



Training our future farmers



Creative Pathways students practice safe quad bike riding at Robert Rosser's farm in Uruwhenua. Photo: Supplied

ROSA VOLZ

Exciting things are happening for young people in Golden Bay, where two innovative youth programmes run by Papa Taiao Earthcare, now in their second year, connect young people with the land, practical skills, and their community. The Sustainable Living Centre is the office base, though the programmes run mainly in the community. Papa Taiao is no newcomer to this space, having grown out of the Education for Sustainability framework in the New Zealand curriculum and empowered young environmental leaders nationally since 2012.

Led by national manager Miriam Sherratt, alongside kaiako Julian Briggs, Theron Burgess and Nikki Allen, the local programmes make a profound impact. For Miriam, it's personal: "I have been wanting to bring more opportunities to young people since I was 18," she shares. "As a teenager, the school was limited by the subjects on offer and there were few opportunities for environmental action."

At the heart of Papa Taiao's success is a commitment to their pou (pillars): whakawhanaungatanga (establishing relationships), manaakitanga (hospitality and

support) and poutama (levels of learning). Like the carvings supporting a whareniui, they uphold the mana of the programme. The team formed in February. Theron notes, "It's exciting to co-create this. One of our pou is whakawhanaungatanga, so we encourage them to be themselves."

Creative Pathways runs four days a week for 20 weeks. Funded by the Tertiary Education Commission's Youth Guarantee fund for 16 to 24-year-olds who are out of school and have not yet reached NCEA Level 2 – enabling them to earn 60 Level 2 credits and a Certificate in Primary Industry Skills (Level 2).

"Creative Pathways weaves adventure together with business skills, practical farm training, and one-on-one mentorship," says Miriam. "The kaupapa is connecting the ākonga (students) to themselves, their community, and the environment." Students build skills like chainsawing, trapping and fencing, alongside confidence-building activities such as climbing, waka ama and caving. A social enterprise element has seen students launch real ventures, including Abel Trappers, Golden Halters and Golden Sushi.

Future Farming, funded through the Top of the South Trades Academy, runs across

three terms for school students and has grown from eight students in 2025 to 19 this year, plus a new 12-student programme in Marlborough. Vans collect students from Nelson area schools to work on local farms, earning 20 Level 2 credits in stock handling, fencing and chainsaw skills.

"These kids are always there on time, ready to go in the dark at 6:30 am," says Theron. Students start the year eager to drive tractors but leave with a broader perspective: "Golden Bay has a lot to offer in future-focused ways of farming. We are curious about farms with diversity who are managing their land with the future in mind."

"The work is deeply fulfilling," says Julian. "It feels like the most important work we could be doing – watching them [the students] develop, grow, and share a dream of where they want to go." Theron agrees: "I love seeing youth gain the confidence to do something they couldn't do before."

Papa Taiao is seeking mentors and host farmers for its upcoming intakes in Future Farming from February 2027 and Creative Pathways from April 2027.

Contact Miriam at: miriam@papataiaoearthcare.nz, or apply for Future Farming via TOTS Trades Academy.

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Pioneer Park update

RAE MCDOWELL

Tasman District Council is currently drafting a report following consultation with members of the community on the proposed wharewaka (museum-type building) to be built at Pioneer Park in Tākaka. Pioneer Park is held by the council as a reserve with a designation for a museum. The purpose built facility would house the rare 650-year-old Anaweka waka discovered on the West Coast of Golden Bay in 2011, and provide cultural exhibition space. The taonga has undergone extensive preservation work and is now ready for long-term public display and protection. Community Board chair, Grant Knowles, says the board won't be looking into new sites for the park's fixtures; the Tākaka Pioneers memorial, the Rural Women's seat and the sundial, until given the green light is given that TDC will lease the park. The memorial is a monument commemorating 69 of the early European settlers in the wider area and was last relocated in 1984, unbeknown to the public. The story behind the monument has recently been documented by local historian Axel Downard-Wilke on Wikipedia as Tākaka Pioneers' Memorial. If the museum project goes ahead, the changes to Pioneer park will be in consultation with the community, says Grant. "It would be good to see the memorial stay in the township. It's also in need of restoration. There are trees that could be used and the seasoned wood featured in the new build, perhaps. It would be nice to recycle bricks and stone pavers, and reuse as much as possible in landscaping." The TDC report will be presented to elected representatives at ...

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Pioneer Park update

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... the full council meeting on 13 August. There is currently no cost to Council to build the facility, and relocations are also project costs, not council costs. The working group anticipates completion of developed and detailed design and consent applications by 30 June 2027. Construction is considered unlikely to start until late 2028. More info: shape.tasman.govt.nz/anaweka-wharewaka

Celebrating Matariki



SUBMITTED BY CO-CHAIR OF ONETAHUA MARAE ANNE HARVEY

The name Matariki is an abbreviated form of Ngā Mata o Tāwhirimātea, the eyes of Tāwhirimātea. Tāwhirimātea is the atua of the weather, winds, storms, thunder and lightning. He was so enraged at his siblings for separating his parents, Ranginui, (the sky father) and Patūānuku, (the earth mother) that he plucked out his eyes and threw them into the sky where they stuck to his father’s chest.

Matariki is also known as Pleiades in the northern hemisphere and Subaru in Japan. Each of the nine visible whetū (stars) relates to an aspect of the environment. For example Tupu a nuku relates to food grown in the ground and Tupu a rangi relates to food from the sky such as birds. Traditionally, Māori would read the stars, informing them of vital information regarding planting, harvesting, fishing and navigating. The first sighting of the Matariki cluster of stars was cause for the celebration of crops successfully harvested and stored, and time to rest before the arrival of spring and the work that comes along with that. Games were played and stories shared. The Pohutukawa star reminds us to remember those who have passed away during the year. For some iwi on the west coast, Puanga, (also known as Rigel) is celebrated rather than, or along with, Matariki. This is because the Matariki cluster is not visible to these communities until a little later in the year so not so significant in those areas.

Matariki rises in late June/early July, is visible in the pre-dawn sky and marks the Māori New Year.

Much of the traditional knowledge was lost due to colonisation, however over the past few years Dr Rangi Mātāmua has communicated his understandings of Māori astronomy and in particular Matariki. His research encompasses mātauranga Māori and western science and his book “Living with the Stars” is a font of information for those interested in pursuing this further.

With the increased knowledge and the recent addition of a national public holiday, communities and whānau will be celebrating all across Aotearoa. This will include hautapu pre-dawn rituals, family gatherings, shared kai and maybe just a time to sit and rest and reflect on the past year and plan for the coming year.



