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[Stonehenge Aotearoa hits back at tacky label](#) . Stonehenge Aotearoa hits back at tacky label
Tuesday, 19 August

Stonehenge Aotearoa - Weird? No Tacky? Absolutely not. Stonehenge Aotearoa has hit back at the latest Lonely Planet guidebook, which has named the country's tackiest monuments, buildings and themes. Tacky? Absolutely. In the [guidebook](#), Lonely Planet said the astronomy centre in the Wairarapa, was Weird? Yes. Stonehenge Aotearoa is 10km southeast of Carterton and is a outdoor observatory and astronomy centre. Highlight of your trip to NZ? Maybe not. Lonely Planet seems to think that Stonehenge Aotearoa is an imitation of Stonehenge in Britain, but this is completely wrong, said Ms Varnham. Mary Varnham, the publisher of a book by the centre's founder, Richard Hall, who wrote *How to Gaze at the Southern Stars*, [said](#) Lonely Planet was wrong in its description of the centre. I've been to both it and the original Stonehenge in Britain and there's no contest: Stonehenge Aotearoa is by far the most interesting experience, said Ms Varnham. The outdoor observatory was designed to inspire [people](#) young and old about astronomy, she said. The Lonely Planet guidebook also likened the Sky Tower to a giant hypodermic giving a fix to the heavens and called Napier's Pania of the Reef statue a little Maori and a lot Disney. She said the astronomy centre did an outstanding job of inspiring people about astronomy. -

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[Arthurs Pass feels brunt of icy blast](#) . Arthurs Pass feels brunt of icy blast - **Sunday, 17 August**
Heavy snow falls have continued to cause problems in mountain regions around the country, keeping highways closed and disrupting travellers' plans as winter's icy grip refused to budge. Arthur's Pass resident Graeme Kates, a Conservation Department ranger in the national park, said the 1m snow dump over recent days in the central South Island mountain village was the largest for more than a decade and showed no signs of abating. We've had such little snow in the last five years so we'd forgotten what it's like. It's nothing like the 1992 dump and probably less than the 1994 snow, but possibly the worst since then. He said he spent yesterday digging out two roads and his car. Last year, we didn't have winter - we only had a few centimetres [of snow]. The mountain pass remained closed yesterday morning but opened after lunch, although some cars remained buried. About a metre had settled in the village by Friday but predicted fine weather yesterday afternoon failed to eventuate and, instead, heavy snow was still falling by yesterday evening, maintaining the high snow levels. Pupils on a primary school outdoors education trip to the village had to be evacuated by train when

their vehicles were buried in snow on Friday and other tourists had been trapped in the village in recent days, Kates said. **Tree falls blocked the highway on Friday** between Arthur's Pass village and Klondyke Corner, as did an avalanche at Snow Creek, about 1km south of the village, on Friday morning. **I'm sure this storm will stop eventually, he said.** Fine weather was forecast for today in mountain passes but we will see if it happens or not. Murchison recorded about 20cm of snow, its second dump this winter. **On the South Island's West Coast, Hokitika and Haast received a rare snowfall, with road closures blamed for Hokitika's only supermarket running out of milk. The Desert Rd (State Highway 1) was reopened yesterday but predicted to remain icy with more snow at high levels today. In the central North Island, SH48 to Whakapapa Village remained closed late yesterday because of snow. In southern and central South Island, many roads remained closed last night, including SH94 between Te Anau and Milford because of avalanche danger and fallen trees, with about 70cm of snow on Milford Rd yesterday and about 20cm in Te Anau. Police were warning motorists to take extreme care last night over the Mamaku Ranges in the Bay of Plenty because of icy conditions. Last night, MetService severe weather forecaster Mark Pascoe said the worst was over and snow should ease in the south today. Also, SH93 between Clinton and Matura would remain closed until today, as would SH65 between Maruia and O'Sullivan's Bridge. About 25cm of snow was predicted to fall by midday today above 900m in the central North Island, including the Desert Rd, which could lower to about 500m in coming days, Pascoe said. However, the weather would turn southerly and snow showers were predicted down to 300m on the east coast of the South Island, including the eastern foothills, Christchurch, Otago and Southland, which would continue until mid-week. The southerly flows were predicted to keep temperatures chilly around the country through to mid-week**

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Six years for assault on cop . Six years for assault on cop By GLENN MCLEAN - Saturday, 23 August **A man who seriously assaulted a Taranaki police officer has been jailed for six years. James Henare Butler, 20, appeared for sentence in the New Plymouth District Court yesterday, eight months after he and another offender attacked Sergeant Kevin Wellington close to Egmont Village. Butler's co-offender, Tim Henare James Junior Reid, 25, had already been sentenced to five year's jail in Wellington in May for his part in the attack. Butler had earlier admitted charges of aggravated wounding, unlawfully taking a vehicle, recklessly operating a vehicle and failing to stop. The pair were bailed and agreed to drive to Taranaki where Butler had a forestry job lined up. Butler and Reid had met in the cells of the Lower Hutt District Court on the morning of the December attack. When Mr Wellington got to the crash scene he was assaulted, firstly by Reid, and then seriously by Butler. Mr Wellington clocked their car doing 143km/h and gave chase, but Reid kept driving until they crashed. The pair then stole Mr Wellington's patrol car and, after another chase, they ran through a roadblock. After knocking the sergeant out, Butler continued to punch him in the head. Both were arrested when the car finally stopped. Even with tyres blown by road spikes, they kept going until the tyres peeled off the rims. The officer would not talk about the sentence yesterday. Yesterday, Crown prosecutor James Gurnick said Butler had displayed extreme violence towards Mr Wellington, who had**

suffered a broken nose and severe bruising to his head. Police officers need to be safe from offending like this when they are carrying out their duty, he said. Mr Gurnick said the attack had had a major effect on Mr Wellington's family. In sentencing, Judge Ian Thomas condemned Butler's actions. Defence counsel Julian Hannam took the opportunity on behalf of his client to apologise to Mr Wellington and his family for the awful decisions he made that day. This was a cowardly and violent attack on a police officer, he said, as he told Butler he had shown a complete contempt for the law

