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The Daily Brief

Hi Editors!

From Tehran to Augusta, our AFP reporting teams are on the scene for all today's top breaking news, features and analysis. Find AFP coverage details below (story links for AFP Forum account holders.)

On our plate for today:

We're reporting Virus lockdowns around the world as vaccine efforts stumble

<http://link.afp.com/NzE1LUFTTi03NjcAAAF8Y0YaxuH54-hnkOI3ahKBdh24vvpFyO2_hrpnB4MuAqeJa4nYNhohv_BwissHplte16cO4wk=> - WRAP .

<http://link.afp.com/NzE1LUFTTi03NjcAAAF8Y0YaxuH54-hnkOI3ahKBdh24vvpFyO2_hrpnB4MuAqeJa4nYNhohv_BwissHplte16cO4wk=> We have ongoing worldwide pandemic coverage in all formats, informed by AFP's collective database journalism project gathering daily tolls via our global network. Highlights:

* A pint and a haircut: UK eases some virus curbs in England, pictures, video - go to AFPTV advisory for our complete coverage plan details.

* Texas bar offers glimpse of a world without Covid, or constraints

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* AFPTV video:

* MANILA: Philippines receives more Sinovac vaccines purchased from China - VID197T9EX_EN

* HARIDWAR: Hindu religious festival Kumbh Mela despite record Covid surge - LIVE ONGOING - 1ST IMAGES VIDI97T92C_EN, MMVI97T9GM_TEN

* WORLD/VARIOUS: Global situation. Find complete coverage plans on advisory. Access fresh reporting on wire and AFP Forum [HERE](http://link.afp.com/NzE1LUFTTi03NjcAAAF8Y0YaxjazArmpG0nIkIhs5-KyIXLU-oeQpx9hg08b2LN4C_0aarXQltz8q14LVyy-KMJRLPM=>)

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We're covering Samoa election result hailed as victory for women <http://link.afp.com/NzE1LUFTTi03NjcAAAF8Y0YaxmsMjZ9nM07TVojG3OVNI6zsmeWXjqwXWIIldvYG5FqK5I8y-58dz8psKjrl-lahqkx0=>> , with pictures. Fresh reporting and images as available.

We're monitoring Rescuers work to free 21 trapped in flooded China mine, http://link.afp.com/NzE1LUFTTi03NjcAAAF8Y0Yaxg4O34_AUUYdLVkaiT7oMIOd9pjkdqPRRTHDkjml-xj3Zr7OVdhZGnAM9ODp_HDVsq=> with video. Fresh reporting and images as available.

We're following up Russia and China thwarting international response to Myanmar crisis: EU http://link.afp.com/NzE1LUFTTi03NjcAAAF8Y0YaxVp6eISEdzW7XIfJt-6Te_7AFZIS2d_olcGzXMex9d2suclwtX9LgemAkC32yYTAyRE=> - WRAP. Our teams continue to provide exceptional reporting and images in difficult conditions. Related:

* Myanmar youth fight internet outages with underground newsletter, pictures, video

* Myanmar actor arrested as junta hunts 120 celebrities, pictures

* AFPTV video:

* NAYPYIDAW: Interview with Aung San Suu Kyi's lawyer as her hearing is expected to take place via video conference - EDIT 0700 GMT

* VARIOUS: Situation as develops - EDITS WHERE POSSIBLE - TBC. Find on wire and AFP Forum [HERE](http://link.afp.com/NzE1LUFTTi03NjcAAAF8Y0Yaxv8kwoOuJnBkjcjH4sWF0hpSRC_1vFcTpxNgWY0KD e1H-0fOTAAEKBC8P4cuhDQ3D14=>)

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From our AFP Sports desk, we have breaking news coverage of Matsuyama holds off Schauffele to win historic Masters title
<http://link.afp.com/NzE1LUFTTi03NjcAAAF8Y0Yaxpu30jvTNjiDwWPtyQtuFc5WVu7_aT8RUue3zphuQeEm6v-K-4pkyBTQm0IVaYQNV9s=> - WRAP, with pictures and graphic. We're chasing video reaction and will file as available. Highlights:

- * After epic trek to Masters win, Matsuyama shuns greatest tag - PROFILE
- * Tears and cheers as Matsuyama victory thrills Japan - REAX
- * 'Perfect shot' goes wrong for Schauffele as Masters challenge fades
- * Green Jacket-ed Matsuyama would relish Olympic flame role
- * Tiger says Matsuyama's Masters win has global golf impact
- * Golf: 85th Masters scores - SCORE
- * Golf: Past 10 Masters winners - FACTS
- * Golf: Hideki Matsuyama factfile - FACTS

For AFPTV clients, here are coverage highlights:

- * TOKYO: WRAP: With a little over 100 days to go until the start of the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, a look back at the key moments so far - EDIT 0500 GMT
- * BERLIN: German FM Heiko Maas and Pakistani FM Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi hold a press conference after their meeting - EDIT ON MERIT - LIVE 0800 GMT
- * SAINT PETERSBURG/MOSCOW/BAIKONUR: 60th anniversary of first human spaceflight, by Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin. For details of our complete AFPTV coverage plan, go to today's daily advisory

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Candle-lit anti-coup protest in Mogok, Myanmar, on April 11, 2021. AFP handout picture

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IN THE FIELD

- * [Iran says nuclear facility hit by act of 'terrorism' - WRAP, file pictures, graphic, video](#)
- * [Power cuts in Saint Vincent after volcanic eruption - WRAP, pictures, graphic, video](#)
- * [Russians celebrate 60 years since Gagarin spaceflight - WRAP, pictures, video, sidebar FOCUS, FACTS](#)
- * [Chloe Zhao's 'Nomadland' triumphs at Baftas - WRAP, pictures, video](#)

GLOBAL SPOTLIGHT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

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- * Scar tissue: Vietnamese women find healing with tattoos
<http://link.afp.com/NzE1LUFTTi03NjcAAAF8Y0YaxUouJVtFeRf-TqzwZTWTaKe1eRYxzRpTL-RVYHyXOLy2qbfL5RkoY3IXRdKPV_LaaNc=> - FEATURE, pictures, video
- * The ulti-mutt pet? Chinese tech company develops robo-dogs,
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- * 'Full capacity everywhere': Manila hospitals struggle as virus surges
<http://link.afp.com/NzE1LUFTTi03NjcAAAF8Y0YaxrgHiQGEJNEvNf9nOWf5DNNGEyZU0wVsHMCrlfORgNt0i2dSf_PsMddCIQCucIR8eoo=> - FOCUS, pictures, video
- * Video saved the K-pop stars: Brave Girls reborn via YouTube
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- * Pumpkins, peas, peonies: New York exhibit celebrates Japan's Kusama
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- * Rebels turn to poetry in battle for Yemeni hearts
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- * Iraqi youth see little hope 18 years after Saddam's fall
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MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021

WORLD - Ramadan (date to be confirmed) VIDEO. LIVE VIDEO. (To May 12)

TOKYO (Japan) - Fresh virus restrictions take effect 100 days ahead of Olympics

HONG KONG (China) - Hearing in case of Huawei's Meng Wanzhou vs HSBC (0200 GMT)

LISBON (Portugal) - Europol launches most in-depth crime report to date (1000 GMT) VIDEO. LIVE VIDEO.

LONDON (United Kingdom) - Non-essential businesses, outdoor hospitality reopen and other Covid-19 restrictions ease in England PICTURE. VIDEO. LIVE VIDEO.

BAIKONUR (Kazakhstan) - 60th anniversary of first human spaceflight, by Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin PICTURE. VIDEO. GRAPHIC. VIDEOGRAPHICS.

KOMSOMOLSK-ON-AMUR (Russia) - Trial starts in case of feminist activist Yulia Tsvetkova

BERLIN (Germany) - Virtual high-level talks on Yemen ceasefire

CANNES (France) - Digital MIPTV (International TV Market) (To 15)

HANOVER (Germany) - Hanover technology and innovation trade fair VIDEO. LIVE VIDEO. (To 16)

DRESDEN (Germany) - Trial begins of Syrian Islamist accused of murdering a gay man (0700 GMT) PICTURE. VIDEO. LIVE VIDEO.

BERLIN (Germany) - FM Maas holds press conference with Pakistani counterpart Shah Mahmood Qureshi (0800 GMT) PICTURE. VIDEO. LIVE VIDEO.

BERLIN (Germany) - German parliament speaker Schaeuble receives visiting Pakistani Foreign Minister Qureshi (1000 GMT)

MINNEAPOLIS (United States) - Third week of testimony in murder trial of ex-police officer over death of George Floyd PICTURE. VIDEO. LIVE VIDEO. (To 16)

SAN FRANCISCO (United States) - End of global survey of Twitter users about platform rules for world leaders

WASHINGTON (United States) - White House convenes CEO summit on semiconductor shortage VIDEO.

WASHINGTON (United States) - Panel discussion on IMF outlook for Middle East (1100 GMT)

NEW YORK (United States) - Sale of NFT by artist Pak at Sotheby's (1700 GMT) (To 14)

BUFFALO (United States) - Harvey Weinstein extradition hearing (1900 GMT)

MECCA (Saudi Arabia) - Saudi allows people 'immunised' against Covid-19 to perform year-round umrah pilgrimage

MOROCCO - Stricter curfew to come into force for month of Ramadan (date to be confirmed) (To 15)

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021

TOKYO (Japan) - Government announces decision on releasing Fukushima wastewater

THAILAND - Songkran Buddhist New Year PICTURE. (To 15)

HONG KONG (China) - Chief Executive Carrie Lam holds weekly press conference (0130 GMT)

OSAKA (Japan) - 10th Olympic torch relay segment, barred from public roads across Osaka (To 14)

WASHINGTON (United States) - Police officer killed in car-ramming attack lies in honor in the US Capitol VIDEO. PICTURE. LIVE VIDEO.

WASHINGTON (United States) - IMF chief economist Gita Gopinath discusses how emerging markets should handle pandemic (1300 GMT)

WASHINGTON (United States) - IMF releases economic outlook for Asia and the Pacific (1300 GMT)

NEW YORK (United States) - Sentencing of marketing executive Aaron Davidson over FIFA corruption scandal (1500 GMT)

TEHRAN (Iran) - Russian FM Lavrov visits VIDEO. LIVE VIDEO.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021

TOKYO (Japan) - 100 days to go until Tokyo Olympic Games VIDEO. PICTURE.

HONG KONG (China) - Hong Kong government tables bill for electoral reform at Legislative Council (0200 GMT)

BRUSSELS (Belgium) - US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin visits NATO HQ for talks on Afghanistan withdrawal VIDEO. LIVE VIDEO.

WASHINGTON (United States) - Congress to vote on potential reparations for slavery in the US

NEW YORK (United States) - Cryptocurrency exchange Coinbase begins trading on New York Stock Exchange VIDEO. LIVE VIDEO.

WASHINGTON (United States) - IMF releases economic outlook for Europe (1300 GMT)

WASHINGTON (United States) - Senate hearing on broad China act (1400 GMT)

WASHINGTON (United States) - Senate Intelligence Committee holds annual hearing on worldwide threats (1400 GMT)

WASHINGTON (United States) - Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell interviewed at Economic Club of Washington on state of US economy (1600 GMT)

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021

PYONGYANG (North Korea) - North Korea marks 109th anniversary of birth of founder Kim Il Sung in 1912

TAIPEI (Taiwan) - World's largest contract chip maker TSMC holds Q1 investors' conference (0600 GMT)

AMSTERDAM (Netherlands) - World Press Photo award winners announced

WASHINGTON (United States) - US imposes anti-dumping tax on 18 countries

LOS ANGELES (United States) - Spectators allowed to return to basketball, ice hockey games in California
VIDEO. LIVE VIDEO.

WASHINGTON (United States) - House Intelligence Committee holds annual hearing on worldwide threats
(1300 GMT)

WASHINGTON (United States) - IMF releases economic outlook for Africa (1100 GMT)

WASHINGTON (United States) - IMF releases economic outlook for western hemisphere (1700 GMT)
GRAPHIC.

SUNRISE (United States) - Latin American Music Awards (2300 GMT) VIDEO. LIVE VIDEO.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2021

HONG KONG (China) - Nine veteran Hong Kong activists sentenced after conviction for organising huge
democracy rally (0100 GMT) VIDEO. LIVE VIDEO.

NEW DELHI (India) - Court hears challenge to controversial social media rules

HONG KONG (China) - Preview of 'largest Kashmir sapphire' ahead of auction (0300 GMT)

WASHINGTON (United States) - Biden hosts Japanese PM Suga for first in-person summit in White House
VIDEO. PICTURE.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2021

DZHEZKAZGAN (Kazakhstan) - Two Russian cosmonauts, NASA astronaut return from ISS (0457 GMT)
VIDEO. LIVE VIDEO.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021

CAPE VERDE - Parliamentary elections VIDEO.

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021

SYDNEY (Australia) - Quarantine-free travel bubble opens between New Zealand and Australia VIDEO.

BAIKONUR (Kazakhstan) - 50th anniversary of Soviet launch of the first ever space station, Salyut 1

WASHINGTON (United States) - All Americans become eligible for Covid vaccine under Biden timeline
PICTURE. VIDEO.

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Kia ora,

Many of us have travel on our minds as the Kiwi temperatures dip and we look at a second winter at home with closed borders (save, of course, for the lifeline that is the Trans-Tasman bubble). It's still so hard to know when New Zealanders will be given the chance to travel further afield, but when we do, the self-drive tour is likely to be a popular option. The idea has taken off during the pandemic and this week, we see how its playing out in South East Asia. Check out our top story for more.

Mass vaccinations are still yet to roll out in New Zealand (to date just 7.5 percent of our population is vaccinated) and for countries like us in similar situations, many people are getting fed up of waiting. "Vaccine tourism", as it's now known, is On the radar this week, as we see people leave their own countries specifically to get a jab somewhere it is more accessible.

As some nations struggle to best deal with the Chinese Communist Party's aggressive diplomacy NZ's foreign minister has said we should prepare for a "storm", see Portia Mao's update in our features and the original Guardian coverage in Perspectives this week. Meanwhile expats in Taiwan have emerged as the happiest in the world when it comes to their working lives. New Zealand ranks well too, but we are let down by - you guessed it - our skyrocketing living costs.

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Self-Drive Travel in South East Asia <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-muruhjy-jlydhjditt-d/>>

Travel still remains uncertain but one trend is prominent worldwide: self-drive tours. Gary Bowerman reports from South East Asia on the options and logistics of driving yourself around the region, and what governments are doing infrastructure-wise to make it more accessible. What needs to be built for self-drive to be a viable and attractive concept in countries like Thailand, Laos, and Vietnam, and when will it actually be ready?

NZ-China Trade: Choppy waters ahead? <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-muruhjy-jlydhjditt-h/>>

The relationship between China and New Zealand has always been important to the New Zealand Chinese community. That's not only because many local Chinese businessmen are involved in China-related business, but also because harmonious relations rather than tensions between the two countries mean a safe and friendly environment for Chinese New Zealanders. How will Kiwi businesses fare in the event of a diplomatic crisis with China, akin to that which Australia continues to experience? Portia Mao gives her thoughts.

Paul Henare on coaching during Covid <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-muruhjy-jlydhjditt-k/>>

Ex-Tall Blacks coach Paul Henare has certainly had an interesting year – in August 2020, he was on his way back to Japan to coach the Kagawa Five Arrows basketball team. Taking up the role in the Covid era came with its own trials – including an outbreak hitting the team – but it came with its own wins too. Henare reflects on his experiences now the season is over and he's back in New Zealand.

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Covid-19 Regional Roundup | Asia Media Centre <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-muruhjy-jlydhjditt-u/>>

Around the world, the number of confirmed Covid-19 cases has risen above 167 million. Here at the Asia Media Centre, we take a closer look at what's been happening across Asia as the region tackles the vaccine rollout, new outbreaks, and economic recovery.

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Perspectives on Asia & NZ

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What stories connecting New Zealand and Asia have been reported locally and internationally? Here's a roundup from the past week.

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Contestants vying for the title of Miss Universe 2021 used the platform to protest against hate crimes and coups. In the 'national costume' portion of the pageant, Miss Singapore, Uruguay and Myanmar used their costumes to send messages about Asian hate, the LGBTQ+ community, and the coup in Myanmar. Thuzar Wint Lwin, Miss Myanmar, wore a traditional costume worn by Chin women at ceremonies and unrolled a scroll that read "Pray for Myanmar". In a video recorded for the pageant, Lwin said: "Our people are dying and being shot by military every day ... I would like to urge everyone to speak about Myanmar."

Taiwan emerges as the happiest place to work, say expats | Money Control
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In a survey of global expats, Taiwan has been reported as the happiest place for work, quality of life, career prospects, and ease of settling in. Accordingly, 75 per cent of expats living in Taiwan are happy with their job and 74 per cent with their overall work-life balance. What's more, 62 per cent said making friends in Taiwan is easy. How does that compare to New Zealand? We also made the list at number six: 78 per cent of foreign workers in New Zealand are happy with their job and 83 per cent with work-life balance. Why didn't we rank higher? Cost of living in New Zealand was a key gripe for expats, as only 29 per cent were happy with the costs of living here.

Nepal crisis: Kiwi mountaineer calls on NZ for Covid aid | NZ Herald
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The first woman to climb Mount Everest without oxygen Lydia Bradey is petitioning the New Zealand Government to help Nepal contain a surge in coronavirus infections. The Kiwi mountaineer wrote to Minister of Foreign Affairs Nanaia Mahuta last week, calling on New Zealand to offer Nepal the same assistance extended to India, as the mountainous nation was just as badly affected as India in terms of the number of infections per capita. "Nepal needs help," Bradey wrote in her email to the foreign minister, "It is a much poorer and less organised country than India and has a markedly less developed health and medical system, with no governmental aid for the poor."

'A matter of time': New Zealand's foreign minister warns China 'storm' could be coming | The Guardian
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In an interview with The Guardian, Nanaia Mahuta says Kiwi exporters must diversify to protect themselves from a potential cooling of ties with Beijing. New Zealand could find itself at the heart of a "storm" of anger from China, Mahuta has warned, saying exporters needed to diversify to ensure they could survive deteriorating relations with Beijing. "We cannot ignore, obviously, what's happening in Australia with their relationship with China... it may only be a matter of time before the storm gets closer to us," she told the newspaper. Beijing has responded, saying, New Zealand should "rise above distractions" and work together with China.

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On the radar - Vaccine tourism

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Travelling to another country simply to get vaccinated is trending: Here's what you need to know

Earlier in May, a busload of over-50s New Zealanders was turned away from a Covid-19 vaccination centre <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-muruhjy-jlydhjditt-c/>> in Northland. The region is offering all people in this age-group vaccinations (contrary to the rest of the nation's rollout) but only to those who live in Northland. Anyone else trying to jump the queue is wasting their time – including Australians visiting <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-muruhjy-jlydhjditt-q/>> inside the travel bubble (an issue the Ministry of Health is "unfazed" about <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-muruhjy-jlydhjditt-a/>>).

This is our first local occurrence of what is being known as "vaccine tourism". It's a concept taking off overseas, including in Asia, whereby residents of a country who are frustrated with their homeland's slow

rollout of inoculations travel elsewhere they are more accessible. In fact, the tiny microstate the Republic of San Marino (in Europe) is luring British travellers with cut-price Sputnik vaccines
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Thais are becoming particularly keen vaccine tourists
<<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-muruhjy-jlydhjditt-z/>> , as those who don't want to wait for their government any longer are choosing to go to the United States. Starting from about US\$2,300 per person, an advertised packaged tour includes a 10-day journey where customers not only get to travel around Los Angeles, San Francisco and Las Vegas but also receive the Johnson & Johnson single-dose Covid-19 vaccine. To date, the US has vaccinated 47 per cent of its population, and regulations vary state-by-state as to who is eligible
<<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-muruhjy-jlydhjditt-v/>> . Los Angeles County will vaccinate anyone (without ID) regardless of residence.

States like New York are welcoming vaccine tourists to use up their vaccine oversupply, as New York Mayor Bill de Blasio said <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-muruhjy-jlydhjditt-e/>> on 6 May. "Come here, it's safe, it's a great place to be and we're going to take care of you." Only one option also exists for Americans living in Asia: the US territory of Guam (in Micronesia) is offering vaccinations to American expats in Japan <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-muruhjy-jlydhjditt-s/>> and other Asian countries with slow rollouts.

The Maldives, in the Indian Ocean, is launching a campaign similar to Bill de Blasio's offer. Once the island nation has vaccinated all residents it will start rolling out its "3V" tourism programme
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In West Asia, people have been travelling to the United Arab Emirates
<<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-muruhjy-jlydhjditt-w/>> in hopes of a job, and there has been a concentration of tourists from the East. As you can see, with destinations like uber-expensive UAE and the Maldives, vaccine tourism is something reserved only for the rich. While we're over that side of the continent, Pakistan, moreover, was one of the first countries to offer user-pays Covid vaccines at privatised healthcare facilities, allowing the wealthier to go to hotel-like clinics for their jab for a fee.

This is certainly an issue to keep on your radar for the rest of 2021 and beyond.

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The Problem with China's English-Only Schools | Sixth Tone

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English as a medium of instruction is increasingly popular with parents looking to prepare their kids for an overseas education, but what do the teachers think? Is it a threat to native culture? In this article, a teacher of English for academic purposes at an international school in China ponders the pros and cons of Chinese people solely learning via English-language instruction at these pricey schools (tuition is around 250,000 yuan, or NZD \$54,000, a year). What are their parents actually paying for, and will students legitimately come out better off in terms of applied pedagogy?

10 Ingenious Words From Japan We Always Missed | The Informant

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Words and phrases from other language often make it into common English, especially French (think avant-garde, cliché, and déjà vu). Asian languages, however, struggle to feature. Want to change that in your vernacular? Here are 10 witty and wonderful Japanese words that could be inserted into conversation. From commenting on somebody's "age otori" (when their new haircut looks worse than before) to "tsundoku" (the name for a book you'll buy but never actually read), there's something whimsical for everyone's daily life to be found.

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Something of a milestone this week... you have on your screen the Asia Media Centre's Asia Digest #100...

This week, we bring you the second part of an item from Ron Hanson, a kiwi riding out COVID-19 in Taiwan, which is currently being lauded for its hugely effective response to the pandemic.

Also this week, Thai tech entrepreneur Amarit Charoenphan taps The Matrix for some business and life guidance in tough times.

Jason Young from Victoria University's China Centre weighs up the possibilities for this year's "twin meetings" in China, where Chinese leadership will plan for moving the country out of the COVID-19 shadow.

As we mark 100 editions of the Asia Digest, we're putting out a call to you, the readers. If there are subjects you'd like to see us dealing with, or topics we could be addressing in the weekly edition, just drop us a line and let us know your thoughts... we're always keen to hear from you.

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Taiwan's COVID-19 response and the lessons from SARS

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Taiwan's handling of SARS exposed numerous short-comings, but it came through the other side having learned some hefty lessons, including how to prepare for future pandemics. White Fungus magazine editor Ron Hanson covers Taiwan's COVID-19 response and how it was informed by SARS.

Why COVID-19 is my Morpheus and why you need to find yours

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Thai entrepreneur Amarit Charoenphan, co-founder of Techsauce and Thailand's first co-working and start-up space HUBBA, ponders what COVID-19 means for himself and for the start-up community in Thailand.

China's "twin meetings" under the shadow of COVID-19

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China's leadership comes together shortly in Beijing for two of the central pillars of the political calendar - The National People's Congress and the People's Consultative Conference. Jason Young looks at what may come from them at an extraordinary point in the nation's history.

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The Asia Media Centre gathers media coverage from across Asia to provide a wrap-up of how the region is handling COVID-19.

Coronavirus: Social stigma, harassment undermine testing efforts across Asia

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Public health officials around the world have agreed that testing and contact tracing are vital to containing the coronavirus pandemic. But for many people, coming forward to get tested - let alone revealing the personal information of friends, family and close associates - is more terrifying than getting COVID-19.

Wuhan to test entire 11 million population as infections re-emerge

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Following the emergence of new infections more than a month after the city ended its lockdown, Wuhan is setting out to test all 11 million residents of the central Chinese metropolis where the Covid-19 pandemic first emerged.

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What has media in New Zealand been reporting about Asia? Here's a roundup of stories from the past week.

* Taiwan's WHO claims a test of Peters' diplomatic nous
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Re-writing multilateralism in a post COVID-19 world | Asialink
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The COVID-19 crisis has arguably swept away the 20th century version of multilateralism, though the new version is still waiting to be born. The Times of India's Senior Diplomatic Editor, Indrani Bagchi, argues the new multilateral system will match a world that's become more focussed on the local.

Homophobia poses obstacles as South Korea looks to go another round with COVID-19
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A new outbreak of the virus in South Korea is partly centred around gay clubs in the capital, where not all patrons will want to be publically identified in a country where homophobia is still rife.

Calls for China to triple its nuclear warhead arsenal | Asia Times

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Hu Xijin, influential editor of the CCP-endorsed Global Times, has set social media alight with calls for China to triple its nuclear warhead stockpiles. He went on to tell readers China must prepare, as the US has now made the country its leading global adversary.

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What stories linking New Zealand and Asia have captured the attention of international media in the past week?

Australia, New Zealand can reduce China dependence with 'trans-Tasman travel bubble'

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Opinion: The two economies should pool resources, add value and enhance the competitive advantage of strategic industries in the region. This doesn't mean cutting ties with China, which is the main importer of primary produce and food products from Australasia, while Chinese exports are vital.

New Zealand's school climate-change curriculum vexes farmers

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A new school curriculum in New Zealand that tells students how to tackle climate change deniers and advises them to eat less dairy and meat has upset its farming community, which makes up the backbone of the country's economy.

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Eat Drink Asia: Quarantine cooking at its best | South China Morning Post

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One of the smoothest and varied Asian cooking podcasts out there. Quick and easy recipes that hark back to the origins of some Asian classics that have gone global. Featuring chefs, restaurateurs and food experts from across the region.

India turns to the TV classics in a time of quarantine| BBC

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A classic TV series from the 1980s is drawing record audiences back to Indian TV. "The Ramayan", a re-telling of the ancient Hindu legend of the Ramayana, has attracted some 170 million people to its first four episodes, as the country takes a nostalgic trip back to another time.

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Kia ora,

The arts scene around the world has gone through many changes in the last year, from reduced capacity theatres to virtual fashion shows. In New Zealand we're privileged to have events running at full force, including the Dunedin Arts Festival <<https://asiannewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-mhksly-jlydhttun-d/>> . If you're in the region Thursday/Friday this week, do get tickets to Other (Chinese) <<https://asiannewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-mhksly-jlydhttun-h/>> , a live documentary theatre project exploring the complexities of contemporary diasporic Chinese identities, examining the everyday lives and experiences of Chinese people in Ōtepoti Dunedin.

But that's not all on the creative scene. In Auckland later in April opens Single Asian Female <<https://asiannewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-mhksly-jlydhttun-k/>> , a play that was originally written about the Australian-Asian experience but has been transferred to New Zealand to look at one family's life as Kiwi-Chinese. Through grief and humour, the characters grapple with identity and their place in modern-day New Zealand.

Down in Wellington, Ockham-short listed poet Nina Mingya Powles has released her latest collection of poems that reflect on her experience as half Chinese-Malaysian, half Pākehā. We also chat to her about hitting her stride through writing, food, and language.

Stan Jagger also gives us an update on Myanmar as the struggles between the people and the military junta intensify. He looks at the concept of a stable democracy returning and wonders if it's even possible in the near future.

If you're South Island-based, don't forget to apply for our media training workshop <<https://asiannewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-mhksly-jlydhttun-u/>> in Christchurch, which is happening on Friday 21 May.

Finally, Ramadan Mubarak! Ramadan has begun and we have a list of eight key things <<https://asiannewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-mhksly-jlydhttun-o/>> you may or may not know about the holiest month in the Islamic calendar.

Ngā mihi,

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Single Asian Female: Interview with writer Michelle Law
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Auckland Theatre Company's season of the comedy *Single Asian Female* by Michelle Law plays at Auckland's ASB Waterfront Theatre 27 April – 15 May. Ahead of its release, Asia Media Centre has a one-on-one with the Sydney-based writer, Michelle Law, about Asian representation in Western media and moving *Single Asian Female*'s setting from Australia's Sunshine Coast to New Zealand's Mount Maunganui.

Poetry as a map towards home: Nina Mingya Powles on *Magnolia* 木蘭

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Home is constantly shifting for poet Nina Mingya Powles. She's found a sense of home in many cities: Wellington; Shanghai; and London, too, where she's normally based. The downside of finding your home across multiple cities is when Powles is in one place, she's often homesick for another. Her latest poetry collection – *Magnolia* 木蘭 – covers her reflections on belonging and on loneliness as she navigates her identity as half Chinese-Malaysian and half Pākehā through a tangle of food, language, and pop culture.

A possible future landscape of Myanmar politics <<https://asiannewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-mhksly-jlydhttun-p/>>

The February 1 coup in Myanmar has thrown a lot of uncertainty onto the country's future. Can a truly democratic government return or will the Tatmadaw (Myanmar military) keep hold of its role in the country's political scene? And what effect could Myanmar's ethnic armed organisations have in a struggle between the military and a rising resistance? Stan Jagger, consultant and researcher, answers these – and more – for the AMC.

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An update on Covid-19

The Asia Media Centre rounds up some in-depth and explainer pieces on the novel coronavirus and its effects.

Covid-19 Regional Roundup | Asia Media Centre <<https://asiannewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-mhksly-jlydhttun-x/>>

Around the world, the number of confirmed Covid-19 cases has passed 137 million. Here at the Asia Media Centre, we take a closer look at what's been happening across Asia as the region tackles the vaccine rollout, new outbreaks, and economic recovery.

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What stories connecting New Zealand and Asia have been reported locally and internationally? Here's a roundup from the past week.

Experts predict when to expect expanded Covid-19 travel bubble | NZ Herald
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The long-talked-about Trans Tasman bubble opens up at the end of this weekend, giving New Zealanders the first chance in over a year to see loved ones in Australia without needing to quarantine on the way back. Could Asian countries be next, offering a lifeline to Asian Kiwis a lifeline to see their families? Experts have predicted what will be needed for New Zealand to expand its travel bubble, potentially first to include nations such as Taiwan, China, Laos, Cambodia and Mongolia.

Anti-Asian issues in NZ | The Detail <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-mhksly-jlydhttun-c/>>

New Zealand may seem like a safe haven when it comes to racism compared to what's happening in the US, but the ugly undertones of racism against Asians exist here too. In Jessie Chiang's latest episode of The Detail, she interviews two Filipino-Kiwi nurses about the racism they have experienced on the front lines of Covid-19: working with Kiwi clients in managed isolation hotels in New Zealand.

New Zealand Not The First To Provide Paid Miscarriage Leave; India Has A Law Since 1960s | Republic World <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-mhksly-jlydhttun-q/>>

Last month, New Zealand made headlines after it unanimously approved a bill giving parents three days of bereavement leave after a miscarriage or stillbirth. With the nation gaining unprecedented accolades for this decision, it is important to note that New Zealand is not the first to provide paid leave after miscarriage. In fact, many Asian nations have had similar if not more widespread benefits for grieving parents for close to six decades now.

Navigating our complex relationship with China | Stuff
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The discussion about China - and about New Zealand's relationship with our largest trading partner - gets more heated every week. Australia, Europe, the UK and many other friends of New Zealand – including countries in Asia – are grappling with the best way to maintain their business relationships with such an important global player at a time when China itself is asserting itself more and is surprisingly sensitive to any criticism. Simon Draper, Asia New Zealand Foundation's executive director, explains New Zealand's business-led relationship with the nation as part of an evolving set of trends, and not a binary good/bad issue.

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Birthrates tumble worldwide, clouding post-pandemic prospects | Nikkei Asia
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Global data on post-pandemic births paints a grim picture for population growth that clouds prospects for sustaining the international economy. It is particularly an issue in Asia: births plummeted 56 percent on the year in January in Hong Kong, and fell 23 percent in Taiwan. South Korea and Japan, already grappling with low birthrates and aging populations, slipped 6.3 percent and 14 percent. This has sparked concern about whether these economies will be able to grow and maintain their social safety nets should the declines continue.

Chinese Woman Fights Back Against Sexual Harassment — With a Mop | Sixth Tone
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A video clip showing a woman hitting a government official with a mop went viral on Chinese social media Sunday, sparking renewed discussion about the country's epidemic of workplace sexual harassment. In the 14-minute video, a woman grabs a mop, rushes into a man's office, and proceeds to whack him over the head while furiously accusing him of sending her unwanted lewd messages. The man passively accepts the beating, repeatedly apologising and begging the woman's forgiveness. Online, the woman has received an outpouring of support for her actions, with some commentators arguing that women should learn from her zero-tolerance approach to sexual harassment.

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Pakistani transgender woman finds a niche in tailoring | Rappler
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Jiya, 35, goes by a single name like many transgender people in Pakistan, has already broken ground by opening a public shop to make clothes for women and trans women. Many of her customers are women, who say they prefer a trans woman to make their clothes, a change from most other tailoring shops run by men.

Comeback for futurist version of human washing machine | The Asahi Shimbun
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A human washing machine, one of the most talked about exhibits at the 1970 Japan World Exposition held in Osaka Prefecture, looks set to make a triumphant return with cutting-age technology when this city hosts a world expo in 2025. The egg-shaped, glass-walled Ultrasonic Bath cleaned, massaged and dried the user in a fully automated process and was put on display at the Sanyo Pavilion 51 years ago. This year, a futuristic version will be on show at the expo that cleans a person without them soaking in water.

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Our pandemic rush to move all aspects of life online — classes, meetings, legal proceedings, shopping and more — left many vulnerable to exposure, exploitation and fraud, Axios' Ashley Gold reports
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3. Biden shakes up Confederate-names panel

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A commission created to relabel U.S. Army bases named for Confederate leaders has quietly undergone a major shakeup under the Biden administration, Axios race and justice reporter Russell Contreras writes <https://link.axios.com/click/23262081.468144/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYXhpb3MuY29tL2NvbW1pc3Npb24tc mVuYW1pbmctYXJlci5waHA_dT1odHRwczovL3d3dy5heGlvcy5jb20vbmV3c2xldHRlcnMvYXhpb3MtYW0tMjczMmVhZGQtNWVhNy00NTA2LThmM2ItNWYxNWJiYTY4OTBmLmh0bWw_Y2h1bmslM0QxJTl2dXRtX3Rlcm0lM0RmYnNvY2lhbHNoYXJlJTlzc3RvcnkxJnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9bmV3c2xldHRlciZ1dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9jYW1wYWlnbj1uZXZzbGV0dGVyX2F4aW9zYW0mc3RyZWFTPXRvcA/5ee9f153c22be925cd0d3693Bcc30ecb3> .

- * The eight-member commission — established last year, after George Floyd's death brought attention to systemic racism — will include the first African American woman to command a Navy ship, and a retired West Point historian who has compared the Confederacy to treason.
- * Defense Secretary Lloyd J. Austin III, the first Black American to hold the position, last month replaced four appointees assigned by the Trump administration. The new members are expected to approach the task with an emphasis on racial and ethnic diversity.

The big picture: An Axios review of U.S. history shows several of the men for whom bases are named held white supremacist views and had poor military records.

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It's time to update internet regulations

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The internet has changed a lot in the 25 years since lawmakers last passed comprehensive internet regulations. It's time for an update.

See how we're making progress on key issues and why we support updated regulations

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4. Atlanta case poses test for new law

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The flag flies at half-staff over the White House to honor the Atlanta victims. Photo: Michael Reynolds/EPA via Getty Images

The Atlanta massacre gives Georgia prosecutors the first high-profile chance to test the state's new hate-crimes law, if the charge is added in the murder case, the WashPost reports

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* "Until last year, Georgia was one of a small handful of states that lacked its own hate-crimes law. That changed after the killing of Ahmaud Arbery, a Black man shot dead after three White men pursued him while he was jogging. ... Protected categories ... include not only race but also gender, religion and national origin."

