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## Catchment conversations



Robin Manson studies some of the posters on display at last week's Tākaka catchment hui. Photo: Jo Richards.

JO RICHARDS

Farmers, horticulturalists, lifestylers, and conservationists gathered at the Rec Park Centre last week for a conversation about the Tākaka catchment.

Over two sessions on Wednesday afternoon, speakers representing 16 different catchment enhancement initiatives shared their ideas and experiences with each other and around two dozen other attendees.

Organiser, Ursula Passl from Tasman Environmental Trust, opened the forum by pointing out the "special nature" of the catchment which she said extends "from the mountains to the sea" and is intimately linked with the people living in it. "Everyone in the community is connected, everything in the catchment is connected."

The first speaker, Willow Milligan provided an overview of Manawhenua ki Mohua's monitoring programme which employs a team of five monitors to assess the health of the catchment. A number of indicators are used, such as riparian vegetation, streambed condition, and taonga species, plus several water quality parameters – which from July will include arsenic concentrations.

One of the key connections in the catchment is between the surface water and the aquifer system. Phil Castle gave an illustrated talk about the underground cave system, parts of which he said had been discovered only recently. Commenting on one of his photos, Phil said, "This cave is only a few metres above the aquifer."

Corrigan Sowman, the first of eight farmers to talk about their on-farm initiatives, described his property in the Uruwhenua area as "a unique farming landscape". The third-generation farmer said as part of a 15-year "journey of sustainability" he now "understood the soil better" and had healthy pasture. Amongst the changes made during his journey, Corrigan has installed an efficient irrigation system, reduced stocking and fertiliser use, fenced waterways, built a large effluent pond, and planted around 10,000 trees.

Other farmers – from Motupipi to Rainbow Valley – shared their own initiatives which focussed on similar measures, most commonly, fencing waterways, riparian planting, wetland creation, and understanding soil biology.

For some, the sustainability journey started

last century. Dairy farmer Kathy Reilly began protecting the Motupipi River in 1999 when she and husband Tony built a bridge over the river so that their cows would not have to ford the waterway twice a day. Amongst a myriad of initiatives, the couple has since carried out extensive riparian planting with help from Stream Care and constructed a wetland as part of a "Jobs for Nature" programme.

Even earlier, higher up the catchment, farmer Robin Manson, under the Trees on Farms project, planted trees in fenced off blocks which were protected by QEII covenants. Robin explained that a Millennium Fund grant of \$25,000 enabled 50 blocks to be planted on farms over a three-year period. "About 40 blocks have survived," said Robin.

Much of the riparian planting is facilitated by local nurseries. Two nursery owners – Katie Edmondson from Mohua Nursery and Meret Weiss of OK Grow – each spoke about their businesses and how they can support catchment enhancement initiatives by designing planting plans, supplying the plants and working with community groups including schools.

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### GB Easter events

JO RICHARDS

This Easter weekend, no matter what the weather, Golden Bay has plenty of things to do and see.

#### Easter Book Fair

Held at Motupipi Hall, the Easter Book Fair opens at 9am on Saturday. Bargain hunters will be able to browse for books and partake of home baking until early afternoon.

Easter Book Fair is at Motupipi Hall on Saturday 19 April, 9am-2pm.

#### Balfolk dancing

Starting on Easter Day, Balfolk Golden Bay is running a five-day programme of dance workshops, potluck dinners and evening dances. The workshops will be facilitated by Kate Grace, co-founder of Balfolk NZ, who will also lead an evening bal with live music on the Wednesday evening.

Explore the Balfolk Buzz: from Frenzy to Flow! Workshops, live music and dancing. Sunday 20 - Thursday 24 April. All sessions koha. For more information about Balfolk, see article on page 3.

#### Cohousing Easter Fair

On Easter Day Tākaka Cohousing group is hosting its Easter Fair at its community on Meihana Street.

Activities and entertainment include an egg hunt, lawn games, cake and second-hand stalls, plus live music. For anyone interested in finding out more about the development there will be house tours and cohousing chats on the day.

Tākaka Cohousing Easter Fair is at 43 Meihana Street on Sunday 20 April, 12-3pm. Free entry.

#### Museum Steam-Up

Also happening on Easter Day, Rockville Museum opens its doors for the traditional Easter Steam-Up.

While one day is hardly enough to see everything at the museum, there are a few special steam-up highlights, including the opportunity to soak up the sight, sound...

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# Cake news! Good sorts get rewards

RONNIE SHORT

Cheryl Elsey, of Good As Gold Café in Takaka's Marigold Way, has initiated a monthly reward of a cake to a voluntary organisation or individual. (Cakes are sized accordingly).

"I feel like what makes the community tick is the people, and volunteers are becoming fewer and fewer. I just wanted to acknowledge that they do a great job, and without them a lot of organisations just wouldn't operate," explained Cheryl.

Considering winter as being a "bit of a harder time" for people, Cheryl thought of the idea as "something nice" by way of a thank you to those volunteering on behalf of the community. She sees the concept as "paying it forward" whereby people are given something unexpected, which they don't have to pay for, nor are there any obligations to pay back.

"Hopefully, that passes onto somebody else then that's a continual trade," said Cheryl.

Nominations can be made via the Good As Gold Facebook page, or a handwritten note which can be popped into a box at the café.

"Its just nice to say thanks. I find a lot of the volunteers in the Bay are of the older generation. I'm hoping that some of the youngsters may be inspired by the opportunity to do something for nothing and have the good feeling that comes with that, and the sense of community and of helping others without personal reward."

Good As Gold bake a lot of cakes for various events and Cheryl considers they are very lucky to have Rob, "a fabulous baker, (pastry chef actually)" who bakes the beautifully decorated treats.



Cheryl Elsey of Good As Gold Café with the nominate-a-volunteer box, drawn on the first Friday of every month throughout winter, the volunteer recipient chosen receives a cake by way of thank you. Photo: Ronnie Short.

At the end of each month for five months throughout winter a volunteer recipient will be drawn, "just to spread some joy," says Cheryl.

# Catchment conversations

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Development in the lower catchment, which is prone to flooding, highlights the tension between the need for housing and the need to ensure safety for residents. Referring to the Takaka Cohousing development, CJ Webster explained how the land was modified to protect against flood events. She added that the large area not occupied by the neighbourhoods was to be made available for public use and currently being designed to incorporate forest and outdoor classrooms.

