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Bay rugby off to winning start



Collingwood's Caleb Havili evades three Marist defenders on his way to score the home side's opening try last Saturday. Photo: Jo Richards.

JO RICHARDS

Golden Bay started the new rugby season on the front foot with both senior sides registering wins in the opening round of Nelson Bays Division 2 competition.

Tākaka led the charge with a 32-28 away victory over Riwaka on Friday night before Collingwood followed up with a 15-14 home win over Marist on Saturday afternoon.

The return of Collingwood Rugby Football Club to the competition after a season's absence was eagerly anticipated and it was no surprise to see a large crowd gathered pitch-side well before the 1.15pm kick off. As home supporters watched the two teams warm up, their excitement was mixed with a palpable sense of anxiety about how the refreshed Collingwood squad would fare against last season's runners-up.

They had to hold on a little longer than expected for the answer. With the match due to start, the home side were kept waiting by the opposition who emerged from the dressing room two minutes late which only

added to the tension around the ground.

It was the visitors who appeared to be most affected by the occasion and they showed some early nerves while Collingwood looked hungry – a chip and go from skipper Ryan McKay showing the home side's positive intentions and Stephen McLellan winning the ball at line outs. New to the Black and Gold, but no stranger to competitive senior rugby, Caleb Havili made an impressive debut at number eight, his strength and sheer size causing all sorts of problems for Marist who frequently required three players to haul him down.

For the first 20 minutes neither side was able to break the deadlock despite creating some useful openings. During a prolonged attacking spell the visitors forced Collingwood to concede a penalty and several scrums close to their try line. And it was from a scrum that Marist's number eight opened the scoring with a try followed by an easy conversion.

The home side rallied – stirred rather than shaken by going behind – and went on the attack pushing ever closer to the try line.

Eventually the pressure paid off when on the half-hour mark, the unstoppable Havili forced his way through Marist's defensive line to register his side's first points of the afternoon. A missed conversion, however, meant that the Black and Gold were still trailing 5-7.

Shortly before half-time, the home side missed a good chance to snatch the lead when they were awarded a penalty in a favourable position but failed to convert.

Collingwood started the second half at full pelt with the forwards fully committed in the tackles and the backs attacking down the flanks. Nine minutes after the restart Havili scored his second try of the afternoon which Brad Goulsbro converted to give the home side a 12-7 lead.

The advantage didn't last long, though, and within minutes Marist regained the initiative with a try and conversion of their own to take the score to 12-14.

Around 65 minutes in to the hard-fought contest, players were visibly tiring – physically...
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Fuel crisis update

JO RICHARDS

The ongoing and unpredictable conflict in the Middle East is keeping fuel prices high and raising questions over future availability.

Across Golden Bay on Tuesday, according to fuel app Gaspy, per litre prices for 91 petrol ranged from \$3.39 to \$3.78 while, for diesel, the spread was \$3.75 to \$4.02.

The 80-85 per cent increase in the price of diesel fuel over the past six weeks means it is now generally more expensive than petrol – and that's before Road User Charges are taken into consideration.

For major users of diesel, such as Sollys for whom fuel represents 20 per cent of its total operating costs, the dramatic price escalation is difficult, if not impossible, to absorb. Consequently the firm applies a Fuel Adjustment Factor which owner Merv Solly recalculates every Tuesday based on fuel price fluctuations. Speaking to *The GB Weekly* on Tuesday afternoon, Merv said he was pleased to note that "the price had gone down today" and appeared unconcerned about availability.

Another significant consumer of fuel is the agricultural sector in which diesel powers the tractors, harvesters, trucks and tankers essential to keep production going. Unsurprisingly Federated Farmers, while unhappy about rising costs, have expressed concern about maintaining supply if fuel stocks become subject to rationing. In a recent Federated Farmers news update, national board member David Birkett argued that the sector should be given priority should the government move to phase three of its fuel plan. "As food producers, we're in a fortunate position where we would likely be prioritised ahead of some other businesses to keep people fed and the economy turning over."

In response to an inquiry by *The GB Weekly* Golden Bay Federated Farmers provincial president Sue Brown stated on...

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Much-loved clothing store moving with the times



Tracey Brignole, owner of Mariposa. Photo: Supplied.

RONNIE SHORT

Mariposa owner Tracey Brignole recently made the difficult decision not to renew the lease on her clothing and accessories store on Commercial Street, Tākaka.

“Even though it’s a sad time it feels like the right thing – it’s positive in order for my business to continue but it’s just hard to let go,” said Tracey.

