



## Voters meet the candidates



Meet your candidates: All 16 candidates attended hustings last Sunday. Back row, from left, Clarissa Bruning, Mark Hume, Julian Hall, Rodd Ward, Henry Dixon, Grant Knowles, Timo Neubauer, Richard Osmaston, Maxwell Clark, Axel Downard-Wilke. Front row, from left, Sunshine Appleby, Mark Raffills, Celia Butler, Richard Johns, Rod Barker, Tim King. Photo: Jo Richards.

ALISTAIR HUGHES AND JO RICHARDS

Last Sunday, Golden Bay residents had the opportunity to meet the mayoral, ward council and community board candidates who are standing in the current local body elections.

Two sessions were held; a mid-afternoon forum at the Collingwood Area School hall, organised by Rural Women, and an evening event at the Tākaka Senior Citizens' Hall, run by Grey Power. Each two-hour meeting was attended by well over 100 members of the public, eager to hear what the 16 candidates had to say.

Both events followed the same format. During the first hour, each of the candidates was allowed three minutes to explain who they were and why they should be elected. In most cases key messages were the same as in their published profiles (GBW, 22, 29/8). Then a series of questions submitted by the public were put to the candidates, who were given one minute to answer, (two minutes at the Tākaka event), or asked to respond with a simple "yes" or "no" in some instances. Given the number of candidates, strict timekeeping was required and firmly implemented. The audiences helped to keep the meetings on track by being respectful to all candidates and organisers.

The main themes that emerged from the presentations and discussions included: rates bills (and the options of a rates cap); community resilience (specifically communications and river management); economic activity versus environment; the provision of housing; and the future of Golden Bay Visitor Centre.

After the candidates for mayor, councillor and board member, (in that order), had delivered their personal statements, the time came to answer questions.

### Rates and rates cap

There was a consensus that reduced rates, and/or smaller increases in rates were a good thing but opinion was divided on rates capping. Generally, the candidates with experience of local government made the argument that a rates cap could result in vital infrastructure work being postponed, leading to future higher costs. "I don't support a rates cap because it may be a year when essential maintenance needs doing," said incumbent councillor Celia Butler.

Mayor Tim King acknowledged that rates increases were of serious concern, but pointed out that they had averaged 3.9 per cent over the preceding 10 years and are forecast to average around 4 per cent over the next 10-year period.

Maxwell Clark, Richard Johns, Rodd Ward, Mark Hume and Julian Hall all explicitly supported a rates cap. The latter two suggested cutting TDC staff numbers was part of the solution.

"We have to focus on core services," Julian said. "Reducing council staffing would be a good start. It's gone up by about 100 in the last 18 months."

Axel Downard-Wilke however, viewed it differently. "Do work in-house rather than use consultants – it's a third of the cost." He also called for more funding from central government.

Clarissa Bruning's response neatly encapsulated the dilemma. "Cap on rates? Yes, but where is the money going to come from?"

Richard Osmaston, founder of the Money Free Party, had a simple and, to many no doubt, very appealing view. "Abolish rates altogether."

### Biggest issues facing Tasman/Golden Bay

Community resilience and finances dominated the candidates' responses with the majority identifying one or both of the issues.

"If we ran our business like TDC runs their's," said orchard owner Richard Johns, "we would be broke."

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## Farmers: Revoke WCOs

JO RICHARDS

The previous Labour government's "war on farming" ended over a year ago, according to Federated Farmers, but a new battle looms – this time it's with local government.

The potential skirmish is over freshwater management, specifically the implementation of the Water Conservation Order (WCO) for Te Waikoropupū Springs.

In a letter dated 22 August sent by Federated Farmers (FF) to Minister for RMA Reform Chris Bishop, the organisation calls on the coalition government to prevent Tasman District Council (TDC) from embedding the WCO into the Tasman Resource Management Plan. It also calls for the removal of WCOs altogether as part of the government's upcoming reforms to the resource management system.

The letter is signed by two FF representatives – provincial president Golden Bay Sue Brown and national board member spokesperson for RMA reform Mark Hooper.

Responding to an inquiry from *The GB Weekly* Sue explained why they sent the letter. "The new resource management rules aim to provide faster, cheaper and less litigious processes within shorter, less complex and more accessible legislation. Federated Farmers absolutely supports this intent. That's why we've written to the Minister raising concerns about the current Water Conservation Order process."

At the same time TDC has written to Minister for the Environment Penny Simmonds asking her to grant an exemption that would allow notification of a freshwater plan change required to support the Springs WCO which was gazetted in 2023 following an extensive Environment Court Special Tribunal and hearings.

The WCO sets strict obligations on TDC and the community, including setting water flow and quality limits and reducing...

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Teentheatre at Theatresports



Three teams from Ronnie Short's Teentheatre drama group recently competed in the Nelson Regional Theatresports event held at Nayland College. Photo above shows "Toes with Top Hats", from left, Levi Petterson, Poppy Hughes, Lily Michell with their 3rd place trophy. They initially tied in 2nd place and had to play a fast and furious improv game against the other team, which relegated them to 3rd. A junior team, the "MCs" (Maggie Quinn, Cosmo Hislop, Malachi Beckert) earned 2nd place in their competition the following weekend. Photo: Submitted.

Quad bikers vandalise coast



JO RICHARDS

Vandalism of a significant shorebird nesting and roosting site near Puponga perpetrated by quad bike riders, has resulted in extensive damage to coastal vegetation.

Logs placed specifically to protect the plantings at Taupata Point were removed before the quad bikes were driven over the plants and onto the intertidal flats.

Vehicle on beaches has been a controversial topic in recent years. Under Tasman District Council's rules vehicles are permitted provided they don't damage the foreshore or harm plants or animals but frequent complaints indicate these rules are often flouted.

Farmers call to revoke WCOs



The pristine waters of Te Waikoropupū Springs are supposed to be protected by a Water Conservation Order (WCO) but Federated Farmers are urging the government to revoke all WCOs. File photo.

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...nitrogen levels.

In its letter to the Minister, TDC warns, "If these limits are not met, irrigation use and farming in the recharge area may need to significantly change." It further argues that the plan change (PC84) is time sensitive. "Without it, Council cannot meet its statutory obligations under the WCO. Delay could jeopardise both environmental outcomes and farm businesses."

FF's letter describes the WCO as an "outdated instrument" heavily biased towards environmental protection. "WCOs allow special interest groups to override councils and national direction and create unpragmatic standards for communities to achieve. WCOs allow the courts to place environmental protections above economic and community considerations, rather than balance the competing priorities against each other."

Golden Bay group Farmers Across the Marble Aquifer (FAMA) have recently taken a granular approach to nutrient management and water quality in the catchment. In its Submission on Resource Management - Package 3 Freshwater, dated 27 July, the group states: "FAMA sees merit in taking a risk based and individualized approach to managing freshwater. Radiometric ground survey work we have undertaken to understand our landscape settings have revealed significant variations throughout the catchment. Differing challenges and opportunities exist for managing nutrient loss on different soil types and typographies."

FF argues there is no simple process under the RMA to review WCOs in the light of such new science and technology. Nor is it possible to remove existing WCOs.

The solution, according to Sue and Mark, is to use new resource management legislation to scrap them. "Replacement of the RMA with new law provides an opportunity to revoke problematic WCOs and establish less litigious and less costly systems."

Campaign co-ordinator for Save Our Springs (SOS) Kevin Moran is very unhappy about the farmers' intervention. "SOS is concerned at the level of entitlement exhibited by the FAMA

and Federated Farmers alliance," said Kevin. "Golden Bay is a large and diverse community. Federated Farmers have no right to unilaterally destroy our community's Water Conservation Order."

He was particularly critical of FF's cultural insensitivity. "There is a level of cultural reality that Federated Farmers is ignoring. I attended every session of the Special Tribunal and Environment Court hearings. I listened to the cultural evidence brought by Ngāti Tama. I bowed my head when Kaumatua John Ward-Holmes offered karakia. I rose and sang the Waikoropupū waiata with the iwi. I discovered how deeply sacred Te Waikoropupū Springs and the Water Conservation Order are to the iwi. The 14 farms brazenly brush all this aside in their blind rush towards what they hope are greater and greater profits."

Now in receipt of the two opposing letters, Government ministers will need to decide whether to grant TDC's request or to back the farmers.

Council will no doubt be aware that the farming lobby has an impressive track record when it comes to influencing the current coalition government. FF's "rural roadmap", released just prior to the last general election included 12 "policy priorities" for the incoming government, all of which have, to some extent, been adopted by the coalition.

Furthermore, last September, FF successfully lobbied Minister Simmonds to intervene and stop "out of control" regional councils implementing "unworkable" freshwater rules put in place by the previous government.