[NZers nabbed in Asia-Pacific anti-piracy DVD op](#) . NZers nabbed in Asia-Pacific anti-piracy DVD op **Wednesday, 20 August **Three New Zealanders have been arrested as part of an Asia Pacific-wide anti-piracy operation for copying and selling movies. About 1500 DVDs were seized from two Auckland homes and a Hamilton property in Operation Takedown, organised by the Motion Picture Association's Hong Kong office, The New Zealand Herald reported today. The arrests, made in June and July, uncovered mainly recently released movies. Police acting with the NZ Federation Against Copyright Theft (NZFACT), the MPA's New Zealand arm, arrested the pirates after a tipoff from the public. NZFACT executive director Tony Eaton said about 30 arrests had been made since the organisation started three years ago. All cases are before the courts and the accused face charges under the Copyright Act and 27 charges under the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act. About 461 suspected pirates were arrested in Operation Takedown, 56 camcorders caught in the act and more than 7. The maximum penalty for piracy under the Copyright Act is five years' imprisonment. Nearly 600 raids were undertaken by enforcement authorities in 12 countries across the Asia Pacific. 5 million pirated discs and 1000 disc burners were seized.** -**

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[Special mum makes education priority](#) . Special mum makes education priority - Friday, 15 August **Kirk Hargreaves FAMILY PRIDE: Bruce and Denise Leigh with their sons, from left, Graham, 16, and twins Dean and Adam, 17. She has battled for 13 years for her boys, so it is no surprise that the cup of goodwill has runneth over for Denise Leigh. Your mum has always been there to look after you guys, Papanui High School principal Denis Pyatt told Leigh's three sons, Dean and Adam (twins, aged 17), and Graham, 16. A real battler, Leigh was yesterday presented with a cheque for \$400 in recognition of her efforts in getting her three boys through 13 years**

of school. Leigh and her husband, Bruce, are familiar figures in the Papanui community. Things haven't been easy you guys haven't always been easy at school and school hasn't always been easy for you, but she's battled on to make it work for you and we thought people like that don't get recognised very much so we had a bit of a whip-round. If you find a trolley along the way, you just bring it back, Leigh explained. She is regularly spotted walking along Langdons Road pushing a [supermarket](#) trolley with her three boys in tow. Pyatt said Leigh's efforts were an excellent example to parents. She said she was committed to getting her boys a decent education after coming out of school herself unable to read or write. This says to our community that being a good parent matters, Pyatt said. When staff decided to have a whip-round to raise money for her, a visiting English rugby team was so taken by the idea its members decided to contribute as well. There might be a little left over for a new pair of shoes, she said. He urged the boys to make sure their mother spent some of the money on herself, but Leigh insisted she would take the family out for dinner this weekend. Adam is now well into a computer training course at the Christchurch College of [Education](#) after a gentle nudge from his mother, who has done two courses herself at the college. Leigh [said](#) the classroom environment had not always worked for her boys, so they had found alternatives. Dean has tried his hand at fisheries work but that has not worked out, so he is having a tilt at a mechanics course. I got Adam into it because he wasn't going to school and he liked computers, so I got him into a course as well, Leigh said. . Graham, who finished up at the school at the end of term two, was off to the careers adviser yesterday afternoon for a new direction

[Tragedy hits PM's holiday](#) . Tragedy hits PM's holiday - Thursday, 14 August

ALPINE RECREATION WELL KNOWN CLIMBER: The man who died was Gottlieb Braun-Elwert, he apparently had a medical condition. Gottlieb Braun-Elwert: Alpine battler Prime Minister Helen Clark has been involved in a dramatic, but failed rescue attempt, after a member of her climbing party, Gottlieb Otto Braun-Elwert, died. Police confirmed that an emergency call was received late this afternoon after her guide and friend Gottlieb Otto Braun-Elwert (aged 59) suffered what is believed to be a heart attack, and subsequently died. A spokesperson for the Prime Minister has confirmed Clark was involved in an incident while on holiday near Lake Tekapo. Due to atrocious weather conditions a helicopter which was dispatched from Christchurch was unable to reach the location. Braun-Elwert was a professional mountain guide with his own recreation business. Search and Rescue volunteers along with a police Search and Rescue Squad member are believed to have reached the hut and will begin evacuating the party members shortly. Members of the party carried out CPR for a considerable period of time until advised by Ambulance staff that they should desist. . The spokeswoman [said](#) Clark was safe and well but next of kin had yet to be informed of the dead person

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[Student breaks man's ribs in armed attack](#) . Student breaks man's ribs in armed attack - Thursday, 14 August **A**

Spotswood College student has been stood down after he attacked a staffmember with a piece of wood, breaking the man's ribs. The year nine special needs boy broke the

man's ribs when he hit him with the length of wood last week. Principal Graeme McFadyen said nobody else was injured in the attack. The boy has been stood down for a week with his parents' consent. The boy did not pose a risk to other staff and students at the school, he said. He lost control and he did have a piece of wood in his hand, unfortunately he did strike one of our property staff, who also works as a part time security person in our college, Mr McFadyen [said](#). We do have a teachers aide with him fulltime, when he is on site. He hasn't had a history of doing that before. The staff member hit by the boy was still off work. Mr McFadyen said the aide who usually looked after the boy was away sick on the day of the attack. The incident was a one-off, he stressed. He has been back, but he is not completely over it yet, Mr McFadyen said. Mr McFadyen said the college did its very best to provide a quality [education](#) for all of its students. These things will happen, we have got 40 special needs young people in our college. . We do our best to care for them and we have got a really good reputation as being a very caring college that does really well for these young people giving them huge opportunities and this is an isolated incident

[PM to miss guide's funeral](#) . PM to miss guide's funeral Tuesday, 19 August

Prime Minister Helen Clark has written a tribute to friend and mountain guide Gottlieb Braun-Elwert, but will not be able to attend his funeral due to her attendance at the Pacific Islands Forum. Braun-Elwert died of a suspected heart attack last Thursday while guiding Clark, her husband, Peter Davis, a niece and Cabinet ministers Damien O'Connor and David Parker in back country close to Lake Tekapo. Her husband would attend and read a tribute she had written. Clark yesterday [said](#) Braun-Elwert's funeral was tomorrow, but she would not be able to attend as she was required to attend the Pacific Islands Forum in Niue. However, any such move would need the approval of his family first. She [said](#) naming an unnamed peak after Braun-Elwert, who was hugely respected in the mountaineering community, would be a fitting tribute to his life and achievements.

