

Quarantine Comix



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On the 21st of March, I flew from New Zealand to Australia, where I had to self-isolate for 14 days.

On the 1st of July, I flew back to New Zealand, where I was placed in managed isolation for 14 days.

To pass the time during both these periods, I drew daily comics. This zine is a hastily-assembled collection of these comics. I plan to spruce it up in time for wellington zinefest proper.

Love,
Your friend Miles

July 2020

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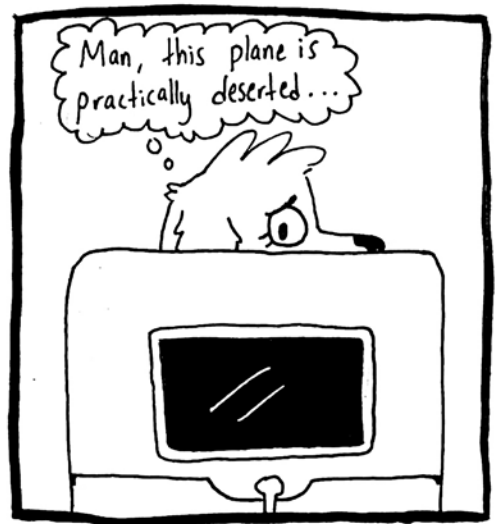
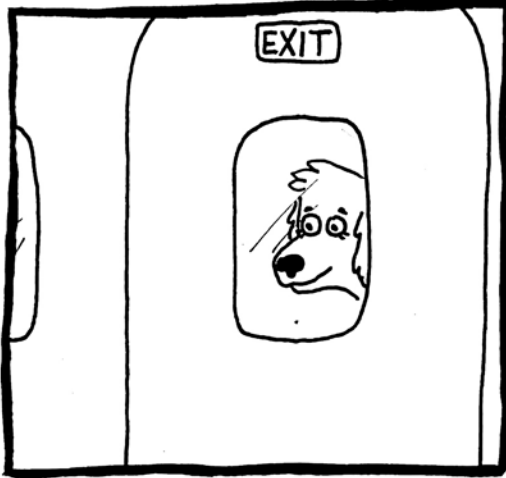
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Besides some cutting and pasting, and fiddling around with the formatting in a couple places, I actually didn't end up changing that much.
Anyway, here's the revised version.
-Miles, October 2020

Part 1: Self-Isolation Comix



Drawn and printed in Te whanganui-a-Tara and Tāmaki Makaurau, and on the traditional lands of the Gunditjmara people, whose sovereignty was never ceded.

Self-isolation #0 21/03/20



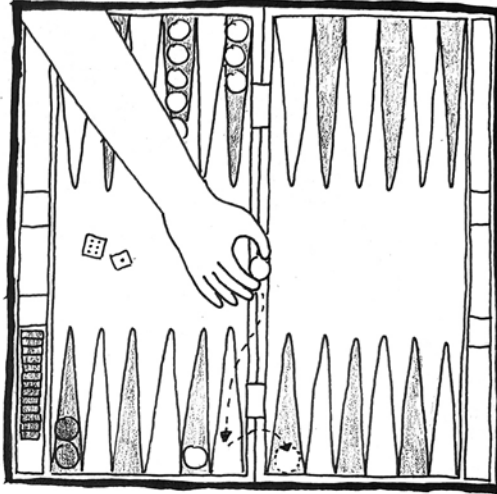
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Self-isolation #1 22/03/20

