



Football's friendly battle



Golden Bay Mountain Goats' Kiyo Ejima scores the first goal in the home side's semi-final victory over Tahuna last Saturday. Photo: Jo Richards.

JO RICHARDS

The region's "football family" gathered at Tākaka's Rec Park last Saturday for the annual friendly Battle for the Bay tournament.

This year's event was sponsored by Scott Construction and BayStays Property Management, with generous support from many other local businesses. For the past four years the laid-back tournament has also had a serious side – raising funds to tackle mental health issues through sales of Hope is My Homeboy "apparel with a purpose", and a message to "check on your homies".

The festival of football got underway at 9am when the first three matches kicked off simultaneously on the park's pitches. During a full day of action, the 12 competing teams played a series of 40-minute round-robin fixtures in one of three pools, followed by penalty shoot-outs and semi-finals before finishing with the cup and plate finals.

All squads were of mixed gender – about the only rule being that, at any one time, each team of 11 had to have a minimum of three males and three females on the pitch. The rules weren't too prescriptive about the strips however, and local side Stranger Danger

took full advantage of this by fielding a few players sporting hi-viz tutus. Speaking just before taking on Tākaka Rugby Football Club, Stranger Danger coach Stacey Strange said they weren't really in to win. "We didn't come with high expectations – it's about fun."

The match between two non-footballing squads was played entirely in that spirit, and turned out to be one of the most entertaining, with six goals scored in 40 minutes of end-to-end action and the tie eventually being settled with a penalty shoot-out. To their credit, the rugby players managed the change of mindset required to kick the round ball under the crossbar and thus achieve the narrowest of victories.

Meanwhile, on the lower pitch, Richmond was taking on Golden Bay's young Pumas. Sitting on the subs bench for the visitors was the HIMH's co-founder Rutu King-Stubbs who got the charity involved with the tournament in 2023. "It's really good – it's grown organically and the community is really rolling with it."

Rutu explained that she and her partner Jono King-Stubbs have been very busy since the start of the year, running workshops at sports clubs and workplaces which, she said,

focus on "real life, practical" solutions. "I like to talk about the basics such as diet, sleep and exercise – and the positive effect these can have on mental health."

As the afternoon turned to early evening, the lower placings were decided by penalty shoot-outs before the tournament reached its climax with the cup and plate finals.

Golden Bay Men's 1st XI the Mountain Goats faced Major Masters in the cup final and it was soon clear that the younger, fresher legs of the home side were too much for the visitors, who lost 5-0. On the adjacent pitch, there was another resounding win in the plate play-off with Richmond beating the Flamingos 4-0.

After the final whistles had blown, players, coaches and supporters gathered on the turf for the trophy presentation followed by the raffle draw.

Reflecting on the event, president of Golden Bay Association Football Club Chris Thurston said he was "stoked" with this year's event and reckoned it had raised more than \$5,000 which will be shared equally between Hope Is My Homeboy and GB AFC.

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Surviving sepsis

JO RICHARDS

"Could it be sepsis?"

Asking this simple question may well be a matter of life and death, according to the CEO of Sepsis Trust NZ.

"Sepsis is a medical emergency but can be treated successfully with antibiotics if diagnosed quickly," says Ally Hossain. "For every hour that you delay treatment the risk of death increases by eight per cent, so we talk a lot about the golden hour and why it's so critical to get seen and start treatment as quickly as possible."

Ally visited Golden Bay Community Health (GBCH) recently to discuss diagnosis and treatment of sepsis with medical staff and afterwards spoke to *The GB Weekly* about the importance of raising public awareness around the life-threatening condition.

Its low profile confounds global figures which reveal that sepsis causes more deaths than cancer, killing 11m people, including 4.2m children, each year. Local statistics, however, are limited.

"In Australia and New Zealand we know that 15,000 people end up in ICU [Intensive Care Unit] from sepsis but, in terms of fatalities, we need data," says Ally.