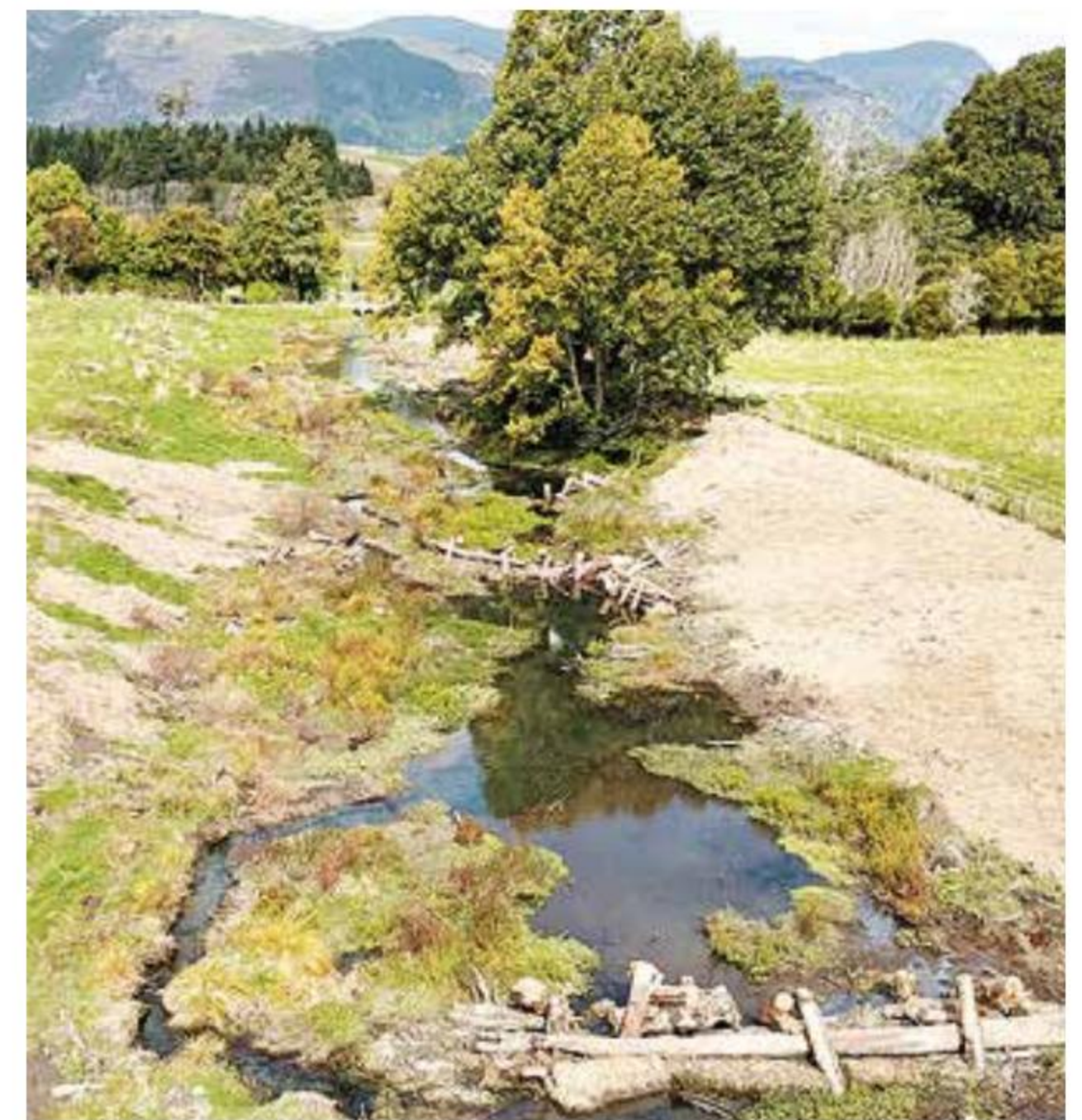
Closer to the sea, the river spreads out to form a lowland delta. Speaking in a personal capacity Andrew Lamason described the area as a very special place which is now under threat from salt intrusion caused by sea level rise. "Habitats need to be able to retreat back - it's a really big issue," said Andrew. "We should start the conversation as to how we approach this."

There had been a good deal of conversation around planting vegetation but, in rounding off the in-person presentations, Chris Rowse from Project De-Vine spoke about the history and the work of the group which is concerned with eradicating pest plants.

Finally, a video produced by the Mohua Marine Trust of footage of Golden Bay's somewhat barren seabed graphically showed where the water from the mountains reaches the end of its riverine journey.

Last Wednesday's event is seen by Ursula as the beginning of an ongoing conversation. "Over the next couple of months, there will be opportunities for more community storytelling through various avenues..."

Ursula says the next event, planned for 3 May, is "a hikoi



Catchment enhancement: A reconfiguration of a 250m stretch of the Motupipi River was carried out in 2021. File Photo.

through the Takaka Valley - from mountains to sea, stopping at interesting and unique sites along the way".

Anyone interested in participating is asked to contact Ursula at: [ursulapassl@tet.org.nz](mailto:ursulapassl@tet.org.nz)

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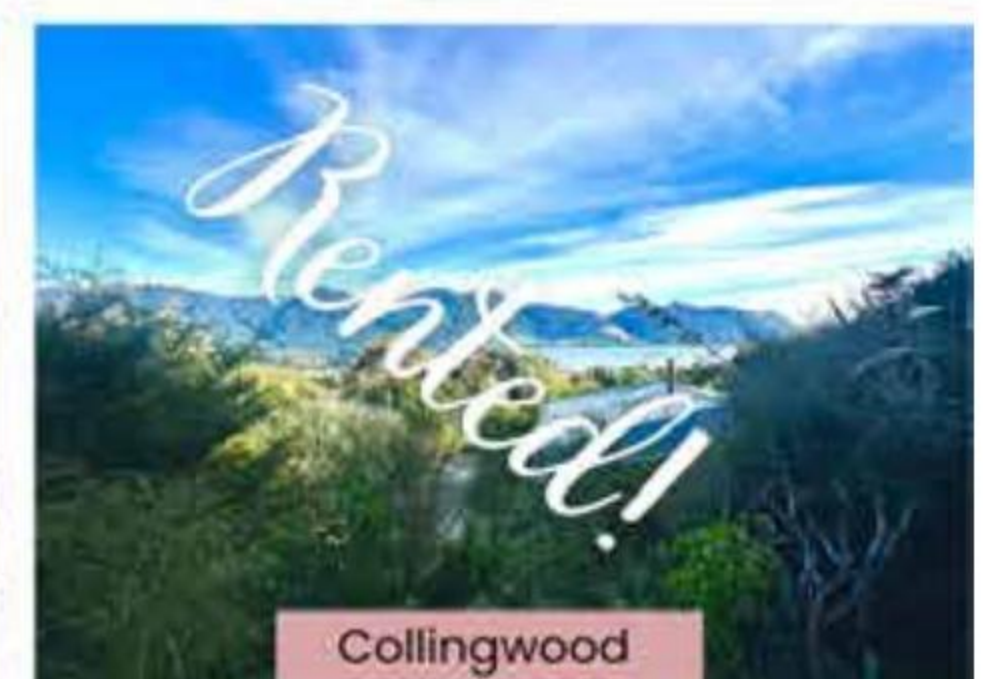
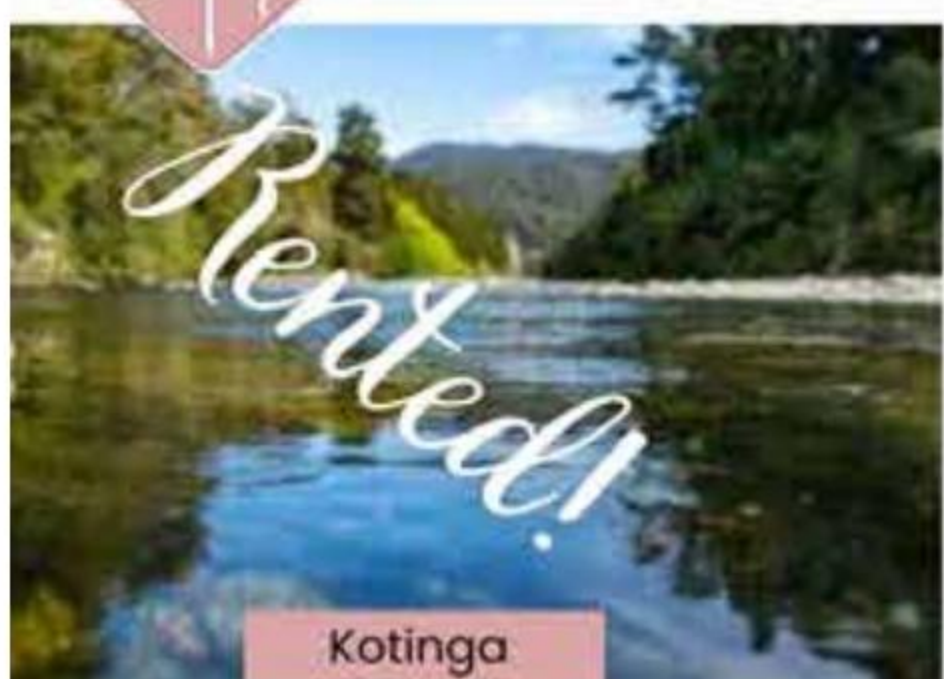
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# Golden Bay Easter events

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...and smell of old engines as they chug away, and to watch a blacksmith in action at the museum's working forge.

Elsewhere, the vast and varied collection of permanent exhibits ranges from vintage tractors, saddlery and farm machinery, to vintage radios, local history books and red telephone boxes.

After working up an appetite, visitors can head to the Pioneer Kitchen for scones, sausages and drinks.

Easter Steam-Up Day is at Rockville Museum on Sunday 20 April, 10am-3pm. Donation on entry appreciated.

## Vintage Clothing Extravaganza

Further up the Aorere Valley the Langford Store at Bainham is hosting its Vintage Clothing Extravaganza over the weekend.

