business to succeed,” Mr Little said.

However, it needs to be noted that KiwiRail, in leasing the land to a commercial business, becomes responsible for recovering the rates.

Wairoa District Council said it had applied the same rating legislation for this business as it would for any other business leasing railway land per the Local Government Rating Act 2002.

The rates were activated as soon as the lease between KiwiRail and the leaseholder began and there was a delay before the information reached the valuation service provider and then the council’s rating system.

A KiwiRail spokesperson said KiwiRail had paid the rates due on land for the 2021 and 2022 to Wairoa District Council.

Under the Local Government Rating Act, the land the tenant occupies is rateable and rates are recoverable as part of the lease agreement that is in place.

“KiwiRail has not made any decisions on what will happen to the stretch of line.”

Mr Main was to meet with Wairoa District Council today.

If the council were not prepared to strike a reasonable rates charge, he said he would have to consider terminating the lease with KiwiRail for the line within the Wairoa area.

Mr Main said other such leases around the country were “nothing like this rate.”

“We’re saying to Wairoa, do you want business in your town or not?”

Mr Main pointed out that they were extremely happy with the business operations with the Gisborne District Council area.

Railbike Adventures was among the top tourist destinations for Gisborne, he said.

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Gisborne parkrun participants and volunteers celebrate Colin Thorne’s 175th parkrun and first at 100 years old. From left are Dianne Holland, Rob Dinsdale (Colin’s son-in-law), Doug Buchanan, Pauline Dinsdale (Colin’s daughter), Alison Moorcroft, Colin Thorne, Kelly Norris, Cheree Hintz and Tracy Utting-Buchanan. Picture supplied

Arrest made after hammer attack, car theft

A man suffered what were described by police as “moderate” injuries when he was assaulted along Centennial Marine Drive on Sunday and his partner’s vehicle was stolen. Police received a report about the incident just after 4.30pm that day. “The man, aged in his mid-50s, and his partner were sitting in their car talking when a person ... approached their vehicle,” police said. “The injured man was allegedly struck with a hammer.” Police who attended took the man to Gisborne Hospital where he was treated for a laceration to the top of his head. He was treated and discharged. “A man, also aged in his mid-50s, was arrested on Monday and has been charged with unlawfully taking a motor vehicle and intent to cause grievous bodily harm,” police said. The stolen vehicle was recovered at an address in the city. The arrested man made an initial appearance in the Gisborne District Court yesterday. “We would describe this as a family harm-related incident.”

We’re taking to the sky to understand our water better

In late January and February 2024, you may see a low-flying helicopter towing a large loop hanging from a cable. This is part of a scientific project to map the region’s aquifers (underground natural water storage). The helicopter will fly at a height of about 100 metres over the areas highlighted on the map - Wharekahika (Hicks Bay), Te Araroa, Waipau, Tolaga and across Poverty Bay flats. It won’t be flying over towns or built-up areas.

This technology is very safe for people and animals. It’s been used for aquifer mapping in Hawke’s Bay, Northland, and Southland.

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Guilty plea after driveway fatality

Elderly offender intends to apply for discharge without conviction

An 85-year-old Okitu resident who critically injured a neighbour while reversing her car out of her driveway is hoping to be discharged without conviction.

Alan Hjorth was 70 and lived a few doors along from Jean Meng Yee at the northern end of Moana Road, Okitu, when he was struck by her Alfa Romeo vehicle on the pavement outside their properties on Saturday, September 2, last year. Mr Hjorth sustained critical head injuries and was taken by ambulance to hospital but died the following day.

Police subsequently carried out a Serious Crash Inquiry, which led to Meng Yee being charged with careless operation of a vehicle causing death.

She pleaded guilty to the charge during a brief appearance in Gisborne District Court yesterday afternoon. Counsel Adam Simperingham asked the court not to convict Meng Yee at that stage as she intended to apply for a discharge without conviction. Judge Tony Couch scheduled the application to be heard at a sentencing hearing on April 26.

Meng Yee was further remanded on bail until then. According to a family notice previously published in The Gisborne Herald, Mr Hjorth was survived by his wife Sue, six children and nine grandchildren.

A large group of Mr Hjorth’s friends and family were present in court when Meng Yee entered her plea.

Parkrunners inspired by ‘the Colin Thorne effect’

Whangārei veteran Colin Thorne was the star attraction at the Gisborne parkrun event on Saturday as the 100-year-old knocked off his first event since hitting the century mark.

Colin made international headlines when he became the oldest parkrunner in history to join the 100 Club those to have completed 100 parkruns at the age of 96. On Saturday, two weeks after celebrating his 100th birthday on January 14, he knocked off another parkrun, this time in Gisborne alongside his daughter and son-in-law (Pauline and Rob Dinsdale).

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New face for Local Democracy Reporting

The Gisborne Herald has welcomed Zita Campbell to our newsroom this week, joining us as part of RNZ’s Local Democracy Reporting programme as a.k.a. Zita Campbell.

Zita grew up in Christchurch and gained her first degree in theatre, film and media from the University of Otago. After completing journalism internships and a graduate diploma in journalism, she returned to the University of Otago.

Zita’s work in media and communications has ranged from data journalism and documentary filmmaking to writing theatre reviews and covering communications for conferences and events.

She has covered various topics, ranging from reporting on investigative techniques and research tools for The Global Investigative Journalism Conference, to travel destination guides and yoga practices, which is one of her main hobbies and interests outside journalism.

Zita is passionate about journalism’s role as the Fourth Estate, keeping the powerful accountable.

And being in a position where you can shed light on issues that affect local people, as well as report on all of the positive initiatives that take place but can sometimes be overlooked.

Zita has explored and worked within many different cultural settings in India, South Africa, Norway and the United States, and is eager to connect with the many different backgrounds and perspectives here.

The Local Democracy Reporting programme is funded by RNZ and NZOnAir. The key goal of the LDR programme is to strengthen the coverage of local authorities, rūnanga, and other similar organisations to bring more regional stories into the national news.

Less sun but more heat

January weather defies predictions, district still carrying a moisture deficit

by Roger Handford

Gisborne’s weather for January has once again been contrary to predictions. The month ended on a wet note, with 40 millimetres over the last two days, which made January wetter than usual.

The total for the month was a little over 65 millimetres — one third more than the 30-year average (1991-2020) of 46.5 millimetres.

Despite the rain, January was actually in a moisture deficit for most of the month, reaching a deficit of 12 millimetres on the 28th.

This was the carry-over from a dry December.

The wind pattern shows the weather continued to be delivered from the south, with northerly and easterly winds dominating.

There were eight days of winds from the north, four from the north-east and east and eight from the south-east.

With the blaneting affect of the rain and cloud, January’s expected sunniness took a hit.

Gisborne’s 30-year average for sunlight is just under 260 hours. But the first month of 2024 saw short of that by about 40 hours.

The plus-side of the rain and cloud is that it kept temperatures up, with nights averaging around 15-16 degrees, or almost 1-2 degrees warmer than usual.

Daytime temperatures were about half a degree warmer than the 30-year average at a little over 25 degrees.

Meanwhile, despite the continued talk of El Niño, the present conditions on the East Coast give no indication that it has arrived. El Niños are expected to bring cooler, droughhty weather to this district, but so far all the monitoring shows the warming trend continues and the region is soils are still wetter than the norm for this time of year.
‘Safe and smart’ police advice as school year starts

by Murray Robertson

Schools have gone back this week after the summer holidays and police urge parents to take the time to discuss with their children, particularly those starting for the first time, the potential dangers of going to and from school.

Police said parents set the best example for our young people on how to be safe and smart on our roads.

“It can often be overlooked but reminding or informing our kids to check for vehicles by looking left and right and encouraging them to use the marked school crossing are important to keep them safe,” said Superintendent Steve Greally, director of the national road policing centre.