Several issues led to her decision, including the increasing costs and challenges of doing business in today’s economic climate. Tracey saw the need to centralise focus to the more successful aspect of her business, namely the footwear outlets.

Tākaka’s Mariposa first opened in September 2005 in what



Mariposa has had a presence on Tākaka’s Commercial Street for over 20 years. Photo: Ronnie Short.

FUEL CRISIS UPDATE



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...Wednesday that she was “not aware of any issues of supply to farm tanks” but the high prices were clearly being felt by local farmers. “It impacts farming directly in our fuel and freight costs and it’s having the snowball effect as contractors and on-farm services providers need to increase their charges to cover their fuel costs,” said Sue. “Fair to say we are all thinking of ways we can buffer the increased cost by using less and hoping we don’t get to the crisis of supply issues as we do rely on diesel.”

She noted that a novel technology used by “quite a few” dairy farms in Golden Bay was helping to mitigate the cost increase. “Interestingly farms who have installed the Halter virtual fencing technology are noting they have reduced fuel usage as less tractor or farm bikes trips are needed.”

At the moment, the government appears unlikely to move from phase one of its fuel response plan so its focus will remain on monitoring global developments, providing information and advice to consumers, and working with fuel companies to keep deliveries moving.

Data published on Monday afternoon showed the country’s fuel stocks, which includes shipments in transit, had reduced slightly with total cover sitting at 59.7 days of petrol, 49.1 days of diesel and 50.7 days of jet fuel. Of this, the in-country stocks were quoted as 25.6 days of petrol, 21.7 days of diesel and 25.1 days of jet fuel.

The large hike in fuel costs is likely to affect a wide range of goods and services including the hospitality business – an important part of Golden Bay’s economy – but a brief (and incomplete) survey of accommodation providers across the Bay carried out by *The GB Weekly* on Tuesday, revealed a mixed picture. While some providers had seen cancellations, others noted it was difficult to draw any conclusions at a time when a seasonal downturn is expected. One guest staying at Golden Bay Holiday Park said they had made the trip, not in spite of, but because of the fuel crisis, reasoning that it was better to grasp the opportunity before the government imposed restrictions.

is now the Soul by Mariposa footwear store. For several years Tracey was operating seven retail stores across Nelson and Tākaka. However, during the last couple of years Mariposa has been reduced to four shops. With the impending closure there will be three. “In these times it is simply too expensive to have so many doors open.”

Tracey now plans to narrow the clothing down to “more of a boutique range” in her Nelson store. With prices soaring due to the oil crisis, she realises that budgets are squeezed for the luxury items she sells.

“It’s a sad thing because it was my first store [but] I don’t need to be as busy as I was 10 years ago. I’m 55, and my family will be definitely looking forward to me not being spread so thin.”

Soul footwear will remain open in Tākaka. “It’s just time to focus on shoes. It is a bit of an end of an era, but people can still shop with us at Soul and online, plus our Nelson stores. Click and collect is also available.”

As Tracey again adapts her business to changing times, she reflects on the highlights of Mariposa’s 21 years. “Having a creative outlet, amazing staff and customers. Feedback from people on how much they enjoyed the store over the years is definitely key for me. It’s been a beautiful, humbling and heartwarming, amazing business to be involved in. It feels a little unreal, it’s sad but it feels right.”

Mariposa Tākaka is now celebrating those years with half price bargains in the final weeks before the doors close in early May.

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Community connects at Talking Café



Enjoying conversation and a cuppa at the Wellby Talking Café hosted by Tākaka Memorial Library on Wednesday 1 April. From left, Yuki, Toto, Sunshine, Julie, Karen, Elizabeth, Melanie, Suse, Helen, Carl. Photo: Ronnie Short.

RONNIE SHORT

A hot cuppa, warm welcome, interesting conversations, and the opportunity to learn about what the Golden Bay community has to offer, is all served at the monthly Wellby Talking Café held in Tākaka's Memorial Library.

Originally Talking Cafés, funded by Nelson Bays Primary Health Organisation (NBPHO) were rolled out in collaboration with TDC, Nelson City Council and Age Concern. Cafés across the region hosted the meet-ups, until funding cuts saw most Talking Cafés move into libraries. Coffee, tea (and biscuits) are still provided free.

Helen Kingston explained the idea originated from a GP in Frome, (Somerset, England) coincidentally of the same name as herself. Dr Helen Kingston found that a lot of her patients suffered from loneliness. Knowing that this often led to physical or mental ill health, she connected with social workers and people in the Frome community to help combat the loneliness. The project resulted in fewer regular hospital admissions.