Despite the move to undermine the WCO Sue said her members remained mindful of their environmental responsibilities. "Our local farmers are absolutely committed to improving environmental outcomes in Golden Bay – but we also want practical, pragmatic and affordable rules."

The exemptions sought for the PC 84 amendments to implement the Water Conservation Order for Te Waikoropupū Springs and aquifer are online at Shape Tasman. <https://shape.tasman.govt.nz/>

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# Voters meet candidates in Collingwood and Tākaka



Julian Hall, Henry Dixon, Axel Downard-Wilke, Celia Butler, Timo Neubauer, Richard Johns, Richard Osmaston, Clarissa Bruning look on as Maxwell Clark responds to a question at last Sunday's meeting in Tākaka. Photo: Al Hughes.

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"Debt is totally out of control..." said Maxwell Clark. "We need to live within our means."

Most candidates agreed on the need to build resilience in Golden Bay – something highlighted by the recent intense rain events that caused flooding and damage to roads, along with power and communications outages. The way to do this, candidates suggested, was by investing in infrastructure, and for local groups to prepare for disasters.

"I believe our community has the knowledge, the skills and the heart connection to manage our natural and built environments," said Mark Raffills. "We should protect the amenity value of the great things we have in Golden Bay."

The question of flood control saw candidates split between advocating for informed local people being empowered to carry out their own river management without bureaucratic hindrance, and those who cautioned that every situation requires its own careful assessment before solutions can be agreed upon.

"We don't need the TDC hydrologist, with a newly stamped Masters degree... telling us that we don't know what we're talking about," said Mark Hume. "I say that the locals decide." Sunshine Appleby, Richard Johns and Maxwell Clark generally agreed with this view.

Tim voiced concerns which chimed with those of Richard Osmaston, Clarissa Bruning and Celia Butler. "It is more complicated than simply removing gravel from every river in the district, and that's not going to magically solve all of the issues and challenges we have."

"It's not easy," summarised Grant Knowles, "it's a big question that could go on and on, tonight."

The other main issue was RMA reform which has the potential to significantly change the way councils operate. "It

will have a big impact," said Timo Neubauer.

Richard Osmaston identified mental health as the key issue. "We are going mad and the way out is to make everything free and voluntary."

## Mussel industry

Candidates were asked whether they supported the local mussel industry and how any negative impacts could be mitigated.

With the exception of Richard Osmaston, all candidates, to a greater or lesser extent, were supportive of the industry but expressed a need to reduce noise and marine litter from operations and add value by processing the mussels in the Bay.

"We should be utilising the product and processing here," said Rodd Ward.

Henry Dixon of the Mussel Inn raised a chuckle among the audience when he said he was "very supportive" of the industry. "The key is to work with the companies to address the issues as they continue to grow."

Axel proposed a number of mitigation measures. "We electrify the fleet... as well as picking up rubbish [from beaches] we replace materials before they fall apart... We see if Talleys and others could upgrade the road from Pōhara to the port."

Tim observed that the mussel industry was not initially welcomed in the Bay. "When it was first proposed, it was strongly opposed. I'm a huge supporter – it's a sustainable business."

Richard again offered a different perspective. "Since when has the industrialisation of nature ever gone well?"

Referring to the projected expansion of the industry, Grant Knowles queried where the extra 300 employees and their families would live.

## Housing

Grant's concern led nicely into the next topic for discussion,

with candidates asked what they would do about providing housing in the Bay.

There was strong support from most candidates for re-zoning land to allow development and for more permissive policies regarding additional dwellings, including tiny homes, and medium density housing. "Get rid of red tape," said Mark Hume. "Re-zone different areas and allow second and third dwellings..."

"Re-zoning has to be easier," said Clarissa. "There are so many restrictions on rural land. But we also need to be mindful of coastal erosion and flooding."

Timo was one of several candidates who noted the significance of upcoming legislative changes. "The RMA reform is coming and that will shift the balance towards allowing development."

## Tākaka Visitor Centre/tourism

In response to the question of whether the Tākaka Visitor Centre should be reinstated, most conceded that the world has moved to online sources of tourist information, regrettable as that is for our local visitor centre. Tim stressed that this is not an isolated example but a nationwide development, with most other locations similarly affected. A few candidates again invoked the importance of local knowledge and the value in Golden Bay bucking the trend, but the majority saw an opportunity to invest in a better online tourism presence, instead.

## Other issues

In order to utilise the time as efficiently as possible, a series of question were designed to be answered with a simple "yes" or "no". (In Tākaka, candidates were asked to stand if in opposition to the Sams Creek mining). See table below for summary.

Candidate	Do you support the gold mine at Sams Creek?	Do you support retaining the Māori ward?	Do you support amalgamation of TDC and NCC?
Maxwell Clark	No	*	No
Richard Johns	*	No	No
Tim King	*	Yes	No
Timo Neubauer	*	*	No
Richard Osmaston	No	Yes	No
Rod Barker	No	Yes	No
Celia Butler	No	Yes	No
Axel Downard-Wilke	No	Yes	No
Julian Hall	*	No	No
Mark Hume	No	No	No
Sunshine Appleby	No	No	No
Clarissa Bruning	*	Yes	No
Henry Dixon	No	Yes	No
Grant Knowles	No	Yes	No
Mark Raffills	No	Yes	No
Rodney Ward	Yes	No	No

\* Indicates the candidate was equivocal.

Other questions included whether fluoride should be added to drinking water supply (most responded negatively) and whether there should be more bike lanes in Golden Bay (most responded positively, but concern was expressed about the cost and who would pay for them).

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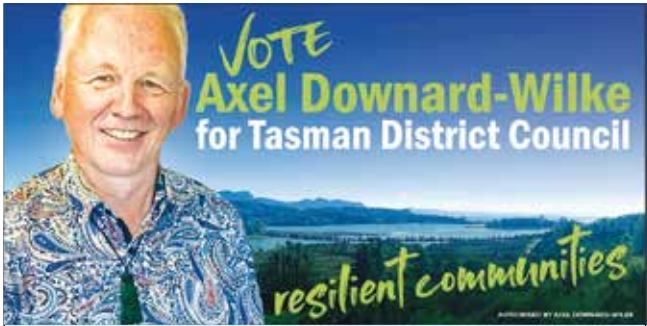
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Our population has reached 6500. The median age has dropped because there are more jobs in the Bay:

- The mussel industry is booming. The boats are electric; you can see them but you can't hear them.
- Remote working is common and supported by stable, fast internet and GB Air's electric planes.
- The Bay has been recognised for innovation in agriculture, aquaculture, horticulture, and permaculture; people come here to study it.

Young people no longer need to leave Golden Bay for high paying jobs.

Councils have worked with Local Government NZ to fix the broken funding system. Tourist levies finally bring rates under control. The Bay particularly benefits, with levies tied to the region that generates them.

TDC understands the special needs of Mohua. Some council meetings are held in the Bay. More staff are based in Tākaka. Most council work is done in-house; it costs a third of what consultants charged us. There is a culture of serving the community with little bureaucracy.

We've dropped the expensive Motueka Pool and instead focussed on making all Tasman rivers swimmable. The Sams Creek area has been added to Kahurangi National Park.

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# LETTERS

## Enrol and vote!

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Many people don't realise the number and scope of things affecting their day-to-day life that TDC provides, looks after or contributes to. Things like maintenance of local roads, dealing with sewerage and wastewater systems, the local recreation centre, reserves and playgrounds, to name but a few.

Many people don't realise or understand the value of having a say into who sits on the council or community board and represents them and their concerns. We live in a democracy, and it's important that if we want to use and enjoy public services, we also have a responsibility to participate. There are many countries where citizens have no opportunity to help shape the communities they live in.

So, now is the time to seize your chance. Check that you're enrolled to vote by either using the QR code in last week's *GB Weekly* or go directly to [vote.nz](https://vote.nz). Make sure your voting papers arrive – you should be getting them about now. Check out the candidates on the TDC website here at [My Council/Elections 2025](https://www.tasman.govt.nz/my-council/elections), ask around, ring them up. Unfortunately, it's too late to attend the excellent candidate meetings organised by Rural Women and Grey Power last weekend which were very revealing about the candidates and what they stand for.

Then make sure you vote before 11 October.

Liz Thomas

## Candidates well met

A big thank you to all those people involved in the Meet the Candidates last weekend.

I attended the Collingwood meeting and was most impressed at the highly organised team of Rural Women running this meeting.

Right down to a great turn out to hear our local candidates speaking to the audience.

More clarity, with voting and also an insight into the future proposals for Golden Bay including TDC wanting to sell off Port Tarakohe?

