



Visitor Centre to close



After four decades of welcoming travellers, Golden Bay Visitor Centre is closing its doors for good next month. Photo: Jo Richards.

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For 41 years the holidaymaker's gateway to the Bay has been handing out information and advice, and booking accommodation and experiences for visitors. But the relentless drift from offline face-to-face interaction to online digital transaction has sounded the death knell for local tourism's one-stop shop.

"The books no longer balance," explains Cheryl Elsey, chair of Golden Bay Promotion Association (GBPA), the organisation that owns the building and runs the centre. "It was built because people came into the Bay and booked when they got here; now 95 per cent of people who come have pre-booked online."

That change has led to a dramatic decline in commission while at the same time, operational costs have increased significantly. Although GBPA has tried to mitigate the financial squeeze, it has now "run out of road", says Cheryl. "We've tweaked everything we can tweak and used up all our reserves, but we still

have an annual shortfall of \$80,000."

Alternative funding avenues have proved to be dead-ends. "We tried to get a targeted rate like Motueka has," explains Cheryl. "It was \$3.31 per household, which would have generated the income we needed, however, sadly the community rejected it."

GBPA's situation is far from unique. "We're not alone; other visitor centres have closed – it's happening all over the country," says Cheryl, who sees the closures as a symptom of a wider issue. "Tourism NZ is aware that the model they have is not sustainable but don't know how to fix it."

The fallout from the closure of Golden Bay's visitor centre includes redundancy for the five "highly knowledgeable" part-time staff, the loss of personal service and physical presence, as well as uncertainty over Kiwibank's future in the Bay. Cheryl says the bank is keen to stay and "ideally the person who takes over the building will also take on Kiwibank". However, other services, such as the issuing of backcountry passes for DOC huts, will definitely be lost. "People will have to do it online or in Nelson,"

says Cheryl.

Despite soaring online bookings, Cheryl says demand for personal assistance remains strong. "In January, February and March we see on average 7500 visitors who come in for in-person help. We also see a lot of people who don't have mobile phones or computers and need help."

In the wake of the Visitor Centre's demise, Cheryl points to a positive legacy. "Golden Bay Promotions sees that the work we've done over 40 years has created a successful destination, and the fact that people book before they come here is a testament to our success." That work will continue, she says: "We'll still produce our map, the rack cards and will look to improve and enhance our website."

Cheryl calls for more locals to support GBPA's continuing efforts. "We see the map as an opportunity for all businesses in the Bay to come together... Everyone is part of the tourism equation in our small community."

In the meantime, the future of the GBPA and its Visitor Centre building will be discussed at a members-only AGM scheduled for Monday 9 June.

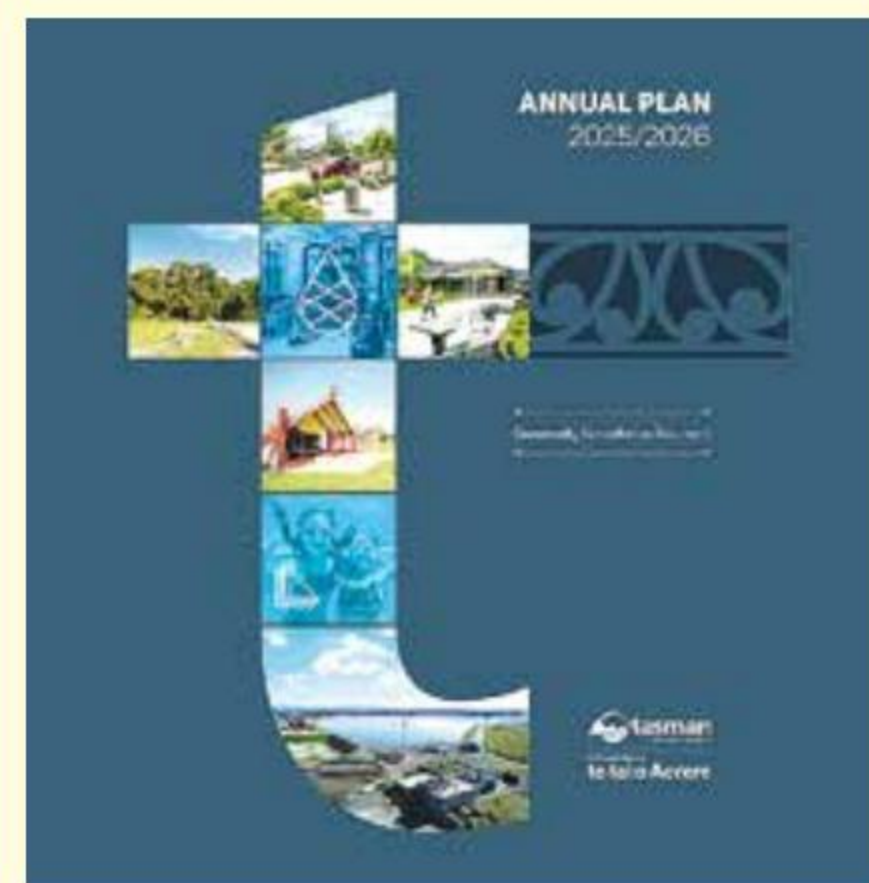
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Annual Plan feedback



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Tasman District Council is seeking feedback on its Annual Plan 2025-2026, which includes a significant rates hike.

During the public consultation period, which runs 12-25 May, the community is being asked for its views on the choices facing the council.

The plan's proposed rates revenue increase of 8.8% is higher than the 7% figure quoted for 2025/26 in TDC's 10-Year Plan 2024-2034 – a difference council attributes to anticipated increased expenditure across a wide range of costs including water management, interest rates, electricity, maintenance, and future renewal of assets.

But the rates increase could have been significantly higher, according to TDC, had elected members not implemented numerous initiatives such as reducing staff costs by \$1.4 million, making changes to capital budgets and cutting services as well as proposing a 10% increase in fees and charges, selling excess council property and paring back the use of external consultant costs.

The result of these changes has reduced the proposed rates hike to just under 9%, while net debt is forecast to be \$299m.

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School planting



Collingwood Area School students in front of some of the spaces that the school hopes to plant out. Photo: Supplied.

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In December 2023, Collingwood Area School (CAS) opened its brand new teaching and administration blocks. Two hard court areas were added during 2024. The remaining open spaces are in the process of being landscaped with donated time and materials from the local community. Students are currently planning how these spaces can best be utilised, and creating planting plans to reflect their ideas.