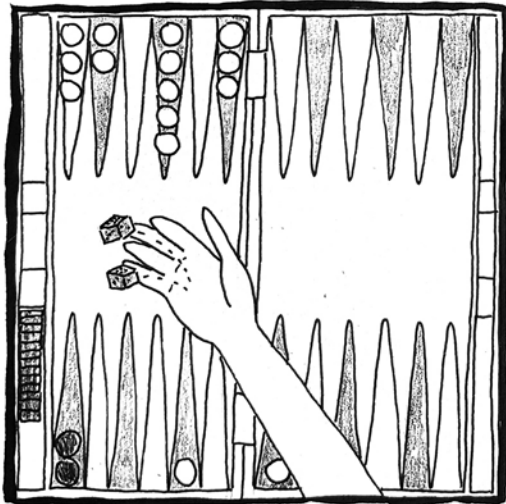


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Self-isolation #2 23/03/20



Self-isolation #3 24/03/20

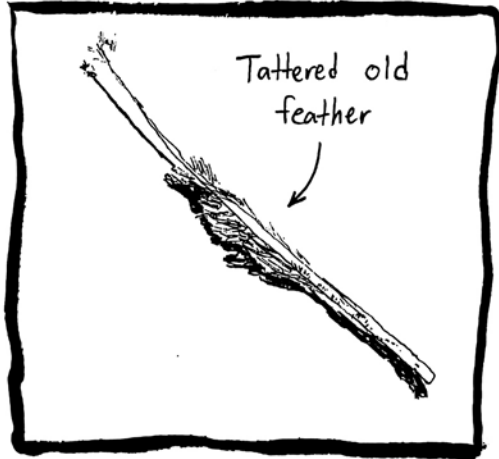
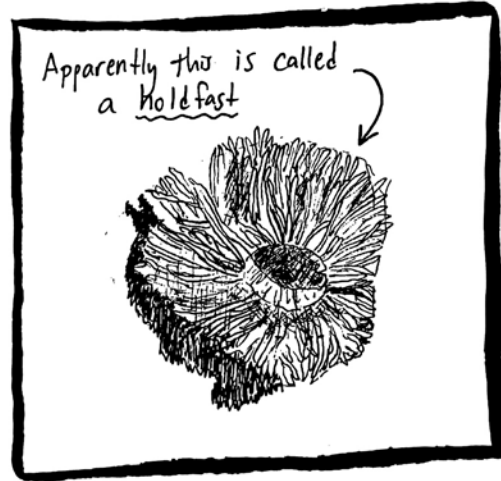
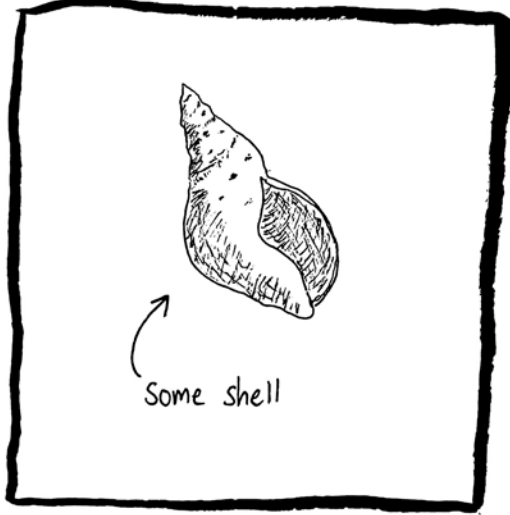
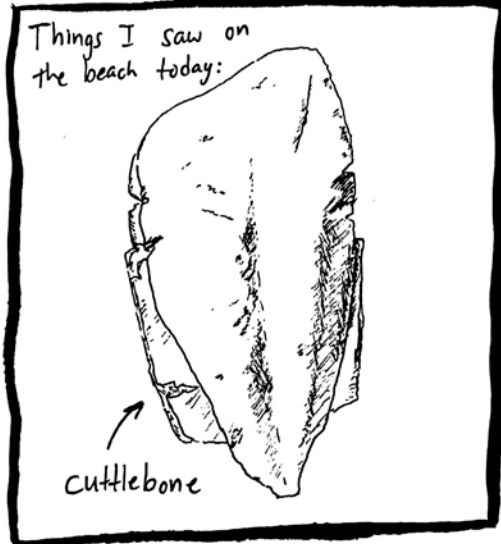


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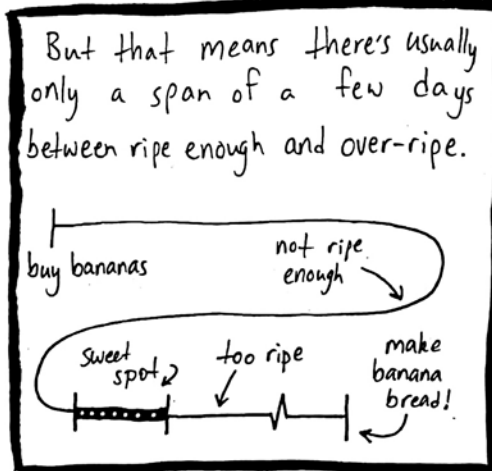
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Self-isolation #4 25/03/20



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Self-isolation #5 26/03/20



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Self-isolation #6 27/03/20

I'm not sure what I want these daily comics to be. Should they just be little snippets of things I get up to each day?



Or should they be more introspective, trying to get across what's on my mind?

Self-isolation #7 28/03/20



Either way, they're a way for me to get better at something that interests me.

