09/10/2023 – ELT Situation Report ELECTION Week 5

As at 3.56pm on 09/10/2023 prepared by Crispian approved by Martin Rodgers

Distributed	ELT members			
to				
Key	Anusha Guler and Crispian			
Contacts	Martin chaired the meeting			
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People & Culture

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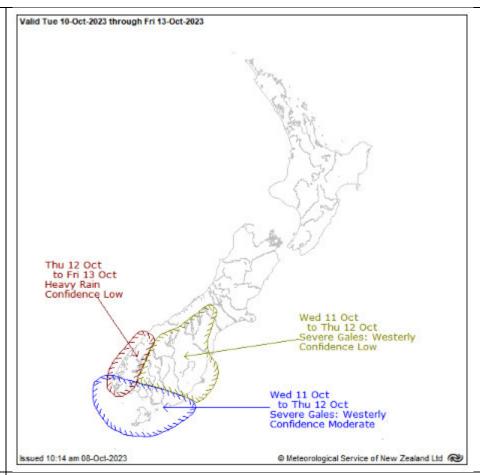
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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DAILY INTERAGENCY REPORT TO **GEDT**

Submitted daily not later than 11am.

Date. 9 October 2023
DPMC:
Monitoring events in Israel. The ODESC system has not activated and MFAT is leading NZ response.
NZ Police:
NSTR
NEMA (Daily Intelligence Briefing attached):
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GCSB:
NSTR
NZSIS:
Reporting via the JIG
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IN-CONFIDENCE

Waka Kotahi: https://www.journeys.nzta.govt.nz/highway-conditions/traffic-and-travel-list-view/ **NSTR** MFAT: Nothing to note on elections front. Note that we don't have a post in Israel. MoJ: **NSTR FENZ: NSTR** MPI: **NSTR** MBIE: **NSTR** Prepared by: David

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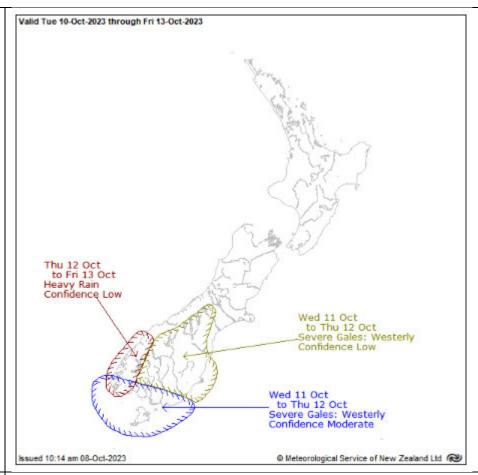
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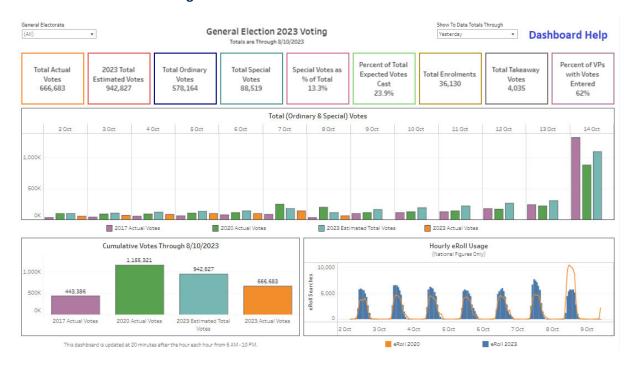
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General Election 2023 Voting