Statistics, although informative, cannot describe the suffering experienced by patients, families and clinicians. And it's such personal proximity to the condition that brought Ally to her role with the trust after her active and healthy eight-year-old son developed sepsis which was initially diagnosed as appendicitis. Despite waiting almost 12 hours before treatment began, her son survived and 18 months later is "doing really well".

Ally says the diagnosis was delayed because there was no obvious infection – no scratches, cuts or bites – and stresses the importance of questioning whether it could be sepsis, even if subsequent tests come up negative.

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Surviving sepsis: a simple question

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"It's much easier to rule it out early on than be forced to try to de-escalate something that's already a freight train."

For Golden Bay, the good news is that GBCH is geared up to provide 24/7 rapid response to cases of sepsis using well-defined diagnostic and treatment pathways. Initial point-of-care blood tests can be carried out and results produced within minutes. Treatment will then commence with broad spectrum antibiotics administered intravenously while blood samples are sent to Nelson for rapid blood culture analysis. Depending on the results, specific antibiotics will be used to target the infection without the patient having to leave the Bay.

"It's amazing how they can treat it very successfully here," says Ally. "But it does rely on the public presenting early enough. I think we by nature we're all quite stoic and we try to sort of stick it out at home but sometimes that's not the right thing to do."

Not only does early intervention save lives, prevent long-term injury and avoid trauma, but it also makes huge financial sense. "Imagine someone coming here, getting IV antibiotics and then going home versus being helicoptered to hospital, being in ICU for six weeks potentially with amputation and being on ACC for the rest of their lives," says Ally. "We're talking millions."

The signs of sepsis

- Rapid breathing or heart rate
- Fever or shivering
- Not passing urine
- Confusion, slurred speech or disorientation
- Muscle pain
- Discoloured skin

Specific to children (in addition to above):

- Seizures, fits or persistent vomiting
- Sleepy, hard to wake or unusually restless
- Pale, blue or blotchy skin/rash

Surviving sepsis – key messages

- Learn to recognise symptoms
- Treat as an emergency – call 111 or go directly to GBCH
- Ask clinician, "Could it be sepsis?"

For more information, go to: www.sepsis.org.nz



CEO of Sepsis Trust NZ Ally Hossain. Photo: Jo Richards.

The circus that is not a circus



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Roll up, roll up, for The Circus* of Lord Azure the Miraculous!

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Join (pictured above, from left) Scott Sumby, Trish Sullivan and Jennifer Currie (writer/director), fresh from their tour of Wellington, Nelson and Dunedin Fringe festivals, for a comedic whodunnit in a (little) big top.

Friday 27 and Saturday 28 March. Two shows per night, 5.15pm and 7.15pm, East Tākaka Hall. Tickets \$20 cash only, from Paper Scissors Rock Gallery, Commercial Street. General admission.

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*Not actually a circus.

A singer and an ex-cricketer



Elizabeth Braggins and John Wright rehearse. Photo: Submitted.

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After successful concerts in the recent past with Suzanne Lynch and Graham Wardrop, and solo, Elizabeth Braggins now teams up with John Wright for a show filled with humour, warmth and foot-tapping tunes.

Elizabeth Braggins is a singer and piano player. She performs around the South Island or is working from home recording, writing and arranging music.

John Wright is a former international cricketer and coach. He became the first New Zealander to score over 5000 test match runs and was the Indian Cricket team's first foreign coach. John is still involved on a part-time basis with cricket working for the Mumbai Indians in IPL.

John says: "Hotels and travel have been a fact of life. My guitar has been my constant companion and I am still figuring out how to play it. A long time ago, stumped again by *Sultans of Swing* in a hotel room somewhere, I decided I would start writing my own songs. So here we are with the help of Liz who has taken pity on me!"

Liz and John will be at the Mussel Inn on Wednesday 1 April at 7.30pm. \$20 on the door.

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Tata sculpture to honour early iwi



Tata Beach resident David Jerram with plans regarding the beautification of the boat ramp area and the creation of a sculpture at the beach to commemorate the indigenous history of the area. Photo: Anita Peters.

ANITA PETERS

Tata Beach has an important history in Mohua Golden Bay, with over 800 years of human activity, mostly by Māori. In 1642, Dutch explorer Abel Tasman sited a large village of Ngāti Tūmatakōkiri in occupation, with subsequent settlement over centuries by other tribal groups.