“We wish to make the most of the winter to get a wide range of plants in the ground, ready to establish and grow this coming spring,” says CAS teacher Jonny Hanlon. “Our kura is inviting individuals, whānau, community organisations and businesses, to consider donating plants, shrubs and trees, to bring our plans to fruition. We look forward to seeing these spaces grow and mature over the years.”

Jonny says the school would really appreciate donations of any of the following:

- Decorative grasses – tussocks, etc
- Small trees/shrubs – pittosporums, etc
- Fruit trees – pipfruit, feijoas, stonefruit
- Natives of all varieties
- Deciduous exotics for summer shade

“Thank you for your consideration in support of our planting project,” says Jonny. “It will be valued for generations to come.”

Anyone who would like to support the project is asked to contact the school office on ph 524 8125.

Golden Bay's periodontal pioneer

REBECCA HAYTER

The next time a dental hygienist treats your gums for active maintenance in preventing gum disease, consider thanking Angela Pack of Patons Rock. It is largely thanks to her efforts that New Zealand introduced training for hygienists in 1992 – and a new era in oral health. In March Angela became the second recipient to receive the ANZ Academy of Periodontists’ Order of Merit, the Don Haig Award, “for outstanding leadership, service and contribution to periodontology and the dental profession”. Angela describes a periodontist as a dentist who specialises in treating gum problems.

It all began with herrings. As a child growing up in England, Angela was fascinated by the sharp teeth of herrings which her mother filleted for dinner. At age five, Angela wanted to be a surgeon. Aged 12, after a week observing her uncle in his dental practice, she wanted to be a dentist. At 17, she was accepted into the Royal Dental Hospital. As she achieved higher qualifications, including honours in clinical dentistry from London University, she specialised in periodontology.

Angela says that if gum disease is treated successfully, (ensuring a healthy mouth), it enhances the health of the whole body. Treatment of gum disease combines meticulous oral hygiene by the patient while the dentist treats deeper problems.

“If you see blood when you clean your teeth,” Angela says, “that is a sign of gum disease which can be progressive, making gums recede, teeth become loose and drift apart, and bad breath occurs.” During a post-grad Internship in England, Angela saw extreme cases of gum disease, known as “trench mouth” in wartime. The odour from the patients’ mouths was so strong it could be smelled from a nearby room.

She says that gum disease, also called gingivitis or periodontitis, has far reaching health issues. It has been associated with heart disease, cognitive decline and increased risk of delivering a pre-term, low birth-weight baby if a woman has active gum disease while pregnant. Control of diabetes is also more difficult if gum disease is present.

Angela preferred hospital and academic dentistry to general practice. In 1972, she immigrated to New Zealand to teach at Otago University. However, she found few women were working in dentistry in New Zealand and there was no training for hygienists. In fact, the 1984 Dental Act prohibited it, even though New Zealand had pioneered school dental nurses more than 100 years before.

Angela campaigned to establish training for hygienists in New Zealand, but met considerable opposition, especially from older male dentists. Success came with revision to the Dental Act in 1989 and approval of the first hygienist curriculum, written by a committee chaired by Angela in 1992. When Otago’s dental faculty refused to adopt hygienist training, Angela persuaded Otago Polytechnic to teach a Dental Hygiene course, so that eventually treatment by hygienists would be widely available.

“Even if you have healthy gums, dentists recommend at least one hour of scaling and cleaning by a dentist or hygienist every year,” she says. In 1993, after promotion to associate professor, Angela was appointed head of the Department of Periodontology at Otago and fought to



Angela Pack receiving her award in Sydney in March 2025 with Dr Chris Waalkens, the past president who delivered the citation (left) and current ANZAP president Associate Professor Tino Mercado. Photo: Corporate Imagery.

achieve greater acceptance of women dentists. Throughout, Angela taught undergraduate and postgraduate students the latest periodontal techniques, conducted and published clinical research including experimental regeneration of bone destroyed by disease, and delivered continuing education courses, nationally and internationally.

In 2001 Angela was awarded the New Zealand Order of Merit as New Zealand’s senior woman researcher in dentistry. In 2005, she moved to Golden Bay and opened Nelson Periodontics in Nelson before retiring in December 2012.

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Healthcare services to get a boost

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Better access to urgent and after-hours healthcare is being prescribed for Golden Bay.

The planned improvement of local services is getting a boost from the Government's four-year, \$164 million nationwide programme designed to deliver faster, more accessible urgent care closer to home, especially for rural and remote communities.

"Strengthening urgent and after-hours care is central to our plan to ensure everyone can get the care they need, when they need it," says West Coast-Tasman MP Maureen Pugh, who has some news specifically for Golden Bay residents. "As part of this investment an extended after-hours service with new Sunday services has been identified for Golden Bay. This will add to the existing after-hours service and expand access to urgent care seven days a week."

But the changes won't happen overnight, says Maureen. "The new and improved services will be introduced over the next two years, alongside continued support for existing providers and targeted improvements to rural access."

General Manager Golden Bay Integrated Health Service Ruth Robson explains that a number of initiatives are already underway. "GBCH is one of six prototype sites that have been chosen to test some rural unplanned urgent care components as part of a proposed rural urgent care framework being led by Health NZ Te Whatu Ora."

The initiatives include: Enhanced access to medicines after-hours; point-of-care testing such as blood tests to help with assessment and diagnosis; equipment such as radiology and ultrasound – what can be done locally and what needs to be referred; collaboration with Ambulance services; and rural hospital sustainability

"That work has just started and is in the early days," says Ruth, adding: "Golden Bay Health services have been one of three sites which Nelson Bays Primary Health has already invested in point-of-care technologies. This early adoption is an evidence-based approach to effective rural health service delivery."

Regarding extended urgent care to rural communities, Ruth says, "We are pleased that resourcing is supporting communities for care closer to home which is accessible, timely and delivered by a skilled experience rural team. We



The entrance to Golden Bay Community Health. File photo.

look forward to working with the national teams on how this will be delivered.

"We are excited to be working with Te Whatu Ora on this rural urgent care work and that will occur through the prototype work."