“Protecting our children is always a priority and their safety around schools is a responsibility that each and every one of us play a role in.”

“We never want to see or hear of any unfortunate events that involve young people in and around schools, which is why it’s crucial for parents to pass on to their children the safest route to get to school and back home and to educate them on how to be safe and smart on our roads.”

“Allowing for plenty of time for school drop-offs can help with giving the road your full attention. ‘Drop-off zones can often be crowded before and after school, so suggesting a meeting point further down the road can be a safer option and avoid congestion around the area,’ he said.

“Police and schools across the country want to ensure every child can make it to and from school safe and unharmed.”

Further advice for families with children returning to school:

• Be aware that there will be children on the roads cycling to and from school. Give them space and share the road.

• The speed limit is 20kmh when driving past a stationary school bus, and you need to reduce your speed below 30kmh when passing schools.

• Take the time to show your children the safest route to get to school and back home and practice with them, including the safest places to cross. Remind them to look left and right and look out for cars.

• If you’re wearing earphones, take them out or mute them for a minute and if you’re talking on the phone pause the conversation so that you can cross safely.

“Police would also like to remind parents of the risks around schools and being attentive as children can often be unpredictable and appear out of nowhere.

Constable Kelsey Barbarich (Ngāti Porou) has made the step up from station support officer at Ruatoria Police Station to a fully fledged police officer. She was among 50 new officers welcomed to the force last Thursday when Wing 372 graduated from the Police College, and was one of six new officers posted to the Eastern Police District.

Her husband Sergeant Tim Barbarich, is also based in Gisborne and for a while his wife worked alongside him at Ruatoria.

“At the Ruatoria station I learned the value of being part of a strong team,” Kelsey said.

“My role there allowed me to work daily with police officers across Te Tairāwhiti. While challenging at times, my role as station support officer really opened my eyes to the demands a community can have on its police.

“I saw first hand as a station support officer and as a wife, the highs and lows associated with policing in small communities.

“With tremendous hardships also come great outcomes.

“I am a whānau-orientated person, and one of the main reasons I set out to finally pursue my dream of becoming a police officer is to make my whānau proud.

“At her graduation were Commissioner of Police Andrew Coster, Police Minister Mark Mitchell, members of the Police executive, and one of the main reasons I set out to finally pursue my dream of becoming a police officer is to make my whānau proud.

“Aim to make whānau proud

by Murray Robertson

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Tiger cub euthanised after head injury

The Auckland Zoo tiger habitat is closed to visitors following the euthanisation of a four-week-old tiger cub yesterday after sustaining a head injury from taking a tumble in its habitat. The Sumatran tiger cub was exploring its habitat on Saturday afternoon when the incident happened. “It’s hugely upsetting for everyone connected with the zoo, but nobody is more devastated today than our team of carers who have been doing an incredible job supporting Zayana throughout her entire breeding journey,” said zoo director, Kevin Buley. The zoo’s 5-year-old tiger Zayana gave birth to two cubs in the early hours of the second day of 2024, with both born in a sheltered outdoor den and looking like they were doing well. In September last year, first-time mother Zayana killed her own newborn cub, a natural, instinctual reaction to losing the first of her litter to a stillbirth.

New Parliament under way

Debate over military deployment – are Luxon, Seymour on same page over Treaty?

Parliament yesterday kicked off 2024 with a debate over the government’s decision to deploy six NZ Defence Force personnel to the Red Sea. Iranian-backed Houthis rebels have been attacking ships in the region since the start of the Israel-Gaza conflict. In response, US and British forces have been carrying out strikes at different locations in Yemen, with support from Australia, Bahrain, Canada and the Netherlands. The NZDF personnel will “provide support to coalition forces to carry out precision attacks on identified Houthi military targets” and will not enter Yemen. However, both Labour and the Greens have criticised the decision.

In a statement to the House, Defence Minister Judith Collins said the deployment was in New Zealand’s national interest.

“Disputes to shipping in the Red Sea and Suez Canal means higher costs for New Zealanders.” New Zealanders were not “freeloaders”, so the government would do its bit, she said.

The international community had repeatedly demanded the Houthis cease their attacks on ships, but to no avail, she said. Labour defence spokesman Pemex Henare said unlike the deployment of personnel to Europe to assist with training Ukrainian soldiers, he could not see a clear rationale for this deployment.

“We have to be very mindful about getting involved in such conflicts, and I don’t believe that the government has made a clear case for it,” New Zealand’s reputation was respected worldwide, and should not be taken for granted, he said.

In response to questions over evidence the Houthis attacks were impacting the cost of living, Collins said 15 percent of world trade went through the Red Sea.

Green Party co-leader Marama Davidson said the government should be focused on de-escalation, and not further fuelling conflict. She accused Collins of “hounding our trailers” up to states who were risking escalations of violence.

“How does the minister decide when to be concerned about threats to security and stability, and when to be concerned about legality, and where does she cherry pick and choose to not be concerned about threats to security?” Collins said New Zealand had been involved in matters in the Red Sea since 2013 and reiterated the deployment would finish on or before July 31.

PM, Seymour at odds over Treaty?

Prime Minister Christopher Luxon and Act leader David Seymour appeared to hold different views on whether they held different views about the Treaty of Waitangi.

Luxon yesterday said he believed the Treaty was “akin to a partnership” between the Crown and iwi, and his Government would keep approaching Treaty issues in that context. Seymour, the future deputy prime minister, told RNZ last week the idea the Treaty was a partnership was based on a misinterpretation.

Yesterday, he claimed the view he held was consistent with Luxon’s and questioned why the media couldn’t understand it.

However, Luxon acknowledged the pair thought differently about the Treaty when asked if he believed he and Seymour had a fundamental difference of opinion on the matter.

“Sure, we’re in a Coalition Government and there’s three parties that make that up. They all have, we all have, slightly different views. We’re aligned on the core but my point is there are different views around the Treaty, our views very clearly in the National Party that it is actually ... akin to a partnership.

“You can disagree with that but that’s our view.”

Luxon said he and Seymour had had conversations about it but reiterated how they were both focused on delivering the Government’s 100-day plan.

Gloriavale compo bid

There are hopes more Gloriavale leavers will join a bid for compensation. Nine leavers found to be employees, not volunteers, in breach of NZ law in recent cases, are jointly seeking $2.5 million in respect of entitlement breaches, penalties and compensation. Gloriavale Leavers Support Trust general manager Liam Gregory said they deserved more. The says context of what society’s acknowledgement that wrong was done.

More strandings likely

Stranded whales could be more common in coming months. A nearly 8m fin whale died after getting stuck off Christchurch’s Moncks Bay on Sunday. Rising water temperatures mean species not previously seen in our waters are being spotted. Project Jonah general manager Greg Barry said another factor was the reduction of commercial whaling. He says humpback and sperm whales are bouncing back from the brink of extinction – meaning there are more animals in the ocean.

Ninety drownings

Ninety people lost their lives last year in preventable drownings – double that of 2023. The number is down four from 2019 but still 10 per cent up on figures for the past decade, which sat out past over 80. Water Safety chief for Auckland Police said they’ve found the country’s 10 black spots and they are local to areas their water safety challenge to feed into a targeted approach.

Smoke tax naivety

The Prime Minister is putting Casey Costello’s tobacco tax blunder down to a lack of experience. The NZ First Associate Health Minister denied to RNZ she was proposing phasing in the tax, despite official papers suggesting otherwise. Luxon said Casey asked for a range of advice, received a lot of advice and was a new minister but, at the end of the day, the tax was going up.

Safety in numbers

A true crime series into people missing from the west Auckland community of Pihia has seen the start up of several “walking groups” so women can explore the bush area and tracks safely. After the airing of the documentary Black Coast Vanishing dozens of women in the Pihia have joined a new Facebook group to arrange times to meet so they can walk in groups.