Tata resident and architect David Jerram, together with his extended family, has proposed the creation of a sculpture at the beach to commemorate the indigenous history of Tata. Having met with Manawhenua ki Mohua to discuss and obtain approval in principle, David is heartened by their positive response to the concept and their initiating of a subcommittee.

"This can't be a pākehā interpretation," he says.

At one meeting of Tata property owners to present the idea there was widespread support. At that meeting David made the point that a couple of kilometres down the road there was sculpture to Abel Tasman who never set foot here.

"Yet there's nothing here at Tata to acknowledge this part of our history."

The objectives of those in favour are strongly based on recognising and respecting this unique history and to inform current and future occupiers and visitors of the importance of the location. The inclusion of a sculpture, they say, would honour this heritage and invite a greater identity to the place.

In addition, they consider the beachfront area near the boat ramp is unattractive, with too few parks and inadequate seating.

The first concept David presented included developing, enhancing and beautifying the area by replacing the four carparks at the frontage with four picnic tables, landscaping the strip with paving and shade trees and replacing the signage scattered across the ramp frontage with a signboard. There has been some resistance to "losing" the carparks (often filled with campers allegedly using the convenience of nearby trees instead of the public toilet block nearby.) The plans however suggest repositioning those carparks more appropriately.

It was proposed that the sculpture should be located where it has high visibility and a connection to the sea within a landscaped garden setting, containing three seats to represent the three iwi of the area. A QR code would link back to an oral history written by Manawhenua ki Mohua, rather than a sign that would deteriorate over time.

A nationwide RFP (Request for Proposal) would be put out to invite specifically emerging Māori artists connected to Mohua to respond by submitting their credentials. An artist for the sculpture would be chosen through a competitive process in consultation with Manawhenua. The cost of creating a sculpture, and of building and resource consents would be managed through private fundraising. On completion, responsibility and ownership of the sculpture would be handed over to Tasman District Council, who say they will meantime continue consultations with Tata residents. The plans will be presented to the next Community Board meeting for public feedback.

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The paper before Easter will be delivered a day early, on **Thursday 2 April.**

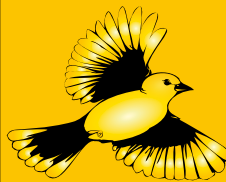
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The pandering of "Western" governments to the vanity and bullying of those two?
The Iranian retaliation to the unprovoked and continuing attack on their country?
An oil crisis? Nah.
A humanitarian crisis? Yes.
Beth McCarthy

Iran regime change
Just because Iran is not "the West" does its population deserve to be ruled by a repressive regime? Where was the outrage when the Muslim rulers were killing tens of thousands of their own people for daring to protest? When women were beaten and tortured for not wearing their headscarves properly? The majority of Iranian people would welcome regime change, and many have lost their faith in Islam. They want the help from outside to get the freedom they so desperately seek.
Lisa Condell

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Learning to love Bridge



"As a smaller club we all play together, which creates a friendly, supportive environment where newcomers can pick things up naturally," says Golden Bay Bridge Club member Rhoda McDonald. "But we don't take ourselves too seriously at all." Photo: Supplied.

ANITA PETERS

Bridge is a sociable classic card game played by millions worldwide, combining logic, teamwork and strategy; it keeps minds active while having fun and meeting new people.

To help grow their numbers beyond the 50 or so current members, the Golden Bay Bridge Club is offering lessons designed specifically for newcomers. Neither experience nor partner are required; learners will be guided step by step in a relaxed and supportive setting. Anyone looking for a new mentally stimulating, social and enjoyable hobby, is encouraged to give Bridge a try. Many players say they wish they had started sooner.

"People think it's like playing 500 but it's not; it's quite complex," says club member Rhoda McDonald. "It was always on my own bucket list a few years ago and now I'm addicted to it, I love it. It's fun, good company and you have lots of laughs." Lessons take 12 weeks to get to a certain stage before players can join the actual club.