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Self-isolation #8 29/03/20



Self-isolation #9 30/03/20



I listen to

Isol Aid!

on Instagram

- Josh Pyke 5:20 pm
- Hatchie 5:40 pm
- Marlon Williams 8:00 pm
- Courtney Barnett 8:20 pm

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Self-isolation #10 31/03/20

Four things I did today:

Went for a run
past Pea Soup to
the Passage



Made apricot
jam with Mum

Finished the sketchbook
I've been working in
since November



Sketched some
walruses

Four things I saw:

An old guy with a
big beard walking
his dog

Three ibises on
the rocks
(they were very clean)

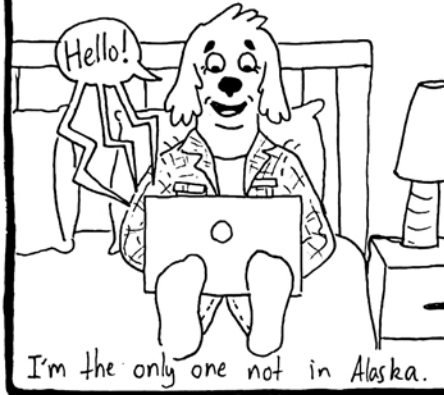
A lot of
sea foam in
the lagoon



Venus and the
waxing crescent
moon

Self-isolation #11 01/04/20

Brandi invites me to her friends'
weekly travel video-conference.



I learn about Costa Rica.



DID YOU KNOW?

Resplendent quetzals eat avocados
and vomit up the pits.

Four songs I listened to:

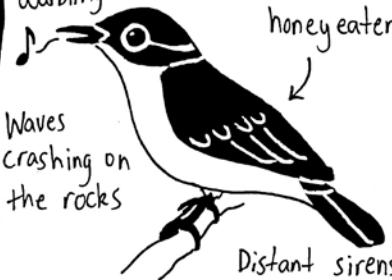
"52nd Street" - Toshiki Kadomatsu
" " (absolute banger) " " "
" " "Something to Believe" - Weyes Blood
" " "Will the Circle Be Unbroken" " " "
Nitty Gritty Dirt Band " " " "
" " " " "Empress" " "
" " " " "Magic Sword

Four things I heard:

A magpie
warbling

A brown-headed
honeyeater

Waves
crashing on
the rocks



Distant sirens

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Also:

Can you believe this
thing about Parkerun
introducing handicaps?!



Dad becomes an April Fool.

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Self-isolation #12 02/04/20



Self-isolation #13 03/04/20

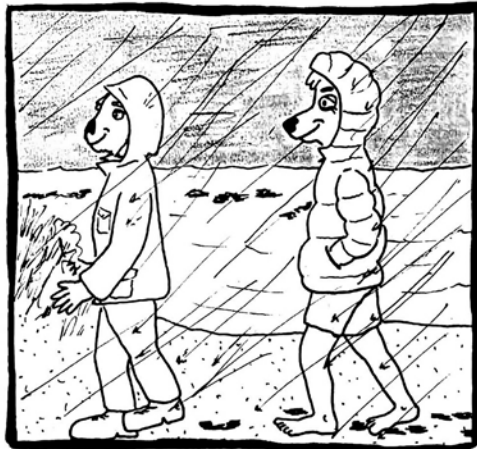
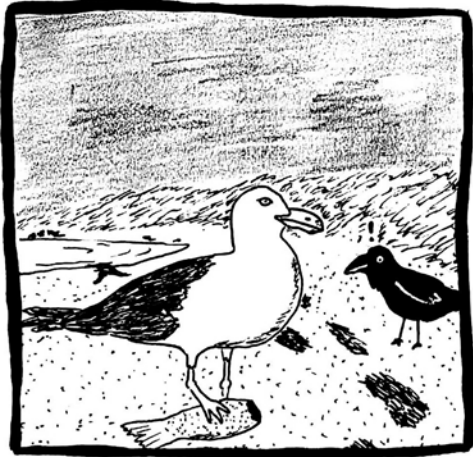


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Self-isolation #14 04/04/20



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Part 2: Managed Isolation Comix



Managed Isolation Comix #0 01/07/20



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Managed Isolation Comix #1

02/07/20



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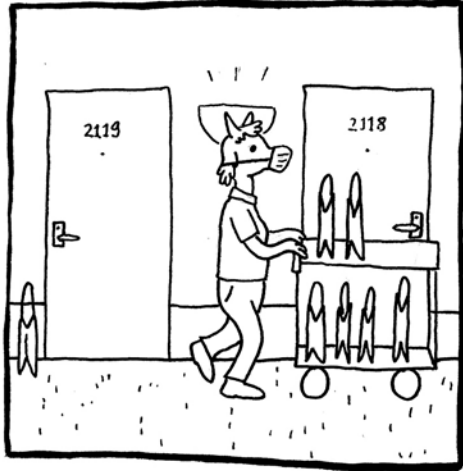
Dear Guest

Welcome to Crowne Plaza Auckland.