A quote from the Wellby website puts it succinctly, "Connection/whanaungatanga is vital to community and personal wellbeing and growth."

Conversations might be local history, current events, or international, depending on who attends. "We are always

finding connections," said Helen.

Assistant librarian, Suse Borger, hosts the sessions. "We have four new people today. Usually we have five or six. Today is a record."

Japanese couple, Yuki and Toto are newcomers to Golden Bay. They came to meet people and learn more about the community. Julie arrived a couple of years ago, "I just wanted to get to know some initial contacts in town." For Sunshine, "It's about community building." Carl comes, "Just to be with people."

Karen Dransfield and her mother, Elizabeth, are regulars. "Mum and I go somewhere every Wednesday." Currently she is compiling a list of all the cuppa and chat sessions held across Mohua, most of which are advertised in *The GB Weekly* under Upcoming Events, or on Facebook.

Melanie, in her role as elder-care coordinator for the Anglican church said, "I am curious, if there are people who are isolated or lonely, I am available. You don't have to be Christian to give me a call if you are struggling with food or anything." Contact Melanie via <https://www.goldenbayanglican.nz/> or drop in to the Anglican church.

Everyone is welcome to pop in briefly, or stay longer, as they wish. Wellby Talking Cafés, first Wednesday of every month, 12.30-3pm, Tākaka Memorial Library. www.wellby.org.nz

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 22. Apricot, 24. Receipt, 26. Easter egg, 27. Tempt,
 28. Toasted, 29. Nudists

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LETTERS

Security and sovereignty

Energy strategy will feature heavily in the 2026 elections. Not just from the Strait of Hormuz, although it is teaching us significant lessons. In New Zealand we seem not to want to play to our strengths. Our high percentage of renewable electricity generation is a huge strength and enhancing that is a no-brainer. Fossil fuel-based energy like LNG will be a major weakness. Yet some want to maintain that weakness. We need to see the advantage of roof-top solar with batteries helps reduce peak power demand – a big help with transmission costs. A force majeure on Methanex could help NZ while we complete the shift to renewables using the natural gas for more important stuff in NZ.

Data sovereignty is a little trickier but is nonetheless vitally important. Why? Data generated in Aotearoa should be governed and held by New Zealand laws. However most is held in data centres in the US. Data is usually subject to the laws of the nations within which it is stored. The Māori Data sovereignty network has developed a charter called Te Mana Raraunga. Others would do well to look at that charter. Data is harvested by the likes of the company Palantir and its shareholder Peter Thiel. I store stuff in the “cloud” but is that wise and can I protect it? This should also be an election issue, but I suspect it will not be.

Morris Te Whiti Love

ANZAC and the RSA

ANZAC day 25 April – a public holiday when we remember those who put their lives on the line to ensure peace for our nation. It is not only about remembering the past, it is to honour what they gave, so that we may enjoy what we have today. A day to also remember those veterans who have served in conflicts since then and those serving our country today. As everyone crosses their fingers for a peaceful solution to the current conflict between the United States, Israel and Iran, it is worth noting the NZ Defence Force played a vital peacekeeping role in that region some years ago. Back in September 1988 the United Nations had brokered a ceasefire in the war between Iran and Iraq. New Zealand was one of the nations committed to the peacekeeping mission with the deployment lasting until 1991 when Iran and Iraq ended their eight-year war. Iran remained neutral until Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait – but that’s another story – such is the state of that part of the world! Nonetheless, New Zealand played its part in securing peace for a time. Today our soldiers, sailors and aviators are similarly deployed around the world or at home ready to deploy should our government

so direct. These personnel will become veterans, as are the almost 70 ex NZ servicepersons currently living in the Bay who previously served in our Armed Forces. Our Returned Services Association helps provide support to these veterans and families and your donations on Poppy Day help us maintain this service.

So please donate generously today and how about attending one of our parades to commemorate and reflect on those who gave us our freedom. Timings for the Collingwood and Tākaka Services will be listed elsewhere in *The GB Weekly*. *Lest we forget.*

Noel Baigent, president Golden Bay RSA

Getting what we deserve

This word “deserve”. It is bandied about a lot these days. We hear and see it on advertisements and we see it on slogans held up in streets. Why all these disparate things are “deserved” always eludes me.

Karen Brookes seems to think that all New Zealanders are “deserving”. Why? Have we all done something deserving of reward or does she think that merely existing puts one in for the deserving category?

I know there are many New Zealanders out there who don’t deserve a single thing yet in spite of this they get very well looked after by the government.