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5. Fiery start to first U.S-China talks of Biden era

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Secretary of State Antony Blinken (second right), joined by national security adviser Jake Sullivan (right), speak at the Captain Cook Hotel in Anchorage yesterday. Photo: Frederic J. Brown/AFP

The first high-level U.S.-China talks of the Biden administration got off to a fiery start in Anchorage, with both sides leveling sharp rebukes in a rare public display of tension, Reuters reports

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* Why it matters: What is typically a few minutes of opening remarks lasted for more than an hour. Afterward, the U.S. accused China of grandstanding. Chinese state media said U.S. officials spoke too long and were "inhospitable."

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7. NFL's landmark deals through 2033

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* Why it matters: It's a major milestone for streaming, Axios' Sara Fischer writes
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Amazon will pay roughly \$1 billion per year to carry and produce the games, per CNBC
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The deals total more than \$100 billion, CNBC reports
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- * NBCUniversal is paying \$2 billion per year for "Sunday Night Football."
- * ViacomCBS is paying \$2.1 billion for AFC games.

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9. WashPost reporters crash COVID book

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This has been under wraps since summer, and you're reading it here first: WashPost journalists Yasmeen Abutaleb and Damian Paletta will be out June 29 with "Nightmare Scenario

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* Harper, the publisher, says the authors "reveal the numerous times officials tried to dissuade Trump from following his worst impulses ... And they show how the petty backstabbing and rivalries amongst cabinet members, staff, and aides, created a toxic cycle of blame, sycophancy, and political pressure."

Javelin's Keith Urbahn and Matt Latimer are the agents. Harper V.P./Executive Editor Jonathan Jao is editor.

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A butcher wraps a dry-aged steak. Photo: Marvin Joseph/The Washington Post via Getty Images

Colorado Gov. Jared Polis (D) declared tomorrow "MeatOut Day," generating a national controversy
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* But the agriculture industry is Colorado's No. 2

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The Colorado Cattlemen's Association launched a campaign to make it "MeatIn Day" and rural counties
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* The governors in neighboring Wyoming and Nebraska declared

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By Bethany Allen-Ebrahimian · Sep 15, 2020

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1 big thing: How democracies can push back on China's growing tech dominance

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A group of researchers from Europe, the U.S. and Japan are proposing a "tech alliance" of democratic countries in response to the Chinese government's use of technology standards and its tech sector as instruments of state power abroad, according to a version of the proposal viewed by Axios.

Why it matters: Technological rivalry may dominate the 21st century world. But so far, democratic nations have not yet acted in concert to shape standards and secure their infrastructure in the face of a strong authoritarian challenge.

What's happening: Analysts from the Center for a New American Security, the Mercator Institute for China Studies in Germany, and the Asia Pacific Initiative in Japan have come up with a blueprint to establish digital privacy guidelines, secure supply chains and conduct joint research development.

* The proposal, called "Common Code: An Alliance Framework for Democratic Technology Policy" to be published next month, recommends that founding members of the new tech alliance include Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Netherlands, United Kingdom and the U.S., as well as the European Union.

* It includes 14 specific recommendations, intended to serve as a "shovel-ready" how-to guide for setting up the new body.

What they're saying: "The status quo of uncoordinated and reactive technology policymaking for the major democratic technology powers in Asia, Europe and North America means growing risk of ceding their technological leadership," the authors write.

* "Having China's government dictate the terms of the global economy is in no one's interest but Beijing's. It would erode the economic and national security of most countries."

Driving the news: In August, President Trump cited national security concerns when he issued executive orders banning transactions with popular Chinese apps TikTok

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The problem, according to the report: China's industrial policy, such as massive subsidies and preferential loans for Chinese tech companies combined with extensive economic espionage, has created an unfair advantage for Chinese national champions in global markets.

* This, combined with China's growing emphasis on mass data collection and surveillance, threatens not just the health of tech industries in democratic nations but also privacy and national security.

* But the lack of a coordinated response from democratic countries has left policymakers with few immediate options.

The solution: To lay the groundwork for "proactive and innovative solutions so that you can proactively outcompete, rather than focusing so much energy on blocking and putting down your competitors," Martijn Rasser of the Center for a New American Security, the lead author of the report, told Axios.

The specifics: The report hashes out specific details that a new international body would entail, such as membership, structure and decision-making processes.

* It also includes several major goals, including securing and diversifying supply chains, protecting critical technologies, preserving research integrity, proactively shaping standards in ways that align with democratic values, and beefing up tech investment.

What to watch: In May, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson urged
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* But for this or any other proposal to be effective, it will need input and buy-in from the tech industries it aims to govern.

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Given the Trump administration's opposition to multilateralism, it seems unlikely that the current administration would spearhead the establishment of a new tech-focused international body.

But, but, but: Data from the Eurasia Group Foundation shows that a majority of Americans would support the U.S. rejoining organizations from which the U.S. under Trump has withdrawn, including the Paris Agreement and World Health Organization.

Why it matters: This suggests that a U.S. re-engagement with international organizations would be well-received among Americans.

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2. Ed Royce, once an outspoken critic of Vietnam's Communist Party, is now lobbying for Tencent
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Former House Foreign Affairs Committee chair Ed Royce, a Republican from California, has registered
<[* While in office, Royce was an outspoken critic
< \[several bills targeting China.\]\(https://link.axios.com/click/21512730.82596/aHR0cHM6Ly90aGVoaWxsLmNvbS9ibG9ncy9jb25ncmVzcy1ibG9nL3BvbG0aWV9zLzI3ODMxLW5vdy1pcy10aGUtdGltZS10by1yYXRjaGV0LVVwLXByZXNzdXJlLW9uLXZpZXRuYW0tb24taHVtYW4tcmlnaHRzLXJlcC1lZC1yb3ljZT91dG1fc291cmNIPW5ld3NsZXR0ZXlmdXRtX2l1ZGI1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fY2FtcGFpZ249bmV3c2xldHRlcl9heGlvc2NoaW5hJnN0cmVhbT1jaGluYQ/5ee9f153c22be925cd0d3693Bb3c02e> of the Vietnamese Communist Party's human rights abuses and backed
< as a lobbyist for Chinese tech giant Tencent, which helps implement the Chinese Communist Party's censorship and surveillance regime.</p></div><div data-bbox=)

The big picture: Royce is only the latest in a line of former elected officials to lobby on behalf of Chinese companies accused of being complicit in human rights abuses.

Driving the news: Tencent has retained several lobbying firms to help plead its cause in Washington amid the looming ban on WeChat, including Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP, where Royce works.

Background: Inside China, Tencent's WeChat is a "super-app" that most Chinese people use not just for messaging but also for banking, hailing cabs, paying bills and running their businesses.

* Chinese residents know that if they post politically sensitive content on WeChat, Chinese public security officials could show up at their doors within hours. Tencent readily hands over user data to the Chinese government and allows public security officials ongoing access to messages, facilitating the CCP's authoritarian crackdown on any kind of dissent.

* The Xinjiang public security bureau has used WeChat to identify, surveil and threaten <https://link.axios.com/click/21512730.82596/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cudGhIZGFpbHliZWFzdC5jb20vY2hpbmVzZS1wb2xpY2UtYXJILXNweWluZy1vbi11aWdodXJzb24tYm91cmIjYXZlZD91dG1fc291cmNIPW5ld3NsZXR0ZXRtX21IZG11bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fY2FtcGFpZ249bmV3c2xldHRlcl9heG1vc2NoaW5hJnN0cmVhbT1jaGluYQ/5ee9f153c22be925cd0d3693B76b284a7> Uighurs abroad, as China has engaged in a sweeping campaign of repression aimed at forcibly assimilating the ethnic minority.

Royce has a long history of criticizing a different Communist party's human rights record:

* Royce threw his support

<https://link.axios.com/click/21512730.82596/aHR0cHM6Ly90aGVoaWxslmNvbS9ibG9ncy9jb25ncmVzcy1ibG9nL3BvbGl0aWNzLzl3ODMxLW5vdy1pcy10aGUtdGltZS10by1yYXRjaGV0LXVwLXByZXNzdXJILW9uLXZpZXRuYm90b24taHVtYm91cmIjYXZlZD91dG1fc291cmNIPW5ld3NsZXR0ZXRtX21IZG11bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fY2FtcGFpZ249bmV3c2xldHRlcl9heG1vc2NoaW5hJnN0cmVhbT1jaGluYQ/5ee9f153c22be925cd0d3693Cbff3c02e> behind a 2007 bill that would withdraw non-humanitarian support from Vietnam unless the government made progress in human rights, such as the release of political prisoners.

* He explicitly discouraged the idea that warming ties with Vietnam meant the U.S. could overlook human rights abuses there.

* "The United States has a growing relationship with Vietnam, particularly in the security and trade arenas. However, human rights remain a core value to us and we cannot segregate them from our ongoing engagement with the Vietnamese government," said Royce in a June 2017 statement <https://link.axios.com/click/21512730.82596/aHR0cHM6Ly9nb3AtZm9yZWlnbmFmZmFpcnMuaG91c2UuZ292L3ByZXNzLXJibGVhc2UvY2hhaXJtYW4tcm95Y2UtbXVzdC1pbXByb3ZlLWh1bWVuLXJpZ2h0cy12aWV0bmFtLz91dG1fc291cmNIPW5ld3NsZXR0ZXRtX21IZG11bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fY2FtcGFpZ249bmV3c2xldHRlcl9heG1vc2NoaW5hJnN0cmVhbT1jaGluYQ/5ee9f153c22be925cd0d3693B90adfa79> .

Royce did not respond to a request for comment.

The bottom line: Money talks

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2. The U.S. ambassador to China, Terry Branstad, will leave his post in early October. Go deeper

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3. China enacted new restrictions on U.S. diplomats working in mainland China and Hong Kong, stating the move was in retaliation for U.S. restrictions on Chinese diplomats in the U.S. Go deeper

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4. The U.S. has revoked more than 1,000 visas of Chinese students under an executive order aimed at student researchers suspected of ties to China's military. Go deeper

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4. Chinese hacking group moves on from targeting COVID intelligence

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A Chinese government-associated hacking group that shifted its focus this spring toward collecting intelligence involving the European coronavirus response has again reoriented its work, this time to target Tibetan dissidents, according

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Between the lines: China's intelligence services may now feel that, with the initial COVID-19 crisis in China now receding, they can return to older, core priorities.

Details: Proofpoint connected the most recent hacking activity to the same Chinese group behind the coronavirus campaign because of shared email accounts employed during phishing campaigns, use of the same "new malware family" and the group's historical targeting patterns.

* This Chinese hacking group has a well-documented history of targeting Tibetan dissident and exile organizations. Chinese intelligence places great emphasis on tracking human rights figures and dissidents abroad — and Tibetan groups are among its top targets.

* Until now, the group of late had been targeting “European diplomatic and legislative bodies, non-profit policy research organizations, and global organizations dealing with economic affairs” in response to the pandemic, Proofpoint says.

Context: The push for Tibetan autonomy is one of what the Chinese Communist Party calls the “Five Poisons” that it believes threaten national unity and its power.

* The others are the assertion of Taiwanese independence, the call for Uighur rights, pro-democracy movements and Falun Gong, a spiritual practice banned in China.

* Keeping a close eye on these is a core feature of Beijing’s internal and external counterintelligence strategies, including its cyber espionage efforts.

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5. What I'm reading

OSINT: Chinese firm harvests social media posts, data of prominent Americans and military (Washington Post)

<[* "The database, combined with Zhenhua’s digital trail — marketing materials, patents and employees’ résumés — provides a small window into the firm’s ambitions, if not actual capabilities, to glean insights by aggregating and analyzing publicly available, or open-source, data."](https://link.axios.com/click/21512730.82596/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZmFjZWJvb2suY29tL3NoYXJlci5waHA_dT1odHRwczovL3d3dy5heGlvcy5jb20vbmV3c2xldHRlcnMvYXhpb3MtY2hpbmEtZDQyYWlzMzEtMGNiM000ZDhLTIiMzYtYmNINmU2NjEwZGY3Lmh0bWw_Y2h1bmslM0Q0JTl2dXRtX3Rlcm0lM0RmYnNvY2lhbHNoYXJlJTlzc3Rvcnk0JnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9bmV3c2xldHRlciZ1dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9jYW1wYWlnbj1uZXZzbGV0dGVyX2F4aW9zY2hpbmEmc3RyZWFTPWNoaW5h/5ee9f153c22be925cd0d3693B3e162412>)</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Techno-dystopia: China’s system of oppression in Xinjiang: How it developed and how to curb it (Brookings <[8](https://link.axios.com/click/21512730.82596/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYnJvb2tpbmdzLmVkdS9yZXNIYXJjaC9jaGluYXN0dGVtLW9mLW9wcHJlc3Npb24taW4teGluamlnbmdmctaG93LWl0LWRldmVsb3BIZC1hbmQta</p></div><div data-bbox=)

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* "Today, more than 1,400 Chinese companies are providing facial, voice, and gait recognition capabilities as well as additional tracking tools to the Xinjiang public security and surveillance industry."

What happens on WeChat: A violinist lost his seat and his job. He blames China (New York Times <<https://link.axios.com/click/21512730.82596/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubnl0aW1lcy5jb20vMjAyMC8wOS8xMy9hcnRzL211c2ljL3NoYW5naGFpLXF1YXJ0ZXQtbGF3c3VpdC1jaGluYS5odG1sP3V0bV9zb3VyY2U9bmV3c2xldHRlciZ1dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWIsJnV0bV9jYW1wYWlnbj1uZXdzGV0dGVyX2F4aW9zY2hpbmEmc3RyZWFTPWNoaW5h/5ee9f153c22be925cd0d3693B72b28555>>)

* The Tianjin Juilliard School in China fired a Chinese American violinist (and well-known CCP critic) after a comment he posted to WeChat went viral in Chinese media.

* My thought bubble: China's own "cancel culture" is amplified by social media just like in the U.S. But it is also shaped by a regime of censorship and propaganda, and it's another powerful deterrent for those who wish to criticize Beijing.

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A worker moves a new piano at the Klaviry Petrof company in Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic, February 2009. Photo: Milan Jaros/AFP via Getty Images

Back in February, I wrote

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on Czech companies after a Czech politician planned to visit Taiwan, which the Chinese government views as part of its territory.

* After a second Czech official visited Taiwan in August, China made good on that threat — a Chinese company suspended
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* But Karel Komárek, a Czech entrepreneur and billionaire, stepped in and bought the 11 pianos originally intended for China.

What he's saying: "My wife and I agreed that our foundation would immediately dedicate them to Czech schools. We would like the 11 instruments to become a symbol of Czech pride and cohesion," said
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What better way to spend your Wednesday afternoon than catching up on the latest across Asia?

In this week's Digest, we've got the latest from across the region - from developing travel bubbles to Jack Ma look-alikes.

We also sit down with Jane Yonge and Nathan Joe, two Kiwi theatre-makers, to chat about their two latest productions, *Save The Dragon* *Slay The Dragon* or *Neither*, and *Scenes from a Yellow Peril*. The stage has become a place of conversation for the two as they examine identity, grief, and anger - with some laughs - through the lens of theatre.

We have a look at China's expanding electric vehicle market. In an age of high-priced Teslas, EV makers in China may be providing some of the first affordable alternatives. Will these cars be making it to New Zealand any time soon? Lee Seabrook-Suckling takes a look.

The Myanmar military coup continues to dominate the headlines, after seven violent weeks. AMC talks with NZ Ambassador Steve Marshall and New Zealand-based Myanmar researcher Stan Jagger about what the future of the country may look like.

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Chinese-Kiwi identity explored on stage <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail20.com/t/i-l-mhylhhd-jlydhjdiddt-d/>>

The best place to have a conversation is on stage, say Jane Yonge and Nathan Joe, two Kiwi theatre-makers. They bring discussions about grief, anger and cultural identity under the spotlight with their two latest performances - *"Slay the Dragon or Save the Dragon or Neither"* in Wellington and *"Scenes from a Yellow Peril"* in Auckland. These stories ponder to what it means to be a Chinese-New Zealander right now, but contain questions that go well beyond that, too.

China's EV revolution <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail20.com/t/i-l-mhylhhd-jlydhjdiddt-h/>>

Thanks largely to the Chinese Government's incentives, electric cars, or EVs, are going gangbusters in China. It's Tesla's second-biggest market after the US, and now dozens of carmakers are making their own EVs for the Chinese domestic market. According to experts, China is just "scratching the surface" in this market when it comes to supply and demand. What's the story behind Chinese branding and infrastructure, and will these lower-cost cars ever make it to New Zealand?

Myanmar: Coup & Constitution <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail20.com/t/i-l-mhylhhd-jlydhjdiddt-k/>>

It has been a violent seven weeks in Myanmar, where the military regime is still failing in its ruthless attempts to quell a popular uprising following a coup that caught most observers by surprise. AMC talks with NZ Ambassador Steve Marshall and New Zealand-based Myanmar researcher Stan Jagger about the dynamics of a "people vs. army" state, and how a new constitution is the key to moving forward.

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An update on Covid-19

The Asia Media Centre rounds up some in-depth and explainer pieces on the novel coronavirus and its effects.

Covid-19 Regional Roundup | Asia Media Centre <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail20.com/t/i-l-mhylhhd-jlydhjdiddt-u/>>

Around the world, the number of confirmed Covid-19 cases has passed 124 million. Here at the Asia Media Centre, we take a closer look at what's been happening across Asia as the region tackles the vaccine rollout, new outbreaks, and economic recovery.

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What stories connecting New Zealand and Asia have been reported locally and internationally? Here's a roundup from the past week.

Will air travel bubbles take off or burst? Don't pack your bags yet, experts say | Channel News Asia <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail20.com/t/i-l-mhylhhd-jlydhjdiddt-o/>>

Travel bubbles continue to make the news every day. Last week, plans were announced for a Singapore-Australia bubble; this week, Singapore and New Zealand are discussing the mutual recognition of Covid-19 vaccination certificates. Yet there are still so many uncertainties with these bubbles for New Zealand and Australia, we're advised not to get excited. Both nations have adopted eradication strategies for Covid rather than suppression, leaving many still-unanswered questions about travel bubbles.

Former Wellington university student among the anti-coup protesters imprisoned in Myanmar | Stuff
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Hsai Wan, 28, who spent six months studying in Wellington last year, is believed to have been imprisoned and tortured after participating in a protest in his home city of Lashio, Myanmar, on March 8. In this Stuff article, reporters speak with Wan's Kiwi host family about their concerns for his safety and voice legitimate worries he is being tortured.

Most Asia-Pacific economies should hit pre-pandemic levels in 2021 | The Straits Times
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The Asia-Pacific region continues to lead global growth, with all economies tipped to rebound this year, according to a Moody's Analytics report. Indeed, all Asia-Pacific economies - except the Philippines, Thailand and Malaysia - are expected to recover past their pre-pandemic levels by end-2021. The leaders of the region are China, New Zealand, Taiwan and Vietnam: all now expanding, with real GDPs having surpassed pre-pandemic (fourth quarter 2019) levels.

Outcry in India after ripped jeans blamed for 'societal breakdown' | NZ Herald
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Thousands of women across India are sharing photographs of themselves on social media wearing ripped jeans in protest against misogynistic views, after the chief minister of one of India's northern states blamed "societal breakdown" on distressed denim. The social media phenomenon of showing off your ripped pants is trending hard this week across the globe, as people stand in solidarity.

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Racism behind anti-Asian American violence, even when not hate crime | Rappler
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Asian Americans have generally been left out of the supposedly all-encompassing anti-racist #BlackLivesMatter movement in the last few years. Yet many people on social media will have noticed that it seems America has "woken up" to anti-Asian hate in the last week, following the murder of six Asian women in Atlanta. This is an issue that has been demanding attention in the United States for months. In this article, Rappler looks at the long history of violence, abuse, and bias against Asians in the US and questions their status as "forever foreigners" - something Kiwi Asians know all too well.

Blackpink's Rosé is the first solo female Korean musician to chart a hit in the UK | Forbes
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New Zealand-born singer Rosé, of Blackpink <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail20.com/t/i-l-mhylhhd-jlydhjdiddt-c/>> fame, has made history this week with the launch of her first single by herself. She is the first solo female musician of Korean ethnicity to make the UK music charts at all. While she narrowly missed out on the famed "Top 40" (her single "On The Ground" premiered at number 43), this gives her a place in one of the largest and most revered music markets in the world.

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The Unbearable Likeness of Being: The Story of 'Little Jack Ma' | Sixth Tone
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Six years ago, 7-year-old Fan Xiaoqin shot to fame online simply because of his uncanny resemblance to Jack Ma — the founder of Alibaba, China's tech giant. From his poverty-stricken village deep in the eastern Jiangxi province, Xiaoqin, dubbed "Little Jack Ma," was whisked away to the big city by China's hungry online entertainment industry, and offered fame, wealth, and success. Today, he's back in his village with all these promises unmet. Sixth Tone gets the full story on how this happened to this unsuspecting boy.

Once a necessity, book piracy today holds Cambodian literature back | South East Asia Globe
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Book piracy was an essential act in the post-Khmer Rouge years, providing affordable literature to the masses. But today, lost revenue as a result of illegal counterfeiting is holding Cambodia back from developing a flourishing publishing scene of its own. The biggest losers here aren't just would-be authors and publishers, it's the Cambodian people, who struggled with the right to read after most non-propaganda books were "lost" in the late 1970s.

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Schools are already reporting outbreaks

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The latest

It's called the novel coronavirus because we believed it was new to human experience, a brand-new pathogen totally alien to our immune systems, totally invulnerable to the defenses our bodies had built up against other diseases. But what if we were wrong?

Scientists are asking themselves that question as they study one of the central mysteries of the pandemic: Why an estimated 40 percent of people infected with the virus never develop symptoms. "The theory that has generated the most excitement in recent weeks is that some people walking among us might already have partial immunity," our science desk wrote

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Now they're trying to figure out how that's possible, including the fascinating prospect that old vaccines for other diseases, allergic reactions, or even a recent brush with the common cold might be protecting millions of people from disease's worst effects. Read our story for much more.

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Protected or not, Americans are spreading the virus like wildfire. The country's running total of reported infections has doubled in the past six weeks

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New research suggests the virus affects children in drastically different ways depending on age. It can inflame the blood vessels of infants and preschoolers, stop the hearts of older children and may be especially contagious in toddlers with mild or moderate symptoms. "Several studies suggest adolescence could mark a turning point for how the virus affects youths — and their ability to spread the pathogen," our science desk wrote.

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So much remains unknown, but outbreaks are already being reported in some of the first U.S. schools to reopen. North Paulding High School in Georgia made headlines in the past week for a viral photo of maskless students jammed into hallways on the first day of class, which the superintendent initially defended as the children's "personal choice." The high school closed for a deep-cleaning Monday after six students and three staff members tested positive for the virus.

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Your questions, answered

“With college students returning to campuses across the country, are there increased dangers to local residents? Many of us would only come into contact with students in stores or places where everyone is wearing masks.” — Maureen in New York

Only time will tell if college towns are at increased risk as students return to campus in the fall, but the math that governs virus spread suggests that the mere existence of more people in a community will lead to more cases — or at least more opportunity for transmission. It will depend highly on whether the returning students adhere to guidelines on social distancing and masks, and the actions schools take when students test positive.

Some colleges are dramatically reducing in-person classes to reduce opportunities for transmission, Post reporter Lauren Lumpkin reports.

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For other schools, though, the pressure is on to bring all students back to campus. One private student housing company pushed contracted colleges to maintain dorm capacity

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Some schools are taking a hands-on approach to limiting the spread not only on campus but in the surrounding community. Georgetown University asked students to commit to a compact to follow public health guidelines — including logging symptoms daily, practicing good hygiene, and participating in coronavirus testing required by the university. And it's providing free tests to students and employees who live or work on or near the campus.

Lumpkin also spoke with some students who offered reassurance that they are just as concerned about outbreaks as their neighbors.

“While I’ve been following social distancing guidelines in Houston, I understand traveling by air and coming from a hot spot for covid-19 cases necessitates a self-quarantine,” said Amy Patronella, an incoming senior at George Washington University. “It’s a minor inconvenience in the grand scheme of things, and I would want others to follow the same guidelines if I were in the other position.”

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Kia ora

Covid passes 60 million cases and will become the biggest pandemic in history by the end of the year. 2021 looms as



a vaccine race between the rich and the poor.

Mauri ora

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From: Rick Zwaan <rick.zwaan@parliament.govt.nz>
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Hon Eugenie Sage

Associate Minister for the Environment
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MEDIA STATEMENT

More action on waste – Government funds recycling infrastructure, moves to standardise kerbside collections

- * \$36.7m Government investment in high-tech recycling plants nationwide
- * Plan to standardise and improve the nation's kerbside collections

As part of a wider plan to reduce the amount of rubbish ending up in New Zealand's landfills, the Government is to fund the upgrading of seven high-tech recycling plants from Northland to Canterbury announced Associate Minister for the Environment Eugenie Sage today.

She also welcomed the recommendations in a report on how New Zealand's kerbside recycling can be standardised. The report, Standardising kerbside collections in Aotearoa, was released today.

"There is much to do to improve how we recycle in New Zealand and Covid-19 lockdowns have created further challenges.

"This \$36.7 million investment and implementing the kerbside report recommendations will help improve recycling infrastructure and materials recovery," said Eugenie Sage.

"Currently New Zealand's recycling system relies on a lot of manual sorting of materials so that they can be reprocessed. It's not pleasant work, especially when people put rubbish in their recycling bin.

"Investing in high-tech optical sorters will make for safer workplaces and speed up the sorting process to separate different materials, such as paper and plastics.

“Some plastic materials are very difficult to tell apart, even for the professionals. This is where the optical sorter can determine in a split-second whether for example, a clear rigid plastic is made from 1, 3, 6 or 7 resin. The latter three plastics are low value and treated as contamination in many kerbside collections nowadays.

“This investment sits alongside other Government initiatives to reduce waste going to landfills such as the expanded and increased waste levy, <<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/government-steps-action-waste-funds-recycling-infrastructure-and-expands-levy-scheme>> and designing a container return scheme for beverage containers.

“New Zealanders care deeply about recycling and doing the right thing for the environment. While we continue to tackle Covid-19 we are also focused on a recovery that creates a win-win for our people, the economy and environment.

“This \$36.7 million is part of the \$124 million the Government previously announced <<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/government-steps-action-waste-funds-recycling-infrastructure-and-expands-levy-scheme>> it is investing from the Covid-19 Response and Recovery Fund (CRRF) in a number of significant waste infrastructure initiatives across the country.

“Today’s announcements are to upgrade Material Recovery Facilities at the following sites throughout New Zealand.”

- * EcoCentral’s Christchurch facility
 - agreement in principle for up to \$1.8 million grant funding for a plastics optical sorter
 - agreement in principle for up to \$15 million grant funding for a fibre optical and mechanical sorter

- * Auckland Council’s Auckland Materials Recovery Facility
 - agreement in principle for up to \$0.6 million grant funding for a plastics optical sorter
 - agreement in principle for up to \$16 million grant funding for a fibre optical and mechanical sorter

- * EnviroWaste Services Limited’s existing New Plymouth facility and a new Hamilton facility
 - two optical (fibre and plastics) sorter units in each of these Materials Recovery Facilities, with agreement in principle for up to \$1.9 million grant co-funding for the four units

- * Smart Environmental’s facilities at Thames and new Napier facility
 - a plastics optical sorter unit in each of these Materials Recovery Facilities, with agreement in principle for up to \$1 million grant co-funding

- * Plasback collection facilities in Northland, Bay of Plenty and Canterbury
 - three waste plastic balers and processing equipment will be installed, with agreement in principle for up to \$442,000 in a grant co-funding

“This major investment in waste infrastructure will help ensure New Zealand emerges from Covid-19 with a far better recycling and resource recovery system, with an important focus being the creation of new jobs.”

“Internationally, the experience is that there are more jobs, and more skilled jobs, in resource recovery than in old-fashioned waste collection and disposal to landfill,” said Eugenie Sage.

“It will help New Zealand deal with waste and recycling onshore, recover more materials, and reduce the amount of rubbish ending up in the tip. I’m pleased we’re making progress to make recycling easier and more effective,” she said.

A report, Standardising kerbside collections in Aotearoa, prepared for the Ministry for the Environment by WasteMINZ and Sunshine Yates Consulting released this week recommends that:

- * Materials collected are standardised for domestic kerbside recycling collections across the country (e.g. plastics 1, 2, 5; metal, glass, cardboard and paper)
- * Local authorities are incentivised to collect food waste for composting or anaerobic digestion
- * Local authorities are incentivised to collect glass separately to other recyclable materials
- * Best practice is promoted for food waste, recycling, and residual rubbish collections to increase consistency across the country.

“An immediate first step the sector and councils can do is move towards collected a standard group of materials. There also needs to be a collaborative approach between central and local government, while recognising that councils have their local contexts and existing services to manage.”

“The next step is developing the roadmap to implement the recommendations in the report” said Eugenie Sage.

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Notes to editors:

Attached is the Standardising kerbside collections in Aotearoa report
<<https://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/waste/recommendations-standardisation-of-kerbside-collections-aotearoa>>

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Kia ora,

Hi all,

It's been a big week, with the publication of the Asia New Zealand Foundation's annual "Perceptions of Asia" <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-xhijlky-jlydhjurjk-d/>> survey, the most comprehensive analysis you'll find into how New Zealanders feel about Asia, how much they know about the region, and how they see this country's future relating to Asia.

This year, despite the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting economic and social disruption, it's been interesting to note that Kiwis haven't turned away from Asia and that recognition of Asia's importance to New Zealand has only increased.

We have some expert analysis on the survey and its findings, with more to come in future Digests.

We also look at the latest flare-up in long-running border tensions between India and China; Kiwi esports competitors taking on the world; and a call for New Zealanders to learn an Asian language.

Ngā mihi,

The Asia Media Centre team

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New Reads

Expert views: New Zealanders' perceptions of Asia amid COVID-19

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The Asia Media Centre asks expert commentators to share their perspectives on the latest Perceptions of Asia and Asian Peoples survey, released on Monday. The Asia New Zealand Foundation has been tracking New Zealanders' perceptions of Asia and its peoples since 1997.

The India China rivalry sparks again on the disputed Ladakh border

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Indian and Chinese troops fought hand to hand in a remote mountain valley in the largest flare-up of violence in decades. With both countries now agreeing to "disengage" in the disputed region, Dr Manjeet Pardesi looks at the background to the long-running issue.

Kiwi esport athletes punch above their weight <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-xhijlky-jlydhjurjk-u/>>

The New Zealand sports world is known for punching above its weight when it comes to competing on the global stage. It turns out esports – competitive video gaming – is no different. Breakaway Esports general manager Matt Walsh talks to the AMC about the scene in New Zealand and Asia.

Asia's future with the "new" New Zealand <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-xhijlky-jlydhjurjk-o/>>

2020 is the Chinese Year of the Rat, which promises renewal, new strength and a new determination. In a region wracked by COVID-19, those attributes will come in handy. The AUT's Lester Khoo looks at the post-COVID renewal that has already begun in some parts of Asia and suggests New Zealand's future connections with the region will be far more strategic than just economics and exports.

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An update on COVID-19

The Asia Media Centre rounds up some in-depth and explainer pieces on the novel coronavirus virus and its effects.

COVID-19 Regional Roundup | Asia Media Centre

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The Asia Media Centre gathers media coverage from across Asia to provide a wrap-up of how the region is handling COVID-19.

COVID-19: Asia in the global race to develop a vaccine

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As well as a deadly disease, COVID-19 is a goldmine for the few global pharmaceutical companies with the money and expertise to develop a vaccine. The race is on across the globe to be the first to find a cure.

COVID-19 – The pandemic's hidden cost: human rights

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Across Asia, indigenous communities are facing a fight with powerful interests using COVID-19 as a cover for a renewed grab for natural resources.

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What has media in New Zealand been reporting about Asia? Here's a roundup of stories from the past week.

- * Japan to relax border restrictions on Kiwi visitors
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TVNZ
- * Taneti Maamau re-elected president of Kiribati, in blow for Taiwan
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- * "Ring of Fire" eclipse seen across much of Asia
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- * Japan pulls out of bid to host FIFA Women's World Cup
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- * NZ and Pacific nations counter Asian influence in selecting WHO regional director
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ASIA PACIFIC REPORT

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Hong Kong Security law details released | South China Morning Post
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Indications are the new National Security Law for Hong Kong may come into effect by July 1, the 23rd anniversary of the handover of the former British colony. The SCMP outlines what the law will mean for local residents, who face a fundamental change in their way of life.

How to avoid a war in Asia | Foreign Affairs <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-xhijlky-jlydhjurjk-e/>>

A former US Under-secretary of Defence, Michelle Flournoy, gives her take on a possible breakdown of relations between an ascendant China, and a distracted USA. Could China stumble into a conflict by misreading the signals from Washington.

Rappler's Maria Ressa given six years for libel in a Philippines court in a major blow to press freedom | The Diplomat <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-xhijlky-jlydhjurjk-s/>>

The senior journalist says she will appeal the sentence and has accused the Duterte government of abusing its powers, and using the law to muzzle dissent.

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Asia Perspectives on NZ

What stories linking New Zealand and Asia have captured the attention of international media in the past week?

Malaysia confirms it is in discussions with six nations on a "travel bubble", which would include NZ <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-xhijlky-jlydhjurjk-g/>> | The New Straits Times <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-xhijlky-jlydhjurjk-w/>>

Malaysia's Health Director General says even though COVID-19 is still present in his country, plans are already being developed to create a "travel bubble", allowing New Zealanders entry. COVID-19 cases in Malaysia still number around 400.

The NZ " Chinese Bridge" competition for secondary students goes ahead in Christchurch <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-xhijlky-jlydhjurjk-yd/>> | Xinhua <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-xhijlky-jlydhjurjk-yh/>>

The annual competition asked students to write in Chinese on the topic of "Learning Chinese, Creating Bright Future". It's a part of the Confucius Institute's work with more than 100 primary and secondary schools across the South Island.

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"A Thousand Cuts" wins best global feature at NZ's DocEdge Festival | Asia Pacific Report <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-xhijlky-jlydhjurjk-yk/>>

Ramona Diaz's documentary looks into attacks on press freedom in the Philippines and features the news website Rappler and its executive editor Maria Ressa who was found guilty of libel in a Philippines court on 15 June. The film will screen again in the on-line festival on 4 July.

COVID-19: How India's biggest slum beat the virus| BBC
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The sprawling Mumbai slum of Dharavi has seen draconian limits on freedoms, extensive screening, and free food for the jobless. Its a combination that's brought the virus under control – for now.

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Subject: First Up Tuesday 18th May

Hi all,

On the show tomorrow:

TAIWAN

- * Cindy Sui tells us the latest about a surge in Covid cases in Taipei.

UK CORRIE

- * Henry Riley.

TRADE ME

- * Another hand drawn and autographed picture by our Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and a small plant with a HUGE price tag..

SAMOA ELECTION

- * Samoa court dismisses call for second election
- * RNZ's Dominic Godfrey live.

AIR NZ COOK ISLANDS BUBBLE

- * Air NZ Chief customer and sales officer Leanne Geraghty is live with us from Auckland Airport.

DR SHANE RETI

- * This week we're talking Budget, Healthcare and the Newshub Reid poll.

COOK ISLANDS BUBBLE

- * Nick Truebridge is Live from the airport as the plane gets ready to go.

ALSO AVAILABLE:

* The first of the godwits have arrived in Alaska having completed the 12-thousand kilometre trip from New Zealand.

* Football ferns goalkeeper Anna Leat is only 19 and is stoked to be competing in the upcoming Olympics for the first time.

Cheers!

Ellie

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Subject: Foreign Prospects - thank you!

GEORGE FLOYD ANNIVERSARY

- * George Floyd's family meets with President Biden and VP Kamala Harris on 1st anniversary of Floyd's murder
- * Family is calling for police reform and legislation to be passed in his name
- * Biden says he wants a right bill – not rushed bill

RUSSIA & US

- * Biden and Putin will meet next month in Geneva
- * WH rejects the summit represents a reward for bad behaviour by Kremlin
- * Last summit took place 3 years ago

DR CONGO VOLCANO

- * At least 31 people have died after eruption near Goma
- * Some people may have been trapped under rubble for days – thousands fled their homes over the weekend

COVID GERMANY

- * More than 40 percent of people in Germany have now received at least one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine
- * New data reveals the inoculation drive is moving closer to protecting a majority of the population.

