

Focus on Immigration

A weekly report on immigration related news

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00. A selection of interesting Headlines

[This week](#) - Focus on Immigration - 07th Feb 2011

Interim visas now applicable; Chinese immigrants through family applications; Immigration slow down; Double dip recession; Hone Harawira stories; Waitangi Day celebrations, and, No changes to Waitangi Day; Winston Peters and the foreshore bill; Tobacco law changes; House prices stable or sliding; Whale strandings; Earth quakes (when is it going to stop...); happy reading folks, cu next week

01. INZ Policy, Decisions, IAA & NZAMI

[Immigration NZ raising awareness of possible people trafficking](#) - Department of Labour - 5th Feb 2011

The Immigration service of the Department of Labour has begun a campaign to make people more aware of potential people trafficking, with brochures in various languages and a website...

[Change in process for entertainers, performing artists and entertainment industry personnel](#) - Immigration New Zealand - 7th Feb 2011

[Interim visa smoothes process for migrants](#) - Beehive - 7th Feb 2011

[Internal Administration Circular 11-02 PDF \[46KB\]\[PDF\]](#) - Immigration New Zealand - 8th Feb 2011

[Amendment Circular 2011-03 PDF \[777KB\]\[PDF\]](#) - Immigration New Zealand - 8th Feb 2011

[Amendment Circular 2011-02 PDF \[19KB\]\[PDF\]](#) - Immigration New Zealand - 8th Feb 2011

[Amendment Circular 2011-01 PDF \[29KB\]\[PDF\]](#) - Immigration New Zealand - 8th Feb 2011

[New Zealand Residence Programme: Skilled Migrant Category fortnightly selection](#) - Immigration New Zealand - 10th Feb 2011

02. Immigration Articles

[Migration gain slows as more move to Australia](#) - National Business Review - 4th Feb 2011

[Family migrants from China increase](#) - Radio New Zealand - 5th Feb 2011

China is one of the largest sources of family-sponsored immigration to New Zealand. More than 1200 people aged over 50 migrated here from China in the past year.

[New migrant visas take effect today](#) - 3 News - 7th Feb 2011

New interim visas take effect today, allowing migrants waiting for their visas to continue working.

[International visitor numbers to New Zealand hit all-time high](#) - Tourism New Zealand - 5th Feb 2011

Strong growth in the number of Chinese and Australian visitors during December has helped New Zealand record its biggest month for international visitor arrivals since records began.

[Duped immigrant workers had to forage for food](#) - Otago Daily Times - 10th Feb 2011

Fijian immigrants paid a Waikato man up to \$12,000 to get them work visas but instead ended up foraging in a maize paddock to feed themselves.

[Businessman admits scam involving Fiji workers](#) - Radio New Zealand - 10th Feb 2011

An Auckland businessman has pleaded two charges in relation to an immigration scam involving farm workers from Fiji.

03. Overseas Immigration Articles

[Unregistered migration agent pleads guilty](#) - Department of Immigration and Citizenship - 8th Feb 2011

An education agent for international students in Sydney pleaded guilty today in Downing Centre Local Court for providing and charging for immigration assistance when he was not registered as...

[How an Immigration Attorney Can Be Helpful in Getting an L-1 Visa?](#) - Ezine Articles - 5th Feb 2011

If your company requires you to move to America for a job at the head office there, then you should be absolutely elated.

[DV Lottery - FAQ](#) - Ezine Articles - 5th Feb 2011

Each Year, the DV Lottery Program which is commonly known as green card lottery grants

50,000 visas to people all around the world.

[Immigration Attorney: How To Find Dependable Attorneys](#) - Ezine Articles - 5th Feb 2011

Immigrants that have traversed the tedious process of successfully getting into this country can tell anyone how hard it can be.