The Prime Minister has asked for a possible link between six mysterious disappearances from Pihia over the past 30 years – including three young women.
Co-leader will leave with his legacy of cooperation, caring

Derek Cheng, Analysis

The greenie in a suit who kept his head down as if it seemed to be sinking, brought it into government for two terms, and then as a minister reached across the aisle to pass enduring legislation.

A humble James Shaw shed away from questions about his legacy as he announced he was standing down as Green Party co-leader, saying none of what he had achieved had been achieved by him alone.

But much of it might not have happened without him, either.

When Shaw entered Parliament in 2014, he was already an outlier to the stereotype of hemp-wearing, tree-hugging Greens. He had a corporate background, albeit in roles where he tried to steer companies to sustainable practices.

It was in those roles that he decided he wanted to become an MP, knowing he could advance the causes he cared about much more in Parliament.

Despite being an MP for only a handful of months, he put his hand up for the co-leadership contest in 2015, and when he won, one of the first things he said was that he was open to working with the National Party on climate change.

Therein lies Shaw’s strategy. It was more important to him to be effective legislation that survived changes in government, rather than something that would just be repealed before it could really make a difference.

His consensus-building approach as Climate Change Minister was his greatest asset as well as his biggest handicap, depending on who you ask.

The landmark Zero Carbon Act that Shaw shepherded through Parliament, which puts the Paris Agreement’s climate change targets into legislation and had near unanimous support, perfectly captures this tension.

The National-led Government has no intention of repealing it, and has also promised to meet its climate commitments, though via different mechanisms.

Most Green supporters saw merit in Shaw’s approach, but a small minority — including former Green MPs — criticised his compromises as weak and unpublishable.

Similarly, the respect he earned from MPs in National and NZ First hardly endeared him to this group, nor did the high ranking that business leaders regularly gave him in the Herald’s Mood of the Boardroom.

This culminated in a shock vote in 2022 that saw Shaw temporarily ousted from the co-leadership after failing to win 75 per cent of delegate votes. He was reinstated six weeks later, winning 138 delegate votes while just four voted to reopen nominations.

And then there was the physical knock that Shaw suffered when he was assaulted while working to work one day in 2019.

The biggest knock the Green Party suffered under Shaw’s watch was its falling popularity in the aftermath of Metiria Turei’s admission of benefit fraud, which triggered two Green MPs essentially quitting in protest, and Turei’s eventual resignation. In less than a month, the party went from 15 per cent in the One News Colmar Brunton poll to below the 5 per cent threshold.

It was in the lead-up to the 2017 election, and Shaw was left to navigate the campaign as sole co-leader. The Greens not only returned to Parliament with 6.3 per cent, but for the first time, it entered Government with ministers, albeit outside Cabinet.

Shaw has always said his time in Parliament would be determined by how useful he could be at affecting the kind of change he believed in, and that he wanted to lead the Greens into government and then steer them safely out the other side.

The Greens were not only in government from 2017-2020, but were returned to Parliament after that term.

This term the Greens have more MPs than they’ve ever had, with 15, and hold three electorate seats, Auckland Central, Wellington Central and Rongotai.

But with the swing to the right, Shaw’s time as a minister is over, and he cannot stay the same as an Opposition.

He won’t quite done, which is why he will remain an MP for a while, until he has a member’s bill to broaden the Bill of Rights Act to include the right to a sustainable environment.

He doesn’t know yet if he can build cross-party support for it, but this isn’t new territory.

And whatever he does when after he leaves it likely be something where he feels useful in advancing causes he sees as most vital.

Shaw broke away from stereotypes

Greens co-leader James Shaw announced at Parliament yesterday he is standing down as co-leader. Photo / Mark Mitchell

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Chief economist Paul Conway says data suggests economic policy is working

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"Recent economic data suggest that monetary policy is working with the economy slowing and inflation easing. But we still have a way to go to get inflation back to the target midpoint of 2 per cent," Conway said.

He recognised the fact the annual inflation rate fell to 4.7 per cent in the December quarter.

However, he pointed out that more domestically driven, non-tradable inflation — which the RBNZ has some influence over — came in higher than the RBNZ expected at 5.9 per cent.

Conway also downplayed gross domestic product (GDP) for the September quarter coming in weaker than expected (suggesting high interest rates are doing their job slowing the economy and therefore cooling inflation).

He noted the figures were revised downwards historically as Stats NZ changed its methodology.

He said the change didn’t necessarily mean capacity pressures in the economy were that much lower than previously assumed.

In fact, Conway noted the private demand component of the figures had been revised up.

Commenting on the speech, Infometrics chief executive Brad Olsen said there was nothing in there that screamed "we’re moving hard away from our view of higher for longer interest rates, and are keen to embrace more cuts soon."

Olsen characterised Conway’s speech as a "gentle push-back on expectations of cuts soon."

The New Zealand dollar rose against the US dollar following the speech.

The economists the Herald spoke to before the speech expected Conway to take the tone he did.

ANZ senior strategist David Croy believed that if the RBNZ deviated from its hawkish position, financial markets would double down on their bets around the OCR being cut a few times this year. This could see wholesale interest rates (which affect mortgage and term deposit rates) fall sooner than the RBNZ would want.

Croy also made the point that any change in monetary policy would need to go through the Monetary Policy Committee, which isn’t due to meet until it next reviews the OCR on February 28.

In other words, even if he wanted to, Conway couldn’t come out and say the RBNZ was going to cut the OCR sooner than it previously said it would. These decisions need to be made by the Committee, which includes RBNZ staff and external members.

Indeed, Conway acknowledged he had to watch his words. He said he wasn’t going to give away anything about the likely future path of the OCR.

The speech gave the RBNZ an opportunity to share its view on recent data to break up a long three-month period between OCR reviews, due to the Christmas break.

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RBNZ says the inflation fight isn’t over

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However, he pointed out that more domestically driven, non-tradable inflation — which the RBNZ has some influence over — came in higher than the RBNZ expected at 5.9 per cent.

Conway also downplayed gross domestic product (GDP) for the September quarter coming in weaker than expected (suggesting high interest rates are doing their job slowing the economy and therefore cooling inflation).

He noted the figures were revised downwards historically as Stats NZ changed its methodology.

He said the change didn’t necessarily mean capacity pressures in the economy were that much lower than previously assumed.

In fact, Conway noted the private demand component of the figures had been revised up.

Commenting on the speech, Infometrics chief executive Brad Olsen said there was nothing in there that screamed "we’re moving hard away from our view of higher for longer interest rates, and are keen to embrace more cuts soon."

Olsen characterised Conway’s speech as a "gentle push-back on expectations of cuts soon."

The New Zealand dollar rose against the US dollar following the speech.

The economists the Herald spoke to before the speech expected Conway to take the tone he did.

ANZ senior strategist David Croy believed that if the RBNZ deviated from its hawkish position, financial markets would double down on their bets around the OCR being cut a few times this year. This could see wholesale interest rates (which affect mortgage and term deposit rates) fall sooner than the RBNZ would want.

Croy also made the point that any change in monetary policy would need to go through the Monetary Policy Committee, which isn’t due to meet until it next reviews the OCR on February 28.

In other words, even if he wanted to, Conway couldn’t come out and say the RBNZ was going to cut the OCR sooner than it previously said it would. These decisions need to be made by the Committee, which includes RBNZ staff and external members.

Indeed, Conway acknowledged he had to watch his words. He said he wasn’t going to give away anything about the likely future path of the OCR.

The speech gave the RBNZ an opportunity to share its view on recent data to break up a long three-month period between OCR reviews, due to the Christmas break.
When will madness end?

NZ's next climate commissioner?

Nutrient run-off likely worsened algal bloom

In your front-page lead story of January 26, Cathy Webb of Seafood NZ says “algae blooms have been a fact of life in New Zealand since 1993. They are naturally occurring and not as a result of pollution, rainfall, etc.” This information is incorrect and raises questions about the veracity of industry representatives.