Anyone seeking out boutique retro threads should head to the iconic store where collections of fine clothing from Parrot Moon, Meisje Vintage, Emma Tree Vintage and Ernest Attire and Frith will be on display and for sale all day Saturday and Sunday.

As well as providing the opportunity to check out some timeless fashions, a trip to the store also offers the chance to soak up the history of this famous institution, explore the fascinating memorabilia on show, and enjoy traditional

homebaking with a refreshing beverage.

Vintage Clothing Extravaganza is at The Langford Store, Bainham on Saturday 19, Sunday 20 April, 10am-4pm.

## Full Moon Art Show

The Full Moon Artist Group is expanding its orbit with an Easter show featuring the work of a range of local artists.

The show, which takes place in Pākawau Hall over three days of Easter weekend, is now in its third year and fast becoming an annual fixture.

The works on display include paintings, photography, jewellery and fibre art. The guest artist this year is Pākawau resident Adrian Barrett.

Full Moon Art Show is at Pākawau Memorial Hall: Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 April, 10am-3pm; Monday 21 April, 10am-1pm. Koha entry.

## Music and live entertainment

There will be no shortage of entertainment at the Bay's many well-known watering holes, including live music at The Mussel Inn on Saturday and a jam-packed programme of music, comedy and menu specials at the Nikau Café and Bar in Pōhara.

For more details of the above and other events going on over Easter, see adverts on pages 14 and 15.

# Balfolk buzz, from frenzy to flow

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A renaissance is taking place in the realm of Balfolk. Older styles of folk dance are being revitalised and updated, and the music is reappearing, honouring the best of the past and moving forward with fresh arrangements and improvisations.

Members of Balfolk Golden Bay have been running a series of dance workshops and events over the past year in Tākaka, and currently have a weekly session each Tuesday at the Senior Citizens' Hall from 5pm-6.30pm.

The members are excited by the prospect of enhancing their range and expertise in these modern interpretations of traditional European dances under the guidance of Kate Grace, one of the co-founders of Balfolk in New Zealand, who is coming to the Bay for five days during the Easter holidays.

From Sunday 20 until Thursday 24 April, Kate will lead a workshop each afternoon to introduce people to a range of circle, group and partner dances, as well as helping people further their technique and understanding.

Two evenings of Balfolk music and dancing are also scheduled, on Sunday 20 and Wednesday 23 April. Some dances may be briefly explained by Kate on the night, yet it's more about tuning into the music and flow of the dance, with room for improvising. At each bal, people can practice new skills and dances, be swept along and supported by those with more experience, and enjoy the social occasion of dancing or just listening to live music from the talented musicians of local group Hullabalou.

Balfolk offers something for everyone; singles, couples, novices, experienced and the curious. The huge variety of dances support many of the best health outcomes that dancing is renowned for, and is a fun and meaningful way to bring people together and enhance community connections.



Local group Hullabalou. Photo: Submitted.

Many of the dances are of French origin, as is the term bal, rather than ball as used in English, hence the term Balfolk – a Folk Ball. Some of the dances are fairly straightforward and repetitive in structure, becoming meditative and trance-like. Others are mixers, swapping partners as the dance progresses in a circle, whilst others are partner dances in a more traditional sense, yet done in a new way.

Everyone is invited to come along and give it a go, move, feel, connect, grow and explore the Balfolk buzz, from frenzy to flow.

Admission to all sessions are by koha, pay what you can afford.

For the schedule of workshops and Balfolk Bals, see display ad on page 14, visit the Facebook group Balfolk Golden Bay Collective, or [www.balfolk.co.nz/golden\\_bay](http://www.balfolk.co.nz/golden_bay).

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## LETTERS

### Chopping blocks appeal

The Golden Bay Axemens Club is a small club that usually hosts three chopping days each year, our largest being at the Golden Bay A&P Show.

The A&P Show alone requires about 200 blocks to complete the programme. Sourcing the wood has become our biggest headache. We have had generous support from farmers and contractors over the past few years but so far this year have been unable to source sufficient wood to run our chopping events next season. If you have some trees that you think would be suitable, please contact us. If you have a wind-throw event please contact us before piling the trees up. The size we require is 25-50cm diameter; if in doubt, please contact us for a look. Phone either Brian Godsiff 027 721 9608 or myself on 021 260 1610.

Dave Gowland

### Geographical clarification

Just sorting out a small geographical confusion. Recent articles and correspondence have placed the suddenly famous Sams Creek in the Cobb Valley. It is not. The Cobb River takes its head from Lakes Round and Cobb and Chaffey Stream, joining the Tākaka River at the hydroelectric power station. Sams Creek drains into the Tākaka River some miles downstream of this confluence. Unless the Sams Creek turns back upon itself and runs uphill over a broad shoulder of the Lockett Range to then plunge into the Cobb gorge, it can be reliably stated that Sams Creek is in the Tākaka Valley.

Yours pedantically,

Tony Hitchcock

### Movie matinees

It would be wonderful to put movies on at the Village Theatre every afternoon at 2pm which I believe is what Robin Robilliard is advocating (*GBW*, 11/4). However, from an economic perspective, we have to maximise the potential of our most popular viewing times as much as possible which is in fact a lot more difficult than it sounds.

Golden Bay has a wide demographic and there is a wide range of movies and genres to choose from. We try to be fair by choosing a wide range of films with each film playing two or three times on different days and at different times within the programme. This is a complex task that takes many hours

of planning. We know that we will never please everybody all of the time, and this is our constant battle.

As committee members, we would love nothing more than a full house for every screening but we know that is not realistic. It is a huge balancing act just keeping the theatre open and we are heavily reliant on our patrons, grants, and general donations to stay alive. Next time you go to The Village Theatre, look around you. If there are fewer than 25 people we are losing money. We encourage everybody to use The Village Theatre as much as possible while it is still here. Plan ahead using the monthly programme, take advantage of the generous membership deal and support the upcoming French Film festival. [Abridged]

Rob Dawson on behalf of The Village Theatre committee

### Fab pharmacy

Having just collected my monthly selection of medications from our local pharmacy I am moved to write a letter of much appreciation of our pharmacy. I feel we are very lucky indeed to have one in our remote district. Just imagine the situation if all our medications had to be ordered over the Hill, and no helpful pharmacists on hand to answer our queries.

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In appreciation,

Anne Gentleman

### Genocide in Gaza

When I was in Jerusalem in the early 1980s, there was Palestine lawyer who I went to see, to voice my concerns of what I was seeing in the streets of the old city towards the youth. He invited me to go to Gaza with the United Nations as an observer of what was happening there. I was taken with others on a small bus to several refugee camps. We went to private homes. It was heartbreaking: one young boy had a stomach that looked like a road map, being so sewn up.

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# Louise chopping for AxeFerns



The New Zealand AxeFerns team: nine members, two reserves, plus coach Dave McEwan. Louise Nalder is middle front row. Photo: Supplied.

JOYCE WYLLIE

Rockville woman, Louise Nalder, represents New Zealand in a sport she loves. Her skills have been recognised in selection for nine-member women's competitive chopping team, the "AxeFerns". Louise grew up in Rockville and went to Collingwood Area School before heading to Nelson to study applied fitness. In Nelson she swapped netball for rugby and played for Tasman Mako. Moving back to work on Harwood's Upper Tākaka dairy farm, she says: "Steve Winter nagged me to finally give chopping a go. I fell in love with it and haven't stopped since."

Louise competed in her first chopping event at the 2020 Golden Bay A&P Show with her sister and friend and confesses: "we had no idea what we were getting ourselves into". For the following two years the three women travelled to shows chopping and having a great time afterwards. After a few months of underhand chopping she decided to try the standing event which no other women competed in, although Emma Riddell of Nelson also began at the same time.

Serious training began, which she loved, and three years later the women's standing championship was included in the Stihl Timbersports for the first time. "There is so much growth to happen in the woman's side of the sport and it's awesome to be a part of it," Louise reflects.

By the start of 2025 Louise was chopping at her best level yet, as well as gaining selection for the AxeFerns to compete against Australia. Coming first in the standing block event, third

in the underhand and fourth overall at Stihl gave her necessary confidence. In the AxeFerns' challenge against the Australian Jillaroos at Waimate, Louise competed in double saw and chops. The New Zealand team "were so close but couldn't quite beat them," she says.