[The Diversity Visa Lottery 2012 Explained](#) - Ezine Articles - 5th Feb 2011

The Diversity Visa Lottery 2012 brings 50,000 qualified immigrants to the U.S. each year. To ensure you understand this lottery and how to apply, read on.

[Controversial Issues Regarding Education Of Undocumented Immigrants](#) - Ezine Articles - 5th Feb 2011

In a suburban area of wealthy and working class families outside of New York City, a growing number of immigrants are settling in.

[Immigration Attorney - Keeping Up On International Affairs](#) - Ezine Articles - 5th Feb 2011

If you are paying attention to the news, you may be aware about recent events in Belarus, Tunisia, Ivory Coast, or Egypt.

[Immigration Lawyers and the Important Reforms](#) - Ezine Articles - 8th Feb 2011

As an immigrant, you can probably tell that laws surrounding the issue are complex and seemingly contradictory in many respects. Please read on.

[Canadians more positive towards immigration than US and Europe](#) - MigrationExpert - 8th Feb 2011

[Visa privilege for Egyptians in Australia](#) - MigrationExpert - 8th Feb 2011

[Australia supports Queensland via immigration](#) - MigrationExpert - 8th Feb 2011

[UK closed Student Visa national consultation](#) - MigrationExpert - 8th Feb 2011

[US Citizenship Application \(N-400\)](#) - Ezine Articles - 9th Feb 2011

US citizenship is obtained either by birth or through naturalization. An individual can become a U.S.

[How to Get US Citizenship for a Foreign Spouse](#) - Ezine Articles - 9th Feb 2011

US citizenship is obtained either by birth or through naturalization. It can be possible if you get the US citizenship for your foreign spouse.

[Why Use an Immigration Lawyer?](#) - Ezine Articles - 9th Feb 2011

Immigrations laws are vast, complicated, and ever-changing. It is not necessary to use an immigration lawyer when in pursuing rights, but trying the process on your own can be intimidating,...

[Immigration Lawyers: Hiring Good Help](#) - Ezine Articles - 9th Feb 2011

Anyone that has been through it can say how difficult it is immigrating to a new country, especially this one.

[How An Immigration Attorney Can Help You](#) - Ezine Articles - 9th Feb 2011

As an economic powerhouse and beacon of freedom in the Western hemisphere, immigrants are tirelessly attracted to the U.S. for the opportunities available to them for a better life.

[UK Pharmaceutical industry concerned about immigration cap](#) - Workpermit - 7th Feb 2011

According to an pharmaceutical industry advocate group, there has been a significant reduction in the number of non-EU pharmacists working in the UK due to the recent immigration cap imposed..

[Bulgaria to benefit from EU Blue Card](#) - Workpermit - 9th Feb 2011

Starting on 1 June 2011, highly skilled workers from outside the European Union can apply to work in Bulgaria under the EU Blue Card scheme.

[Australia to provide help to visa holders affected by cyclone](#) - Workpermit - 9th Feb 2011

Australia's Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) will be visiting regions of Far North Queensland that are expected to be affected by Cyclone Yasi as part of a regional outreach...

[Minister Kenney issues statement following his visit with Pakistan's Minister of Minorities, Shahbaz Bhatti](#) - Citizenship and Immigration Canada - 10th Feb 2011

Ottawa, February 9, 2011 The Honourable Jason Kenney Minister of Citizenship, Immigration, and Multiculturalism released the following statement today in conclusion of Pakistani Minister of...

[Government of Canada announces seven reappointments to the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada](#) - Citizenship and Immigration Canada - 10th Feb 2011

Ottawa, February 9, 2011 Seven reappointments were made to the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB), Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism Minister Jason Kenney announced...

[Government of Canada supports Afrikadey! Black History Month Celebration in Calgary, Alberta](#) - Citizenship and Immigration Canada - 10th Feb 2011

Calgary, February 8, 2011 Devinder Shory, Member of Parliament for Calgary Northeast today announced support for the Afrikadey! Black History Month Celebration taking place at various...