What was that that God said? “I never promised you a rose garden”. Hang on. Was that God or me? No. On reflection a gem of wisdom from a near-forgot song – one which we could perhaps apply in our own lives.

Larry Petterson

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TAG team a boost for Bay's youth



Golden Bay's TAG (the Adventure Group) recently had a blast canoeing the Whanganui River. Photo: Submitted.

SUBMITTED

TAG (The Adventure Group), has been quietly running behind the scenes in Golden Bay for the last five years, providing a space for young people to build strong friendships, explore the outdoors and develop skills and confidence. The group of around 10 kids, who have been mostly homeschooled, have been on many adventures together, including kayaking, rock climbing, many camps around Golden Bay, nights away at Hanmer Springs, Lake Daniels and tramping the Heaphy Track.

They've also been involved in various community service activities and have learned valuable skills along the way. The group's focus on kindness, trust, and resilience comes through in their interactions with people, and the dedication of Aaliyah Neither, a mother who has been supporting them every step of the way. They've even been inspired to create their own events,

like the CRAVE, where local live youth acts/bands and DJs came together in 2025 to offer a dance event for local youth. This event was supported by Pete's Naturals, Ellis Creek Farm and the Golden Bay Fresh Fruit Icecream van.

One of the groups most recent endeavours was a trip up to the North Island, where they had a blast canoeing the Whanganui River, visiting art galleries, the local marae and exploring Wellington. Special thanks to the sponsors who supported their North Island trip, including Georgie Moleta, The Butcheress, who generously donated a huge number of sausages to help them fundraise as well as FreshChoice and Crowther Reynish in particular, who have supported TAG in many of their fundraisers over the years. With community support like this, our youth will surely continue to thrive and make a positive impact in Golden Bay and beyond.

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Parliament protest brought to book

ALISTAIR HUGHES

Local film publicist Siân Clement was unable to attend the 2022 parliamentary occupation personally, but on hearing the accounts of those who did, gradually became moved to co-author the new book, *Heart of the Protest*.

Written with Gaylene Barnes – the director of acclaimed documentary *River of Freedom*, they cover the making of the film, and the protest event itself from the point of view of those who were actually there.

“There were over 50 people from Golden Bay who attended, and the stories that I was getting from them were painting a very different picture from the one that I was receiving through media channels,” Siân recalls. Her original plan was to interview these people and record their stories, and it was at that point that she became aware of *River of Freedom*. “I thought; ‘ah, someone’s already done this!’”

Fortunately her background in film publicity meant she had already worked with the film’s director Gaylene Barnes, and their partnership began.

“That was wonderful, because it gave me a framework... and we were able to dive deeper into these people’s stories and weave them together around the facts and events of the time.”

Siân is forthright about she and Gaylene’s intention with the finished result: “We have taken a side, because there were already several government and mainstream media publications, movies and books out there. So we wanted to make sure that the people’s voice is heard loud and clear.”

She says that the most rewarding aspect of writing *Heart of the Protest* has been the response from readers. “Their joy, excitement and belief in Gaylene and I has been quite phenomenal. Without them, we couldn’t have done this, because it was all done on those pre-sales.”



Siân Clement with her new book. Photo: Supplied.

Currently over 1000 copies have been sold, which Siân believes would likely put it on a bestsellers list if it wasn’t independently distributed.

A highlight of the book for Siân is actually a chapter containing blank pages. “It’s so people who were there can write their own account, and it becomes a history for their families that they can pass down through the generations.”

Positive future for Pōhara Hall

ROSA VOLZ

The Pōhara Hall Committee (PHC) is launching a fundraiser to upgrade seating as part of a bigger vision to serve the Golden Bay community.

The original Pōhara Hall, (built in 1924) was rebuilt after a fire in 1971 – where it went on to win a NZIA endurance award – and has long been a focal point for community gatherings. From weddings and funerals to after-school dancing, plays, twilight markets and community events, it remains one of the only large venues in the Bay outside of the Collingwood Hall and the Rec Centre.

But just five years ago, the hall was in a very different state. “Pōhara Hall had no management committee for many years, with TDC managing from a distance. Averill Grant advocated for a committee to be formed,” said Golden Bay Community Board representative Grant Knowles. “When the committee stepped in, it gave the hall a real future.”

Committee member Tracey Bardet recalls the challenge. “When we took it over five years ago, it was pretty run down,” she said. “There was a long list of maintenance, it was hard to know what to do first. The windows were rotting out and it was leaking.”