[-Grave](#) Grave Secrets - Kathy Reichs Fatal Voyage - Kathy Reichs Bare Bones - Kathy Reichs read by Michele Pawk and Katherine Borowitz The Fatal Audio Collection Kathy Reich Audio Book CD Brand New: abridged Still shrink wrapped 15 CDs Grave Secrets - Kathy Reichs On a summer morning in 1982 soldiers enter a Guatemalan village and massacre its women and children. Terrified of meeting a similar fate returning relatives quickly bury their dead in makeshift graves. Today these families refer to their lost members as "the disappeared" and human rights teams are trying to find them. Dr. Temperance Brennan international forensic anthropologist has been asked to investigate one of the most heart-breaking cases of her career. As she digs in the cold damp soil clues emerge: a hair clip a tiny sneaker the hip bone of a child less than two years old. Something savage happened in the highland

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[Moment torpedoes struck still burns for survivor](#) . Moment torpedoes struck still burns for survivor
By [Saturday, 16 August](#)

Charley Watkins will pour himself a gill of whisky tomorrow and drink to the memory of absent friends - among them the 432 Allied prisoners who died when their ship was torpedoed on August 17, 1942. Though it was 66 years ago, the 89-year-old Wellington man still has vivid memories of the day the 8000- tonne Nino Bixio was torpedoed in the Mediterranean by a British submarine. Mr Watkins, whose company had been captured by [Germans](#) at El Alamein, says the Kiwi, Australian, British, Indian and South African prisoners were packed in like cargo as the Nino Bixio sailed in convoy. Three thousand Allied prisoners were crammed into the holds of the Italian freighter when it sailed from Benghazi, in Libya, for Italy. An estimated 118 fellow Kiwis and 39 Australians died in the blast. He was in the ship's No1 hold, which took a direct hit from one of the torpedoes. 15pm and Mr Watkins [says](#) he was playing cards with fellow prisoners at the time. It was 4. The bodies of some who were close to where the torpedo struck were blown high into the ship's rigging; others were killed when cargo decks collapsed. They were lucky to be sitting close to a bulkhead high in the hold. It was no laughing matter, I can tell you. Yet more died when a second torpedo hit the ship's engine room. Quite a few jumped overboard but most stayed on board when they realised the ship was not going to sink. There was a lot of swearing and yelling and jumping around, says Mr Watkins. The ship was towed to Greece, from where most of the prisoners were shipped to prison camps in Italy where they stayed till the war ended. Mr Watkins says he and other stretcher bearers were sent down into the smoke-filled hold and had to walk over the dead to get the wounded out. It even made several voyages to [New](#) Zealand. Remarkably, the Nino Bixio was repaired and continued in service after the war. The only other he knows of is Englishman Bob Rogers, who now lives in Palmerston North. Mr Watkins, who has spent most of his retirement helping to compile information on prisoners of war, believes he is one of the last survivors of the Nino Bixio.

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[Softly softly catchee Minty](#) . Softly softly catchee Minty By LOIS WATSON - Sunday, 24 August
A fugitive capuchin monkey's time on the run ended suddenly yesterday morning when she was cornered in a Christchurch park. Minty, an escapee from Willowbank Wildlife Reserve, had managed to evade capture for three days, but a man walking his dog spotted her lurking in the trees and immediately blew the whistle on the mischievous monkey. Minty had been on the run since [Wednesday](#) when she escaped from her handlers as

they prepared to shift her and nine other South American monkeys from their old home to a new Monkey Island enclosure. The relief is just incredible, [said](#) reserve director Kathy Rangiwanga. Staff were hoping to reunite Minty with the other monkeys once the [effects](#) of the anaesthetic had worn off. Yesterday, she was given a general anaesthetic so she could be checked by a vet who declared that although she had lost a little weight she was none the worse for her adventures.

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[Hide gives SFO 'new evidence'](#) . Hide gives SFO 'new evidence' By MARTIN KAY Friday, 15 August

Hide says he has given evidence to the Serious Fraud Office about NZ First leader Winston Peters' involvement in the select committee inquiry into scampi fishing. Yesterday Mr Hide met two SFO officers assessing whether to investigate Mr Peters over allegations relating to NZ First funding after revelations in The . Mr Hide asked the SFO to investigate the previous month. These included millionaire property investor Sir Robert Jones questioning what happened to \$25,000 he gave the party through a trust in 2005. I was able to provide them with additional evidence relating to the scampi inquiry and Mr Peters' involvement in that. He said yesterday that he had given the officers fresh information. Mr Hide [said](#) the information came to him after The reported that NZ First accepted donations from a Simunovich account. That new evidence, I believe, takes the complaint and the issue to another level. Mr Hide would not say what the evidence was. Mr Peters has previously [said](#) the party did not receive money from Simunovich Fisheries, a heavyweight in the fishing industry and a key player in the 2003 select committee inquiry into scampi. SFO director Grant Liddell decided to assess whether an investigation into NZ First donations was warranted on July 30, when he signalled that a decision could be weeks away. Mr Peters said yesterday that Mr Hide was irrelevant and he was not interested in what he had to say. Mr Peters has said he was not aware of the donation till the previous month, when his lawyer, Brian Henry, [told](#) him about it. Mr Peters already faces an inquiry by Parliament's privileges committee into whether he should have declared in the register of MPs' interests the \$100,000 donated toward his legal fees by