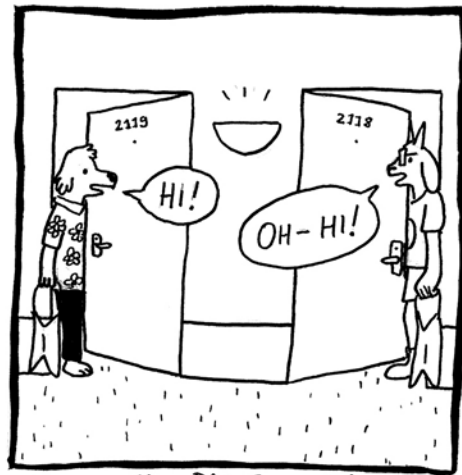
Kia ora, welcome to New Zealand.

What happens if I agree to be tested for COVID-19?

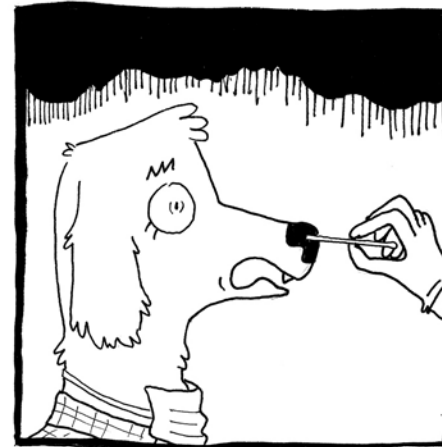
MANAGED ISOLATION COMIX #2



MANAGED ISOLATION COMIX #3



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MAYBE NEW ZEALAND IS MORE
HARDCORE AS FAR AS TESTS GO!

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Allow yourself time to notice and

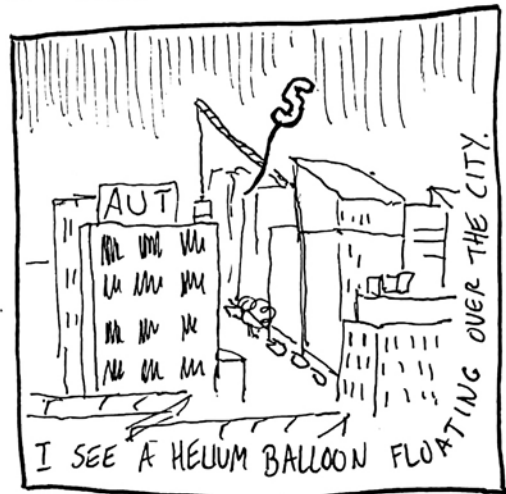
express what you're feeling.

MANAGED ISOLATION #4

I WRITE DOWN A BUNCH OF STUFF ABOUT FEELINGS OF INSECURITY I GET WHEN IT COMES TO MY ART. BUT IT FEELS LIKE TOO MUCH OF A WHINGE TO INCLUDE IN THIS COMIC



I FIND A PLACE TO LIVE IN WELLINGTON.



I SEE A HELIUM BALLOON FLOATING OVER THE CITY.



THAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH THESE THINGS. DADDY WOULD'VE GOTTEN US UZIS.

I WATCH "NIGHT OF THE COMET".

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Managed Isolation #5



SOMEONE ON A FLOOR ABOVE ME THREW BURGER BUNS FROM THEIR WINDOW TODAY.



SOME INDIAN MYNAHS CAME TO CLAIM THIS BOUNTY.



BEAUTIFUL, TRULY BEAUTIFUL.

ISN'T NATURE AMAZING?

I RECORDED THEM ON MY INSTAGRAM STORY, AND ADDED A BIT OF NARRATION.