Since then, a dedicated group including Lorraine Crawford, Tracey Bardet, Grant Knowles, Jett Kelly, Rita Van Iddekinge, Shan Ruijter and Sarah Martin has overseen significant improvements. Upgrades have been extensive, including replacing the ladies’ toilets, repainting the exterior, installing a heat pump, repairing gutters, upgrading windows, fitting a new roof contour, painting the kitchen ceiling and purchasing new trestle tables.

“The hall has gained its own momentum due to good feedback and strong bookings,” said Lorraine. “At the beginning, it felt depressing and overwhelming, but now it’s something the community is proud of.”

The committee manages all bookings, accounts, cleaning, and ongoing maintenance, while Tasman District Council retains ownership. The venue remains intentionally affordable, with hire fees set at just \$10 per hour, (minimum two-hour booking). “Our vision is to keep it accessible and affordable for everybody in the community,” Lorraine said.

Looking ahead, further upgrades are planned, including additional interior painting, improved drainage and more heating. The current focus, however, is seating.

The “chair upgrade fundraiser” aims to raise \$24,000 to purchase 250 new chairs – enough to meet the hall’s maximum permitted seated capacity. The project has already received a \$5,000 boost from Pupu Hydro, Trash Palace and other fundraising efforts.

“We’re inviting local businesses, families and individuals to sponsor one or more chairs,” says the committee. Sponsors contributing \$100 per chair will be recognised on a plaque



Pōhara Hall committee members Shan Ruijter and Jett Kelly promote the Pōhara Hall chair fundraiser. Photo: Rosa Volz.

displayed inside the hall.

Donations can be made to the Pōhara Hall Management Committee, with supporters encouraged to include their name as a reference to be acknowledged as part of the hall’s ongoing story.

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Senior football



Mountain Goat Willow Milligan. Photo: Supplied.

JO RICHARDS

Golden Bay Mountain Goats opened their Division 1 campaign last Saturday with a 3-3 draw.

Playing against Richmond 1st XI at Tākaka's Rec Centre, the Goats made a strong start, controlling much of the early tempo in a match that quickly developed into an open, end-to-end contest. The early pressure paid off with Kiyō Ejima netting a quick brace to give the home side a 2-0 advantage after 17 minutes.

The second half proved more challenging. An early injury to Kian Lamason forced a reshuffle and, as the Goats looked to reset, the visitors capitalised on the disruption, scoring twice in quick succession before adding another to take the lead.

That third goal sparked a response from the home side who worked to regain the initiative. The equaliser came in the 71st minute, with Ejima once again at the centre of the play. His well-weighted through ball released Saxon Bowden, who showed composure beyond his years to round the goalkeeper and calmly finish to level the scores at 3-3.

It wasn't all about the goal-scorers, though. At the other end of the pitch Goats' goalkeeper Sam Lear played a crucial role late in the match, producing an outstanding save to deny a powerful Richmond strike and keep the scores level heading into the closing stages.

The match marked an important step up for several young players who have graduated from the youth team ranks, with Quinn Bowden, Sanai Ejima, Saxon Bowden, Keith Emmanuel, and Taiyo Shiraishi-Taylor all making their senior debuts this season, alongside the return of Zac Butler.

Head coach Gary Calderbank said he was pleased with the effort across the park and the commitment shown by the players as a team, describing it as a solid way to open the season. He added that the group is looking forward to the coming weeks to continue building combinations and cohesion with more time together on the training pitch.

In the earlier kick-off, on the adjacent pitch, Golden Bay Shield Maidens thrashed Richmond Swans in the opening round of the Women's Premiership.

The Maidens' hard work in pre-season training clearly paid dividends with players linking up well, pressing the opposition and playing with energy and composure. At the half-time break the home side had established a 7-0 lead with Isla Foulds scoring four goals. Two more were added shortly into the second half and, with the result secured, the game shifted into a more social spirit. Teams were reshuffled; the Maidens dropped to nine players, and lent some of their squad members to the Swans to end the match with a fun, competitive kick-around.

This weekend both senior teams are away from home with the Shield Maidens travelling to Wakefield while the Mountain Goats face Tahuna.

Bay rugby off to winning start



Stephen McLellan reaches for the ball in last Saturday's match against Marist. Photos: Jo Richards.

Continued from page 1

...and mentally – and both sides made several minor errors and showed occasional signs of ill-discipline. When the referee penalised McLellan with a yellow card Collingwood had to play the final 10 minutes with 14 men.