expatriate shipping billionaire Owen Glenn. . Mr Peters and Mr Henry will be called to give evidence before the committee, which meets again on Monday
[Fraudster not really sorry, say his victims](#) . Fraudster not really sorry, say his victims and
KATHY WEBB Thursday, 21 August
Napier fraudster Blair Fitzsimons' victims have spurned his apologies, [saying](#) he is only examining for a lighter sentence. Fitzsimons issued a written apology yesterday after pleading guilty in Napier District Court to stealing more than \$3 million from friends, and another \$1 million from a bank and a finance company. They were less than impressed by his apology. Rob Elvidge and John Gifford, founding partners and shareholders in Napier-based Pioneer Insurance, were in court to hear Fitzsimons admit his thefts. He is sorry he got caught, Mr Gifford [said](#). He is not sorry in the slightest. Fitzsimons confessed his offending to The last July. Fitzsimons stole \$3 million between December 2005 and November 2006 by writing out Pioneer Insurance cheques. Working as the company's general manager, he told directors he had put the \$3 million on term deposit with GE Finance to cultivate a good business relationship with that company. The Serious Fraud Office investigated and he first appeared on the charges in Hamilton in February. Fitzsimons also took out a secret \$586,000 loan from Marac Finance in Pioneer's name, and gave the money to Xpress. He even forged GE Finance documents to back up his story, but was using the money to prop up his failing car rental company, Xpress. Westpac allowed Fitzsimons to withdraw the money, but his father's \$500,000 cheque bounced and Westpac was left \$500,000 out of pocket. He persuaded his father to write out a \$500,000 cheque and offered it to his own bank, Westpac, as security for a \$500,000 withdrawal from his own account, which he wanted to pass on to Pioneer as part of the imaginary \$3 million deposit. He pleaded guilty yesterday to five charges of using documents dishonestly, and three of using forged documents. Within days, Fitzsimons told Mr Elvidge what had been going on. Fitzsimons issued a written statement, apologising to everyone affected by my actions, and in particular for the breach of trust and hurt that I have caused my former business partners and their families . He was remanded on bail for sentence on October 3. Mr Gifford [said](#) Fitzsimons' theft had forced his family into selling their house. His wife and family had been subjected to rumours and false allegations since his theft was uncovered. Mr Elvidge said he suspected Fitzsimons had apologised in an attempt to affect his sentencing. We are not through all of this by any stretch of the imagination. He has never made contact with us nor has there been any attempt to do so, he said. This was the first time I've seen him since he left the office. Not a gesture, not anything. Not a gesture, not anything. I am satisfied he was finally in front of a judge and that he has pleaded guilty. I'm happy about that and I will be pleased when he is sentenced, Mr Elvidge said.

[NZ migrant racks up huge UK parking bill](#) . NZ migrant racks up huge UK parking bill
[Wednesday](#), 13 August A small British
rugby league club say they have [found](#) the car they loaned to one of their players - racking up a Stg1500 (\$NZ4155) parking bill at Manchester Airport after the driver shot through to New Zealand to become a policeman. Pat Weisner moved to New Zealand in May to start a new life after a bitter split with Cumbrian rugby league club Barrow Raiders, the Manchester Evening News reported.50-a-day car park. But the club car he left at the airport -- a Rover worth just Stg700 -- sat for 54 days in a Stg26. Police and car park staff eventually found it among 20,000 vehicles in the Terminal Two short-stay, where it has racked up Stg1432 in charges. Club officials realised the car was still at the airport when he posted the keys back to them. Raiders' commercial director Peter Millican said: Luckily, the sharp-eyed people at the airport spotted it and saved us a long, long search. Airport staff have since agreed to waive the fee and the club has now given the car to another player. Weisner, 26, whose former clubs include Leigh Centurions, complained that he was being forced out of the club after a string of knee and ankle injuries, the newspaper reported. Fortunately, the car park boss, who should be made an honorary member of the club after this, waived every single penny and let us take the car for free.

He is now retired from the game and lives in [New](#) Zealand with his girlfriend while training to be a policeman. There was also a dispute about pay. The newspaper said he was unavailable for comment.

[I don't have an anger problem says councillor](#) . I don't have an anger problem says councillor **Porirua Saturday, 16 August
city councillor Tim Manu [says](#) he does not have an anger problem and says he was only convicted for wilful damage because his former partner cried wolf . **Mr Manu, 27, was convicted and discharged when he appeared in Wellington District Court on Tuesday - but returned to court later that day and asked the judge if he could change his plea back to not guilty. The first-term Eastern ward councillor - who campaigned on issues of family violence and broken homes - has denounced domestic violence, vowed to continue his council role and is adamant his former partner cried wolf to police. The charge stemmed from an argument with his former partner in March, which led to Mr Manu breaking a sliding-door window to retrieve his clothes, keys, cellphone and wallet from their flat in Berhampore. It hurts a big deal. For both of us it's been public humiliation. She phoned police after he broke the window but she had not been scared, he said. His partner had locked him out and then refused to let him get his belongings. Mr Manu [said](#): I don't have an anger problem. Police judged him as a brown-skinned Pacific Islander from Cannons Creek - a Mini Me of Jake the Muss but they were mistaken. I'm the female. I'm a very rational person. I just think they got the wrong person. I'm the victim. It was revealed in court that Mr Manu had previously been discharged without conviction on a charge of assaulting a woman. His former partner ended their four-year relationship after The revealed details of the incident in June, he said, and he had not seen their children, aged 16 months and two years, for five weeks. She said I punched her [but] there was no assault at all. He said the complainant - not his former partner - had admitted in court that he had not assaulted her. Chief District Court Judge Russell Johnson [told](#) Mr Manu, who represented himself on Tuesday, that he would have to apply formally to change his plea. He said they argued and as he tried to leave he brushed past her and she decided to be a drama queen . Mr Manu said he had considered resigning as a councillor but had decided to continue: For an elected councillor . His conviction would stand, but he was considering an application... I think now it would be doing a disservice to the people who elected me [to resign]. I think now it would be doing a disservice to the people who elected me [to resign]. Porirua Deputy Mayor Litea Ah Hoi said she was disappointed with Mr Manu but would stand by him. We all make mistakes and learn by them ... I don't condone violence [but] if it happens again I'll crack him. Porirua Mayor Jenny Brash said it was not a council issue but she would discuss the matter with Mr Manu next week.****