[Minister Kenney announces Citizenship Judge appointments and reappointment](#) - Citizenship and Immigration Canada - 10th Feb 2011

Ottawa, February 7, 2011 A. Dane Minor has been appointed as a Citizenship Judge in Surrey, British Columbia, and William Smeaton has been appointed as a Citizenship Judge in Niagara Falls,...

[Government of Canada supports Carousel of Nations event in Revelstoke, British Columbia](#) - Citizenship and Immigration Canada - 10th Feb 2011

Revelstoke, British Columbia, February 5, 2011 Jim Abbott, Member of Parliament for Kootenay-Columbia today announced financial support for the Carousel of Nations taking place at the...

[Government of Canada supports Lieutenant Governor's Winter Festival in Brandon, Manitoba](#) - Citizenship and Immigration Canada - 10th Feb 2011

Brandon, February 4, 2011 Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism Minister Jason Kenney today announced support for the Lieutenant Governor's Winter Festival taking place throughout...

[Minister Kenney issues statement recognizing Tt](#) - Citizenship and Immigration Canada - 10th Feb 2011

Ottawa, February 3, 2011 The Honourable Jason Kenney, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, issued the following statement recognizing today's start

of the celebration...

[Minister Kenney issues statement recognizing Korean New Year](#) - Citizenship and Immigration Canada - 10th Feb 2011

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[Minister Kenney issues statement recognizing Chinese New Year](#) - Citizenship and Immigration Canada - 10th Feb 2011

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[Adelaide transit accommodation now operational](#) - Department of Immigration and Citizenship - 8th Feb 2011

The Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation (AITA) became operational today, after being developed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) to house clients who are not...

[Graphic people smuggling material soon in communities](#) - Department of Immigration and Citizenship - 9th Feb 2011

Using a people smuggler to come to Australia risks your life and that of your family; people smugglers prey on vulnerable people and have little regard for human life; you can be jailed for...

[EB-5 Green Cards For \\$500,000](#) - Ezine Articles - 10th Feb 2011

The "million dollar green card" also known as the EB-5 program or as an Investor Green Card allows a foreign national to acquire permanent residency by investing in a Commercial business in...

[Complying With Form I-9](#) - Ezine Articles - 10th Feb 2011

Who Does Form I-9 Govern? Under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), the regulation of illegal immigration was a focal point as it related to employment.

[MIA Media Release: Unlawful Migration Advice Punished](#) - Migration Institute of Australia - 11th Feb 2011

[New Study on Migrants Settling in Australia](#) - MigrationExpert - 11th Feb 2011

[Changes to Australian Skilled Sponsored Visas](#) - Workpermit - 10th Feb 2011

Changes to Australian Skilled Sponsored Visas on 1 July 2011 will result in the removal of the permanent family sponsored visa route; Family members can still sponsor relatives under a...

[Survey finds Australian businesses want skilled migrants](#) - Workpermit - 10th Feb 2011

A recent survey of 1200 Australian businesses conducted by Dun and Bradstreet found that demand for employees has reached an seven year high and that skilled migration may be the key to...

[Canberra, Australia lures skilled migrants](#) - Workpermit - 10th Feb 2011

The Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Government will send "Live in Canberra" delegations to Amsterdam, London, Cape Town, Durban, Dublin, and Johannesburg in an attempt to attract skilled...

[Australian immigration to favor Irish nationals](#) - Workpermit - 10th Feb 2011

Changes to Australian immigration on 1 July 2011 will favor Europe's fastest growing emigrant group: the Irish....

[New workpermit Migration and Move Service](#) - Workpermit - 10th Feb 2011

workpermit.com in business since 1988 (formerly BCL Immigration Services) is one of the most popular immigration related sites in the World. Every year millions of people visit the workpermit.

04. Legal & Courts

[Important law changes](#) - Department of Labour - 07th Feb 2011

Changes to the Holidays Act 2003 and the Employment Relations Act 2000 have been passed by Parliament.