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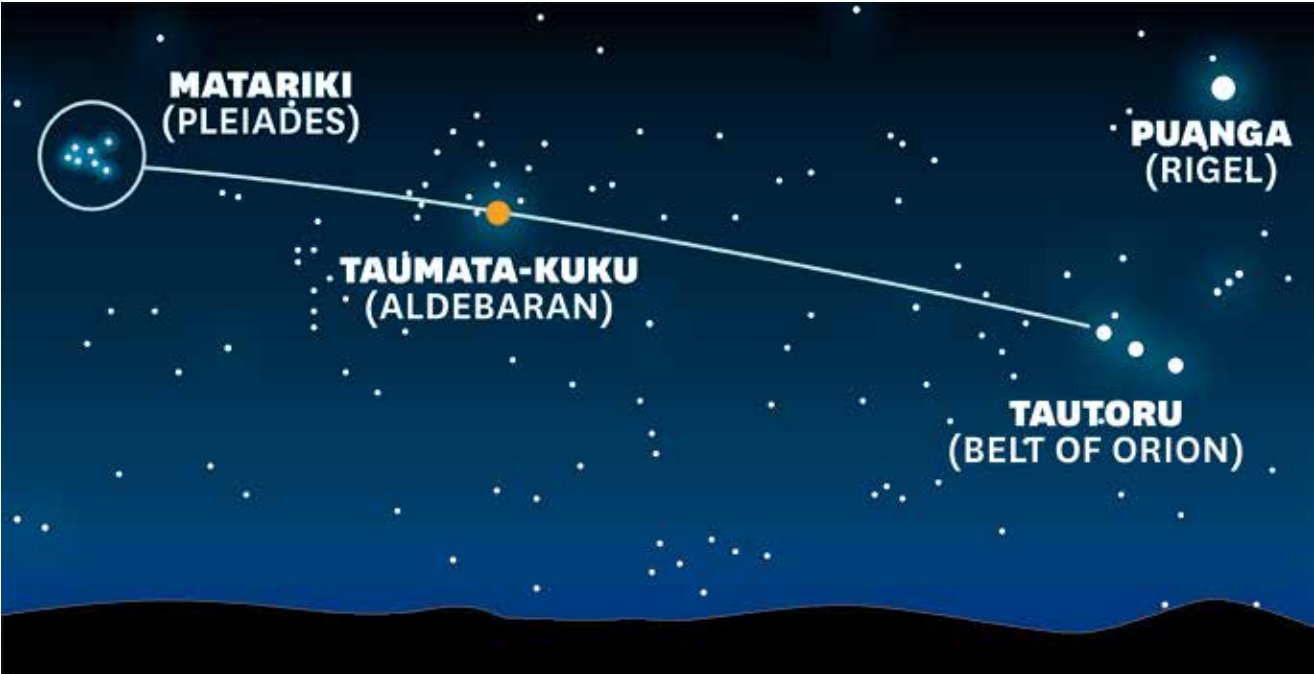
The winner of the June crossword competition is **Jenny and Piers Maclaren**

Congratulations, your prize is at Paper Plus Tākaka.

SOLUTIONS

- ACROSS:** 9. Again 10. About time 11. Maidens 12. Nearest 13. Regulation 14. Ripe 16. Expects 19. Request 21. Laid 22. Out on a limb 26. Awesome 27. Bothers 28. Head start 29. Ruler
- DOWN:** 1. Palm tree 2. Making 3. Intellect 4. Basset 5. Downpour 6. Steal 7. Sideline 8. Mettle 15. Squatters 17. Price tag 18. Saucepan 20. To be sure 21. Loathe 23. Orbits 24. Ideals 25. Copse

The rising stars of Matariki



Find Tautoru in the low north-east just before dawn. Follow an imaginary line leftwards, across to Taumata-kuku and keep going until you find a small, bright cluster of stars. This is Matariki. In good viewing conditions you should be able to make out seven bluish stars.

ALISTAIR HUGHES

Different cultures all over the world have always viewed Matariki, the bright blue cluster of stars currently rising above the north-eastern horizon just before dawn, with special significance. This shimmering group, consisting of seven to nine stars visible to our naked eye, (although there are actually over a thousand) glow in the remains of the gas nebula from which they coalesced. Very young in cosmic terms, (115-125 million years old) they form one of the most beautiful objects in our sky.

Matariki is generally known as the Pleiades star cluster in European astronomy, after the ancient Greek myth of the seven sisters sent by the god Zeus into the sky as stars.

Matariki’s first appearance was a significant time of the year for early civilisations in the northern hemisphere, marking when the sun would rise above the equator. This star cluster is depicted on the 17,000-year-old Lascaux cave paintings in southern France, and is known in Japan as “Subaru”, with the stars forming the logo of the Subaru automaker corporation.

In Aotearoa, Matariki celebrations have seen a revival in recent years, along with a growing respect for Māori astronomy, which is better suited to our southern hemisphere view of the sky (the opposite way up from the other side of the world’s perspective), and matching our own seasonal changes. Māori astronomy also associates symbolism and imagery with star patterns which are more relevant and unique to our culture.

For example, Matariki actually forms the prow of Te Waka

o Rangi (the “sky waka”), which also contains the orange star Aldebaran, (Tamata-Kuku) and has the belt and sword of Orion (Tautoru) as its stern.

Instead of the belt of an upside-down, (to our southern eyes), mythological hunter, Māori interpret Tautoru as a perch for a bird to rest upon and reach the overhanging fruit of Puanga (the bright star Rigel).

Finding the Matariki Cluster:

These astronomical elements all help us to find Matariki in the pre-dawn sky.

Begin at Tautoru – the three stars in a row forming the “perch” – in the low north-east at around 5:30am. (The growing light of the approaching sunrise from 6:30am onwards will make this more difficult).

Follow an imaginary line moving left from Tautoru, across to the orange star Taumata-kuku and keep going until you find a small, bright cluster of stars. This is Matariki. If the stars appear fuzzy, check the atmospheric conditions, as this was traditionally a sign of the weather to come. It was believed that the brighter the stars appeared, the warmer the season would be, bringing a more productive crop.

You might also want to bring a set of binoculars with you – Matariki is even more impressive when seen through a viewing instrument. We have one of the clearest night skies in the entire world – so enjoy, and celebrate this special time.

Alistair Hughes is author of The New Zealand Night Sky, an introduction to astronomy in Aotearoa for younger readers, available from Paper Plus Tākaka and online from upstartpress.co.nz



Regarded as one of the most beautiful objects in the night sky, the Matariki star cluster has special significance for Māori and other cultures across the world. Images: Alistair Hughes

George Harrison unicycle rider

ANITA PETERS

Locals may have seen a young man on a unicycle recently riding around the Bay. Twenty-year-old George Harrison is on a mission, waving the flag for the New Zealand Down Syndrome Association (NZDSA). This non-profit organisation has no government funding, but provides practical support to individuals with this condition. Through them, George created a "Just Giving" page, raising almost \$6000 so far by unicycling a clockwise coastal lap of both the North and South Islands. This is personal for him; he grew up with a family friend who has Down Syndrome, so it is a cause close to his heart.

For George, this tour has been a three year dream, tying together his passion for cycling and adventure. Leaving New Plymouth in February, he has averaged 70 kms and around seven hours per day, stopping occasionally for photographs, replenishments and chats with curious onlookers. His unicycle is an easy icebreaker for social contact. He plans a week ahead, and about once a week he takes a rest day, either staying in his tent or with family friends, or generous strangers for a hot bath and a decent feed. George's parents have occasionally met up with him on the road, particularly in Invercargill to celebrate his twentieth birthday.

"I'm very fortunate they are so open-minded, they support me whatever I'm doing," says George. "I can just ring them up, at any time, in any state of mind, and they'll listen or give advice if I need it."

He has had a few "hairy" moments, including landing on the hard sand of 90 Mile Beach, blown off by a crosswind, and getting sucked into the back of passing trucks. But he feels there is generally mutual respect on the road; he keeps to his side and holds a straight line, wears a helmet and "high vis" vest and avoids night riding.

There have luckily been no major mechanical issues.

"The unicycle is very simple," he says. "There's no drive chain or gears and only one wheel, so it's pretty basic stuff. You have to have a certain amount of skill to stay on the top and keep that one wheel going and be balanced. It's a lot harder than biking."