[Manmade pond listed as sacred](#) . Manmade pond listed as sacred By KATHY WEBB Tuesday, 19 August KATHY WEBB/The GRAVEL PIT: The lake at the Hawke's Bay showgrounds in Hastings which has been listed as a Maori sacred site. A lake at the Hawke's Bay showgrounds has been listed as a site sacred to Maori, despite historical documents showing it was a manmade gravel pit later filled with water. CFG Heritage held a series of meetings around the district, then drew up a list of wahi tapu sites, including the showgrounds lake, known as Waikoko Gardens. Hastings District Council employed CFG Heritage consultants in 2006 to identify sacred sites (wahi tapu) to be marked on district maps and given strong new legal protections to prevent disturbance or destruction. The name and designation came as a surprise to the owner of the showgrounds for the past 100 years, the Hawke's Bay A&P Society. CFG listed the lake as Waikoko Springs, symbolising the many springs that once flowed in the showgrounds area. It did not even have any springs in it. Chief executive Michael Pyatt said yesterday the society was not going along with any plan to accord sacredness to what was nothing more than a manmade gravel pit later filled with water. It's just a manmade pond, he said. The water was piped from a spring some distance away. A report by council planner Nia Belcher to be presented to the Maori joint committee on Thursday said Ngati Kahungungu iwi chairman and Ngati Hawea

spokesperson Ngahiwi Tomoana did not dispute the lake's metal-pit origins. A 19th-century history by Hawke's Bay landowner William Nelson documented the lake's creation after excavations to build roads in Hastings. The name `Waikoko Springs' is the only remnant of traditional practices that once existed. However, he regarded it as representative of numerous springs that once existed in the showgrounds area, supplying Maori with water for various ceremonial occasions including baptism, so it was a valid designation as wahi tapu. Mr Pyatt said he had received a letter from the council saying the original springs could not be found, so Waikoko lake was to be designated wahi tapu in their place. The significance of the updated wahi tapu therefore relates to the presence of the original source of the water rather than the extraordinary formation of a manmade lake, Ms Belcher said. We've told them we are not interested in being part of any process. He said he refused to attend a hui to discuss the lake's impending new status. Ms Belcher's report noted disputes over several other sites identified as wahi tapu. We have made no formal approach to the council and as far as I'm concerned they have no claim on anything around here, he said.

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[Family assault case dropped](#) . Family assault case dropped The [Wednesday](#), 13 August A publicly elected figure who was charged with assault after he exploded during an argument with his daughter is angry that police pursued the case for six months till the charge was dismissed in court. The man said it was a family argument and a very minor matter which should not have gone to court. The charge was dismissed in court yesterday when the complainant, who continues to live with her parents, failed to give evidence at a defended hearing. The 52-year-old, who has name suppression, pleaded not guilty to assaulting his 17-year-old daughter in a heated argument over the use of a telephone in the family home last January. The complainant, who also has name suppression, suffered a bruised lip and a small graze to her forehead when she was thrown against a wall. Police unfavourably sought an adjournment and warrant for her arrest. In dismissing the charge, the judge said criminal law was a blunt instrument in trying to solve deep-seated and underlying issues within families . She complained to police, who investigated and found grounds for charging her father. I thought the police would have got us both in and told us to straighten it out between us, instead of charging me. Outside court the man told The he had been singled out because of his high profile. The prosecutor said the charge was laid after police investigated the complainant's allegations and [found](#) there was a case to answer. The police love nothing better than a high-profile target.

[Birthday party ends in fatal bashing](#) . Birthday party ends in fatal bashing - Wednesday, 13 August

TRAGIC END: The scene outside the house where a 14-year-old boy was bashed to death in Weymouth, Auckland.

Audio: Police statement on teen's death LATEST: A 14-year-old boy was murdered, possibly with a hammer, by two others in South Auckland last night, police have revealed this morning. He had been celebrating a friend's birthday with others. The boy, whose name has not been released, was [found](#) dead at his home at 24 Justamere Place in Manurewa. This young boy received head injuries described as blunt force trauma, he [said](#). Detective Inspector John Timms [said](#) they only had preliminary facts.

This young victim did not receive any injuries and did not require medical attention. A teenage friend of the deceased was assaulted by two unknown persons. We cannot rule out a firearm, 100 percent, we will know that after the post mortem, but she is confident no firearm was used. Asked if the nature of the fatal head injury ruled out a firearm, Mr Timms said a pathologist had looked at the body of the boy last night. They also want information on who the attackers were and their motive. Police needed information from the public, particularly from those who lived in the area. He said the house was not known to police and the family was devastated. Mr Tims said witnesses said there were two offenders but police could not rule out the chance that more were involved. The family is devastated and no family would ever want to go through what this family is going through at the moment. He's a good 14-year-old boy from a good family. We are unsure of the full circumstances but I can reassure the public there safety is well catered for in the area. Asked if it was a random attack that should worry other neighbours, he replied: We have a lot of information and we will be analysing it. He said some kind of social gathering had taken place but said it was not out of control. The street is now closed and a scene examination underway. Family and witnesses were taken to Manurewa police station for questioning last night and a forensic examination of the house continued today. The area borders on a high crime area of Clendon and Manukau but Tims said he could not say whether there was any gang involvement. I am anxious that we may be facing another situation where an innocent person is the victim of a violent crime, he said. Daniel Newman, who represents Manurewa on the Manukau City Council, today appealed to residents to remain calm and keep things in context. As a community we simply do not need the bad profile associated with this kind of incident, because it diminishes the reputation of a place that is home to over 80,000 people, the vast majority of whom are good law-abiding folk. As a community we simply do not need the bad profile associated with this kind of incident, because it diminishes the reputation of a place that is home to over 80,000 people, the vast majority of whom are good law-abiding folk. Mr Newman visited the street where the attack happened and said he knew the people who lived there and would be working with the community to do everything possible to make it a safe place. By any measure the residents of Weymouth constantly make every effort to ensure that their neighbourhood is safe. Notwithstanding the worrying prospect of the outcome of (last) night's incident, Weymouth will remain a great place to live, both now and in the future, Mr Newman said. Last night's homicide is the latest in a series of violent incidents in South Auckland. Liquor store owner Navtej Singh died a day after being shot by armed robbers in the Randwick Park area of Manurewa on June 7. Eighty-year-old Yan Ping Yang died three days after she was attacked by an intruder in her Manurewa home on June 11. And Joanne Wang, 39, died after she was hit by a car driven by a man who snatched her handbag on June 16 in the Manukau shopping centre. - With

[Rare warning of avalanches for Tararuas](#) . Rare warning of avalanches for Tararuas