MFP points out: Nutrient pollution from human activities can make the problem worse. This helps toblooms occurring more often.” Nutrient pollution includes, human sewage and agrochemicals – fertilizer from farming and forestry. Run off may be partially responsible for this unprecedented rise in occurrence, particularly in freshwater bodies.

We must release the hostages.

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In this whole Middle East catastrophe, it appears that the UN is not supporting Palestinian resolve. This is because of another pandemic goes on. You have to drive from Waimai to the city in the city and having easily-accessible parks, or making trips harder and slower and longer.

The reality is that the majority of people go to the city for various appointments, shopping, etc. Easy-access car parks and a good flow of traffic is essential, especially for the elderly, disabled and general public.

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My previous suggestion of a huge aid camp and health facility to be set up in the Sinaí Desert as a refuge for displaced Palestinians is making more sense than ever in the light of recent developments and the “humanitarian crisis.”

With a major proportion of the Gaza population presently forced into terrible conditions in the Rafah area, where they face famine and critical health problems, there is little chance of any significant relief to the area needed.

If you have noticed any distortion in traffic is essential, especially for the elderly, disabled and general public. This is because of another pandemic goes on. It is not surprising that the majority of people go to the city for various appointments, shopping, etc. Easy-access car parks and a good flow of traffic is essential, especially for the elderly, disabled and general public.

I agree with Chris Bishop when he said that Kainga Ora appears to have empty state houses on its books. But do not tell that to the people who have nowhere to live. It will result in a 15-mile city to us, but people can see the city from the distance and be raffled off! Happy to sell the car, tax is paid.

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What a total disgrace the body behind much of the woke driven and university student activism is, with members of that organisation now found complicit in the October 7 massacre. Yes, the United Nations, that great bastion of wrong. The UNRWA was set up in 1948 to provide education, health and social services to Palestinians in Gaza. For nearly 12 months UNRWA are now suspected of assisting the Ok 7 terrorists.

As has become the norm in these woke times, the 12 employees were simply dismissed. They were not arrested, and not charged.

But what happens when you bite the hand that feeds you – the feeding is cut off. Many countries have now suspended funds to the UNRWA including the UK, Canada, Germany, Switzerland, Finland and Australia. This should serve as a reminder to the wokers that for every action, there is a reaction. And they may not like that reaction.

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Distracted from key issues

re: Active community assets, January 24.

Where would you be without your car, Andy? Your woseal vehicle is your freedom. How about looking after the majority for a change instead of using ratepayer money coping with small minorities? How much of the time would we have to pay in rates will be paid by these minorities?

It’s not part of the council brief to “teach community about” your brief is to provide and maintain community infrastructure that is fit for purpose. That means you must provide to the majority. Road usage is the majority.

We don’t need council star- growing into the future. Our rates have to be paid in the here and now. Our homes have to be maintained in a habitable state.

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Fatal drone strike leaves US

Drone mistakenly identified

At home, hawks push attacks on Iran as Biden weighs response

US forces may have mistaken an enemy drone for an American one and let it pass unchallenged into a desert base in Jordan where it killed three US troops and wounded dozens more, officials said. As the enemy drone was flying in a low altitude, a US drone was returning to the small installation known as Tower 22, according to a preliminary report cited by two officials. As a result, there was no effort to shoot it down.

One of the trailers where troops slept suffered the brunt of the strike, while surrounding trailers got limited damage from the blast and flying debris.

Aside from the soldiers killed, the Pentagon said more than 40 troops were wounded in the attack.

The US has conducted five retaliatory strikes in Iraq in response to previous attacks by the IRGC since the war in Gaza began, one of which on January 21 led to two American soldiers stationed at the Asad air base in Iraq suffering major brain injuries. But those responses have not de-

Twelve UN staff named as participating in attack

On October 7 attack, which killed 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and saw some 500 people taken captive, according to the Israeli authorities.

Israel responded with an air and ground offensive that has killed more than 26,000 Palestinians, most of them women and minors, according to the Gaza Health Ministry.

The war has also threatened to set off a wider regional conflict.

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From the last 15 days, 23,100 tons of humanitarian aid have been delivered, reaching more than 236,000 people. The aid includes food, water, shelter, and medical supplies.

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Amidst a backdrop of escalating tensions, the decision on how to respond to the latest aggression by Iran presents a complex challenge. The US, despite a past narrative of restraint, has been forced to reassess its strategy. The recent strikes on Iranian positions, while beyond the immediate scope of the conflict in Syria, highlight the broader strategic considerations involved.

The US has long advocated for a policy of isolationism, citing the costs of prolonged conflicts and the need to focus on domestic issues. However, the mounting pressure from Iranian actions, including the downing of a US drone and the continued support to Hezbollah in Lebanon, has led to a reassessment of policy. The Biden administration, under pressure from both political and military advisories, is considering options that range from limited strikes to a more aggressive stance.

The decision hinges on several factors, including the potential for escalation, the role of Russia and Iran in the region, and the strategic interests of the US. There is a delicate balance between asserting American interests and avoiding a costly and potentially devastating conflict. The Biden administration is expected to announce its decision in the coming days, after consultations with key allies and advisors.

The global community watches with concern, hoping for a solution that avoids further destabilization in the Middle East and the wider world. The stakes are high, and the path forward is uncertain, but the US is determined to respond in a manner that aligns with its strategic objectives.

**Facing Tough Choices in Iraq**

Amidst the ongoing conflict in Iraq, the US military must navigate a treacherous landscape. Following the strike on the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) positions in Iraq, Iran has vowed to take revenge, adding a new layer of complexity to the situation. The US military has been actively involved in Iraq since the 2003 invasion, and the decision to strike Iranian positions is a significant escalation.

The US has justified the strike as a response to Iranian support for the militant group Hezbollah in Syria, and the targeting of Iranian military infrastructure. The move is seen as a warning to Iran and as a way to deepen the already fraught relationship between the US and Iran. However, the impact of the strike remains to be seen, as it could escalate tensions further in the region.

The US military is tasked with ensuring the safety of its forces and protecting the interests of the US in the region. The decision to strike Iranian positions is a complex one, considering the long-term implications and the potential for further conflict. The US military is expected to continue its efforts to maintain stability in the region, while also considering the broader implications of its actions on international relations.
Feb 1-29, Various
Tairāwhiti Museum Exhibitions
Moving Hands – Barry Ball, opens Feb 1, a retrospective of pottery and paintings; Feb 29, opens Feb 10, an exhibition of the show growers of an iconic NZ entertainer, The Divine Joanna Nollan, The Deep End – Richard Rogers, opens Feb 17, an exhibition of his artwork.
• 10am-5pm, Mon-Sat, 10am-4pm, Sun.
• Hot water, free, notice, $5, see https://tairawahiti.org.nz

Feb 1, Thursday
U3A Gisborne
For mature-aged folk, a guest speaker, social interaction and 40+ learning groups.
• Gisborne Cosmopolitan Club, 190 Derby St, 9.30am, $2 at the door, ph, 0800 444 104

Feb 1, 15, 18, 22, 29, Thursdays
Gisborne Line Dancing
Join in the fun – all ages welcome.
Back to basics/beginners. 6-7pm, intermediate 7-8pm.
• Senior Citizens Hall, 30 Grey St, ph. Kery 021 409 490

Gisborne Caledonian Society Practice
Social, modern and sequence dancing.
• Holy Trinity Church Hall, 701 Derby St, 7-2pm, 9:30pm, $5, ph. 021 307 490

Feb 2, Friday
Myalgic Encephalopathy/ Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Group
If you suffer from ME, CFS or long-haul Covid, come along and meet others.
• CCS, 7 Kahutia St, 10:30am-3pm, free, ph, 06 477 9712

