

Daily Intelligence Briefing

Issued: 1030hrs 3 October 2023 Authorised by: — Watch Leader Next update: 1030hrs 4 October 2023

Executive Summary

 Strong winds across most of Aotearoa New Zealand have eased and there are now no severe weather watches or warnings in force for today.

NEMA Operational Status

Operational Activity

NCC is at Mode 1 (MAR Centre monitoring).

On-Call Roster

Director			Response Manager	2		
National Controller		Activation Coordinator				
PIM						
REMA North						
REMA South						

Response Activity

Nothing to report.

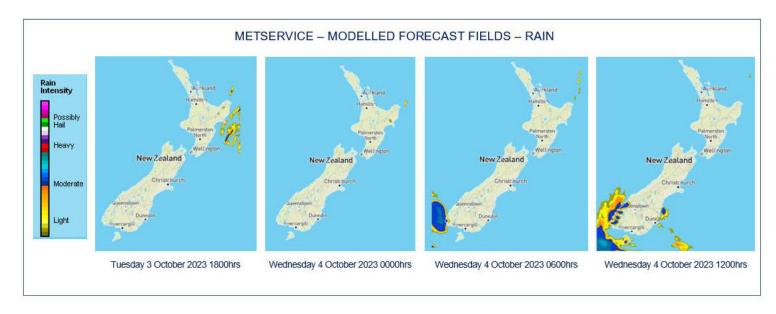
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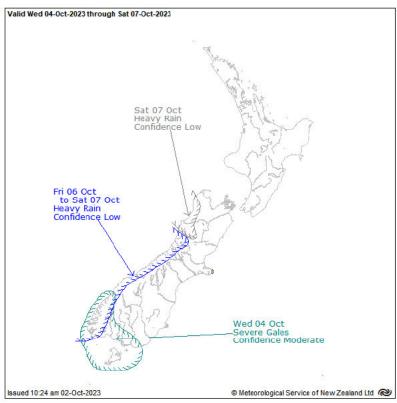
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Geological

Volcanic Activity (Level 1 and above)

Volcano Level		Volcanic Activity	Aviation Code	
Whakaari/ White Island	2	Moderate to heightened volcanic unrest	Yellow	
Ruapehu	1	Minor volcanic unrest	Green	

GNS Alert Levels guide visit: https://www.geonet.org.nz/about/volcano/val GNS Aviation Colour Codes visit: https://www.geonet.org.nz/volcano/acc

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Other Events

Nothing to report.

Media

NZ Weather: Strong wind lashes Canterbury leaving trees down, roofs damaged, thousands without power, ferries cancelled in Wellington

Ferries have been cancelled and large parts of Canterbury are without power, as high winds continue to batter the country. About 2500 thousand homes were plunged into darkness in Canterbury overnight, with electricity providers not expecting it to be restored for many until later on Tuesday morning.

Newshub

Cryptosporidium: 60 confirmed cases in Queenstown outbreak

There are now 60 cases of cryptosporidium as part of Queenstown's outbreak which began last month, Te Whatu Ora confirms.

RNZ

New tsunami maps revealed to help people evacuate holiday hotspot

Revised evacuation maps for the Bay of Plenty area have revealed 100,000 people in the holiday and retiree hotspot would need to evacuate quickly with no official warning in the event of a tsunami.

Stuff

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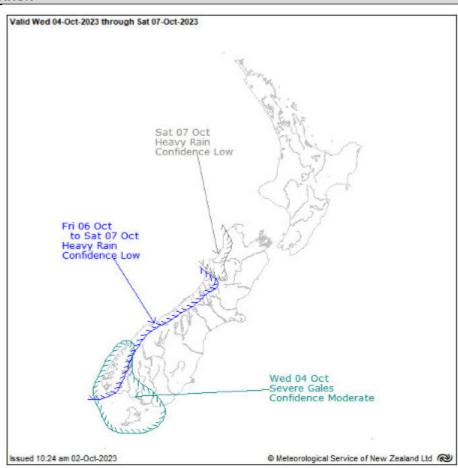
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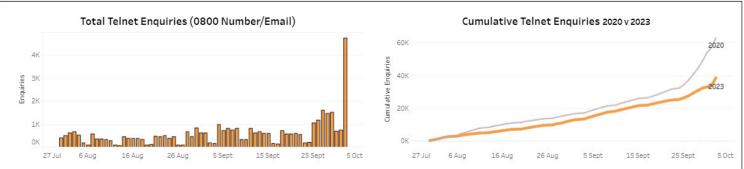
General Election 2023 Enrolment Campaign



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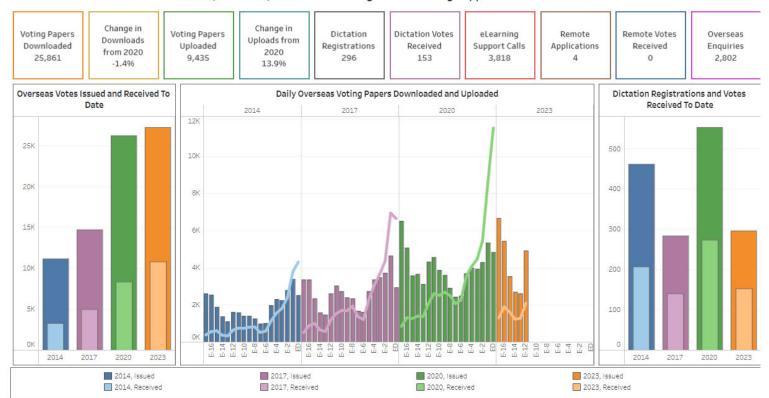
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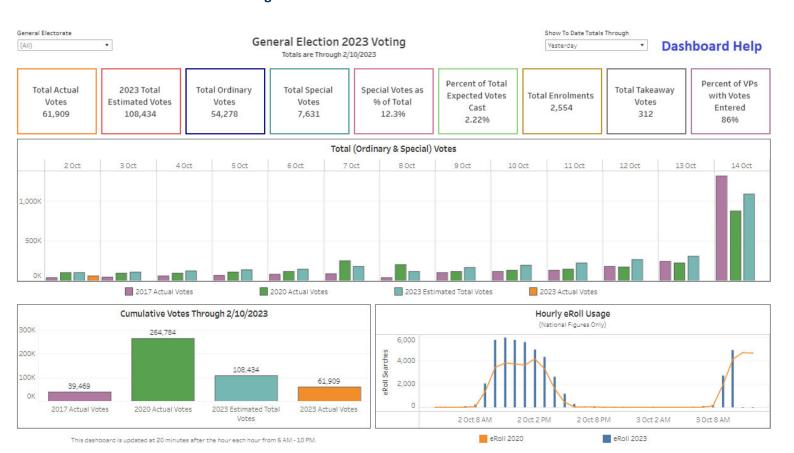
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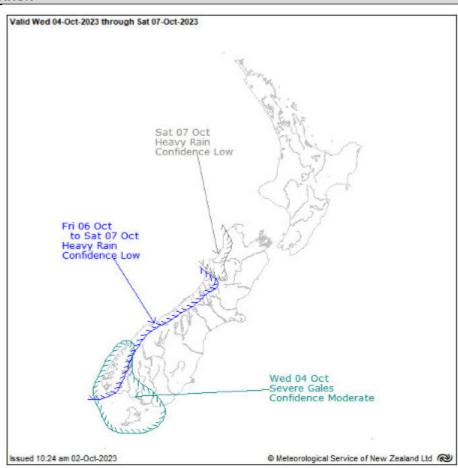
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