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New Zealand

New Zealand will observe 2 minutes of silence at 1.32pm local time (11.32am AEDT).

Other News

The Herald Sun (p1) says a 200kmh bullet train halving travel times between Melbourne and Geelong will form the centrepiece of a \$2 billion Budget commitment from the federal government.

The nation's first high-speed rail project would cut the journey between Southern Cross Station and Geelong to 32 minutes, and would connect to the Melbourne Metro now being built and the planned Airport Rail Link.

Construction is likely to begin within 18 months.

The Courier (p1) says Scott Morrison will today reveal funding for a fast rail business case for a 35-minute commute from Brisbane to the Gold Coast

Mr Morrison will announce five new business cases nationwide, costing \$40 million, as part of the Government's wider vision to take pressure off cities and keep dying regional centres alive.

The AFR says a future Shorten Labor government will consider calling an inquiry into the \$10 billion Melbourne to Brisbane inland railway which could result in an overhaul of the landmark project.

The SMH says Scott Morrison has confirmed he raised the subject of anti-Muslim sentiment at a highly controversial Coalition meeting in 2011, but vehemently denied ever suggesting such sentiment should be exploited for votes.

The Australian says in the interview with Waleed Aly the Prime Minister accused Aly of trying to dismiss the threat posed by nearly 60 individuals identified as having "serious character concerns".

The AFR says Queensland Nationals are warning they will reactivate their campaign urging the government to underwrite coal-fired power unless the Prime Minister budes.

The SMH says Jacinda Ardern has banned all military-style, semi-automatic weapons and assault rifles, in

the wake of the Christchurch terror attack.

The SMH says Australians are being told they are “not to blame” for the terror attack in Christchurch after airing their grief and guilt to New Zealand’s top diplomat in Canberra over the actions of the Australian gunman accused of the massacres.

A spokesman for the Turkish president says his remarks were "taken out of context" and were aimed at those who threatened Turkey, given the terrorist’s manifesto targeted the Turkish state.

Telecommunications companies are hoping a summit with the Morrison government and social media giants next week will lead to a new national approach to blocking websites and responding digitally to crises like the Christchurch terrorist attack.

The SMH says the political staffer accused of writing Fraser Anning’s infamous "final solution" speech and holding an obsession with Nazi Germany is employed by the federal government agency managing Australia’s immigration program.

The staffer, Richard Howard, has previously denied writing the speech or holding extremist views.

The Australian says up to 65,000 families in regional areas are the most likely to be targeted under Labor’s plans to scrap private health insurance rebates for so-called “junk” policies.

The SMH says a pre-election interest rate cut by the RBA appears off the agenda after the nation's unemployment rate slipped to its lowest level in eight years.

The Australian says home builders say it is “not the right time” to put the brakes on permanent migration because it could exacerbate a slowdown in construction.

The SMH says Bill Shorten faces calls to abolish a multi-billion dollar subsidy to the private health insurance industry, which critics describe as a "privatisation of Medicare" by stealth.

The Australian says Bill Shorten yesterday declared Labor’s support for a national apology to Australia’s thalidomide survivors and for the establishment of a government compensation scheme.

The SMH says Sportsbet has the NSW Coalition as short-priced favourites to win Saturday's election, a fortnight after being nearly 2-to-1 outsiders, following a swing against Michael Daley.

The SMH says Australian officials are increasingly concerned that trade negotiations between China and the US will lead to a special deal between the two countries that displaces Australia's exports, including coal, to its biggest market.

The SMH says the government's foreign influence transparency scheme faces an early test as universities ignore pressure to register their Confucius Institutes.

#### Cyclone threat

A state of emergency had been declared and mass evacuations were last night under way as two tropical cyclones bore down on the north Australian coastline.

Tropical Cyclone Trevor, which lashed Cape York communities earlier this week, was forecast to strike the Northern Territory coastline at category-four strength tomorrow afternoon.

Another storm, Severe Tropical Cyclone Veronica, was already at category-four strength and expected to hit Western Australia between Karratha and Port Headline on Sunday morning.

Northern Territory emergency services, aided by ADF personnel, spent the day conducting the biggest mass evacuation since Cyclone Tracy in 1974.

#### Comment

David Crowe - Just don't do it, PM: trading votes with Hanson is playing with fire.

James Campbell - Geelong-Melbourne fast train will change Victoria forever.

Phillip Coorey - How Christchurch has changed politics.

Latika Bourke - How the British Parliament would have dealt with the Fraser Anning petition.

Graham Richardson - A real leader must always have the answers.

Kurt Wallace - Labor push on minimum wage will hurt those it’s meant to help.

#### Editorials

Australian - Coalition is best option to keep state safe and strong.

SMH - Coalition deserves a third term to get the job done.

#### Front Pages

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