Looking back, Louise considers the highlight not to be personal results but being part of development of the women's sport. "It wasn't long ago most women only sawed with partners or chopped one or two logs."

After her next baby is born, Louise's plan is to start learning to chop in the springboard competitions, cutting the whole block from one side instead of coming down and going up the other.

She trains in the gym three times a week, runs when she can, with most of her chopping training in competition season from August to December. Gear is important as "that does 90 per cent of the work for you". A new saw costs around \$5000 and an axe around \$1200.

She is grateful to all the people who put effort into her training over the years, and says "the whole environment of the sport is positive, you will struggle to find a more encouraging group of people." The Golden Bay Axeman's club is strong and Louise encourages anyone interested in the sport to get in touch with Dave Gowland. "You are guaranteed to have fun and, like myself, you have no idea where the sport can take you."

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### Permanent set up for disc golf



JO RICHARDS

Disc Golf Golden Bay's first three permanent baskets are now set up at the Rec Park, Park Avenue (next to the old tennis courts). Current practice times are Tuesday, 4.30-6pm and Sunday, 2-4pm, but the public can play on the "course" at anytime.

Discs can be borrowed during practice times and starter packs will soon be available to buy from the following retail locations in Tākaka: The Quiet Revolution, Roots Bar, TradeZone, and Rural Service Centre. Check the Disc Golf Golden Bay (DGGB) Facebook page for updates on availability.

Alexis Bourgeois of the DGGB Trust says the trustees are very grateful for the help they have received. "Thanks for the amazing support and sponsors from the Golden Bay community. See you on the fields."

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Here's a quick summary (though there are many more):

**United Kingdom:** The ETA system is being phased in gradually. Soon, all visa-exempt travellers will need one before arrival.

**Canada:** You'll need an ETA if you're flying in. It's tied electronically to your passport and usually valid for up to five years.

**United States:** The ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorisation) is required for travellers under the Visa Waiver Program.

Don't wait until the last minute. This is where the adventure can go sideways: ETAs aren't always instant, and some require extra steps – like downloading an app, scanning your passport, or even taking a live photo. If your photo gets rejected or the passport scanner glitches, you could be stuck in limbo. Apply early – ideally weeks before your trip.

A few hidden traps await the unwary explorer:

Been to Cuba since 12 January, 2021? If you're entering or transiting through the US, the ESTA won't cut it – you'll need to apply for a full visa through a US embassy, which



can take up to three months and requires a visit in person to the embassy.

Dual citizens heading to Canada, (hello, Kiwis with Canadian roots), must enter on their Canadian passport, not one from another country. This is a non-negotiable requirement.

Many ETA systems now require app downloads and smartphone scanning, but this isn't always smooth sailing. Poor lighting, blurry scans, or incompatible devices can derail the process. If you're tech-shy or just want peace of mind, consider getting assistance or applying from a desktop with a scanner.

So don't let a digital hiccup be the reason your adventure doesn't take off. A little early prep goes a long way.

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# Playcentre honours "guiding light"



Many gathered from several eras to pay tribute to the huge contribution made by Wendy de Maat (saluting) over her 35 years with Playcentre. Photo: Anita Peters.

ANITA PETERS

After 32 years at Playcentre, Wendy de Maat is more than ready to retire. Wendy says she doesn't want to book herself up and say "yes" to everything. She looks forward to more bike riding and well-deserved rest, but she hasn't completely hung up her hat.

"I will be around and if I'm here, I can help out if they need me," she says. "The knowledge goes as people move on, and I've been a bit like the knowledge bank, helping them along."

In 1990, when Wendy came to Golden Bay and was welcomed into Playcentre, she was quickly coaxed into training and eventually achieved Course 4 level as supervisor. Fourteen years later Ryoko Takahashi joined her as assistant until the SPACE programme, (specifically for parents with babies), was introduced in 2006 to make two different aged programmes available.

After a few years' break, Wendy returned to facilitate SPACE for one afternoon a week. Two years ago, SPACE was absorbed into a new morning session of "Play for Under Twos", increasing her session time into a full day.

Wendy has always enjoyed the training that Playcentre provided for working with children, particularly the "under-fives".

"It's a beautiful, formative time, always something new to learn in the workshops provided. I found that I was thirsty for that knowledge."

Incorporating Te Reo Māori into the sessions became a particular focus for Wendy despite struggling to learn it in her late forties. "A child can learn another language, it doesn't matter what language it is, they have that ability, those pathways are open in their brains."

Ryoko describes Playcentre as a "small village", and Wendy as having been the "guiding light", inspiring and empowering parents and leading by example. Similar tributes echoed that sentiment from well-wishers of all ages across several decades, from the 1970s to former Playcentre kids now in their twenties. Reminiscences flowed highlighting Wendy's contributions to Playcentre through her generosity, welcoming energy and absolute sense of fun.

For her part, Wendy says that Playcentre provided her with a lot of new friendships and the circular sense of community.

"I'm so grateful for that. Those relationships have been integral to my life, they've been important to me. In a place like Playcentre you meet a variety of people, and you learn and grow from them, they enhance your life. You just become enriched by everybody around you."

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## NATURE DIARY

SUBMITTED BY CYNTHIA McCONVILLE

We haven't seen them in Golden Bay yet, but it is only a matter of time. The barn owl has been recorded as a regular vagrant to New Zealand from Australia since 1947. All of these sightings were of single birds. It wasn't until 2008 that a pair arrived in Northland. These two birds established themselves in a large puriri tree on a Kaitia farm and bred successfully making them our newest native bird of prey species.

Like morepork, barn owls are able to fly silently and hunt at night in darkness. They feed mostly on mice and rats but have also been found to feed on small introduced farmland birds including sparrows, greenfinches, yellowhammers and starlings. Barn owls can be prolific breeders. The Northland pair have bred at least twice a year since 2008. The Wingspan Birds of Prey Trust monitors the spread of barn owls in New Zealand with reports now of sightings further south in Auckland and the Waikato.

In May 2021 the Auckland Zoo welcomed two barn owls from the Wingspan Trust. The pair mated and raised two chicks. The zoo has now introduced an experience where visitors can learn how they are cared for, their challenges in the wild and conservation in the field.