His "standout" moments have mainly been around the wonders of nature; "little streams off the side of the road, like coming down from Haast Pass; cool waterfalls, little gullies and hidden gems."

George, who is fully self-funded from working last year, is now keen to tour overseas on his unicycle.

"Going to 'uni' from high school, that's a pretty natural path,



George Harrison has raised almost \$6000 for the NZ Down Syndrome Association by riding his unicycle around the coast of the North and South Islands. Photo: Judith Ritchie

I'd say I've taken quite a sharp turn off the beaten track to do this trip. It was scary; to make these big claims then follow them up with action. I was drawn to the natural challenge but I'm not into the whole performance aspect, I just love unicycling, the simplicity and the skill of it. It's very rewarding. I have people stopping and filming or photographing me often. I'm like a mobile roadside attraction," he laughs.

George landed in Golden Bay after a harrowing trek on the Heaphy Track, mostly lugging his unicycle. Now on the last lap of his six month journey, he plans to arrive back in New Plymouth by the end of July for "a bit of a holler and a cheer."

For him, this trip has been life changing.

"It has taught me a lot, changed my perspective of things. It's set me up with good life skills that will be beneficial for the rest of my life."

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	Rainfall	Raindays	Heaviest fall
Glenview Rd	330mm	14	137mm on the 1st
Pōhara	296mm	10	100mm on the 1st
Rangihaeata	305mm	8	95mm on the 2nd
Ligar/Tata	196mm	14	70mm on the 4th
Puramahoi	412mm	13	141mm on the 1st
Collingwood	309.3mm	15	63.3mm on the 5th
Kaihoka	197mm	17	72mm on the 1st
Te Hapu	176mm	17	61mm on the 1st
Bainham	387.3mm	14	88mm on the 1st
Hamama	475mm	9	221mm on the 2nd

PEST TRAPPING

June 2026	
Traps	1807
Bait stations	296
Rats	269
Possums	17
Mustelids	25
Hedgehogs	56
Other	69
Total this month	382

PROJECT DE-VINE

June 2026	
Banana passion vines	877,735
Old Man's Beard	290,336
Other pest plants and trees	626,170
Total to date	1,794,241
Total controlled this month	12,292



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Beware of data centres

Is there a link between the proposed change to legislation in allowing big corporations to buy up our conservation land, and the plans to build 20 more data centres in New Zealand, of which we already have 56. Our region would be very appealing to these corporates with our hydro power and readily available water. Not only do they use huge amounts of water, also huge amounts of electricity. How will that impact our community? I encourage you to write to the council demanding that we do not want their data centres built in our region or our resources used up by them. Do we face a dystopian future, in which data centres are using most of the electricity and water, leaving little for the consumer, while increasing surveillance and measures of control for the consumers? In the U.S. this is already a reality in some states. We call NZ clean and green however increasingly, between biolabs and data centres we are actually an experimental zone with undrinkable rivers and diminishing resources.

Sunshine Appleby

Dog Deposits on the Rototai road walk/cycle way.

I have been walking this path regularly for the last six years and most enjoyable it has been. However over the last couple of weeks the walk has been spoilt by the presence of large dog droppings. The droppings are large in size and in quantity indicating a large dog size. Someone is definitely not abiding by the request to "remove what your dog leaves behind". It would be greatly appreciated if whoever is responsible will have the courtesy to immediately remove the offending deposits and make the walkway pleasant again.

Anne Gentleman

Kea in Golden Bay

Kea have been getting a hard time in Golden Bay of late with at least five birds shot in recent years. They are New Zealand's smartest and most engaging manu, deserving of our utmost protection. The following extract is from Molly Falla's book "A Kea on My Bed" (Sir Robert Falla, curator of the Dominion museum and one of NZ's leading ornithologists mid-last century, had found the kea chick seemingly abandoned and bought it home for the family to raise). "One morning, Bob accidentally trod on his foot and Mr Kea's reaction was most vociferous. After being caressed and comforted, however, he apparently quite forgot about the sore foot, such as a child might have done when it has been kissed and 'made better'. That evening, he began to run as usual to the door to welcome his master home. Suddenly, a few feet from the door, he pulled up and scowled at Bob and, lifting one foot, came limping back to me. As he had shown no sign whatever of limping during the day, the family's mirth was prodigious – it became more so when we realised he was holding up the wrong foot!" (Falla 1975, p.35).

Alec Milne

Chewing gum survey

My daughter Awen and I have, as part of our homeschool project work been crafting a survey. We have decided on the

meaty task of surveying, calculating and graphing how many pieces of chewing gum we can find under the tables of two local establishments (which both shall remain nameless). We feel readers of *The GB Weekly* would like to share in our findings. We have taken multiple samples of a lengthy period and believe that we have some crunched some pretty big numbers. One table alone was recorded with a whopping 25 pieces, whilst another only managed an average of 5.647 pieces per underside. I'm sure you'll agree that the results are inconclusive. But my young daughter and I have had a massive amount of pleasure offering this public information service to you the good people of Mohua. (This letter was not written with AI.)

Ian and Awen Brown

The Anewaka debate

Hopefully one+ thought in this letter will be helpful to all. I first came to our nation as a one-year-old Pākehā and permanently returned 20 years ago. Having lived in 10+ nations, the importance of 'belonging' is important to me - I am now a "Kiwi". We came to the Bay largely because of the connection I feel with our mountains, rivers, seas and community. Here in nature, I am closest to my God. Similarly, I highly value the natural parts of Tākaka - the community green, the library car park trees and grass, the playground, and yes, the green adjacent to the playground. Beyond this grass enhancing well-being, it provides ready access to well-located public toilets, often urgently used by young and old. It also enables and encourages reflections on the ultimate sacrifice many local people made to secure our freedoms enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. If Anewaka and those who paddled her were alive today, what would they want? Maybe that she be cared for and respected near to where she was laid up and close to her Marae, in a beautiful place with a view over the seas she travelled? Additionally, that she be appropriately located to enlighten the past and guide future humanity? If modern needs reject the above found and belonging location concept, thinking outside the box, perhaps an alternative like Anchorage Bay, Abel Tasman Park would be a pertinent, alternative voyager destination? Ngā manaakitanga ki a Aotearoa New Zealand.

Clive James

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Freshfm GB looking for radio hosts

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Radio stars are wanted for local community access radio station Freshfm, in a role that has been proven to lead to opportunities for Golden Bay residents.

Programme coordinator for Freshfm Motueka and Golden Bay Chrissie Small says Freshfm would be nothing without their team of enthusiastic volunteers who produce show content with a Golden Bay flavour, and their “fabulous sponsors” who help them keep the lights on.

Regular long term shows broadcast live from Tākaka Studio include their longest volunteer programme maker Grant Knowles and his show “Fresh Start Friday” at 7am, and Galunjah’s prerecorded 12pm show “A Balancing” with his inspired Roots and Fruits of Reggae music.

Local Golden Bay farmer Mark Manson has also been a long-time programme maker with his show “Friday Focus” at 2pm on Fridays, where he interviews locals and plays great music that would keep any cow shed happy.

Long time show hosts, Diane and Terry Langford’s popular 12pm “Saturday in the Country” radio show, sponsored by Solly’s Freight, has also given Golden Bay a presence on the airwaves “for our mature audience” says Chrissie.

Ben Vigeon produces his “Deadline Report” show out of Tākaka, which airs Sundays at 1pm.

Two Golden Bay High School Students produce shows out of Tākaka. Penina Uhrle has taken over long term show “The Jam” – airing Tues 4pm – from former High School student Hazel Malloy. Hazel isn’t the first student who has gone off to university to follow a career path inspired by her time with Freshfm.