Karen Foley

## SOS for Water Conservation Order

Federated Farmers provincial president, Sue Brown, has written to Minister Chris Bishop requesting that all 16 Water Conservation Orders be removed from New Zealand Law.

This, of course, includes our Water Conservation Order; the Golden Bay Community's Te Waikoropupū Springs Water Conservation Order.

How dare Federated Farmers run roughshod over the community's best interests? How dare they treat the iwi so badly? Sadly, Federated Farmers is not what it once was. They now decay from the inside out as they lurch towards the political right and the ACT party's self-serving attitudes and policies. Federated Farmers are now increasingly opposed by other farmers.

Let's be very clear. The scientific and cultural evidence brought by the co-applicants, Ngāti Tama and Andrew Yuill, was overwhelmingly strong. The primary source of the rising nitrate levels at the springs is nitrogen fertiliser and cow pee from the 14 FAMA (Farmers Across the Marble Aquifer) farms.

The Environment Court decided that the only possible way to bring nitrate levels down to safe levels was to reduce the amount of nitrate pollution coming from the 14 farms. These

farmers were (generously) given 10 years to bring nitrate levels at the springs down. It seems FAMA/Federated Farmers have spat the dummy and gone to their mates in the coalition government to enable them to continue their polluting ways.

Kevin Moran, coordinator, Save Our Springs Campaign

## Fed Farmers' back door lobbying

Regarding the announcement that Federated Farmers and Farmers Across the Marble Aquifer (FAMA) are asking the minister to stop TDC from updating the TRMP to give effect to the Te Waikoropupū Springs Water Conservation Order, and then to remove all Water Conservation Orders from the RMA:

This is sad disrespect for all the years of work and millions of dollars that all parties put into negotiating a good and workable conservation order to protect the springs here in Golden Bay while enabling farmers to carry on their work above the aquifer. I was at the hearings and heard the heartfelt concern for the water and springs from both sides of the floor.

It seems lobbying through the back door is the preferred option to persuade this government to destroy what we hold dear in our community – but only for those who have no respect for the public process.

Heather Wallace

## Farmers intervention beggars imagination

It beggars the imagination that, after the years of campaigning and protracted legal machinations leading to the declaration of the Te Waikoropupū Water Conservation Order, some farmers are now petitioning the Government to force the exclusion of the order from the TDC's District Plan, and to remove Water Conservation Orders from the RMA (Andrew Yuill, *GBW* 5/9).

Even since the Conservation Order ruling, the nitrate-N levels at the springs have risen from 0.4mg/L to 0.48mg/L, and there is a noticeable proliferation of exotic water weeds and algae.

It's great that a number of dairy farmers in Mohua have transitioned to a more sustainable system of production, with lower stocking rates; mixed swards, including clovers; and lower applications of artificial nitrogen fertilisers such as urea. For others, there is an unwillingness to recognise the external costs to the environment and all organisms that live within it, and to the wider community, of their continued intensive dairy production. The external costs of the dairy industry in Canterbury, for example, have been calculated at \$12 billion per annum.

Water is a taonga. It is sacred to many, and to all indigenous cultures, who know that water is the lifeblood of this world. If you pollute that which sustains you, sooner or later, you create an unlivable wasteland.

Hamish Macnab

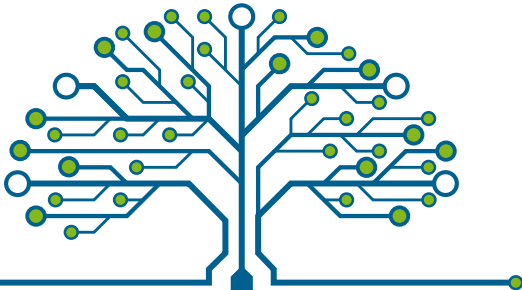
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# Learning about the end of life



Held at The Wholemeal Cafe, the Magnificent Game of Living and Dying was hosted by Aralyn Doiron (left) overseeing the lucky dip draws of which Kate Burness won a door knocker from the "Knocking on Heaven's Door" bag. Fellow host Sacha Hoogerwerf is to the right. Photo: Ronnie Short.

RONNIE SHORT

Well-attended sessions held during Dying Matters Week (1-7 September) are testimony that the subject of dying is alive and well in Tākaka. Matuku Funerals director Laura Manson co-organised local events.

"I was very happy with participation numbers, and hope to make it an annual event. It was nice to meet new people and answer questions."

Golden Bay can now boast a good number of individuals who are much better informed about the processes of death or dying, what to do and where to go for support. As death doula Amelia Toohey said, "This week has shown me how vital it is to strengthen the web of care in our community, so that our older and more isolated neighbours know who is in their village, and can rely on local support as they age and at the end of life."

A notable highlight was Māori death customs presented by psychopomp, Erihapeti McPherson. Laura reported that the Māori way of being with death "really facilitates healthy grieving for people".

Saturday saw a steady flow of visitors to Matuku Funerals'



Funeral director Laura Manson with employee Steve Cottle welcomed visitors to Matuku Funerals during Dying Matters week. Photo: Ronnie Short.

open day at East Tākaka, where people could view all facilities and learn about the eco-friendly sustainable business.

"We're open to anyone who wants to come visit, just give us a call," invites Laura.

Several people attended the documentary *Tender* at the Village Theatre on Saturday afternoon. The Australian film covered the story of a community-led group in Port Kembla who came together to provide affordable community-led funerals. It is now a non-profit funeral home.

Laura pointed out that Matuku Funerals actually provides cheaper options, "I am passionate about bringing affordable care to everybody".

The week culminated with "The Magnificent Game of Living and Dying" hosted by grief workers Aralyn Doiron, Sacha Hoogerwerf and Amelia at the Wholemeal Café, where tables of people of all ages engaged in conversations stimulated by rolling a die and turning cards on the subject. Amidst jokes, songs and humorous lucky dip bags such as "Pushing up Daisies" or "Kicked the Bucket" people came together to embrace the once taboo topic of death.

"It is heartening to see how much interest there is to talk about the thing we have been told not to talk about," said Aralyn.

Sacha reported feeling grateful, "The week was an amazing community collaboration and it was wonderful to see how people were ready to learn about end-of-life."



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Live folk acts



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Next weekend two thrilling live folk acts will perform at the Kotinga hall to help shake off that winter coat and celebrate the arrival of spring.

Well-known around the Bay, local trio Kabra Kadabra play traditional Balkan folk/gypsy music. With soulful and dramatic melodies to sing along to and upbeat rhythms to get your feet moving, dancing and feet stamping are much encouraged.

Also performing is Chris Caukwell & the Tall Poppies. Newly-arrived in the Bay, Chris's original songs are an expansive mix of country, jazz and world music played with lightning fingers on the guitar. Backed by the estimable Rye Morgan and Ella Keita on percussion and vocals.

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Michael Baton in the garden he crafted for a friend where he now lives. Photo: Sol Morgan.

**SOL MORGAN**

I had the pleasure of visiting fellow gardener Michael Baton at his Tākaka cottage and garden recently and enjoyed chatting about gardening and his business Alchemy Design.

Michael, like me, grew up in Christchurch. At the age of eight, he was drawn into the world of plants through the mentorship of Avice Hill at her herb garden in Memorial Ave. Her work with herbs even saw a variety of lavender named after her, *Lavandula angustifolia* "Avice Hill". Michael promptly converted his sand pit into a herb garden and began growing herbs. He joined the Herb Society and has the distinction of being the youngest ever member.

He started doing gardens in Merivale, and learned through hands-on gardening all about plant varieties, their needs and how to maintain beautifully crafted gardens.

Michael worked for a landscape company in Christchurch, then partnered with a fellow landscaper until he decided to go it alone with his first official gardening business. "I called it 'Design Spaces: for your private places,'" says Michael with a smile. "My business developed over the years, beginning with maintenance gardening, landscaping, to garden renovations and design plans."

Of particular influence in his gardening journey was visiting gardens in Japan and some of the cloistered gardens in France and UK. "These left a great impression on me," shares Michael. "Simplicity is the key word for me in design and lifestyle".

Space and balance are important principles he applies in his design work and personal life. "When there are lots of plants thrown into a space the energy is frenetic or too busy," he says.

Creating layers and perspective are also important features he works with in garden design. Layers refer to a mix of tall trees, large shrubs, medium shrubs and low border plants and ground covers, planted so you can see the space between different

height structures. "This offers a variety of different perspectives depending on where you are in a garden," says Michael.

"I love curves in the garden, like my pathway here, as they create flow." This also goes for lawns which he designs to have soft curved edges so they are easy to mow compared to a rectangular lawn.