Maureen is confident that the Government's programme will produce significant service improvements across the country. "This is a major step toward a healthcare system that works for everyone, ensuring all New Zealanders – including those on the West Coast and in Tasman – have access to timely, quality urgent care, no matter where they live."



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LETTERS

Footpaths are for pedestrians

I too am elderly and fear for my safety when walking into town.
If I get the timing wrong boys in school uniforms, going like the clappers, power past me on the footpath.
Luckily my hearing is good so I usually hear them coming up behind me, and take evasive action.
Schools should be proactive and remind their pupils footpaths are legally for pedestrians.

Lesley Haddon

Thank you for feeding the Food Bank

The autumn abundance has been so beneficial for the Food Bank and I wanted to thank all those people who had chosen to share their garden produce. Watching children from Golden Kids collecting a piece of fruit on the way home has been quite adorable and being able to give fresh nutritious produce to our community is a privilege.
So many of you help us feed the hungry and I can't name names for fear of leaving someone out, but it has all helped. It is incredible how you all support this community and for us, no donation is too big or small.
The situation we face as a country and a community is many whānau having increased costs and reduced incomes. This is also the quiet time of year for employment in the Bay and people's incomes drop, so please think of the Food Bank. In the previous 12 months, we have distributed 1251 parcels – a 14 per cent increase on the year before.
We have a basket at FreshChoice for donations, we are open between 9am and 3pm for dropping off donations, and just ask and we will share our account details if you wish to donate.
We're so grateful to you all for your support of the Food Bank, it really does take a village to meet community needs.
Ehara taku toa i te toa taki tahi, engari he toa takitini.
Our achievements are not ours alone but those of a community.
Mauri ora.
Premal Gauntlett and the Mohua Social Services team

Zatori rescue heli charity dinner

This was in fact our third Rescue Helicopter Charity Dinner held at Zatori, not the second as reported (*GBW*, 16/5). It is a massive task behind the scenes organising quality foods and also quality staff who all happily stepped up and worked for free. This dinner was a little different for me, as last year I became a "client" of the rescue helicopter and will be forever grateful for the speedy service and lifesaving trip direct to Christchurch Hospital. Huge gratitude to all, the heli service, friends and family who helped with my recovery and now awesome staff and locals pitching in to donate beautiful auction items to help keep this vital service going. So, I am very proud to say that over the three dinners we have raised just over \$35,000 for the rescue helicopter service.

Tracey Walker

A test of honesty

On Monday 12 May I was driving down Abel Tasman Drive towards Motupipi at 7.50am with a rising sun behind me. I noticed a sizeable roll of chicken mesh/wire on the side of the road and almost immediately after something hit the underside of my car. The noise was horrendous. I stopped and discovered chicken mesh wrapped around the drive shaft of my car and wiring that had been ripped off. I cut the mesh from the car and made my way to the mechanics.
The cost of repairing the damage to the underside of my car, caused by this negligent waste on the road, is nearly \$2,000.
Here is the test of honesty: If it was you who allowed the chicken wire to fall from an insecure load then please contact me so we can work out how you can compensate my loss. My mobile number is 027 648 4235.
To the readers of *The GB Weekly*, I commit to let you know within the next four weeks if anyone has owned up. What do you think are the chances of someone doing the right thing and contacting me? Let's hope honesty beats denial.
A big shout out to Mark and the team at Mobile Mechanical for getting me on the road. Also, last week my neighbour in Ligar Bay had a tyre destroyed by waste sheet steel on the road wrecking one of his tyres near the turn off to the council waste station. Message to all readers: Make sure your waste is tied down, wrapped and safe!

Mike Shannon, Ligar Bay

A plea for Palestine

From Reuters as reported on Radio NZ, Tuesday morning 20 May:
Israel intends to control the whole of Gaza;
Israel will allow aid into Gaza.
On 19 May, five trucks of food and other aid entered Gaza, even though UN aid officials said nine had been cleared for entry. Those officials estimate 500 trucks per day are needed.
Israel's Prime Minister Netanyahu, apparently to appease the far-right hardliners of his government, has said his "best friends" in the US Senate told him that scenes of hunger in

Gaza were draining Israel's support and bringing it close to a "red line, to a point where we may lose control".
Israel has already passed, a thousand-fold, over any red line in destroying lives, in structural damage, in respect for humanity.
Immediate cessation of hostility, reparation and withdrawal of Israel back to their own borders must happen.
Palestinians have the right to their own country.
Beth McCarthy

TDC Annual Plan Consultation period

Tasman District Council would like to offer some context around the time allowed for feedback regarding the Annual Plan public consultation period.
Staff were mindful of the community preference for a reduced rates increase in the Annual Plan.
An extensive business review worked closely with elected members to identify ways to reduce the size of the rates revenue increase.
This review work took substantial time and we felt it was important to focus on getting the potential rates revenue increase. This has meant the time available to consult on the proposed changes is compressed and there is insufficient time to have a hearing.
However, the council agreed that they still wanted to seek feedback from the community to inform their decision making on the Annual Plan in June.
To support the two-week consultation period, we prepared a consultation document that identifies and highlights the proposed changes to our operational programmes and budgets, to service and to the capital work programme.
We also carried out an online consultation session on 15 May at which the context and key changes were explained and verbal feedback from attendees received, as well as the Mayor and CEO also available to answer questions.
In addition, we have been contacting groups that we know may be interested or affected on one or more of the changes we are proposing to make.
Feedback is open until 25 May. The consultation document is available online at the TDC website and hard copy versions are available at the council's offices and libraries. Information and feedback opportunities can also be found on the council's Shape Tasman webpages.
Tim O'Connell, communications officer, TDC

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Celebrating Sign Language Week

ANITA PETERS

Every year we celebrate New Zealand Sign Language Week. The organisation Deaf Aotearoa supports and promotes NZ Sign Language (NZSL) so that members of the deaf community can access information and services, posters and videos needed to live independently. Unique to New Zealand, NZSL is an official language, one that combines hand shapes, facial expressions and body movements.

Local accountant Robert Hewison was born with hearing to parents who were both deaf. At age five he was discovered to have mild hearing loss but went through school not realising he was lip reading. By age 17 he was declared profoundly deaf and was fitted with hearing aids.

Robert identifies with the NZ sign language culture, integrating into normal life. Simple tips and signs are used, such as keeping the lights on, using eye contact, facing the deaf person and getting their attention before speaking.