COVID HK

- * Hong Kong has warned it could have to throw away vast stores of coronavirus vaccines because of people's reluctance to have a jab.
- * The territory currently has at least one million Pfizer shots which will be out of date in three months.

COVAX MODERNA

- * Moderna says further research shows its Covid-19 vaccine is highly effective in adolescents.
- * The pharmaceutical firm has been testing the jab on 12 to 17 year olds

COVID - VICTORIA

- * A raft of new restrictions are now in place across greater Melbourne, as the city's Covid-19 cluster grows to nine cases - in three homes.
- * New Zealand last night also paused the travel bubble with Victoria for 72 hours because of the outbreak

JOHN CENA

- * WWE star, John Cena has apologised to China on social media, for calling Taiwan a country – while promoting Fast & the Furious
- * The remarks prompted backlash in China and Mr Cena says he "made a mistake" and that he's "very very sorry."
- * China considers self-ruling Taiwan to be part of its territory.

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Former Liberal minister Sharman Stone calls out 'secret men's business' culture over historical rape allegation <<https://click.mail-list.abc.net.au/?qs=0f6aa2aed99eb6b4b8302aaa287acf0f4e5709a0003453af33740e3d3426fb8ee1155a9e5109ce39f91b10f45b32383e3d5cebbad2f84bb095caffea9869fd9d>>

Howard government minister Sharman Stone says the Coalition must be satisfied there is no further history of "inappropriate, disrespectful behaviour" from a Cabinet minister accused of a 1988 rape.

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The black ironies at the heart of the government's response to rape allegations <<https://click.mail-list.abc.net.au/?qs=0f6aa2aed99eb6b41bf5a6b2900e6f818f4517bed4454d2a02447a01bd6f89056bffe908accb30507cb3d49a91ef8d7a9ad712c5b684f19ffdd0801831572808>>

That the national Parliament has been made to look like a "lawless bubble" since Brittany Higgins made public allegations she was raped is perhaps the blackest irony of them all, writes Laura Tingle.

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How Melissa Caddick allegedly splurged people's life savings on luxury goods <<https://click.mail-list.abc.net.au/?qs=0f6aa2aed99eb6b4b617d1a03022423181ae2c506145a97dcffa9275056a673f05fd9b56afcbc3693693d4fc778cc38acb486fe1bf74b72a2c7d13e21d4c9d3>>

Police have confirmed accused conwoman Melissa Caddick is dead but her story is far from over. Seven years of transactions are being traced in the hope of returning the millions investors thought they were putting into her company, not her wallet.

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Cabinet Minister accused of rape in letter sent to Scott Morrison, senators <<https://click.mail-list.abc.net.au/?qs=0f6aa2aed99eb6b47cf4d1f4c47d850c377bba32ae94115bd89a140abcbb7e3774ad2d9b7c5cefa3a1c771ab84b980d6cc624414a7058828d1c97100a6fe852c>>

The AFP have been notified after Prime Minister Scott Morrison and two senators received a letter detailing an allegation of historical rape against a Cabinet Minister.

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'Think of it as an initiation': Former followers of Melbourne guru accuse him of mind control and sexually abusing multiple women <<https://click.mail-list.abc.net.au/?qs=0f6aa2aed99eb6b40a30207161909a64c1175d4b0243bb4aca9ef92946a39772b9d1ae128deaec57ebc297452ed56e6f369eac955f7241321f9f10e4679d352>>

Former devotees of Russell Kruckman accuse the US-born spiritual leader of mind control and preying on vulnerable women at his bucolic ashram in bayside Mount Eliza and say he believes he does not answer to the laws of Australia.

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US says Saudi Crown Prince approved operation to 'capture or kill' journalist Jamal Khashoggi <<https://click.mail-list.abc.net.au/?qs=0f6aa2aed99eb6b47b79433d89dfc27a139e07fbfbc6a2cf1b4ad072a98d8d75f8cc6efa70fe040c9b7461793d92dac8c23770df6d46e9b08fc29b6e42faab8>>

New sanctions are placed on a former Saudi intelligence official, but not Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, as a report concludes the Crown Prince likely ordered the 2018 murder of dissident journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

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Abdi fled to Australia with a bullet in his leg. After years in detention, his heart gave out <<https://click.mail-list.abc.net.au/?qs=0f6aa2aed99eb6b4db7c290db42de04a339a959e12bfce83bb0b851b4e9556d66c53e866aa172a7626a76db257823210687781e62ef6c75fb8dcf68f5ee26a4d>>

The death of a Somali asylum seeker in Perth years after he suffered a heart attack on Nauru highlights the deep impact of Australia's refugee policies, advocates say.

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The tragedy of Tasmania's underwater kelp forests <<https://click.mail-list.abc.net.au/?qs=0f6aa2aed99eb6b4b0f49c7a459bd18929130ffd91dff69858463b9805dbf6b97f0d646ea266e1b6f643c1316292cc45fbe9e3b00a4b483d4f33572077bea26f>>

As a young man, Puck Vaughn would catch fish among the giant underwater kelp forests along Tasmania's south-east coast. He later landed a job in a kelp processing factory, but then the underwater forests began to disappear.

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'This is toxic': Prince Harry reveals reasons he stepped away from life as a royal <<https://click.mail-list.abc.net.au/?qs=0f6aa2aed99eb6b456fa828645914228a93061ea6b6f5e9ec9baa0d7d2014a4d6c81e46e0820decf18f03d5729b4feee29cd1edb43951836527051426ad67364>>

Prince Harry blames the "toxic" British press for his departure from royal life, saying the negative coverage of him and his family was "destroying" his mental health.

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'Let's eat pineapples all together': Taiwan's response to China's latest trade ban <<https://click.mail-list.abc.net.au/?qs=0f6aa2aed99eb6b4aaa7756d8163f7c238a8c214a57ec9d20d47e599b64e678cf2f7e057c6eee842d0cfd4aa1d342430e15bd13dde28aef1d72774d8f6dfbe3>>

Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen calls on people to eat more pineapples to help farmers, saying Taiwan has been "ambushed" by a Chinese ban on the fruit, reminiscent of Beijing's use of tariffs to sting Australia.

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'It's ironic': Footage of raid on Melissa Caddick's home in November provided police with a vital clue <<https://click.mail-list.abc.net.au/?qs=6e9c513e495bb50e3280015a88a8d5d0b761f57770d4a26d41484deb60e733b5e472b336236b665e740eb492b09f5fddd47445b8aa03d0f08b0971515a55e78f>>

Police thought missing Sydney woman Melissa Caddick was still alive "before a series of events combined to prove otherwise." <<https://click.mail-list.abc.net.au/?qs=6e9c513e495bb50e3280015a88a8d5d0b761f57770d4a26d41484deb60e733b5e472b336236b665e740eb492b09f5fddd47445b8aa03d0f08b0971515a55e78f>>

In image stitched together from 142 photos, Perseverance reveals panoramic desolation of Mars <<https://click.mail-list.abc.net.au/?qs=6e9c513e495bb50e6063ac83b05dbc1308cc2e09f32af5ba0adfc0275faf72a26d8f1118cbb5f43c56fa6108caf0c8d4bb30e0950c081345aba0f27b112f0fb1>>

Rotating its mast 360 degrees to take dozens of images, the Mars Perseverance rover provides a panoramic look at the Jezero Crater site on the Red Planet. <<https://click.mail->

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Why wasn't the US Capitol prepared for an insurrection? Top security leaders point fingers as new evidence emerges <https://click.mail-list.abc.net.au/?qs=6e9c513e495bb50e11137013fce0ae19126f63f4b26a9845f62d05ad2c4fd2df7774f863aabe4f1a83b0b6cbf8c541666336ac5e94be174cfdb819719cab5c95>

Seven weeks of investigations and comments are bringing clear points of security failures into focus, including intelligence sharing, confusion over the chain of command and poor leadership. <https://click.mail-list.abc.net.au/?qs=6e9c513e495bb50e11137013fce0ae19126f63f4b26a9845f62d05ad2c4fd2df7774f863aabe4f1a83b0b6cbf8c541666336ac5e94be174cfdb819719cab5c95>

There was 'definitely one loser' in Facebook's battle with the government <https://click.mail-list.abc.net.au/?qs=6e9c513e495bb50ea86c81274a03d984cc5a79d9bfd1460cecf7d667264fd5c5a3ce5463ee021e6a82784d0530e870b0af3ab66281156e669c7a21bc2816518d>

The government got its bargaining code, news businesses will get their cheque, and Facebook gets a few key concessions. So who won and who lost the battle of the media bargaining code? <https://click.mail-list.abc.net.au/?qs=6e9c513e495bb50ea86c81274a03d984cc5a79d9bfd1460cecf7d667264fd5c5a3ce5463ee021e6a82784d0530e870b0af3ab66281156e669c7a21bc2816518d>

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Subject: FW: EMBARGOED Media release: Border entry can be safely scaled-up, new report says
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Border entry can be safely scaled-up, new report says

Wellington, 23 July 2020 – New Zealand needs to ‘raft up’ with other Covid-free countries while building stronger border capabilities, according to a new report by The New Zealand Initiative. And a voucher programme for helping returning Kiwis cover the cost of managed isolation could help New Zealand’s managed isolation system safely scale up.

The report Safe Arrivals begins from the principle that safe entry should be allowed and that risky entry must be made safe. It presents a clear pathway for the government to accommodate the return of Kiwis living overseas, and others who may wish to join us on a user-pays basis.

While the country is now effectively free of the Covid-19 virus, with cases only in the country’s quarantine facilities, the pandemic rages abroad and is unlikely to abate anytime soon. Even if a vaccine is developed this year, scaling up its production will take time.

Author Dr Eric Crampton argues that the New Zealand border should be re-opened to travellers arriving from places that are similarly free of Covid-19 – like the Pacific Islands in the Realm and Taiwan – while all entry from other locations must be made safe.

“Many Kiwis live abroad and may choose to return home. The managed isolation and quarantine system must be able to scale up to accommodate those people along with potential non-citizen visitors from risky locations,” Dr Crampton said.

The report advises the Government to shift its current approach to a voucher system.

Under such a system, those wishing to come to New Zealand – citizens or not – would be required before boarding their flight to present clear proof of a confirmed booking in one of the approved managed isolation facilities.

If the traveller is an eligible returning Kiwi, they could then apply their voucher toward the full or partial cost of their stay in managed isolation. The value of the vouchers could be set at a level consistent with the cost of a stay at a basic facility.

Other non-citizen arrivals would need to bear the full cost of their stay.

Accommodation facilities would be free to set their own room fees, but the Government would charge each facility for the full cost of police, military and other staff involved with managing isolation.

Dr Crampton said this shift would make it far easier for returning Kiwis, and others, to manage their own arrivals while freeing the government of the burden of scrambling to place arriving visitors into scarce spaces in managed isolation. It would also encourage other facilities to shift into providing managed isolation services (under government oversight and supervision).

“The present system is strained and struggling to accommodate need. But it must scale up substantially if Kiwis abroad choose to exercise their right to return home,” he said.

Improving border protocols to allow for safe entry at scale would not only help those worst affected by the collective elimination efforts, it would open up opportunities that simply were not available in the pre-pandemic world.

“The wellbeing benefits of allowing families separated by borders to safely reunite are substantial. And rather than trying to estimate the extent of New Zealand’s likely economic losses from the Covid-19 crisis, a shift in border arrangements like this could lead to stronger economic opportunities for the Kiwis who continue to bear the costs of the pandemic,” Dr Crampton said.

Read more:

An embargoed copy of Dr Eric Crampton's report Safe Arrivals is attached at the end of this media release.

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Dr Eric Crampton is available for comment. To schedule an interview, please contact:

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From: s9(2)(a) >
Sent: Tuesday, 13 April 2021 1:13 PM
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* Re: India entry ban and other border issues

Why are NZ citizens and permanent residents from India being singled out and banned from entering NZ ? There are many nations like the USA, UK and in Continental Europe which are worse than India for Covid19 infections. Why are NZ citizens and permanent residents from those nations also not banned from entry into NZ? Just because more than two thirds of those entering NZ were found to be Covid19 positive were from India does not justify banning entry. We should have opened up more managed quarantine spaces instead. We have had more than enough time to do this since we closed our borders just over 1 year ago .Real tardiness.

The International Covenant of Human Rights guarantees the right of citizens to return to their country of origin. NZ has breached this basic human right.

In addition, it is very sad and very disappointing that many kiwi citizens and permanent residents around the world including my sister have to wait months to return to NZ due to limited managed quarantine spaces. In addition, they have to make sure the flight they take lands on the same day as their managed quarantine room booking. This is almost winning a lottery as flights nowadays to NZ from around the world are very limited and very expensive too

What is the point of having a so called "first world" NZ Passport when NZ bans its own citizens and permanent residents from India from entering NZ ? In addition, NZ also makes it hard for others around the world from entering their own country.

I originally come from Malaysia. Any Malaysian or Malaysian permanent resident can return home anytime from any part of the world. Malaysia has more than enough quarantine spaces for all its citizens and permanent residents returning.

It is a duty of a nation to protect its own stranded citizens overseas. Otherwise, what is the point of having that nation's passport or permanent residency status?

It is good to hear that the government is finally going to set up a travel bubble with Australia. However, I do not see why we cannot open our borders to other safe nations like Singapore, Brunei, Taiwan, Vietnam, South Korea and Japan as examples. We should also get experts from these nations to come to NZ to assist us in dealing with covid19 issues and also opening our borders in a pragmatic and effective way. It is not enough just to depend on our local experts.

As we all know, tourism, skilled immigration and international students are crucial to the well being of our fragile small economy. What is the point of being paranoid and closing our borders for long periods of time if it results in our economy being ruined? The cure must never be worse than the illness.

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Subject: FW: RADIO NZ | INTERVIEW WITH EMMA JOHN
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Hi Melanie,

Attached is the manuscript, I do have a bit of sad news as this has had to move due to a shipping delay. Is there any way we can move this interview to the week of the 7th June?

I am happy to email Emma and yourself to facilitate it. It seems a shame to do the interview when the book hasn't arrived in stores yet. I am so sorry to make this painful – shipping continues to be a thorn in our side.

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Hiya, with books taking a while atm, do you have a copy of Emma's book you can send to me please?

Cheers

Melanie

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Yes just send me a link, that'll be fine

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Wonderful Emma, thank you! That is confirmed in our diary.

Can we connect to you for the interview via zoom please?

All the best,

Melanie

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Subject: Re: RADIO NZ | INTERVIEW WITH EMMA JOHN

Hi Melanie, 11pm on May 26 is fine for me, thank you.

Emma

On Wed, May 5, 2021 at 2:46 AM s9(2)(a)

s9(2)(a) > > wrote:

Hi Emma,

Noon. I love the premise of Self Contained and would love to hear you talking about it on Nine to

Our time zone difference is a crazy 11 hours at this time of year.

for you. The interview slot we'd love to hear from you in is 10am live in New Zealand...that's 11pm

So with that in mind, how does 11pm suit you on Wednesday May 26th?

Look forward to hearing if that works for you.

Tania, can you send me over the book please.

All the best

Melanie

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Subject: RADIO NZ | INTERVIEW WITH EMMA JOHN
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Hi Cathryn and Emma,

Delighted to be introduced.

I would like to introduce you to Melanie Phipps from Radio NZ with a view for a radio interview in late May.

Radio NZ is the closest local equivalent to the BBC, Nine to Noon is NZ's Number 1 rated mid-morning show – and Kathryn Ryan is considered one of the country's finest broadcasters.

Key information

Further Info

Radio NZ | Nine to Noon Programme

Host Kathryn Ryan

Duration 30 minutes

By Skype or Zoom

The interview would be Live (to be discussed)

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If I could leave you to discuss a time that works for you all that would be great.

Thanks so much

Tania

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Subject: Hachette NZ intro

Hi Emma, hi Cathryn,

Delighted to intro you to Tania of Hachette New Zealand who has some press requests coming through she'd love to share with you.

Very best,

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Megan Brown

Senior Campaigns Manager

Octopus Publishing Group

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Hi Hayden

At midday today, I am releasing ESSENTIAL SERVICES #1, a zine made in lockdown.

It is a small affirmation of life in the face of media industry collapse. It is something where there might otherwise be nothing, action where there might otherwise be paralysis.

It is not a solution to the myriad problems the industry faces but is the product of a desire to make something just to make it, to do what we love doing just because we love doing it.

It features new work by Donna Chisholm, Tess Nichol, Jean Teng, Emma Gleason, Tess McClure, Joe Nunweek, Madeleine Chapman, and others.

It will be free to download from www.essentialserviceszine.com (not live until launch) as a PDF and eBook (EPUB and Kindle). We may print paper copies at some point. It may only last one issue.

Any chance you want to write about it (or commission somebody to) for our national broadcaster? I have attached a review-copy PDF here.

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Jane –

Here's a package on the IPPPR report **under embargo** – the launch is at 10 pm NZ time TONIGHT.

When the launch occurs, other background documents will be released too, The chronology can be accessed now in the drop box referred to below.

There is an embargoed press statement – will send it when I get it.

Best regards,

Helen.

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1/ FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

What's Happening

Global equity markets are bouncing higher after Monday's slight sell-off, and Taiwan's Taiex is leading those gains with a 5% surge, recovering much of its recent losses. U.S. futures are pointing to a higher open, buoyed by strong earnings results and guidance from Walmart and Home Depot. Both big-box retailers reported healthy sales both on, and off-line, and Home Depot said overall sales grew 32% in the quarter. More importantly, both retailers, which are bellwethers for consumer spending, gave strong guidance for the rest of the year.

It's [13-F](#) season, which means we get to peak into the holdings of hedge funds and large and influential investors. Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway added some insurance stocks, and lightened up on one particular bank (more below). Tesla discovered it has a big shorter betting against the EV maker, but the

company is used to it by now. [TSLA](#) is down 22% since Elon Musk appeared on Saturday Night Live.

Oil prices continue to bubble higher, and now forecasters are predicting that they could rise back up to the \$80 per barrel range from pre-pandemic days. Given the surge in global demand and the return of business and luxury travel, that's not difficult to imagine. What is difficult to imagine is the impact that \$80 per barrel oil will have on profit margins.



Chart courtesy TradingView

2/ QUICK HITS

Today's Headlines

- **CVS and Target said vaccinated customers are no longer required to wear masks in stores, joining other U.S. retailers that are changing their policies after federal health officials relaxed their guidelines.** CVS said customers who aren't vaccinated, "are asked to continue wearing face coverings." Target also said customers and employees who are fully vaccinated don't need masks, but it would obey local ordinances requiring face coverings, and will continue safety protocols and social distancing in its stores.
- **Coinbase, the largest U.S. cryptocurrency exchange, said Monday it plans to sell \$1.25 billion of [convertible debt](#).** The company, which went public last month, saw its shares close below its \$250 reference price for the first time since its public offering. Coinbase is trying to sell bonds due in 2026, which can convert to Class A common stock, if the stock hits a set strike price.
- **Oxford Cannabinoid Technologies, which is backed by tobacco giant Imperial Brands Plc and rapper Snoop Dogg among others, is set to start trading Friday on the London Stock Exchange.** The company, which develops cannabinoid-based prescription medicines, has raised 16.5 million pounds (\$23 million) in the private market, will have a market value of about 51.5 million pounds when it lists, according to Bloomberg.
- **Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway sold off nearly all of its longtime investment in Wells Fargo in the first quarter, and took a stake of more than \$900 million in insurance broker Aon,** according to its quarterly [13-F filing](#). The [filing](#) showed a new position of about 4.1 million shares in Aon, and that its position in Wells Fargo had

dwindled to just 675,000 shares from 52 million shares at the end of 2020.

- **Amazon is in discussions to buy MGM Holdings, the studio behind the James Bond franchise, according to *The Information*.** A deal could cost Amazon between \$7 billion and \$10 billion, according to the report. MGM, which was created in 1924, owns an extensive library of movies and TV shows, including the "Rocky" franchise, "The Terminator," "The Handmaid's Tale" and "Survivor."
- **Italian luxury carmaker Lamborghini laid out plans to launch a fully-electric vehicle in the second half of the decade.** The automaker, which is owned by Volkswagen's Audi Group, will roll out two new combustion engine vehicles this year and next, and will begin a hybrid-transition in 2024 to electrify its entire fleet. The company is calling its electric future, "Direzione Cor Tauri", which means, "Heart of the Bull", but we'll have to wait a few years before we get to ride this one:



Image courtesy Lamborghini

3/ THE BIG STORY

Get Shorty



Image courtesy Giphy/TheBigShort

This is not a sequel, but it has similar plot lines and a repeat character. Michael Burry, the famous investor profiled in the wonderful book and film, [The Big Short](#), and played brilliantly by Christian Bale (above), revealed that his investment firm is shorting shares of Tesla to the tune of about \$534 million.

Burry was one of the first investors to spot and bet against the U.S. subprime housing market bubble in 2008. He made a fortune on that bet, and when his firm takes the other side of a trade, big investors take notice. According to a regulatory filing from Scion Asset Management, Burry's investment firm, he owned 8,001 [put contracts](#) with unknown value, expiration dates or strike prices. In other words, his firm is holding put options against 800,100 shares of Tesla, which amount to a \$534 million bet against the stock.

Since we don't know the exact date when Burry made the trade, we won't know if he was right, or how much he will have made from it if he was. We do

know that shares of Tesla are on another one of their dizzying declines, tumbling 35% year-to-date, so Burry's latest big short may turn out to be very profitable.

Here's Burry in real life.



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4/ THE BIG NUMBER

\$813,980

That's the median value of a home in California, the highest price for the state on record, according to the [California Association of Realtors](#). It's up 7.2% from just a month ago, and 34% from this time last year.

California is a microcosm of what's happening to home prices across the U.S., but in typical Golden State fashion, it's bigger, sometimes more beautiful, and much costlier than the rest of the country. Last week, the National Association of Realtors reported that the median sale price for a single-family home rose to a record \$319,200.

California, the land of extremes, is also a case-study for the [K-shaped](#) recovery. While the state boasts more billionaires than other states (Thank you, Silicon Valley), the median income for individuals is just \$32,000, \$75,000 for households, and the poverty rate is close to 12%.

Not Sustainable

Big, expensive things, are a feature of California's economy, but some worry that exorbitant housing prices will continue to hurt the state's homeownership levels, and eventually threaten the strength of its housing market.

"Not only do skyrocketing home prices threaten already-low homeownership levels and make it harder for those who don't already have a home to purchase one, it also brings to question the sustainability of this market cycle," Jordan Levine, chief economist at the California Association of Realtors, said in a statement.

If you are not dissuaded, and you have \$100,000,000 lying around, you can bid on this 34,000 square foot estate in Bel Air. It's California's [most expensive listing](#), and it is still on the market.



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5/ TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021

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This week we're making sense of the crypto-craze and tokens like Polkadot with Greg King of Osprey Funds, and volatility has awoken from its hibernation, and it is hungry. We explore the recent choppiness in the stock and options markets with Kenny Polcari, who also drops off one of his terrific recipes for a Spring dinner. Plus, the investing term the educated investor needs to know this week. All that and more on The Investopedia Express.



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Latest from Hong Kong

* [Chief Executive welcomes passage of Improving Electoral System \(Consolidated Amendments\) Bill 2021](#)

The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), Mrs Carrie Lam, welcomed the passage of the Improving Electoral System (Consolidated Amendments) Bill 2021 by the Legislative Council (LegCo) on 27 May, hailing it as a landmark occasion for ensuring "patriots administering Hong Kong" in accordance with the principle of "One Country, Two Systems". Mrs Lam said she is pleased that the Government has expeditiously completed the task to amend the local electoral legislation within two months following the National People's Congress (NPC)'s Decision on 11 March to improve the electoral system of the HKSAR and, with the NPC's authorisation, the NPC Standing Committee's approved amendments to Annex I and Annex II to the Basic Law on 30 March. Mrs Lam highlighted the implementation of the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (National Security Law) since 30 June last year has effectively restored stability; the passage of the Bill, which ensures "patriots administering Hong Kong" in Hong Kong's political structure, marks another milestone. These two key initiatives fully demonstrate the Central Government's unwavering determination in upholding "One Country, Two Systems", and they will go a long way towards ensuring the long-term prosperity and stability of Hong Kong. The Bill will be published in the Gazette and come into effect on 31 May.

Details here <<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202105/27/P2021052700536.htm>> .

* [Economic situation in first quarter of 2021 and latest GDP and price forecasts for 2021](#)

The Hong Kong economy recovered visibly in the first quarter of 2021, with real GDP resuming appreciable year-on-year growth of 7.9%, ending six consecutive quarters of contraction. Total exports of

goods surged by 30.2% year-on-year in real terms, due to the global economic recovery led by the Mainland and the US alongside a sharp rebound in global demand. However, the economic recovery was uneven and overall economic activity remained below the pre-recession level, as the COVID-19 pandemic continued to weigh on certain economic segments, particularly those involving consumer-facing activities. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from a 17-year high of 7.2% in the three-month period ending February to 6.8% in the first quarter of 2021. Considering the uneven economic recovery and the relatively high uncertainty associated with the pandemic, the real GDP growth forecast of 3.5% to 5.5% for 2021 is maintained.

Details here <<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202105/14/P2021051400477.htm>> .

* Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2021 to be introduced into LegCo

The Government of the HKSAR will introduce the Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2021 into the Legislative Council (LegCo) to create a new pathway for admission of qualified non-locally trained doctors who are Hong Kong permanent residents to practise in Hong Kong. Non-locally trained doctor has to fulfil certain criteria, which includes holding Hong Kong permanent resident and a recognised medical qualification awarded by a non-local medical school and possesses medical registration. The purpose of the Bill is to attract Hong Kong permanent residents, who are doctors in any place outside Hong Kong, to return to Hong Kong and serve in the public healthcare sector. The Food and Health Bureau (FHB) said on 18 May there is a severe shortage of doctors in Hong Kong to meet the increasing demand for public healthcare services amidst the ageing population thus see an imminent case to create a new pathway under the Medical Registration Ordinance for qualified non-locally trained doctors to obtain full registration in Hong Kong as an alternative to the current pathway of passing the Licensing Examination, subject to certain criteria being met. The Bill will be introduced into LegCo on 2 June.

Details here <<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202105/18/P2021051800390.htm>> .

For details of the Bill, please visit the FHB's website

<http://www.fhb.gov.hk/en/press_and_publications/otherinfo/210500_amendments_mro/index.html> .

* 22nd Plenary of Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference held

The Chief Executive of HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam, and the Governor of Guangdong Province, Mr Ma Xingrui, co-chaired the 22nd Plenary of the Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference through video conferencing on 14 May. Delivering the opening remarks, Mrs Lam said that with a common objective of taking forward the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, co-operation between Hong Kong and Guangdong has become ever closer. Both places will fully leverage their strengths together, achieve a win-win outcome, and seek greater policy innovation and breakthroughs to bring more opportunities for enhancing economic growth and improving the livelihood of the people. Five co-operation agreements were signed after the meeting, which also set out individual areas of co-operation, the progress made and the directions for future co-operation in areas including finance, legal and dispute resolution services, innovation and technology, medicine and healthcare, and youth development.

Details here <<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202105/14/P2021051400635.htm>> .

* "Belt and Road: Hong Kong-IN" - Mainland Enterprises Partnership Exchange and Interface Programme Sharing Session held

The Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (CEDB) of HKSAR Government, together with the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council (SASAC), launched the Mainland Enterprises Partnership Exchange and Interface Programme on 14 May. The first sharing session under the Programme was organised in collaboration with the Hong Kong Chinese Enterprises Association (HKCEA). The Programme seeks to promote ties between Mainland enterprises and Hong Kong's professional services bodies in seizing Belt and Road-related opportunities under the country's new development strategy of "dual circulation". Speaking at the sharing session attended by about 100 representatives from over 40 enterprises and professional services bodies, the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau, said that the 14th Five-Year Plan adopted in March this year supports Hong Kong's participation and contribution to the opening up and development of a modernised Chinese economy, and the development of Hong Kong into the prime functional platform for

the Belt and Road Initiative. The support from the country will inject a fresh stimulus to the city's economy, and give further impetus to Hong Kong's participation in the Belt and Road Initiative.

Details here <<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202105/14/P2021051400329.htm>> .

* HK-Singapore Air Travel Bubble deferred

The inaugural flights under the Hong Kong-Singapore Air Travel Bubble (ATB), scheduled for 26 May, was deferred due to Singapore's recent COVID-19 epidemic situation. A Government spokesman said that the two governments will continue to closely monitor the epidemic situation in both places, including the effectiveness of the enhanced anti-epidemic measures introduced by the Singapore Government, which have taken effect from 16 May and would last till 13 June. During this period, both sides will continue to maintain communication, exchange relevant data and statistics, and review developments closely before deciding on the way forward with the inaugural flights under the ATB. A further announcement will be made on or before 13 June. The spokesman stressed that both governments remain strongly committed to launching the ATB with a view to resuming air travel between the two regional aviation hubs and international cities in a gradual and orderly manner under a set of stringent public health control protocols.

Details here <<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202105/17/P2021051700500.htm>> .

* Hong Kong innovations win acclaim at International Exhibition of Inventions of Geneva

The Chief Executive of HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam, on 17 May officiated at the Chief Executive's Reception for Awardees of International Exhibition of Inventions of Geneva 2021 to commend Hong Kong research and development (R&D) talents for their inventions winning worldwide acclaim. The Hong Kong delegation won a record 136 awards, including 14 gold medals with congratulations of the jury, 47 gold medals, 61 silver medals and 14 bronze medals with their inventions among more than 350 exhibitors at the International Exhibition of Inventions of Geneva 2021. Commending Hong Kong's R&D talent for winning worldwide acclaim, the Chief Executive said this reflected a fervent innovation and technology (I&T) atmosphere in Hong Kong with flourishing I&T developments in the government, industry, academic and research sectors that exemplify the city's strong innovation and R&D capabilities.

Details here <<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202105/17/P2021051700521.htm>> .

* Hong Kong ranks the 3rd as most-preferred venue for arbitration

According to the 2021 International Arbitration Survey released by Queen Mary University of London, the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre rose one place to rank as the world's 3rd most-preferred institution for arbitration. Significantly, 50% of the organizations surveyed chose Hong Kong as their preferred venue for arbitration, up from 28% in the previous survey in 2018. The Department of Justice (DoJ) of the HKSAR Government welcomed the survey result, saying that Hong Kong's strength in dispute resolution is premised on its infrastructure, business opportunities and pool of talents. "Our Judiciary is independent and impartial while our common law system provides a degree of certainty and predictability for investors and the international business community," said Secretary for Justice, Teresa Cheng, adding that the survey result recognises Hong Kong's long-standing and unwavering commitment to the promotion of arbitral services.

Details here <<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202105/07/P2021050700632.htm>> .

The 2021 International Arbitration Survey can be found here <<https://www.whitecase.com/publications/insight/2021-international-arbitration-survey/current-choices-future-adaptations>> .

* HKSAR Government signed MoU on lawtech initiative

Secretary for Justice, Ms Teresa Cheng signed a memorandum of understanding with the Chairman of the Asian Academy of International Law (AAIL), Dr Anthony Neoh, on the administration of the Hong Kong Legal Cloud Fund on 20 May. The Hong Kong Legal Cloud is an advanced and user-friendly online facility situated in Hong Kong to provide safe, secure and affordable data storage services for the local legal and dispute resolution communities, with a view to enhancing the capability of the profession to harness modern technology in the provision of relevant services. Ms Cheng expressed her appreciation to the AAIL for its assistance and close partnership on this latest lawtech initiative.

Details here <<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202105/20/P2021052000524.htm>> .

For more details on the Hong Kong Legal Cloud, please visit DoJ's website <<https://www.doj.gov.hk/en/home/index.html>> .

* HKMA announces guideline on Green and Sustainable Finance Grant Scheme

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) released a guideline on the Green and Sustainable Finance Grant Scheme (GSF Grant Scheme) as announced in the 2021-22 Budget. The GSF Grant Scheme provides subsidy for eligible bond issuers and loan borrowers to cover their expenses on bond issuance and external review services. Commenting on the GSF Grant Scheme, the Chief Executive of the HKMA, Mr Eddie Yue, said, "The global green bond market has grown from practically non-existent ten years ago to US\$270 billion in 2020. In Hong Kong, we have taken early and proactive steps to strengthen Hong Kong's position as a regional green and sustainable finance hub, including the issuance of two rounds of Government green bonds since 2019 and the establishment of the Green and Sustainable Finance Cross-Agency Steering Group to coordinate cross-agency market development efforts. The launch of a new Green and Sustainable Finance Grant Scheme to support green and sustainable bond issuance and lending will further enrich the green and sustainable finance ecosystem in Hong Kong."

Details here <<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202105/04/P2021050400574.htm>> .

* Hong Kong Laureate Forum to be postponed to November 2022

Given the prevailing situation of the COVID-19 pandemic, the progress of global and local vaccinations, as well as the global position on safe travel, the Board of the Council of the Hong Kong Laureate Forum Limited (the HKLF) has decided after careful consideration that the inaugural Hong Kong Laureate Forum (the Forum), originally scheduled to be held on 15-20 November 2021, would be deferred for one year to November 2022. The Secretariat of the HKLF will contact all participating Shaw Laureates and applicants individually as well as their working partners on the deferment. Upon fixing the date of the inaugural Forum next year, all stakeholders will then be notified. Meanwhile, the Secretariat is planning a series of pre-Forum events, which would be held over a period of time starting at end of Q3 this year.

Details here

<https://www.hklaureateforum.org/images/media_centre/press_release/Press_Release_Eng_20210518_Clean.pdf> .

* Updates on Hong Kong's anti-pandemic measures

* Social distancing measures currently in place in Hong Kong will be maintained until 9 June.

* Prohibition on group gatherings of more than four persons in public places will continue.

* Mandatory mask-wearing requirement will continue.

* The existing requirements and restrictions applicable to catering business, bars and pubs will be maintained.

* Requirements and restrictions applicable to scheduled premises under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation will be maintained.

* Starting from 25 May, the Government has adopted the list of risk level of places in the Mainland published by the National Health Commission and uploaded the list of medium or high-risk Mainland areas to the Return2hk Scheme thematic website <<https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/return2hk-scheme.html>> . Hong Kong residents who have visited any area in the Mainland being classified as a medium or high-risk area on the list on the scheme's website in the past 14 days prior to and upon the day of arrival in Hong Kong will not be exempted from compulsory quarantine under the scheme upon their entry into Hong Kong.

* The compulsory quarantine period for persons arriving at Hong Kong on or after 9 April, and who have only stayed in Australia, New Zealand on the day of arrival in Hong Kong or during the 21 days before that day, will be shortened to 14 days. The relevant persons will still be required to undergo compulsory quarantine in designated quarantine hotels. This arrangement will be applicable to both Hong Kong residents and non-Hong Kong residents. From 12 May, persons who have been fully vaccinated, will be subject to compulsory quarantine in designated quarantine hotels for 7 days (originally 14 days). They will subsequently be required to self-monitor for 7 days and undergo compulsory testing on the 12th day of their arrival at Hong Kong.

* Effective from 21 May, boarding and quarantine requirements for people arriving in Hong Kong from Argentina, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, the Netherlands and Singapore would be tightened. They will have to present proof of negative COVID-19 test conducted within 72 hours before the scheduled time of departure of the aircraft. If they are yet to be fully vaccinated, they will be subject to a 21-day compulsory quarantine at designated quarantine hotels, with four tests to be conducted during the period. For those who have been fully vaccinated, they are still subject to a 14-day compulsory hotel quarantine. Non-Hong Kong residents who have stayed in the above-mentioned places will be denied entry into Hong Kong.