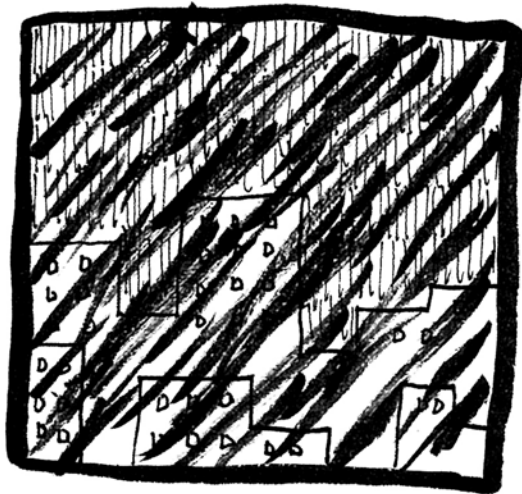


I ACTUALLY LIKED HOW I SOUNDED.

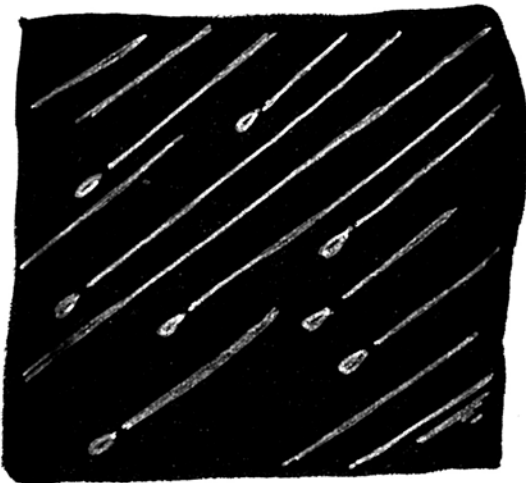
NORMALLY, I CAN'T STAND THE SOUND OF MY RECORDED VOICE.

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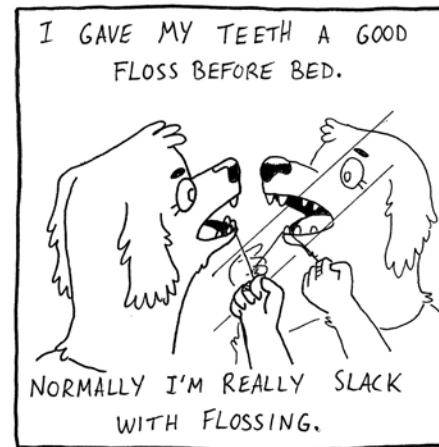
Managed Isolation #6



MANAGED ISOLATION #7



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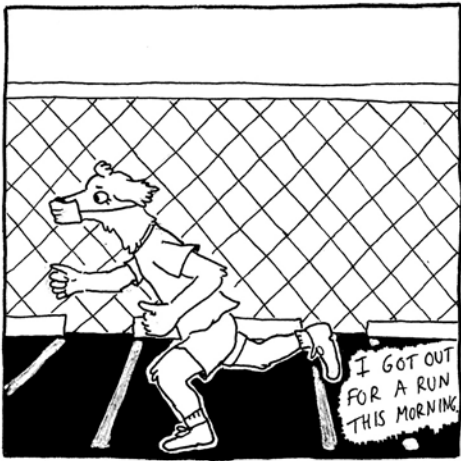
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2. Acknowledge your feelings

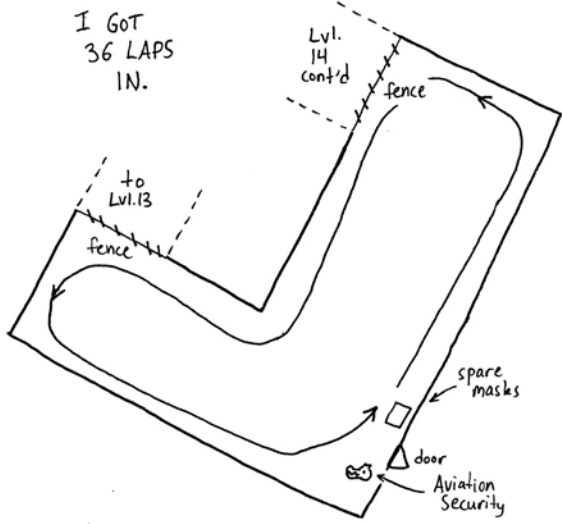
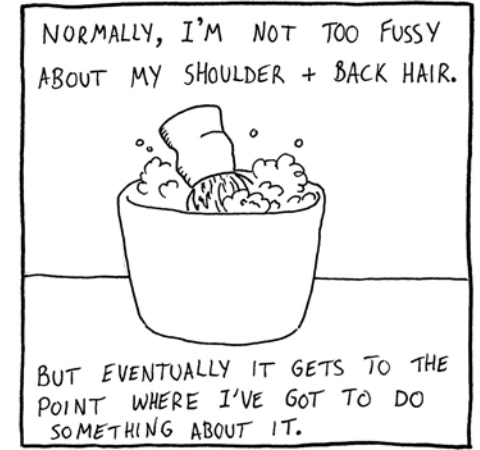
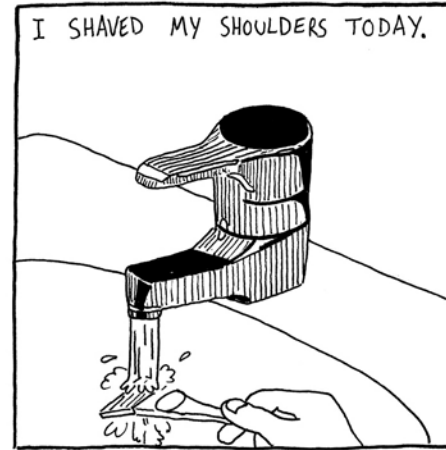
It's completely normal to feel overwhelmed, stressed, anxious, worried or scared in the current situation.