Their newest volunteer, producing a faith-based show out of Tākaka called “Rise up & Walk” (airing Thurs 4pm) Aynsley Thorpe has “taken to podcasting and interviewing like a duck to water,” says Chrissy.

And finally, Collingwood Area School now have a purpose-built studio in their new state of the art school, where they continue to produce their “Radio Club” show with help from their “inspired” teacher Jonny Hanlon, and are sponsored by local businesses The Mussel Inn and Health Post.



Aynsley Thorpe editing “Rise Up & Walk” in the Tākaka Freshfm studio. Photo: Supplied

“We are always looking for more volunteers to come on board this amazing adventure into radio pod casting, and we offer all the training and support one would ever need to start the ball rolling. There are so many stories and experiences to be shared and a mixture of voices to be heard from within our communities and Freshfm is the perfect platform to do this,” says Chrissy.

As one of 12 Community Access stations nationwide, Freshfm receives some funding per year from New Zealand on Air, and in return must meet content targets that support minority and ethnic groups, arts and culture, among some of the criteria.

“But like every charitable trust in these tough times, funding is never enough and is required to continue to support these voices from within our communities,” says Chrissy.

If you’re keen to know more about becoming a volunteer programme maker or even becoming a sponsor, you can contact Chrissie via email motueka@freshfm.co.nz or phone her on 027 417 1713.

BOOK REVIEW



by Katie Lavers

The Hormone Repair Manual by Lara Briden

I’d like to begin by making it abundantly clear that I did not read *The Hormone Repair Manual* because I’m a woman in my forties. I read it for ... a friend. A hypothetical friend. A friend who definitely isn’t me and who certainly didn’t underline half the book while muttering, “Well, that explains a lot.” Unfortunately, my cover was blown somewhere around chapter three. If you’ve reached the age where your body has started introducing exciting new features without consulting you first, Lara Briden’s book may be the closest thing to an owner’s manual you’ll ever get. And frankly, it’s about time someone wrote one.

Most of us know about the obvious symptoms of perimenopause and menopause: hot flushes, night sweats and periods that begin behaving like an unreliable public transport timetable. But Briden ventures well beyond the greatest hits. Anxiety? Tick. Heart palpitations? Tick. Frozen shoulder? Apparently, yes. Dry eyes, itchy ears, burning mouth, dizziness, joint pain, tinnitus, electric shock sensations, bladder issues and even coughing while eating because fluctuating hormones can affect the co-ordination of muscles involved in swallowing. Suddenly that bizarre symptom you’ve been Googling at 2am doesn’t seem quite so bizarre after all.

Reading the list is a little like discovering your body has been running a series of elaborate practical jokes for years.

What makes this book genuinely useful is that Briden doesn’t simply catalogue symptoms before sending you on your merry way. A naturopath with more than twenty years of clinical experience, she explains *why* these things happen, what hormones are responsible, and then works through the treatment options in a refreshingly pragmatic way. Rather than insisting there’s one magical cure, she discusses lifestyle changes, nutrition, supplements, herbal medicine, menopausal hormone therapy (MHT), prescription medications and where each may have a place depending on the symptom and the individual. Whether you’re inclined towards pharmaceuticals, natural therapies, or a combination of both, there’s something sensible to take away.

And hats off to Briden for going so far to help women navigate the healthcare system. She recognises that many women arrive at the doctor’s surgery armed with a collection of seemingly unrelated complaints and leave wondering whether they’ve imagined the whole thing. She offers practical advice on how to describe symptoms, what questions to ask, and what investigations or treatment options might be worth discussing. It’s empowering without encouraging self-diagnosis, and it makes advocating for yourself feel considerably less daunting.

Published in 2021, *The Hormone Repair Manual* somehow feels even more relevant now. Perimenopause has finally become a topic people are prepared to discuss without whispering, and this book deserves much of the credit for helping women realise they’re not, in fact, quietly falling apart.

I’ve recommended it to so many friends that I probably deserve commission. Better still, if you’re a library member, it’s available as a free audiobook through BorrowBox, making it dangerously easy to absorb while pretending you’re just out for a healthy walk.

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PGG Wrightson Golf Day a hit

JOYCE WYLLIE

The annual PGG Wrightson Golf Day attracted a good crowd on a sunny day at the Clifton course. It's an opportunity for clients and suppliers to connect and for many: their once-yearly 18 hole challenge. Teams set off in fours for the Ambrose tournament, each with one experienced player.

Number 3 tee had an added challenge provided by Jessica Ross from "Cortiva". A dice throw determined one of several handicaps, hitting the first shot on one leg as a "flamingo," or wearing "bottle glasses," or once on the green – putting with an ice hockey stick or even kneeling to use a very short club. The field was well supplied with refreshments during the day by golf cart deliveries around the course. There was a winning foursome announced at the end of the day prize-giving but as one player commented "we are all winners anyway with such a good day out and great prizes for everyone".



Jessica Ross from Cortiva at tee 3. Photo: Joyce Wyllie

A sweet, sustainable lifestyle

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Owner of Heaphy Honey Keith Tomlinson (left) with worker Alfred Condell stand next to the solar hot water panels outside Keith's sustainable home. Photo: Jo Richards

JO RICHARDS

Having carved out a sunny, sustainable lifestyle, things are pretty sweet for Keith Tomlinson and Nancy-Jean Bell, majority owners of Heaphy Honey.

Around their block near Bainham, the Golden Bay sun not only fuels the ecosystem that produces the sticky syrup, but also powers the couple's home, business operation and personal transport.

The domestic set-up consists of 7 kilowatt (kW) off grid-connected solar electricity generation, plus a basic solar hot water system. Nothing out of the ordinary perhaps, but what makes it so effective is that it's integrated into a highly energy-efficient building. "The house was designed as a solar house; it faces almost due north for maximum sunshine, and it's an adobe house – made from mud and wood," explains Keith. The double-skin walls are constructed from two types of adobe bricks which provide high insulation and heat capacity on the outer and inner walls respectively. The building envelope also incorporates extensive roof and below-floor insulation.

In practice, the simply clever concept has created a warm living environment where the underfloor heating system is rarely required and the woodburner is largely redundant, according to Keith. "The ambient temperature in the house means we can wear shorts and t-shirts all year round."

The sustainability credentials of the building also extend to the construction materials. "All the wood came from trees I've planted along with local stands of dead macrocarpa," says Keith, adding that it was a pragmatic decision. "We didn't build to make it sustainable; we did it because it made sense to us."

On a sunny afternoon in mid-June the roof-mounted solar panels are pumping out 3.6kW – more than sufficient domestic use, but nothing goes to waste – the surplus is sold back into the grid. "The power company owes me money every month," says Keith.

The panels also keep the battery in the couple's 40 kilowatt-hour (kWh) Nissan Leaf topped up with free power. "The fuel costs are zero," says Keith, explaining that when fully charged, the car "will get to Blenheim". This electric vehicle alternatively

acts as a source when required. "We can feed back energy from the car to the house."

Outside the house, at the edge of the terrace, an array of glass-fronted panels faces north, angled at around 45 degrees. The "home-made" solar hot water system, which includes a control system and a 50W pump, cost around \$2,000 – cheap but very effective according to Keith. "It produces more than enough hot water for the whole house."