"There are other people that either call themselves "hard of hearing" or they're deaf with a "little d", which is more medical," explains Robert. "They've got 'hearing loss'. They will hear, they can



Robert Hewison demonstrates alphabetical signs at his Tākaka library talk. Photo: Anita Peters.

lip read but they still identify themselves as 'hearing', and that's their link. Different people identify themselves in different ways."

Robert gave an enlightening talk at the Tākaka Memorial Library, instructing his audience in the alphabet, numerals and regularly used phrases, offering helpful communication tips.

"You might not know any signs. But it's about your motivation. Maybe the deaf person can lip read a little bit? Maybe they can write, or you can mime? But if you're doing your bit, the deaf person will see that. One thing I would say is: 'What is the topic?' If I had to lip read your sentence all the way to the end and then find out what you're talking about, then in my head I have to go all the way back over the sentence,

put all the words in place and then work out what you're asking me. But if you take the topic and put it at the start, then they understand what the topic is and it's easy to follow. For a normal conversation they can understand you as long as you state the subject first."

Online resources offer different courses. Deaf Aotearoa has posters and videos, which also now includes Te Reo. This is quite complicated, requiring knowledge of Māori culture and language in context with actions or things.

Robert's advice to people who can hear is: "If you could just learn a little bit, it makes the communication that much easier."

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JOYCE WYLLIE

The guest speaker at the Golden Bay Federated Farmers 2025 AGM was Mark Hooper, a member of Federated Farmers NZ (FFNZ) board. He began by thanking members of the local Federated Farmers executive for being an important part of the "ground upwards" organisation. Nationally, FFNZ values the "grass-roots farmers" who contribute views and feed into policy, rather than information always coming from the top down. Mark is a dairy farmer from Taranaki but explained that his position on FFNZ is "at large" rather than being attached to a particular group. The portfolios he holds responsibility for are broad and diverse; RMA reform, telecommunications, transport and roading, electricity, energy, crown land, buildings and farm structures. From his role he said he sees the big picture and reassured attendees that "FFNZ subscriptions give good value". The organisation, he explained, has shifted from being reactive to being more active and he considers that it has become a "modern advocacy organisation". As they work on policy they are now building relationships "across the house in government", listening to different ideologies and being ready for change after any election. FFNZ recently hosted members of the Green and Labour parties on a tour of various farms and Mark commented that they found many things in common. MPs were impressed with the positive stories, especially looking at biodiversity enhancement and seeing women succeeding.

Mark outlined the four pillars that FFNZ are focusing on. Firstly, to influence national policies going forward. Second is being involved in regional strategy and working on local government relationships. This is harder as there are so many councils and there is "a big stream of work". Agricultural advocacy is the priority. The third pillar is communications and marketing. As part of their relationship with *Farmer's Weekly*, FFNZ news now goes out to all rural delivery box-holders and

"Farming needs to be able to operate in a high trust environment, 98 per cent are doing a great job".



not just members. A new social media strategy is starting as "multichannel communication is important". Finally, is the more challenging membership strategy. With more multi-owner farms and amalgamations, the total number of farms in NZ is dropping. There is a need to get categories that work well for all sizes of operation without cost being a barrier. Membership is important, not just for the 75 per cent of total FFNZ revenue brought in by subscriptions, but also for the size of voice when advocating for farmers.

Briefly touching on some of the policies he is working on, Mark talked about Significant Natural Areas and FFNZ's non-regulatory approach to encourage and partner for biodiversity. He considers the future of farm plans could include existing plans and become "auditable, like tax is now, but we do not want another bureaucratic nightmare".

The issue of copper phone connection being cut off is one of Mark's concerns as more isolated people are often more vulnerable. He acknowledges that much of the copper wiring is over 100 years old but hopes that there can be "a similar roll-out of fibre so that it works for over 80 years as well".

National FFNZ president, Wayne Langford finished with a few encouraging words saying that "farming needs to be able to operate in a high trust environment, 98 per cent are doing a great job".

As far as the Golden Bay branch committee is concerned all positions remain the same. President: Sue Brown; secretary, Maree Edwards; admin, Daph Woods; dairy chair, Tyler Langford; meat and wool chair, Pax Leetch; sharemilkers chair, Mark Tubman; executive members: Ann Thompson and Wayne Langford.

Members were encouraged to attend the Primary Industry NZ conference coming up in Christchurch, and Collingwood Tavern were thanked for an excellent meal.

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Giving back power to the people

JO RICHARDS

The sun is now providing some Golden Bay Housing Trust (GBHT) tenants with electricity and cost savings, thanks to a recently-installed solar power system.

The initiative was a collaboration between property owners The Golden Bay Housing Trust – He Whare Noho ki Mohua – and three other community-based organisations.

Trust secretary Alli Gardener, on behalf of GBHT, expressed her gratitude to the project partners. “[We] would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Steve Keel from Electrical Revolution, through his community project ‘Give back to Golden Bay’, the Golden Bay Community Trust, and the Rural Service Centre Community Grants for their incredible support and generosity,” said Alli. “With their help, we have installed the very first solar panel and energy storage system on one of our trust homes in Rototai.”

Steve explained that his company is committed to sustainability and helping locals. “At Electrical Revolution, we are dedicated to revolutionising energy within the local community. Our projects are designed to make a lasting impact on energy efficiency and sustainability. Electrical Revolution



Solar panels generating power for a Rototai home. Photo: Supplied.

believes in serving the local community for the great good. Every year Electrical Revolution is dedicated to give back by supporting local projects and funding where we can.”

Alli sees the recent installation as a win-win. “This marks a significant step toward greater energy resilience, sustainability, and cost savings for our tenants.”

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Rural Women walk the world

JOYCE WYLLIE

International “Women Walk the World Day” comes around once a year. The aim is for women to get together and support each other in their own community, as well as remember and support women around the globe.

A small group of Golden Bay Rural Women members wandered around the block and along the beach in Collingwood as part of the event.

An added challenge was a “Treasure Hunt” to find items beginning with the letters in “Womenwalking”, discovering that objects beginning with “o” and “e” are surprisingly hard to find.

Morning tea was enjoyed at Collingwood Tavern with donations collected going to Rural Women’s head office. All NZ contributions will be sent to the Pacific Islands to help fund tanks for communities healthy water without women having to walk so far to collect it.