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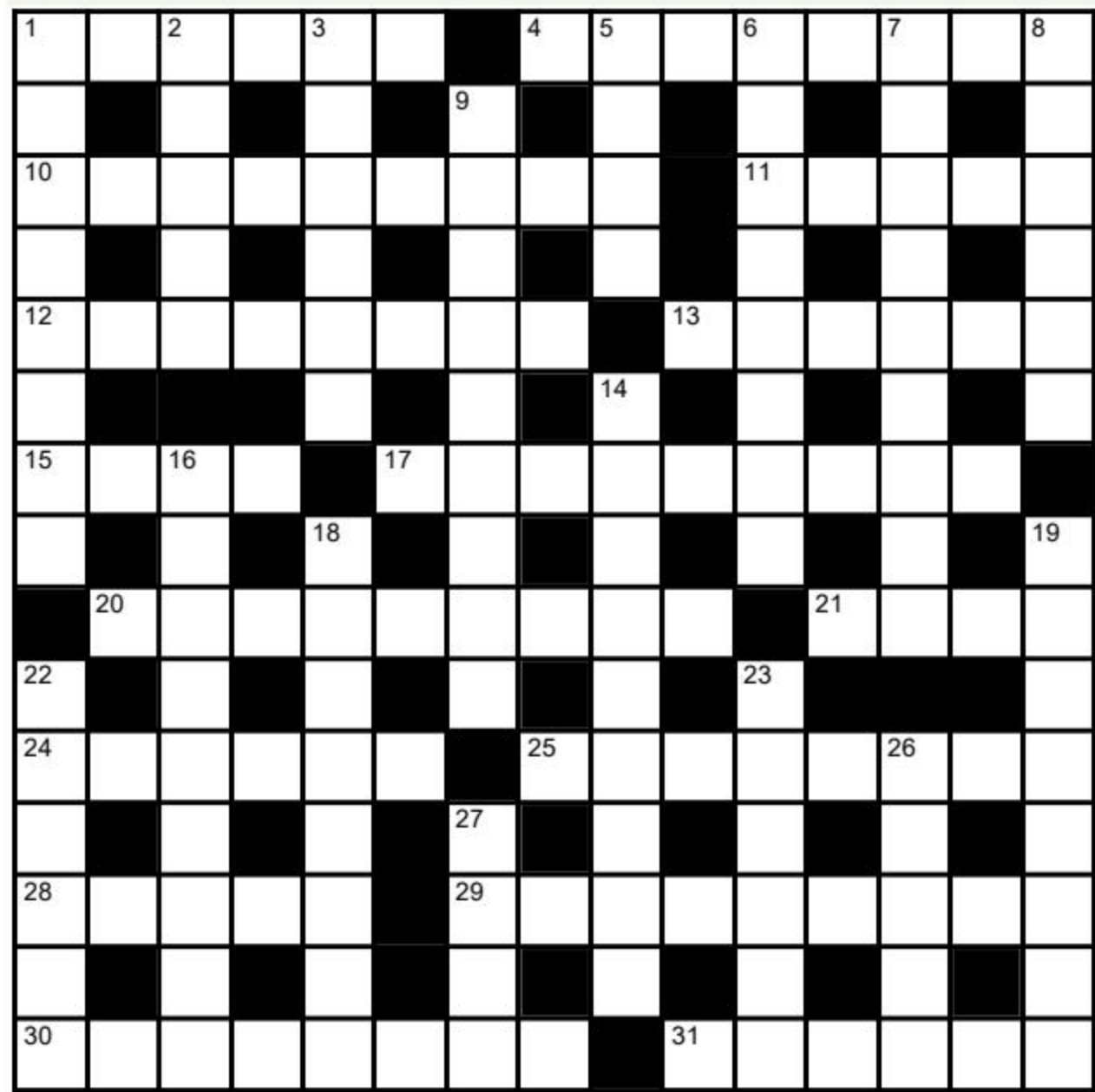
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Time in the nude? Right for moneyless exchange (6)
- 4 Expressed grief for crew dealt badly about (8)
- 10 Tars in. In tent actually, and possibly dry (9)
- 11 Recall the first woman who embraced approval (5)
- 12 Hands over what you did for the too-tricky quiz question (6,2)
- 13 Construct a first Christmas tree roughly (6)
- 15 Look past oddly and severs limbs (4)
- 17 Handled business idiot - a hot-head . . . (5,4)
- 20 . . . because it's sure you will find out (9)
- 21 Need egg? (4)
- 24 Shocked at holding gas - including hydrogen (6)
- 25 Stradivarius loved every rhythmic beginners claiming 'It's a breeze for a fiddler.' . . . (8)
- 28 . . . while a bit of tinkering in the brass section could be swell (5)
- 29 Villain gives up champagne - taunt and tense (3,2,4)
- 30 Kept aside to be almost taciturn (8)
- 31 Throws up before the tennis games (6)

**DOWN**

- 1 Long and lean to be a reversal of Scott's aim (4,4)
- 2 Are you audibly finding short ways to spot fungi on plants? (5)
- 3 Left fizzing when it's cold no more (6)
- 5 Is her voice enhanced by including some nasal tones? (4)
- 6 Look at Archer's arms covering right facial hair (8)
- 7 It followed a toot! Freak out! (4,5)
- 8 Seen as the flower of Aberdeen and the sea off Monaco (6)
- 9 Made mother go and chose to be attentive (7,2)
- 14 A couple of novices and I blow up but it's OK (3,2,4)
- 16 Fencing staples that could be mail receptors (4,5)
- 18 Do fellows take an oath to sport such apparel? (8)
- 19 Unafraid to expect the worst but not as much (8)
- 22 Locksmith? (6)
- 23 Reportedly how the troops should march. On foot! (6)
- 26 Permission to shoot the breeze? (5)
- 27 It's observed correctly for the audience (4)

**BOOK REVIEW**



by Katie Lavers

**Careless People: A story of where I used to work**

by Sarah Wynn-Williams



In *Careless People*, Sarah Wynn-Williams offers a riveting, non-fiction glimpse into her seven-year career at Facebook, a narrative that has been shrouded in intrigue due to legal skirmishes. Just before its release, Facebook's legal team invoked a gag clause from her employment contract, barring her from promoting the book – unsurprisingly, this move has sent book sales through the roof, running out of copies overnight in the UK.

Wynn-Williams' tale begins with an extraordinary personal history – a near-fatal shark attack that happened here in Golden Bay, in Tukurua in 1993 – that becomes a metaphor for her combative and resilient journey at Facebook. This event is woven into the fabric of her story, setting the stage for a life marked by both literal and metaphorical survival.

The book delves into her experiences as a Facebook international diplomat, from daring missions to Myanmar to confront the junta, to navigating the complex and often terrifying corridors of power at Facebook. Sheryl Sandberg is portrayed with contempt, likened to a modern-day Marie Antoinette, out of touch with reality, as she seemingly contradicts her own "Lean In" ethos. Wynn-Williams recounts many instances of the company's discouragement of familial aspirations, including being sent to the World Economic Forum in Davos while nearly due to give birth.

Mark Zuckerberg emerges as a complex character, initially indifferent to politics before morphing into a figure with presidential ambitions, yet seemingly unwilling to acknowledge the societal repercussions of his platform. His leadership inspirations, Stonewall Jackson and Augustus, hint at a fascination with power, yet he remains detached from

accountability.

Finally, Josh Kaplan, Zuckerberg's right-hand man, is depicted as a morally dubious figure in white cowboy boots, entrenched in political machinations and misconduct. His character adds a layer of intrigue and darkness, illustrating the tangled web of politics and power that Wynn-Williams navigated.

As each chapter unfolds, the list of the Meta's misdemeanours grows more concerning: political collusion in Ireland regarding tax evasion, Instagram advertising campaigns targeting vulnerable teens with weight-loss promotions and encouraging advertisers to set their own word-based algorithms. There are also allegations of collaboration with the Trump team during the 2016 election using individualised algorithms and dark ads, political unrest in Myanmar and its resultant genocide, and the development of a version of Facebook for the Communist Party of China, which includes surveillance options like facial recognition data collection from users' photos.

Up close and personal, *Careless People* is not just a memoir but a compelling exposé of the internal workings and personalities that shape one of the world's most influential companies. Wynn-Williams' storytelling is incisive and daring, making this a must-read, not only for anyone curious about the unseen dynamics of Silicon Valley giants, but also the shift in the role of social media from being a vehicle of information and connection, to its hand in influencing global events and politics beyond what we have seen in the news.

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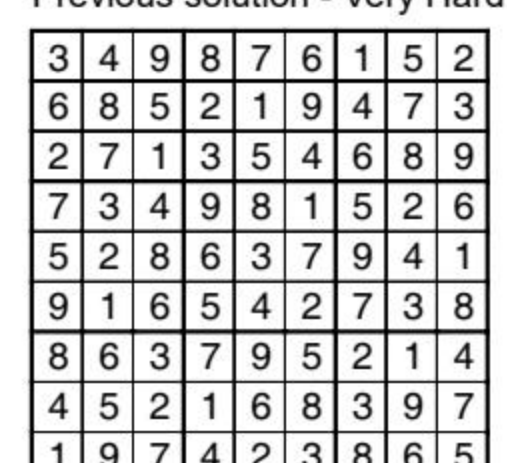
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# Real life stories from writer's block

RONNIE SHORT

Golden Bay-bred author and *GB Weekly* writer Rebecca Hayter launched her new book, *High Heels and Gumboots*, on 5 April at Puramahoi hall: the perfect venue as the book is set over seven years in the Patons Rock community.

Described as "the hilarious, heartwarming and brutal reality" of running a lifestyle block, the book includes life in a rural community, its stoushes with local government, and resilience in challenges such as Cyclone Gita and covid.

But it is also a personal story.

"When you come back to the place you grew up after a long time away, you are going to have to confront some hard truths," Rebecca says. Unexpectedly, *High Heels and Gumboots* became a tribute to her mother, Dr Tamsin Hayter, GP in Golden Bay for over 40 years.

*What was your purpose in writing the book?*

As a yachting journalist, I've always loved writing about experiences in which I'm learning, because it can be helpful for someone else. HarperCollins saw my column *High Heels and Gumboots* in *North & South* magazine, and asked if I would write a book about it. When a major publisher calls, you say yes.