[Wednesday](#), 13 August

A rare warning

has been issued for the Tararua Range after the first recorded avalanches there in nearly 80 years. Heavy snow falls have resulted in at least two avalanches and conditions that experienced mountaineers say would be similar to the high Southern Alps in winter. There are also warnings for the usual winter trouble spots, with visitors to Tongariro National Park being warned of avalanche danger there. The Conservation Department is warning weekend trampers to stay clear of the top of the range unless they are experienced mountaineers. Nobody locally can remember there being the sort of circumstances we have got right now. The department's Wairarapa area manager, Chris Lester, said that as far as he knew, the department had never had to warn trampers in the Tararuas about such fierce winter conditions. Snowdrifts are usually about a metre deep after heavy falls. The snow is exceptionally deep with snowdrifts of two to three metres and the potential for further avalanches is very high right now. Carterton mountaineer Joe Nawalaniec, who walked out for 26 hours with injuries including a broken arm and ribs after being caught in an avalanche in the Nelson Lakes area four

years ago, said he could not believe his eyes when he stumbled across an avalanche in the Tararuas at the weekend. The last recorded avalanche in the range was in 1929. We were climbing in blizzard conditions and it was reminiscent of the high Southern Alps in winter. In 30 years climbing in these ranges I have never seen conditions like it. DOC says conditions in the area are expected to ease soon with the arrival of warmer rain. - and [NEW-Unabridged - Kid Times the Bryson Bill](#) The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid - A Memoir by Bill Bryson - Unabridged Read by the Author The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid - A Memoir - by Bill Bryson - Unabridged Brand New (still shrink-wrapped) 7.5 Hrs 6 CDs From one of the most beloved and bestselling authors in the English language a vivid nostalgic and utterly hilarious memoir of growing up in the middle of the United States in the middle of the last century. A book that delivers on the promise that it is "laugh-out-loud funny." Some say that the first hints that Bill Bryson was not of Planet Earth came from his discovery at the age of six of a woollen jersey of rare fineness. Across the moth-holed chest was a golden thunderbolt. It may have looked like an old college football sweater but young Bryson knew better. It was obviously the Sacred Jersey of Zap and proved that he had been placed with this innocuous f [Chopper crash a small story in the end](#) . Chopper crash a small story in the end Friday, 22

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Reports of a helicopter crashing in Wanganui tonight turned out to be considerably less substantial than first feared. Late in their 7pm bulletin tonight, One News announced breaking news of reports of a helicopter going down near Wanganui Airport. A full emergency callout was initiated when the model helicopter crash was mistaken for the real thing. Police later confirmed to the that a helicopter had indeed crashed - a remote controlled model chopper. He said he put it up in the air and the wind got hold of it and that was that. Inspector Ken Climo from the police central communications centre said a man had taken his model helicopter out for a flight and lost control of it. It was a genuine mistake and police had to respond to the call by investigating it with some urgency. Mr Climo said some people must have heard the machine flying and later crashing and mistook it for a real helicopter. He drove around a few streets and left his name at a few houses, went around a corner and, hello, here are all these police cars. The mistake was discovered when the model helicopter owner went looking for his machine and ran into police looking for a genuine helicopter wreckage. He said 'I'm looking for a helicopter - but mine's a model'. Being a typical Kiwi he thought 'I'll go and find out what's going on here', wandered up and they told him about this helicopter crash. Mr Climo said unfortunately some media reported the incident as being a genuine emergency before police could establish what had actually happened. - and

[Party fears sees rapist's parole denied](#) . Party fears sees rapist's parole denied Friday, 22

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Fears a Gisborne man convicted of rape would fall back into the promiscuous, binge drinking party atmosphere of his surf life saving club have seen him denied parole. Kurt John Owen, 21, appeared before the Parole Board this month after serving one third of his six year sentence for rape and sexual violation by unlawful sexual connection. The victim and her family opposed his release. The incident occurred at a Gisborne motel in 2005, when he was 17. That meant he was ineligible for some prison programmes. The Parole Board, chaired by Judge David Carruthers, said Owen had yet to acknowledge the offending and had made no apology to his victim as he believed she consented. Owen had a glowing behaviour report while in prison, but a psychologist's report assessed him as having a medium to low risk of reoffending. In January, Owen failed to have his conviction overturned by the Supreme Court. The board said it was concerned Owen would fall back into the strong party lifestyle. The psychologist said social binge drinking and a history of casual sexual relations, particularly within the surf life saving club, promoted a sense of arrogance and promiscuity within the males. It is clear that in the atmosphere that then prevailed, in which Mr Owen was an enthusiastic participant, consent to sexual intercourse was mostly assumed, never respectfully sought. The party atmosphere involved excessive use of alcohol; casual sex seems also to have been part of it. It will see him again in six months.

The board declined his parole. -

[by Frank](#) Dune - Frank Herbert - Unabridged AudioBook Unabridged -Read by Scott Brick Orlagh Cassidy Euan Morton Simon Vance and Cast New Release 2007 Dune - Frank Herbert - Unabridged AudioBook Brand New (still shrink wrapped): On CD - Unabridged -27 hours on 18 CDs First published in 1965 Frank Herbert's Dune has since become a Science Fiction phenomenon. After more than forty years fans are still captivated by Herbert's interstellar saga of war politics and heroes. Dune won the very first Nebula Award and shared the Hugo Award. It was also the very first bestselling science fiction novel in hardcover. After his death in 1986 using Frank Herbert's notes on the series his son Brian Herbert teamed up with writer Kevin J. Anderson to write two prequel trilogies and the completion of the original Dune series. Now fans can experience an all-new recording of Dune on audio. With a talented cast and a b