[Wilgermein v R \[2010\] NZCA 597 \(8 December 2010\)](#) - New Zealand Legal Information Institute - 8th Feb 2011

[Miller v New Zealand Parole Board \[2010\] NZCA 600 \(8 December 2010\)](#) - New Zealand Legal Information Institute - 8th Feb 2011

[B v Auckland District Health Board \[2010\] NZCA 632 \(20 December 2010\)](#) - New Zealand Legal Information Institute - 8th Feb 2011

[Bunnings Limited T/A Benchmark Building Supplies v Nash HC Palmerston North CIV-2009-454-508 \[2010\] NZHC 2345 \(4 March 2010\)](#) - New Zealand Legal Information Institute - 9th Feb 2011

[Tararua District Council v Reid HC Wellington CIV-2009-454-622 \[2010\] NZHC 2346 \(4 March 2010\)](#) - New Zealand Legal Information Institute - 9th Feb 2011

[FM Custodians Limited v Pavan HC Wellington CIV-2010-485-835 \[2010\] NZHC 2347 \(12 August 2010\)](#) - New Zealand Legal Information Institute - 9th Feb 2011

[Commissioner of Inland Revenue v Park Estate Limited HC Napier CIV-2010-441-117 \[2010\] NZHC 2348 \(26 August 2010\)](#) - New Zealand Legal Information Institute - 9th Feb 2011

[Carr v Humphries HC Dunedin CIV 2007-412-000510 \[2010\] NZHC 2349 \(2 September 2010\)](#) - New Zealand Legal Information Institute - 9th Feb 2011

[Transform Minerals Limited v Rooney Earthmoving Limited HC Christchurch CIV 2010-409-714 \[2010\] NZHC 2350 \(20 September 2010\)](#) - New Zealand Legal Information Institute - 9th Feb 2011

[Stiassny v Commissioner of Inland Revenue HC Auckland CIV-2008-404-0549 \[2010\] NZHC 2351 \(4 November 2010\)](#) - New Zealand Legal Information Institute - 9th Feb 2011

[Central Housemovers Limited v Forestry For Life Limited HC Palmerston North CIV-2010-454-384 \[2010\] NZHC 2352 \(8 November 2010\)](#) - New Zealand Legal Information Institute - 9th Feb 2011

[Liberty Financial Limited v Archer HC Wellington CIV-2010-485-1764 \[2010\] NZHC 2353 \(8 November 2010\)](#) - New Zealand Legal Information Institute - 9th Feb 2011

[Polymer Group Limited v South Vineyard Limited HC Wellington CIV-2009-485-1298 \[2010\] NZHC 2354 \(8 November 2010\)](#) - New Zealand Legal Information Institute - 9th Feb 2011

[Redican Allwood Limited v RAB Contracting Limited HC Wellington CIV-2010-485-912 \[2010\] NZHC 2355 \(9 November 2010\)](#) - New Zealand Legal Information Institute - 9th Feb 2011

[R V WEI HC AK CRI-2010-092-5861 7 December 2010](#) - Ministry of Justice - 10th Feb 2011

[Siemer v Stiassny \[2011\] NZCA 1 \(3 February 2010\)](#) - New Zealand Legal Information Institute - 10th Feb 2011

[Marac Finance Limited v McFarlane HC Wellington CIV-2010-485-185 \[2010\] NZHC 2356 \(11 November 2010\)](#) - New Zealand Legal Information Institute - 10th Feb 2011

[Business Continuity Services NZ Limited v Contact Energy Limited HC Wellington CIV-2009-485-1531 \[2010\] NZHC 2357 \(15 November 2010\)](#) - New Zealand Legal Information Institute - 10th Feb 2011