*What do you hope readers will take away from your story?*

*High Heels and Gumboots* covers a lot of ground. Anyone who's considering a mid-life enlightenment will identify with it, and maybe gain some motivation to explore something they've always wanted to do.

*What was the toughest challenge you faced at your property, Oceanspirit?*

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*Four of your books have been about sailing, but High Heels and Gumboots is a land-based experience. How did that affect your writing perspective?*

In my sailing books, I've always written about someone who's an expert sailor, so I'm quiet in the story and on my best behaviour, albeit still using my sailing knowledge.

In Golden Bay, I had minimal knowledge in running a lifestyle block, but *High Heels and Gumboots* is an autobiography, so I can be myself – not on my best behaviour, but blissed out at



Rebecca Hayter signed copies of her latest book, *High Heels and Gumboots*, at her book launch held in the Puramahoi hall recently. Photo: Ronnie Short.

the sheer beauty of the area, bumbling about making stupid mistakes, fearful, triumphant, so it's a very personal story.

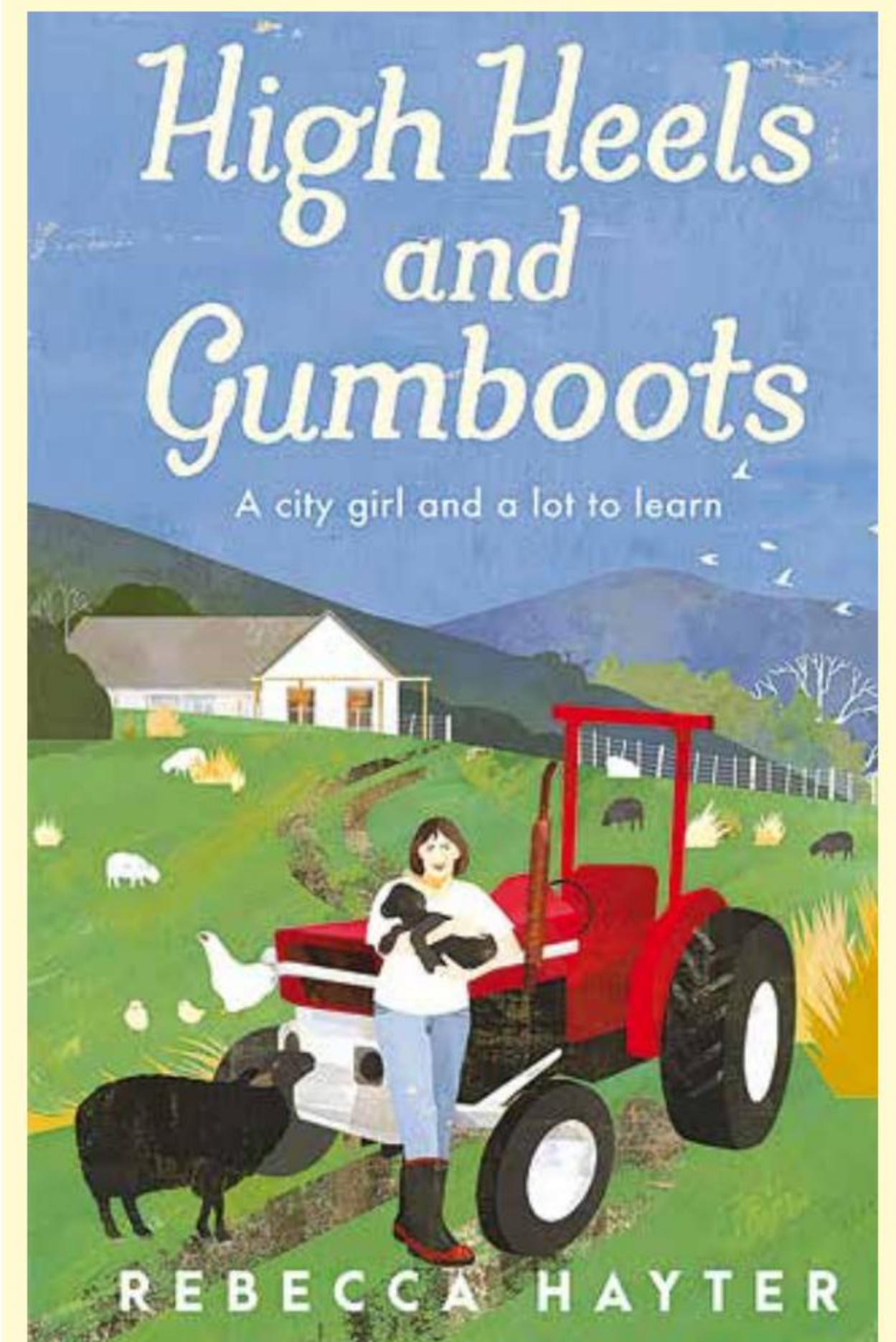
*What is one piece of advice you would share with aspiring lifestyleers?*

If you're up for a challenge, do it. There's an idyllic dream of lifestyle blocks, maybe it's primal in a way: to grow fruit and vegetables, be surrounded by native wildlife and live in a rural community. But even if you plan down to the last detail – which I didn't – it will still surprise you, so be open to change.

*High Heels and Gumboots*, \$39.99, is available from [www.rebeccahayter.co.nz](http://www.rebeccahayter.co.nz), Living Arts Gallery and PaperPlus Tākaka.

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Thursday 24 April	<b>TODAY</b> Thursday 17 April 12pm
Friday 2 May	Tuesday 29 April 12pm Normal deadline returns

Email us: admin@gbweekly.co.nz

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**Cast & Crew Needed**

For Takaka Drama Society's Production of **Avenue Q**

Filled with gut-busting humour and a delightfully catchy score, not to mention puppets, this is a truly unique musical show that addresses humorous adult issues where puppets are friends, Monsters are good and life lessons are learned.

**Auditions: Sun 27th April 2pm @ The Playhouse, Park Ave**

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Perusal scripts: Anita 027 263 9220

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3 1 2 1517

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Open Home: Saturday : 1pm - 1.30pm

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**WINDOW** cleaning, www.goldenbaypropertyservices.co.nz, ph 027 690 0769.

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## CHURCH SERVICES

**SACRED** Heart Catholic faith community Easter timetable: Good Friday, 18 April, service 3pm; Easter Sunday, 20 April, Mass 5pm. No service 26-27 April.

**St Andrews Presbyterian Church** extends a warm welcome to join us Easter Sunday at 10am for a time of worship and fellowship, with Rev Rhys Pearson.

### Maundy Thursday:

A Watchnight service will be held 17 April at 7pm with Rev Rhys Pearson. We extend a warm welcome to all who would like to join with us for worship and fellowship.

### Golden Bay Anglican Parish Easter Services:

**Good Friday April 18th:** 12noon at Epiphany, Takaka.

**Easter Saturday April 19th:**

7pm – Worship and Word in the chapel, Takaka.

**Easter Sunday April 20th:**

- **Sunrise Service** at Parapara, 6.45am – on the beach at Parapara (we are joining with Kahurangi Christian Church for this service).
- **Worship Service**, 10am at Epiphany, Takaka.
- **Worship Service**, 4.45pm at St Cuthbert's, Collingwood.

## Kahurangi Christian Church

### Easter @ Kahurangi Christian Church

#### Good Friday

- 10am: Carrying The Cross event by Takaka Church of Christ. Contact Peter Fersterer, 028 418 0170
- 11am: Easter Bun Morning Tea @ Takaka Anglican Hall
- 12 noon: Join Takaka Anglican service

#### Saturday

- 7pm: Joining @ Takaka Anglican for Worship and The Word

#### Easter Sunday

- 6.45am: Easter Morning Sunrise Gathering @ Parapara Beach, 76 Bishop Road. Contact Robin/Lauren Swafford, 022 604 9678
- 10am/4:45pm: join Takaka and Collingwood Anglican services



Sunday services 10am  
Monthly worship service-4th Sunday @ 7pm  
**ALL WELCOME**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS / Mea pakiri haere

### THURSDAY 17 APRIL

**GB WEEKLY** deadline today at 12pm for the 24 April issue.

### SUNDAY 20 APRIL

**BADMINTON, REC PARK CENTRE**, 6.45-8.45pm. All welcome. Ph Kerry 027 525 7007.

**DISC GOLF:** 2-4pm, Park Ave. All levels welcome, disc hire \$2.

### TUESDAY 22 APRIL

**DISC GOLF:** 4.30pm to 6-ish, Park Ave. All levels welcome, disc hire \$2.

### WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL

**ONEKAKA PLAYGROUP**, all welcome, Wednesdays 10am-12.30pm, Onekaka Hall.

### THURSDAY 24 APRIL

**"LIFE AFTER WINDOWS 10"**, a SeniorNet workshop looking at your options when Microsoft stops supporting W10 in October. St John Rooms at the Rec Centre, 10am. All welcome. Non-members, a gold coin please.