"Having a feature tree, piece of artwork or sculpture or special rock takes the eye on a journey to look at something of interest," explains Michael. "I've always been a fan of Japanese gardens and their use of rocks." Usually in clusters of three, with an angled and pointed rock, another round and then one flat to represent yin-yang and the in-between.

"I like to use colour to create a harmonious feel, and to attract insects like butterflies, and birds too," says Michael. Having a bird feeder out the front of his garden adds another interesting feature with happy silvereyes enjoying the feast.

He has also done plenty of themed gardens including edible ones, an astrological theme and an orchestral garden with water trickling into a pond.

"When you walk into a garden you've got to feel something," says Michael.

He has been coming to the Bay for years and knew he wanted to live a more relaxed life here one day. In the last seven years he has designed and implemented three gardens including the one where he lives now, and renovated and planted the Ratanui Lodge garden. If you are interested in hearing more and want a consultation, Michael is happy to meet up, walk around your garden and listen to what you want. He will show you some of his work to offer ideas and discuss next steps. This might include a scale hand-drawn concept plan and even a planting plan. Michael can also help implement the plan, source plants and assist with ongoing maintenance ideas. Phone 021 226 6184 or email: michael@alchemylife.co.nz.

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# Students and RSC on Can Drive



High school students after their Can Drive. Photos: Supplied.

SUBMITTED

Golden Bay High School students teamed up with the Rural Service Centre (RSC) recently to support local families in need.

The students collected hundreds cans of food for donation to Mohua Social Services. "Can Drive was something I organized with help from the student executive," explained GBHS student Gordie Langford, who said the initiative was also about raising awareness of people's struggles.

Gordie's can-do attitude was matched by RSC's generosity. "They agreed to match the number of cans collected and offered a free lunch to the form class that collected the most cans."

"The RSC is always looking for opportunities to help our community, so we had no hesitation in coming on board with



RSC general manager Jeff Riordan with a collection of cans.

a contribution of cans, plus providing the winning form class with a prize," says RSC general manager Jeff Riordan.

The prize was a well-deserved feed for the winning class. Last Wednesday RSC brought their BBQ to the high school, where Gordie said they provided a "great lunch".

When all cans were counted the students collected just over 600 which Gordie then delivered to "very appreciative" staff at MSS. "Of course, the real work is done by the amazing ladies at Mohua Social Services, who turn these donations into real help for people in our community," said Gordie.

Jeff said he relished the chance to be involved. "It was a great opportunity for us to engage with the up-and-coming generation and fly the flag for the RSC at the same time."



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# Richard Johns MAYORAL candidate

I'm Richards Johns a retired contractor with over 30 years of experience running my own business for 12 years and now part of a berry, stonefruit and pear orchard in Riwaka with Trish who is fully supportive of this mayoral bid. I have lived and worked in Mangarakau for 3 plus years so fully appreciate what you have in the Bay.

Rates are a top priority and I will push for rates to be capped and council work to a budget.

Reducing debt is next on the radar. These will be addressed by tackling issues that are contributing.

I would like to see the Dam sold that massive noose around our neck with its underlying liabilities could cause a lot more pain. A decision that should not have been made.

Wasteful spending brought under control.

And a staff reduction with the remaining staff focused on outcomes rather than generating revenue and their job security.

How do we achieve change for Golden Bay?

By having a Mayor that will form a team. That will listed to your concerns brought to the table by your councillors, allowing open debate and coming to practical common sense decisions driven by you not interpreted by a Richmond mindset. Amongst you are some very astute people like Merv Solly someone who is very community minded that sorts things out while Richmond dithers. We need to be open to tap into that knowledge.

You choose to live here because of lifestyle and for too long you have been ruled by those that to them it's only a job.

I would propose that all staff visits to the Bay are notified to councillors prior to the visit so that they are able if they think it is required to be present and



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Tasman District Council Mayoral candidate

be up to date.

The Pōhara Shop parking cycleway is a classic example of Richmond ideology confronting a local situation.

I would propose all councillors at least once a year are bussed around the Bay to view local issues. Like the need to have satellite phones either side of the rivers. Informed people make better choices. I am but 1 of 15 and my task is to turn them into a team allow free open debate so they come to common sense solutions.

I propose the councilors are issued with a 4WD equipped with basic First Aid supplies and a Sat phone for their use. We expect them to give leadership but don't give them the tools to do it. The vehicle would be hi-vis so it's easily recognised. We can source a vehicle from TDC existing fleet. If they can find \$85,000 for WiFi on buses they can support this.

If you vote for me please give me a strong team of practical common sense people so that we can make the changes required.

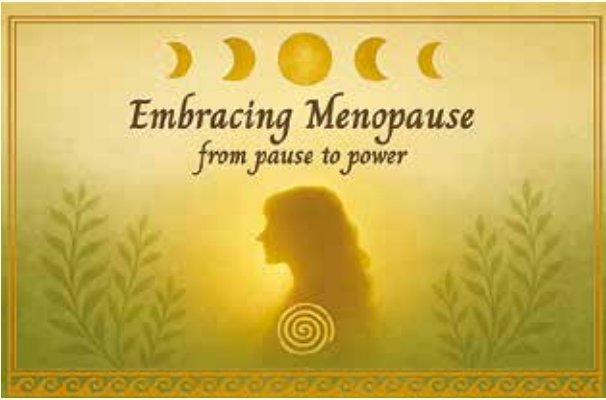
Regards Siren Gold. Mayors need to remain independent as we represent all community members. You only have to see the result of mayors having an agenda by the Dam outcome.

I will ensure you are fully informed at all times the process will be impartial and I will only use my casting vote to retain the status quo.





Embracing Menopause



SUBMITTED

In a day workshop at the Sandcastle in Pōhara, local naturopath Shanti Smith and life coach Ana Norambuena invite you to an engaging, educational space to discover new ways to relate to and navigate this time of change in womanhood.

The event is open to all women, and especially aimed at those between 35-60. There will also be nourishment of body, mind and soul with a guided relaxation practice and a complimentary light lunch.

Friday 19 September from 10am-4pm at the Sandcastle, Pōhara. A range of ticket options is available.

Embracing Menopause – from pause to power, find out more at [https://events.humanitix.com/embracingmenopause\\_gb2025](https://events.humanitix.com/embracingmenopause_gb2025)

Book launch: Warrior Pose

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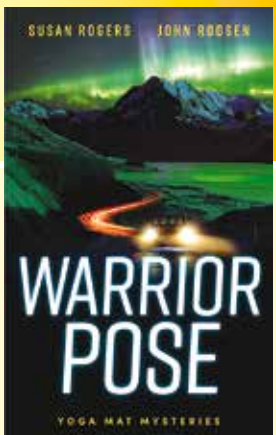
Nelson-based writers Susan Rogers and John Roosen have just released the fourth book in their Yoga Mat Mystery series and some of the story is set in Golden Bay.

Titled *Warrior Pose*, the latest publication follows an intelligence operative named Ric, who is juggling perilous missions, personal demons, and a complicated relationship with his partner. Ric brings Elaina to Nelson, New Zealand, so his fiancée can meet his parents. But Ric seems to attract danger at every turn while trying to protect those who are important to him.

The high-stakes mystery takes readers on a bumpy ride through New Zealand's breathtaking landscapes. The lightning-fast, adrenaline-fueled storyline travels around from Marlborough Sounds to Golden Bay, where a chilling murder at a hazardous waste site, a high-stakes race down Mt Arthur, a suffocating landslide and a daring cliff-edge rescue keeps the reader (or listener) on the edge of their seat.

BOOK GIVEAWAY

We have a copy of *Warrior Pose* to give away. Simply email us at [admin@gbweekly.co.nz](mailto:admin@gbweekly.co.nz) with "warrior" in the subject line by **Friday 19 September** to be in to win.



Public talk by Pest Free Onetahua



Bert Harris from Pest Free Onetahua with traps, drones and other tools of the trade plus publications that highlight their work on Farewell Spit. Photo: Anita Peters.

ANITA PETERS

Celebrating Conservation Week, 1-7 September, Tākaka library invited Bert Harris from Pest Free Onetahua to talk about their pest eradication work on Farewell Spit. Since they began in 2021, they have recognised the spit's significance ecologically and historically, and support its return to its pre-human condition.

"That's a big call," says Bert. "It's a very dynamic place, constantly changing because of the elements at play. It will never be what it was, but we will attempt to provide a haven for some of the many native birds and organisms that call it home."

The initial Plan A was state funded until last year, but is now privately funded with four staff, two of them full-time. Their work involves ground-based possum eradication and the suppression of hares, rats and mustelids from the tip of the spit back to the predator-proof fence currently being built at its base.