[Polymer Group Limited v South Vineyard Limited HC Wellington CIV-2009-485-1298 \[2010\] NZHC 2358 \(15 November 2010\)](#) - New Zealand Legal Information Institute - 10th Feb 2011

[Takuira-Mita v Police HC Christchurch CRI 2010-409-203 \[2011\] NZHC 2359 \(15 November 2010\)](#) - New Zealand Legal Information Institute - 10th Feb 2011

[Takuira-Mita v Police HC Christchurch CRI 2010-409-203 \[2010\] NZHC 2359 \(15 November 2010\)](#) - New Zealand Legal Information Institute - 10th Feb 2011

[McVitty v Bank of New Zealand Limited HC Wellington CIV-2010-485-1164 \[2010\] NZHC 2360 \(16 November 2010\)](#) - New Zealand Legal Information Institute - 10th Feb 2011

[Blue Star Taxis \(Christchurch\) Society Limited v Gold Band Taxis \(Christchurch\) Society Limited HC Christchurch CIV-2009-409-2921 \[2010\] NZHC 2361 \(19 November 2010\)](#) - New Zealand Legal Information Institute - 10th Feb 2011

[Tawanui Developments Limited v Harnett HC Palmerston North CIV-2008-454-949 \[2010\] NZHC 2362 \(26 November 2010\)](#) - New Zealand Legal Information Institute - 10th Feb 2011

[Capital Precut Solutions Limited v Graham HC Wellington CIV-2010-485-2081 \[2010\] NZHC 2363 \(29 November 2010\)](#) - New Zealand Legal Information Institute - 10th Feb 2011

05. Government

[High-value state property sales earn \\$19M](#) - 3 News - 4th Feb 2011

More than \$19 million has been made by selling off high-value state housing properties, the Government said today.

[Pita Sharples' full speech at Waitangi](#) - 3 News - 6th Feb 2011

This evening I wish to discuss the State of the Maori Nation. It seems appropriate as we gather here to celebrate the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi on these lands 171 years ago.

[Migrants welcomed, chiefs farewelled](#) - Christchurch Press - 7th Feb 2011

"Haere mai" and "e noho ra" were the phrases of the day as new Kiwis were welcomed and others said farewell at the Waitangi Day celebrations at Okains Bay.

[Activists abuse Key at Waitangi](#) - Dominion Post - 5th Feb 2011

A group of activists has marred Prime Minister John Key's entry to Waitangi celebrations yelling "The enemy is amongst us."

[Govt to spend \\$27m on supercomputer network - who gets the money](#) - National Business Review - 4th Feb 2011

[PM keen to work with Maori Party](#) - New Zealand Herald - 5th Feb 2011

Prime Minister John Key has told iwi gathered at Te Tii Waitangi marae that he wants to work with the Maori Party again after the election.

[Hundreds attend warm Waitangi dawn service](#) - New Zealand Herald - 6th Feb 2011

Hundreds have attended a warm Waitangi Day dawn service this morning. Early risers filed into the whare on the Treaty Grounds to listen to prayers led by the Prime Minister John Key, the...

[Peaceful protest at Waitangi calls for](#) - Otago Daily Times - 6th Feb 2011

Protesters led by Maori Party MP Hone Harawira's nephew, Wikatana Popata, marched on the Waitangi Treaty Grounds in a peaceful protest today.

[PM dismisses call to change Waitangi to New Zealand Day](#) - Otago Daily Times - 8th Feb 2011

Prime Minister John Key has snubbed the idea of introducing a "New Zealand Day".

[Govt wants better results from public services](#) - Beehive - 8th Feb 2011

[Americas Cup contract coup for NZ marine sector](#) - Beehive - 8th Feb 2011

[Minimum wage increased to \\$13](#) - Department of Labour - 8th Feb 2011

The Government has increased the minimum wage from \$12.75 to \$13, Minister of Labour Kate Wilkinson announced today.