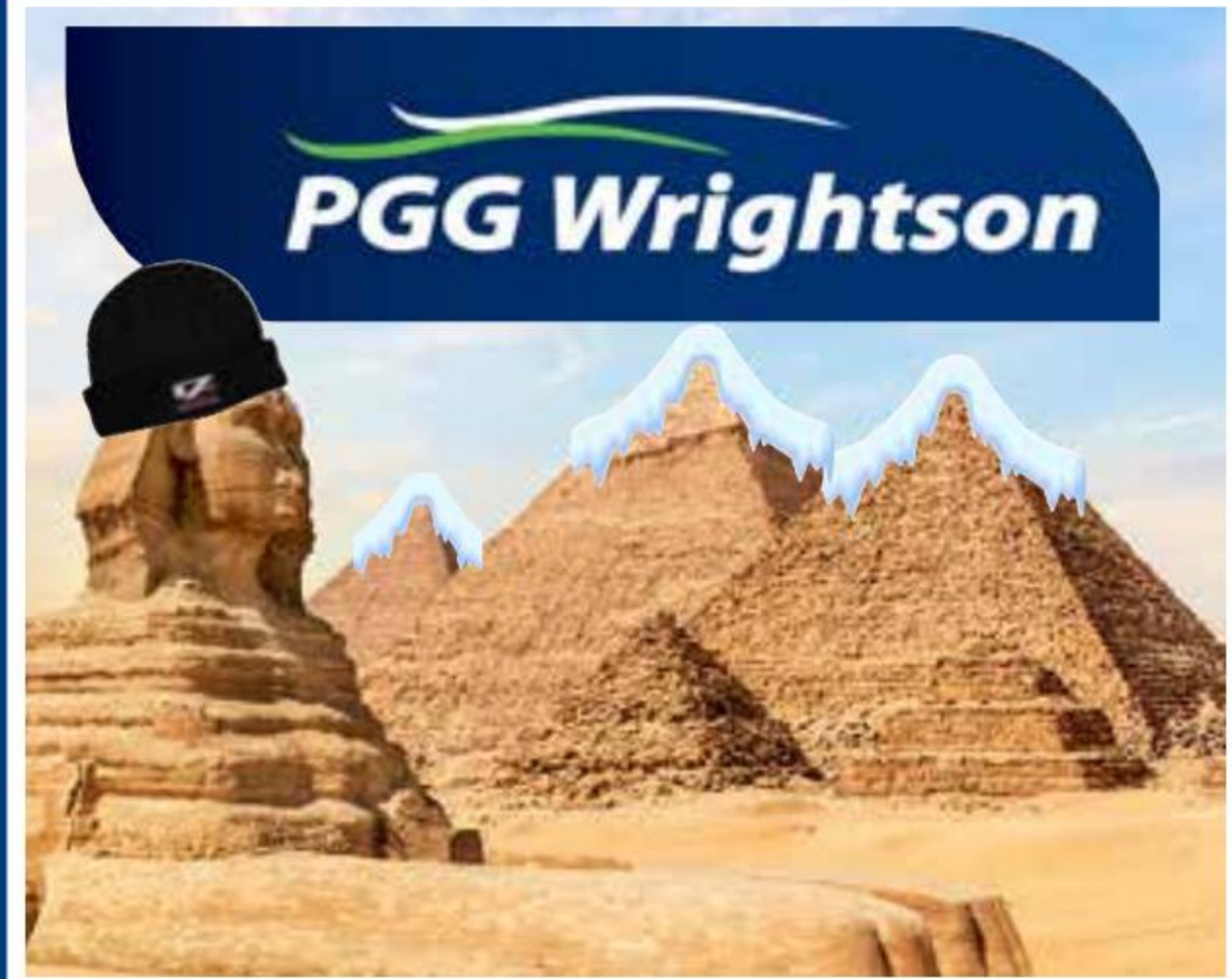
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NVDA training



Participants undergo a NVDA training task. Photo: Supplied.

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Last weekend, two Greenpeace trainers joined locals in Tākaka for a Non-Violent Direct Action (NVDA) two-day training course initiated by Save Our Springs (SOS) campaign group. The event focused on non-violent attitudes and techniques that could be used to stop Siren Gold's proposed gold mining operation at Sams Creek and so protect Waikoropupū Springs.

Participants were advised that any non-violent action would seek to ensure the safety of mine workers and their equipment while achieving the objectives of the action. SOS campaign leader Kevin Moran says many creative and effective non-violent actions were discussed but, naturally, would not be widely shared in advance as the element of surprise is an important part of any non-violent direct action.

Teamwork and problem-solving were part of the training says Kevin. "Despite meticulous planning, challenges inevitably arise during any action. Activists need to be prepared for the unexpected."

One exercise called for participants to crowd onto a blue plastic tarpaulin. They were told they had five minutes to turn the tarpaulin over without anyone stepping off and, if anyone did, they would be eaten by a shark. The task was completed successfully.

The training event was the first of many envisaged by campaigners. "Greenpeace has offered support for as long as it takes," says Kevin. "Hopefully, the penny will soon drop in the minds of Paul Angus and the other Siren Gold directors. For them, there is no profit, only ruin at Sams Creek."

Stars align for community scope

ALISTAIR HUGHES

Local astronomer Petr Konecny has dedicated himself to bringing the beauty and wonder of our spectacular night sky within the reach of everyone in Golden Bay. Two years ago he set himself the goal of fundraising to acquire a powerful telescope for community access and education, envisaging public presentations, viewing sessions and school programmes.

"I realised that funding applications worked better if we became a charitable trust," says Petr. "So we set up the Mohua Galactic Trust in December 2023."

Petr's partner, Golden Bay dance teacher Alexandra Tylee designed the Mohua Galactic logo and takes care of administration and advertising for the project. Prior to meeting Petr she already had a personal connection with the night sky as her grandfather is an enthusiastic astronomer and provides a telescope for the use of the Whanganui region.

"I think that is part of why Ali wanted to be involved and support me with this dream," says Petr.

Ali says that Petr is very good at making connections, and both emphasise their gratitude to local businesses and organisations for their support.

A chance meeting during a trip to Christchurch put Petr in touch with a retailer who was selling an ex-demonstration model of the Celestron telescope identified as ideal



Local astronomer Petr Konecny with his partner Alexandra Tylee, daughter Sophie and Mohua Galactic's brand new telescope. Photo: Alistair Hughes.

for the trust's needs, on Trade Me. Although a great opportunity, the cost was still well in excess of the hard earned funds raised at that point. But somehow the stars finally aligned.