"Because everyone plays together, new players quickly get the chance to learn from more experienced ones. Larger city clubs often have separate beginner sessions where learners play only with each other for a year or two, but as a smaller club we all play together, which creates a friendly, supportive environment where newcomers can pick things up naturally. But we don't take ourselves too seriously at all."

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RURAL VIEWS Merv Solly



Merv Solly spoke to the GB Friendship Group recently. File photo.

JOYCE WYLLIE

Merv Solly began his recent speech to the Golden Bay Friendship Group by saying: "It is an absolute honour to be named in the Hall of Fame and recognised by peers."

Merv has been involved in transport, civil construction, quarrying and farming for over 60 years, was inducted into the Road Transport Hall of Fame in 2016, and awarded Officer of the NZ Order of Merit, (for services to the Transport Industry and Business) in the 2025 New Year Honours.

Born in Collingwood in 1947, Merv began driving when he was 16. His grandfather was in transport, handling freight from scows in Collingwood, and his father was a truck and machinery operator. In the 1980s Sollys sold the trucks and went into contracting. Merv and brother, Brian, went to the Golden Bay Transport clearing sale, surprising their dad by buying a truck. That one initial set of wheels has now grown to 150 trucks today as the small rural transport operation has expanded to a national business with 180 staff. Initially based beside their home in Rockville, in the house where Merv grew up, head office is now in Tākaka with depots in Richmond, Blenheim, Christchurch, and Greymouth.

In 1990, Sollys provided 120,000 tonnes of rock from Golden Bay to Seaview, Wellington. Dumpers on a barge tipped the rock into the water and a marina was built. A seven-metre wide cycle track from Wellington to Petone has been the latest mission. Created by building a series of islands – a "new habitat for fish" Merv says, the \$400 million budgeted cost blew out significantly, with penguins dying on the motorway adding to the challenge.

Closer to home was the drama created in 2018 when the Tākaka Hill was washed out. When Merv flew over and realised the extent of the damage, he organised a barge and re-shaped the beach at Tarakohe to form a ramp. He joked that "the first

Merv Solly summed up his career by saying: "there have been good days and bad days but never a boring day"



load carted three pallets of toilet paper, two pallets of wine and some groceries". Milk tankers were able to come in and when fuel supplies were running low in the Bay a delivery came in during the night. Merv already had experience in marine shipping as he owned Sea Tow Ltd, and delivered fuel to the Chatham Islands so their company was able to support Golden Bay over that crisis.

Merv touched on the increasing problems transporters face. With no cattle killing facilities in Nelson now, it takes two days and a ferry trip to get one load of stock to the works. It used to be two loads in one day. Meat companies pay for transport and the expectations "can be pretty disheartening" compared to the reality. Merv explained that collecting one unit load of stock took a driver 10 hours to pick up from 10 farms, due to being unable to get a trailer to nine of the yards. Not able to make a viable deal, Merv says "I resigned from that company this morning". Frustrations with NZTA rules were also outlined with compliance costs continually increasing. Restrictions on gravel extractions from rivers is another challenge to getting things done, he said.

After purchasing Golden Bay Dolomite in 2007, Merv found his "absolute passion". At 60 years old he started studying minerals, soil testing and creating biological fertiliser mixes for farms, vineyards and orchards across NZ. When he faced level 4 cancer, he used this knowledge to support his own health.

He is passionate about his consultancy on increasing soil health, productivity and nutrition as well as his own Fernbrae Farms and being a "Sunday farmer".

In February 2028 Sollys company will be 100 years old and Merv will be 80, so "there will be a last party" and he aims to do less in transport.

He summed up his career by saying, "there have been good days and bad days but never a boring day".

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Strong role models take the helm

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Te Waka Kura o Mohua (Golden Bay High School) is in good stead to sail on a positive course this year, with strong role models at the helm. Head students, Malika Gall and Liam Egan, share the same focus and commitment to building good relationships among the student crew.