* Considering the epidemic situation in Taiwan and Singapore, the Government announced on 18 May that it would further tighten the quarantine arrangements for persons who have already arrived at Hong Kong from Taiwan earlier and are under compulsory home quarantine. The compulsory testing arrangements for persons arriving at Hong Kong from Taiwan and Singapore would also be enhanced. Relevant persons arriving at Hong Kong to undergo compulsory quarantine in designated quarantine hotels instead of undergoing home quarantine, and requiring of presentation at boarding a proof of a nucleic acid test negative result for COVID-19 conducted within 72 hours before the scheduled time of departure of the aircraft.

* The Government announced on 13 May that a number of enhancement measures would be put in place to further strengthen the infection control at designated quarantine hotels. For persons arriving at Hong Kong, apart from undergoing the "test-and-hold" arrangement at the airport, they will also be subject to further tests while undergoing compulsory quarantine at designated quarantine hotels. Apart from the existing pre-departure and/or post-arrival tests, the Government will introduce an additional test on the third day of arrival. Depending on the risk level of places where the persons arriving at Hong Kong depart from and the applicable compulsory quarantine periods, the number of tests these persons subject to during compulsory quarantine will also be increased to two (for 7-day compulsory quarantine period) to four times (for 21-day compulsory quarantine period). Furthermore, persons arriving at Hong Kong from extremely high-risk or very high-risk specified places, or fully vaccinated persons with shortened quarantine periods, will also be required to undergo additional compulsory tests upon the completion of compulsory quarantine.

* The Securities and Futures Commission announced on 28 May that the Chief Secretary for Administration has designated certain categories of persons in the financial services sector to be exempted from the compulsory quarantine arrangements in Hong Kong. Senior executives of licensed corporations or their overseas affiliates who are fully vaccinated and meet the eligibility criteria may apply for exemption from the compulsory quarantine arrangements when they return or travel to Hong Kong. Quotas would be in place for the maximum number of entries into Hong Kong in each calendar month for each licensed corporation. The eligibility criteria for senior executives to qualify for the exemption, the application procedures and relevant requirements can be found here <https://apps.sfc.hk/edistributionWeb/gateway/EN/circular/doc?refNo=21EC18> .

Read more from the Fight Against COVID-19 website
<<https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/index.html>> .

HKETO Event

* Webinar "Direct Dialogue with the Chief Executive of HKSAR" held

The Chief Executive of HKSAR, Mrs Carrie Lam, on 6 May addressed more than 200 participants during the webinar, in which she highlighted how Hong Kong's uniqueness under "One Country, Two Systems" makes it an ideal gateway for businesses and investment between Mainland China and New Zealand. Mrs Lam said that Hong Kong has been enjoying close ties with New Zealand over the years, with New Zealand in 2010 becoming the first foreign economy to enter into a free trade agreement with Hong Kong, and pointed out that Hong Kong looks forward to strengthening such ties by joining the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership. Mrs Lam assured the participants that Hong Kong's future prospects are bright as the city's traditional strengths such as a free and open economy, the rule of law and judicial independence remain as robust as ever. The webinar was organised by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Sydney, co-organised by Invest Hong Kong and supported by the Hong Kong New Zealand Business Association as well as the Hong Kong Trade Development Council.

Details here <<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202105/06/P2021050600668.htm>> .

Upcoming Events

- * HKartsFestival@TaiKwun (Hong Kong and online)
From 12 to 20 June, HKartsFestival@TaiKwun returns and continues to encourage public participation in the arts through an array of immersive online and on-site programmes, encompassing interactive art tech installations, site-specific creations, pop-up performances and real-time interactive improvisations, curated and performed by about 100 local as well as international artists.

More information here <<https://taikwun.artsfestival.org/>> .

- * Hong Kong Book Fair (Hong Kong)
The Hong Kong Book Fair is the largest annual literary fest in the HKSAR. To be held from 14-20 July, the Book Fair features publications and writers from different countries and regions. "Inspirational and Motivational Reading" is the theme of this year that comes along with a vast selection of books that inspire and motivate. A fantastic line-up of authors of this popular genre will make appearances to greet their fans. What's more, a series of seminars, workshops and storytelling sessions with celebrities and authors of renown will also be held for book lovers to engage in!

More information here <<https://hkbookfair.hktdc.com/en/index.html>> .

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Top stories from Hong Kong Trade Development Council

- * Foreword <<http://www.hkconnect.org.hk/2021/5/foreword.html>>
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<https://tpwebapp.hktdc.com/fair/Multi_fairs/2020/govt_subsidy/index_en.html>

- * Convention & Exhibition Industry Subsidy Scheme

The part of the Subsidy Scheme related to HKTDC subsidises exhibitors of exhibitions organised by HKTDC 50 per cent of their participation fees, subject to a cap of \$10,000 per nine-square-metre booth and 10 booths per exhibitor each time. Participants of HKTDC's major conventions can also receive a subsidy equivalent to 50 per cent of their participation fees, subject to a cap of \$10,000 each time. Eligible exhibitors and participants of major conventions do not need to submit applications. HKTDC will directly deduct the subsidy from the amount receivable.

Furthermore, eligible small and medium enterprises (SMEs) may apply in tandem for funding support under the SME Export Marketing Fund to cover their participation fees on a matching basis. HKTDC and the Trade and Industry Department will work closely together to streamline application procedures so that eligible SMEs could obtain the subsidies smoothly.

The Subsidy Scheme also provides a 100 per cent venue rental subsidy to organisers of exhibitions and international conventions that are held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre and AsiaWorld-Expo. The entire Subsidy Scheme was originally planned to last for 12 months and has been extended to December 31, 2021. For enquiries about the Subsidy Scheme, please contact HKTDC or the two venue operators.

Details Here <https://tpwebapp.hktdc.com/fair/Multi_fairs/2020/govt_subsidy/index_en.html>

* HKTDC Marketplace App

<<http://info.hktdc.com/mobile/>>

For up to the minute information about HKTDC exhibitions (including trade fair registrations), product magazines, our online marketplace and to register and download your e-badges please download the HKTDC Marketplace App - <http://info.hktdc.com/mobile/>

* Focus on Hong Kong SMEs

Snapask

<https://snapask.com/en-au/>

Founded in 2015, Snapask's flagship service is a mobile app that matches students with a team of tutors in seconds. Anywhere, anytime and any subject, they can take photos of homework questions with the app, and qualified tutors will provide help in timely, one-on-one sessions online.

Snapask connects more than 3.5 million students with over 350,000 qualified tutors worldwide. The company also provides a multimedia library of learning content and interactive course formats to enrich the learning experience and cultivate enthusiasm for critical and inventive thinking. It is available in Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Japan, South Korea, Vietnam and is coming soon to Australia. To get in touch with Snapask please contact Jarrett Ho at the Sydney office of the HKTDC at jarrett.m.ho@hktdc.org <<mailto:jarrett.m.ho@hktdc.org>> .

Dayta AI

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Dayta AI transforms industries with Artificial Intelligence by delivering a tailor-made AI springboard for businesses to innovate beyond their horizons. Their Cyclops

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Time Medical Systems

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Good morning! Today: how to keep yourself sane when the world's going mad, and why a new US chip plant isn't as much of a win for Trump as it sounds. Get your friends to sign up here <<https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=14fba4de79&e=54619da68b>> to get The Download every day.

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The big picture: The stage seems to be set for a global mental health crisis. Anxiety is rising and it's no surprise, given so many of the pillars keeping us sane have been toppled. We need to get people help now, before the stress they're feeling spirals into something worse. A solution might be to teach them how to help themselves—virtually <<https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=c712202e23&e=54619da68b>> .

Tools at our disposal: For many people, their first port of call is a mindfulness and meditation app like Headspace or Calm. For those who want more fine-grained, quantified detail about their moods, sleep, and stress levels, there's more complex software such as Neuroflow and Unmind. Some apps have even been created specifically for coronavirus-linked anxiety. But cognitive behavioral therapy is the gold standard <<https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=44c31b479a&e=54619da68b>> . Even better, it still delivers benefits when accessed online, as is the case for a new free course called Helpers <<https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=99a4f63f0a&e=54619da68b>> .

A tantalizing idea: All of these tools aim to get people to proactively look after their mental health. We could use the pandemic as an opportunity to further destigmatize mental health care and help build up people's resilience. Read the full story <<https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=221e5cf03f&e=54619da68b>> .

A new \$12 billion US chip plant sounds like a win for Trump. Not quite.

The news: The Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. (TSMC), the world's largest contract chipmaker, has announced that it will build a \$12 billion plant in Arizona <https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=c990aefb31&e=54619da68b> , to open by 2024. At first blush, the announcement looks like a victory for the Trump administration <https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=1c253c907a&e=54619da68b> , which is trying to reduce its reliance on Asia-based manufacturing.

However: The impact of the TSMC deal is far from clear cut and instead highlights just how intertwined the countries' supply chains really are. New rules mean any non-American chip producers that use American chipmaking equipment must now obtain a special license in order to sell to Huawei. Because TSMC uses US equipment in its factories, this effectively places Huawei's supply of chips under the US Commerce Department's control. But the US will still be reliant on chips from Asia, and the ban might have the unintended consequence of penalising US firms that sell to China.

Meanwhile: In recent years, the trade war has also spurred China to double down on investing in its own semiconductor industry. On the same day as the US government's updated export ban, the Chinese government announced a \$2.2 billion injection <https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=9f8d86256f&e=54619da68b> into its largest domestic chipmaker, SMIC. Read the full story <https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=5d9e056a2b&e=54619da68b> .

—Karen Hao

We can still have nice things

A place for comfort, fun and distraction in these weird times. (Got any ideas? Drop me a line <mailto:charlotte.jee@technologyreview.com> or tweet 'em at me <https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=7edb659796&e=54619da68b> .)

+ A Dutch YouTube channel dedicated to marble racing <https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=ffb5c7b1d3&e=54619da68b> .

+ A chain reaction machine that uses toilet paper to dispense hand sanitizer <https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=ecbca59bc9&e=54619da68b> . Peak lockdown.

+ Learn to braid your hair <https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=85fdc55d66&e=54619da68b> .

+ This app recreates the sounds <https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=65d1a56cd1&e=54619da68b> of NYC's subway.

+ A Twitter thread that classifies every type <https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=4f15e59f8c&e=54619da68b> of Disney song.

+ 20 fun ways tech can keep your kids engaged and learning <https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=b628e4c11d&e=54619da68b> this summer.

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If they were not already headed that way, many IT departments are now finding it necessary to accelerate their migration to multicloud architectures because of COVID-19. IDC says that by 2022, more than 90% of enterprises worldwide will rely on a mix of on-premises or dedicated private clouds, multiple public clouds, and legacy platforms to meet their infrastructure needs. It even predicts that a rising desire by companies to mitigate future disruptions by being more flexible, agile, and resilient could make 2021 "the year of multicloud."

Read more <<https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=2f12696090&e=54619da68b>>

The top ten must-reads

I've combed the internet to find you today's most fun/important/scary/fascinating stories about technology.

1 All 50 US states have now reopened

There are discrepancies in how far they're going, though. (NYT <<https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=bda48da9e0&e=54619da68b>> \$)

2 China has put the city Shulan under lockdown after fresh covid cases It seems to be becoming the next pandemic hotspot inside the country. (The Guardian <<https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=95d24bd2a7&e=54619da68b>>)

3 How the pandemic will change Google

CEO Sundar Pichai tries to stay tight-lipped, but he lets a few details slip. (The Verge <<https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=ba6866fc8b&e=54619da68b>>)

4 Utah's contact tracing app was meant to help. It hasn't.

And it's an expensive failure, at that. (Buzzfeed <<https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=2077e7f04e&e=54619da68b>>)

+ Contact tracing apps haven't really made a dent anywhere in the US. (NBC <<https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=f667b14779&e=54619da68b>>)

+ Qataris have to download a tracking app or face jail. (The Next Web <<https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=7d5c4cb1a6&e=54619da68b>>)

5 Facebook is launching a shopping platform aimed at small businesses Nearly one third of them have been forced to stop operating due to covid. (WSJ <<https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=131d051b79&e=54619da68b>> \$)

6 Your face mask selfies are helping train facial recognition systems This is standard industry practice, but it still feels creepy. (CNET <<https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=2344d4262b&e=54619da68b>>)

7 The US is betting big on the weirdest particles of them all: neutrinos A flagship experiment wants to unpick the mystery of why anything exists. (Gizmodo <<https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=ea2102732b&e=54619da68b>>)

8 Covid is helping to boost faux meat

Cutting out animals makes the supply chain a lot shorter and more responsive to demand. (Wired <<https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=deab76fb4d&e=54619da68b>> \$)

9 The case for creating a quarantine "bubble"

Contact with others does not have to be all or nothing. (Slate <<https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=51fdbcc77f&e=54619da68b>>)

+ Here's how to negotiate your own bubble, if you wish. (TR <<https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=94961b6305&e=54619da68b>>)

10 Faith-based Zoom fitness classes have been seeing people through lockdown You can quite literally pray for a workout to end. 🙏👉 (NYT <<https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=d27bce7ecb&e=54619da68b>> \$)

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Quote of the day

“When I look at my choices as objectively as possible, I should not be doing this.”

—A 26-year-old speech pathologist who lives in Washington, DC, admits to The Atlantic <<https://technologyreview.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47c1a9cec9749a8f8cbc83e78&id=2826066b58&e=54619da68b>> that she feels guilty about secretly driving to her new boyfriend’s home a few times a week.

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—Charlotte

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Research Note: Rent controls. The next mistake in housing policy in New Zealand

Howard's lesson

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Shortly after he lost his Australian premiership, I attended a small, private dinner with John Howard in London. We talked about his nearly 12 years in office and the lessons he had learnt.

Howard shared a story about a visit of the Dalai Lama to Australia in 2007. The Chinese leadership had made fierce threats about the visit, demanding that no Australian official meet him.

The result was the opposite. Precisely because of China's strong public demands, Howard said he had to meet the Dalai Lama – even though he would not have otherwise.

I keep thinking of this incident. Not just because it contains a gem of foreign policy wisdom. It also applies to some foreign policy conundrums today.

Take Turkey, for example. The Armenian genocide of 1915–1917 is well-documented. About a million Armenians were killed by the Ottoman Empire.

Turkey has always denied this chapter of its pre-history. Under its nationalist President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, this denial has strengthened and resulted in threats against anyone prepared to recognise the genocide.

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Oh good. Rent control

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The government released the policy shortly before April Fools' Day. At the time it seemed funny in a Rob Muldoon so-bad-it's-good kind of way.

But Ministers have since clarified they are not making this up. The government's housing affordability strategy really is to raise taxes on landlords.

The main item in the package took away landlords' right to treat interest as a deductible tax expense. The government says these deductions are a loophole.

It turns out this loophole is a massive problem. For centuries, businesses everywhere have been exploiting this loophole by deducting expenses to avoid paying taxes. Something had to be done, obviously.

And landlords have no right to complain. They can still deduct other costs, like stationery.

But, eventually, some landlords are bound to notice they can no longer afford food. Selfishly, some of them will decide not to be a landlord and leave for more profitable activities, like welfare. Rentals will turn owner-occupied, new investment will disappear. Rents will rise.

Right on cue, yesterday we learned the Housing Minister has asked for advice on "temporary rent controls."

Rent controls? Strewth.

Roughly no economists think rent control is a good idea. It is famously bad, like stamp duty, tariffs, quotas, or having central banks solve climate change.

In his book Basic Economics, US economist Thomas Sowell looked into rent control and found one or two issues.

Minor things. Like in Melbourne, where rent control stopped apartment construction dead for nine years. Or in New York, where it halved the turnover of apartments. Sowell found rent control led to high vacancy rates in housing shortages; produced slums and black markets; led to a boom in luxury apartments, which raised average rents; some owners abandoned their buildings entirely; and migrants suffered most from the policy.

Apart from this, rent control is great.

Especially when it is "temporary." Sweden had temporary rent controls. They lasted 30 years, which was long enough for Sweden to work out why it had a severe housing shortage.

Even communists don't like rent control, it is so awful. In 1989, the foreign minister of Vietnam gave a speech which included this assessment of rent control:

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GEORGE FLOYD ANNIVERSARY

- * George Floyd's family meets with President Biden and VP Kamala Harris on 1st anniversary of Floyd's murder
- * Family is calling for police reform and legislation to be passed in his name
- * Biden says he wants a right bill – not rushed bill

RUSSIA & US

- * Biden and Putin will meet next month in Geneva
- * WH rejects the summit represents a reward for bad behaviour by Kremlin
- * Last summit took place 3 years ago

DR CONGO VOLCANO

- * At least 31 people have died after eruption near Goma
- * Some people may have been trapped under rubble for days – thousands fled their homes over the weekend

COVID GERMANY

- * More than 40 percent of people in Germany have now received at least one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine
- * New data reveals the inoculation drive is moving closer to protecting a majority of the population.

COVID HK

- * Hong Kong has warned it could have to throw away vast stores of coronavirus vaccines because of people's reluctance to have a jab.
- * The territory currently has at least one million Pfizer shots which will be out of date in three months.

COVAX MODERNA

- * Moderna says further research shows its Covid-19 vaccine is highly effective in adolescents.
- * The pharmaceutical firm has been testing the jab on 12 to 17 year olds

COVID - VICTORIA

- * A raft of new restrictions are now in place across greater Melbourne, as the city's Covid-19 cluster grows to nine cases - in three homes.
- * New Zealand last night also paused the travel bubble with Victoria for 72 hours because of the outbreak

JOHN CENA

- * WWE star, John Cena has apologised to China on social media, for calling Taiwan a country – while promoting Fast & the Furious
- * The remarks prompted backlash in China and Mr Cena says he "made a mistake" and that he's "very very sorry."
- * China considers self-ruling Taiwan to be part of its territory.

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Palau-Taiwan travel bubble begins today

By Bernadette H. Carreon

Over 100 tourists will descend in Palau tonight to kick off the first travel bubble with Taiwan, with President Surangel Whipps Jr. joining them on the flight in a bid to boost public confidence in its safety amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

President Whipps is returning to Palau after a four-day visit to Taiwan where he encouraged Taiwanese to spend COVID-free holidays here and enjoy its oceans.

The April 1 flight will be the first of a twice-a-week travel bubble between Palau and Taiwan which Whipps hopes to be the “shot in the arm” to the country’s economy which has been devastated by the pandemic.

The vaccination program of Palau is also one key contributing factor to the decision to slowly open up to tourists.

President Whipps said Palau is on its way to reaching herd immunity with at least 50 percent of its 18,000 population already partially vaccinated by the end of March.

“For Palau, we got our shot in the arm with the vaccine, by allowing the tourists to come in we have a shot in the arm with our economy, and that's very important,” Whipps said.

Whipps's visit to Taiwan is also historic, he is the first foreign head of state to visit Taiwan since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

At a cost of up to USD\$2,800, tourists will be able to go on a holiday in Palau, snorkel at the Rock Islands but are restricted from mingling with the community. Visitors will be required to test negative for coronavirus hours before boarding the plane.

In his meeting with Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen on Tuesday, Whipps said while the COVID-19 tests and requiring tourists to be at the airport five hours ahead of the departure might be an inconvenience for now, he said it's being done for both the safety of the visitors and the Palauan people.

If proven successful, the flights and visitor numbers will increase as well.

Whipps thanked Taiwan and the United States for making the bubble possible and keeping Palau COVID-free.

"Taiwan and the United States have both provided Palau with personal protective equipment, testing supplies and equipment, and expert technical assistance throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Since January 2021, the United States has been providing COVID-19 vaccines to Palau. But the partnership between Taiwan, Palau, and the United States is not limited to public health or pandemic management," Whipps said in a statement on Tuesday.

The trip in Taiwan also showed a stronger relationship between Palau, Taiwan, and the United States., with US Ambassador John Hennessey- Niland joining the president's delegation.

"This visit by President Whipps, accompanied by U.S. Ambassador to Palau John Hennessey-Niland, reaffirms our commitment to strengthening U.S.-Taiwan-Palau cooperation by promoting democracy and good governance, countering climate change, advancing digital health, fostering women's empowerment, promoting agricultural trade, strengthening coast guard cooperation, and enhancing Palau's cybersecurity," the statement added.

On his trip to Kaohsiung, Taiwan on Wednesday, Whipps told the media that he is also looking forward to seeing direct flights from the city.

Kaohsiung is the largest port city in Taiwan, and Whipps said the visit there will provide Palau new ideas opportunities to revitalize the country's economy from interstate transportation, marina facilities to aquaculture.

He said the mayor is also planning to forge a sister city agreement with Koror State, the capital city of Palau.

Model of Safe Travel

Tsai said she herself is promoting Palau as a safe destination to the Taiwanese people.

She said the travel bubble will set precedent worldwide on how safe travel can be done.

“Together we will show the world that this model for safe travel will be feasible as the pandemic subsides,” Tsai said.

She said she is also looking forward to visiting Palau again.

In Palau, social media comments raised concerns about whether the community needs to wear masks from now on with the opening of the borders to tourists.

Senator Umiich Sengebau expressed confidence with the travel bubble especially those coming from low-risk areas like Taiwan.

"I feel we have all the pieces in place so we can begin to welcome visitors. It would be a different situation if they are coming from other places considering we haven't reached herd immunity of 80% of the population. I feel very confident with Taiwan's ability to ensure they won't accidentally introduce Covid 19 to Palau," he said.

Photo Caption: President Surangel Whipps Jr. (3rd; left) visiting Kaohsiung City on Wednesday with Foreign Minister of Taiwan Joseph Wu (second, left). Photo by Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taiwan.

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Palau receives Johnson & Johnson vaccines from the United States

By Bernadette Carreon

Palau received 200 doses of Johnson and Johnson vaccine this month and immediately started the rollout of last weekend to one of the outlying states in Palau.

President Surangel Whipps Jr. on March 21, 2021, along with Governor Richard Ngiraked, and Palau health officials accompanied members of the United States' Health and Human Services (HHS) team on a vaccination trip to Kayangel State.

"The HHS team rolled out the Johnson & Johnson Janssen version making Palau the first Freely Associated State (FAS) to receive the Johnson & Johnson vaccine."

During the visit to Kayangel, 40 residents were vaccinated.

Palau is expected to get receive more doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine in the coming months , together with its monthly allocation of Modern vaccine.

Whipps said the single dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine is more suited to residents living in remotes states in Palau.

The rollout of the single dose vaccine will continue, with the HHS team expected to travel to other outlying states in Palau.

Dr. Richard Bostrom, who is one of the US health officer in Palau helping in the vaccination program said the country by the end of June will be at the safe level of vaccination.

“Dr. Bostrom has lauded Palau’s vaccination program , which is leading the United States on Covid-19 vaccination statistics.

“Your vaccine numbers were quite high, even though everyone gets the same amount of vaccine in the United States, Palau was still number 1. What we have seen here when we arrived , is the reason why you are number 1. The Minister of Health, the executive branch and all the community are determined and has prioritized this and is remarkably focused to get this vaccine out in a way that it is intended, “ Bostrom told a press conference last week.

According to the Minister of Health’s COVID 19 Situation Report, as of March 24, 8,662 has received their first vaccine dose and 4,477 persons fully vaccinated.

The report further said that 25 percent of Palau’s 18,000 population have been fully vaccinated.

Palau is also getting ready for the bubble with Taiwan which will start on April 1. The bubble will open Palau's borders to tourists after one year of closure to avoid the coronavirus.

While Palau remained COVID-free, its tourism-reliant economy has taken a big hit.

President Whipps is set to leave on March 28 to Taiwan for his first off-island trip since he assumed office in January. His last travel , was in March of 2020.

caption: US Health officials administer the Johnson & Johnson vaccine in Kayangel State on March 21. Photo courtesy of Task Force Oceania Public Affairs- SGT Navarro/ US Embassy Koror

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People want to travel again and a large majority of the population is planning trips in 2021: Survey

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ITB Berlin and Statista present a new survey on travel behaviour in Germany, the US and China.

Around 70% of those surveyed in Germany, the US and China are thinking about private trips this year. Specifically, 37% of Germans, 42% of Americans and 66% of Chinese are planning one or more trips.

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February 2021 vs. February 2020 - Change in key overseas markets - before and after COVID-19 pandemic

- * Australia - 8,390 departures this February, 98.9% year-on-year decline in total outbound travel
- * New Zealand - 3,033 departures this February, 98.4% year-on-year decline in total outbound travel
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- * The U.S. leads the world in COVID-19 vaccine-led recovery with over 16% of their population covered with their three home-made solutions - Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson
- * The U.K. follows suit with 6.7% of their population jabbed using their Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine solution.
- * Singapore stood close behind at 6.4%, using the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines of the U.S.
- * India, Australia, New Zealand and South Korea remain below 1% coverage by the end of March.

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New report unpacks Taiwan's Covid-19 success

Wellington, 12 May 2020 - Taiwan's relative success against Covid-19 makes it a great candidate for connections with New Zealand after lockdown, according to a new report from The New Zealand Initiative.

As New Zealand prepares to downgrade to Alert Level 2, the Government will be keen to find other Covid-free countries to help restart the Kiwi economy.

Last week, deputy prime minister and NZ First leader Winston Peters publicly supported Taiwan's bid to be accepted into the World Health Organisation. Taiwan's foreign ministry has called on the WHO to "cast off" China's control of it during the Covid-19 pandemic, complaining of barriers in handling the virus within its own borders.

Earlier this month, the New Zealand Government also suggested including Taiwan in its proposed "travel bubble" along with Australia. The system would mean travelers moving between the three countries would not need to go into 14-day quarantine on arrival.

Despite being geographically close to the initial coronavirus outbreak in China, the Initiative's research assistant Leonard Hong said Taiwan may soon be relatively Covid-19 free.

"Taiwan is one of the few countries to 'flatten the curve' of Covid-19 without a national lockdown. New Zealand has much to learn from the East Asian state as it is moving into Alert Level 2."

Hong points to Taiwan's previous experience with the SARS outbreak in 2003 as partially responsible for its effective containment this time around.

Although SARS didn't cripple Taiwan's citizens or economy (of the 131,000 quarantined in 2003, only 346 were confirmed as SARS cases) the outbreak spooked the Taiwan Government into building better health infrastructure to prepare for future pandemics.

It invested heavily in new patient screening technology, checks at airports, training for front-line medical staff and even altered its legislation to allow for faster crisis response.

"Its early border restrictions meant Taiwan has maintained an open domestic economy throughout this new coronavirus crisis."

"Rather than mass testing, Taiwan focused on people moving through its ports of entry, beginning well before the first case was spotted on the island. Indeed, it began targeted checks on December 31 last year," Hong said.

He also highlights that Taiwan's vice president is a trained epidemiologist and served as Minister of Health during the 2003 SARS epidemic, which helps explain why the nation could enact an effective response to Covid-19.

Like peer East Asian states Singapore and South Korea, Taiwan has created a robust contact tracing and monitoring system to deal with the coronavirus so it can understand where infected people are located, and when they breach quarantine. It has proposed major fines for when they do.

As of May 10, Taiwan only has 73 active cases and 366 recoveries from a total of 438 confirmed cases. It also has a low case fatality rate (CFR) of 1.3% or 1.36% deaths. Italy, Spain, the US and New Zealand have CFRs of 13.9%, 10.1%, 5.9% and 1.4%, respectively.

"The lack of dedicated epidemiological infrastructure in New Zealand prior to the Covid-19 outbreak put this country on the backfoot, and the low absolute numbers of cases here may have been what saved New Zealand's healthcare system from being overloaded."

"Taiwan avoided major healthcare and economic pain for another reason: it was prepared. New Zealand should look closely at how the East Asian country achieved this and perhaps adopt some of its best ideas," Hong said.

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Welcome to this week's Memia

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the unfolding future...as ever with a one eye pointing towards my corner of the world, Aotearoa New
Zealand.

Re: last week's issue

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* On the topic of leveraging Aotearoa society's high trust model to achieve influence internationally (cf. Taiwan), a reader who runs an export technology services firm commented that this chimes with their own experience:

"In China IP dissipates in no time...we are winning the jobs that we get because IP can be trusted with us, and because we communicate well."

...so how to systematise and scale this trust so that it's more than an intangible "NZ Story" branding discussion?

Around Aotearoa this week:

* Australian bank Westpac got existential about its Aotearoa subsidiary

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Keep on asymmetric hedging 

Strategic analyst and senior lecturer at Te Whare Wananga o Waikato, Reuben Steff published a landmark paper in the National Security Journal last week: The Biden Administration and New Zealand's Strategic Options: Asymmetric Hedging, Tight Five Eyes Alignment, and Armed Neutrality
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Steff is one of Aotearoa's leading strategic defence experts and his paper distills the zeitgeist:

“New Zealand confronts a seemingly inescapable dilemma: its security interests link it to traditional partners – Australia and the US – while ties between these two and China, [its] largest export market, are deteriorating”

Steff explores three main options:

1. Asymmetric hedging - basically more of the same... maintaining just enough of an illusion of an “independent foreign policy” to balance off security (US, Australia) with trade (China).
2. Tight Five Eyes - seeking a greater level of security shelter from traditional Five Eyes partners, and securing a formal security treaty with the US.
3. More radically, Armed Neutrality: formally give up alliance arrangements, freeing the country up to pursue a much greater degree of foreign policy independence. Basically, “Switzerland of the South Pacific”.

If you're interested in the big picture affecting Aotearoa (and pretty much any small state in the Indo-Pacific) in 2021, I highly recommend reading all 17 pages (plus references) of this paper, the analysis is rich, subtle and absolutely contemporary.

My one comment is that the military analysis doesn't explicitly take account of dynamic technology-driven changes in the defence landscape: I suspect (scarily) that exponential downward cost curves apply just as much to military technology: commoditised AI, autonomous microdrones (...airborne or subsurface swarms), low cost real-time satellite intelligence and resilient internet connectivity may bring the price ticket for small-state defence down from what it used to be. (Think aircraft carrier (\$billions) vs autonomous microtorpedo swarm (\$millions)...which wins?). Also it feels intuitively that relatively small investments in strong nation-level cyber security can fend off major big-state investments in cyber offense...

But for now, we'll keep on hedging, eh 😊:

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Provocative post from Tony Blair Institute's Chris Yiu: If tech companies ran the country
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Triggered by this recent headline:

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“Nevada’s proposal... echoes a broader motif in the contemporary policy debate: that however else we feel about them, the tech companies in our lives are often perceived to be more competent than many of the increasingly ineffectual arms of the state.”

He runs through an interesting thought experiment, imagining what it might be like if tech companies, not governments, ran the show. Government could be:

1. Better at handling scale
2. More responsive
3. Doing less top down

4. Testing many more frontier ideas

Not any time soon, then. But his conclusion rings truer than ever:

“...in today’s rapidly changing world there is more than ever before for policymakers and political leaders to learn from what is happening beyond the corridors of power — and in particular from the organisations that are busy redefining the world through technology and innovation.”

Line calls with no referee 🚫

The AoNZ Parliament is considering a compulsory nationwide digital censorship system
<https://email.mg2.substack.com/c/eJwlkD1vhDAMhn_NZURxvjNk6NKx6twFheC7iwoBBdMT_fUNRblsW_547SdFwsdSj7AuG7HT9XSsGAq-tgmJsLJ9w9rnMSinnPPAWjSC047Irb9XxDnmKVDdka37MOUUKS_IHBDScMueQUWMSqKxfjTRRxFV9N7gHfTdSu3SJRv3MWNJGPAH67EUZFN4Eq3bTb7dxHszeuXzoC4tc8s-vj5jnXKcsVBLN4q0by0AaYB7KzxowS1XGhTLQXABXEoOFozWHXSDsuc3dw8wOPConZXWJOekdSaN6ab4_BDdtg9tc_o-RVkn6zNP3Yql5PKgpbSmWn5brSu_5_d965r3kunoscRhwwECQxfef1T9AwvWhn3slwUw7SKhDHJN4QLRyEkllXeKsyY_Lm2qhBnnHP8ApLqMuw> . InternetNZ has prepared a brief and broad 3-paragraph submission <https://email.mg2.substack.com/c/eJwlkdtq4zAQhp8muouxDrbkC10EIkCWUhpCt-yV0WHsiNqSI8kt7tOvvAGNEDPza2a-MSrDGOImI5Ay2q8-bwtID99pgpwhojVB7J2VTDahOozKy2LRCORSP0SAWbIJ5rgCWiy9OaOyC34XENrWHN2loI3uMGsFbm3DoTO8U0xjNlguCAH1LkTW68AbkPAFcQse0CTvOS_pQE8Hci7HBpOqMYRxsqsEuXiGEOe0R4pBMXw-XZbry82Yi9UneKdHBertV8y3ja8P0RyHP9o9fnvy8Xn9OMbb-RjC39fLWKRfDr7375CTpCa4prTGHLDNU-FKM75PPnQYa4E7aASnvDVCUC5aY82B1fNIqrTqJX53JtDUS53N1ULeO_8mIMvSdH_IFjlf3ZSfcmav_y1oNXegL7hJifq_iPtR_BQywsr3KErell8Ja3DU1fklrlCmjrBOsRqW8DUXI5QyzU_8AH4acdG> , to which you can add your name if so inclined - before the deadline of Thursday (tomorrow!):

<https://email.mg2.substack.com/c/eJxVUsmO5CAM_ZrilogdcuDQGml-12JxUqqTyADpnuqvH1I5jYRs4-1Zfva2wZrLyxy5NnSJub0OMAm-6watQUFnhTLHYLjmWk8EdSsQLTSKdV4KwG7jZlo5AR2n26K3LeZ0FVAmsUJPw6V2ZFm8spr7JWgMXAer2TIpR8Jkb1h7hgjJg4EvKK-cAG3m2dpRH-zjQX_350Ma6-lqs_5z9HnvrjBfbpeoPnnpXublh_015_bYB9rzqH_I20-SI4L1Bq_oPtrAzh6xQ1BxQUiLpgu3Ok_ocfLAFg45zUfnLVs4EzBMAMIbXscow6UmjQfKxvtn9yst_1nqv3uHfxNt9D1rdJLCYUHB-oDGLgIN3ghFCD9EI65p0Nis0S67-M8fFIK4qGYkowY5goloUYyei4unhYJkKcJhMlrZiSxmumtPTBPzjeV_rfplAxxzNu4wEpxbS2nHpSST89Nqafi7e5Z-1niu01Q7Jug3BT2u7DeJM8r5Cg9IMJs22GyD4R5ZJMApObws4544z3nWDU4UPuVcnssEf7D4qsx48>

[Weak] signals

This week’s emerging tech signals from the near and far future...

Sowing Discord

* Apparently Microsoft is negotiating to buy gamer messaging platform Discord
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Robots

* ANYmal = Spot on wheels:

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* NZ Funds Management's KiwiSaver growth fund has invested 5% of its \$350M investment value in bitcoin
<https://email.mg2.substack.com/c/eJwlkc2OrCAQhZ-m2WIAVHDBYjb3NQw_ZTcZLQwUY3qe_tJjQsgJOZVz6sNbgmfKb3OmQuxzrfQ-wSBcZQciyKwWyGsMZtSj1otgTQWhJ81iWbcMcNi4G8oV2FndHr2ImPAzMMiZK_YyHjQ4zaXVzi7cyhm8V5rrxVmv-BDuWFtDBPRg4AfyOyGw3bylZvKQX4_hXzvXdfWF6rb1PvX4215cLRGhICbFMM5SDZNqOulPFDoAqUu5Kyf4uv-16r7jFYttAd1WMXTNAbI09ILORflpYgfZsmgGPgguJRdKzNPUi96N6rP8tgjhtFhg0kqq2WstlZ598I-RH8-hL9UVsv67NTxYNuCr7v0JiBGfILCZMv7e7T-w1uY6KkZ6r4DW7RBujT_xh_Z9QnYOhGE1ZIRc2vUNhXLxMXNRYGWoxwXPXLW4kNqU2gOOKL9D96moR4> :

“If you are happy to invest in gold, you can't really discount bitcoin”

— James Grigor, NZFM Chief Investment Officer

* Credit card giant Visa is running a pilot
<https://email.mg2.substack.com/c/eJw9UU1vpTAM_DUvN1BCAoRDDu2hUrWrntDIZj3ooYE5eNR-uvXFGmlKLLGY3s8NjrDPCrDbSFicn5jPjZQHvbkIGelPcSIo52VkelKgRGMZiZbSWwalwiwautUjgXIViZnjc42-LOg4R3tyUMJwYdFaNnwRXO59CDbnBOJ06XxXTyGqvLbMEbUPCEeAQPxKIHzlu68Zdb84Zv3_c6QkFNqTZhRUTHbi0DjEw8thwqU2LEJkf1tEkjDN_GIWSf8AtUa3hCqpCnnQt7teljBZ-rhIs6OMNUldvfq6vd_252fv_48_rRvP6ln-_EqoY2jOIGrGdd29asnkr_erMMjE2SDdDKnvedkZL3sjOzuQm63ps6lSllbb5O-SSq7WFdvYH3ODIHj6TofzBX-5_TyxFZa_E2HyN4PTmYL5vzdaxf48c7elh4xHnUWbEOFTWiY0NL2WUr3oELLgYpKMhxc8Aqr1ZYrf4He9>

WttQ> enabling transactions on its payment network to be settled using the “stablecoin” cryptocurrency USDC.