A short distance from the residence is the Heaphy Honey "house" where the sweet substance is refined and packaged. The business operation shares the same values that underpin the cosy home. A solar hot water system is used to heat the honey storage room and to keep the honey warm in the extraction room. The commitment to sustainability can also be seen in the reuse and recycling of byproducts and materials which, Keith explains, was only marginally economic in the past but is now financially worthwhile. "We recycle waste or broken bee frames to obtain wax for sale, compost, and wood for kindling. We don't throw anything away... It's now seen to be eco-friendly whereas before it was seen as just cheap."

The focus on thrift doesn't mean that there is any lack of ambition. Following the purchase of a large tract of ex-goldfield land close to the business, a 10-year reforestation loan from the Ministry of Forestry (MOF) enabled the planting of some 300,000 trees, (mostly manuka) which flower early in the summer season and minimise business operating costs by keeping hive sites local and compact. "Now we have our own source of high activity manuka," says Keith. "We also planted flax and other trees which has created habitat for native birds."

The MOF loan is being repaid via an agreement that directs all the carbon credits accrued from the trees to the ministry – a revenue stream that will soon begin to flow to Heaphy Honey. "This scheme finishes this year and we will get carbon credits next year," says Keith.

For Keith this initiative represents another step towards achieving a long-term ambition while staying true to his "keep it simple" philosophy. "My dream was to live in paradise and have an ethical business I could run for a long time – which has worked out pretty well."

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New chapter for GB Sheetmetal

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A new chapter is unfolding for Golden Bay Sheetmetal this winter, as Nathan King steps into ownership of the well-known local fabrication business this July.

Originally from Timaru, Nathan brings a wealth of engineering and fabrication experience to Golden Bay. For the past 13 years, he has worked for Holmes Solutions in Christchurch, one of New Zealand’s leading engineering companies, contributing to complex and innovative projects for clients throughout the country and overseas. As a certified fitter, turner and welder, Nathan combines strong engineering knowledge with practical fabrication skills, precision workmanship and a genuine passion for solving problems.

Based within the ITM yard in Tākaka, Golden Bay Sheetmetal has long supported the community with essential fabrication services.

Nathan plans to continue and further develop this trusted local business, specialising in roof flashings, flue systems and custom sheet metal work – all cut, folded and shaped on site.

“I enjoy working closely with people to find the right solution,” Nathan says. “Whether it’s a standard flashing or a one-off custom piece, it’s about listening to what people need and making something that fits properly, works well and lasts.”

Customers will continue to be able to deal directly with Golden Bay Sheetmetal as they always have. Alternatively, builders and contractors with ITM accounts can choose to have their sheet metal requirements supplied through their existing ITM accounts, making it easy to include everything in one order. This will simplify ordering, reduce administration and streamline invoicing – a practical time-saving benefit for local trades.

With the ability to manufacture pieces up to 2.4 metres in length, the business will continue to support tradesmen and homeowners throughout the region.

Nathan is also looking forward to further developing some of the innovative products already tested by the business, including lightweight pest traps, leaf catchers and bird guards for flues. These practical, locally made products reflect his



Nathan King of Golden Bay Sheetmetal.

commitment to creating useful solutions designed specifically for Golden Bay conditions.

Nathan is making the move to Golden Bay with his partner, French-born Cécile Dransart, and their blended family. The couple fell in love with the area during a visit last year and are now settling in Tukurua, where they have become kaitiaki of a special piece of land.

To better meet customer demand, Golden Bay Sheetmetal will also introduce extended opening hours, opening from 7.30am, Monday to Friday.

Nathan is looking forward to meeting locals, understanding their needs and continuing the strong reputation the business has built within the community.

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TDC Cat By-law

SUBMITTED BY LIS PEDERSEN

Many councils in New Zealand have begun to grapple with the downsides of cats, both owned and abandoned. TDC have wisely begun to tackle this highly emotive issue and their new Cat By-law came into effect January 1 2025. Owners were given a grace period which ended June 30 2026.

In effect, unless you are a registered cat breeder, any owned cat over the age of six months must be desexed, microchipped and registered on the NZ Companion Animal Register.

For the past four years Golden Bay Animal Welfare Society has been actively working to support TDC and the community to better the lives of cats through free desexing and microchipping campaigns. This year has been our busiest yet. With the support of the NZ Companion Animal Trust and the Rural Service Centre vets we desexed 50 cats for free. Through the SPCA SnipnChip programme we desexed a further 24 cats. Other funding brought the total to 91!

Our cattery continues to be busy with feral kittens trapped around the Bay. We have also noticed that many of the kittens we assisted to desex this year were originally ferals. This speaks to the enormity of the issue we face as a society and the kindest thing to do is spey and neuter. Thank you to those of you who have chosen this path for your cat.

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A whopping sum of \$44,850 was donated to the community by the hard working team at Trash Palace. Over the past three months they have contributed funds to St John, Collingwood Childcare, Tākaka Playcentre, Onekaka Playgroup, Golden Bay Kindergarten, Sacred Heart Stone Church, Golden Kids, Golden Bay Community Service, the Rescue Helicopter, Science Club, Te Whare Rangi Trust, Forest and Bird, Collingwood Area School, PLOP, Menz Shed, Toy Library, and the Upper Tākaka, Tākaka and Collingwood Fire Brigades. Trash Palace volunteers wish to thank the community for their generous donations. They are grateful for drop offs of clean goods between the hours of 9am-3pm, Monday to Friday.



Volunteers Raewyn Tavendale and Daphne van Susteren.

Historic marble church update

SUBMITTED

Seismic strengthening is underway as the community rallies to preserve one of New Zealand's rare marble churches. The Sacred Heart Tākaka Trust fundraising efforts have hit the \$40,000 mark. This represents the community's contribution towards the goal of \$200,000 in support of the restoration and seismic strengthening of the historic Sacred Heart Catholic Church. This is alongside significant financial support already pledged by the Archdiocese. Chairperson, Sheryl Nalder said: "We are extremely grateful for the donations received so far. Every contribution, large or small, brings us closer to reopening our church as a safe and welcoming place of worship, reflection, and community for future generations." Built from locally quarried Tākaka marble and opened in 1918, Sacred Heart Church is one of New Zealand's very few

churches constructed almost entirely from marble. The same Tākaka marble has also been used in parts of New Zealand's Parliament Buildings, reinforcing the church's national architectural and heritage significance. The strengthening work is now well underway, with steel supports being carefully installed throughout the building. Byrne Builders have carried out the work under the guidance of Bill Andrew of AMK Engineering, with Golden Bay parishioner Kees Brinkman serving as project manager. Sheryl said: "We were initially concerned that the steel beams might make the church look and feel too industrial. However, we are delighted with the result. Finished in a dark grey colour, the beams blend beautifully with the marble stonework and do not detract from the charm and character of this historic church." While excellent progress has been made, significant work still lies ahead. This includes the restoration of the windows and floors, electrical upgrades, lighting and heating improvements, and the restoration of the sacristy, statues and artwork. Sheryl said: "A big thankyou to all those who have supported this project so far. For anyone yet to donate, we warmly invite you to send your donation in to help secure our historic church's future".

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RSC Rural Womens big dinner



Michelle Cole at Mussel Inn talking about rural resilience. Photo: Supplied by Sarah Watkins

JOYCE WYLLIE

All 120 seats were filled for the Rural Service Centre's biennial members' dinner last weekend, with members enjoying an evening of great food, entertainment and good company at the Golden Bay Rec Centre.

The Rural Service Centre is Golden Bay's community-owned rural services business, providing veterinary care for both large and small animals, alongside a well-stocked country store supplying animal health products, farming essentials, pet care, gardening and lifestyle products.