Marist and their supporters may well have felt that this was now their day but anyone who knows the Black and Gold would have believed the home side could still beat the odds. And so they did, as Goulsbro converted a penalty with the final kick of the match to give his team a 15-14 win.

Speaking after the match, Collingwood co-coach Steve Strange paid tribute to his squad. "I'm very proud of them." But he acknowledged there were areas for improvement. "We need to work on the scrum."

His Marist counterpart Patrick McDougall reflected on a tough, and ultimately disappointing, afternoon. "These are the type of games we expect when we come here. We get ground down and stuck in the mud."

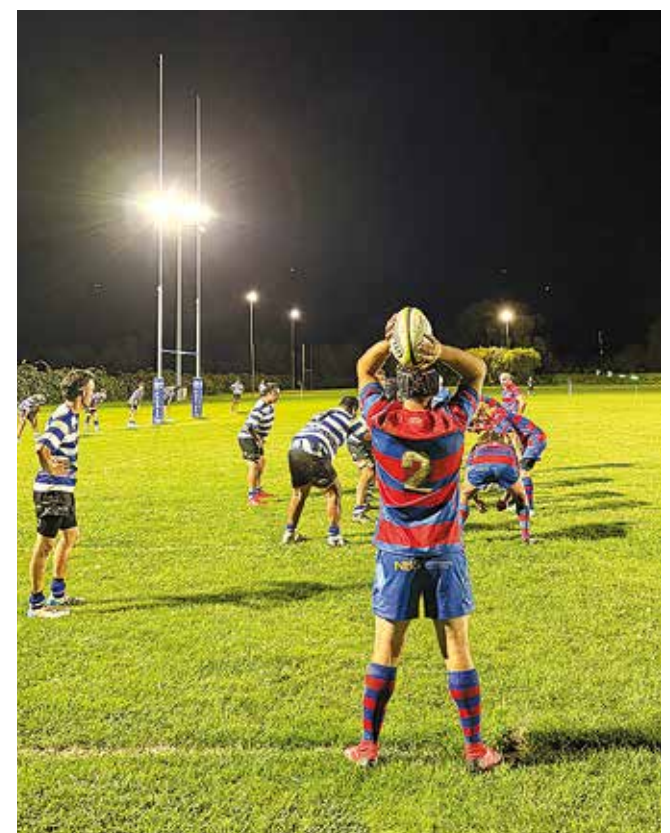


Ryan McKay made a welcome return as Collingwood's skipper.

The previous evening Tākaka travelled over the Hill to face Riwaka and returned with the spoils. Co-coach Hamish Hills was delighted with the "good win" and the performance of his players, singling out the junior members for special mention. "The young ones on debut all played really well."

Hamish was particularly pleased with the character shown by his squad against a physical and at times ill-disciplined team. "We went 14-0 down but came back – something which we may not have done a couple of years ago. Now we need to keep u the momentum."

Tākaka play at home tomorrow afternoon when they take on Wanderers at the Rec Park, while Collingwood's next home fixture is against Riwaka on 2 May.



Tākaka played under lights at Riwaka last Friday. Photo: Supplied.

Athletics season wraps up



Charlie Foe and Charlie Edmondson, multiple record breakers this season for six-year-old boys. Photos: Submitted.

SUBMITTED

Tākaka Athletics wrapped up its 2025/26 season with a fun-filled prize giving on Wednesday 25 March, bringing together athletes, families and supporters for a memorable evening.

The celebrations kicked off with fun obstacle courses, relays and a crowd-favourite tug of war, with plenty of laughter and team spirit on display.

Prizegiving followed, recognising the effort, improvement and achievements of the athletes across the season. From first-time participants to record-breakers, every child had something to be proud of. The club was especially excited to celebrate athletes who broke club records this season – Charlie Edmondson, Charlie Foe, Sophie Nalder and Lucas McCleely – a fantastic achievement.

Special awards were presented to Lexi Kraay, Clancee Connell, Bree Dell, Raz Ormsby and Lucas McCleely, while the Mark Hope Memorial Trophy for outstanding contribution to Tākaka Athletics was awarded to the Molloy family.



From left, Raz Ormsby, Clancee Connell, Lucas McCleely and Lexi Kraay.

The club says it is incredibly proud of all its athletes for their hard work, positive attitudes and willingness to give everything a go each week. They also pay "a huge thank you" to the coaches, volunteers and families who make Tākaka Athletics such a supportive and encouraging community.