Farewell Spit is a globally renowned nature reserve, strategically important not only for Māori but also ecologically as an enormous food resource. Its wetland is a refuge for over 90 bird species, from migratory types and rare native swamp dwellers, to the huge gannet colony. But the shifting, sandy environment is fragile, susceptible to storms, big winds and pest

foraging, inhibiting natural vegetation regeneration. Pest Free Onetahua goes to enormous lengths to curb environmental destruction, but without funding for scientific studies. Pest numbers are determined by sand footprints. Stoats, possums and rats roam in large numbers across the spit's 25-kilometre length.

"There are ungodly amounts of possums out there; it's basically a possum farm," says Bert.

HealthPost Nature Trust and Farewell Spit Nature Tours back up the pest eradication work. Stoats and weasels are targeted by over 300 traps; bait stations and self-setting possum traps, plus bait stations using cyanide and Double Tap have been successful controls. Thermal drones with infrared sensors identify specific animals like pigs, hares, possums, birds and mice from 120 metres above ground. Team leader Corey Mosen has trained his dog to hunt possums, but tracking fleeing pigs is difficult.

"It's really hard working out there, bashing through gorse and rushes and flax, but it's super positive to get them gone," says Bert.

Current pest eradication funding will last only two years, and job losses after that will take their toll. Hopefully HealthPost Trust's predator-proof fence will help prevent re-invasion, with continued large-scale outside monitoring and control.

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# Cohousing to roll out Circle Living

ALISTAIR HUGHES

Tākaka's successful cohousing project is about to leave home. Or more specifically, the team is about to take their proven neighbourhood model to other parts of the country.

"We get about 8,000 people a month on the Tākaka Cohousing Neighbourhood website, but we're obviously not getting 8,000 sales," says Mōhua Ventures managing director Simone Woodland.

Apparently 40 per cent of visitors to the site are from Christchurch, indicating plenty of interest outside the Bay.

"This made us realise there's still a huge need," she says. "But in conversations with people, we know that lack of employment opportunities and a hospital are two of the bigger barriers they have to relocating their lives to Golden Bay."

Simone and her team have decided that if people can't come to the cohousing neighbourhood, they are going to take it to them.

"What we're trying to do is fulfil the need of people who want choosing, but don't want to completely transform their whole world for it. So, taking it to Christchurch, and other places across the country to provide that opportunity seemed a good option."

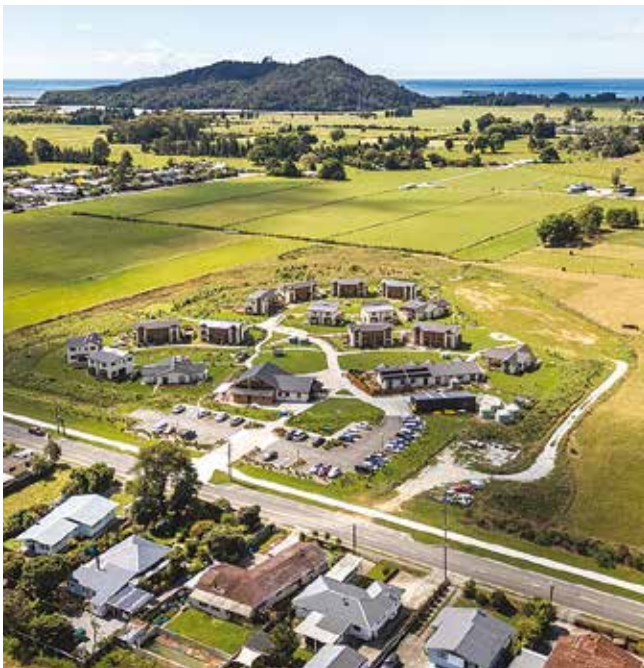
Going nationwide will also involve a name change.

"Mōhua Ventures is the development company formed to deliver the Tākaka Choosing neighbourhoods," explains project manager Vincent Revell. "But now that we want to roll this out nationwide, we have co-founded a new company called Circle Living. It's the same team, but now we're a company that's taking on Aotearoa."

Commercial manager Bonnie Powers explains that there was a previous and unrelated choosing development in progress in Christchurch, which unfortunately folded because of pandemic-related complications.

"There's still a huge demand for this built-in support of community and family ... and there was momentum behind more alternative or progressive housing models pre-Covid," says Bonnie. "A lot of people still want it, but don't know how to get there."

They are taking a typically inclusive approach to financing



Tākaka Cohousing community. File photo.

this initiative.

"We've decided it's better to have a community of people to invest in building community, rather than looking for just one or two investors," says Simone. "So that's why we've chosen to use PledgeMe, an equity crowdfunding campaign."

They are offering a 10 per cent stake in their company Circle Living for \$385,000, and have already received pledges prior to the campaign launch date of 22 September. This will run until the end of October, and pre-pledges can be made now on their website: [www.circleliving.nz](http://www.circleliving.nz)

"Our aim is to carry out eight to 10 projects over the next five years, which could be 200 homes," adds Simone. "Not everybody knows what cohousing is, but a lot of people understand the idea of a neighbourhood. We want to create intergenerational neighbourhoods with all the benefits of living in a community."

# Tākaka Hill nighttime closures

SUBMITTED

Nighttime road closures are planned for State Highway 60 Tākaka Hill this week as recovery work steps up.

The route will be closed tonight, Friday 12 September, between 8pm and 5.30am.

The road may also be closed tomorrow night if extra time is needed to complete the planned work.

Rob Service, system manager Nelson/Tasman, says understanding the slip's geology is essential for developing a proper repair.

"Our contractors will be using a large drill rig to drill into an overslip at Goodall's Straight. The drilling will provide information that is critical for understanding the geology of the slip and will also allow us to install drains to dewater and remove stress on the slip failure plane."

Because of the size of the drilling rig and the work involved, Rob says a road closure is unavoidable.

"The drilling rig to be used is a big piece of equipment and will take up the entire road. Once it starts drilling, it cannot be paused or moved to let traffic through. This means traffic will not be able to get past it while it is working."

"We realise the impact this will have on traffic, which is why the drilling will be done at night. Traffic volumes are much lower on the Tākaka Hill at night, so these night closures will inconvenience fewer people," Rob says.

Regular users of the route are urged to plan ahead and be ready for the closures. While access will be available for emergency services, the route will be closed to other road users.



Recovery sites on SH60 Tākaka Hill. Image: NZTA.

## Work Schedule:

Thursday and Friday nights (11 and 12 September), 8pm –5.30am (closure possible for the night of Saturday 13 September, if required).

SH60 Tākaka Hill will be closed between Aaron Creek Road and Riwaka Valley Road.

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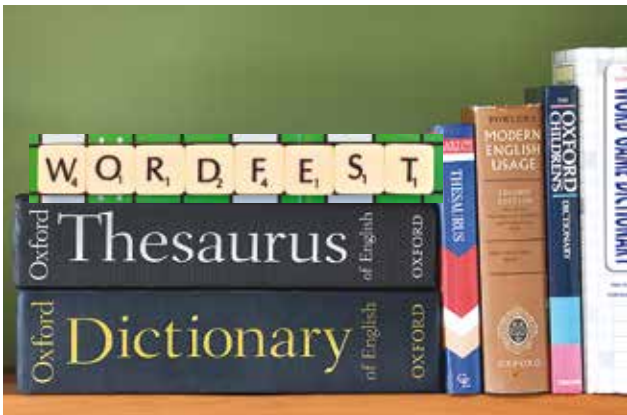
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*Apologies for the misprint of the crossword grid - we took that into account when selecting a winner from the pool of entries.*

**SOLUTIONS**

**ACROSS:** 9. Agree 10. Upper hand 11. Seville 12. Linkage 13. Collarbone 14. True 16. Eminent 19. Eclipse 21. Rile 22. Gives it a go 26. Placebo 27. Gagster 28. Over-spent 29. Own up

**DOWN:** 1. Massacre 2. Grovel 3. Tell tales 4. Superb 5. Opulence 6. Drone 7. Lay a trap 8. Adhere 15. Flying fox 17. Ill-fated 18. Trip over 20. Ego trips 21. Raptor 23. Eighty 24. Attend 25. Lease

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## The GB Weekly Writing Competition - Results



This year's writing competition attracted almost 70 entries from across the three age groups and included poetry (limericks and clerihevs) and very short stories. Golden Bay clearly has some talented writers of all ages. Secondary level students – especially those from Collingwood Area School and the homeschool group – really got into the spirit of the competition.

The standard of entries made the judge's task extremely difficult. All work was anonymised before assessment so each piece was judged on its merits.