As a community-owned organisation, RSC returns value to its members through benefits such as discounted veterinary services, free veterinary mileage, member promotions and events like the biennial members' dinner. The evening is an opportunity for members to come together, celebrate their community-owned business and recognise the support that keeps RSC strong and serving Golden Bay.

After the initial meet and greet, this year the evening began with the inaugural award presentation. Emma Harwood

RSC technical sales and member support representative, introduced this new initiative and presented awards over a number of categories. "Fantastic employer" was won by Shaun and Cindy Byrne, "employee superstar": Ben Martin from JDM dairying, "new pasture": Ben Etheredge, "outstanding milk quality": Mike Roberston and Deanne Bush, "sheep farmer with highest lambing percentage last season": Len and Cheryl Win and "community superstar": Joyce Wyllie.

Following the spit roast feast, guest speaker Ben Hurley entertained the crowd. He thanked RSC for inviting him to "this magical part of the country," which he has visited a number of times before. Originally from rural Taranaki, he was a country boy proud to say that he was 21 years old before he even went to Auckland. His face was familiar to many as he worked for *Seven Sharp* for five years and then "travelled to different communities making stories," including time in Collingwood filming an episode on Farewell Spit. He has been a comedian for 25 years, now lives near Waihi Beach and considers that "talking to rural folk in Tākaka makes me feel like I have really 'made it'."



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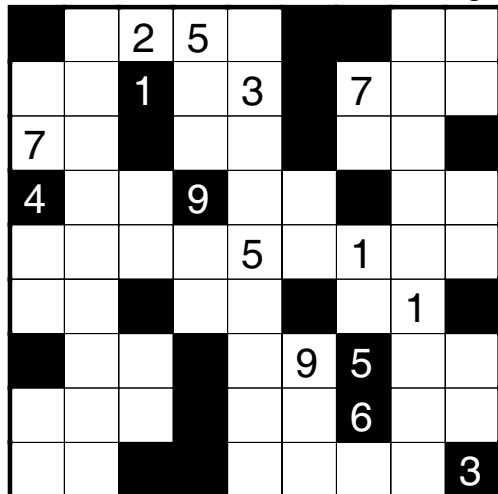
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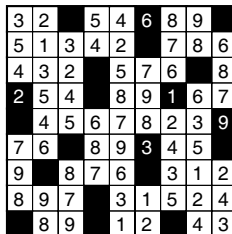
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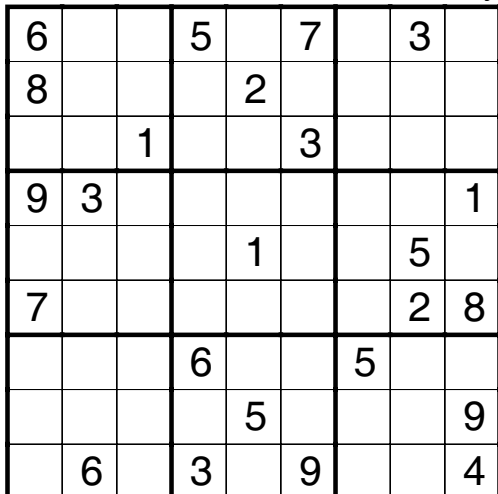


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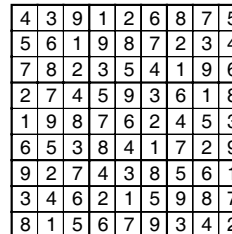
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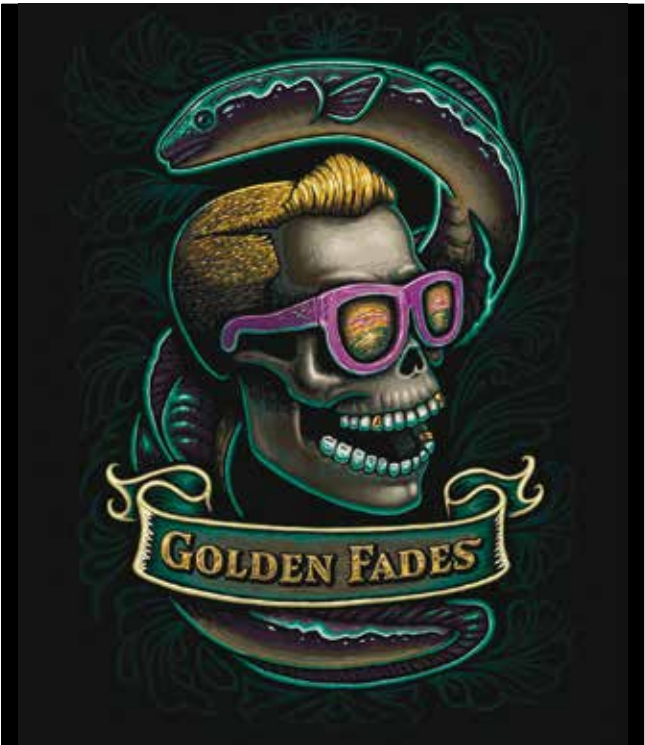
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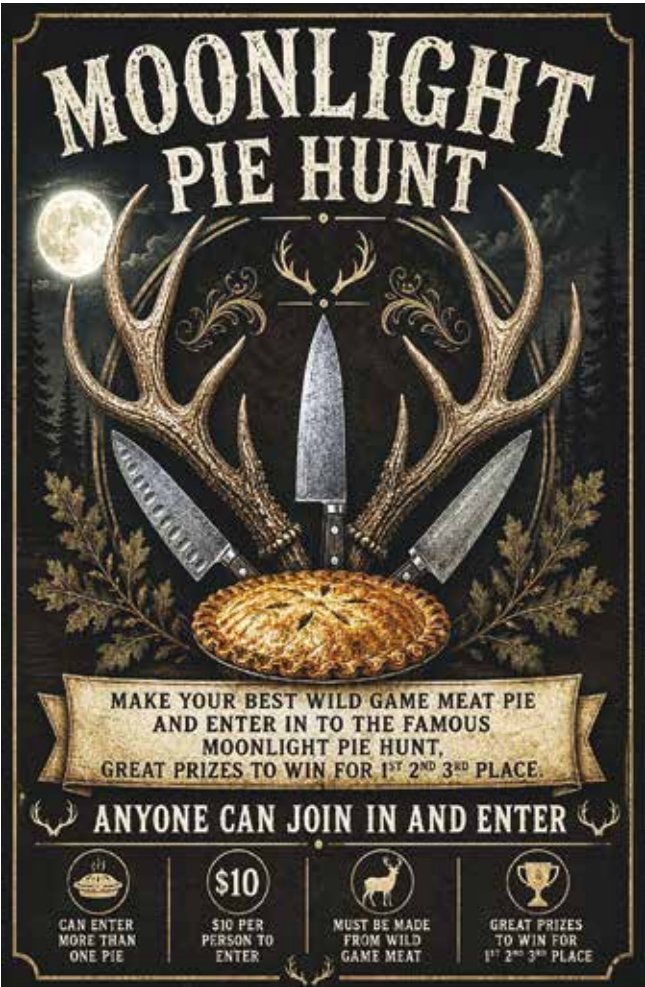
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Changes to the Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP) and Tasman Regional Policy Statement (TRPS)

Public notice is given of Proposed Plan Change 81 – Urban Development to the TRMP and Change 1 to the TRPS, along with the call for submissions

Clauses 5, 16A and 21 of the Schedule 1 process of the Resource Management Act 1991

Council resolved to notify TRMP Plan Change 81 and TRPS Change 1 on 18 September 2025. Ministerial approval to notify these changes and to use the streamlined planning process (SPP) was gazetted on 20 April 2026. The notification of these changes falls within the specified timeframe as set out in the SPP direction by the Minister responsible for the RMA reform.