Sunshine Sound System
Featuring DJ Downtown Brown and MC Kupa and their trademark sound system.
• Style Celebration of hip-hop, reggae/dub, dancehall, original skool soul and funk through to gilch, jungle and trap.
• The Divet, PWC, 36 Collins Rd, bar opens 7pm, music starts at 9pm, $25 cash only, tickets at the door

Te Tairāwhiti Arts Festival: Seth Haapu
Draw into the warmth of Pacific soul as award-winning artist Seth Haapu unveils his soul-stirring album, WHAI CRA.
• Lavonk Field Theatre, 7 Fitzherbert St, 7.30pm, tickets $27.90, $25 concession/student, 16 U, incl booking fee at ticketek.co.nz

Feb 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays & Mondays
East Coast Museum of Technology
Come along and take a look – you might be surprised.
• ECMT, 67 Main Rd, Makara, 10am-4pm, $5, $3.50, $2 notec. 1st primary, pre-schoolers. Free. See Facebook or ecmt.org.nz

Feb 3, Saturday
Gizzy Monthly Market
Locally produced crafts, food and products.
• Lavonk Field Rose Garden, 7 Fitzherbert St, 9am-1pm (weather permitting)

Auditions: Twelve Angry Jurors
A chance to tread the boards in an iconic play about justice and personal responsibility. No experience necessary; come down ready to cold read for a role.
• Directed by Donna Myers.
• Register to audition at https://forms.gle/W5y6GfH63SeFJEA

Feb 3, 10, 17, 24, Saturdays
Gisborne Farmers’ Market
Locally grown produce, flowers, seedlings and more.
• Cer Stout & Fitzherbert Sts, 9am-12.30pm

Feb 4, 5, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, Saturdays & Sundays
Lions Express Train Rides
Take the kids for a train ride around the playground and lake.
• Starts near Gisborne Waratah Lions Junior Cycle Park, Continental Marine Dr, 11am-3pm, weather permitting, $2

Feb 4, Sunday
Gas Guzzlers’ Breakfast
Check out the classic or vintage cars, hot rods, bikes and projects on the Quay.
• Coffee, bacon and egg burgers also available to purchase.
• Behind the Courthouse on Quay Rd, 8am-11am, display vehicles a gold coin, rain, hail or sun

Wa165 Steam Train Excursion
Enjoy a train trip to Murawai. Tea, coffee, light snacks and souvenirs available on board from the buffet car (eppos available or enjoy Bollywood Stars’ delicious Indian cuisine snacks and Indian foods at Murawai. 
• Railway Station, Grey St, 7pm (more later times), tickets: $40, $35 adult, $30, 10% for GA & 21th at Gisborne Chase, 290 Grey St, ph 060 613 895 or unmarked tickets from the station platform half an hour before departure, see www.gisbus.com

Irish Music Session
Enjoy Irish music and a sing song.
• The Buoys, on Gisborne Rd & Pudu Pu Ay, 4pm-9pm, ph Marty 021 015 7685

Te Tairāwhiti Arts Festival: Louis Baker
Guitarist and singer-songwriter who draws deeply from the rich traditions of soul, funk, jazz, hip hop and RnB.
• Lavonk Field Theatre, 7 Fitzherbert St, 7.30pm, tickets $27.90, $25 concession/student, 16 U, incl booking fee at ticketek.co.nz

Feb 4 & 8, Sundays
Junior Badminton Preseason
Training, drills and games for yrs 7-13. Wear sports shoes and bring drink bottles.
• Badminton Eastland Centre, 134 Reobuck Rd, 9.1-9.5pm, $15 per session, limited spaces, more info and bookings ph Geoff 027 616 8222 or email eastlandsofnz.coordinator@gisborne

Gisborne Country Music Club
Singers and musicians are welcome.
• Senior Citizens Hall, 30 Grey St, 1pm-4pm, $5, visitors, 31 members, $3 children, incl afternoon tea, ph. 066 709-73 or roy.franze@outlook.co.nz

Feb 4, 11, 18, 25, Sundays
Historic MV Takitimu Tug Boat Cruise
Enjoy the sights of Taurangapuru-Riwaiki Poverty Bay from a fully restored historic tug. Sails from Pier 1, Inner Harbour, 2pm, weather permitting.
• Pay at the gate, $25A, $15U12, for bookings ph Dave 027 339 1403

Feb 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27, Sundays & Mondays
Explore the Aviation Museum
Let the kids explore the play area, learn about aviation history, check out a real DC3, Gisborne Avenger and other planes.
• Tairawhiti Aviation Museum, Gisborne Airport, Anawhokere Rd, 9am-3pm, $3A, U12 free

Feb 5 & 9, Mondays
Night Owls Creative Fibre Group
Kun Ti Kakaua Retiremen’s Village, 12 Grenfell Pl, Gisborne, 6-45pm, ph. Frances 688 8464

Feb 6, Tuesday
Poverty Bay Blues Night
• Dome Cinema, PWC, 38 Children Rd, 7pm doors, 8pm show, all door sales, PB Club members free, $18

Feb 6, 13, 20, 27, Tuesdays
SunCity Spinners Creative Fibre Group
• Poverty Bay Bowling Club, 111 Ormond Rd, Sam 11.30am, ph Dale 667 5083

Gisborne Line Dancing
Join in the fun – all ages welcome.
• Beginners/improvers class 4:30-6:30pm, intermediate/advanced class 7:30-9:30pm.
• Senior Citizens Hall, 30 Grey St, ph Kery 021 101 490

Feb 7, Wednesday
Gisborne Combined Church
For active retirees looking for friendship.
• Kahutia Bowling Club, 165 Colenso St, 9.30am, $5 incl morning tea.
• Register: Nosbene ph 066 447 03 or Banine ph 867 4294

Feb 8, Thursday
Beef + Lamb NZ Wormwise Workshop
The latest information and research on internal parasite control, facilitated by Greg Tattersfield, Farmpro. Afternoon tea provided.
• Waitangiroa Surf Life Saving Club, 2008 Grey St, 1-4pm. Registration essential, at beefambiz.com

Feb 8-10, Thursday-Saturday
Te Tairāwhiti Arts Festival: Kopu
A cheeky ballad of a show, with multi-talented musicians live music, performance, poetry, and poi to share a hilarious moment no holds barred account of their experiences of wahinehangata.
• Lavonk Field Theatre, 7 Fitzherbert St, 8:30pm, tickets $27.90, $25 concession/student, 16 U, incl booking fee at ticketek.co.nz

Feb 10, Saturday
Love Badminton Open Day
All welcome to this “have-a-go” session, basic coaching available, equipment provided, spot prizes and special offers.
• Badminton Eastland Centre, 134 Reobuck Rd, 9am-12 noon, free, enquire info ph Geoff 027 616 8222 or email eastlandsofnz.coordinator@gisborne

Gisborne Speedway Event
Sidecar Champ of Champs, Law Cartmill Memorial, 12 Midgets. Incident-packed competition and close racing is expected at Eastland Group Raceway.
• Gates open at 3pm, racing from 6pm, $20A, $10U12, $5C, U12s free, family $10

Feb 10 & 24, Saturdays
St Andrew’s Car Boot Sale
Find some realistically priced bargains.

BARRY BALL
‘MOVING HANDS’

A retrospective of Pottery and Paintings
Opens 6.30pm Friday 2nd February.
3 February to 21 April 2024
FREE ENTRY for Tairāwhiti residents, www.tairawahitiuseum.org.nz
CAR PARKED BEHIND ST ANDREWS CHURCH (ACCESS OFF CHILDERS ROAD. 8.30AM-5.30PM FREE)
Sima Karapeev, chief executive of the Meat Industry Association (MIA), talks to the NZ Herald about the extremely challenging year that was 2023 for the red meat sector and what the industry wants to see from the new Government in 2024.