Top ways to look after your mental wellbeing

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MANAGED ISOLATION #9



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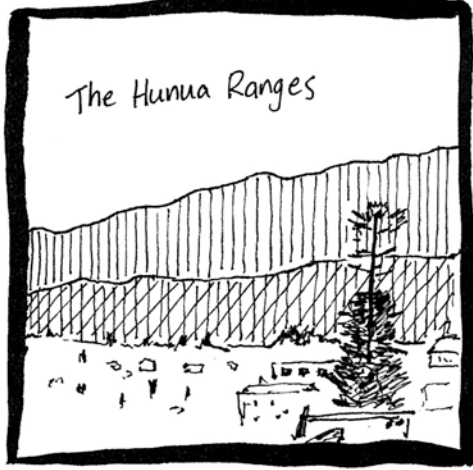
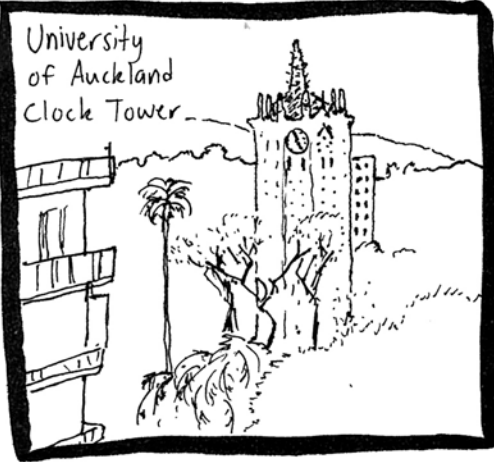
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Aviation Security will be facilitating managed walking groups.

Please visit them at the hotel

entry on level 4 to organise a time.

Managed Isolation #10



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MANAGED ISOLATION #11



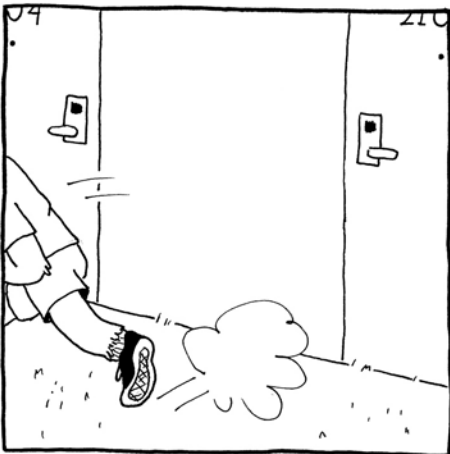
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Welfare

MANAGED ISOLATION #12



MANAGED ISOLATION #13



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Safe use of face masks

It is a requirement to have a final health check within 3 hours of departure from this isolation facility.

Your final health check is booked for

16/07 @ 7:00 a.m.

- Please ensure to fill out the personal details prior to your health check
- Each person in your room will be required to have a completed form and health check

Please note these final health checks will be completed in the **Nurses Clinic on level 4**

6.

Each individual in your party needs an *Exit Managed Isolation Form*. We ask you to please fill in the first section ready for your health check and sign it once the nurse completes it.

Your confirmed departure time as

16/07 @ 8:00 a.m.

- If you are getting picked up please ask your person to arrive as close to this time as possible

Talk with people you trust
about your concerns
and how you're feeling.

MANAGED ISOLATION #14



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