Tasman District Council proposes to change the TRMP through Plan Change 81 – Urban Development, which includes the following aspects:

- Enable more housing choices, including papakāinga housing and residential development in existing urban and greenfield areas.
- Give effect to the National Policy Statement on Urban Development.
- Have regard to the Future Development Strategy 2022 – 2052.

Tasman District Council proposes to change the TRPS, through Change 1 to include the following aspects:

- Give effect to the National Policy Statement on Urban Development.
- Have regard to the Future Development Strategy 2022 – 2052.
- Amend objectives, policies and methods where necessary to enable development in existing urban and greenfield areas.

Public participation is invited into the first stage of the formal consultation process, and all documentation can now be viewed online at www.tasman.govt.nz (search 'Plan Change 81' or 'Change 1'). The proposed changes can also be viewed online in both the Tasman Resource Management Plan and the Tasman Regional Policy Statement (go to www.tasman.govt.nz and search 'Tasman Resource Management Plan').

The submission period is open now, concluding on Monday 3 August 2026. Any person can make a submission and information on how to do so can be found online at www.tasman.govt.nz (search 'Plan Change 81' or 'Change 1'). Further information can be obtained by emailing tasmanrmp@tasman.govt.nz.

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Bay’s senior teams bow out of Division 2 competition



Tākaka’s Anru Erasmus attempts to evade a pair of Westport tacklers in the Bottom 6 semi-final match held at the Rec Ground last Saturday. Photos: Jo Richards



Dan Dixon wins a lineout for Tākaka.

JO RICHARDS

Both of Golden Bay’s senior teams bowed out of Tasman Rugby Union’s Division 2 competition at the weekend, after losing their respective semi-final matches – but only after putting up a good fight.

Tākaka hosted Westport Seniors in a Bottom 6 semi-final at the Rec Park, while Collingwood travelled to Jubilee Park for their Top 6 eliminator against Waimea.

At the Rec Park a cold, brisk wind accompanied by frequent heavy bouts of rain drove many supporters to seek cover in the grandstand for the duration of what was a very entertaining match.

As the Westport players took to the field in black and gold shirts almost identical to the Collingwood strip, casual spectators may have experienced some momentary confusion, especially as the number four jersey was being worn by the imposing Caleb Havilli, who began this season playing for Collingwood. Meanwhile, Tākaka had “borrowed” three players from Stoke to bolster their severely depleted end-of-season squad numbers.

A few minutes into the match, it was clear that Tākaka and Westport each had a nice balance of strength and speed, and were very evenly matched. Despite the slippery, wet

conditions and the strong, gusty wind, both sides played some neat rugby and put on a good display for the crowd.

Home supporters were the first to celebrate when after around eight minutes, Tākaka’s number 24 powered his way over the try line following a tidy sequence of passes between Tom Basset-Eason and Riley Oakden – who converted the try.

Westport responded quickly, mounting a series of attacks which put Tākaka’s defence under pressure. And it paid dividends after a home side clearance kick failed to find touch, allowing the visitors to maintain momentum and force Tākaka into committing an infringement. The subsequent penalty was taken quickly and led to a try, which was converted to level the score at 7-7.

For the next 15 minutes the initiative ebbed and flowed with neither side able to carve out a scoring opportunity until – out of nowhere – Tākaka’s Anru Erasmus intercepted the ball and ran half the length of the pitch before diving over the try line. The conversion gave the home side a 14-7 lead which they took to half-time.

Not to be outdone by Tākaka’s spectacular running try, 10 minutes into the second half, Westport’s number 11 carried the ball half a pitch length before scoring between the sticks. A simple conversion made the match all square at 14-14.

A few minutes later, the visitors added another try but

missed the conversion to take the score to 14-19. Kicking with the strong breeze was giving Westport a distinct advantage while Tākaka’s clearance kicks appeared to stall in mid-air. With the wind at their backs Westport added a fourth try to secure a 14-24 victory and progress to the Bottom 6 final where they will face fellow West Coasters, White Star Seniors.

Speaking after the match, Tākaka co-coach Hamish Hills acknowledged it had been a hard game. “It was a tough outing – we were light on players,” said Hamish before thanking the three Stoke players “who helped us out”. The result means that his team have no more fixtures until 2027. “That’s it until next season.”

Waimea v Collingwood

Over in Richmond at Jubilee Park, Collingwood were in action against Waimea in a Top 6 semi-final clash. Waimea raced ahead, scoring three tries and a conversion to establish a 19-0 lead, but tries from Shawn Begg and Brett McKay narrowed the gap to seven points before the hosts added another couple to take the final score to 29-12. The defeat marked Collingwood’s final match of the season but the game was also notable for veteran Dan Climo who came on to play his 200th game for the black and gold.

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3 July. Friday Champs Pairs Session 4. E Bradshaw/L Scurr 59.00%; C Mead/J Wedderburn 53.00%; G Smith/H Fockenga 50.00%; A Foreman/D Sarll 50%. H/cap: C Mead/J Wedderburn 55.56%; G Smith/H Fockenga 54.31%; E Bradshaw/L Scurr 54.08%.

GOLF

1 July. Stableford: R Young 32, G Allen 32, C Perrett 31. Closest to the pin: 3/12 R Young, 4/13 R Young, 8/17 C Perrett, 9/18 W Rothwell. Best gross: R Young 95.

AGM NOTICES

AGM of the Pupu Hydro Society, Inc. 16 July, 7.30pm. River Inn, Waitapu Wharf Rd, Tākaka.

ONEKAKA Hall. AGM and Triennial elections. Tuesday 28 July, 7pm. All welcome.

PURAMAHOI Hall AGM. Friday 17 July at 7pm at the Puramahoi Hall. All welcome. Enquiries to Brian Nesbit 027 556 0686.

RECENT AGM / Hui ā tau - Nō nā tata nei

ORGANISATIONS may have their committee members' names printed in this column for free if emailed to admin@gbweekly.co.nz

PUBLIC NOTICES / Pānui a whānui

ASSISTED Dying. A presentation for U3A by Katie Ben, anaesthetist for Te Whatu Ora, and lead clinical advisor for the South Island assisted dying service. Katie will cover who accesses the service and why, the eligibility criteria, and the reasons for being found not eligible. Senior Citizens' Hall, Friday 17 July, 10.30am. All welcome. Non-members a gold coin, please.

ALCOHOLICS Anonymous, new location at GB Community Hall, 88 Commercial Street. Open meeting, all welcome. Thursdays 7pm. Ph 0800 229 6757.

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

ROLLER Disco. Pohara Hall, 2-3.30pm. BYO skates. \$10 per Person.

VAULTING school holiday programme for kids ages 5+. Wednesday 15 July from 9am-12.30pm at Hack 'n Stay. \$55 per child. Ph/txt Amber 027 525 8303 or Bärbel 027 525 9434 to book.

Upper Takaka Country Club Inc

Pig Hunt 2026

30 years of hunts.