Meanwhile, at the other end of Fintech:

* In India, coercive lending apps which shut down your smartphone if you fall behind on payments <https://email.mg2.substack.com/c/eJwlkdFuhSAMhp_mcKcRQcQLLnaz1zAIVdkUDNSduKdfnQmBpvTvXz6cRvHsvsyRCrJ7G_E6wER4lw0QlbOzQB6DN1JLrQfOKPJcd5qFMs4ZYLdhM5hPYMc5bcFZDCneglaopmermaQTWkDTAdfCKqV6Be2ku6nn7awdPLb29AGiAwM_kk8UgW1mRTzKS3y82k9aGQqm-Z3y5uuUF8q0Tcvp2JKNpcLVYrWGL-u-qyuduTpW6ILZDJVLe4hLhakK0QdLEhbMLW6EaHjPVdfVvJ5kfz9wHjifNB-g073oldNa9Fo5716y2Ze2LudUkExq6sqyOdaw1QfESA6YIhXI-Et3dfy9gYxUtZ8x4DVCtNMG_mGFD_F_euMCETL9hB8tGq5oolYqPnQNf9gQTCGFHLRsGNn7RKpodtiD_QOwG5XC> . 🤨

Health

Some major advances in healthtech recently:

* So long colonoscopies:

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* A landmark brain cancer vaccine <https://email.mg2.substack.com/c/eJwlkU2OhCAQH_U_T7DTyo-KCxWzmGqaEaiUDpQHsiX36wemEkKrwKu_Vh4WC654uc-y5sPuay3WglfzNAUvBxM6MafbOKK20njirleO618zn-ZkQl_hgSjqRHecSvIXid7oHhBy6kW1GW1A4WTHJBbTI7inEU4zKycXpkUv5sYXTeSSLBI-Yrp2QBbOVcuSH_HqI73pqJigBcmv3WNulrpqFWi0JPDUW6nRqXmCtJ2y823izBr9HaLYzAjUleQi56pk3ohO8k7Ljlx_6vuXtosZ7u-fE-aL5hL0e5ThYreWoB-vsQ3VxFW0-l1zA_twZWDLH5kN7IJGntexURYne9a2I901jrqp4ki_XjARLQPcBVT64_9HNKxKm-g1uhmL4UBMJNfCp7_gHTCUpIVSTVh2r9q4u5MIEjB7-AMVLIX8> has passed the first phase of human trials.

* Following on from the amazing rapid development of synthetic mRNA vaccines for Covid-19, scientists are now targeting other diseases using similar technology <https://email.mg2.substack.com/c/eJwlUcuOhSAM_ZrLTgOCigsWs5nfMAhVyWAXWK9xvn5wbkLappzTx6mzBEvKt9nTQewxI907GITriEAEmZ0H5DF4o7TSehCsRF7oVrNwjHMG2GylhvlJbD-nGJylkPAhNLLjPVuNHqwhQeYBIGqkc3OrRT90rR5aKWY-f9ra0wdABwbekO-EwKJZifbjb9ezXd513XVtIKlaJGCq13aSjZ4sEfxNrs1vKFEDW9EcVwWs6ar2jLaisCtmGJa7sqlM_rKrRYXqK6Uoy_ATmgIHxoL5inApeSiF13b1qKeVP-sPg9CTFoM0Ope9p3TWva6c969FN->

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iRnViaLn4qFZklkqqQsvOSnufCgvNBluwf-ifnJQ> including Malaria and personalised cancer vaccine
treatments.

Synbio

On the adjacent topic of synthetic biology:

* Scientists have used “reverse genetics” to craft a new synthetic “minimal viable organism” named
JCVI-syn3A
<[<\[\\(Image credit: James Pelletier \\(MIT Center for Bits and Atoms and Department of Physics\\) and Elizabeth
Strychalski \\(National Institute of Standards and Technology\\)\\)\]\(https://email.mg2.substack.com/c/eJxVUkuO5CAMPu1lI4hvlAsWrZHmGhEYJ4U6gQyQ7qk-_ZDKaiRkG2P7GT-Drbim_DJHKrW7xFxfB5ql32XDWJf3Z8E8B2-EFlpPtGuWp1rqLpR5yYi7DZup-cTuON0WwNaQ4pXA-EhU9zQKKHhJR0CpiScMF6mVlsC0hpE6uGHt6QNGQINfmF8pYreZZ61HefCPB_vdDvg4INOVauFzgLQ3V9jtik0vWOF56Vampgf79ec2-Meakm_3ZZuPnNaMpYQvbP5SEY-WcUMweYHIC6YJd8Intvcl5HOgRa9s5b3givsJ0I1b73jzKFSkxZD4YPd7U-K9rvcfbUa9yze5rvJ8jZHNYFcJtFb62QvRup7q4jqUYMDOU2A3M6akL-c62ENSxcMI4wSzglVdJRyolMT6uJhmSh1mk5tqlqrEbTmSo_g4SHlvrL_JtVlczzDNhwYY4hrTbEF5fjT3ob4c_E2t6j9jKG-ZozWbehvSuu9GG-S5xUj5rYwfrbV0LF1xNoXJknoTWHjnAsu2kx11-B9alnR7LgH-w-Tr8cw></p></div><div data-bbox=\)](https://email.mg2.substack.com/c/eJwlkE2OgzAMhU_T7lrlL2GRxWzmGigkLkQTApMET39hCJZImU_69mfswjTmk-zrQXJlQY8NzAJjhIBETLZC-QheCO00LqnpFaeaqJJKMMrAyw2RIN5B7LtYwzOYlJtC4ajsyG2ZH1WsvJTDVQwccwq88MKlariIVt63dfYDkwMAb8rkmINHMiFt58J8H-61xHEcTwxuK-wobty61W86EM2BwTwcxPn14h1IPaGZclgmGtYy2nLe0o0rKhaj6K43Xj2lo6Y9SN3xTjmtaeV8-4h2mViTdnHgtb9XS4km20OsdkgpZAmXFMV5fSpsyZ9rreHqlr2FPAclNkxgr-J4M31y2iYIEGuvP1g0VBVL2JC0V629CZQkXHBRA9FS6q9X-tWMgsswf4DoomOFw> , using trial-and-
error to identify the 7 genes required for normal cell division. Take a read to get a sense of the world-
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Mind expanding

Stretching the neurons this week:

* The question of who is/was Bitcoin creator Satoshi Nakamoto remains unanswered... the latest
contribution is a heartfelt tribute to legendary Cypherpunk Len Sassaman
<[I've moved on to other things and probably won't be around in the future.](https://email.mg2.substack.com/c/eJwlkEuOhCAQhk_T7NqIlgOCCxWzmGoZHtZKRwgDOxD79YJtUKvXMX_U5U2FJ-dR7KpVcbq7nDhrhr2xQK2RyFMhz8JorrtRESYs8VUKRUOZXBogmbLrmA8h-2C04U0PCa2FgYy_JqrmgjKnReCGkZNYKRZ13kwNpzOCA37Lm8AHQgYZfyGdCIJtea93Lg309hu9mGxy4PG11XQQfjti5FD9lfBZTiokGnwZ9S2oqa3gCV8wp4QZLexL00A-0Z6ynko5CdLSzXF4PvSZKralTCCWZHJ1STKqxXfjgVvGrhy2VON-LjmS9b6GrdsBMeBSE7ahjO_W6_B9AZjbVDww1HMGNHYDf7OpN-EPrXkNhNzl-9lUTcd20cBHOome3iwaPMYznxTvSZP3qW2hjhCD-QcyDpAF> , who committed suicide less than 2
months after Satoshi sent their haunting final communication in 2011, leaving behind an untouched BTC
fortune worth around US$64Bn today:</p></div><div data-bbox=)

* After a passing reference in Katharina Pistor's excellent Code of Capital
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B2Ro-BVx8cMxhR1xqZidKXvDQZpCCmmNpATLx4Ku7E44k_8DMpaUvQ> , I dug deeper into political economists Glen Weyl and Eric A. Posner's 2018 book Radical Markets
<[“Imagine a world in which all major private wealth \(every factory, patent or plot of land\) is constantly for sale at a fair price and where most of the value of this property is paid out equally to all citizens as a social dividend... We propose a new property system, called the Common Ownership Self-Assessed Tax \(COST\), that would make such a world come true. Every citizen and especially corporation would self-assess the value of assets they possess, pay a roughly 7% tax on these values and be required to sell the assets to anyone willing to purchase them at this self-assessed price.”](https://email.mg2.substack.com/c/eJwUMtuxCAM_JrlGEF4BA4ceulvIAJOFpWQCJxW2a8v6VayLMse2zMTPMK618see0NyJ4fXAbbAT8uACJWcDapL0QottDaM9CoyLTVJzS0VYPMpW6wnkOOccwoe017uhZEROpGnpRxmKVVcFqON5yEYlahhUulewMLEb_0ZE5QAFr6hXnsBku0T8Xjwj8f42aP62I_nzdcvwDaEfetNkuxlR0Y5p2xiSsqBDbOYbqKLYWzWzIDUE59U0JpPW0UYHoJu6zi0c27ow9d9iVR7PFMeDigllRX30kG1vPpSkk9bmOuo7SwJLwfFzxnIWzO-nftzwa1QoHZHo_NomeqMRqGYkfRfYzeFCy6MFpT093HvW8VusCX_C7Dqggs> :</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Sounds like a pipe dream, but many thinkers (including Ethereum's Vitalik Buterin) have given it their attention - one reviewer calling it:

“the most consequential work of political economy of the 21st century”

Rollcall

Around the tracks:

*  Balance by Smudge:

<[Reuben Bijl and Toby Vincent, founders of trailblazing mobile software creators Smudge](https://email.mg2.substack.com/c/eJxVUusuNDAM_ZphByLvsMjijlJ_A-VhmLSQ0CTc27IfXzOsKkKw249exfOxtgzWXIzlybd0l5vY6wCT4qhu0BqU7K5Q5BsM113oiHVqBaKG7WoeIAOw2bqaVE7rjdFv0tsWcrgLK5Ki6p1HSL4IHL5iSZNJeCR-EU8zLQBZB7Q1rxaAheTDwCeWVE3SbebZ21Af7eNCf-HxIQz1dbdb_Hnze0RV3uwLqBZp_XhrbtPygP_7cBvtYcw74X7b5KHktUGv8BPTXBnBgxQ1BxQUIlhgU7vS_AeOIh1E45zXvnbWs50xBPwmiexscow6UmjQfKhsbr9zsl_1ngt73Lt4m-8h69scYQmUed9Lr0nPYST9BAv0kolOkiurlzATlvVfgmDDrwPWLho6UjlyNhJFpBADGRxXFxXLRlJtZAKhf e7Wa82Ulj74Bx_3lf63rK6Y4xm34YCUYlPbTphU0jfGhvR9UTdj1n6m2F4zJOs2CDer7b6NN8_zCgkK3kyYbTNE4kSUI6liJDeLSDvjjONaxg7hQ8aqZHbYo_0HCsbIPA></p></div><div data-bbox=)

<[<\[to distil their learnings - from over a decade of developing software - into an elegant, rather profound book: Balance
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* Great to see the AI Institute at University of Waikato
<[* And yet another sizeable tech firm exit: game developer Ninja Kiwi sold to Swedish firm MTG for NZ\\$203 million
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Most of this week's humour quota went into Suez canal memes, but some alternative gems still to be found...


* Ship memes go meta:

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March 27th 2021

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*  The future of learning is now:

* Wow, how well equipped are these young (ages 6-14) students in this video of new gamified learning platform Synthesis

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"You either win or you learn, you never really lose".

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@anafabrega11 Omg. I asked some of our kids what's Synthesis. Here's what they had to say.....



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...Also this audio clip of learning reflections from 10yo Synthesis student Emmett

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. I'm no expert on education but this feels like seriously well-designed learning.

* Forever blowing bubbles:

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Have a relaxing Easter break!

Ngā mihi / Cheers

Ben

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Sent: Friday, 25 December 2020 3:14 PM
Subject: Merry Christmas!

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Meri Kirihimete!

圣诞节快乐!

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I hope this email finds you safe and well.

There should have been a new language in the list of salutations, as this message was supposed to be coming from another country with a billion plus people, but little did we know the surprises 2020 had in store for us all. This year has certainly reminded us of how much was possible by comparison in 2019.

Fritha and I will remain in China at Shen Wai International School (SWIS) in Shenzhen until at least the end of the academic year. Our new positions in India at Dhirubhai Ambani International School (DAIS) in Mumbai await but our contract start date has been pushed back to July 2021. We will meet with DAIS (online) in the new year to discuss if that start date is even feasible. Reported COVID-19 case numbers in India have passed ten million and the borders remain closed.

We feel fortunate to be in our China bubble. Our first semester at SWIS has gone smoothly, with face-to-face classes and all but a handful of our students and staff back on campus. If you were to see our school, it looks like 2019. We are now on winter break until 4th January, having finished up on Tuesday with Christmas carols before school, a compressed timetable (shortening all four lessons to fit into the morning), a 20-minute window for the Student Council to deliver 'candy-grams' (yes, after the lessons!), an after-lunch students vs. staff basketball game, then a Student Council-led mini winter bazaar, as we could not hold our usual community fair due to a restriction still in place barring parents and guests from campus (this restriction seems set to be lifted in January – oh well!). Shenzhen has actually tried to be cold in the mornings, dropping to 10 C / 50 F, but was back up to 19 C / 66 F for our mini bazaar – the perfect temperature to sit outside on beanbags under a tree with a guitar singing Christmas songs with the kids to finish the day. Oh, and the perfect temperature fluctuation to get our students sick with good old-fashioned colds!

Gathering our courage, we have slipped away by train along the coast to Xiamen, formerly Amoy, from where you can see Taiwan's Kinmen Islands, 10km across the water, islands which form another bizarre chapter in Cold War history. Although we have not travelled out of Shenzhen this year, having returned there from New Zealand in January, we were not surprised at the involved arrival procedure yesterday. Jumping off the very comfortable high-speed train after four hours, we headed for the exit only to be politely

guided out of the crowd by officers to be registered by paper and by a Xiamen QR code (second of the day, having prepared our usual Shenzhen QR code registration for inspection). Processed we were cheerily waved Goodbye then took a taxi to our hotel for the usual hotel check-in procedure accompanied by the third and fourth registration QR codes of the day. Feeling safe and tagged, we have now settled into a few nights off in Xiamen! So, this will be travel for the near future, methinks.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and polish off 2020 in whatever style you can muster. There will not be another year quite like it.

x Malcolm

Attached:

- Xiamen Christmas portrait
- Xiamen Christmas portrait: unmasked!
- Piaochoong (Ladybird) loving winter sun and airing duvet inners
- Morning Christmas Carols: music teacher American-South African-English-New Zealand (me on full size viola?!) support band
- Xiamen Christmas breakfast decisions...

George Bignell

From: Waikato Chamber Of Commerce <help@waikatochamber.co.nz>
Sent: Monday, 3 May 2021 1:58 PM
To: Andrew McRae
Subject: Message from the CEO

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Thoughts from the CEO
3 May 2021
Good afternoon all

Here are some thoughts for this week.

1. Supply Chains

Supply chains around the world are cracking. We are hearing reports of companies who purchase for the Christmas trade struggling to get delivery slots and container shipments for their goods to be landed in time to be in stores for December.

With the debacle over the lack of throughput at the Ports of Auckland (POAL) and our other New Zealand Ports are struggling to cope with the overflow, we have a clear example of why we need to transition away from the current Auckland port.

New Zealand needs to plan now for a port that copes with increasing trade volumes for the next 100 years. Ports around the world have all got out of downtown city sites and looked for green-fields sites where really efficient port infrastructures can be built and operated.

POAL lost the social license from their community to operate from downtown Auckland a long time ago. The politically motivated NZ First driven attempt to sell Northport to the country was wisely rejected for what it was - a vote-buying stunt.

Cooler heads have looked at the obvious options on the Manukau and the Firth of Thames. The Northern Chambers have adopted the Auckland Chamber of Commerce commissioned study, and non-political and non-parochial recommendation of a Port on the western side of the Firth of Thames.

A port that is close to the centre of the Golden Triangle and is greenfields is worthy of serious consideration. Contact us for more information if you are interested.

2. A China Black Swan

Business needs to be wary of the potential China Black Swan as tensions rise between the Democratic West and the totalitarian regime in China. The potential for further dislocations to your import or export supply chains with China is rising. Issues with the Chinese Communist Party actions in the south china sea, with the Uighurs, Taiwan, and the South Pacific loans are concerning our Government and therefore need to be factored into your strategic planning.

There are many parallels with the last century and defusing these tensions will not be a simple task for both sides. With the Chinese Communist Party concerned about losing face if they back down to pressure from their trading partners we have the makings of a stand-off that will certainly affect New Zealand's trade. If your business relies on China in any shape or form you need to prepare for a Black Swan event.

3. Diversify your Markets and the Ethical Consumer

With our leaders calling for a diversification of our trade it would be smart for business people to re-assess their strategies and explore new markets for both import and export.

The rise of the Ethical Consumer is a substantial wave. Where, how, and by whom goods and services you purchase are made is of increasing importance to a far more connected and concerned consumer. Alongside price and quality in your purchasing decision making now sits ethical considerations. Sourcing goods on price and quality was a simple process but ethical sourcing is a different beast. Whether it is green or greenwashed, whether it is produced using child or forced labour, whether the source or intermediaries are corrupt are all going to be highly significant to the consumer of the future. The younger generations are adopting it as are the baby boomers. Both are large demographics you ignore at your peril. If you cannot prove your product is created in an ethical manner you may find yourself left behind as your competitors create a durable competitive advantage that your cheaper price cannot overcome. Ethical supply chains take time to establish, and one front-page news article could ruin your market share overnight.

4. Australia, our bubble partner

Australia is a huge opportunity for Waikato businesses and one worth exploring. With very similar purchasing requirements and regulations, our first bubble partner makes an attractive market to enter. Export is a big jump for any business and can make or break your company. Through your Chamber, there are a large number of connections with Chambers throughout Australia that can give you a foothold to be expanded on. The worldwide Chamber network of 13,000 Chambers and over 20 million member businesses is the largest global business network. As a member, it may be a resource worth investigating for your business.

5. Amalgamation

The amalgamation of local government is gathering steam. Years of dissatisfaction is fuelling change. The Government is now leading that change. Funding is the fundamental issue. For years central governments have kept a straight jacket on local government funding sources. In part to ensure there is a focus on providing vital local infrastructure and not to see it squandered on fancy pet projects that gather votes for the re-election of some councillors. Business people need to involve themselves in this re-creation of local government. Why, because ultimately you or your future generations will have to pay through taxes or rates or tolls or similar. You should have your say on what the Waikato needs and how it is to be funded. There will be efficiencies to be gained by amalgamating Waikato local councils and that should occur, but funding major projects such as 3 waters, the Hamilton to Tauranga Expressway, Southern Links, a Tirau bypass or a third bridge across the Waikato River in Cambridge are all projects that underpin the improved well-being and prosperity for the Waikato. How and Who funds these projects are key questions that the debate over the amalgamation of local government needs to answer. Business needs to participate in these decisions.

Have a great fortnight.

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Kia ora,

This week we talk to New Zealand's ambassador to Myanmar as the country prepares for upcoming elections amid a pandemic and on-going domestic challenges.

We're checking in with a Kiwi hockey star taking their A game to Japan, and the Olympic Games.

And we profile one of Taiwan's most influential politicians, described by many as Taiwan's "father of democracy".

All that – along with the usual roundup of international news and opinion – and the quirky tale of the Korean cereal-box war that's played out over 16 years...

Ngā mihi,

The Asia Media Centre team

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Myanmar's developing democracy <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail19.com/t/i-l-xujlutt-fiihrthtr-d/>>

Amid a pandemic and on-going civil strife, Myanmar is building up to elections in November with Aung San Suu Kyi's NLD party likely to win the day. NZ's Myanmar Ambassador Steve Marshall gives his assessment on the country's developing democracy, and the challenges ahead.

Olympics put the heat on Black Sticks player George Muir

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You'd think a sauna would be relaxing, but not so if you're on the Black Sticks hockey team preparing for the Olympics. The AMC's Kirsty Sharp talks to Black Sticks player George Muir about COVID, Japan, and training for the Olympics.

Lee Teng-hui: Mr Democracy or Godfather of Secessionism?

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Lee Teng-hui (李登輝1923-2020), Taiwan's first elected president born on the island died at the age of 97 last month. Media in Japan and the West describe Lee Teng-hui as Taiwan's "Father of Democracy" while China's state-run media outlets like Global Times portray Lee as the "Godfather of Taiwan Secessionism." Dr Lifang Peng explores Lee's impact on Taiwan and how he was viewed.

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An update on COVID-19

The Asia Media Centre rounds up some in-depth and explainer pieces on the novel coronavirus virus and its effects.

COVID-19 Regional Roundup | Asia Media Centre

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The Asia Media Centre gathers media coverage from across Asia to provide a wrap-up of how the region is handling COVID-19. As cases rise above 20 million globally, India steps up testing and Singapore looks to a post-COVID future.

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What has media in New Zealand been reporting about Asia? Here's a roundup of stories from the past week.

* 75 years after Hiroshima, the threat of a nuclear attack is back on the rise
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THE SPINOFF

* India opens "air travel bubble": Can someone from NZ travel to India in an emergency?
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THE INDIAN WEEKENDER

* COVID-19 coronavirus: Vietnam misses out on 100 days of no community transmission
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NZ HERALD

* AJF slams 'misguided' Malaysian investigation into Al Jazeera report
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Thailand's youth movement resurges to challenge the Chan-O-Cha government | The Bangkok Post
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Anti-government protests are growing in Thailand, fuelled mainly by students unhappy with disestablishment of the popular Future Forward Party. But political commentator, and Asia New Zealand Foundation Honorary Adviser, Thitinan Pongsudhirak says the roots of the youth movement run far deeper than just the FFP.

Rules of engagement: tensions ramp up again in the South China Sea | South China Morning Post
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With the US and China both increasing an armed presence in the sensitive region, Chinese naval commanders have been told "not to fire the first shot" in any confrontation.

The new era of struggle in Hong Kong | Sydney Morning Herald
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The Lowy Institute's Ben Bland takes a closer look at the implications for Hong Kong, as China begins to flex its muscles under the new security law.

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Asia Perspectives on NZ

What stories linking New Zealand and Asia have captured the attention of international media in the past week?

Diplomat sex scandal in New Zealand imperils South Korean WTO bid
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Allegations of sexual assault by a senior South Korean diplomat in New Zealand are souring bilateral ties, putting at risk Seoul's hopes of installing its candidate as the next head of the World Trade Organization, according to the Nikkei Asian Review.

Flavoured gin disruption: New Zealand's Scapegrace naturally coloured black gin to land in Asia
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New Zealand's premium gin company Scapegrace Distilling is set to export its naturally coloured black gin in Asia, with the first shipments expected to land in Hong Kong, Singapore, China and Japan this month.

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Taiwan's wine Renaissance |South China Morning Post
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The lost art of Taiwanese winemaking is being revived by Chen Chien-hao , whose "Vino Formosa" is already picking up awards in Europe.

The Korean cereal box campaign 16 years in the making. | Reuters
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The bizarre story of the cereal box war in South Korea between Mr Cheki and Mr Chaka, who has finally won his rightful place in the breakfast food aisle.

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Please find attached: 'New Zealand's Place in the World: the implications of COVID-19'.

Please note: the attached paper and release are embargoed until Wednesday 20 May, 2am (NZ time)

New Zealand's place in the world: the implications of COVID-19

New Zealand needs to leverage its safe, strong reputation and unique position of being COVID-19-free for its economic advantage, say experts in a new paper that examines the effect of the pandemic on our international standing.

'New Zealand's place in the world: the implications of COVID-19' is the third discussion paper in the *Future is Now Conversations Series* produced by Koi Tū: The Centre for Informed Futures, a think tank and research centre at the University of Auckland.

Koi Tū director Sir Peter Gluckman says leveraging New Zealand's strong reputation, diversifying the markets we target and the products we sell, and harnessing our entrepreneurial business sector are some of the many economic opportunities available.

As a small, geographically-isolated island nation, New Zealand is particularly vulnerable to international disruptions that affect our strategic alliances, market access, supply chains, tourist and student flows, and the availability of international labour.

"COVID-19 has been such an unprecedented disruption," he says. "The future progress of the pandemic and countries' responses to its direct and indirect effects are uncertain. We have limited resources to respond to the challenges and need to prioritise actions which will make the biggest and most long-lasting differences."

Sir Peter says New Zealand's reputation and standing, along with its hopefully COVID-free status, may make us attractive for corporate entities to bring core research and development R&D and intellectual assets, including management teams, into our well-connected and safe environment.

Written by John Allen (former chief executive and Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade), Sir Peter Gluckman, Dr Anne Bardsley and defence science specialist Hema Sridhar, the paper captures the insights of more than 20 domestic and international trade, diplomatic and strategic experts.

It explores trade, political and economic models and considers what New Zealand can do to leverage advantage – such as re-energising our relationship with China, working closely with Australia, building coalitions with other small advanced countries, re-orienting our economy and investing in innovation.

Mr Allen says the COVID-19 pandemic arrived at a time when the world was already struggling with growing tensions between the major powers, and in particular between the USA and China.

"The shifting world order creates risks for New Zealand because many of the decisions that determine the new norms will be made by others, and we have limited, or no, ability to influence them."

Mr Allen says New Zealand needs to re-energise its relationship with China, as it is still our number one trading partner, and with both the US and Europe under pressure, it still represents the most significant opportunity for

many New Zealand businesses in the immediate future.

He says New Zealand has to date successfully navigated between Chinese and American interests, but this is becoming more challenging – particularly with the US election ahead and the pandemic's impact in the USA.

“These relationships will always be critical. We should use less-traditional vehicles for relationship building such as science and culture and we need to enhance our cultural understanding of China, particularly across Government. We do not have to choose between the major powers and we should not do so.”

Mr Allen also stresses the need to continue to work closely with Australia and other countries in the Pacific region.

“With our economy and society tightly integrated with Australia, we need to re-open our respective borders to each other as soon as possible, while also exploring new, non-regionally- based trading alliances, in which Japan could be a critical partner.”

The pandemic has highlighted the need for global cooperation, now more than ever, not just in this crisis but because of the even greater threat of climate change.

“New Zealand must be bold and outward looking in a world that may turn inwards,” says Sir Peter.

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Robert H. Frank is the Henrietta Johnson Louis Professor of Management and Professor of Economics at Cornell's Johnson Graduate School of Management

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He has a new book out: Under the Influence (PDF attached)

Other books he's authored: <https://press.princeton.edu/our-authors/frank-robert-h>

Also attached is an article from the New Statesman and below are some links:

The very recent Ezra Klein podcast is particularly good and includes a transcript:

<https://www.vox.com/podcasts/2020/5/26/21269556/robert-frank-under-the-influence-ezra-klein-show-coronavirus>

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PBS NewsHour segment <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WqlkXdahinA&feature=youtu.be>> , Jan 30, 2020

Excerpt in The Economist <<https://www.economist.com/open-future/2020/02/07/we-can-harness-peer-pressure-to-uphold-social-values>> , Feb 7, 2020

Excerpt in Behavioral Scientist <<https://behavioralscientist.org/behavioral-economics-robert-frank-taxes-mother-of-all-cognitive-illusions/>> , Feb 10, 2020

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Over recent months our guests have included novelists Ann Patchett <<https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/saturday/audio/2018743154/ann-patchett-the-dutch-house-author>> , Salman Rushdie <<https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/saturday/audio/2018711243/salman-rushdie-reimagining-don-quixote>> and Hilary Mantel <<https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/saturday/audio/2018738439/author-hilary-mantel-completes-her-wolf-hall-trilogy>> , musicians Guy Garvey <<https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/saturday/audio/2018735335/guy-garvey-lead-singer-of-uk-band-elbow>> of Elbow and John Darnielle <<https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/saturday/audio/2018744064/john-darnielle-mountain-goats-new-lockdown-album>> of The Mountain Goats, film director Francis Ford Coppola <<https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/saturday/audio/2018700869/francis-ford-coppola-apocalypse-now-final-cut>> , creator of The Wire David Simon <<https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/saturday/audio/2018747666/the-wire-creator-david-simon-america-finds-itself-in-a-very-ugly-place>> , Gladys Knight <<https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/saturday/audio/2018732312/gladys-knight-empress-of-soul-tours-nz>> , and documentary maker Ken Burns <<https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/saturday/audio/2018742339/ken-burns-doco-director-s-epic-histories>> .

Do please let me know if you need any more information about Kim or the show in order for you to consider this request. A first step would probably be to connect with your publisher or the book's distributor here in NZ, assuming that no one else from RNZ has been in contact with you about this already of course.

Thanks very much and all the best

Richard Scott

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Producer, Saturday Morning with Kim Hill

From: s9(2)(a)

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Subject: RE: NETFLIX: New Screeners available upon request

Hi Richard,

Sorry for the delay!

Just wanted to confirm a couple details before we share this request with Netflix:

- * When your deadline would be?
- * Would this be a phone call? And how long you would need for the interview?
- * Past examples would be fab also!

Thanks so much,

Taylor

From: s9(2)(a)

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Subject: Re: NETFLIX: New Screeners available upon request

Hi there Taylor

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Please let me know and I can put together a pitch letter pointing to some of our recent guests and interviews.

All the very best

Richard

> From: Taylor Lynch <taylor.lynch@wearepulse.com.au <mailto:taylor.lynch@wearepulse.com.au>

Sent: 15 May 2020 12:06

Cc: Team - Pulse Netflix Publicity <netflixpublicity-anz@wearepulse.com.au <mailto:netflixpublicity-anz@wearepulse.com.au> >

Subject: NETFLIX: New Screeners available upon request

Imagery available on the Netflix Media Centre

<<https://media.netflix.com/en/>>

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Original Series Screeners

Now available upon request:

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JEFFREY EPSTEIN: FILTHY RICH, Episodes 1-3

Premieres globally on May 27, 2020

Leading up to his 2019 arrest, mysterious tycoon Jeffrey Epstein was accused of abusing women and underage girls for decades, assembling a network of enablers to help carry out and cover up his crimes. Epstein came from humble beginnings yet managed to lie and manipulate his way to the top of the financial world. He eventually gained tremendous wealth and power while running an international sex trafficking ring. The serial sex abuser made a secret plea deal with the government in 2008 avoiding a potential life sentence and continued to abuse women. With their frightening firsthand accounts, Epstein's accusers are the leading voices in director Lisa Bryant's four-part docuseries Jeffrey Epstein: Filthy Rich. By revealing their emotional scars, some for the very first time, the sisterhood of survivors intend to stop predators — and the American justice system — from silencing the next generation. A RadicalMedia and James Patterson Entertainment production made in association with Third Eye Motion Picture Company, the series is executive produced by Joe Berlinger (Conversations with a Killer: The Ted Bundy Tapes).

Please click here <<https://ucanseriespublicity.cmail19.com/t/d-i-mdjtdyk-l-r/>> for the official screener letter that includes embargo information.

Jeffrey Epstein: Filthy Rich review coverage is embargoed until Thursday, May 21 at 5:00PM AEST.

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QUEER EYE Season 5, All Episodes

ANNOUNCED TODAY: Premieres globally on June 5, 2020

The Emmy® Award-winning Queer Eye returns ready to transform the stylistically challenged and into hip and happening savants at the hands of the Fab Five. Now in its fifth season, Queer Eye's fearless ambassadors head east to Philadelphia, the birthplace of the nation, to bring their infectious brand of self-love, confidence and encouragement to a whole new roster of heroes.

The series returned to Netflix in 2018 going global and introducing audiences around the world to a modern aesthetic, diverse perspectives and a brand new Fab Five: Antoni Porowski (Food & Wine), Bobby Berk (Interior Design), Jonathan Van Ness (Grooming), Karamo Brown (Culture) and Tan France (Fashion).

Queer Eye is executive produced by David Collins, Michael Williams and Rob Eric for Scout Productions. Jennifer Lane serves as the showrunner and executive producer. David George, Adam Sher, David Eilenberg, Jordana Hochman, and Mark Bracero serve as executive producers for ITV Entertainment.

Please click here <<https://ucanseriespublicity.cmail19.com/t/d-i-mdjtdyk-l-o/>> for the official screener letter that includes embargo and spoiler information.

Queer Eye S5 feature and review coverage is embargoed until Friday, May 22 at 5:00PM AEST.

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THE BABY-SITTERS CLUB, All Episodes

****PLEASE NOTE NEW PREMIERE DATE & UPDATED EMBARGO INFO BELOW****

Premieres globally on July 3, 2020

Netflix's new series The Baby-Sitters Club is based on the best-selling book series, that follows the friendship and adventures of Kristy Thomas (Sophie Grace), Mary-Anne Spier (Malia Baker), Claudia Kishi (Momona Tamada), Stacey McGill (Shay Rudolph), and Dawn Schafer (Xochitl Gomez) as the middle-schoolers start their babysitting business in the town of Stoneybrook, Connecticut. Rounding out the cast, Alicia Silverstone plays Elizabeth Thomas-Brewer, the selfless single-mother of Kristy Thomas and love interest of all around good guy Watson Brewer, played by Mark Feuerstein. Ann M. Martin, the beloved series author and producer on the new series, was the first to conceive the idea of these inspiring young girls with different backgrounds, personalities and opinions that were brought together by a business venture they conceived and bonded through the friendships they forged. The adaptation of the contemporary dramedy that continues to champion friendship, female empowerment and entrepreneurship was led by Rachel Shukert (Glow) as showrunner and Lucia Aniello (Broad City) as executive producer and director.

SPOILERS: We kindly ask that you do NOT reveal the below storylines in your coverage to ensure fans have the opportunity to experience as they watch.

-Stacey being diagnosed with diabetes
-Jessi Ramsey and Mallory "Mal" Pike being introduced -Mary Anne gets a boyfriend (Logan)

Please click here <<https://ucanseriespublicity.cmail19.com/t/d-i-mdjtdyk-l-j/>> for the official screener letter that includes embargo and spoiler information.

****UPDATED**** The Baby-Sitters Club feature coverage is embargoed until June 15, 2020 at 5:00PM AEST. Review coverage is embargoed until June 29, 2020 at 5:01pm AEST.

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CURSED, Episodes 1-5

Full season will be available at a later date

Premieres globally Winter 2020

Based on the New York Times bestselling book, Cursed is a re-imagination of the Arthurian legend, told through the eyes of Nimue, a young woman with a mysterious gift who is destined to become the powerful (and tragic) Lady of the Lake. After her mother's death, she finds an unexpected partner in Arthur, a humble mercenary, in a quest to find Merlin and deliver an ancient sword. Over the course of her journey, Nimue will become a symbol of courage and rebellion against the terrifying Red Paladins, and their complicit King Uther. Cursed is a coming-of-age story whose themes are familiar to our own time: the obliteration of the natural world, religious terror, senseless war, and finding the courage to lead in the face of the impossible.

Please click here <<https://ucanseriespublicity.cmail19.com/t/d-i-mdjtdyk-l-t/>> for the official screener letter that includes embargo and spoiler information.

Cursed feature coverage is embargoed until Wednesday, May 20 at 5:01pm AEST. Review coverage is embargoed until Friday, July 17 at 5:01pm AEST.