"Without sponsors this club wouldn't survive, so please support the following as they have supported your children. A huge thanks to Pupu Hydro Society, Dan Darwen Builders, Dave Gowland Surveying, Abel Tasman Plumbing & Gas, Trash Palace, Sport NZ for Travel, Hammer Hardware, Golden Bay Shades and Sails, Imagine Designs, and Orange Mechanical."

"It's been a fantastic season, and we can't wait to see everyone back again next season."

MSS a winner with Tinbum donation

SUBMITTED

With a large turnout, strong support, and a wonderful atmosphere from start to finish, the voluntary organisers of the 2026 Tinbum Triathlon are pleased to report another fantastic community event.

"We had over 130 participants, which was the biggest turnout since the pre-Covid years," said Tinbum volunteer Shelley Grell. "It was also great to see so many new faces out there enjoying the day alongside returning competitors and teams."

On Monday this week, representatives of the Tinbum organising committee presented a cheque for \$2,500 to the team at Mohua Social Services.

"The NBS Tinbum is only possible because of the strength of community behind it, and we are proud to give back in support of the vital work Mohua Social Services does in our community," said Shelley.

Manager of Mohua Social Services, Stephanie Doucet, was thrilled. "We're incredibly grateful for this generous donation, which will directly support the work we do at Mohua Social Services. It's the kindness and commitment of our community that makes this work possible, and donations like this truly make a meaningful difference."



Shelley Grell and Katrina Robbie of the NBS Tinbum organising committee with Mohua Social Services manager Stephanie Doucet and team members Jess Currin-Steer and Aly Turner. Photo: Submitted.

Shelley said the Tinbum committee was deeply grateful to all major supporters, spot prize sponsors, race crew, volunteers and marshals, whose generosity and hard work helped make the annual community fundraising event such a success.

RESULTS AND FIXTURES

BRIDGE

8 April. Pōhara Pairs Session 2. B Burdett/C Jackson 59.00%; P Nelson/R Smith 55.75%; A Foreman/L Scurr 53.17%. H/cap: P Nelson/R Smith 55.23%; B Burdett/C Jackson 54.22%; P Wood/A Telford 51.94%.

GOLF

8 April. Stableford: C Hadler 38, R Dyce 37, M Stephens 37. Twos: R Tait, C Hadler. Best gross: C Hadler 78.

11 April. Hay Cup Round 1: C Hadler 68, G Allen 71, S Lawson 71. Closest to the pin: 3/12 S Lawson, 4/13 C Hadler, 8/17 C Hadler, 9/18 S Lawson. Happy wanderer: C Perrett. Best gross: C Hadler 78.

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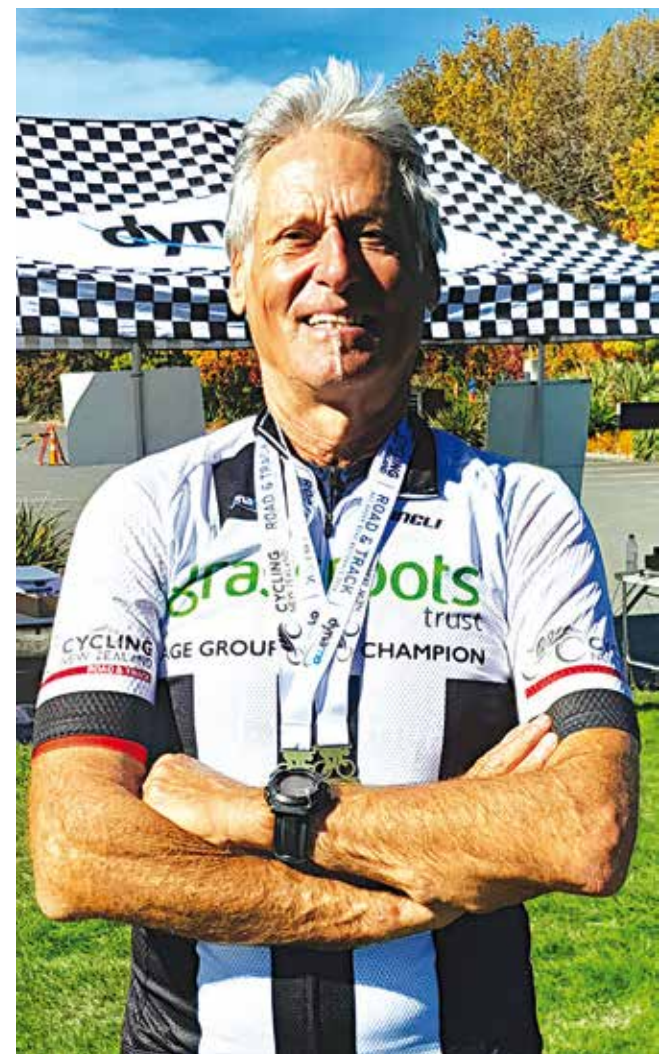
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Cycling champ



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Over the weekend of 10-12 April the Age Group National Cycling Champs were held in Upper Moutere.