Friday 31 July to Sunday 2 August

Enter by 5pm on Thursday 30 July at PGG Wrightson, Takaka Fuels & Fishing or UTCC

\$50 for team of two, \$30 single entry, Kids 4-12 years free

Weigh-in by 3pm Sunday 2 August

Gruff Thomason Trophy for Biggest Tusks, Ian Foksett Trophy for Biggest Boar, Ken Thomason Trophy for Biggest Red Stag, Bryce Newlove Trophy for Biggest Fallow Stag

See Entry Terms and Conditions for more information

Are you planning an event in GB? Don't just post on Facebook. Advertise in the GB Weekly and reach the whole community.

THE NBS VILLAGE THEATRE

JULY 2026

Thursday 9

4:00 Cats in the Museum 2: Treasures of Egypt (PG)

7:30 Toy Story 5 (G) Final

Friday 10th

Matariki – Theatre Closed

Saturday 11th

4:00 The Death of Robin Hood (R16) Final

7:30 Primavera (M) (subtitles)

Sunday 12th

1:00 Fifa Men's Quarter Final (Doors open 12.30) Koha entry, kids free.

4:00 How Green was my Valley (1941) (G) Classic Cinema

7:30 Tuner (R13)

LET'S EXPLORE OUR... Stories

TĀKAKA LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

SOFT TOY SLEEPOVER

SOFT TOY STORYTIME

GET ARTY!

Thursday 16 July 10.00am – 12.00pm Tell us a story with Lego!

SLEEPOVER TOY DROP-OFF MONDAY 13 JULY 9.30AM – 1.00PM DROP OFF YOUR SOFT TOY FOR A LIBRARY SLEEPOVER

SOFT TOY STORYTIME

Wednesday 15 July 10.00am – 12.00pm Love getting arty? Use our resources to make and create!

Legō Fun!

For more information about these events visit www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz

A BalanSING with GalanJAH

GalanJAH selects foremost from Roots and Fruits of Sisterly Reggae, within a Global Musical Forest. A BalanSING airs Fridays at 12 noon with a new episode every 2 weeks.

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THE MUSSEL INN

The Mussel Inn Coming Up...

Every Monday at 7pm - SINGALONG around the piano with CRAIG DENHAM. All welcome. Koha appreciated.

JULY

Thurs 16th QUIZ - 7.30pm. All welcome.

Sat 18th 40 YEARS BELOW - A YEAR IN ANTARCTICA. Roger Lusby recounts his experience through images, poems, song and humour. A fundraiser for Takaka-Collingwood Trail. 7pm. Pay what you can.

Sun 19th CLOSED. The power is off and we are too. Staff party day!

Weds 22nd LIVE POETS - ACID ON THE MICROPHONE Open mic from 7.30pm. All welcome. \$5 door.

Thurs 23rd CARNIVEROUS PLANT SOCIETY - blending Mexican mariachi, spaghetti western and futuristic sci-fi jazz plus hand-crafted animations. \$20Tickets @ undertheradar or \$25 door.

For more details see www.musselinn.co.nz

GOLDEN BAY WEATHER FORECAST

Valid from Friday 10 until Tuesday 14 July

Friday: Southeasterlies gradually easing. A few cloudy areas otherwise fine. Frosts in sheltered areas at first.

Saturday: Light and variable winds. Fine weather. Cold early with frosts but briefly mild around midday.

Sunday: Little wind. Fine weather continuing. Frosty at first but pleant middle of the day temperatures.

Monday: Light winds at first but developing later. High cloud thickening with some rain likely late afternoon.

Tuesday: Northerlies becoming strong for a time with rain. Winds tending westerly later with rain easing to a few showers.

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Enquiries phone: 03 525 9843

Disclaimer: This forecast is a personal interpretation complied from public information provided by NZ Metservice and other public sources. It is a local forecast and no liability is implied or accepted.

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GOLDEN BAY TIDE WATCH - TARAKOHE

Saturday Jul 11	Sunday Jul 12	Monday Jul 13	Tuesday Jul 14	Wednesday Jul 15	Thursday Jul 16	Friday Jul 17
H 6:06am 7:02pm L 12:07am 12:18pm	H 7:13am 8:11pm L 1:15am 1:30pm	H 8:17am 9:09pm L 2:15am 2:37pm	H 9:18am 9:59pm L 3:09am 3:37pm	H 10:14am 10:46pm L 4:01am 4:29pm	H 11:06am 11:30pm L 4:50am 5:16pm	H 11:54am L 5:37am 6:00pm

SUN AND MOON

R 7:50 am S 5:17 pm	R 7:50 am S 5:17 pm	R 7:50 am S 5:18 pm	R 7:49 am S 5:19 pm	R 7:49 am S 5:19 pm	R 7:48 am S 5:20 pm	R 7:47 am S 5:21 pm
R 4:16 am S 1:27 pm	R 5:33 am S 2:21 pm	R 6:44 am S 3:28 pm	R 7:44 am S 4:45 pm	R 8:30 am S 6:05 pm	R 9:06 am S 7:25 pm	R 9:36 am S 8:41 pm

BILL HOHEPA'S MAORI FISHING GUIDE

Best at 8:54 am 9:26 pm	Best at 9:58 am 10:32 pm	Best at 11:05 am 11:39 pm	Best at 12:12 pm	Best at 12:44 am 1:14 pm	Best at 1:43 am 2:11 pm	Best at 2:38 am 3:03 pm
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\$715,000

13/43 Meihana Street, TĀKAKA

MODERN AND EFFICIENT

This home in the Kōwhai 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
021 236 2840



\$550,000

445 Abel Tasman Drive, MOTUPIPI

PACKED WITH POSSIBILITIES

Unlock the potential of this home! Ideal for buyers with vision. Set on a generous section, it offers space to renovate, refresh, or reimagine. Practical layout open-plan living, woodfire heating, ample parking, fruit trees, and a location near Motupipi School, beaches, and town amenities. Family-friendly with investor appeal. Call now.

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\$450,000

Lot 3 161 Wharariki Road, PŪPONGA

RURAL LIVING

Kickstart your off-grid dream on this rural lifestyle block. Mostly flat, ready to build, and made for freedom. With title issued, it's your chance to live wild, raise a family close to nature, and build something truly yours. Escape the ordinary, call now.

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80 Rototai Road, TĀKAKA

Welcome to the Team

Combining a background in interior design, marketing, photography, and executive administration, Gina brings creativity, professionalism, and local insight to real estate. Proudly representing First National, she is committed to delivering trusted, personalised service throughout Golden Bay. Call today for your FREE no-obligation appraisal.

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Meet



Matariki, signalled by the rising of the Matariki star cluster. It's a time to reflect, remember those passed, and celebrate new beginnings with whānau. As the stars return, so does the opportunity to reconnect with what matters most. Wishing you a joyful and meaningful Matariki.



53 Nyhane Drive, LIGAR BAY

GRAND LIGAR BAY LIFESTYLE

This 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 to view.

James Mackay
027 359 0892



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.

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42 Gibbs Road, COLLINGWOOD

WAKE TO THE BIRDS, WANDER TO THE BEACH With Nature at your doorstep and the village just beyond, this rustic retreat amongst its natural surroundings is a real sanctuary. Wake up in your very own tree house, breath deep and leave the noise behind. Offering the perfect balance of seclusion and connection. Call Paul today.

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246 East Tākaka Road, EAST TĀKAKA

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This property offers established gardens, productive plantings and infrastructure ideal for a self-sufficient lifestyle. Enjoy a spacious, sun-filled home with log burner warmth and expansive deck overlooking the gardens. A rare opportunity to secure a peaceful rural retreat only minutes from town. Call Paul today.

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