"I added myself to the watchlist and walked away," says Petr. "That evening, I received an email asking if I wanted to make a fixed price offer of \$5000." Aware that this model retailed new for almost three times that amount, Petr couldn't quite believe it. Carefully confirming the authenticity of the offer, arrangements were then made to ship the telescope to Golden Bay, thanks to Ali's uncle and the generosity of Sollys.

A temporary site at a local school has been arranged, and a class workshop is planned for July. The telescope is completely computerised, so once set up Petr plans to expand to eventual viewing sessions for the

general public conducted by local volunteers.

Once this has been established, Petr now wants to move to the next stage of his plan – a permanent observatory to house the telescope and serve as a focal point for astronomy in Golden Bay, ideally within 10 minutes of the Tākaka township for easy accessibility. He admits it is an ambitious vision, but he and Ali are convinced of the educational, commercial and social importance of the project.

"It's really beautiful to see it all coming together," says Ali. "This project will provide us with so much, and help bring the community together."

As Petr concludes in a Mohua Galactic update video on YouTube:

"Keep looking up, dreaming big, and bringing the universe closer to our homes."



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PUZZLES

Previous solution - Easy

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Entertaining Division 2 clash rounds off Club Day



Takaka’s flying 15 Justin Davis sprinted a good 40 yards carving his way through the visitors’ defence, leaving several of them grasping at thin air. Photos: Jo Richards.

JO RICHARDS

Takaka Rugby Football Club rounded off last Saturday’s Club Day at the Rec Park with a highly entertaining Division 2 clash against Marist.

The senior team’s first home game of the season was the last of five matches played during the day which kicked off with the U9s followed by the U12s, U14s and U16s.

The two senior teams came into matchday three on the back of contrasting early season fortunes; the visitors had registered two convincing wins, while Takaka had lost both their opening ties.

From kick-off, Marist were full of attacking intent and, for the first few minutes, dominated possession but when the hosts got the ball the boot was very much on the other foot. In a sudden change of pace Takaka’s flying 15 Justin Davis sprinted a good 40 yards, carving his way through the visitors’ defence, leaving several of them grasping at thin air. It took three Marist players to eventually bring him down. But Takaka took full advantage of the territorial gains and, two minutes later, Reggie Baker carried

the ball over the try line to register five points for the hosts.

Within 90 seconds of the restart, however, Marist drew level, scoring a try just to the left of the posts and took a slender lead with an easy conversion. Ten minutes later they added another five points following an attack down the right flank and, just before the break, with a similar move, scored a further try and conversion to take the half-time score to 5-19.

It was effective but, at times, not pretty; while both sides were guilty of handling errors, the visitors made several high, and potentially dangerous, tackles – transgressions that continued throughout the second half.

While Marist dominated the first half, the second belonged to Takaka. Ten minutes in, home side half-back Tom Bassett-Eason pinged the ball towards the far right tryline for Davis to chase. But even with his pace, the back was unable to ground the ball before it bounced over the dead ball line.

Undeterred, Takaka piled on the pressure forcing Marist to defend inside their 22 and bringing a string of infringements from the visitors. Looking to maintain the momentum, close to

the tryline, Bassett-Eason took a tap penalty and passed to his number 10 Scott McKinley who somehow bulldozed his way through a trio of defenders to ground the ball. A successful conversion narrowed the scores to 12-19.

Marist were clearly not having it their own way and when they were awarded a penalty with 15 minutes left to play, they opted to kick for the three points, taking the score to 12-22.

As the match entered its final phase, the referee’s patience finally ran out after Marist committed one high tackle too many and their Number 14 was red carded. The large home crowd continued to cheer on their side, while the Marist bench were showing some concern – yahooping at every small gain like schoolgirls at a junior rodeo. Takaka continued to push in the last few minutes but the visitors’ defence held firm and the match finished with the score at 12-22.

Speaking immediately after the match Takaka co-coach Hamish Hills was happy with the performance of his side. “We played well; we did a lot of things that we practiced, but they [Marist] are a very good side.”



Takaka’s number 10 Scott McKinley somehow bulldozed his way through a trio of defenders to ground the ball over the try line. A successful conversion narrowed the scores to 12-19.







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An exploration of sonic art

ANITA PETERS

Sonic artist John Coulter spent 30 years as a university lecturer in music and more recently was Head of Composition at Auckland University. Part of John's lectureship enabled him to travel overseas to present his ideas in Brussels, Montreal, London and New York. The added achievement of an international award confirmed to him not only the validity of his work but also that its complexity was understood by the global sonic community.

Sonic art is a domain that contains different genres. Now in Golden Bay, John is developing innovative sonic arrangements from field recordings inherently linked with nature to create narratives relating to life. For NZ Music Month he presented several challenging and thought-provoking examples to a Tākaka library audience.

Recently aired during the Summer Arts Festival, the first was a multi-channel acousmatic piece, (for loudspeakers) titled "While the Sun Shines". Composed as part of a "Sound Dome Project", it used environmental recordings, music and other sounds in an anechoic chamber, devoid of echo. The source recording was John's father's hay baler with other added sounds including speech, that fluctuated in rhythm and volume through 25 speakers, completely immersing the listener in sound.

"So, we have this crazy hybrid between my dad and his hay baler," says John. "The piece makes reference to various things that are directly related to the source material. This reconceptualisation of the initial materials then occurs and creates the metaphor: "knots are to hay bales as community is to people." (ie, they keep things together.) In discovering this, it encourages listeners to reflect on similar situations within their own lives, and it becomes a deeply subjective personal experience."

Another piece titled "Green" was based on a fabricated instrument, the tree-o-phone. Sensors on this instrument access live electronics, exploring the relationship between the human performer and patterns of nature, much of it controlled by the wind.