One of their responsibilities will be running school assemblies, but meantime they have worked with assigning roles to members of the student executive. Each will head a committee as follows: Teru Green (sports), Nathanael Tait (school ball and events), Millie Fellowes (environment), Jenna Hunt (arts and culture), Gita Ishwara (ambassador). Malika explained Gita's role is a new one, engaging with primary schools and helping students transition into high school.

"When I was thinking about being in the head student role I definitely wanted to do more unity across the school ages, like doing more things together, helping participation to be better," said Malika.

"Trying to build the school culture up," added Liam, who shared that prior to lockdown it was easy for younger students to talk with those in Years 12 and 13. Since then the connection hasn't been the same. "I remember back in Year 7 it felt different compared with after Covid. It was a year-and-a-bit, everything was all scaled back, we didn't have the same amount of events."

"We also just didn't really see people," added Malika.

Malika became inspired to be a head girl after listening to Hazel Molloy's speech at an ANZAC service two years ago. Liam was in Year 8 when he looked up to house captain Manu Bourgeois, who later became a head student.

Both Liam and Malika are mentors in the Big Brother Big Sister programme, which they took up last year. Every senior student who volunteers to mentor a "little" has to commit for a two-year period during Years 12 and 13.

Once weekly, they meet with their "little" (a Year 7-8 student), to build a relationship. Both Malika and Liam say they "start with a Milo". Liam says he and his "little" play cards, board games, or kick a ball around. "But it's more about hanging out, spending time talking... that carries on outside of the session too."

"Just being their friend really," added Malika, who usually



GBHS head students Malika Gall and Liam Egan. Photo: Ronnie Short.

undertakes arts and crafts activities with her student. "We do baking as well, once a term, it's always fun. She often brings a game she wants to play, or she'll ask me questions or anything she's worried about, sometimes she'll tell me."

Although Liam and Malika are just embarking on the head student journey, with their positive intentions and openly friendly approach, they will surely attain their goals.

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"Stories are at the heart of everything, and our dazzling 2026 collection features nine mesmerising films; each as dynamic and diverse as you could hope for, and all ready to spin your wheels! Audiences will be transported from backyard adventures in New Zealand to the breathtaking landscapes of Norway, to the lush forests of the Canadian west coast, and we'll crown things off on the slopes of the punishing Mont Ventoux, in southern France," says Brett.

A highlight of this year's programme is the world premiere of *Queen of the Mountain* which is set in the stunning surrounds of Queenstown. This documentary follows Annie Ford, an adventure activist, as she attempts to break the 24-hour Guinness World Record in downhill mountain biking – all to raise funds for reforesting the foothills in the Queenstown basin.



"The power of storytelling is at the forefront of what we offer, and the belief that the humble bicycle can help improve our health and inspire people with where it can take them. As I've said, nothing begins without a story, so it's a real privilege connecting communities with stories that captivate us, that uplift us, and most importantly of all- inspire us to get out and ride" says Brett.

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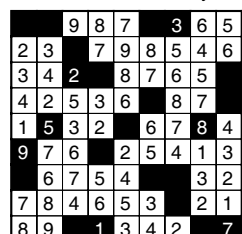
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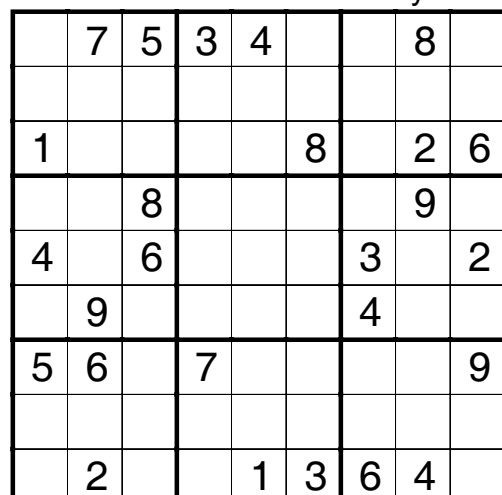


How to beat Str8ts – Like Sudoku, no single number can repeat in any row or column. But... rows and columns are divided by black squares into **compartments**. These need to be filled in with numbers that complete a 'straight'. A **straight** is a set of numbers with no gaps but can be in any order, eg [4,2,3,5]. Clues in black cells remove that number as an option in that row and column, and are not part of any straight. Glance at the solution to see how 'straights' are formed.