[Key rejects 'New Zealand Day'](#) - National Business Review - 8th Feb 2011

[PM signals more mergers and public service tightening](#) - Radio New Zealand - 8th Feb 2011

The Prime Minister has signalled there will be further tightening up of the public service this year. John Key made the comments in his statement to Parliament's first session of 2011.

[After-tax wages rising faster than prices](#) - Beehive - 9th Feb 2011

[PM signals changes to welfare, public sectors](#) - Christchurch Press - 9th Feb 2011

More big changes to the welfare system and public sector mergers have been signalled in the Prime Minister's Statement to Parliament.

[Double-dip recession 'possible'](#) - New Zealand Herald - 10th Feb 2011

It is possible the economy entered a double-dip recession in the December quarter, Finance Minister Bill English said yesterday.

[Budget date confirmed by English](#) - Radio New Zealand - 9th Feb 2011

The Finance Minister has confirmed that this year's budget will be delivered on Thursday 19 May.

06. Politics & Unions

[NZ rebuked for child poverty](#) - Christchurch Press - 8th Feb 2011

The "staggering" rates of child abuse and poverty in New Zealand have been condemned in a United Nations report that calls for the Government to better recognise children's rights.

[Harawira suspended from Maori Party caucus](#) - Dominion Post - 7th Feb 2011

Maverick MP Hone Harawira says he is hugely disappointed with his suspension from the

Maori Party's parliamentary caucus but would attend Parliament tomorrow regardless.

[UN rebukes New Zealand for child poverty and abuse](#) - Dominion Post - 8th Feb 2011

The "staggering" rates of child abuse and poverty in New Zealand have been condemned in a United Nations report that calls for the Government to better recognise children's rights.

[Minimum wage adjustment is woefully inadequate](#) - New Zealand Council of Trade Unions - 7th Feb 2011

The Government's decision to allow the minimum wage to decrease in real value by increasing it by only 25c to \$13 an hour when inflation is running at 4 percent will drive our lowest paid...

[New Zealand must condemn anti-democracy violence in Egypt and Tunisia](#) - New Zealand Council of Trade Unions - 8th Feb 2011

The CTU has written to Foreign Minister Murray McCully asking the New Zealand Government to condemn the violent attacks on trade unionists in Tunisia and on the pro-democracy protesters in...

[Greens wrong with extravagant climate change claims](#) - Beehive - 10th Feb 2011

[Winston Peters hits out at 'shonky' foreshore bill](#) - National Business Review - 10th Feb 2011

07. Economy, Financial & Tax

[Large jump in young tertiary students](#) - 3 News - 4th Feb 2011

The number of people aged 18 to 25 studying at tertiary institutions has increased 13.5 percent since 2008.

[IRD vows 'no mercy'](#) - New Zealand Herald - 6th Feb 2011

The Inland Revenue Department has made it clear it will show no mercy to restaurateurs who fail to meet their tax obligations.

[High prices fuel card spending](#) - Christchurch Press - 10th Feb 2011

Higher food and petrol prices may be behind a sharp lift in card spending in January, according to some economists. Spending on credit cards rebounded sharply in January with a 2.

[English sees slow recovery for the jobless](#) - Dominion Post - 10th Feb 2011

Finance minister Bill English is softening up the public for a slow recovery in job numbers with a warning that the export sector may not deliver a big lift despite record prices for...

08. Education, Tourism & Health

[Record number of tourists in December](#) - Dominion Post - 4th Feb 2011

A record number of tourists arrived in New Zealand in December, at almost 346,000 in the month, breaking the previous December record by 1 per cent.

[Cigarette displays could go in nine months](#) - Otago Daily Times - 9th Feb 2011

Visible cigarette advertising displays will go within nine months following tobacco law changes, if public health officials get their way.

[International visitor numbers to New Zealand hit all-time high](#) - Tourism New Zealand - 5th Feb 2011

Strong growth in the number of Chinese and Australian visitors during December has helped New Zealand record its biggest month for international visitor arrivals since records began.