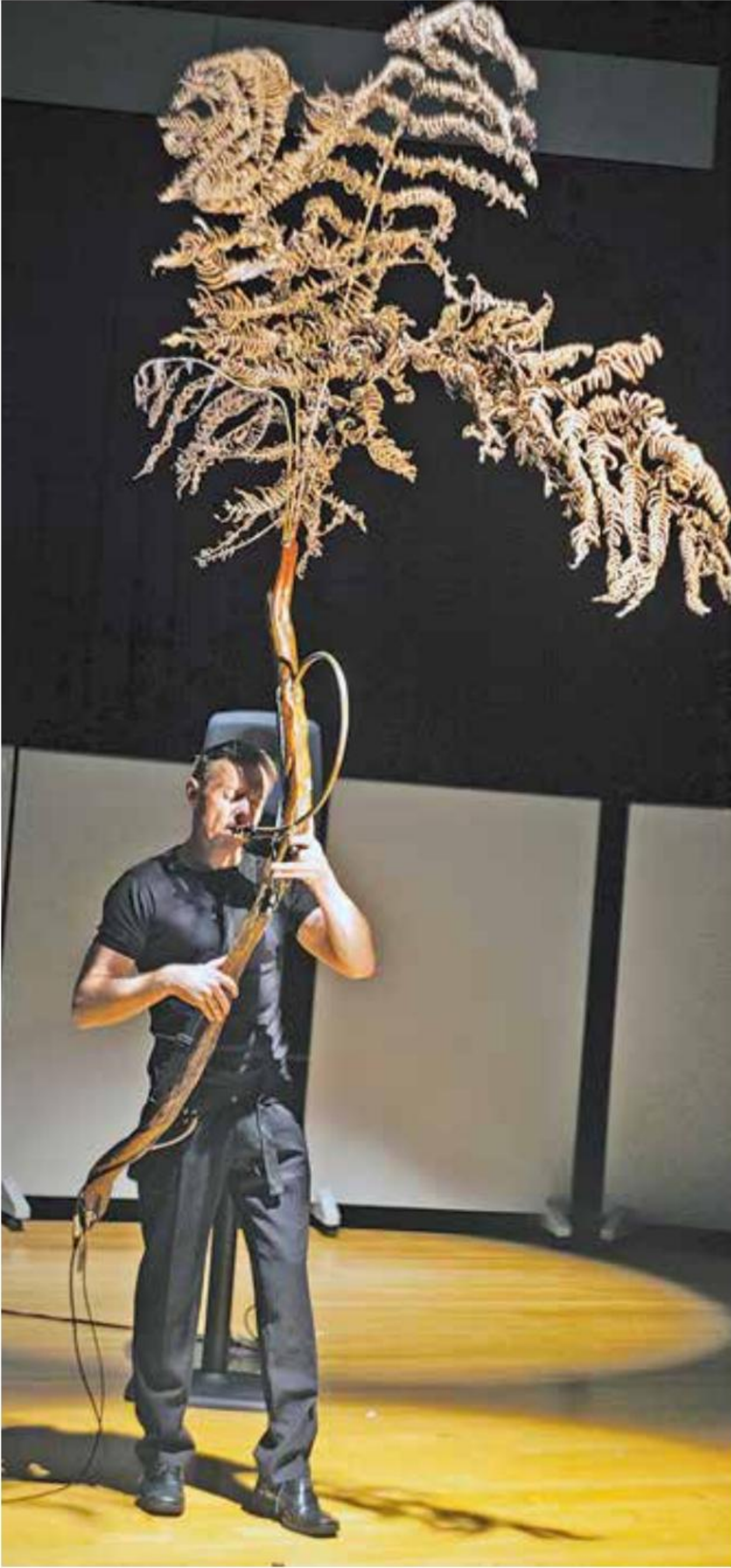
Another instrument making use of wind was an aeolian harp, one of which is installed in Collingwood.

"Mouth piece" was a video work using an electronic device inside a person's mouth cavity, transforming ordinary speech into musical tones.

There is much to explore in the complex world of sonic art. John is currently building a studio so that he can run residencies, the first booked for summer 2026.

He continues to build instruments and "noise makers", some of which are available for the community to use. He is also writing a book outlining his approach to managing different creative ideas: expressive, abstract musical, meaningful, structural, visual or quasi visual, performative and spatial.

Email: john@eartotheearth.nz or visit John's website https://www.eartotheearth.nz/



Sonic artist John Coulter on the "Tree-o-phone", a fabricated instrument that uses live electronics and nature, particularly the wind. Photo: Supplied.



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Families enjoy all the fun of the fair – at twilight



The twinkling lights of Central Tākaka School's Twilight Fair welcome attendees into the school grounds. Photos: Ronnie Short.

RONNIE SHORT

Central Tākaka School's (CTS) ninth annual fundraiser was another scintillating success last Friday at the Twilight Fair. Beginning at 3.30pm, the warm, sunny afternoon was perfect for the stalls set up on decks and around school grounds. Smiling young entrepreneurs sold pine cones, lucky dips, jellylicious delights and spin-the-wheel prizes. There was also an obstacle course and nerf gun hunt, to name a few of the events.



CTS students Isla Nurse and Elijah Dörner-Dwyer sold lucky dips; the prizes were all donated by Trash Palace.

New to the mix was a movie complete with popcorn, featuring CTS students Temulen Enkhnasan, Alfie Nalder and Danni McLean, with Danni's pup, Frankie, playing a cameo role. *Out of Control* was filmed by Jake McLean.

Another new innovation alongside the obstacle course was a "Take the Bus" route and a maze, set up with tape and fencing standards.

Twilight was highlighted by a rosy-glowing sunset alongside the multitude of starry lights strung throughout the festive scene. Braziers beckoned warmly as people queued for hot drinks, soup, sausages, pizza and sweet treats from the popular baking selection. Adults chatted as children explored and the descending darkness revealed the ever-favourite fairylights trail.

In charge of entertainment, Charlotte Squire sang solo before others took the stage including Sukie Conley, young performers Isla Nurse, Temulen Enkhnasan, Kaia Boyers, Mori McCluskey and Nur Cohen-syrkin. Sam Hopley provided a playlist.

Entire families met to mingle and enjoy the ambience, and one set of grandparents had travelled from Marahau especially to see their seven-year-old grandson. Although enjoying themselves, they admitted they hadn't actually seen him for much longer than two minutes.

Busy CTS principal, Steve McLean, expressed appreciation to those involved. "The Twilight Fair was again a team effort with our whole school community pitching in to make it happen... parents opted into groups to help. Our tireless school

administrator Sunneva Stocker set up the groups, undertaking most of the workload during every stage of preparation and on the day."