**DAYTIME BADMINTON**, Rec Park Centre, 9-11am. All welcome. Ph Kerry 027 525 7007.

**THE GB WEEKLY** will be delivered today.

### FRIDAY 25 APRIL

**ANZAC DAY DAWN AND CIVIC SERVICES** will be held at Takaka and Collingwood. See TDC advert on page 15 for details.

### LATER EVENTS

**MOHUA MENZSHED** fund raising car boot sale at Park Avenue Shed grounds, Sunday 4 May 9am to 1pm. Please pre-book site by email to [funding@mohuamenzshed.nz](mailto:funding@mohuamenzshed.nz), no vehicles can sell from Park Avenue. Sausage sizzle and hot coffee. Further details and rules at <https://mohuamenzshed.nz/car-boot-sales/>

## UPCOMING EVENTS / Mea pakiri haere



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### Balfolk Golden Bay presents:

#### Explore the Balfolk Buzz!

**Sun 20<sup>th</sup> April @ Senior Citizens Hall, Takaka**

3-5 pm: Workshop on a range of dances  
6.30pm-9.30pm: Live Balfolk music & dance

#### Learn more at these dance workshops:

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> 4-5.30 pm @ Senior Citizens Hall

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> 5-6.30 pm @ Senior Citizens Hall

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> 3.30-5.30 pm @ SLC, Takaka

#### Balfolk Bal - from Frenzy to Flow!

**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> April @ Kotinga Hall**

3-5 pm: Workshop - Learn dances for the Bal  
6.30-9.30 pm: Balfolk Bal, live music & dance

Led by Kate Grace of Balfolk Aotearoa/NZ

Live music by Hullabalou

Each session: Koha, all welcome!

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## The Mussel Inn Coming Up...

- Thu 17th** ACID ON THE MICROPHONE/LIVE POETS with special guest NICK FEINT. 7pm, \$5 koha.
- Sat 19th** THE RIWAKA HIGHROLLERS. \$15 door.
- Wed 23rd** AURUM TRIO - flute cello harp. \$30 tickets at eventfinda, \$35 door.
- Thu 24th** QUIZ NIGHT, 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Sat 26th** GOLDEN BAY BLUEGRASS. \$10 door.
- MAY**
- Sat 3rd** MUNDI (world music) + MANDENG EMPIRE (African drumming). \$20 door.
- Sun 4th** JACKIE CLARKE GOES PRIMA DIVA (AOTNZ). \$25 tickets at eventfinda, \$30 door.
- Thu 8th** QUIZ NIGHT, 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Sat 17th** SASSAFRAS - Bluegrass from Nth Carolina.
- Thu 22nd** QUIZ NIGHT, 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Sat 24th** THE EARLY BOBS - Celebrating Bob Dylan's birthday.

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## Services and Parades Friday 25 April 2025

- Richmond**  
Parade - 10.45 am from Sundial Square.  
Service - 11.00 am at War Memorial Gardens, Cambridge Street.
- Brightwater**  
Service - 9.00 am at ANZAC Memorial Gates, Brightwater Domain, Lord Rutherford Road.
- Wakefield**  
Service - 10.00 am at the Wakefield Cenotaph, Whitby Way (Wakefield Village Hall if wet).
- Motueka**  
Parade - 6.15 am from Motueka Bowling Club carpark, Pah Street, followed by breakfast at Motueka RSA.
- Murchison**  
Poppy Laying Ceremony - 6.30 am at the Murchison Cemetery. Service - 11.00 am at the Murchison War Memorial, followed by morning tea at the Bowling Club.
- Māpua**  
Parade - 10.45 am by the tennis courts.  
Service - 11.00 am at Māpua RSA Memorial Library.
- Upper Moutere**  
Service - 10.00 am at the Memorial.
- Riwaka**  
Service - 9.00 am at the Memorial Gates, intersection of School Road and SH60.
- Tākaka**  
Dawn Service - 6.30 am at the Tākaka Memorial Reserve, Commercial Street. Parade - 8.45 am, leaves from outside Golden Bay Pharmacy. Civic Service - 9.00 am service at the Tākaka Memorial Reserve, Commercial Street.
- Ngātīmoti**  
Laying of Wreath and Service - 10.30 am at St James Church, Waiwhero Road.
- Tapawera**  
Service - 9.00 am at the Tapawera Memorial Hall, Main Road.
- Tasman**  
Service - 10.00 am at the Memorial.
- Collingwood**  
Dawn Service - 6.30 am at the Cenotaph. Civic Service - 11.30 am at the Collingwood Memorial Hall.
- Lake Rotoiti**  
Flag Ceremony - 10.30 am at the Lake Rotoiti Community Hall.



**THE NBS VILLAGE THEATRE**

**THURSDAY 17TH APRIL**  
4:00 Dog Man (G)  
7:30 Black Bag (M)

**GOOD FRIDAY: THEATRE CLOSED**

**SATURDAY 19TH**  
2:00 The King of Kings (PG)  
7:30 White Bird: A Wonder Story (PG) Final

**SUNDAY 20TH**  
4:00 Hard Truths (M)  
7:30 Black Bag (M) Final

**WEDNESDAY 23RD**  
5:30 Dog Man (G) Final

## RESULTS

**GOLF: 1 April.** Hidden Partners: M Solly & M Dobbie 69. Closest to pin: 9/18 M Dobbie.

**5 April.** Strokeplay round 2 (Nett): G Ryan 70, R Heuvel 71, G Allen 72. Closest to pin: 3/12 M Dixon, 4/13 W Collie, 8/17 M Dixon, 9/18 N Gardiner. Twos: W Collie, C Hadler (2), W Rothwell, W Dobbie, R Dyce. Happy wanderer: W Hancock. Best gross: W Collie.

**9 April.** Stableford: M Shannon 35, C Reynish 34, L Thorn 33. Closest to pin: 3/12 R Tait, 4/13 A Bradnock, 8/17 C Hadler. Best gross: C Hadler. **12 April.** Hay Cup round 2 (Nett): R Dyce 71, B Topine 72, N Barnes 74. Closest to pin: 3/12 W Rothwell, 4/13 L Thorn, 8/17 W Collie, 9/18 B Topine. Twos: D Hampton. Happy wanderer: S Ransley. Best gross: W Collie 78.

**BRIDGE: 9 April.** Pōhara Pairs Session 1. N/S: D Sarll/L Field 58%; Phantom/C Jackson 50%; A Telford/B Burdett 48%. E/W: P Panzeri/J Harper 59.50%; C Webster/J Hannan 52.50%; L Scurr/A Bradnock 47.50%. H/cap: N/S: D Sarll/L Field 59.05%; G Hope/P Wood 51.47%; Phantom/C Jackson 49.34%. E/W: P Panzeri/J Harper 58.34%; C Webster/J Hannan 55.71%; J Wedderburn/G Allen 49.82%.

**ROOTS GIGS**

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THURSDAY NIGHTS 8PM

FRIDAY ARVOS  
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RANDOM VINYL - ROOTS OUTBACK  
WEATHER DEPENDANT

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## GOLDEN BAY WEATHER FORECAST

Valid from Thursday 17 until Tuesday 22 April

- Thursday:** Southeasterlies, strong in western areas and freshening at times elsewhere. Scattered rain becoming more persistent and locally heavy at times at night.
- Friday:** Easterlies prevailing. Rain, locally heavy at first, may become scattered in the afternoon
- Saturday:** Fresh easterlies tending northeast. Rain, occasionally heavy with isolated thunder possible. Conditions easing somewhat later.
- Sunday:** Northeasterlies, fresh in coastal areas. Rain becoming more persistent and locally heavy at times.
- Monday:** Northerlies easing during the morning. Light or moderate rain persisting through the day.
- Tuesday:** Southwesterlies gradually prevailing. A few showers and increasing fine breaks.