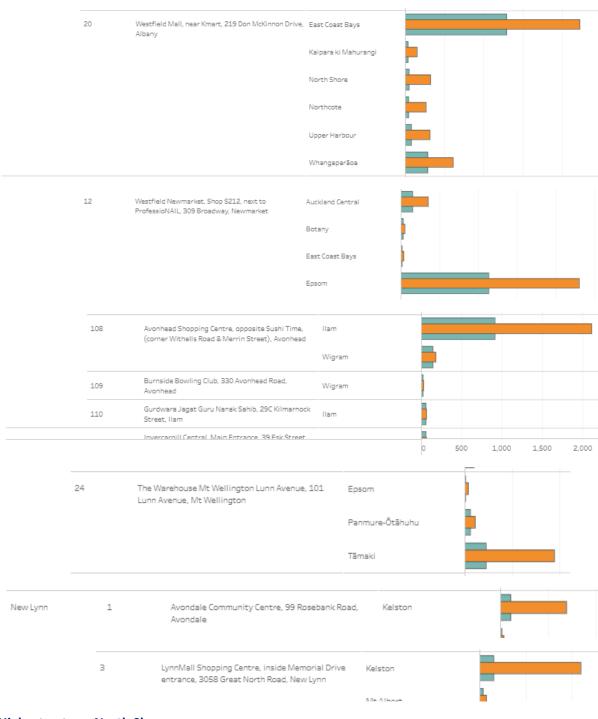


2023 Votes Estimates Summary Graph (Top 2 highest total votes)

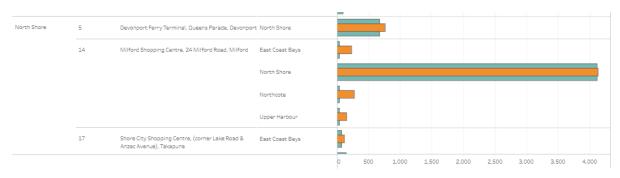


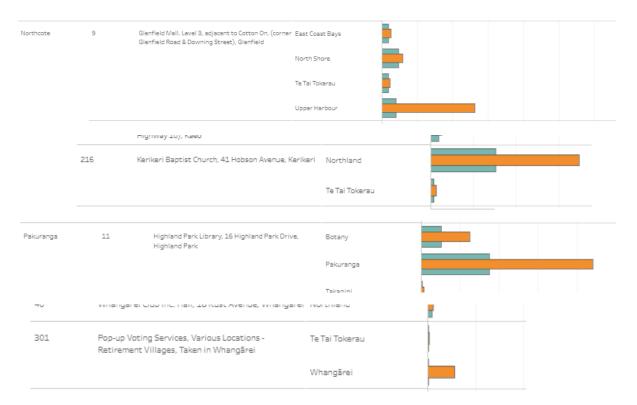
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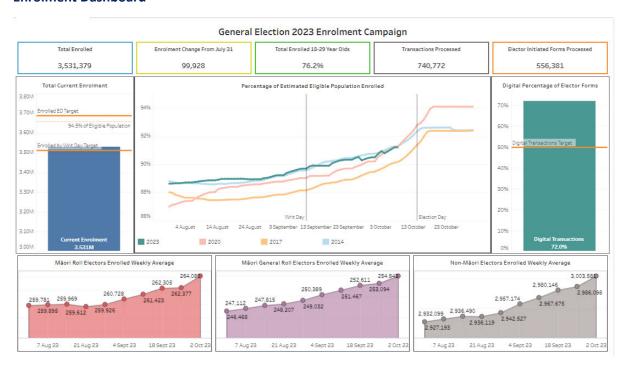


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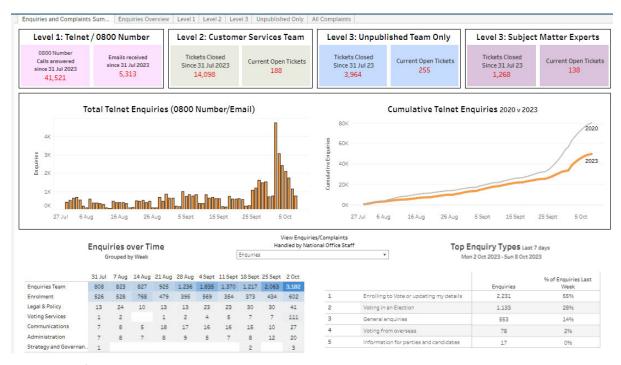




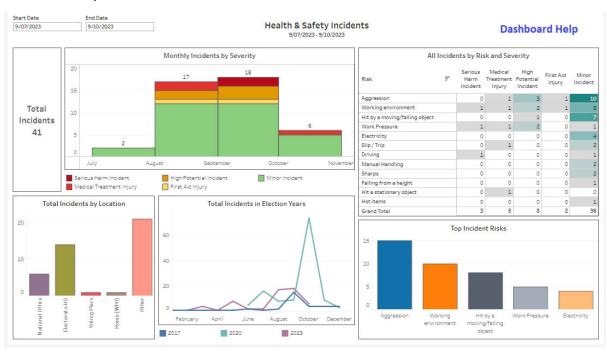
Enrolment Dashboard



Customer Enquiries and Complaints Dashboard



Health & Safety





Daily Intelligence Briefing

Issued: 1030hrs 09 Oct 2023 Authorised by: - Watch Leader Next update: 1030hrs 10 Oct 2023

Executive Summary

- A strong wind watch is in force for Hawke's Bay, the Tararua District, and Southland today.
- The NZ DART Buoy network is experiencing degradation at NZA, NZC, NZE and NZH.