What are your hopes for the new Government?

As a major contributor to the economy in terms of export earnings and employment, it is important right policy settings are in place to boost red meat exports.

We cannot control the prices we receive in market, which is why it’s more important than ever to ensure we are focused on stripping out unnecessary costs and barriers, especially non-tariff measures, enhancing access to existing markets and securing opportunities in new markets.

How would you describe 2023 for your business?

The year has been extremely challenging for the red meat sector. There has been weaker demand for beef and lamb in global markets, with consumers keeping a tight hold on their spending amid high interest rates and inflation. The flow-on effect saw red meat export earnings drop, which is felt in the national accounts but also by farmers and regional communities in particular. It is during challenging times that relationships with key markets matter most, and a key focus for the MIA over the past year has been to ensure we are reconnecting with them.

What will be your biggest business challenge in 2024?

We’ll be monitoring the conditions in our global markets, in particular China, our largest market by value and volume. How quickly the Chinese economy bounces back will be critical. However, we have a diverse export portfolio and we will be keeping a close eye on our other key markets, including wider Asia, the UK and Europe and North America, to ensure we’re capitalising on new growth opportunities.

What opportunities do you see in 2024?

There is a significant opportunity to capture more market value from fifth-quarter exports, a catch-all term for the parts of an animal that are not meat such as tallow, bone meal and high-value ingredients such as blood products for pharmaceutical use. In 2022/23, fifth-quarter exports were worth $2.2 billion, up by 8 percent from the previous year. These exports accounted for a fifth of overall sector exports during the year.

We’ll also be keenly watching the new Government’s key starting its efforts to secure a trade agreement with India, which presents commercial opportunities for many New Zealand businesses including the red meat sector. New Zealand must have a long-term approach and outlook to solidifying the relationship and deepening trade – this is a five- to 10-year project.

What was the most interesting news story of 2023?

The ratification and entry into force of the NZ/UK FTA was a real milestone. The FTA really opens up an opportunity for New Zealand’s beef exports to a traditional market and creates new avenues for growth for the red meat sector. We are already seeing the benefits with a lift in beef exports to the UK.

Domestically, it was heartening to see how the East Coast community pulled together after Cyclone Gabrielle. Whether it was helping farmers re-fence their farms, cleaning up properties or meat processing companies making significant financial contributions or donating meat to hard-hit communities in their time of need.

What are your predictions for 2024?

I’m hopeful the current volatility in global markets will settle and demand and pricing for beef and lamb will begin to lift again. In the long term, we know global demand for natural protein will only grow and New Zealand is well placed to help meet this need.

What’s the worst mistake you have made in business?

Probably the biggest regret is not trusting my gut early enough. A while back, I was offered a role in an organisation I really wanted to work for. The role was not perfect and instead of trusting my instincts, I put too much weight on the opinions of others, which closed off a particular career path for me. That said, I would not be in my current role, which I am really enjoying and thriving in.

What would you rate as your greatest success?

Personally, it’s watching my daughter grow into a well-adjusted, social and caring human being with a good dose of spunk to keep others on their toes.

Professionally, my greatest success is building a small but high-performing team of professionals who deliver real value to New Zealand’s second-largest goods exporting industry. It is deeply satisfying to watch the team hum and perform, often under great pressure and uncertainty.

Where and how are you celebrating this holiday season?

My husband, my daughter and I are heading to Ohipe Beach for lots of swimming and generally being lazy in the sun.

We have stocked up with great food and wine to enjoy and plan to keep things easy and casual – the only makeup will be a good dose of sunscreen!

What would you recommend as a good book to read over summer?

I am an avid reader and have been part of a book club with good friends for the past 15 years. This summer my reading list includes Troy by Stephen Fry, Lola in the Mirror, the new book by Trent Dalton and My Life in Full by Indra Nooyi.

The region’s sheep dog fraternity will be gearing up for the start of the club championship season, which begins with the Ngatapa trial on February 9-10. Matawai follows on February 23-24, then Opōtiki on March 3. Whatatutu on March 15-16, Whangara on March 22-23 – which will also be part of the Poverty Bay Centre Championships – Waipaoa on April 5-6, Waingake on April 12-13 and Tolaga Bay on April 19-20. The South Island Championships will be staged at Meadowbank in Blenheim, starting May 6, and the North Island and NZ Championships are on at Mangamimihana in Taranaki the week beginning May 27. Pictured are Grace Cook and Bill, a combination that picked up fifth place in the short head and yard at the Ruakuri dog trial last year.

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Pinning hopes on free trade deal

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Speed wins at Taihape
by Doug Laing

It was a southern raid in every respect for Northland shearer Toa Henderson on Saturday, as he travelled over six hours to win the Taihape Shearing Sportspersonal final with possibly its fastest ever time, and then drove home.

Henderson and his father Mike left Kawakawa, near Whangarei, at 4.30am to make sure they arrived in time for the open-class heats – over 550km away and starting in Taihape soon after 1pm.

One of 44 starters in the glamour grade, Henderson made his way through the heats and the semi-finals to the six-man final, where he shared the 20-second-sheep in 15min 23sec.

When he finished, all five others had more than one sheep still to shear.

Henderson was 56 seconds quicker than the next man off – Hemi Bradbrick, of Eketāhuna – and it was the fastest of the times on record for a 20-sheep final at the central North Island State Highway 1 show.

It was also the first time a 20-sheep final in Taihape had been shorn in under 16 minutes since Hawke’s Bay shearer Dion King sheared the junior final, shorn as two heats — a unique southwest WA.

Mauger, who works in the Boyup Brook area of the South West, was fourth and New Zealand 2023 champion Angela Stevens, of Napier, was fifth, and is still to record an open final win.

The junior wool-handling final was won by first-time finalist Crawford Cook, of Mangakakahi.

The final was won by Chloe Henderson, of Feilding, and the novice event was won by Capree Wallace, of Taihape.

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The 2015 and 2021 winner, and former World Shearing Open Champion, Gavin Mutch, was fourth.

Parai Puna, of Napier, had one of his best open-class shears to claim fifth place, while Mark Grainger was sixth, but had the best quality points after being last to finish.

Meanwhile, in theович конкурент Te Ua Wilcox, of Gisborne, had his fifth shearing win so far this season, but the intermediate and junior finals were dominated by the influx of young sheares from overseas.

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Across
1. Doubtful as to quiet son Elba produced (12)
2. Get engine-powered if same trio is capable of it (8)
3. Bar where the bitter flows back to some extent (4)
4. In good time to organise the relay (5)
5. Lose hope of being praised in such a way (7)
6. Be listless about a composer’s work, me? (4)
7. Bird sounds as if it might get stuck into meat (4)
8. Is not one or other of three in a muddle? (7)
9. Escalay the broadwinner brought home (5)
10. Tidy way for native leader to have dinner (4)
11. Dislike perhaps varies, but there’s no comeback (8)
12. Jumbo sale organised by this creature of the sea (6, 4)
13. It’s amusing, having people home for a meal (12)
14. Transitory quality might mean men price it differently (12)
15. Invite one to put two-thirds of 1 Across (3)
16. Ape a top man of the church (7)
17. It is cowardly to give carbon to a bird (6)
18. One Serb might have about one candytuft (6)
19. Sort of tea plate, mate (5)

Down
1. Complete way to give voice to it (5)
2. They’ve wandered off with the SAS; try to sort them out (6)
3. Doing time in the team (6)
4. To cheer ironically at the legal profession is torture (7)
5. It’s amusing, having people home for a meal (12)
6. Heavenly (9)
7. Marsupials (9)
8. Place a limit on (3)
9. Dissolve perhaps varies, but there’s no comeback (8)
10. Aunt Sally may be bashful (3)
11. Essayists (5)
12. Terminate (5)
13. Be listless about a composer’s work, me? (4)
14. Tricky (8)
15. Reduced in strength (7)
16. Civic leader (5)
17. Trickster (6)
18. Be listless about a composer’s work, me? (4)
20. Wigeon (3)

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Cross the numbers off the list as their positions are found.