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**GOLDEN BAY TIDE WATCH - TARAKOHE**

	Saturday Apr 19	Sunday Apr 20	Monday Apr 21	Tuesday Apr 22	Wednesday Apr 23	Thursday Apr 24	Friday Apr 25
H	1:06am	1:48am	2:44am	4:01am	5:28am	6:38am	7:33am
L	7:07am	7:59am	9:12am	10:39am	11:52am	12:21am	1:22am
H	1:33pm	2:28pm	3:36pm	4:52pm	6:05pm	7:09pm	8:04pm
L	7:42pm	8:34pm	9:41pm	11:04pm	12:17pm	12:50pm	1:41pm

**SUN AND MOON**

	Saturday Apr 19	Sunday Apr 20	Monday Apr 21	Tuesday Apr 22	Wednesday Apr 23	Thursday Apr 24	Friday Apr 25
Sun	R 7:02 am S 5:52 pm	R 7:03 am S 5:51 pm	R 7:04 am S 5:50 pm	R 7:05 am S 5:48 pm	R 7:06 am S 5:47 pm	R 7:07 am S 5:45 pm	R 7:08 am S 5:44 pm
Moon	R 9:33 pm S 12:55 pm	R 10:38 pm S 1:41 pm	R 11:47 pm S 2:20 pm	S 2:52 pm	R 12:59 am S 3:20 pm	R 2:13 am S 3:45 pm	R 3:28 am S 4:09 pm

**BILL HOHEPA'S MAORI FISHING GUIDE**

	Saturday Apr 19	Sunday Apr 20	Monday Apr 21	Tuesday Apr 22	Wednesday Apr 23	Thursday Apr 24	Friday Apr 25
Fair	Best at 4:46 am 5:13 pm	Best at 5:40 am 6:07 pm	Best at 6:33 am 7:00 pm	Best at 7:25 am 7:51 pm	Best at 8:16 am 8:41 pm	Best at 9:05 am 9:30 pm	Best at 9:54 am 10:19 pm



**New Listing**



**\$625,000 + gst if any**

**96A Commercial Street, TĀKAKA** 894sqm

**A VERY SIMPLE INVESTMENT...**  
Located in the commercial hub of Golden Bay is this super easy self-access storage facility. With 12 containers & 11 units, all accessed individually, this is a very hands-off investment. If you are looking for a simple investment or perhaps aren't keen on a rental property, this could be for you. Call me for further information.

**Viewing by appointment**

**James Mackay**  
027 359 0892



**New Listing**



**Deadline 24/04/25 1pm (usp)**

**21 Carlyle Street, CLIFTON**

**A RARE OPPORTUNITY IN CLIFTON!**  
This 4-hectare Clifton lifestyle property, available for the first time in 50 years, features a 1982-built 4-bedroom home with sea views. The fertile land offers options for farming or grazing, while the large garage, sheep yards, & old woolshed add charm & functionality. With Pōhara nearby, this rare prime property is a must-see & won't last long.

**James Mackay**  
027 359 0892

4 | 1 | 4 | 4.0468ha  
Viewings by Appointment

**HAPPY EASTER**



Ready to hop into your new home?  
Swing by our open homes this Sunday

**Open Home**



**\$950,000**

**35 Tōtara Avenue, COLLINGWOOD**

**FABULOUS SEAFRONT BACH**  
This stunning seafront property, nestled in the tōtara forest, offers expansive views from Puponga to Farewell Spit. Enjoy breathtaking sunrises & sunsets from the large deck. The renovated front dwelling features a bespoke kitchen, oak floors, & a sea-view bedroom. A 35 sqm Min Hall treehouse behind the bach offers a bunkroom & a spacious bathroom. Call me to view.

**Belinda J Barnes**  
021 236 2840

3+ | 2 | 1 | 868sqm  
Open Sun, 20th | 10:30-11:30am

**Open Home**



**\$774,000**

**50 Pōhara Valley Road, PŌHARA**

**CHARMING RETREAT IN PŌHARA VALLEY**  
This renovated home in sought-after Pōhara Valley is just a short walk to the beach, local cafes, & shops. The sunny kitchen retains its original charm. With open plan living/dining, plus two sunny decks. Set on a spacious section, the garden offers plenty of room for a boat or caravan. Call for more information.

**Belinda J Barnes**  
021 236 2840

2 | 1 | 1 | 1370sqm  
Open Sun, 20th | 12:30-1:00pm

**Open Home**



**\$685,000**

**12 Sunbelt Crescent, TĀKAKA**

**SUNBELT CHARM**  
Located in a quiet cul-de-sac, this sunny home plus separate studio is just a short walk to Tākaka township. Featuring open-plan living, heat pump, renovated bathroom, & a fully fenced section with a garage & storeroom. Don't miss this opportunity with lots of potential. Call now or come to the open home.

**Belinda J Barnes**  
021 236 2840

3 | 1 | 1+ | 636sqm  
Open Sun, 20th | 1:30-2:00pm

**Open Home**



**Asking \$675,000**

**61 Motupipi Street, TĀKAKA**

**WHY WAIT? THIS HOME IS READY!**  
Be prepared to fall in love with this charming home, blending character with modern upgrades. The well-appointed kitchen, light-filled living areas, & seamless indoor-outdoor flow with covered deck make it perfect for entertaining. Enjoy year-round warmth with a wood fire, heat pump & heat transfer system. Ready for immediate possession. Come to my open home.

**Belinda J Barnes**  
021 236 2840

3 | 1 | 2 | 911sqm  
Open Sun, 20th | 2:30-3:00pm

**Open Home**



**\$899,000**

**28 Bay Vista Drive, PŌHARA**

**FULLY LOADED + SEAVIEWS!**  
This newly built & furnished 2019 home boasts sea views & seamless indoor-outdoor flow, featuring a generous kwila deck perfect for gatherings & peaceful mornings. Inside, enjoy an open-plan living space with a cosy fireplace. Get in touch today.

**Jana McConnon** 021 245 2197  
**Paul McConnon** 027 504 2872

3 | 2 | 770sqm  
Open Sun, 20th | 2:00-2:30pm

**Open Home**



**Asking \$779,000**

**64 Abel Tasman Dr, TĀKAKA**

**SPACIOUS RETREAT NEAR TOWN**  
This charming semi-Lockwood home offers a welcoming atmosphere with three bedrooms, a spacious lounge, and a sunny west-facing deck perfect for enjoying the outdoors. The detached sleepout, double garage and two carports provide plenty of space for all your needs. A viewing is a must to truly appreciate all that's on offer—contact us today to make this your new home!

**Jana McConnon** 021 245 2197  
**Paul McConnon** 027 504 2872

3 | 1 | 2 | 1220sqm  
Open Sun, 20th | 1:00-1:30pm

**Asking \$745,000**



**2 Clifton Road, CLIFTON**

**CHARMING CLIFTON VILLA**  
This beautiful 4-bedroom villa blends timeless elegance with modern comfort. Featuring high ceilings, spacious rooms, a wraparound veranda, an open-plan kitchen, dining and living area. It is a private oasis in lush surroundings. Call for a viewing.

**Jana McConnon** 021 245 2197  
**Paul McConnon** 027 504 2872

4 | 1 | 1 | 1318sqm  
Viewings by appointment

**Open Home**



**Offers Over \$1,090,000**

**92 Packard Road, MOTUPIPI**

**LIVE THE GOLDEN BAY DREAM**  
Set in beautiful Motupipi, this property offers room to grow, play & thrive. With a spacious family home, lush gardens, & space for animals, it's perfect for the whole family. The home is designed for all your needs, with a workshop, garden sheds, & more. Enjoy rural living at its best! Come along on Sunday.

**Jana McConnon** 021 245 2197  
**Paul McConnon** 027 504 2872

4 | 2 | 3 | 3054sqm  
Open Sun, 20th | 12:00-12:30pm



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