*The GB Weekly* would like to thank all those who entered the competition, along with the teachers and mentors who encouraged and helped their students craft their work.

The winning entries in each of the three age categories are published below.

Primary

Winner: Fern Orange for her poem Gary my Dog  
*Sneaking past at every chance  
Going down to visit the calves  
Get their milk  
Got to be quick  
Sneaking back, lick my lips*

Judge's comments: A playful and delightful rhyme that creates a vivid story, perfectly suited for young readers, with clear humour.

2. Karate by Fern Orange (poem).
3. Rotten Bananas by Arli Orange (poem).

Secondary

Winner: Lily Packer for her poem Goldilocks  
*There once was a girl called Goldilocks  
And she liked to were big fluffy socks  
Her mother said it wasn't lady like  
So she sped off on her black motorbike*

Judge's comments: This poem's clever reinterpretation of Goldilocks adds humour while creating a strong, independent image for her. Its light-hearted humour and subtle rebellion are enjoyable.

2. One June Day by Lily Packer (limerick).
3. Beauden Barrett by Blane Weir (clerihew)

Open

Winner: Neville Rogers for his poem Erica Stanford  
*Erica Stanford, our Education Minister  
Has suggested something rather sinister.  
She claims that Maori words should make young readers wary  
In case it complicates their vocabulary*

Judge's comments: This poem cleverly highlights the importance of embracing linguistic diversity. Topical.

2. Fresh Choice is our grocery store by Ann Sarll (limerick).
3. Mother's Day Wish by Sally Robilliard (clerihew).

Over the next two weeks we will publish a selection of the poems and very short stories that were entered into the competition.

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

SUDOKU

No. 757 Medium

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Previous solution - Easy

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To complete Sudoku, fill the board by entering numbers 1 to 9 such that each row, column and 3x3 box contains every number uniquely.

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THE GB WEEKLY, FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2025



# CLASSIFIEDS

## RESULTS

### BRIDGE

**3 September.** Kotinga Pairs Session 2. N/S: E Bradshaw/A Foreman 57.15%; B Burdett/P Smith 53.15%; J Pemberton/J Edmondson 47.90%. EW: L Field/R McDonald 61.90%; G Hope/P Panzeri 54.40%; A Gray/C Webster 47.65%. H/cap: N/S: E Bradshaw/A Foreman 53.95%; B Burdett/P Smith 49.05%; J Pemberton/J Edmondson 45.45%. EW: L Field/R McDonald 62.15%; G Hope/P Panzeri 58.21%; A Gray/C Webster 49.86%.

**5 September.** Friday Individual Session 5. A Telford/C Monaghan 65.48%; L Scurr/A Foreman 63.59%; E Bradshaw/L Field 50%. H/cap: A Telford/C Monaghan 62.69%; L Scurr/A Foreman 59.22%; E Bradshaw/L Field 50.15%.

## AGM NOTICES

**GOLDEN** Bay Housing Trust - He Whare Noho ki Mohua AGM, Friday 17 October, 12 noon in the front meeting room of the Golden Bay Workcentre Trust, 84 Commercial Street, Tākaka.

**MILNTHORPE** Park Society AGM, Wednesday 24 September 7.30pm at the Park HQ, 1905 Tākaka-Collingwood Highway.

## RECENT AGM / Hui ā tau - Nō nā tata nei

**ORGANISATIONS** may have their committee members' names printed in this column for free. Email to [admin@gbweekly.co.nz](mailto:admin@gbweekly.co.nz)

## PERSONAL NOTICES / Pānui ake

**ROGERS,** George. A memorial service celebrating George's life will be held at Club Waimea on Saturday 27 September at 2.30pm. All who knew George are welcome to join us to pay tribute to his life.

## PUBLIC NOTICES / Pānui a whānui

**NARCOTICS** Anonymous Golden Bay meeting, Mondays 6pm, 42 Commercial Street, hall behind church. All welcome.

**GOLDEN** Bay Community Board will meet at 1pm on Monday 15 September at the Collingwood Fire Station, Elizabeth Street, Collingwood. To view agenda and reports, obtain the Zoom link, or register for public forum please go to the Meetings Calendar at [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)

**"HANDLING Scam"** An interactive workshop provided by SeniorNet and IT professional, Pete Ea. Participants will have fun practising how to handle scam calls and texts, and making them feel more confident about their ability to forestall security breaches. Co-housing Community Centre, Meihana St, Thursday 18 September, 10–noon. All welcome.

**GB** Animal Welfare Society Inc (ex-SPCA). Ph Carol Wells 525 9494, 8am–5pm weekdays.

**CURIOUS** about Quakers? Come and check us out. Ph Jude 524 8291. [www.quakers.nz](http://www.quakers.nz)

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

**FRESH** FM needs your help. Are you willing to host a fundraising event to support local radio? Or help run one? Check out our website [freshfm.net](http://freshfm.net). We're a Charitable Trust – a \$30 donation (that can be made on our website) is tax deductible.

**GB WEEKLY:** Stitch 'n Sew, Tākaka is our agent or you can email us: [admin@gbweekly.co.nz](mailto:admin@gbweekly.co.nz) (preferred). Office hours are Monday–Wednesday, 9am–5pm. Ph 027 525 8679.



## \$8,000 Community Grant 25<sup>th</sup> Round

The RSC Community Grant is again open to applicants.

The purpose of the Grant is to distribute \$8000 biannually to cultural, philanthropic, charitable, sporting or educational organisations or any other purpose that benefits the Golden Bay community or a section of it.

**Applications Close:**  
**Midday, Monday 30th September 2025**

Application forms can be collected from the Country Store Mon–Fri: 8am – 5pm & Sat: 9am – 12pm  
Or contact Victoria Quay, Grants Coordinator  
03 929 7519 [admin@rsc.co.nz](mailto:admin@rsc.co.nz)



## PUBLIC NOTICES / Pānui a whānui

### Closed this Saturday Apologies for any inconvenience



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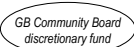
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## BAY ART

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**ENTRY DAY:** Wed 22 Oct 2.00–5.30pm  
You can register online now!



## Golden Bay Business Directory and Map Listing Membership Levels

**Level 2** - \$250 excl GST website listing (extended description and 5 images) and map directory listing

**Level 1** - \$150 excl GST website listing (short description and 1 image) - no map directory listing

**Front map advert** - \$350 excl GST front advert, (must have Level 1 or 2 to qualify) (possibly cheaper back adverts if we fill all the front slots)

Deadline for advertising on the map is 20th September 2025.

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Please contact [secretary@goldenbaynz.co.nz](mailto:secretary@goldenbaynz.co.nz)

**[www.goldenbaynz.co.nz](http://www.goldenbaynz.co.nz)**



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## SITUATIONS VACANT / Tūranga wātea



We are a friendly, tight-knit team based in Golden Bay and operating throughout the Tasman region. Our earthmoving and agricultural portfolio is consistently expanding with no two days the same. We are looking for the following full roles:

- Full time or part time truck driver: Class 4-5
- Full time or part time digger driver
- Seasonal Ag tractor driver

Relevant experience is required in the civil/earthworks industries and/or agricultural. If you have an interest in working in Golden Bay and the wider Tasman region, and you are a hardworking team player we want to hear from you.

In exchange, we offer a competitive remuneration package. Please note drug and alcohol testing is mandatory for these roles. Accommodation and licence training will be available to the right people.

For further information about this role call Tristan on 027 6885699  
or email your CV and cover letter to [office@tgcontracting.co.nz](mailto:office@tgcontracting.co.nz)



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### COUNTRY STORE

### CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

The Rural Service Centre is a local, farmer owned co-operative which consists of a Country Store and Veterinary Clinic based in Takaka, Golden Bay. Our primary focus is on providing our members and customers with a comprehensive range of products and services. We are an independant local business that has a strong focus on supporting the Golden Bay community.

We are looking for a new member of staff to join our family. This opportunity does not come along often.

This is a part time role covering approximately 24 - 32 hours per week including the Saturday morning roster, there may be extra hours available for covering annual leave and sickness.

You must be a people person who is familiar with point of sale and comfortable and confident serving customers in person and over the phone.

It would be advantageous if you have gardening / farming knowledge but is not a precursor to filling this position. The person for this role must be fit and healthy as there will be some lifting involved as well as being on your feet for most of the day. This will be a very diverse role that would suit a practical hands on person who is willing to get their hands dirty.

We offer a competitive salary, staff uniform and employee discount, plus a great working environment with a supportive and fun team culture.

Applicants for this position must have NZ residency or hold a valid work visa. We are looking for someone to come on board as soon as possible.

If this sounds like you then please apply now with your CV and covering letter telling us why you would be perfect to join our team.