[New Zealand ranked top three by Wanderlust](#) - Tourism New Zealand - 5th Feb 2011

New Zealand has been named the third 'Top Country' in the world in this year's prestigious Wanderlust Travel awards.

[Canada's most-read newspaper to feature New Zealand](#) - Tourism New Zealand - 7th Feb 2011

The travel editor of Canada's most-read daily newspaper arrived in New Zealand on Saturday for an action-packed 10-day visit that will encompass a range of tourism experiences...

[Singaporean star to promote South East Asian air link to New Zealand](#) - Tourism New Zealand - 8th Feb 2011

Singaporean media personality Joanne Peh was in New Zealand over the weekend to shoot a series of tourism commercials that will promote New Zealand as a holiday destination in Singapore.

[i-SITE staff train Rugby World Cup 2011 volunteers](#) - Tourism New Zealand - 8th Feb 2011

New Zealand's i-SITE Visitor Centre Network is helping to recruit and train visitor information volunteers for Rugby World Cup 2011.

[Canada's most-read newspaper to feature New Zealand](#) - Tourism New Zealand - 7th Feb 2011

The travel editor of Canada's most-read daily newspaper arrived in New Zealand on Saturday for an action-packed 10-day visit that will encompass a range of tourism experiences throughout the...

[Wellington increases its attractiveness to tourists](#) - Dominion Post - 11th Feb 2011

Wellington was one of only two regions to have an increase in visitor nights in December, as overnight stays dropped across New Zealand.

[Parkinson's researchers excited by drug studies](#) - Otago Daily Times - 11th Feb 2011

Drugs being developed for Parkinson's disease are probably not a magic cure for the degenerative disease, but have researchers excited by what they are seeing in rodent studies, visiting...

09. Business, Communication & Employment

[Sheep, beef profits up 11pc](#) - Dominion Post - 8th Feb 2011

Sheep and beef farmers are in line for their best profits for five years, but even so returns on their farm values are likely to be under 1 per cent on average.

[Sluggish start to the year for retail](#) - New Zealand Herald - 7th Feb 2011

Kiwi shoppers kept a tight rein on their spending during January, with latest figures showing annual growth was the slowest it has been in five months.

[Sales up at JB Hi-Fi](#) - Radio New Zealand - 8th Feb 2011

Electronics retailer JB Hi-Fi says sales at stores open at least a year jumped 4% in New Zealand in the second half of last year.

[Foodstuffs' \\$45m distribution plan](#) - New Zealand Herald - 10th Feb 2011

National supermarket operator Foodstuffs Co-operative is to pump \$45 million into the Christchurch economy with a major extension to its Hornby distribution facility.

10. Banks & Real Estate

[ANZ to cut jobs](#) - Dominion Post - 4th Feb 2011

ANZ will cut about 45 jobs as part of a restructure affecting two departments. The bank said 20 back office and operational roles would be cut and the Finance Sector Union said it had been...

[Signs house prices are steady](#) - Dominion Post - 8th Feb 2011

Residential property values stabilised in January after nine months of decline, according to government valuer Quotable Value. Average property values in January were 1.

[Term deposits most popular NZ investment choice, survey](#) - New Zealand Herald - 8th Feb 2011

Only 6 per cent of investors think shares offer the best rate of return, while rental property is still a popular investment class, according to a survey by ASB.

[Floating rates give boost to ASB Bank](#) - Dominion Post - 10th Feb 2011

ASB Bank has revealed that its profit margins are being boosted as thousands of homeowners move from fixed rate to floating rate mortgages.

[Jobs to go as ANZ restructures](#) - Radio New Zealand - 10th Feb 2011

ANZ New Zealand is rejigging its structure and about 45 staff are expected to lose their jobs.