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Brown takes coaching talents to Boks

RUGBY

Formal All Blacks number 10 and Highladiers coach Tony Brown is reportedly set to be named a member of the coaching staff for the Springboks, according to South African media.

South African publicatiuon Rapport reports Brown will be named the new attack coach under Rassie Erasmus later this week.

Erasmus is in the process of forming a new coaching staff after returning as head coach in the wake of the Springboks Rugby World Cup win over the All Blacks.

Brown most recently worked as an assistant under Jamie Joseph with Japan at the Rugby World Cup, where the side failed to get out of pool play.

Previously he was head coach at the Highlanders in 2021 and 2022.

Eckles Jones was last named as Joseph's replacement at Japan after the Kiwis was named as the new Head of Rugby at the Highlanders.

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Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Stick to the people you have in your corner and rely on their support. They are just as important as what you have to offer. Distance yourself from negativity and purine the complacent. This is a great time to say goodbye to someone you no longer want in your life.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Set your sights on your destination, and don't stop until you see results. Refuse to allow someone to stop your plans. Use your determination(Yerger) and anger to push you in the right direction.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Pay attention to detail, and don't let emotions cloud your vision. This is a great time to say goodbye to someone you no longer want in your life.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You have a choice. Refuse to let someone take advantage of your kindness and generosity. Call the shots instead of letting others choose for you. Make a plan that will stabilize your life and secure your future.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Spend more time at home, making your place more comfortable and welcoming. Build better relationships with loved ones, and don't let others decide for you. Make a decision that offers stability will boost your confidence. Personal growth is apparent.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't spend on unnecessary items. Self-improvement doesn't have a price tag. Choose to learn more, expand your knowledge and exercise proper to ensure good health and the strength and knowledge to go after your goals. Happiness depends on good decisions.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You're face mixed emotions regarding relationships and domestic changes. Take some time alone to reflect and make decisions.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Rely on your resources to assess a situation before you act. Consider how travel and educational pursuits will affect pros and cons that influence the outcome before you begin. Look for a unique approach, and you'll discover the perfect alternative.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Out of the best. Put your mind and muscle behind your skills and knowledge, and don't let anyone distract you. A disciplined attitude and focused efforts will bring the results you desire.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Avoid any self-inflicted wounds. Refuse to let your emotions stop you from making the right decisions. Put a cap on your spending and look for alternatives to help build equity. A domestic change is on the horizon.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't exceed what's necessary. Maintaining your health and being responsible for your actions will help you achieve your goals. Set a pace and don'tbudget the responsibility. Be the mastermind behind your life decisions and don't allow anyone to control you.

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Golf

GOLF

Golf Australia has taken over the Melbourne Rebels after the ailing club went into voluntary administration weeks before the start of the Super Rugby Pacific season.

The Rebels have struggled with financial problems for years and are saddled with debts of more than A$10 million (NZ$20m) the Australian Financial Review reported.

Rugby Australia (RA) said it was working with the appointed administrators to ensure the club would take the field in 2024.

RA boss Philip Waugh said in a statement.

"As custodians of the game, we have a responsibility to ensure the financial viability of rugby."

"This is a make or break decision for the Rebels, and we will work with the Rebels and the relevant stakeholders to that end."

The Rebels kicked off their season with a home match against the ACT Brumbies on February 24.

Melbourne Rebels chief executive Baden Stephens said the club was determined to keep the commitments made for the 2024 season.

The Rebels joined Super Rugby in 2021 but have struggled to maintain a foothold in the nation's second biggest city and were terminated by Australian Rules football.
**Warriors tend backyard**

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In the months which followed, Luke decided to get top-level football another go as a way to honour George and, in recent times, he's been in regular contact with new Magpies coach Adam Blair about a comeback for the event in Townsville on February 16.

"I was just thinking about the weekend when you found out his dad, George, had been diagnosed with terminal cancer and a friend that occurred during Cyclone Debbie.

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**LEAGUE**
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Moton forward Joe Tapine admits to feeling the pressure of being the center of singing, dancing and ceremonies in NRL. All Stars week but this year wants to turn the page on the unique opportunity for his family.

"It's not the first time I've seen a footy player of Maori heritage, for instance his All Stars debut in 2019.

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Meanwhile, with the Zverev saga, the ATP has demonstrated it is far more interested in preserving the status quo than freezing up to an issue that has gathered momentum in recent times — violence against women.

What they didn’t count on was the fact that the Australian Open environment would see fam, other players (mostly women), it must be said and media decrying not to observe the same vow of silence under which the Zverev business has largely been placed.

Before we go any further, it’s important to say that the whole point of this column is not to cast Zverev as a basher. The presumption of innocence is a precious thing that

Zverev (who has strongly denied all accusations) deserves, same as anyone. So, the purpose is to give the ATP and world tennis a serve for not dealing adequately with the wider issue.

Here are the facts:

Zverev faces a public trial in May because of allegations by his former partner, Brenda Patea. She accused him of choking her and, in an interview with a German newspaper, mentioned (unspecified) bouts of anger that turned into physical violence.

In October, Zverev was fined €450,000 ($800,000) as a penalty order after a hearing in Germany. Under German law, a penalty order can be applied when there is evidence to support the accusation and a trial is not deemed necessary.

Defendants can contest the order, which then results in a public trial. That’s what Zverev has done, leading to the May hearing. Zverev said in November: “I think it’s complete bull****. Anybody that has a semi-standard IQ level knows what this is all about.”

Three years earlier, a previous partner of Zverev’s and former tennis player, Olga Sharapova, posted allegations on Instagram of abuse at various places around the world, including being punched in the face, smothered with a pillow and hearing for her life.

Sharapova did not go to the police. Zverev denied it all and a 15-month investigation by an outside firm hired by the ATP (including interviews with Sharapova, Zverev and 34 others) led to the ATP announcing last year there was insufficient evidence.

Other sports bodies around the world have stand-down rules that cover such matters. If a player is accused of something criminal, bodies like the NRL, NLA and NFL apply it, so the player does not compete — often on full pay — until the matter is resolved.

Just last year, for example, the NRL stood down Cowboys forward Luciano Leilua after he was arrested and charged with domestic violence. Police later dropped the charges.

The ATP has no such policy on domestic violence, although they do have a broader rule allowing a player to be suspended for “conduct contrary to the integrity of tennis.” They have not applied that in the case of Zverev.

What they also didn’t count on was that growing feelings about such issues would lead to inconvenient inquiries. After his first-round match, for example, Zverev had to endure uncomfortable questioning from journalists about his election to the Players’ Council — a ludicrously timed promotion in the world of men’s tennis.

Then former Australia tennis star Johanna Konta — herself a victim of domestic abuse — made sure the wider issue remained alive when, during an on-court interview at the Open, she asked Arina Sabalenka to sign a towel. Dolci said Zverev was not referenced at all; she would auction it off to raise funds for those impacted by domestic abuse.

All this may also have done Zverev no favours. For such a gifted player, he has never won a grand slam event and has never made another final since 2020 (when he lost to Dominic Thiem); the same year the allegations began.

So the ATP have failed not only to remove the elephant from the room, they have pretty much stood by as it debated on the very rug under which matters were swept.

— NZ Herald

OPINION

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What they didn’t count on was the fact that the Australian Open environment would see fam, other players (mostly women), it must be said and media decrying not to observe the same vow of silence under which the Zverev business has largely been placed.

Before we go any further, it’s important to say that the whole point of this column is not to cast Zverev as a basher. The presumption of innocence is a precious thing that

Zverev (who has strongly denied all accusations) deserves, same as anyone. So, the purpose is to give the ATP and world tennis a serve for not dealing adequately with the wider issue.