Thanks go to the many local businesses who supported the event including FreshChoice for donating bread and 150 sausages plus good deals on extra items, Golden Bay Rubbish for providing extra bins and Greg Fellowes, who owns the paddock next to the school, and despite not having cut the lucerne yet, allowed its use for parking.



CTS principal, Steve McLean helped out on the Jellylicious stall, with Marcel Terras, supervising the addition of dairy whip cream toppings.

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GOLDEN Bay Anglican Parish warmly invites you to join them on Sunday, 10am at Tākaka or 4.45pm at Collingwood (starting with a cuppa). Worship services (with communion) 4 and 18 May; fellowship gathering (fellowship, songs, prayer and bible study) 11 and 25 May.

SACRED Heart Catholic faith community winter timetable: Mass, 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 4pm. Service of the Word with communion, 2nd Sunday, 9.30am, followed by a cuppa. All warmly welcome. No service 4th weekend.

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Sunday services 10am
Monthly worship service-4th Sunday @ 7pm
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UPCOMING EVENTS / Mea pakiri haere

SATURDAY 24 MAY

SIKA - SOUND JOURNEY, Pōhara Hall, 7.30-9.30pm. Tickets \$40, www.sikamusic.com. Door sales \$50 (if enough space).

SUNDAY 25 MAY

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 27 MAY

BALFOLK SESSION. Learn and explore circle, group and partner dances made new, with amazing folk music. Experienced or new to Balfolk, all welcome. 5pm-6.30pm, Senior Citizens' Hall. Koha appreciated.

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

WEDNESDAY 28 MAY

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

THURSDAY 29 MAY

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

LATER EVENTS

NEXT JAZZ JAM FOR JAZZ GROUP, Tuesday 3 June, 6.45pm, Anglican Church Hall. Calling guitarists, clarinet, saxophone, bass and keyboard players, drummers and vocalists interested in forming a new local jazz group. Opportunities for experienced and less experienced players. Please bring \$4 donation for hall hire. Keyboard available. Song list can be requested through Community Notice Board on Facebook. Looking forward to seeing you there. Ph Adrienne Squire 022 139 3413.

WELLBY TALKING CAFÉ, 1.30pm-3pm, Wednesday 4 June, Takaka Library, Takaka. Wellby Talking Cafés are about social connection and finding out about groups, activities and

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7:30 Thunderbolts* (M) Final

SATURDAY 24TH

2:00 The Salt Path (M) Final

7:30 Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning (M)

SUNDAY 25TH

4:00 Cabaret (1972) (M) Classic Cinema

7:30 Bob Trevino Likes it (M)

French Film Festival 2025

WEDNESDAY 28TH

2:00 Saint-Ex (M) (subtitles)

5:30 Monsieur Aznavour (M) (subtitles)

GOLDEN BAY WEATHER FORECAST

Valid from Friday 23 until Tuesday 27 May

Friday: Light and variable winds. Fine weather with frosts in sheltered areas but briefly mild around noon.

Saturday: Light winds with northerlies gradually developing. Mainly fine. Light frosts in sheltered areas.

Sunday: Northerlies slowly freshening about Farewell but lighter winds elsewhere. Mainly fine although some cloudy areas in the west later.

Monday: Northerlies becoming strong about Farewell and freshening about other coastal areas. Rain, heavy at times in the west spreading elsewhere during the morning.

Tuesday: Strong northerlies in coastal areas, lighter winds elsewhere. Rain at times, persistent and heavier later.

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TIDE TIMES

Sun and Moon	Sun and Moon	Sun and Moon	Sun and Moon	Sun and Moon	Sun and Moon	Sun and Moon
R 7:36 am S 5:14 pm R 3:36 am S 2:58 pm	R 7:37 am S 5:13 pm R 4:55 am S 3:26 pm	R 7:38 am S 5:12 pm R 6:16 am S 4:01 pm	R 7:39 am S 5:12 pm R 7:39 am S 4:44 pm	R 7:40 am S 5:11 pm R 8:58 am S 5:38 pm	R 7:40 am S 5:11 pm R 10:07 am S 6:44 pm	R 7:41 am S 5:10 pm R 11:02 am S 7:57 pm

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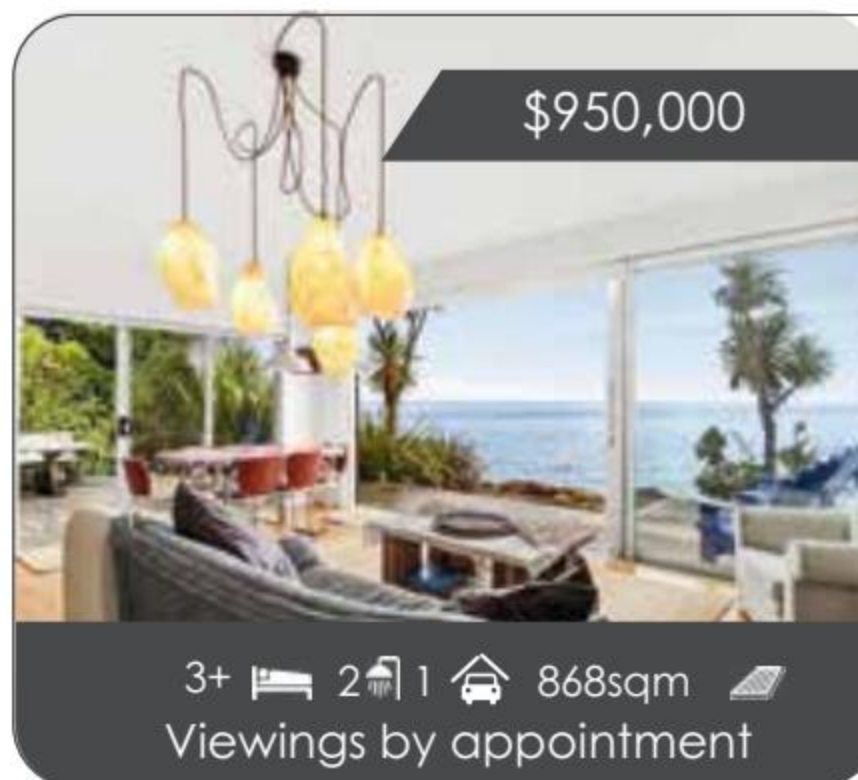
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