11. Climate, Nature & Major Events

[Quake hits South Otago](#) - 3 News - 6th Feb 2011

A magnitude 4.1 earthquake has struck South Otago this afternoon. The 12km-deep quake hit 30km southwest of Balclutha at 1.52pm, GNS Science said. It may have been felt in Southland. NZPA

[Whale stranding](#) - Christchurch Press - 4th Feb 2011

LATEST: A pod of about 60 pilot whales has beached in Golden Bay, west of Nelson. One baby whale has died and the others face an uncomfortable night, with Department of Conservation (DOC)...

[Region shaken by two quakes](#) - Christchurch Press - 4th Feb 2011

LATEST: Canterbury has been shaken by two sharp aftershocks this evening. The first, a magnitude 4.6 quake, struck at 5.56pm. It was centred 20km south-west of Christchurch, at a depth of 9km.

[70 whales refloated](#) - Christchurch Press - 6th Feb 2011

LATEST: About 70 pilot whales have been successfully refloated near Farewell Spit, at the top of the South Island, and hundreds of people are trying to shepherd them into open water so they...

[Mass whale stranding in Golden Bay](#) - New Zealand Herald - 4th Feb 2011

A pod of 82 pilot whales has beached in Golden Bay, west of Nelson. One baby whale and

nine others have died, and the others face an uncomfortable night with Department of Conservation (DOC)...

[4.6 aftershock rocks Christchurch](#) - Otago Daily Times - 4th Feb 2011

Aftershocks continue to rock Christchurch with a 4.6 magnitude earthquake shaking Canterbury today.

[Small quake rattles Christchurch](#) - Dominion Post - 10th Feb 2011

A magnitude 4 earthquake rattled parts of Christchurch this afternoon. The quake, which struck at 4.16pm at a depth of 9 kilometres, was centred 20km west of Christchurch.

12. General News

[\\$200,000 in benefits gained with false IDs](#) - New Zealand Herald - 5th Feb 2011

An unemployed woman has admitted using fraudulent and forged documents, including driving licences and birth certificates, to illegally obtain more than \$200,000 in benefits.

13. Sport

[North Korea now open to golfers with cash](#) - Radio New Zealand - 5th Feb 2011

In its quest for hard currency, North Korea is inviting golf enthusiasts from around the world to tee up at a tournament near the capital, Pyongyang.

[Sevens: NZ beat England 29-14 to win Wellington title](#) - TVNZ - 5th Feb 2011

New Zealand landed the Wellington sevens rugby tournament crown tonight.

[Hockey: NZ women beat Sth Korea 4-1](#) - TVNZ - 5th Feb 2011

The New Zealand women's hockey team beat South Korea 4-1 in Auckland today.

[Football: Phoenix look to cash in on advantage](#) - TVNZ - 8th Feb 2011

As the Phoenix's embattled owner embarked on a financial mercy dash, his players were intent on focusing on their own bottom line.

[Cricket: Football chiefs rally around Serepisos](#) - TVNZ - 9th Feb 2011

Professional Football Australia anticipates a swift resolution to the Wellington Phoenix's latest financial woes.

[All Whites win the big one at the Halbergs](#) - TVNZ - 10th Feb 2011

The All Whites have stolen the show at the 58th Halberg Awards, scoring a hat-trick of prizes.

14. Overseas

[Times Have Changed: No More 'China Produces and America Consumes'](#) - Forbes - 7th Feb 2011

Credit Suisse predicts China's consumer market to reach \$16 trillion by 2020, overtaking the United

[Insurance to be more expensive](#) - Radio New Zealand - 7th Feb 2011

After the floods and cyclones in Queensland, it's a fair bet that insurance is going to become more expensive. Swiss Re says Australia has become a riskier place to do business.

[North, South Korea in talks](#) - Christchurch Press - 8th Feb 2011

North and South Korean military officers met at their heavily fortified border for the first cross-border talks in over four months, in a bid to defuse tensions on the divided peninsula.

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