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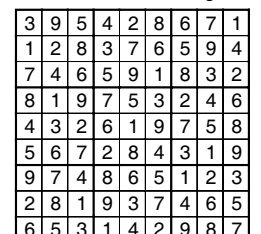
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Previous solution - Tough



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Football's friendly battle: The Battle for the Bay



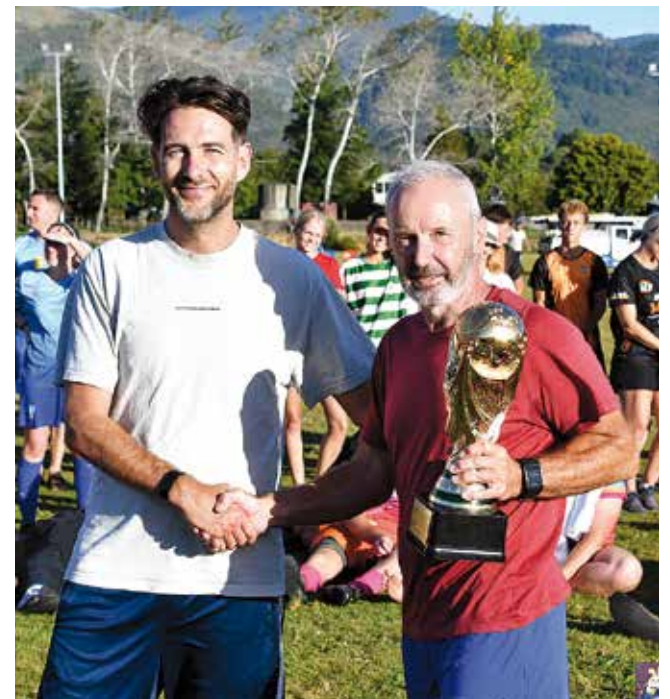
Players, coaches and supporters at last Saturday's Battle for the Bay gather on the turf at the Rec Park before the prizegiving and raffle draw. Photos: Jo Richards.



Takaka Rugby's Anthony Tait stretches in an attempt to save a penalty in the shoot-out with Stranger Danger.



GB Puma Saxon Bowden unleashes a fierce shot in the match against Richmond AFC.



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6 March. Pairs Session 3: S Zindel/B Howard 68.75%; E Bradshaw/C Monaghan 59.38%; P Jayne/C Mead 46.88%. H/Cap: S Zindel/B Howard 71.23%; E Bradshaw/C Monaghan 56.44%; P Jayne/C Mead 50.31%.
11 March. Bainham Pairs Session 3: E Bradshaw/C Jackson 70%; B Burdett/J Edmondson 58.75%; D Sarll/A Foreman 51.25%. H/cap: E Bradshaw/C Jackson 67.85%; B Burdett/J Edmondson 55.47%; D Sarll/A Foreman 51.39%.
13 March. Friday Champs Pairs Session 1: C Mead/J Wedderburn 62%; D McDonald/C

Jackson 57%; C Monaghan/D Perreau 50%. H/cap: C Mead/J Wedderburn 65.13%; D McDonald/C Jackson 53.93%; C Monaghan/D Perreau 52.96%.
GOLF
3 March. 18 Hole Ladies. 1st Woods (Stableford): Carol Gilbert 31. Closest to pin: 3/12 Carol Gilbert.
4 March. Stableford: P Solly 37, D Win 36, W Rothwell 36. Closest to pin: 4/13 C Hadler, 8/17 W Rothwell, 9/18 D Win. Best gross: D Win 80.
7 March. 9 Hidden Holes: R Young 20, M Shannon 17, C Hadler 16. Closest to pin: 3/12 C Perrett, 4/13 M Dixon, 8/17 R Dyce, 9/18 R Young. Best gross: C Hadler.
8 March. 9 Hole Ladies. Stableford: Fiona McCabe 23. Gross: Fiona McCabe 48. Nett: Fiona McCabe 32. Closest to pin: 3 Kathy Harris, 9 Gill Stephens.