[Defiant Veitch: I'll clear my name](#) . Defiant Veitch: I'll clear my name and Tuesday, 19 August / **FRONTING UP: Tony Veitch makes a statement to the media outside the Auckland District Court after appearing on assault charges. Tony Veitch outside court Veitch to fight charges Adefiant Tony Veitch will strenuously deny the charges of assaulting his former girlfriend - and both he and the family of his alleged victim have expressed relief that he has at last been charged. There are two sides to every story and I guarantee that will come out in the end. I am more determined than ever to fight to clear my name, the former TVNZ and Radio Sport broadcaster said outside Auckland District Court yesterday. He now faces seven charges spanning nearly four years - six counts of male assaults female from March 2002 to December 2005, and one of injuring with reckless disregard relating to the January 2006 incident. Police have charged the 34-year-old with several counts of assaulting his former partner Kristin Dunne-Powell - six weeks after The revealed the January 2006 assault in which he kicked her as she lay on the floor of his St Heliers home, breaking her back in four places. Dressed in a casual shirt and a suit jacket when he appeared in court, Veitch rocked back and forth on his heels, looking strained and tired. The charge of male assaults female carries a maximum penalty of two years' imprisonment for each count, while injuring with reckless disregard carries five years. He was not asked to enter a plea and his lawyer Stuart Grieve, QC, said he would strenuously defend all the charges. He was supported by his wife, Zoe Halford, and the couple's families. In an emotional statement outside the court after his appearance, Veitch, who has admitted lashing out during the incident in January 2006, [said](#) the past six weeks had been difficult and frustrating. He was remanded on bail till September 29. Ms Dunne-Powell's father, Stephen Dunne, also said the charges were a relief for the family. I can honestly say I am absolutely relieved now that there is clarity going forward and I now know what I'm up against, he said. Now it's a police matter, we've got nothing to say anyway. A spokesman for Ms Dunne-Powell, Alan McDonald of Star PR, [said](#): She's not interested in talking about it. Officers searched his home in the Auckland suburb of Herne Bay on [Friday](#). Police have been investigating since Ms Dunne-Powell laid a formal complaint last month. Prime Minister Helen Clark said she did not know if the charges would delay the report's release. Broadcasting Minister Trevor Mallard has sought a report into the case from TVNZ chairman Sir John Anderson after questions were raised about how much TVNZ knew about the January 2006 incident. CHARGES: MALE ASSAULTS FEMALE This can range from a minor altercation such as a push or shove up to a more serious assault. I've obviously observed the media reports that he has been arrested and charged but I don't have any information about that report. Veitch faces six counts of male assaults female. The maximum penalty is two years in jail. Other assaults are alleged in Auckland between March 15, 2002, and April 19, 2003; in Auckland on July 8, 2005; in Auckland on November 5, 2005; in Auckland on December 18, 2005; and in Rotorua between June 3 and June 4, 2003. Other assaults are alleged in Auckland between March 15, 2002, and April 19, 2003; in Auckland on July 8, 2005; in Auckland on November 5, 2005; in Auckland on December 18, 2005; and in Rotorua between June 3 and June 4, 2003. INJURING WITH RECKLESS DISREGARD This is a more serious**

charge, with a maximum penalty of five years in prison. Veitch faces one charge of injuring with reckless disregard, which relates to an incident in which he allegedly kicked Ms Dunne-Powell and broke her back in January 2006.

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[Hospital bug: 800 hit by lockdown](#) . Hospital bug: 800 hit by lockdown Monday, 18 August **More than 800 people** have been affected by emergency measures imposed at Dunedin Hospital today in the face of an outbreak of the highly infectious norovirus. **Over the past three weeks, 57 patients and staff have been diagnosed with norovirus, which can cause stomach cramps, vomiting and diarrhoea. All outpatients clinics, elective surgery, planned admissions and investigations scheduled for today have been postponed, affecting more than 800 people. Over the weekend, a further 17 cases were reported. Visitors with flowers, clothing or other items for patients were asked to leave them in a shopping trolley at the hospital's main entrance. Security guards on the door yesterday turned away casual visitors, allowing in only hospital personnel bearing identification and visitors where there were exceptional circumstances. Visits to Wakari Hospital have also been restricted. Only the emergency department remained open to the public after the lockdown was imposed about midday on Saturday in an attempt to contain the spread of the norovirus. Hospital managers plan to meet earlier today to decide to what extent the hospital can reopen. Dunedin Hospital operations manager Megan Boivin** [told](#) the Otago Daily Times staff spent the day yesterday attempting to individually contact the 800 [people](#) whose appointments would be affected today. The decision to postpone outpatient clinics, **planned admissions, elective surgery and investigations scheduled for today was very difficult, Mrs Boivin said. The situation would be reassessed every day and the public kept informed, she said. We will remove the restrictions as soon as the situation is under control. There's pressure on the hospital but we are managing the best we can. The union's southern regional secretary, Campbell Duignan, said there had been issues over cleaning service provisions in hospitals for years and what was being seen now was the outcome of a legacy of cost-cutting and contracting out. Meanwhile, the Service and Foodworkers Union felt a lack of resources was partly to blame for the outbreak. Mrs Boivin said she had no concerns about the standard of cleanliness in the hospital. For too long, cleaning has been viewed as a cost to be minimised and a substantial investment in the cleaning sector is urgently needed.** -

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[Law may make rape suspects prove consent](#) . Law may make rape suspects prove consent

[Wednesday](#), 20 August

Accusedrapists

who plan to argue that sex with their victims was consensual may have to prove in court what measures they took to gain consent. The proposal is one of three changes to sexual violence legislation being put forward by the Justice Ministry. In particular, there would be a reminder that consent has to be obtained on each separate occasion. Changing the law would send an important message about community standards and about what the law expects, ministry documents say. Other changes being considered are including creating a legal definition of consent to remove ambiguity and banning questioning complainants about their sexual history with the alleged attacker. Under the proposal, if a defendant claimed sex was consensual the courts would have to look at what steps had been taken to find out that consent had been given. Nineteen per cent of women and 5 per cent of men would be subjected to sexual violence at some point in their lives, but it was thought about 90 per cent of sexual offending went unreported, the ministry said. The ministry has issued a discussion paper on the proposals and is calling for public submissions. The discussion document only relates to issues affecting sexual violence between adults. Victims and the public need to see that sexual violence is taken seriously, that justice is being done, and that this behaviour is not tolerated in our society.

Bill Hodge, Auckland University associate professor of law, said though he was not one to stick up for criminals, caution was needed when making changes to legislation. Sexual offending against children is being addressed by a separate ministry task force. So just because it is hard to get convictions we do away with the standards? A drunk consent is still consent, Dr Hodge said. Requiring a higher standard of proof of consent from defendants would lessen the burden on the Crown to prove an offence. Society perceives that there is a whole bunch of vindictive women out there waiting to get back at guys. Helen Sullivan, Wellington Sexual Abuse Help Foundation general manager, said the changes would be an important first step in improving attitudes to sex crimes and creating clearer guidelines about acceptable behaviour. Justice Minister Annette King said that though legislation changes on their own would not automatically lead to an increase in convictions, they were an important first step. Balancing the rights of both the accused and the victim was a tricky area but more needed to be done to strengthen victims' rights, Ms Sullivan said. The document raised questions about sexual violence, Ms King said. The aim of the document was to create discussion within the community about how to deal with sexual violence. What are the boundaries of acceptable sexual conduct in law, and what aspects of the current law may act as barriers to cases proceeding through the justice system or inhibit successful convictions?