**PLEASE SEND APPLICATIONS TO**  
**Mike Manshande (Country Store Manager)**  
**email: [store.manager@rsc.co.nz](mailto:store.manager@rsc.co.nz)**

Applications close 21st September 2025

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**CHIMNEY** sweep and firebox maintenance. GB Chimney Cleaning ph 027 458 7679.

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Martina, September 2025

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## PROPERTY AVAILABLE / Rawa watea



**MORTGAGEE**

## Collingwood, 33 Ruataniwha Drive

### MORTGAGEE SALE

This property is being sold by way of mortgagee auction.

### MORTGAGEE AUCTION (NotSold Prior)

THURS 25TH SEPT 2025 1PM

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## PROPERTY WANTED / Rawa hiahia

**TWO**-bedroom cottage or unit in Golden Bay to buy. Quiet. Prefer rural, near neighbours who appreciate nature and community connections. Near Takaka or nearby townships. Liveable. Presentable. Further details ph Jonathan Thorpe 027 223 6431.

### GOLDEN BAY PROPERTY WANTED

We are a local couple seeking our dream property. Preferably between Takaka - Collingwood. Ideally this dream property would have a combination of;

- Beach front
- Views/nice aspect
- Native bush
- Water source
- More than 1000sqm land
- Some pasture (for household animals)

It can be a home, or bare land. Anything considered. Our budget matches our wishlist. We are genuine buyers ready to commit.

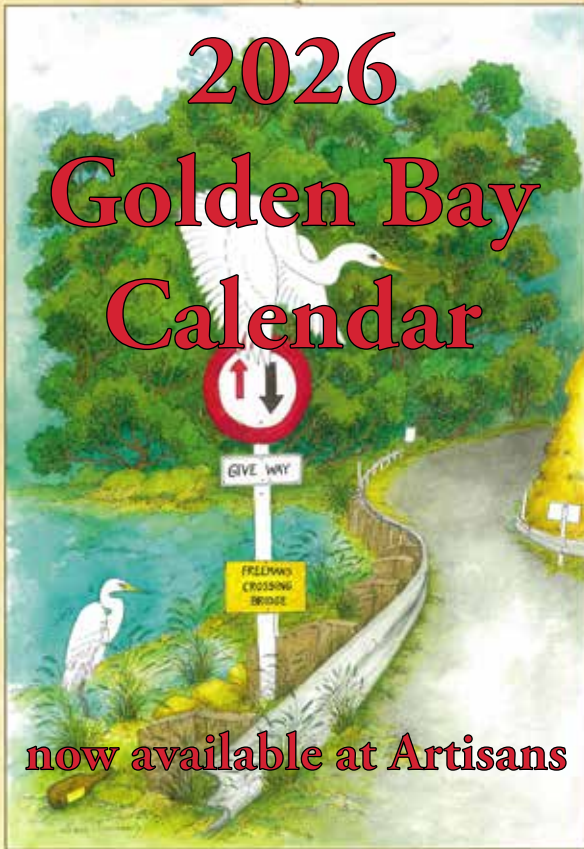
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EATING OUT / Kai wahi kē

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**COLLINGWOOD TAVERN.** Open 7 days, 11am till late. Catering and large group bookings available. Ph 524 8160.

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EMPLOYMENT WANTED / Hiahia mahi

**WORK WANTED**  
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CHURCH SERVICES ON SUNDAYS

**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) 7 and 21 September; fellowship gatherings (fellowship, songs, prayer and bible study) 14 and 28 September.

**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.

**ST** Andrews Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome to join us at 10am for a time of worship, fellowship and communion with Rev Neville Jackson.

**Kahurangi Christian Church**  
Sunday 14 September  
10:30am  
Collingwood School Hall  
Contact Lauren/Robin Swafford, 027 629 8111

 Sunday services 10am  
Monthly worship service-4th Sunday @ 7pm  
**ALL WELCOME**  
Jesus said, "Blessed are those who believe in me and have not seen me". John 20: 29  
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UPCOMING EVENTS / Mea pakiri haere

SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

**DON'T FORGET** to set your clock. Tomorrow morning. Beach dance.

SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

**BEACH DANCE** "Rise & Shine". No teaching! Enjoy freedom to move. Pōhara Beach below band rotunda, 9-9.55am. Part of Revel Revel dance fest. Any koha or donations go towards Milo's fundraiser. Everyone welcome.

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

TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

**TABLE TENNIS,** Kotinga Hall, 7-9pm. Social and advanced, everyone welcome. Text Klaus 027 817 3928.

**GB WEEKLY DEADLINE:** noon on Tuesdays. .

WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

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

**CUPPA AND A CHAT** at The Wholemeal Café, 60 Commercial Street, Tākaka, 1.30-3pm, third Wednesday every month. An opportunity to meet others and chat about activities in the Bay. Ph Karen 022 655 9725 for more info.

UPCOMING EVENTS / Mea pakiri haere

THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

**HANDLING SCAM WORKSHOP,** details in Public Notices.

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

FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

**EMBRACING MENOPAUSE** – pause to power. Let's learn together! Day workshop for women aged 35 to 60 with Shanti Smith and Ana Norambuena in Pōhara. From \$60. More information 027 970 9077.

LATER EVENTS

**TWO ACTS:** Kabra Kadabra and Chris Caukwell & the Tall Poppies, 20 September, Kotinga Hall. Doors 5pm, music 7pm, meals from \$15, no alcohol.

**PLAY READING NIGHT** - Tākaka Drama Society. Wednesday 24 September, 7pm at the Playhouse. All welcome.

**RIDE FOR HOPE,** Sunday 21 September. Horsey fun and games at Kris's arena. Watch or ride. All welcome. All proceeds to Mohua Social Services. Contact Kris for more info 027 229 9556.

**AORERE FLOWER SHOW,** Pākawau Hall, 27 September. Entries to hall by 11am Saturday. Schedules from: Earth Gems and Hammer Hardware in Tākaka, Pākawau Store and On the Spot Collingwood or phone 524 8359. Open to public 1pm to 4pm. Afternoon tea, raffles, sale table, pre-loved book table.

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**T ā k a k a   L i b r a r y**

 **CELEBRATE  
TE WIKI O TE  
REO MĀORI  
MĀORI  
LANGUAGE  
WEEK**

**Saturday 20 September  
11.00am – 12.00pm**

Come and learn a waiata in te reo Māori with Naomi Middleton, a local musician.  
Naomi will lead us through a warm up, explanations of what we are singing, and small group work to come together to sing a waiata.  
No singing experience required.  
Free event  
All welcome.

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libraries**

 **WETLAND VIEW PARK**



Walking the Kaituna Trapline – Stay at the start / end of the walk for an early start or a pickup the next morning. One night stays now available till 15/12/2025

For a 1 night stay – Enter 'kaituna' in the promo code on the Book Now page of our website.  
[www.wetlandviewpark.co.nz](http://www.wetlandviewpark.co.nz)



# ROOTS GIGS

HAPPY HOUR!  
MON-FRI 3PM - 5 PM  
FRIDAY ARVOS  
GRUMPY JAMS  
RANDOM VINYL SELECTIONS - ROOTS OUTBACK  
3 PM | WEATHER DEPENDANT

SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
BOOGIE WONDERLAND PRESENTS:  
LUSCIOUS FUNDRAISER  
KENNEDY | COBBA - \$10

SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
BURN THE BOATS II  
BULLA VS OTTER - HALFTIME HAVOC  
GLOWING TREES | M\_PHONIK

TAKAKA NZ  
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## GB FRIENDSHIP CLUB

will meet at the Senior Citizens' Hall  
on Friday 3 October at 10.30am for  
20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION LUNCH  
and shared reminiscences  
Past members are welcome to come but need to register by  
20 September. Phone 03 525 8160.



## The Mussel Inn

Coming Up...

Sat 13th **SHAUN KIRK** supported by **NICK HERBISON**, 8pm.  
Tickets \$25 @ undertheradar, \$30 door.

Thu 18th **ACID ON THE MICROPHONE** - 7.30pm.  
Special guest **NEAL**.

Sat 20th **GENERAL KALA** - monumental, melodic synth analog rock, and retro pop.  
8pm. \$20 door.

Thu 25th **QUIZ NIGHT** - All welcome.

Sat 27th **KIDS PUPPET SHOW - THE ORANGE BOX** - Arts on Tour theatre special.  
2pm, \$10 tickets @ undertheradar.

**OCTOBER**

Sat 4th **ALBI AND THE WOLVES - FUN RAISER TOUR**. Tickets \$20 @ undertheradar, \$25 door.

Thu 9th **QUIZ NIGHT** - All welcome.