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George Bignell

From: Jeremy Couchman <s9(2)(a)>
Sent: Wednesday, 10 June 2020 11:01 AM
To: Kiwi Economics
Subject: Our Take - Coronavirus is a crisis full of opportunities
Attachments: OurTake - Industry Landscape.pdf

Good morning

* Today we published our latest report on how we think the Coronavirus will change NZ's economic landscape.

* Fortunately NZ is in the enviable position to wind back social distancing measures to allow for a faster eventual recovery.

* However, the economy will continue to be held below its potential as borders remain shuttered. Industries reliant on foreign arrivals such as hospitality, retail and education will continue to struggle.

* The crisis does provide plenty of opportunities though, including aiding the fight against climate change, and the freeing up of resources for productivity enhancing investment.

Kind regards

Kiwibank Economics

Jeremy Couchman, Senior Economist (+s9(2)(a))

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From: Bernadette Carreon <s9(2)(a)>
Sent: Friday, 22 January 2021 6:29 PM
To: RNZINewsShare; s9(2)(a)
Subject: Palau have a new president
Attachments: 4E7A4311.jpg

Palau installs new president, vows to stand strong with US and Taiwan

By Bernadette H. Carreon

Palau installed a new president on Thursday and first in his agenda is assuring close allies like the United States and Taiwan that the nation will stand strong with them.

At about 11 am, on January 21, on an overcast sky, President Surangel Whipps Jr. was officially installed as the new head of states of the country.

He vowed to rise above the COVID-related economic hardship and run a government that will be focused on the Palauan people.

While he did not mention China, Whipps said Palau will rebuff any foreign aggression and will stick to its friends, the US, Japan, Australia, and Taiwan.

“Our friendships have not always been taken well by others; some nations have tried to muscle their way into our country as they have elsewhere. Palau has rightfully rebuffed these aggressive actions and will continue to do so.

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest form of appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them; and so, we shall.

The Republic of Palau stands strong with the United States, Japan, Australia, Taiwan, and every other member of the international community that supports freedom, democracy, the rule of law, and unwavering respect for human rights,” he said in his inaugural speech.

Whipps also said that Palau and Taiwan's friendship will be showcased in the planned travel bubble between the two countries.

"That friendship will soon be on full display, as Palau and Taiwan become two of the first countries to fully reconnect since this pandemic. The "sterile corridor" between our countries will revitalize personal, medical, educational, and business relationships between our countries. It will boost Palau's economy, in our time of desperate need. Perhaps most of all, it will show the world the strength, and depth, of this bilateral partnership,"

He said under the: new sterile corridor," the travel between Palau and Taiwan is likened to a domestic flight.

"One short trip between two COVID-19 safe cities, within a single COVID-safe system. I don't think I need to elaborate on the message that sends. I think it speaks for itself."

The schedule of the bubble is not yet known.

Whipps thanked the US for its assistance from the US CARES Act to the vaccines.

The US has delivered a total of 6,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine in Palau. By the end of this week, Palau is aiming to vaccinate 3,000 people.

Whipps said the vaccine will be instrumental to the country's economic recovery.

"And it is with their help that we are ready, now to begin a swift recovery. Through partnership and vigilance, we have kept our people safe from this deadly pandemic.

“We have become one of the last countries on earth to remain COVID-19 free. Now, it’s time to become one of the first countries on earth to recover. It’s time to get our people vaccinated, it’s time to open a sterile corridor, and it’s time to get our lives back on track,” Whipps added.

1 caption: President Surangel Whipps Jr. delivers his inaugural address, January 21. Photo by Richard Brooks/<https://lightningstrikeproductions.co.uk/>

2 caption: An aerial shot of Palau's Capitol where the inauguration of the new government was held. Photo by Richard Brooks/<https://lightningstrikeproductions.co.uk/>

George Bignell

From: Alerts System <noReply@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 18 March 2021 3:14 PM
To: s9(2)(a)
Subject: Parliament Alerts: Written answers

The following documents matching your alert criteria have been published.

* 18 Mar 2021 - Hipkins, Chris; Bishop, Chris; Mallard, Trevor <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=HansS_20210318_050760000>

* 02 Mar 2021 - 5511 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05511_2021>

Has he seen the story on The Conversation containing the quote "Such a cohesive cross-border contact-tracing solution would also require agreement by both countries on several fronts, including policies governing the technology, data access permission and the location of physical data servers", and if so, are any of those issues under discussion with Australia?

* 02 Mar 2021 - 5491 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05491_2021>

Is the evaluation of the Level 3 lockdown in Auckland in August referred to in the Newsroom story, "Why new Covid-19 case necessitated Auckland lockdown" publicly available, if so, where?

* 02 Mar 2021 - 5544 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05544_2021>

Has he received advice on this issue, as reported on The Conversation, "a New Zealand resident visiting Australia would need to download and use COVIDSafe. But this may not be possible for many, as setting up COVIDSafe requires a verified Australian phone number and postcode", and if not why not?

* 04 Mar 2021 - 5946 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Attorney-General <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05946_2021>

How many people, as a percentage of the whole border workforce, if any, have received a COVID-19 vaccine?

* 04 Mar 2021 - 5955 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05955_2021>

Does his office see the messages posted on Facebook from the "Unite against Covid-19" Facebook account before they are posted?

* 04 Mar 2021 - 5962 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05962_2021>

Who writes the messages posted on Facebook from the "Unite against Covid-19" Facebook account?

* 04 Mar 2021 - 5958 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05958_2021>

Is there a sign-off process for messages posted on Facebook from the "Unite against Covid-19" Facebook account, if so, what is it?

* 10 Mar 2021 - 8. Question No. 8—COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=HansS_20210310_051000000>

CHRIS BISHOP (National) to the Minister for COVID-19 Response

* 10 Mar 2021 - 5. Question No. 5—Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=HansS_20210310_050760000>

DAVID SEYMOUR (Leader—ACT) to the Prime Minister

* 10 Mar 2021 - 1. Question No. 1—Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=HansS_20210310_050460000>

Hon JUDITH COLLINS (Leader of the Opposition) to the Prime Minister

* 18 Mar 2021 - 9109 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_09109_2021>

When she said at her post-cabinet press conference on 15 March 2021, "We've had about nine, I think, so not a lot at all", in relation to the question of when the last person was who tested positive coming from Australia, has she checked if nine is exactly right, and if that is not correct, what is the right number?

* 18 Mar 2021 - 9055 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister of Transport <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_09055_2021>

Are there any new timeframes for the four-laning of State Highway 1 from Ōtaki to north of Levin (Ō2NL), announced as part of the NZ Upgrade list of projects in January 2020, if so, what are they?

* 18 Mar 2021 - 9033 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister of Transport <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_09033_2021>

Are there any new cost estimates for the four-laning of State Highway 1 from Ōtaki to north of Levin (Ō2NL), announced as part of the NZ Upgrade list of projects in January 2020, if so, what are they?

* 18 Mar 2021 - 9047 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_09047_2021>

What will happen to our agreements with Janssen Pharmaceutica, Novavax and AstraZeneca if vaccines produced by those manufacturers are not required in the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out?

* 18 Mar 2021 - 9045 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_09045_2021>

Do our agreements with Janssen Pharmaceutica, Novavax and AstraZeneca stipulate that if vaccines produced by those manufacturers are not required in the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out, New Zealand is refunded any or all of any monies paid to those companies?

* 18 Mar 2021 - 9044 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_09044_2021>

Has New Zealand paid any money to Janssen Pharmaceutica, Novavax and AstraZeneca pursuant to our agreements with them for COVID-19 vaccines?

* 18 Mar 2021 - 9043 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_09043_2021>

Further to his answer to QWA 6229 (2021), had that person before traveling from Australia to New Zealand recently arrived in Australia from overseas, if so, where had they traveled from and when?

* 18 Mar 2021 - 9042 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_09042_2021>

Has the government procured external legal advice relating to the agreements and negotiations with Pfizer/BioNTech, Janssen Pharmaceutica, Novavax and AstraZeneca, and if so, how much has it cost the government to date?

* 18 Mar 2021 - 9041 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister of Foreign Affairs
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_09041_2021>

Has her office had any correspondence with Malaysian Member of Parliament Edmund Santhara around obtaining a space in managed isolation, if so, when?

* 18 Mar 2021 - 9040 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister of Foreign Affairs
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_09040_2021>

Has her office had any correspondence with the Malaysian High Commission in New Zealand around Malaysian Member of Parliament Edmund Santhara obtaining a space in managed isolation, if so, when?

* 18 Mar 2021 - 9038 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_09038_2021>

On how many occasions, if any, in the last year has she talked to the Australian Prime Minister about the proposed trans-tasman travel bubble, and when were those occasions?

* 18 Mar 2021 - 9037 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_09037_2021>

Has Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison written to her regarding the proposed trans-tasman travel bubble, if so, when?

* 18 Mar 2021 - 9036 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_09036_2021>

Has Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison written to her regarding the proposed trans-tasman travel bubble, if so, what did the letter say?

* 18 Mar 2021 - 9035 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_09035_2021>

Has Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison written to her regarding the proposed trans-tasman travel bubble, if so, did she reply?

* 18 Mar 2021 - 9034 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister of Transport <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_09034_2021>

Is the government still committed to the four-laning of State Highway 1 from Ōtaki to north of Levin (Ō2NL), announced as part of the NZ Upgrade list of projects in January 2020?

* 18 Mar 2021 - 9032 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister of Transport <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_09032_2021>

Are there any revised timeframes for the Transport improvements at Melling project, announced as part of the NZ Upgrade list of projects in January 2020, if so, what are they?

* 18 Mar 2021 - 9031 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister of Transport <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_09031_2021>

Are there any new cost estimates for the SH58 safety improvements project, announced as part of the NZ Upgrade list of projects in January 2020, if so, what are they?

* 18 Mar 2021 - 9030 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister of Transport
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_09030_2021>

Are there any new cost estimates for the Transport improvements at Melling project, announced as part of the NZ Upgrade list of projects in January 2020, if so, what are they?

* 18 Mar 2021 - 9029 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister of Transport
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_09029_2021>

Are there any new timeframes for the SH58 safety improvements project, announced as part of the NZ Upgrade list of projects in January 2020, if so, what are they?

* 18 Mar 2021 - 9028 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister of Transport
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_09028_2021>

What papers, if any, has he received that mention the Ōtaki to north of Levin (O2NL) project?

* 18 Mar 2021 - 9027 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister of Transport
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_09027_2021>

What papers, if any, has he received relating to the transport projects listed in the NZ Upgrade package announced in January 2020?

* 18 Mar 2021 - 9026 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_09026_2021>

Further to his answer to QWA 6229 (2021), what city did the person travel from?

* 18 Mar 2021 - 9024 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_09024_2021>

Further to his answer to QWA 6229 (2021), do officials have a view on whether the person contracted COVID-19 in Australia or during their travel, if so, what is that view?

* 18 Mar 2021 - 9023 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_09023_2021>

Further to his answer to QWA 6229 (2021), did that person travel direct from Australia to New Zealand, in other words, was not traveling through Australia as a transit point to come to New Zealand?

* 18 Mar 2021 - 8987 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for Social Development and Employment
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08987_2021>

What is the value of the Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants, if any, that have been granted in Lower Hutt since September 2017, broken down by quarter and number of clients?

* 18 Mar 2021 - 8986 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for Social Development and Employment <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08986_2021>

Further to her answer to question for written answer 2949 (2021), what was the average wait time on the StudyLink phone line for each of the weeks so far this year in 2021, and November and December 2020?

* 18 Feb 2021 - 12. Question No. 12—Police <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=HansS_20210218_051300000>

NICOLE McKEE (ACT) to the Minister of Police

* 18 Feb 2021 - 1. Question No. 1—COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=HansS_20210218_050520000>

CHRIS BISHOP (National) to the Minister for COVID-19 Response

* 18 Feb 2021 - Hipkins, Chris; Bishop, Chris <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=HansS_20210218_050400000>

* 17 Feb 2021 - 10. Question No. 10—Local Government <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=HansS_20210217_050940000>

Hon Dr NICK SMITH (National) to the Minister of Local Government

* 17 Feb 2021 - 8. Question No. 8—COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=HansS_20210217_050820000>

CHRIS BISHOP (National) to the Minister for COVID-19 Response

* 17 Feb 2021 - 6. Question No. 6—COVID Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=HansS_20210217_050700000>

CHRIS BISHOP (National) to the Minister for COVID-19 Response

* 17 Feb 2021 - 5. Question No. 5—COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=HansS_20210217_050640000>

PAUL EAGLE (Labour—Rongotai) to the Minister for COVID-19 Response

* 17 Feb 2021 - 2. Question No. 2—Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=HansS_20210217_050460000>

Hon JUDITH COLLINS (Leader of the Opposition) to the Prime Minister

* 17 Feb 2021 - Seymour, David <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=HansS_20210217_051540000>

* 17 Feb 2021 - Bishop, Chris; Mallard, Trevor <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=HansS_20210217_051420000>

* 22 Feb 2021 - 4240 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_04240_2021>

Have officials conducted checks of the ventilation at managed isolation and quarantine hotels, if so, have any changes been made?

* 02 Mar 2021 - 5447 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05447_2021>

Have officials done further work on the reported "possible" similarity between case A's sequence and that of someone who stayed at the Four Points by Sheraton managed isolation and quarantine facility in Auckland, if so, what was the outcome of that work?

* 02 Mar 2021 - 5431 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05431_2021>

When are AstroZeneca vaccines expected to arrive in New Zealand, and how many will be in the first shipment?

* 02 Mar 2021 - 5526 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05526_2021>

Is it correct, as reported on The Conversation, that "This means Australians visiting New Zealand would have to download the COVID Tracer app and use it throughout their visit", if so, is the government doing any work on this issue?

* 02 Mar 2021 - 5525 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05525_2021>

Has he received advice on this issue, as reported on The Conversation, "a New Zealand resident visiting Australia would need to download and use COVIDSafe. But this may not be possible for many, as setting up COVIDSafe requires a verified Australian phone number and postcode", and if not, will he get some?

* 02 Mar 2021 - 5522 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05522_2021>

What advice, if any, has he received around the compatibility of New Zealand's COVID tracer app with the Australian app?

* 02 Mar 2021 - 5488 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05488_2021>

Is the evaluation of the Level 3 lockdown in Auckland in August referred to in the Newsroom story, "Why new Covid-19 case necessitated Auckland lockdown" publicly available, if not why not?

* 23 Feb 2021 - 4412 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_04412_2021>

Further to his answer to Reply 2420 (2021), when did the overall review of border testing orders begin?

* 23 Feb 2021 - 4416 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_04416_2021>

Further to his answer to Reply 2420 (2021), will the overall review of border testing orders when completed be made public?

* 23 Feb 2021 - 4414 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_04414_2021>

Further to his answer to Reply 2420 (2021), when will the overall review of border testing orders be completed?

* 01 Mar 2021 - 5038 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05038_2021>

How many, if any, COVID-19 vaccine doses have not been used before expiring, broken down by day, since COVID-19 vaccinations commenced in New Zealand?

* 08 Mar 2021 - 6229 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_06229_2021>

How many people, if any, in 2021 have tested positive for COVID-19 in managed isolation and quarantine who have traveled to New Zealand from Australia?

* 04 Mar 2021 - 5947 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05947_2021>

Who actually runs the "Unite against COVID-19" facebook page?

* 03 Mar 2021 - 5809 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05809_2021>

Does he stand by his statement in Parliament on Thursday 18 February, "What we've indicated with these particular cases is because we don't know the origin of the cases, we'll leave no stone unturned to find the origin of the cases", and what steps has the government taken to find the origin of the cases?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 10. Question No. 10—Energy and Resources <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=HansS_20210317_051060000>

BARBARA KURIGER (National—Taranaki - King Country) to the Minister of Energy and Resources

* 17 Mar 2021 - 3. Question No. 3—COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=HansS_20210317_050640000>

CHRIS BISHOP (National) to the Minister for COVID-19 Response

* 04 Mar 2021 - 5835 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister of Housing <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05835_2021>

Has the Government sold any state homes since October 2017 in Lower Hutt, and if so, how many?

* 04 Mar 2021 - 5834 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister of Housing <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05834_2021>

Has the Government sold any state homes since October 2017 in Lower Hutt, and if so, where?

* 03 Mar 2021 - 5811 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05811_2021>

What papers, if any, did he take to Cabinet or Cabinet Committees in February 2021?

* 03 Mar 2021 - 5810 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05810_2021>

Has he seen the Dominion Post story, "The Covid-19 questions that need answering", in particular the comment "Why don't we use mobile phone data, like Taiwan, to determine people's movements to manage outbreaks?", and has he asked officials to look at this issue?

* 03 Mar 2021 - 5814 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05814_2021>

Has he seen the stuff.co.nz story "Covid-19: Blame and fear for the team of five million, as PM pleads for compliance", in particular the comment "Why were 11 students of Papatoetoe High School not reached, not even visited at home, when they couldn't be contacted by phone?", and are these statements correct?

* 03 Mar 2021 - 5813 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05813_2021>

Has he seen the Dominion Post story, "The Covid-19 questions that need answering", in particular the comment "Why don't we use mobile phone data, like Taiwan, to determine people's movements to manage outbreaks?", and does he have an answer to this question?

* 03 Mar 2021 - 5812 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05812_2021>

Has he seen the Dominion Post story, "The Covid-19 questions that need answering", in particular the comment "Why don't we use mobile phone data, like Taiwan, to determine people's movements to manage outbreaks?", and what advice has he received on this issue, if any?

* 04 Mar 2021 - 5833 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister of Housing <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05833_2021>

How many Housing New Zealand units, if any, have been built in Lower Hutt city since October 2017, broken down by units and the number of bedrooms per unit?

* 03 Mar 2021 - 5807 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05807_2021>

Has the "further investigation going on" in relation to the "case that arrived at the Sheraton Four Points late last year where there is not a clear match with the cases we are dealing with at the moment but where there is a more distant match", been completed yet, if so, when?

* 03 Mar 2021 - 5806 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05806_2021>

Has the "further investigation going on" in relation to the "case that arrived at the Sheraton Four Points late last year where there is not a clear match with the cases we are dealing with at the moment but where there is a more distant match", been completed yet, if so, what was the outcome?

* 03 Mar 2021 - 5805 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05805_2021>

Does he stand by his comment in Parliament on Thursday 18 February 2021, "We're dealing with a range of unlikely scenarios", and what are those scenarios?

* 03 Mar 2021 - 5808 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05808_2021>

Does he stand by his statement in Parliament on Thursday 18 February, "The most likely scenario is that it's associated with case B's workplace, which was at the border. That is still the most likely scenario.", and is it still the most likely scenario?

* 04 Mar 2021 - 5956 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05956_2021>

Has the Government ever missed a payment to a COVID-19 vaccine supplier, if so, why?

* 04 Mar 2021 - 5959 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05959_2021>

Has the Government ever made a payment to a COVID-19 vaccine supplier that was late (after when it was due), if so, how much was paid late?

* 04 Mar 2021 - 5957 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05957_2021>

Has the Government ever made a payment to a COVID-19 vaccine supplier that was late (after when it was due), if so, why?

* 04 Mar 2021 - 5961 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05961_2021>

Has the Government ever made a payment to a COVID-19 vaccine supplier that was late (after when it was due), if so, what are the details of that?

* 04 Mar 2021 - 5960 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05960_2021>

Has the Government ever made a payment to a COVID-19 vaccine supplier that was late (after when it was due), if so, what supplier or suppliers were involved?

* 04 Mar 2021 - 5964 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05964_2021>

Has the Government ever missed a payment to a COVID-19 vaccine supplier, if so, when?

* 04 Mar 2021 - 5963 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05963_2021>

Has the Government ever made a payment to a COVID-19 vaccine supplier that was late (after when it was due), if so, when?

* 05 Mar 2021 - 6047 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_06047_2021>

How did Malaysian Member of Parliament Edmund Santhara obtain a space in managed isolation?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8884 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for Economic and Regional Development
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08884_2021>

How many battery electric vehicles are currently in the government fleet as of 1 March 2021, broken down by manufacturer and model?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8883 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for Economic and Regional Development
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08883_2021>

How many electric vehicles are currently part of the Government's vehicle fleet, and how does that compare to the 1st of March for the last 4 years?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8882 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister of Conservation
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08882_2021>

How many, if any, electric or hybrid vehicles owned or leased by DOC are currently located on Stewart Island/Rakiura, and when did they start being used by staff?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8871 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08871_2021>

Has he or his officials reached out to the Australian Capital Territory government in Australia to discuss a ACT/NZ travel bubble, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8879 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister of Conservation
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08879_2021>

Does DOC own or lease electric or hybrid vehicles on Stewart Island/Rakiura, and how are they charged?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8878 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister of Conservation
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08878_2021>

How is electricity generated on Stewart Island/Rakiura?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8876 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08876_2021>

Has he or his officials reached out to the Tasmanian state government in Australia to discuss a Tasmania/NZ travel bubble, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8867 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08867_2021>

Has he or his officials reached out to the Northern Territory government in Australia to discuss a NT/NZ travel bubble, if not, why not?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8875 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08875_2021>

Has he or his officials reached out to the Queensland state government in Australia to discuss a Queensland/NZ travel bubble, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8874 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08874_2021>

Has he or his officials reached out to the Victorian state government in Australia to discuss a Victoria/NZ travel bubble, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8873 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08873_2021>

Has he or his officials reached out to the New South Wales state government in Australia to discuss a NSW/NZ travel bubble, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8872 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08872_2021>

Has he or his officials reached out to the Western Australian state government in Australia to discuss a Western Australia/NZ travel bubble, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8870 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08870_2021>

Has he or his officials reached out to the Northern Territory government in Australia to discuss a NT/NZ travel bubble, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8869 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08869_2021>

Has he or his officials reached out to the South Australian state government in Australia to discuss a South Australia/NZ travel bubble, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8868 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08868_2021>

Has he or his officials reached out to the South Australian state government in Australia to discuss a South Australia/NZ travel bubble, if not, why not?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8866 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08866_2021>

Has he or his officials reached out to the Australian Capital Territory government in Australia to discuss a ACT/NZ travel bubble, if not why not?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8864 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08864_2021>

Has he or his officials reached out to the Western Australian state government in Australia to discuss a Western Australia/NZ travel bubble, if not, why not?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8863 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08863_2021>

Has he or his officials reached out to the New South Wales state government in Australia to discuss a NSW/NZ travel bubble, if not, why not?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8862 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08862_2021>

Has he or his officials reached out to the Victorian state government in Australia to discuss a Victoria/NZ travel bubble, if not, why not?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8861 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08861_2021>

Has he or his officials reached out to the Queensland state government in Australia to discuss a Queensland/NZ travel bubble, if not why not?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8860 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08860_2021>

Has he or his officials reached out to the Tasmanian state government in Australia to discuss a Tasmania/NZ travel bubble, if not why not?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8832 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08832_2021>

Has he discussed the issue of a Trans-Tasman travel bubble on a state-by-state basis with the Premier of South Australia, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8830 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08830_2021>

Has he discussed the issue of a Trans-Tasman travel bubble on a state-by-state basis with the Premier of Victoria, Australia, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8828 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08828_2021>

Has he discussed the issue of a Trans-Tasman travel bubble on a state-by-state basis with the Premier of New South Wales, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8829 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08829_2021>

Has he discussed the issue of a Trans-Tasman travel bubble on a state-by-state basis with the Premier of Western Australia, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8827 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08827_2021>

Has he discussed the issue of a Trans-Tasman travel bubble on a state-by-state basis with the Premier of Queensland, Australia, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8825 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08825_2021>

Has he discussed the issue of a Trans-Tasman travel bubble on a state-by-state basis with the Premier of Tasmania, Australia, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8823 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08823_2021>

Has he discussed the issue of a Trans-Tasman travel bubble on a state-by-state basis with the Chief Minister of the Australian Capital Territory, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8822 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08822_2021>

Has he discussed the issue of a Trans-Tasman travel bubble on a state-by-state basis with the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, Australia, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8820 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08820_2021>

Has anyone from the Ministry of Defence raised with anyone in the Prime Minister's Office the issue of spouses of Ministers attending Ministerial briefings, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8819 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08819_2021>

Has anyone from the Ministry of Defence raised with anyone in the Prime Minister's Office the issue of spouses of Ministers attending Ministerial briefings, if so, on how many occasions?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8818 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08818_2021>

Has anyone from the Ministry of Defence raised with anyone in the Prime Minister's Office the issue of spouses of Ministers attending Ministerial briefings, if so, what was mentioned?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8817 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08817_2021>

Has anyone from the NZ Defence Force raised with anyone in the Prime Minister's Office the issue of spouses of Ministers attending Ministerial briefings, if so, on how many occasions?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8816 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08816_2021>

Has anyone from the NZ Defence Force raised with anyone in the Prime Minister's Office the issue of spouses of Ministers attending Ministerial briefings, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8815 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08815_2021>

Has anyone from the NZ Defence Force raised with anyone in the Prime Minister's Office the issue of spouses of Ministers attending Ministerial briefings, if so, how was that raised?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8799 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08799_2021>

Further to his answer to Reply 6095 (2021), when did the government establish a 10 per cent target for critical workers' use of managed isolation rooms?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8814 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08814_2021>

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* 17 Mar 2021 - 8813 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08813_2021>

Has anyone from the Ministry of Defence raised with anyone in the Prime Minister's Office the issue of spouses of Ministers attending Ministerial briefings, if so, how was that raised?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8812 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08812_2021>

Has anyone from the Ministry of Defence raised with anyone in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet the issue of spouses of Ministers attending Ministerial briefings, if so, how was that raised?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8811 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08811_2021>

Has anyone from the Ministry of Defence raised with anyone in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet the issue of spouses of Ministers attending Ministerial briefings, if so, what was mentioned?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8810 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08810_2021>

Has anyone from the Ministry of Defence raised with anyone in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet the issue of spouses of Ministers attending Ministerial briefings, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8809 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08809_2021>

Has anyone from the Ministry of Defence raised with anyone in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet the issue of spouses of Ministers attending Ministerial briefings, if so, on how many occasions?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8808 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08808_2021>

Has anyone from the NZ Defence Force raised with anyone in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet the issue of spouses of Ministers attending Ministerial briefings, if so, on how many occasions?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8807 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08807_2021>

Has anyone from the NZ Defence Force raised with anyone in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet the issue of spouses of Ministers attending Ministerial briefings, if so, what was mentioned?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8806 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08806_2021>

Has anyone from the NZ Defence Force raised with anyone in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet the issue of spouses of Ministers attending Ministerial briefings, if so, how was that raised?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8800 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08800_2021>

Further to his answer to Reply 6329 (2021), why is he satisfied that advice given to persons to be tested was lawful?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8798 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08798_2021>

Further to his answer to Reply 6095 (2021), what papers, if any, did he take to Cabinet to establish a 10 per cent target for critical workers' use of managed isolation rooms?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8797 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08797_2021>

Further to his answer to Reply 6095 (2021), how are officials monitoring the 10 per cent target for critical workers' use of managed isolation rooms?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8796 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08796_2021>

Further to his answer to Reply 6095 (2021), is he receiving regular reports monitoring the 10 per cent target for critical workers' use of managed isolation rooms, if so, how often?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8795 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08795_2021>

Further to his answer to Reply 6096 (2021), what is the breakdown of the approximately 13.5% of places in managed isolation facilities being used by critical workers, in terms of type of job (by ANZSCO code if available)?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8794 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08794_2021>

Further to his answer to Reply 6096 (2021), what is 13.5% of places in managed isolation facilities being used by critical workers as a raw figure in terms of places?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8792 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08792_2021>

Does she stand by her statement, "Oh, look, if you wanted to make sure that I was able to provide you specific detail, then you are by all means free to put those questions to us and we can provide that to you", and if so, has she now provided that specific detail?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8790 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08790_2021>

When she said at her post-cabinet press conference on 15 March 2021, "Obviously, things have shifted" in relation to the proposed trans-tasman travel bubble, what has shifted?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8789 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08789_2021>

When she said at her post-cabinet press conference on 15 March 2021, "Singapore have been floating the idea of opening up to New Zealand and Australia for some time", when was that first idea floated by Singapore?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8791 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08791_2021>

Further to his answer to Reply 6096 (2021), what percentage of places in managed isolation facilities were being used by critical workers as at 1 February 2021 and 1 January 2021?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8786 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister of Foreign Affairs <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08786_2021>

Did Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade officials have any correspondence with Malaysian Member of Parliament Edmund Santhara around his obtaining a space in managed isolation, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8784 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister of Foreign Affairs <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08784_2021>

Did Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade officials have any correspondence with Malaysian Member of Parliament Edmund Santhara around his obtaining a space in managed isolation, if so, why?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8782 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister of Foreign Affairs
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08782_2021>

Did Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade officials have any correspondence with Malaysian Member of Parliament Edmund Santhara around his obtaining a space in managed isolation, if so, what did the correspondence entail?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8781 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08781_2021>

Has she discussed the issue of a Trans-Tasman travel bubble on a state-by-state basis with the Premier of New South Wales, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8780 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister of Foreign Affairs
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08780_2021>

Did Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade officials have any correspondence with the Malaysian High Commission in New Zealand around Malaysian Member of Parliament Edmund Santhara obtaining a space in managed isolation, if so, what did the correspondence entail?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8779 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister of Foreign Affairs
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08779_2021>

Did Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade officials have any correspondence with the Malaysian High Commission in New Zealand around Malaysian Member of Parliament Edmund Santhara obtaining a space in managed isolation, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8778 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister of Foreign Affairs
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08778_2021>

Did Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade officials have any correspondence with the Malaysian High Commission in New Zealand around Malaysian Member of Parliament Edmund Santhara obtaining a space in managed isolation, if so, why?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8777 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister of Foreign Affairs
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08777_2021>

Has she had any correspondence with the Malaysian High Commission in New Zealand around Malaysian Member of Parliament Edmund Santhara obtaining a space in managed isolation, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8776 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister of Foreign Affairs
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08776_2021>

Has she had any correspondence with Malaysian Member of Parliament Edmund Santhara around obtaining a space in managed isolation, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8775 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister of Foreign Affairs <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08775_2021>

What papers from officials, if any, and listed by title and date, has she received relating to a proposed trans-tasman travel bubble?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8773 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08773_2021>

What papers from officials, if any, and listed by title and date, has she received relating to a proposed trans-tasman travel bubble?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8772 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08772_2021>

When she said at her post-cabinet press conference on 15 March 2021, "Singapore have been floating the idea of opening up to New Zealand and Australia for some time", what engagement, if any, have officials had with Singapore on this issue?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8771 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08771_2021>

When she said at her post-cabinet press conference on 15 March 2021, "Singapore have been floating the idea of opening up to New Zealand and Australia for some time", has she discussed this with the Prime Minister of Singapore, if not, why not?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8770 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08770_2021>

When she said at her post-cabinet press conference on 15 March 2021, "Singapore have been floating the idea of opening up to New Zealand and Australia for some time", has she discussed this with the Prime Minister of Singapore, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8768 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08768_2021>

When she said at her post-cabinet press conference on 15 March 2021, "So, look, we're starting again with those plans, and that's fine, but it does mean we need to set up different protocols to work around that and make that work", is there any commonality between the "different protocols" she mentioned and the protocols that were under discussion with Australia?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8767 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08767_2021>

Has she discussed the issue of a Trans-Tasman travel bubble on a state-by-state basis with the Premier of South Australia, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8766 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08766_2021>

Has she discussed the issue of a Trans-Tasman travel bubble on a state-by-state basis with the Premier of Western Australia, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8765 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08765_2021>

Has she discussed the issue of a Trans-Tasman travel bubble on a state-by-state basis with the Premier of Queensland, Australia, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8764 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08764_2021>

Has she discussed the issue of a Trans-Tasman travel bubble on a state-by-state basis with the Premier of Victoria, Australia, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8763 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08763_2021>

Has she discussed the issue of a Trans-Tasman travel bubble on a state-by-state basis with the Premier of Tasmania, Australia, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8762 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08762_2021>

Has she discussed the issue of a Trans-Tasman travel bubble on a state-by-state basis with the Chief Minister of the ACT, Australia, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8761 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Prime Minister <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08761_2021>

Has she discussed the issue of a Trans-Tasman travel bubble on a state-by-state basis with the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, Australia, if so, when?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8667 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response <https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08667_2021>

How many people, if any, were trained to deliver the COVID-19 vaccines in January 2021?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8669 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08669_2021>

How many people are appropriately trained and ready to deliver COVID-19 vaccines in New Zealand, and what is the government's target?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8668 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08668_2021>

How many people, if any, were trained to deliver the COVID-19 vaccines in December 2020?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8666 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08666_2021>

How many people, if any, were trained to deliver the COVID-19 vaccines in February 2021?

* 17 Mar 2021 - 8664 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_08664_2021>

How many people, if any, were trained to deliver the COVID-19 vaccines in March 2021?

* 05 Mar 2021 - 6044 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_06044_2021>

Was Malaysian Member of Parliament Edmund Santhara granted an emergency allocation in managed isolation, if so, under what category?

* 04 Mar 2021 - 5945 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05945_2021>

How many people, if any, as a percentage of the whole managed isolation and quarantine workforce, have received a COVID-19 vaccine?

* 04 Mar 2021 - 5943 (2021). Chris Bishop to the Minister for COVID-19 Response
<https://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/?document=WQ_05943_2021>

Does he have a date for when the first AstroZeneca vaccines will arrive in New Zealand?

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We don't appear to be taking China's side on a few issues right now

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Good morning and welcome to The Bulletin for Friday 8 May, by Alex Braae for The Spinoff. Presented in partnership with Z Energy.

In today's edition: Peters throws New Zealand into the fray over Taiwan's WHO inclusion, more detail emerges on legality of lockdown, and a potentially major decision for the courier industry.

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Image: Foreign minister Winston Peters speaking to media (Getty Images)

The government wouldn't frame it in such a way, but they've made several recent moves which indicate they're not taking China's side in their geopolitical battle with the rest of the world, particularly against the US. Right now, there is a lot going on in this space – without getting too deep into it, some of the complaints being made against the government of China have a fair basis, and some of them are absurd. Within that, there is something of a proxy argument going on over the inclusion of Taiwan within the World Trade Organisation, which China is currently blocking, as it considers Taiwan to be a rogue province. Now New Zealand's politicians have got themselves involved.

If you're wondering if it has even been noticed overseas, it has. Earlier this week, the Taiwan News
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ew-Juf-AOQ-fOE> reported on comments from foreign minister Winston Peters in favour of Taiwan being
allowed to rejoin the WHO. Peters' comments were taken as a statement of "firm support", and the story
talked up the friendship between NZ and Taiwan. The story also noted that PM Ardern ducked questions
on whether she supported Taiwan's inclusion, which is currently being pushed by Australia and the US. At
the time, the NZ Herald's

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DE4miQuEdebljz_Acu9YaG> Audrey Young wrote that public backing for the bid by Peters would cause
fresh problems for the diplomatic relationship with China.

And the Chinese government noticed, and made their annoyance clear. Newsroom's
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yHnWJV9q0vBhHPisKOIFXD3MS3LH_6LkLo> Sam Sachdeva reported that the Chinese embassy put out a statement, setting out their country's view, and warning that the one-China principle is "the political foundation of China-New Zealand relations". Well, that story was updated later in the day with the news that New Zealand is now formally backing Taiwan's inclusion at the WHO, it isn't just Winston Peters' opinion any more. For good measure, Peters also suggested that there was a split in opinion between the Chinese embassy, and the Chinese foreign minister, reports the NZ Herald
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It's worth remembering that there has been tension with China at each end of the Covid crisis for New Zealand. Early on, travel restrictions in New Zealand were mainly aimed at China, a point that also deeply annoyed

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There's one other bit to this, which illustrates how New Zealand is just one country among many grappling with a complex relationship here. Yesterday Newsroom's

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It's a massive moment for The Spinoff right now, and we've got some good news to share. We're hiring for not just one, but two new full-time senior journalism jobs, along with looking for journos who can do more casual shift-work. We're also looking for a full-time office manager. None of this would have been possible without the support of Spinoff Members, so thanks so much to all who have contributed. And if you're interested in applying, all the details can be found here

<http://email.mg2.substack.com/c/eJxFkM2OhCAQHJ9muGla_BsPHOayr2EQ2rFnBQy0u3GefnHdZJNO6BQfKaqMZnyGeKgtJBZ7wjiSVa2su2YAYVVjq3t7F5TGOSI6TaviuKPY9mklo5mCPx9UQwVSLGoCDTC0s9S608YgTJ3pm35o7rbBtjPitBn1bgm9QYVfGI_gUaxqYd7SrX7c5EceXjBt5MM8IyaU_p0Ih5Z0PqEvoC0kSLi44g8sKBULRfLPQuYbQepkolU-J6jqrqzKI3PLa4UX6eXWgHvKMu1TYm0-s4sTUbm8on8TlSkRn1D07-sHZ-lxU273xMeIxk8r2qsMvtr7zcbHhsrjd1qRGeMI5oaaeuirWmRDG3KNXv1H_AGu7IPz> .