[Prison drug treatment units working - Goff](#) . Prison drug [treatment](#) units working - Goff

[Wednesday](#), 13 August

A new drug and

alcohol treatment unit at Spring Hill prison in north Waikato is expected to significantly reduce re-offending, Corrections Minister Phil Goff says. **Mr Goff today opened the unit which will treat about 140 inmates a year and is the fourth intensive drug and alcohol treatment unit for prisoners to be opened in the last two years. Mr Goff said they played a vital role in the department's efforts to reduce re-offending and the results were significant. There are now six units operating at Rimutaka Prison, Hawke's Bay, Christchurch Men's, Arohata Women's, Waikeria and Spring Hill. When you consider that 60 per cent of offenders are affected by alcohol or other drugs at the time of their offending, and a staggering 83 per cent have abused alcohol or drugs at some point in their lives, the positive impact of such programmes on the overall safety of communities is clear. The re-conviction rate for prisoners who have been through this drug treatment programme is 13 per cent lower than for untreated prisoners, he said. The course is not an easy option. Mr Goff said the department would now be able to provide places for 500 prisoners a year on the intensive, six-month addiction treatment course, compared with 40 places in the late 1990s. Once they have entered the unit, they must adhere to the contract they signed. To be eligible, prisoners must be motivated to confront their addiction and accept the need to do something about it, he said. They must complete the required number of programme hours and agree to attend other**

activities and work education programmes. -

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[Extreme weather traps six near Mt Cook](#) . Extreme weather traps six near Mt Cook By JOHN HENZELL - [Friday](#), 15 August LATEST:
Brief aerial searches conducted in snowy conditions in the Mt Cook area this afternoon have helped to identify the location of the emergency beacon activated last night. A fixed wing aircraft was this afternoon able to conduct a low level sweep over where the beacon was believed to have been activated, and a short weather window allowed a helicopter to approach and narrow the search area. The Rescue Coordination Centre is unsure of the identity of the group that triggered the beacon but the Department of Conservation (DOC) at Mount Cook Village, into which groups usually register going into the alpine sections of Aoraki Mount Cook National Park, [said](#) the Australian group was the only one that had signed in to travel in the Sealy Range. A group of six Australian climbers are believed to have activated the emergency beacon in the mountain range above Mount Cook Village. The avalanche forecast for the area was rated yesterday as high by the Mountain Safety Council, based on observations by guides in the area, but then upgraded to extreme this morning. A DOC spokeswoman said she could not release further details, including the location in [Australia](#) of the group or whether they were advised not to travel in the back country. The traverse of the range from Barron Saddle to Mueller Hut is a popular one-day ski tour but is exposed to considerable avalanche risk in bad conditions. DOC did not release details of when the Australian group went into the range. Conditions in the area have been described as extreme, with gale-force westerlies and an estimated 1. The rescue beacon was triggered last night just after 10pm, which Department of Conservation staff believe belongs to an Australian group attempting a traverse of the Sealy Range, from Barron Saddle to Mueller hut. A specialist alpine search and rescue team attempted to reach the area by helicopter today but were thwarted by heavy snow, a Rescue Coordination Centre spokesperson said. 5m of new snow along the divide prompting the Mountain Safety Council to urge all ski tourers and climbers to avoid the area as a result of the certainty of avalanches on all aspects of the mountains. The group was using one of the old-style rescue beacons which are due to be phased out in February and which gives an imprecise location of the beacon until a closer search can be made. The team is ready and waiting to go in Mount Cook Village for the weather to improve enough for another attempt. . The new beacons, which are already being monitored, uses GPS navigation to

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[Disputes cap leaves people out of pocket](#) . Disputes cap leaves people out of pocket By JENNY LING Thursday, 21 August

An unfair Disputes Tribunal cap is leaving [people](#) out of pocket, prompting calls for a big increase. Principal Disputes Referee Peter Spiller said the \$7500 maximum claim amount - set in 1989 - means many people are grappling with whether to forgo part of their claim or take their case to the district court. Mr Spiller, also a law professor on secondment at Waikato University, [said](#) the \$7500 cap needed to be raised as a result of inflation and high district court costs, including lawyer fees. Mr Spiller and Consumer NZ want the cap raised to \$50,000, in line with other tribunals such as the Tenancy Tribunal and Motor Vehicle Dealers Disputes Tribunal. For most people, the claim had to

be \$20,000 or more before they considered taking it to the district court, he [said](#). For example, someone claiming at the tribunal for \$10,000 worth of car repairs following an accident would lose \$2500. It's a regular occurrence -there is an unfairness about it. That's a lot of money to a lot of people. Mr Spiller said though there was a review under way of 66 tribunals identified by the Law Commission that needed to be either scrapped or merged into one super tribunal , that was ongoing. There is a growing gap between the upper level of the Disputes Tribunal jurisdiction and the point at which a claim becomes financially feasible to take it to the district court. The Motor Vehicle Dealers Disputes tribunal cap was raised to \$50,000 in 2003. In the meantime people are suffering by having to give away parts of their claim. Consumer NZ spokesperson David Naulls said many civil cases would be better off being heard in a tribunal rather than the district court which dealt with criminals. The Residential Tenancies bill currently before parliament would see the Tenancy Tribunal jurisdiction increased from \$12,000 to \$50,000 if passed. **COURTING CHANGE The Disputes Tribunal was set up to deal with conflicts involving faulty goods, workmanship, car accident claims or loss of property. If [claimants] want to make it fit, they have to reduce their claim which to us does not seem to be natural justice, he said. They can be increased to \$12,000 if everyone involved agrees. Currently sums claimed for must be under \$7500. Principal Disputes Referee Peter Spiller and Consumer NZ say the \$7500 cap should be increased to \$50,000. The tribunal is inexpensive, informal, fast and private - there are no lawyers or judges. Source: Ministry of Justice**

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