NEMA Operational Status

Operational activity

NCC is at Mode 1 (MAR Centre Monitoring).

On-call roster

	Director	Response Manager
Na	ational Controller	Activation Coordinator
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PIM	
REMA North	
REMA South	

Response Activity

Nothing to report.

Weather and Climate



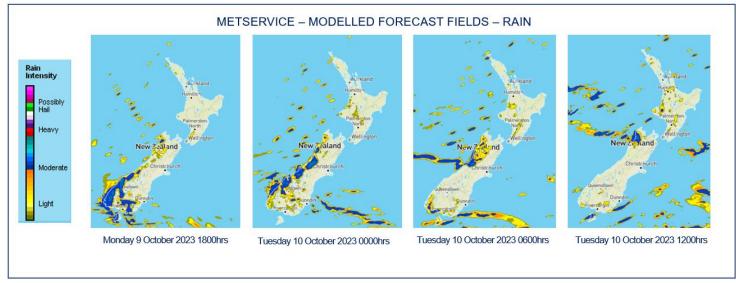
Current Weather

A ridge of high pressure moves away to the east today, as a trough approaches the South Island, forcing a strong, cool westerly flow over southern and central New Zealand.

A strong wind watch is in force for Hawke's Bay south of Hastings, and the Tararua District from 2100hrs tonight to 0400hrs tomorrow morning.

A strong wind watch is also in force for Coastal Southland and Clutha. including Stewart Island and the far south of Fiordland from 1100hrs this morning to 2100hrs tonight.

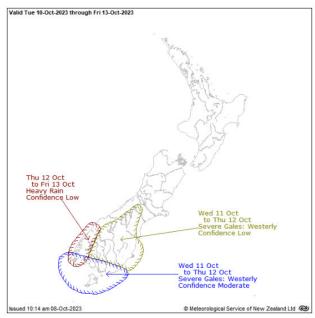
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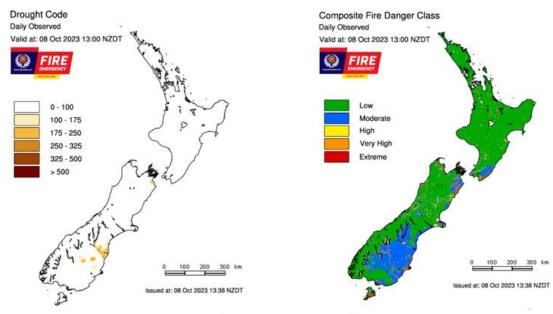
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Fire and Drought Risk



Source: NIWA fire

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

*Note, briefings from Thursday to Saturday last week, incorrectly stated Taupō alert level as 1. Taupō has remained at Alert

Level 0 since 30 May 2023.

Whakaari/ White Island Steam Plume

Unrest continues at Whakaari/ White Island, with a noticeable steam plume present yesterday due to atmospheric conditions, possibly combined with higher steam emissions. GNS checked with MetService, who had not detected any ash in the cloud. There is currently no monitoring equipment on the island.

Image: GeoNet: Whakatane



Other Events

NZ DART Network Degradation

A recent update from GNS Science advised that DART Buoy NZC is no longer operational while NZA, NZE and NZH are operating in degraded states.

Despite this degradation in the network, coverage in all regions is still considered good. NZA, NZC and NZE are set to be serviced this December, while NZH is scheduled to be serviced in July 2024.

Media

Hail hits parts of North Island amid day of wild weather

Hail, some the size of marbles, has hit a number of places in the North Island this afternoon as parts of the island remain under a severe thunderstorm watch.

1News

Scientists discover massive undersea reservoir near NZ's biggest fault zone

Scientists have found a massive reservoir lying just a few kilometres beneath the seafloor off the North Island – and it could help explain "silent" earthquakes thought to play an influential role in our largest fault zone.

NewstalkZB