So was the lockdown illegal? Right now, opinions are split, to say the least. Thomas Coughlan has reported on advice given to the government by the the solicitor-general, and obtained by Stuff

<http://email.mg2.substack.com/c/eJwlkEuOwyAQRE8Tdliaf_GCxWzmGhY2TUzCx4JmLof0gxPEotSqVIW_VSE8YjriHjOSkiHNVstetEM3MaJlp_m9vxObZ5MAvLJOYipA9rI4uyq0MVwLfOJMkE006t7pji9T3VvWdRz4JJTqh7ZbYGJcStmVkvbcCtI-IN0xgDEyQ1xz7f25yZ-6z-Oo8IYjGnW2IR3nYRPInJVtqy-YerGql1cXzoegcbgTurUYYqj1tANIMONJptfmT5LRmssaEofsUYGDwEv8wmJWCmYYKxnY72Ut0PDM6f329Oxp1XbrWP-lZpcloxfU6niTpq4TwtBkb_EypfD-Vr3IzNXIS7B4zhDU4kB_oeGX8ocBnjvIAEd2gFhrflvZNdOI29JDdSx4g4SN8i7DdGYfy5GII0> , which argues that because of the widespread interference in human rights, it would only be lawful if justified by the health risks. The advice also argued that the government had to prove their measures were proportional. Attorney-general David Parker has since come out backing the legality of the lockdown on that basis.

Having said that, it is still likely to end up being tested. And on the aspect of whether or not the lockdown rules were actually enforceable in a legal sense, a story by Newstalk ZB's

<http://email.mg2.substack.com/c/eJwUeM0hSAQPY0sDZMDCxaddP41DEL5xWYwgG38p29sk0pNqcobtCrwjumSe8wFHRnSZl3sKOU5wMhIbsjYjcmAukAXIknSzoA7cfsrFbFxnA_EEEwRavURHejGUYxAqVUAdXdzMXIBde9GEyHbphJHcZC0CDhF9IVAYan11L23LCvhr5qnOfZhs8KSTnT6Ij7unwSnLkWIYrVDIq9-la9dOXQsG_S0D7OG-jyjJQxzLhAVIJMMe7wUMUQ1rek3bxfN4c3q9aGY_-mbT7mXJT-qXAeJelrC-Fjoc3elvs0hc9D5RY_1St_BFuuCYKaHZjHI_IY-S-zXDvIm6-DUIA9y2oWZ2IlgDFVAE6ujQZYV8m5DXJY_vxaG-A> Barry Soper suggests they were not, particularly during the first iteration of the legal basis of the lockdown, which may have implications for the hundreds of people prosecuted under those rules. Who's right? As someone with no legal training I have no idea, but have no doubt that more learned folk will be working hard on this.

As for whether this all matters, I strongly encourage you to read this piece by Otago University's Andrew Geddis

<http://email.mg2.substack.com/c/eJxFkU2OwyAMhU9TdkRA0qRdsJjNXCMi4DRuCuT8TJWefpxWo5FYGOPnZ39YU-AW0663mAurGdKITp9V23dXwZzunLycLwzzOCeA1aDXJVVgW508WIMwhkMgr1lotujZzkqoQU7XWfWmU7MbQMxKdoMzvxJRzajqQ4hWNDwA2mPAZjXSylbPrVfJ_VNppyQNwxnhsbm_Ci1BY9FrSZQjFwceZkJOiyQ-ZUzm2sqWsel1i949mmWjBghvej_jbh4jPwqRY-JXQ3Utm4rlgKwJ9oMvbByZO6MtRHf3EWAwGQbd_I5r6uy92LO5r11n1pppcp1xIREOuLOmVQggvchZT46MohddngQPYeBjWgGUfIzJg_uwLB_4bzRI30AHeGYPNFn6JAlw114H2TlydJF-leh_Qr8hhJzl> – and not just because he very generously quotes The Bulletin in it. To quote him right back:

"Given that we're dealing with the use of powers contained in a piece of legislation more than six decades old, expressed in quite terse fashion, and exercised in the midst of an emergency situation, it's unsurprising that there's some uncertainty about their "correct" interpretation and application.

Having that debate involves no malice or unwarranted pedantry. Rather, it reflects a desire to get clarity about whether the claimed legal powers actually permit the very extensive actions that have been taken."

A legal decision to deem a courier an employee could have big implications for the whole workforce, reports Stuff
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We got a lot more detail yesterday about the regime that will be in place when the country moves to alert level two. Here's a cheat sheet
<http://email.mg2.substack.com/c/eJxFkE2ShCAMhU_T7LAAAtW0XLYz17AQYkMPPxbEtuzTD46LqcoieZXkKJZ9WCM-UD7mmgmQrkCdnZC_aezcyYmRn-KN_EFemJQME5bzEvAFZt9k7rdCleA7wkTNBrDRcz2rUI1-W3jB4qP4-q2UZ2kF1ehCCnDaT2oyDqEHCG_KRIhAvLeJabu3XTXzXQAtIdTeTS6NTEz9VKkk7wKNmbKCsp4IJVos5g_px8Ult2mkdo3nzUOjuvKfaqvgeululdAca0hsoJqo8ZKS-mnuKe6pLiJPnOtazob7L23vDm1cl9uXZyyI761h4iqZsc0Glf-pJgWQZagr46ApweHZIOPnOvfEM9WusEWHxwRRzR7MRQ4v1H8g8FhBRtiLB0TII1hxdu048JZUQ5Mq8yj_efwCKraVyw> about all the things you will and still won't be able to do, including going back to the office, having a meal in a restaurant under strict conditions, and finally seeing other human beings outside of your bubble (no offence to my bubble, who are all great.) Incidentally, our live blog
<http://email.mg2.substack.com/c/eJxFkEuy4yAMRVcTZrjA-JMMGLxJb8OFQY5J-BXleeWsvpXOoKsYCOIKujrWINxzPXXJDdnRoC7e6bFX03ATzOnByet4Zb4tWwWlxgeN9QBWjjV4a9Dn9GmQNyl6tuursus0rk4Nq7hOSk1m2qZVuHkcRikn6qM1izmch2RBwwvqmROwoHfE0i7q59L_oYc7tOJT3rbO5i69KdWy9YAnRWLmYuS96AV9bH55x-WNB_8CfhRHBzUezclnXmouUPGkWKOf7o0Xb58k4mZDqDxk-3T5N_EWJlhoGPP6M1aMYqazpZo62T1i3B9BPLzZL4OI975rx9RQ2CdZi6zqSCGkt4euRY8fUU3vr-0PpoVU8UgezWWSWQO4L0H8lv8HBM8COsFvC4Bk7JskrlO6zVlxWugysU_6P5e_Vq-XoA> reported yesterday that legislation will be formally introduced to parliament next week that sets out the legal basis for level two restrictions. We'll find out on Monday afternoon if and when we'll be moving into it.

The vice-president of Young ACT has quit the organisation, after alleging that complaints of sexual harassment had been ignored. Stuff
<http://email.mg2.substack.com/c/eJwlkE2SgyAQhU8TdlggRuOCxWzmGIYlBSQjYEGTjDn94KSqF6__6nV_BgfvMR16j5IYyZgmZ_W1VX03CmZ1Z-XtemMuT0tC9OA2Takg28u8OQPkyjgX5ChFy1YNQ9fbUY22bxcoCQAIOYw32xvojRnYaTNBsQ6DQY1PTEcMyDa9Eu35or4u7XeN1-vVZCrL0pjYhHethH8v2KqUreyUuipV9RFLuHMwxD36GVPmc4yElsdC_OkM7gmzxiIn-leMo_VIGf8LbBxvkKCnP3ZNxs4n5nTrWiFulqhf5V38jm4f362MTDwXrphL-3TS5zJjA_9TzPkvZVYng7bLJ3dA6l8P6cfpKa6pQvwdExYYB5Q_uBSB_q_0zo2FEHfOUNiTB9ipVsp8ZBKlYNbaz4g6YV8-5CXJY_k8SbKg> reports that several members have since been kicked out, and the youth

wing's president has acknowledged that the organisation had failed, putting in place a range of actions in response. An independent inquiry into it is also being considered. The vice-president also alleged that there were other victims of similar treatment within Young ACT.

It seems like it's happening much sooner than normal given everything else going on, but the Budget will be unveiled next week. The NZ Herald <[---](http://email.mg2.substack.com/c/eJwlkNmOgzAMRb-GPKIs0JaHPiXU9TdQFIPCZEGJGUS_fkKRL0XGsnWvj1E175QPuaaCZCuQR2dlz8WtGyixsrPs0T-IK-OUAYJyXmLegKyb9s4odCmeC2xglJNZKnbvtbCaayY6LQR9UM0MpWpgbOJakdNmVJt1EA1I-IN8pAjEyxLY34afir1r7vbfzMKJW3rUIV16beiotQSpUR9vNRGZ3x0JopNOJlapJGPEXDb0kvYpD7ZVzwoRsYcZJTTmIP7_Ukjm4ta5cQ5sXTxam56Wh487ZsuqAyv9U0kCxDIRA_DtoSHJ5DOX6uQCeCsU6FLT08RohKe7AXHbxwfo_FYwV55vWACPlqVmSdGO5MkGpoU-UaJc5QVhfTNP0DdQyJmQ> (paywalled) has published a useful comment piece by tax expert Geof Nightingale, who has assessed the sort of spending that will take place, and the debt that will inevitably accrue as a result. So will that mean higher taxes are announced? Nightingale says that is unlikely, but at some stage tax revenue will be needed to pay that debt back. On that point, Newshub <<a href=)

This story is almost worth reading for the brilliantly dry intro alone: Blasting a millions-of-years-old rock overhang in a national park wasn't a good idea, the Department of Conservation has found. The piece, by Newsroom's David Williams <[Got some feedback about The Bulletin, or anything in the news?
Drop us a line at \[thebulletin@thespinoff.co.nz\]\(mailto:thebulletin@thespinoff.co.nz\) <<mailto:thebulletin@thespinoff.co.nz>>](http://email.mg2.substack.com/c/eJwlkE2OwyAMhU9Tdo2AAE0WLGyZ14hlcBo64UfgNEpPP6SRLNuyDM_vmwzCM-ZDp1iQbAXy4KyWvFWip8RqYVknO-LKMGcAb9yqMW9A0jaubjLoYjgfsJ5RThatlBRKGjmCsWwWivbzLDrJO2INqx6CnDKD2ayDMIGGN-QjBiCrXhBTubU_N_5bY9_3JsBecoy-mWITPnXIKae1UHkmVRNjshctr924moluPO8ZUsx4LxBsuU8xVEPv75X37FJaoRCnz3-opl_qjLWqYc3L--W10pczy01Q_-RN2caCZvqr2p5k7WsL4eOgKd7huZTD57rrJDHULb8Fh8cAwYwr2AsSXIS_nvFloE9LKyBCvoaVnGj7B2tJFbSx4g0aFyjJhTjP_63ljC4> , concerns the decision last year to bring down a sandstone overhang in the Paparoa National Park, which has subsequently been criticised as prioritising tourists over nature. Unfortunately, it's a decision that is now a little too late to reverse.</p><hr/></div><div data-bbox=)

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Right now on The Spinoff: Historian Aroha Harris

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For a feature today, a look at some of the ways we might figure out the real time state of the economy. It comes from the blog Economics NZ\\\\]\\\\(http://email.mg2.substack.com/c/eJxFkM1uhSAQhZ_mssPgD1YXLLrpa5gRxuv8mMAb6NPX6yLJKGyWHO4dOQ8RniobaQMtsTxomMkk3bd6NgRnWmHuTAKE1LRHRAVuW419v22ZKGTMFFD-qxFg1bVa9nKXroBjB6IMMoBtMMertWyxbapWaXzQS7IfQaFb4xHsEjs2rNeUuP9vPRfJWVW0wb-bAslQ6VP0srBU2Yj1KJgQvJG9GIW8k1JORLiBy4Dj5pCnvil1O5vsmUc98s-ScPC_f4w08EC97wa2dIDjxBGcVIXUOFFB_I03XbV3X1cm59WfEiWB-dcM-mSvucMujvEsyxqFwp0Z-EVXKUL1H05x36gjQVlds95WNCD7NFC_PLN_A_HPnYUJVCyWLOGO9mgdq140fdsmJoQiHv1T-VX4xwlyo> , former Tasmanian, writes about how good it would be if the first international connection New Zealanders had would be to the best part of that country.</p></div><div data-bbox=\\\\)\\\]\\\(http://email.mg2.substack.com/c/eJxFkMludDAMhp9mctgKWAY45NBLXwNIMYOnIUFZBsHTN5RDJUteZP-2Py0TvHw4xOZjIjCmNClrm6e7cilEa3hQzcQjNMcAFaJVqSQgWxZWdQyoXfXAB85q8lSfDPMw2iUBj6apxpB9V3dyQYU153pybVmktkgOA0CPhAO74BYsaS0xUfz9ai_i6UF4obOz3OifeXOUtq8xYQ6lpANIHw0ZjUriTspRrjqc-he9GW9kpb-ZOMjnX2gPgeq_QcN5SMNRdW7CHTxOzWe7kDLyxRT0SEoLkXWsb68zJtnxav3ui5vy94ol0fL1ldxaxikvqnnLWSINYSgjsRqrhiupqCO--TL0RT6Vqzw3RM4KSyYG566cb9ByMdGwgHe7SQEoS7WJC2zdjzhpSFxhfuTvzw-QXCp5Z3> write about how this country can make use of the global acclaim being built up by our Covid-19 response. And Ryk Goddard</p></div><div data-bbox=\\\)\\]\\(http://email.mg2.substack.com/c/eJxFkE1uxCAMhU8z7Ijlf7Jg0U2vEZHgTJiCicBpITi9nWZRCZB5ek-2v8UQPgm69R4ziSNDmpzVbVV3zaiE1Y0th3YQLk9rAgjGeU3pALEfs3eLIRfxCpRjqSqx6XYuu6av1dAN1TK3hm_Td3U_2nWFtuUct5nMYR3gAhq-IZ0RQXi9Ee35UX88qk8-tEHeHcZ1LZZY4Jul3SRAcvjkOkTgV_VStbJSleLpSjlv2SFtRJIIYCVFOYN0K11cvMk5xRgu0YNJyBHh9BVWrep5ybLuirJ4hbC9vHo5sz0aFZ5Vky85k1m-eJAgkg5cAr4dFDk4ukwJ3_eQF5SjXeFAR-cEaGYP9uZFN-C_9encQSP8ZA9EkG6RITb12Je14IY2MmnU_xR-AyYUkIA> writes about the learning journey of her kids outside of their normal classroom. A group of good brains from the New Zealand Alternative</p></div><div data-bbox=\\)\]\(http://email.mg2.substack.com/c/eJxFkE2OwyAMhU9TdkSE_DULFrOZa0QEnMadABGYVunph0wWI7GwHs_282c0wSPEQ-0hEcsJ4oRWdbLp21Ewq1pb37s7wzQtEcBp3BTFDGzP84ZGEwZ_NtrJLSRbFcx6YcRRugXAULM9SLkIA20bd_LpWXnmklni-ANKHhBPiIHtqmVaE-35usmv8ujFdKOPixLZULIP0Wac0IPKZVSDFx0XAopLiu3sGanPRbHg0fQG9LBw8Lflf6cEnpucqLgIPJy4gtN6cnx_NJ8196CQ1NmMVTnVNGJoZxdN31VV0_n1ucmnqjXWYvcQ1Ypz4m0-SnRHIVKIRL8B6FKDuk0Rf-5Yp-YpuJy2ZdEE3g9b2AvgnQh_wNCxw7KwzttQATxEgvWthmHumFloQ2FvVf_XH4BI-6YaQ> has an important report on the abuse and dehumanisation that has been heaped on customer service workers during the pandemic. Jessie Moss</p></div><div data-bbox=\)](http://email.mg2.substack.com/c/eJxFUEuOgzAMPU2zA4UABRZZdDPXQIGY4g5JUOLMiJ5-TFmMZMkf-el9ZkPwDPHQe0gkcol4otWtqu_NIIxVja36theYxiUCOIObpphB7HnacDaEwZ-AaqikEqtepFmMaSSoWfV2mHpIWru0ddf3UlBkIPNmNNki-Bk0_EA8ggex6ZVoT7f6cVnFXLRC2tGHZSnnUPo3n1io4Sa7QraFkkry4kylWLgw4Ybpl6ZAX5hijpgw8bDhK G2xYiL2yACB-oTKVnbsq6rvZVW-nFtfm3yhWW-NdE9VpjwIMvM3czsRteMR_BuhTA7pflr-fek6cxj5y2WPdlzgzSBvSKiK9OPYzp20B5-0wZEEK8j59bUQ1fVggl4HC9_jf-B_bVjKA> looks at the way Māori communities have mobilised in the past to protect themselves, echoed today in iwi-led checkpoints. Emily Writes</p></div><div data-bbox=)

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It's fine to have the business as usual, industrial strength, quality-assured things like the quarterly national accounts. But as Grant Robertson and the lads at Treasury - and the rest of us - are finding out, there's a big role for the cheap and cheerful but timely and informative indicators, too.

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Kia ora,

It's been a busy time here at the Asia Media Centre, with lots of coverage around the world about Labour's second-term election win in New Zealand.

Across the Pacific, protests continue in Thailand as calls for the prime minister to resign remain. Young Thais are heralding a pro-democracy movement and have vowed to fight for their future, and Bangkok-based researcher Purawich Watanasukh has the latest from the Thai capital.

Closer to home, our correspondent Portia Mao reflects on the Chinese-Kiwi identity and the tension between showing patriotism for New Zealand and for China.

This week we also dig in and discover the new reprint of New Zealand-Chinese poetry through Wai-te-ata Press at Victoria University.

It's Diwali season in Auckland, and instead of the huge two-day festival in Aotea Square, the city is putting on over 100 smaller events at seven locations around town. Check out the calendar

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as you can: from cooking classes and DIY henna tattoos to "Bollyrobix" and Indian blockbuster film screenings, there's plenty to enjoy and it's all free. The majority of events take place this weekend,

between 30 October - 1 November.

Finally, on another Auckland note, AMC will be running an Auckland-based media training session on Friday 4 December. Applications are open now <<https://asiannewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail20.com/t/i-l-meiktk-jlydhttun-h/>> . If you're interested in becoming a media-savvy superstar, we'd love you to apply!

Ngā mihi,

The Asia Media Centre team

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Thailand : a new generation speaks <<https://asiannewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail20.com/t/i-l-meiktk-jlydhttun-k/>>

On-going protests in the Thai capital centre around three key demands: the resignation of the Prime Minister, the re-writing of the Thai constitution, and reform of the monarchy. Purawich Watanasukh takes a closer look at the protests, and the fundamental changes in Thai society that are driving them.

What does the Chinese identity look like in New Zealand?

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What does it mean for a Chinese Kiwi to maintain the dignity of their 'motherland'? Portia Mao, freelance journalist and editor of nzmao.com, details some of the discussions that have played out in the Chinese-Kiwi community around this topic.

惠靈頓竹枝詞: Wellington Bamboo Branch Songs

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Chinese poetry from the 1960s will see the light of day in a fresh reprint as Wellington's Wai-te-ata Press embarks on making a new book using a traditional Chinese printing press. AMC's Graeme Acton takes a look at the poems and the press.

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An update on Covid-19

The Asia Media Centre rounds up some in-depth and explainer pieces on the novel coronavirus and its effects.

Covid-19 Regional Roundup | Asia Media Centre <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail20.com/t/i-l-meiktk-jlydhttun-b/>>

The Asia Media Centre gathers media coverage from across Asia to provide a wrap-up of how the region is handling Covid-19.

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What has New Zealand media been reporting about Asia? Here's a roundup of stories from the past week.

* Asia the key playmaker in New Zealand's economic future post-Covid
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* Poster competition uses art to create conversation about anti-Chinese racism during coronavirus pandemic <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail20.com/t/i-l-meiktk-jlydhttun-x/>>
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* Coronavirus: How China avoided a second wave
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* Epidemiologist says NZ can learn from Taiwan's lockdown-less Covid-19 response
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The dangers of excessive zeal : Australia's path forward with China | Asialink
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As Napoleon's chief diplomat Charles-Maurice Tallyrand once quipped, "Above all gentlemen, avoid excessive zeal". Former Australian diplomat John McCarthy suggests Australia's foreign policy towards China might benefit from that advice.

Japan: the new regional security "hub" | CSIS <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail20.com/t/i-l-meiktk-jlydhttun-a/>>

There was a a time, not long ago, when the US was the "hub" and Japan was one of the "spokes" sticking into the Asia-Pacific region. As the CSIS's Michael Green & Greg Poling argue, changes in both Washington and Beijing have seen Japan develop a new security role.

China Forecast 2025| Macro Polo <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail20.com/t/i-l-meiktk-jlydhttun-f/>>

The Paulson Institute's Macro Polo think tank pulls together its latest research on China: its economy, politics, technology and energy sectors. As Beijing debates its next Five Year Plan, Macro Polo asks the question - what will China be like in 2025?

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Asia Perspectives on NZ

What stories linking New Zealand and Asia have captured the attention of international media in the past week?

Five Eyes alliance looks towards India | TSG Sunday Guardian
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A joint statement concerning the future of the "Five Eyes" - the intelligence sharing network that includes the US, UK, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand - provides another example that shows India is being

increasingly brought in to “contribute” towards this alliance. It might eventually become a part of it, this article argues.

Australia contemplates opening up travel with Asia despite bursting of bubble with NZ | Straits Times
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While the travel "bubble" between New Zealand and Australia is effectively just a one-way street, it was burst nonetheless as Kiwis travelled outside approved states of Australia. That hasn't stopped Australia, however, looking to Asia for other travel bubbles. Straits Times takes a look at what's happening.

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No school trip? No problem! Japanese students to go on a virtual school trip in Minecraft instead | Sora News
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In Japan, junior high school students at one school are learning Japanese culture by recreating historical sites in Minecraft instead. The students were originally scheduled to take a trip to check out the historical sites at Ise, Kyoto, and Nara, but as expected their trip was cancelled - so the students came up with the idea to make their own school trip by recreating those sites in Minecraft, and the administration thought it was a great idea.

Dining to Nowhere: Singapore Airlines' jet restaurant still open for business
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The grounding of its planes hasn't stopped Singapore Airlines from offering luxury dining experiences aboard a parked Airbus A380. Restaurant A380 was one of the national carrier's new experiences offered in a bid to staunch hemorrhaging losses due to pandemic travel restrictions. The pop-up restaurant idea opened two weeks ago to a positive response.

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Kia ora Morning Report,

Koi Tū: The Centre for Informed Futures is publishing a paper tomorrow calling for a public conversation on reopening NZ's borders. The media release is below and the report is attached. It's written by Sir Peter Gluckman, the Rt Hon Helen Clark and businessman Rob Fyfe. Is this something you'd be interested in covering? It's embargoed until Friday 3 July 2am.

Nga mihi,

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Public conversation needed about terms on which New Zealand could re-open say science, political and business leaders

Media release

Embargoed until Friday 3 July, 2am

Three of New Zealand's most influential and trusted public figures are calling for a conversation now on a cohesive national 'reconnection strategy' to re-open New Zealand's borders.

Former Chief Science Adviser to the Prime Minister Sir Peter Gluckman, former Prime Minister the Rt Hon Helen Clark and former Air New Zealand CEO Rob Fyfe say open conversations are needed about the right time for New Zealand to re-engage with the world – and how.

The trio joined forces to co-author a conversation paper, Re-engaging New Zealand with the world, with expert input from epidemiologist Sir David Skegg and digital contact tracing expert Dr Andrew Chen.

They say New Zealand needs an adaptable and pragmatic strategy to reopen the country safely and allow increased border flow.

“Is New Zealand prepared to hold in a state of near-total isolation for the indefinite future? This is not just affecting tourism and export education, but also the many ways in which New Zealand projects and leverages its place in the world,” the paper states.

Sir Peter, Director of Koi Tu: The Centre for Informed Futures at the University of Auckland, says this country needs its global connectivity.

“Of course we want to keep the virus out. But it will not be too dangerous to start opening New Zealand in the near future if we have the right processes in place.”

Ms Clark says an informed public conversation would help shape how and to what extent to reopen New Zealand’s borders safely.

“Unfortunately there are huge implications for our nation’s economic and social wellbeing if we remain closed indefinitely,” she says.

Mr Fyfe says we have gained global recognition and significant international advantage through the success of our stringent lockdown and early elimination of the virus, but that is now under threat.

“We will rapidly progress to a position of relative disadvantage if our trading competitors are able to engage with our customers and suppliers in ways that are not possible for us,” he says.

The trio’s paper offers possible solutions such as establishing an intensive testing regime prior to departure for travellers from low-risk countries, adjusting quarantine methods for low-risk entrants, and allowing universities to provide quarantine for their international students.

It also says we need to reframe how New Zealand views the “elimination strategy” of no cases at all, to one that is in line with how many epidemiologists define it – which is reducing case-transmission to a “predetermined very low level”.

Sir Peter says the subtle distinction will help New Zealanders' collective thinking about our path ahead. Rather than creating an expectation of keeping the virus out absolutely, he says we need to accept cases will inevitably occur, and processes need to be in place to make sure that community spread is not established.

“Otherwise we will be facing a very long period of isolation. Vaccines are likely to be developed, but they will not provide absolute protection,” he says.

The paper also calls for New Zealand to develop and adopt a much more effective automatic contact tracing system. It says a failure to replace the current, relatively ineffective, tracking system “may come to haunt us”.

“If we required such a tracing system for all incoming passengers and providing a large number of New Zealanders had adopted it, then we would have more alternatives, at least for low-risk entrants,” the report says.

The authors accept that the politically charged environment in the lead up to the national election in September may make border discussions difficult, but urge the Government to start an evidence-based transparent process towards planning for safe reopening.

“Taking the knowledge of the pandemic’s evolving behaviour into account, we must prioritise exploring the ways in which we can more completely re-engage with the world,” the paper says.

The paper is available here: <https://informedfutures.org/wp-content/uploads/Re-engaging-NZ-with-the-world.pdf>

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Putting it all on the table

- * RBNZ today increased their quantitative easing budget to \$60m, as expected.
- * The OCR was unchanged, and forward guidance remains that it will be unchanged for 12 months. There was no forecast of the OCR after that.
- * On the prospect of taking the OCR negative after that, the RBNZ noted that they are asking banks to prepare for the possibility.
- * Risks are skewed towards QE being expanded in time, and we would not rule out OCR cuts into negative territory next year, though that would be a risky move, in our view.

Today the RBNZ announced an increase in their quantitative easing (QE) program from \$33bn to \$60bn, in line with market expectations. They also reiterated that the OCR would remain unchanged at 0.25% until at least March 2021. However, that was where their OCR forecast stopped, with the RBNZ wanting to leave open the option of negative rates but not wanting to commit to it at this stage. We think this is wise, as negative rates are a risky proposition in the New Zealand context, but keeping open the threat of them will help dampen short interest rates in the meantime, maximising monetary stimulus.

Whether they will need to be deployed when that time comes will depend crucially on the outlook and scope for recovery into next year. In the meantime, “Members agreed that the LSAP programme can be scaled as needed in future,” and said, “there are policy tools available that have not yet been used.”

Regarding negative interest rates, the RBNZ revealed in March that it was actually operational constraints that drove the forward guidance that the OCR would be unchanged at 0.25% for 12 months, rather than a strong judgement on how low the OCR can usefully go. That remains the case, with the RBNZ noting that “discussions with financial institutions about preparing for a negative OCR are ongoing.”

In the meantime, though, it’s all about quantitative easing <<https://bit.ly/ANZ-RBNZ-QE-FAQ-20200507>> , and this tool is working well, with the bond yield curve moving progressively lower and flatter to date and credit spreads narrower (and we expect those trends to continue). The size of the QE package has been increased to \$60bn, as we expected. Given the RBNZ has spent around \$10bn already, an upgrade was warranted. Most importantly, the increase gives the RBNZ the scope to buy approximately the same volume of NZGBs as the Treasury are expected to issue between now and the end of Fiscal 2020/21 (ie mid next year).

The RBNZ emphasised the role of fiscal policy, “Members noted that the main thing needed to support the economy is fiscal stimulus, given that fiscal policy is best placed to directly support households and businesses. The role of monetary policy is to support the economy by ensuring that interest rates remain low, which will complement the effects of fiscal measures.”

That is, the Reserve Bank is doing its bit, but now all eyes turn to arguably the bigger event of the week, tomorrow's Budget. That'll include a whopping debt issuance profile that'll provide the RBNZ with plenty of bonds to buy.

The nuances of the macroeconomic forecasts are less important at this juncture. "The sharp contraction in activity is expected to reduce inflation and employment below the Bank's objectives for several years." 'Nuff said.

But the RBNZ did outline three alternative scenarios to demonstrate some of the possible paths the economy might take. Their baseline scenario sees GDP contract 2.4% in Q1 and 21.8% in Q2, which is very similar to our own outlook, but their assumed rebound is a touch stronger than ours. They see GDP 8½% lower this year as we do. That said, uncertainty around both our outlooks is extreme. Interestingly, the RBNZ's baseline forecasts assume almost the full \$52 billion provisioned by the Government to respond to the COVID-19 shock will be used. A Budget package lower than \$30 billion tomorrow could represent a mild downside risk to their baseline outlook.

The forecast OCR track is truncated, merely showing the forward guidance that the OCR will be left unchanged at 0.25% until March 2021. But there it stops. To indicate desired stimulus, the RBNZ instead published a forecast of the "unconstrained" OCR, ie where they think the OCR "should" be to achieve the RBNZ's objectives, if only it were possible. A range of tools, QE in particular, can then be used to achieve that degree of stimulus in practice. In short, this is a non-technical explanation of the shadow short rate we have talked about before. It shows current stimulus as equivalent to -2% on the OCR in terms of how it is impacting the yield curve. Maximum stimulus is -2.4% in March 2021 before increasing to -0.2% at the end of the projection (June 2023). It is important to note that the negative sign here does not mean that this stimulus necessarily has to be brought about by negative rates. QE is important too. The RBNZ estimates that we are already at the equivalent of -2% with the actual OCR at +0.25%. As the bond curve goes lower and flatter in response to today's announcement as we expect, more stimulus could be generated than currently assumed – and that wouldn't be a bad thing.

The RBNZ's forecasts showed scenarios in which the economic impacts might be worse and more stimulus might be required. However, there are upside risks too, with the RBNZ's baseline assuming Alert Level 2 for ten months and no trans-Tasman bubble. The Reserve Bank also noted the risk of upward pressure on some prices due to shortages but did not consider this risk "material" in the scheme of things. We concur.

We see risks as skewed towards the RBNZ needing to do more in time, particularly on the QE front. However, much will depend what will happen from here and we will wait a little longer to see how conditions unfold, the outlook for fiscal policy and how markets react before calling more stimulus at this stage. We continue to see QE as the weapon of choice for now.

Bottom line

The Reserve Bank has a big job on its hands. The tools it has employed so far are working well but require a bit more ammunition. The Minister of Finance would not have hesitated before signing off on the larger QE budget that will smooth the path of raising the funds to pay for the enormous fiscal stimulus that will be required over the next year or two.

Although COVID-19 is firmly on the retreat in New Zealand, it is wreaking economic devastation abroad. And the balance sheet damage done in the last couple of months in New Zealand is huge. It's going to be a long slog out, and both fiscal and monetary policy will need to do their bit to help the economy recover. A ramping up of both the size and breadth of the QE program is certainly possible, with purchases of foreign assets to dampen the exchange rate potentially on the cards. And next year, when the financial system is technically ready, we can't rule out the possibility of negative interest rates, though we are highly dubious that they would be effective in stimulating economic activity. In the meantime, even the possibility will help keep interest rates low, and that all helps.

Markets

In our view, today's policy announcements will see the NZGB curve continue to go lower and flatter. Not only did the market deliver at the upper end of market expectations with respect to the volume of QE, but

they have also left the possibility of a negative OCR on the table. However, as they maintained the March forward guidance stating that the OCR would remain on hold for at least 12 months, the short end obviously has some adjusting to do.

This makes OIS expectations somewhat binary until around March 2021, but for the long end the signal is clear: the RBNZ is of a mind to do more, not less, and the NZGB curve needs to go lower yet to reflect that. The 10-year NZGB is already well below US and Australian equivalents, and this should see yields go lower yet, with the 0.25% OCR the first potential target. The inclusion of linkers in the QE programme will assist too, although we will need to see what volume the RBNZ intends to buy each week. Our feeling is that it is likely to be relatively small.

Today's action will also weigh on the Kiwi. Although we did not see an OCR cut today, negative rates are on the table, as are foreign bond purchases: "The Committee agreed that it will stand ready to deploy further tools as needed, should the need for stimulus continue to increase. Tools available include further reductions in the OCR; a term lending facility; and adding other asset classes, such as foreign assets, to the LSAP programme."

Buying foreign bonds could happen either because the RBNZ runs out of NZ bonds to buy (ie starts to approach the limit of its appetite for the proportion of NZGBs it owns, which they have informally said to be 40-50% of outstandings) and/or because they want the NZD lower. The RBNZ's tone certainly differs dramatically from that of the RBA, who have scaled back their bond purchases, and the Fed's, with many of the Federal Reserve District Presidents overtly unenthusiastic about negative rates.

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Thanks!

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Ah good point, will do :)

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Please also send to Webnews, as that helps us co-ordinate with them as to what's holding for Sundays.

Thanks very much!

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Hey [redacted]

Thanks heaps for a really good story list overnight and the well done handovers – always appreciated to come into some good stories at the weekend.

A small point though – can you please include the overnight bulletins editor in the handover – it's usually [redacted] – they have the job of splitting stories into Saturday or Sunday yarns and also double as overnight reporter for breaking news – so it's a big help to see the handover.

Cheers, and thanks again,

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Subject: RE: Handover

Got fairly waylaid trying to get Ron Brierley statement of facts (see separate handover) so didn't get anywhere near what I was hoping to done.

I've forwarded the original Govt press release re stewardship land (land that is waiting to be designate conservation land). The interesting part is that Ngai Tahu are furious – see the release in news emails. [redacted]

Otherwise I just managed to do the below.

Best of luck!

CLIMATE-COURT

Lawyers demanding action on climate change say recent landmark class action wins overseas will affect how the court sees the issues here.

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COATS-NAME

A 13-year-old boy has been named as the second person who died in house fire in north Auckland earlier this week.

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Subject: Handover

Filed for morning:

CLIMATE-CANTY wrt x1 & tp x2

WEATHER-FARM wrt x1 & tp x2

BUBBLE-DES wrt x1 & tp x2 (he's very strong could even be worth a third cut, raw audio in WGN transfers)

Could even be worth asking the Govt about Des Gorman's comments to introduce pre-departure testing on all arrivals from Australia until people are vaccinated, and to extend the Victoria pre-departure testing window. (Current window is 20-25 May). He also wants Australian visitors to have a tracking app installed, like Taiwan does.