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SUNDAY 22 MARCH

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TUESDAY 24 MARCH

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WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH

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THURSDAY 26 MARCH

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LATER EVENTS

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MICHAEL MORRIS & THE SONIC BOOM - LIVE
- ALBUM RELEASE TOUR -
70S ROCK X 90S GRUNGE!
PRE SALES UTR: \$10 | \$20 GATE

SATURDAY 11TH APRIL
ANIMAL WELFARE FUNDRAISER
-1 commercial street, takaka-

THE NBS VILLAGE THEATRE

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

4:00 One Ocean Film Tour: Volume 5 (E)

8:00 The Bride! (R16) Once Only

SATURDAY 21ST

4:00 The Testament of Ann Lee (M) **Final**

8:00 Sirat (M) (subtitles) **Final**

SUNDAY 22ND

4:00 Project Hail Mary (M)

8:00 One Ocean Film Tour: Volume 5 (E) **Final**

THE MUSSEL INN

The Mussel Inn
Coming Up...

Fri 20th **TIKI TAANE SOLD OUT.**
Gate sales weather dependent - and it's looking good!

Sun 22nd **JUGGLING WORKSHOP** - Introduction to juggling 1-5pm adults plus children 10 yrs +. \$20 tickets. \$25 door.

Wed 25th **PRIMA FACIE** - an unforgettable story and one-woman tour de force that has the power to question the structure of the legal system. Tickets @ undertheradar.

Thu 26th **QUIZ** - 7.30pm. All welcome.

Sat 28th **MARCHFEST** - Founders Park, Nelson. We'll be there! Tickets @ ticketfairy.com

Sun 24th May: Bob Dylan's 85th birthday celebration. 85 Bob song open mic. From 2pm. Get practicing!

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EASTER DEADLINE CHANGES
See page 3 for details

GOLDEN BAY WEATHER FORECAST
Valid from Friday 20 until Tuesday 24 March

Friday: Northeast winds developing. Cloud increasing with showers developing about the ranges with a few showers elsewhere during the afternoon.

Saturday: Easterlies about Farewell, variable winds elsewhere. Some showers about the ranges otherwise fine and cloudy periods.

Sunday: Light winds at first but sea breezes from late morning. A few cloudy periods otherwise fine and mild.

Monday: Southeasterlies developing about Farewell. Afternoon sea breezes elsewhere. Fine & cloudy intervals.

Tuesday: Light winds with afternoon sea breezes. Mainly fine and warm for a time.

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GOLDEN BAY TIDE WATCH - TARAKOHE

Saturday Mar 21	Sunday Mar 22	Monday Mar 23	Tuesday Mar 24	Wednesday Mar 25	Thursday Mar 26	Friday Mar 27
H 12:05am 12:14pm L 6:07am 6:23pm	H 12:42am 12:53pm L 6:44am 7:03pm	H 1:20am 1:36pm L 7:24am 7:46pm	H 2:01am 2:24pm L 8:08am 8:32pm	H 2:46am 3:21pm L 9:03am 9:25pm	H 3:44am 4:30pm L 10:17am 10:33pm	H 5:10am 5:53pm L 11:54am
TIDE TIMES						
SUN AND MOON						
Sun R 7:31 am S 7:39 pm Moon R 9:44 am S 8:23 pm	Sun R 7:32 am S 7:37 pm Moon R 11:01 am S 8:54 pm	Sun R 7:33 am S 7:35 pm Moon R 12:20 pm S 9:33 pm	Sun R 7:34 am S 7:34 pm Moon R 1:37 pm S 10:23 pm	Sun R 7:35 am S 7:32 pm Moon R 2:46 pm S 11:23 pm	Sun R 7:36 am S 7:30 pm Moon R 3:45 pm	Sun R 7:37 am S 7:29 pm Moon R 4:31 pm S 12:32 pm
BILL HOHEPA'S MAORI FISHING GUIDE						
Bad Best at 2:44 am 3:09 pm	Bad Best at 3:35 am 4:03 pm	Bad Best at 4:31 am 5:01 pm	Bad Best at 5:31 am 6:02 pm	Good Best at 6:33 am 7:05 pm	Good Best at 7:36 am 8:07 pm	Good Best at 8:37 am 9:06 pm