Sun 12th **SILENT MOVIES LIVE**. Charlie Chaplin's "The Kid and A Dogs Life" accompanied by original scores. 7.30pm. Tickets \$30 @ undertheradar.

Tue 14th **LORD ROCHESTER** - Scotland's greatest rock 'n roll band.  
Tickets \$30 @ undertheradar.

for more details see [www.musselinn.co.nz](http://www.musselinn.co.nz)

## U3A welcomes celebrated NZ writer, Dame Fiona Kidman,

who will present "Telling Stories",  
which deals with how we explore memory and the craft of memoir writing, and includes examples from her work.

**Senior Citizens' Hall, Friday 26 September, 10.30am**

All welcome. Non-members, a gold coin koha please.  
Supported with funding from TDC Community Grant.



**FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER**  
4:00 Sketch (PG)  
7:30 Life in One Chord (E) Final

**SATURDAY 13TH**  
2:00 Toy Story (30th Anniversary) (G) Once Only

7:30 Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale (PG)

**SUNDAY 14TH**  
3:00 Andre Rieu's 2025 Maastricht Concert: Waltz the Night Away \$30 Special Event

7:30 Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale (PG)

**TUESDAY 16TH**  
7:30: Member's Night (Doors open 7pm)

**WEDNESDAY 17TH**  
5:30 Sketch (PG) Final





**ONLY IN CINEMAS**  
2025 MAASTRICHT CONCERT



**SPECIAL SCREENING ONCE ONLY EVENT**

**Sunday 14th September at 3pm, Tickets \$30**

André Rieu & his Johann Strauss Orchestra invite audiences to waltz under the stars in this magical summer concert captured live in his beloved hometown of Maastricht. With timeless melodies & beautiful waltzes, this dazzling concert will take you on a journey filled with joy, love, celebration & heartfelt emotion.

Be sure to capture this concert on the big screen, book online now to avoid missing out!!

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## GOLDEN BAY TENNIS CLUB

# OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 13 SEPT

RAIN BACKUP 4 OCT (CHECK FACEBOOK)

**FREE COACHING TIMES:**  
9.00am - 'Red Level' - ages: 5-7 years old  
10.00am - 'Orange Level' - ages: 8-10 years  
11.00am - 'Green Level' - ages: 11-12 years old  
12.30pm - Teens  
1.30pm - Adults

**- FREE BBQ - GEAR PROVIDED -**

**COME AND HAVE A GO!**

Park Ave, Takaka  
[gbtennis@outlook.com](mailto:gbtennis@outlook.com)  
Facebook: golden bay tennis club  
<https://clubspark.kiwi/GoldenBayTC>

## GOLDEN BAY WEATHER FORECAST

Valid from Friday 12 until Tuesday 16 September

**Friday:** Southerlies tending southwest. Cloud breaking and long sunny intervals developing.

**Saturday:** Westerlies at first, southwesterlies freshening from late morning. Showers developing in western areas. A few showers likely elsewhere in the afternoon.

**Sunday:** Southwesterlies, strong about Farewell and gusty at times elsewhere. A few showers in the west otherwise a generally fine day.

**Monday:** Southwesterlies slowly easing. A few showers over Kahurangi, mainly fine elsewhere.

**Tuesday:** Southwesterlies dying away, northwesterlies developing later. A few cloudy areas, otherwise fine.

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Disclaimer: This forecast is a personal interpretation compiled 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 Sep 13	Sunday Sep 14	Monday Sep 15	Tuesday Sep 16	Wednesday Sep 17	Thursday Sep 18	Friday Sep 19
H 1:01am 1:27pm L 7:11am 7:36pm	H 1:53am 2:17pm L 8:01am 8:39pm	H 2:55am 3:25pm L 9:00am 10:07pm	H 4:12am 5:10pm L 10:19am 11:41pm	H 5:38am 6:45pm L 11:58am	H 6:56am 7:47pm L 12:53am 1:20pm	H 7:57am 8:33pm L 1:48am 2:17pm

### SUN AND MOON

 R 6:33 am S 6:16 pm	 R 6:31 am S 6:17 pm	 R 6:30 am S 6:17 pm	 R 6:28 am S 6:18 pm	 R 6:26 am S 6:19 pm	 R 6:25 am S 6:20 pm	 R 6:23 am S 6:21 pm
 S 9:09 am	 R 1:09 am S 9:56 am	 R 2:19 am S 10:53 am	 R 3:18 am S 12:00 pm	 R 4:05 am S 1:11 pm	 R 4:42 am S 2:23 pm	 R 5:11 am S 3:33 pm

### BILL HOHEPA'S MAORI FISHING GUIDE

 Best at 4:34 am 5:04 pm	 Best at 5:34 am 6:05 pm	 Best at 6:36 am 7:07 pm	 Best at 7:37 am 8:07 pm	 Best at 8:35 am 9:03 pm	 Best at 9:29 am 9:54 pm	 Best at 10:18 am 10:41 pm
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3 2 724sqm

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#### 7A Watino Place, PŌHARA

##### HOLIDAY READY IN PŌHARA

Modern, low-maintenance home tucked down a private driveway in sunny Pōhara. Close to the beach, cafés, golf course, and harbour for easy boat launching. Beautifully decorated, fibre-connected, with plenty of parking for a boat or caravan. Ideal holiday home—just turn up and enjoy. Contact me today to view!

**James Mackay**  
027 359 0892

Price By Negotiaton



3 1 1 3450sqm

Viewing by appointment


#### 52 Nyhane Drive, LIGAR BAY

##### BLENDING NATURE & OPPORTUNITY

Wake to shimmering sea views and unwind in the hush of native bush. This sunny, north facing 2376sqm section in Ligar Bay blends coastal charm with relaxed living. With some services in place, it's ready for your dream home or retreat. Opportunities like this are rare. Enquire today.

**Paul McConnon**  
027 504 2872

Offers Over \$475,000



4 2 875sqm

Viewings by appointment

#### 188 Abel Tasman Drive, TĀKAKA

##### CALLING ALL D.I.YERS...

There's some work to do on this place, but it's in a good location close to town, has a generous 875sqm section, a good water supply and lovely rural views. There's plenty of space in the 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom home. Call me for a look and see if it could be a project for you!

**James Mackay**  
027 359 0892

Asking \$650,000



3 1 1 3450sqm

Viewing by appointment

#### 254 East Tākaka Road, EAST TĀKAKA

##### THE GOOD LIFE STARTS HERE

This cosy cottage with mountain views sits on a spacious section. Enjoy the good life with the backyard as your playground, with nearby bike tracks leading to Rameka and Tākaka and just minutes from local schools and amenities. If you seek a rural lifestyle then give us a call.

**Paul McConnon**  
027 504 2872

\$895,000



2 1 2 4875sqm

Viewings by appointment

#### 2075 Tākaka Valley Hwy, TĀKAKA

##### PRIMO SPOT CLOSE TO TOWN

This elevated site has sweeping views of the Tākaka Valley with the solid 2-bedroom house well-built to take them all in! Being just a short walk to Tākaka and the recreation grounds, plus having plenty of space and a large shed, this property is a rare find! Call me for more details or to make a time to view.

**James Mackay**  
027 359 0892

\$759,000



3 1 2 1220sqm

Viewings by appointment

#### 64 Abel Tasman Dr, TĀKAKA

##### SPACE TO BREATHE, ROOM TO GROW

This charming semi-Lockwood home offers a welcoming atmosphere with a spacious lounge, & a sunny west-facing deck, perfect for relaxing. A detached sleepout, double garage, & two carports offer ample space for all your needs. Contact me today to make this inviting home yours.

**Paul McConnon**  
027 504 2872

Price By Negotiation



3 1 2150sqm

Viewings by appointment


#### 56 Pōhara Valley Road, PŌHARA

##### UNLOCK THE POTENTIAL

Discover potential on sought-after Pōhara Valley Road! This property features a 3-bedroom home with a covered verandah, plus a 1-bedroom flat. Perfect for families, renovators, or investors—space for gardens, pets, and more. Needs TLC, but full of opportunity. Sold "as is, where is." Call today.

**Belinda J Barnes**  
021 236 2840

\$935,000



3+ 2 1 868sqm

Viewings by appointment

#### 35 Tōtara Avenue, COLLINGWOOD

##### FABULOUS SEAFRONT BACH

This stunning seafront home in the tōtara forest boasts views from Pūponga to Farewell Spit. Enjoy sunrises & sunsets from the deck. The renovated bach includes a bespoke kitchen, oak floors, & sea-view bedroom. A 35 sqm Min Hall treehouse offers a bunkroom & bathroom. Call me to view.

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