Here are the facts:

Zverev faces a public trial in May because of allegations by his former partner, Brenda Patea. She accused him of choking her and, in an interview with a German newspaper, mentioned (unspecified) bouts of anger that turned into physical violence.

In October, Zverev was fined €450,000 ($800,000) as a penalty order after a hearing in Germany. Under German law, a penalty order can be applied when there is evidence to support the accusation and a trial is not deemed necessary.

Defendants can contest the order, which then results in a public trial. That’s what Zverev has done, leading to the May hearing. Zverev said in November: “I think it’s complete bull****. Anybody that has a semi-standard IQ level knows what this is all about.”

Three years earlier, a previous partner of Zverev’s and former tennis player, Olga Sharapova, posted allegations on Instagram of abuse at various places around the world, including being punched in the face, smothered with a pillow and hearing for her life.

Sharapova did not go to the police. Zverev denied it all and a 15-month investigation by an outside firm hired by the ATP (including interviews with Sharapova, Zverev and 34 others) led to the ATP announcing last year there was insufficient evidence.

Other sports bodies around the world have stand-down rules that cover such matters. If a player is accused of something criminal, bodies like the NRL, NLA and NFL apply it, so the player does not compete — often on full pay — until the matter is resolved.

Just last year, for example, the NRL stood down Cowboys forward Luciano Leilua after he was arrested and charged with domestic violence. Police later dropped the charges.

The ATP has no such policy on domestic violence, although they do have a broader rule allowing a player to be suspended for “conduct contrary to the integrity of tennis.” They have not applied that in the case of Zverev.

What they also didn’t count on was that growing feelings about such issues would lead to inconvenient inquiries. After his first-round match, for example, Zverev had to endure uncomfortable questioning from journalists about his election to the Players’ Council — a ludicrously timed promotion in the world of men’s tennis.

Then former Australia tennis star Johanna Konta — herself a victim of domestic abuse — made sure the wider issue remained alive when, during an on-court interview at the Open, she asked Arina Sabalenka to sign a towel. Dolci said Zverev was not referenced at all; she would auction it off to raise funds for those impacted by domestic abuse.

All this may also have done Zverev no favours. For such a gifted player, he has never won a grand slam event and has never made another final since 2020 (when he lost to Dominic Thiem); the same year the allegations began.

So the ATP have failed not only to remove the elephant from the room, they have pretty much stood by as it debated on the very rug under which matters were swept.

— NZ Herald
Gizzy teen showcases potential

Gisborne Boys’ High first 11 player David Gray showed his potential in front of some of New Zealand’s cricketing royalty before a dramatic end to a match in Canterbury recently.

Gray, 16, was in the Northern Districts under-19 squad selected for a tour set up by Seddon Cricket Club in conjunction with Northern Districts Cricket Association.

Hamilton-based Seddon, of which former New Zealand international Daniel Vettori is patron, is actively involved in the growth and development of the game.

Part of this on-going support was the u17 tour for which 11 players from smaller areas of the ND catchment were chosen.

“All players have exciting talent but don’t necessarily get exposed to quality cricket coaching or opportunities because of the location they live in or the lack of resources that are offered to them,” Seddon said on its Facebook page.

“It was an amazing experience for the young players. They were exposed to the life of a travelling cricket player and endured some of the challenges that playing cricket on the road present.”

The travelling u17 were accompanied by former New Zealand internationals Mark Bailey and Lou Vincent — who coached the team — and long-time ND rep Joey Yovovich.

They got to train on grass pitches at the back of Hagley Oval in Christchurch, then were given a tour of the Oval including the changing rooms being used by Pakistan and the Black Caps for their fourth T20 clash, match official rooms, corporate facilities and the Sir Richard Hadlee Sports Centre.

The tournament culminated in a u17-over match against a Wolves Cricket Club development XI at its famous Round Hill Oval ground near Rangiora in north Canterbury.

Sir Richard Hadlee and fellow New Zealand cricketing royalty before a dramatic end to a match in Canterbury recently.

Gray was the pick of the Seddon bowlers as he captured 3-35 from 8 overs.

“The game was a good one for the u17 team and some of the challenges that playing cricket on the road present,” said David’s father Graham, 16, was in the Northern Districts under-19 competition in Gisborne in December.

Te-Reimana was also called into the ND tourism. Tairāwhiti (formerly Poverty Bay-East Coast) became the youngest player to represent New Zealand (under-19) competition in Gisborne in December.

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**Gisborne tide movement**

Sunrise  6:20 am  Set  12:30 pm  Earth  11:34 pm  New Moon  2:47 am

Sunset  6:22 pm  Rise  12:45 am  Earth  11:35 pm  Full Moon  5:11 am

**Gisborne Readings**

Sunrise  6:39 am  Set  12:09 pm  Earth  11:39 pm  New Moon  2:52 am

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**WEATHER FOR TOMORROW**

**Gisborne**

**Gisborne Regional**

Saturday evening. NW, showers develop to rain. The evening. Northwesterlies, clearing to fine.

Sunday. Fine with light winds.

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Kiwis outgun Aussies

EQUESTRIAN
by Diana Dobson

New Zealand triumphed in the Trans-Tasman Teams Showjumping Challenge at the Larsen Sawmilling Equestrian Championships in Gisborne on Sunday.

Led by best-performed Kiwi Johanna Wylaars (Christchurch) on Central Zone, the team Brushed the three-day Easts Outdoor World & Leisure-sponsored competition on 14 points, with the Australians on 11.

It was a hard-fought battle with the teams having won a day apiece coming into the final rounds.

The Kiwis kept tight on Sunday, picking up 12 faults a round to finish on 24, with the Australians on 40 and gracious in defeat, having claimed the previous two clashes.

Both teams were proud of their efforts and hugely appreciative of the opportunity to continue the competition, which is held twice a year — in Gisborne in January and in Australia around August.

Jeff Chapman's Tirames Logan, ridden on Sunday by Australian Jack Barker, was the best horse of the three days, and fittingly topped the visitors' team in the final rounds.

Winning chef d'équipe Oliver Edgecombe had plenty of good things to say about his team.

"They are a good bunch of young riders and this type of competition is a good start for the future," he said.

"It's a good chance for us to see how each copes under the pressure of team riding and they all learn a lot about each other. Team events like this are very important."

The goal on Sunday was to achieve clear rounds, especially as the teams knew more about each horse given it was the final day of competition. As it turned out, Wylaars produced the only clear of the final day, riding Oliver Edgecombe's own Central Zone.

"I am very happy with the result," Edgecombe said.

He thanked the committee and the horse owners, who had lent them for the competition, and he tipped his hat to the Australians, who he felt had all ridden well.

Australian chef d'équipe Phil Stephens also thanked the show organisers and horse owners, and said he was proud of his riders.

"It is not easy to get on these teams as we have a lot of good riders," he said.

"We've loved every minute here. We would love to be back next year and take it back off you."

On Sunday his instructions were clear: "Get out and believe in yourselves."

RESULTS -

NEW ZEALAND: Emma Gilles (Oamaru) SP Magic Symbol (owned by Andrew Ormond); Johanna Wylaars (Christchurch) Central Zone (owned by Oliver Edgecombe); Dylan Bibby (Engaonga) Centore Max (owned by Viva Mason); Liam Rutland (Te Awamutu) Centurina (owned by Pip Wylaars), 24 faults (best three results from each round). 1.

AUSTRALIA: Cody Tucker; Red Guts Fachow (owned by the Bull Family); Hayden Parker, Pure Suggestion (owned by Laura McGregor); Elsa Stephens; Coleman Daughter (owned by Rhinion Smith); Jack Barker, Tiramea Logan (owned by Jeff Chapman), 40 faults (best three). 2.

Total points (three days) New Zealand 14 Australia 11.