Deadline
Reminder



Deadline Sale 25/03/2026
at 12pm (nsp)

246 East Tākaka Road, EAST TĀKAKA

3 1 1 3450sqm

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Paul McConnon
027 504 2872



New Listing



Fixed Price \$1,249,000

53 Nyhane Drive, LIGAR BAY

3 2 2801sqm

GRAND LIGAR BAY LIFESTYLE

This 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom home has been built to take in the amazing views of Ligar Bay, close enough to walk or tow the kayak to the Beach but far enough away to have privacy and space. A section of this size is a rare find, with generous established

garden offering plenty of space and possibilities. Call me for a time to view - no open homes will be held.

Viewings by appointment

James Mackay
027 359 0892



Asking \$289,000



30 Arapeta Place, ROTOTAI

BUILD YOUR FAMILY HOME

Tucked away in a peaceful, family-friendly neighbourhood, this sunny freehold section is the perfect place to build your forever home. Enjoy mountain views, a quiet setting, and a safe bike path connecting to local schools. With mains services ready to connect, just add your dream home. Call Paul for the covenants.

Paul McConnon
027 504 2872

Asking \$890,000



31 Kohikiko Place, PŌHARA

BACH OR RESIDENCE...

Enjoy relaxed living with seamless indoor-outdoor flow and a spacious north-facing deck perfect for entertaining. A handy sleepout adds flexibility, while the landscaped, fully fenced section offers peace of mind. Stroll to Pōhara's beach, cafés, and golf course, with Tarakohe Harbour just minutes away for boating adventures. Call today for a viewing.

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New Price

\$739,000



1D Dodson Road, TĀKAKA

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

Discover modern comfort and natural tranquility in this beautifully presented home near local amenities. Enjoy double glazing, air conditioning, and a wood-burner for year-round comfort. Step into your own private food forest with fruit, nuts, and berries. Don't miss out — contact Paul today to view.

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027 504 2872

3 2 2 1298sqm
Viewings by appointment

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\$1,020,000 or near offer



28 Nyhane Drive, LIGAR BAY

Home or Holiday...

The choice is yours! This lovely home has been built to take full advantage of the lovely sea views. A double garage provides plenty of parking, and the low-maintenance grounds make this property easy to own. With Ligar Bay Beach just a short walk away, there is a lot to like here! Give me a call to view.

James Mackay
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4 2 2 740sqm
Viewings by appointment

\$675,000



9A Rototai Road, TĀKAKA

GOLDEN BAY GEM - URGENT SALE

Close to town and schools, this spacious family home offers generous indoor and outdoor living. A sunny separate lounge, modern extension, and ample storage add comfort. Enjoy off-street parking with a high-stud garage, plus a fully fenced garden featuring fruit trees and raised veggie beds. Call today for a viewing.

Belinda J Barnes
021 236 2840

4 2 1 926sqm
Viewings by appointment

\$880,000



136 One Spec Road, TĀKAKA

SPACIOUS FAMILY HOME

Just minutes from the heart of Tākaka, this inviting family home combines rural tranquillity with modern comfort. Enjoy open-plan living, beautiful gardens, and a sunny poolside deck perfect for entertaining. Offering space, serenity, and lifestyle. Don't miss your chance —book a viewing today!

Belinda J Barnes
021 236 2840

4 1 2 3000sqm
Viewings by appointment

New Price

\$749,000



13/43 Meihana Street, TĀKAKA

COMMUNAL LIVING AT ITS BEST

This modern home in the Tākaka co-housing community is ideally located near schools and Tākaka Township with beaches close by. Designed for easy living, it offers contemporary comforts, light-filled open-plan spaces flowing to outdoor decking, and the benefits of a vibrant community. Contact Belinda for more information.

Belinda J Barnes
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3 2 103sqm
Viewings by appointment

\$460,000



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