To keep track of Canterbury rain:

Environment Canterbury Data:

Rainfall data: <https://www.ecan.govt.nz/data/rainfall-data/>

River flow data: <https://www.ecan.govt.nz/data/riverflow/>

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Geewiz April

Welcome to Australian visitors travel bubble
Look after your customers knowledge about your services and products
Look after your staff loyalty, learning curve
Sales excuses indicate lack of skills
Recommended referrals from Richard
How to use Richard Gee

Welcome to the new travel bubble to our Australian tourists and family members.
If your business is in tourism you will be welcoming this development and make sure your standards of service are high to encourage word of mouth testimonials and return visits. Tourism was a large part of the NZ economy and will be again. New Zealanders should also consider their holidays within NZ and now Australia, with the Pacific islands coming soon.

Look after your customer knowledge about you by making sure you never hear "I didnt know you had that!"
Make sure you feature your products and services regularly in front of your customers in emails, newsletters, feature promotions, and rep visits.
Never assume the customer knows what you can supply, always keep reminding your customers. Check your website, social media for free information about you and your products or services
Create stories about how your customers have used successfully your products and services
Run regular training sessions for your staff to ensure they can help your customers questions.
Regular sales presentations at meetings, customer service quizzes also help.

Look after your staff loyalty and the learning curve
The time it takes a new staff member to learn your business and products and customers is known as the learning curve and this can be from 3-6 months until full productivity is achieved, a expensive investment by you! Protect this learning curve investment by building on the loyalty factors of goodwill, training, motivation, praise, work allocation and one on one sessions to discuss the business opportunities. Sharing with your team the numbers of transaction, invoices, sales, statements, company results builds loyalty and interest and keeps staff loyal and staying in your team.

Sales excuses indicate lack of skills
Sales reps that give you excuses under the cover of the buyers objection to the purchase, such as "he was not ready to order/" "he had to get authority from his boss" " I still need to visit the buyer to get a decision" "the competitor is offering a sharper price" "they are still getting quotes from other suppliers" are just examples of poor selling skills by your rep not doing their job properly by Asking the right questions, speaking to the decision maker, determining the decision tree, and selling your benefits of value.
Encourage your sales rep to watch the free videos on "www.geewizTV.com" to get out of the rut, or go visit some customers with them and show them how to sell, buy my Sales book

"Sales Challenge to change" or put them on a training seminar, and maybe warn of performance improvements needed.

My referrals from clients:

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Kia ora,

Welcome to this week's Asia Digest.

As New Zealand's COVID-19 numbers decline, the nation has turned its attention to moving out of Level 3 restrictions, possibly as early as next week. Across Asia, governments and health authorities continue to grapple with the virus to various degrees of success.

This week we hear from two Kiwis based in Asia on the local response, and provide some advice for kiwi businesses hoping to break into the Asian market in the future.

Also this week, we look at the post-COVID world, where de-globalisation is the new keyword.

And we spotlight a clever new website for journalists, policy-makers, and the public, which brings together the hundreds of COVID-19 policy documents and spreadsheets being generated by governments across the globe...so you don't have to.

Ngā mihi,

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Life across SARS and COVID-19 in Taiwan <<https://asiannewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail20.com/t/i-l-xikmkd-fiihrthtr-d/>>

For Taiwan-based Ron Hanson, the past loomed large when he heard of a new virus from Wuhan. Having lived through Taiwan's shambolic response to SARS, his thoughts turned to how both Taiwan and New Zealand would respond to this new threat. He has been heartened to see Taiwan has learnt many lessons since SARS and this time round could be held up as a posterchild for its COVID-19 response.

The pandemic across Asia: Latest Media <<https://asiannewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail20.com/t/i-l-xikmkd-fiihrthtr-h/>>

Around the world, the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases has risen above 3,500,000 and nations across Asia are battling the virus in their own ways. At the Asia Media Centre, we've gathered media coverage from several Asian countries as they grapple with the pandemic.

COVID-19: A view from Vietnam <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail20.com/t/i-l-xikmkd-fiihrthtr-k/>>

New Zealander Warrick Cleine, who heads KPMG's operations in the Vietnam and has lived in the country for more than 20 years, shares his insights of COVID-19, Vietnam's success in dealing with the virus, and how Kiwi companies can more effectively do business in Asia.

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An update on COVID-19

The Asia Media Centre rounds up some in-depth and explainer pieces on the novel coronavirus virus and its effects.

China and US in 'new Cold War' as relations hit lowest point in 'more than 40 years', spurred on by pandemic | South China Morning Post <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail20.com/t/i-l-xikmkd-fiihrthtr-u/>>

A dramatic deterioration in US-China relations in recent days has convinced current and former government advisers on both sides that bilateral ties have plummeted to their lowest point in decades, write Finbarr Bermingham and Cissy Zhou for the South China Morning Post.

The COVID-19 Catastrophe in Bangladesh <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail20.com/t/i-l-xikmkd-fiihrthtr-o/>> | The Diplomat <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail20.com/t/i-l-xikmkd-fiihrthtr-b/>>

In a piece for The Diplomat, Sudha Ramachandran writes that COVID-19 risks plunging Bangladesh into social, economic, and political turmoil — not to mention the public health crisis.

Eli Lilly ties up with Shanghai Junshi to pursue COVID-19 therapies | Caixin Global <<https://asianewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail20.com/t/i-l-xikmkd-fiihrthtr-n/>>

American pharmaceutical company Eli Lilly & Co. set up a partnership with Chinese drugmaker Shanghai Junshi Biosciences Co. to jointly develop new antibody therapies for COVID-19, the disease that has sickened 3.6 million people worldwide.

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What has media in New Zealand been reporting about Asia? Here's a roundup of stories from the past week.

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The post-COVID debate over "de-globalisation": a global calamity, or a chance to improve a system needing a tune-up? | Asialink <<https://asiannewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail20.com/t/i-l-xikmkd-fiihrthtr-f/>>

The COVID-19 crisis has exposed the weaknesses of the international system, and there will be no return to the pre-COVID status quo. Former Indian Foreign Secretary Shyam Saran examines the realignment to come, and the renovation of the multi-lateral world that must come with it.

Piracy re-surfaces in Southeast Asian waters <<https://asiannewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail20.com/t/i-l-xikmkd-fiihrthtr-z/>> | <<https://asiannewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail20.com/t/i-l-xikmkd-fiihrthtr-v/>> The Asia Sentinel <<https://asiannewzealandfoundationmedia.cmail20.com/t/i-l-xikmkd-fiihrthtr-e/>>

The pirates have returned after years of effective regionwide cooperation. Now Southeast Asia faces an increasing number of pirate attacks on shipping, forcing naval patrols back onto the high seas.

Singapore Parliament debates "wet markets" issue
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MPs in Singapore have addressed the controversial issue of "wet markets", launching a review of the sale and slaughter of live animals amid calls for the markets to close.

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Asia Perspectives on NZ

What stories linking New Zealand and Asia have captured the attention of international media in the past week?

TPP countries defy protectionist trend to maintain supply chains

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As many countries tighten restrictions on exports of vital products in response to the coronavirus pandemic, members of the Trans-Pacific Partnership regional trade pact are going against the tide of protectionism with agreements to facilitate free trade. A plane carrying 20 tons of meat from New Zealand landed at Singapore's Changi Airport on April 22, marking the first step in a trade initiative launched by the countries the previous week.

New Zealand calls for 'courage' from re-elected Bill Beaumont

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New Zealand Rugby has called on newly re-elected World Rugby chairman Bill Beaumont to take the courageous decisions necessary to ensure that elite rugby is sustainable for more than just a few nations.

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The Trans-Tasman Bubble: an idea whose time has come | The Conversation

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Politics in New Zealand has been dominated this week by talk of the "Trans-Tasman bubble". Associate Professor Hongzhi Gao from Victoria University, and Assistant Professor Monica Ren from Macquarie University suggest it's an idea that can bring mutual benefit and value to businesses on both sides of the ditch.

New New Zealand website maps the global policy response to COVID-19

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As nations across the globe develop and implement their own policies to combat COVID-19, a new website pulls the hundreds of policy documents together in an easily-accessible form, for journalists, policy-makers, and the public.

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A Māori-led programme for at-risk mothers and their babies in the Whanganui district is an example of allowing community health practitioners to design local services that are relevant and meet specific need, the Health Minister says.

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Tourism the biggest loser from quarantine shambles

New Zealand's already struggling tourism operators will take the biggest hit from the latest high-profile quarantine failings, says a leading New Zealand tourism businesswoman.

"Just when the tourism sector was getting excited about the prospect of an Australian travel bubble, a few Ministry of Health officials have let us down badly. Without doubt, this will set tourism businesses back several more months," says Veronika Vermeulen, owner of Aroha New Zealand Tours.

This week the Prime Minister admitted New Zealanders have lost confidence in the Government's management of the Covid-19 at the border and she is now determined to restore public confidence.

Ms Vermeulen says while such determination is to be admired, it could see the Government overreach less than three months out from a general election.

"The real worry is the Prime Minister will want to be seen as tough and decisive, which could mean a harder line against inbound visitors for longer. However, there are smarter ways to achieve better results, and several overseas countries are proving that."

She says countries like Taiwan, United Arab Emirates, and Iceland are opening their borders safely but strategically with strong protective measures in place to ensure the virus doesn't enter their countries.

"As we all know, it's all about testing. Test, test, and test again!"

What's more, after three months of lockdowns, the European Union has now told member nations they should open to each other as soon as possible, with the likes of France and Germany already heeding their advice.

Ms Vermeulen says Taiwan is now allowing businesspeople in from lower-risk areas including New Zealand on strict conditions. They must prove a negative test three days before arriving and remain subject to 14 days of quarantine, but they can shorten that if they pay for a test and test negative. She says similar arrangements should be put in place with Australian visitors.

"Frankly, opening the door carefully to Australia would save our business lives. The Foreign Minister is instead now talking up Pacific 'bubbles' but they'll only send domestic visitors overseas. The stark reality is we need inbound tourists if we're to survive after the wage subsidy scheme runs out.

"Given New Zealand's quarantine mistakes, we need to create a smarter border and a safer country, but let's not crash more businesses and create more job losses. Yes, the Government needs to restore public confidence, but not at the expense of our \$40b tourism sector already on its knees.

"Tourism operators want to see a plan to safely open our country's borders and understand exactly where we are at with the Australian travel bubble. Restoring public confidence will come when Kiwis know there

are full-proof systems in place, not by further decimating our biggest export earner,” says Veronika Vermeulen.

Veronika Vermeulen is owner of Aroha New Zealand Tours and a travel industry expert. She has been welcoming high-value, luxury foreign travellers to New Zealand for over 20 years.

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This is my take on the risks around the Trans Tasman Bubble. This was published as the Perth announcement was made.

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Trans-Tasman travel bubble to open

- Expert reaction

Quarantine-free travel between Australia and New Zealand will resume in two weeks.

The government has devised a traffic light system <<https://sciencemediacentre.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fdc5316d8cbd7a248ee94eaeb&id=d64a9d2adc&e=48a2e5bb1f>> to managing the bubble should any cases appear over the ditch. Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said they are taking a "flyer beware" approach - and travellers will shoulder the risk of any Covid-19 interruptions to their travel.

The SMC has asked experts to comment on the announcement. Feel free to use these comments in your reporting or follow up with the contact details provided.

Professor Shaun Hendy, University of Auckland, comments:

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"The opening up of a travel bubble with Australia is a significant milestone in our pandemic response. Given that Australia has also successfully managed an elimination strategy and has excellent surveillance systems in place, travellers from Australia currently pose little risk. Should an outbreak occur in one of the Australian States we would learn about it quickly and our government would have time to take steps to restrict travel from any affected region.

"Nonetheless, anyone travelling to Australia should be aware that their plans could be disrupted by outbreaks on either side of the Tasman. Both countries have had failures at MIQ facilities from time to time, and when this happens, travel restrictions may need to be brought back in depending on the circumstances. Travellers should be prepared for an extended stay or to self-isolate or quarantine on return.

"Furthermore, allowing quarantine free travel from Australia will also open up spaces in our MIQ facilities for travellers from other, higher-risk countries. I would suggest that the government take this opportunity to consider retiring some facilities, including those that have no exercise space on site or those that have proved more difficult to manage. This might still see an increase in MIQ places for Kiwis returning home from other parts of the world, while managing the overall risk at the border.

"Overall, the opening of a travel bubble with Australia is a positive and welcome step, which reflects the success that both countries have had in managing the virus.

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"I know many people have loved ones on either side of the Tasman and will welcome this announcement. However as we have seen, there are always opportunities for the Covid-19 virus to appear when we increasingly 'least expect it'.

"So now more than ever it is vital for everyone travelling to ensure they minimise risks of transmission for themselves and others (masks, hand hygiene, track movements using the Covid Tracer app in NZ, and above all else, if you begin to feel unwell with any of the range of known symptoms <<https://sciencemediacentre.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fdc5316d8cbd7a248ee94eae&id=bbf5cda6a8&e=48a2e5bb1f>> , it is imperative that you isolate, arrange to get tested and stay isolated until you receive a negative test result.

"For residents of Aotearoa, now would be a good time to make scanning of the Covid Tracer QR codes everywhere you go a priority to ensure any outbreak can be quickly managed and when possible, do get the Covid vaccine and if you have any questions about the vaccine, speak with a trusted health professional."

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"Today's announcement of a trans-Tasman travel bubble is one of the benefits of the elimination strategy that both New Zealand and Australia have successfully pursued. This could be a blueprint for a wider safe travel zone, which other countries that have eliminated COVID-19 may eventually be able to join.

"Provided there is no significant community outbreak in Australia, there is a very low risk of New Zealand importing cases of COVID-19. If there was a community outbreak in Australia, the risk of importing it into New Zealand could rapidly escalate at pre-COVID travel volumes. This is why it will be critical to act swiftly if this does happen.

"This response to a new community case will be based on the same sort of decision making we have seen used here. A sensible rule-of-thumb would be that if a state government imposes restrictions locally, travel from that state would be paused while the lockdown is in place, and travellers required to self-isolate on return once lockdown is lifted. People should factor this in when they buy tickets and have contingency plans if they have to delay travel or self-isolate on return.

"It will be important that New Zealand and Australian authorities can efficiently share contact tracing information if needed and get in touch with people who were potentially exposed prior to travelling. To help with this, Australian visitors will be asked to install and use the NZ COVID Tracer app while they are here.

"Removing the requirement for travellers from Australia to quarantine will free up significant capacity in our MIQ facilities. If this capacity is filled with people from countries with high rates of COVID-19, it will increase the risk of border-related outbreaks occurring here. Vaccinating our MIQ workers mitigates this risk to some extent but doesn't remove it completely. It is therefore sensible to reserve some of that MIQ capacity for relatively low-risk countries or as contingency for people needing to return from a hot-spot area."

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"Travellers arriving in New Zealand from Australia will be encouraged to use the NZ COVID Tracer app to help with contact tracing. This is unlikely to be a mandatory requirement, so we will rely on voluntary participation as we do with all people in New Zealand. Travellers going from New Zealand to Australia will find that there is a Federal-level Bluetooth-based COVIDSafe app which is voluntary, and State-level QR Code-based apps which is mandatory in some public places in most States (each State has their own app).

It is particularly important for people travelling across borders to participate in digital contact tracing, as air travel allows people to travel and therefore potentially transport the virus large distances very quickly - combined with more transmissible variants of the virus, speed becomes more important in containing the spread of COVID-19. It is a good opportunity to remind all of us that as the volume of travellers increase, it is important that all of us turn Bluetooth Tracing on and scan QR Codes where we can to help mitigate risk. Digital contact tracing can help public health officials get more information, and act, more quickly to contain potential outbreaks.

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"The Trans-Tasman travel 'green zone' is a welcome development given the success of both New Zealand and Australia in eliminating Covid-19 in their communities. The Government's proposed framework and protocols seem to make good sense – but they will need to be continuously monitored and potentially refined over time. Nevertheless, it is probably a lost opportunity to not have made the relevant Covid tracer apps mandatory by travellers for the first two weeks in NZ and Australia.

"Such quarantine-free travel arrangements by countries that have succeeded with elimination could be a good model for further expansion of these green zones. For example, expanding to include various Asian jurisdictions such as Taiwan and China. But to ensure the success of this Trans-Tasman zone, the NZ Government should also do much more to reduce the risk of outbreaks arising from travellers from the "red zone" countries.

"As we have documented, New Zealand has had 13 border failures <https://sciencemediacentre.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fdc5316d8cbd7a248ee94eae&id=ad5b7f6239&e=48a2e5bb1f> since July 2020 – and this is far too many. Even though the vaccination of border workers is a big step forward in New Zealand, we still need actions to further reduce such border control failures. These could include the following:

1. Reducing the number of infected travellers arriving in MIQ facilities, which requires a particular focus on reducing travel or other measures (such as pre-flight quarantine) for those from "red zone" countries. It is a myth <https://sciencemediacentre.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fdc5316d8cbd7a248ee94eae&id=7af0f60922&e=48a2e5bb1f> that such measures would render New Zealand citizens 'stateless'.
2. Shifting MIQ facilities out of large cities and exploring purpose-built facilities <https://sciencemediacentre.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fdc5316d8cbd7a248ee94eae&id=21e5989905&e=48a2e5bb1f> outside of all cities.
3. Eliminating use of all shared areas in MIQ facilities (including exercise and smoking areas), with returnees staying in their rooms throughout the full MIQ process as is routine in some overseas jurisdictions, such as in Australia.
4. Mandating daily PCR-based testing of saliva for MIQ workers. This option could also be explored for travellers in MIQ in addition to the current testing regimen to allow for comparative assessments. This testing is being used in parts of Australia and in other countries.

5. Exploring the idea of offering vaccination to all returnees immediately on arrival in MIQ. Even though this will offer only partial immunity while in MIQ, this measure might still be well worthwhile.

"Collectively these measures are likely to reduce the risk of outbreaks that could threaten the sustainability of the Trans-Tasman Green Zone – and threaten the lives of New Zealanders while the majority of us await getting vaccinated against Covid-19."

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"The arrangements announced today help to inform and assure New Zealanders about both the opportunities and the risks of quarantine-free trans-Tasman travel starting on April 19.

"As well as ensuring physical health protection, it's important to pay attention to our collective sense of psychological safety. For some, the idea of borders opening can create anxiety, so it's important to be clear about what will take place if cases break out in Australia or New Zealand, and how this will be managed.

"For others, their sense of psychological safety has come under pressure from their lack of ability to generate a livelihood, for example in tourism and hospitality. We still don't know how incoming tourism flows will affect the New Zealand economy as a whole, but it does give some cause for hope that economic fortunes may improve.

"This is an important moment in our journey through this pandemic. Flexibility and rapid action will be key as will clear and transparent decision-making."

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"I welcome the trans-Tasman bubble. As a new wave of cases has emerged across Europe, lockdowns <<https://sciencemediacentre.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fdc5316d8cbd7a248ee94eaeab&id=5457e4b747&e=48a2e5bb1f>> are once again coming into force. Current restrictions have been extended; restaurant, shops, and schools are once again closed in many parts of Europe. This is reminder that the pandemic is not under control anywhere unless it is controlled everywhere. Although this is a pessimistic view at the global level, we have reasons to be optimistic in this part of the world.

"Establishing a quarantine-free trans-Tasman bubble is a particularly significant achievement in comparison with the rest of the advanced world. Quarantine-free travel between Australia and New Zealand will restart on April 19.

"According to StatsNZ <<https://sciencemediacentre.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fdc5316d8cbd7a248ee94eaeab&id=e66c5d8d76&e=48a2e5bb1f>> , overseas visitor arrivals were down by 405,300 to 5,400 in January 2021, compared with January 2020. The biggest changes were in arrivals from Australia (down 142,300), China (50,200), the US (down 41,900), the UK (down 34,500), and Korea (down 14,100).

"The service sector dominates New Zealand's economy. The lack of international tourists has surely hurt the service sector, such as hospitality and education. Travel exports, including spending by international tourists in New Zealand, were down \$504 million in the December 2020 quarter <<https://sciencemediacentre.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fdc5316d8cbd7a248ee94eaeab&id=4dd952a378&e=48a2e5bb1f>> . According to

the StatsNZ data, filled jobs in the December 2020 <<https://sciencemediacentre.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fdc5316d8cbd7a248ee94eae&id=9eefe60366&e=48a2e5bb1f>> quarter fell by almost 1 per cent. The areas with the largest percentage fall in filled jobs were the Queenstown-Lakes district, the Kaikōura district, and the Mackenzie district.

"These recent statistics suggest that trans-Tasman bubble with the two-way travel corridor is likely to boost regional business, such as Queenstown. And New Zealand's economy needs such boosts.

"Gross Domestic Product (GDP) figures for the three months ended December have been announced after predictions ranging between a 1 per cent contraction through to growth of 0.7 per cent. New Zealand's economy rebounded 14 percent in the third quarter of 2020, after declining 11 percent in the second quarter. These are extreme figures, at both ends. December 2020 quarter GDP has dropped 1 percent after that record September rebound, which coincides with the pessimistic forecasts. Compared with a year ago, GDP in the fourth quarter of 2020 was 0.9 per cent lower in New Zealand.

"The contraction in the fourth quarter GDP is important. While New Zealand's latest December 2020 quarterly GDP results only fell by 1 per cent, annually it has declined 2.9 percent, the largest annual fall ever in GDP for New Zealand.

"It is important to note that the trans-Tasman bubble will not solve all economic problems. It will help in the short run. In the medium and long run, however, the structure of economy determines the aggregate output: The capital stock (both physical and human capital), the level of technology, rigidities in the labour market, saving and investment rates, and institutional issue and public policy play important roles.

"The New Zealand economy has at least two structural problems: housing and productivity.

"The IMF's 'New Zealand: Staff Concluding Statement of the 2021 Article IV Discussions' <<https://sciencemediacentre.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fdc5316d8cbd7a248ee94eae&id=b999809be8&e=48a2e5bb1f>> report, which was published on 11 March 2021, warns all of us: "Rising speculative demand for housing, along with historically low interest rates and structural housing supply shortages, is amplifying the housing cycle and heightens financial stability and affordability concerns." In the meantime, home building and construction services keep expanding. Construction sales reached \$19.6 billion in the December 2020 quarter, in part driven by home building, Stats NZ said on 9 March 2021 <<https://sciencemediacentre.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fdc5316d8cbd7a248ee94eae&id=34b897caa2&e=48a2e5bb1f>> .

"In the realm of productivity, New Zealand lags behind countries we like to compare ourselves with. BNZ chief economist Paul Conway <<https://sciencemediacentre.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fdc5316d8cbd7a248ee94eae&id=5e3d4288ea&e=48a2e5bb1f>> noted last year that "relative to the OECD average, New Zealanders work about 10 per cent more hours per person to produce about 20 per cent less output". The chair of the Productivity Commission, economist Dr Ganesh Nana <<https://sciencemediacentre.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fdc5316d8cbd7a248ee94eae&id=a9470ae622&e=48a2e5bb1f>> , says that "We always have to export, and that's always been my maxim. To do that we need frontier firms. And we don't have many, that are out there, taking the world on." And I noted that <<https://sciencemediacentre.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fdc5316d8cbd7a248ee94eae&id=3eceb3c91e&e=48a2e5bb1f>> from one of the world's poorest nations in the 1960s, South Korea has transformed itself into an innovative country with well-established global brands, whereas New Zealand, on the other hand, has been experiencing a relative deterioration."

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Alert level update & mandatory masks on public transport - Expert Reaction Updated with new comments

Auckland will stay in Alert Level 3 for the rest of the week.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced the city will move to Alert Level 2 on Sunday at 11.59pm, but gatherings will be limited to ten people. The rest of the country will remain at Alert Level 2 until Sunday 6 September, when restrictions will be reviewed.

Cabinet has also reviewed the evidence on masks, which will become mandatory on all public transport at Alert Level 2 and above, from Monday 31 August.

The SMC asked experts to comment on the announcement. Feel free to use these comments in your reporting or follow up with the contact details provided. New comments will also be available on our website. <<https://sciencemediacentre.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fdc5316d8cbd7a248ee94eaeb&id=46098622df&e=0a694cd991>>

NEW Dr Amanda Kvalsvig, Senior Research Fellow, Department of Public Health, University of Otago, Wellington, comments:

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"Although the decision to move to mandated mask use on public transport is welcome and much-needed, this change doesn't go far enough. There are several other public settings that carry similar infection risks to public transport because they bring people together in closed environments. GP waiting rooms and emergency departments are a particular concern, because people attending are highly likely to be unwell and potentially infectious. Other settings where COVID-19 transmission has occurred include churches, shops, and secondary schools. I hope the Government will now give consideration to the contribution that masks can make to prevent COVID-19 transmission in settings beyond public transport.

"As described by the Prime Minister this afternoon, the new measures place a heavy reliance on individuals to own and carry a mask. There will be practical and cost barriers for many. At all times during Alert Level 2, masks need to be made freely available on public transport to ensure that no-one is disadvantaged.

Finally, increased mask use in public places will make life very difficult for those who can't wear a mask, and those who can't hear speech and need to lip read. A badge or lanyard should be made available to anyone in that situation to avoid unpleasant confrontations or being unfairly denied access to public transport."

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NEW Jacqui Maguire, Registered Clinical Psychologist, comments:
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"Imagine you are running a half marathon and the finish line is 200m within sight. You are aching, you are fatigued, but you have been committed. You pushed through your first wind, enjoyed the high of your second wind and you are about to experience the great reward of victory...and then the finish line is shifted out 1km. How do you respond?

"I imagine for many New Zealanders today's announcement may feel very similar to the scenario below. So how can we best respond in the face of shifting expectations?

"First: Take a moment to acknowledge your emotional response and just sit with it. Whatever you are feeling is ok. This is harder than it sounds, but is a critical component of emotion regulation. Emotion regulation enables you to calm your mind, and thus make purposeful and helpful decisions.

"Second: Dig deep. When the expectation bar has been shifted out, reconnecting to your values/purpose can help up your motivation. Intrinsic motivation is powerful and effective.

"Three: Foster flexibility in your thinking. Mindset is a powerful tool. An open and adaptive mindset is linked to enhanced resilience, whereas negative thoughts increase stress and fear induced behaviour. One proven strategy is to hold 'realistic optimism'. Realistic optimism can be defined as thinking about a difficult situation as:

1. Temporary: This lockdown will end. We will get to level 1 again, we've done it before we can do it again. One day we will even have an accessible globe again – I can't wait for that day.
2. Specific: This Alert Level has restricted by physical movement. I am still able to connect with people I care about, appreciate nature, work (if possible) it may just look different.
3. External: It's not just me that's finding it tough this time round. Lots of people are. I'm not weak, humans are just not made to flourish in isolation.

"Four: Reward yourself for all that we have achieved to date. A movie on a week night, a night off cooking, a book in the bubble bath. Whatever floats your boat!

"Dig deep and stay flexible. We'll get through this; I know we will."

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NEW Professor Nick Wilson, Department of Public Health, University of Otago, comments:
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"The mandating of masks on public transport is a smart move by the Government for Alert Level Two and above. This makes the New Zealand response more consistent with international best practice and fits with expert advice from the World Health Organization and public health experts within New Zealand (as per this NZ Medical Journal article <<https://sciencemediacentre.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fdc5316d8cbd7a248ee94eaeb&id=12db7d1edd&e=0a694cd991>> we wrote). It is however disappointing that mandated mask use is not being extended to indoor public settings where transmission risk is highest such as bars and nightclubs. These settings have been the source of outbreaks in jurisdictions which were otherwise making good progress eg, Japan, South Korea and Hong Kong.

Indeed, New Zealand still fails to learn all the lessons it can from the island jurisdiction that has managed COVID-19 the best: Taiwan (where there has always been high levels of mask use from early this year).

"There are also positive signs that the Government is taking a more nuanced approach to the Alert Levels and keeping the size of events constrained. This will help with allowing successful contact tracing if there is further spread at such events. But here again it would be good to put more focus on restricting the really high hazard settings eg, by keeping bars and nightclubs closed in Level 2.

"More generally the Government has reiterated its commitment to the elimination strategy – which makes the best health and economic sense for island nations like New Zealand. But New Zealand also needs to further improve its border controls – possibly looking at shifting quarantine facilities outside of cities and onto military bases eg, Ōhakea air base <<https://sciencemediacentre.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fdc5316d8cbd7a248ee94eae&id=ee4031835b&e=0a694cd991>> which can take international flights. A number of experts (eg, here <<https://sciencemediacentre.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fdc5316d8cbd7a248ee94eae&id=483270d449&e=0a694cd991>> and here <<https://sciencemediacentre.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fdc5316d8cbd7a248ee94eae&id=f3dab964a8&e=0a694cd991>>) have stated that hotel facilities are just not built for quarantine purposes and the risks of having outbreaks in major cities where these hotels are located is probably too high."

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"I am supportive of the move to extend Alert Level 3 in Auckland through to this coming Sunday. Although the public health response has been very effective since the first case was detected, there is still the need for population-wide measures to manage the risk around the edges of this current cluster. We need more time to be sure that we have stamped out any further chains of transmission that might still be active, despite the best efforts of our contact tracers. This is an elusive disease that is very hard to manage as we have seen through some of the infections that occurred before we went to Level 3. Even something as straightforward as sharing a bus ride or an elevator is a risk. Our modelling suggests that we need more time in Alert Level 3 in Auckland before we can be confident the spread is under control.

"This outbreak is different in several ways to the one we experienced in March and April. The virus is thought to spread more effectively in winter conditions. It has also affected Auckland's Pasific population, who are likely more vulnerable to the disease. On the other hand, contact tracing has so far proved very effective and testing rates last week were phenomenal. There is much more judgement involved this time in making the call to move between Alert Levels. This judgement will need to be exercised again later in the week as our understanding of this cluster grows.

"We all still need to continue to take this seriously. Remember, if you feel ill, don't go to work, and if you have any of the symptoms of COVID-19, seek a test. If you can, make sure you wear a mask when on public transport, as will be compulsory from this coming Monday, and consider doing so in any other situation where you are indoors in close contact with other people for an extended period. Download the app, enter your contact details, and make sure you scan those barcodes. If you don't want to use the app, keep a diary of where you have been and how you travelled there.

Conflict of interest statement: Te Pūnaha Matatini is funded by the TEC, but is also currently working under an MBIE contract to supply COVID-19 modelling to government.

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"The Government has decided to keep Auckland at Alert Level 3 for a further four days. After this, the city will move to Alert Level 2. The rest of the country will remain at Alert Level 2. This is a pragmatic decision to ensure the current cluster is fully contained. The last thing we want is to miss some cases that then turn into further community transmission. Keeping the rest of the country at Alert Level 2 is an important trade-off that will allow Aucklanders to travel around the country while still helping to slow down any transmission of the virus should someone who is infectious leave Auckland. This is our first resurgence so I am pleased to see the Government modify its response as needed while sticking to the elimination strategy."

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"Aotearoa has gone from "whoa to go" on mask wearing in just a few short weeks. It is understandable that people are nervous about masking up in public.

"I think the evidence for masking is becoming better understood and I think the right decision was made today about mandating mask wearing on public transport for level 2 and above, especially as we all want to see Auckland move out of level 3 as soon as appropriate.

"Fabric three layer masks with an outer layer of non-absorbent material such as polyester, a middle layer of cotton and an inner layer of cotton or cotton blend are great – and if we can see community groups making masks (like we did when plastic carrier bags were being phased out) especially to help people who want to wear a mask but are unable to purchase or make their own.

"As we become more comfortable and socialised to wearing masks we can show our individuality by the designs we choose. Now is the time for Aotearoa to make mask wearing on public transport a routine thing at level 2 and above. We need to get over our embarrassment and start appreciating everyone's unique mask identity (and not forgetting good hand hygiene and physical distancing where possible).

"And remember – a mask alone is not enough protection. We still need to maintain good hand hygiene, physical distancing, cough or sneeze into your elbow, and keeping track of where we have been. If you have any symptoms – seek a test and stay home from work."

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Professor Michael Plank, Te Pūnaha Matatini and University of Canterbury, comments:
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"The decision to extend Auckland's level 3 by four days until Sunday night is welcome news for New Zealand's elimination strategy. There are signs the reproduction number is less than 1 at level 3, meaning cases are decreasing. But there are almost certainly still active, unidentified cases in the community with the potential to spark new outbreaks if we relax too soon.

"This has proved to be a large and complex cluster with transmission in a range of settings including multiple workplaces, families, shops, public transport and churches. We are still finding new cases every day, including some with no obvious link to the cluster. The cases we have seen as a result of contacts between strangers on bus journeys are an example of how quickly this outbreak could spread. Although

contact tracers are trying to track down people who were on these buses, they may not be able to find everyone so there is a risk some will slip through the net.

"Provided the recent trend of cases continues, the extra four days at level 3 will give us a better chance of containing this cluster. We should also remember there is still a risk of the outbreak spreading outside Auckland. And this risk will rise with increased travel between regions. So it's absolutely essential the rest of New Zealand stays at alert level 2 for the next couple of weeks and sticks to the level 2 rules."

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"The announcement today that New Zealand will remain at its current COVID-19 Alert Levels until Sunday and then everyone moving to Level 2 for another week may be disheartening for many. Whereas the first lockdown was accompanied by an increase in anxiety for some, the recent return to Level 3 seemed to bring with it a collective downturn in mood. "Oh no, I thought we had beaten this" was a common refrain. The Prime Minister acknowledged this in her press conference saying that she knows some people found it harder this time around. The government announcement today could further erode our collective sense of hope.

"We are at a turning point in how we view things as a nation: have we learned to be helpless in the face of adversity or can we learn to be hopeful? Positive psychology teaches us that we can learn to have a sense of realistic optimism. This doesn't mean never acknowledging anything bad, nor taking a blindly saccharine-sweet positive view of the world. It does mean examining the attributions we make about adversity and positive events.

"Optimists externalize the causes of adversity, seeing them as due to causes that are nothing to do with them personally, and that are fleeting and specific to a situation. They credit good events to personal, permanent, and pervasive causes. Pessimists do the opposite. Pessimism is associated with hopelessness and depression. Optimism is linked to better coping, better relationships, and fewer negative thoughts.

"So although there may not yet be a vaccine for COVID19, there is "vaccine" of sorts for our mental wellbeing. Perhaps the best thing we can do is to mentally prepare for the future, whether that be with or without lockdown, is to begin learning how to think optimistically, albeit in a realistic way."

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"Mandatory wearing of face-masks for public transport across the country when on public transport is a new policy which comes into force next week. Although this may be challenging for some people, it is good that there is clear instructions and expectations about this. This will help to address some of the ambiguity or lack of clarity that has been reported by some about what behaviours they are being asked to do at each Alert Level. The requirement for people to wear face-masks on public transport at Alert Levels 2 or higher couldn't be clearer.

"The decision to stay at Alert Level 3 in Auckland and Level 2 in the rest of the country may be disappointing for some, and it may also be reassuring for others. What is certain is that it is in keeping with

a precautionary approach, informed by the evidence, trying to strike the balance between protecting people's health and allowing them to move around and go about their business as much as is safely possible according to the risk assessment at the time.

"It's going to be really important that people adhere with the Alert Level advice as much as possible to make sure we can get down to lower Alert Levels as soon as possible. And mandatory mask-wearing in public transport will hopefully contribute to the efforts in not having to escalate up Alert Levels again."

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"While mask sales have skyrocketed <<https://sciencemediacentre.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fdc5316d8cbd7a248ee94eae&id=7fafdcd0bf&e=0a694cd991>> in New Zealand since COVID-19 reemerged, public mask wearing (even in Auckland <<https://sciencemediacentre.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fdc5316d8cbd7a248ee94eae&id=7b5dd95a47&e=0a694cd991>>) is still the exception.

"This is where understanding ethical decision making can be useful. Scholars divide the study of ethics into three main branches: virtue, deontological <<https://sciencemediacentre.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fdc5316d8cbd7a248ee94eae&id=31c1295d45&e=0a694cd991>> and consequential. All three can us help think about wearing a mask.

"Asking a range of questions from all three ethical angles helps me arrive at an ethically measured decision: that I should be consistently wearing a mask when I go out. And a careful decision is much easier to stick to, even if it means I still get the odd funny look.
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