Local cyclist, Hans Bauer (pictured above) won the Time Trial event and also came first in the Road Race. As the National Champion for his age group, these wins qualify Hans to compete in the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships in Japan later this year.

Octagenarians celebrate milestone birthdays



On a very pleasant Golden Bay day recently, 24 or so residents of Golden Bay, including partners, gathered at the Nikau Café & Bar for a shared lunch. Why? Because these folk were going to be celebrating their 84th/85th birthdays this year and it seemed to be a good chance for a long overdue catch up. A catch up that had been planned when they turned 80 and has taken five years to eventuate. However 2026 was to be the time. Sadly, less a few friends who would have been with us but many memories of all were shared. Photo: Submitted.

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

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SUDOKU
 No. 787 Very Hard

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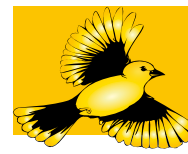
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GB Escapes capturing local market



NEWS IN BRIEF



Tineke McDonald and Keela Arnst outside their new premises in Junction Street, Tākaka. Photo: Supplied.

ROSA VOLZ

After 14 months in business together, local entrepreneurs Tineke McDonald and Keela Arnst are expanding their holiday homes management business, Golden Bay Escapes, with a new premises in Tākaka and an extended range of services for both visitors and residents.

Primarily focused on holiday home management, Golden Bay Escapes has built a reputation for providing a comprehensive, hands-on service for property owners across the Bay. Their core offering covers everything from bookings and guest communication to linen hire, cleaning, gardening, and coordinating local tradespeople.

"We look after every detail," says Tineke. "From pre-season set-ups to end-of-season deep cleans, property checks, and making sure everything is safe, secure and functioning properly."

The pair say one of the most rewarding aspects of the job is preparing homes for guests. "A lot of properties start as family baches and aren't initially set up for short-term stays," Keela explains. "We come in, deep clean, repaint, update linens, and help stage the home so it really works as a holiday space."

Keela also manages photography and listings across booking platforms, while the team creates detailed property compendiums to enhance the guest experience.

Now, the business is taking its next step with a new office on Junction Street, set to open to the public in early May. The space will act as a central hub where visitors and locals can access services such as bookings, key collection, linen and portacot hire, and local information.

Operating from the new premises, the team will also run an in-house commercial laundry, offering washing, drying, ironing, and linen hire services, alongside retail supplies for holiday homes such as cleaning products, teas, coffees, and guest amenities.

Golden Bay Escapes has grown to a team of around six staff and continues to expand its portfolio, recently taking on additional properties and catering to larger groups, including visiting tradespeople.

"We want to help extend the season," says Tineke. "Golden Bay is just as beautiful in winter as it is in summer, and we're focused on increasing occupancy in the shoulder and off-peak months."

The business is also branching into tourism experiences, with plans to offer tailored packages combining accommodation and local activities. "We can organise everything from scenic flights to kayaking, groceries, and special touches like platters and wine," says Keela.

Alongside this, the launch of Golden Bay Rides introduces a much-needed local transport option. The service includes airport transfers, track drop-offs, event transport, and a "drive you and your car home" option.

With a fleet of four vehicles and a focus on accessibility, the service aims to support a wide range of needs, including transport for elderly residents and visitors.

"At the end of the day, we're local and we care," says Tineke. "We go above and beyond and take care of the little things that make a big difference."

A folk revolution at the Muss



From Wellington, The Haewai Collective bring together, from left, Jack Binding, Pete Lamb, Janie Mitchell and Kevin Ikin.

SUBMITTED

Featuring the songs of singer/songwriter Janine Mitchell, the Haewai Collective takes the guest spot at the monthly Golden Bay Live Poets gathering known as Acid on the Microphone.

Janine Mitchell is a singer songwriter who performs heartfelt songs, both originals and covers, in the 60s/70s era folk tradition. With her guitar accompaniment and fine lyrical vocals, she sings and writes from the heart crossing the borders of social, personal and environmental territories.

"It's great to have the Haewai Collective back at Acid on the Microphone," says spokesman Mark Raffills. "Their last visit was back in 2022 when their bright, timeless and engaging music and performance etched a place in our hearts."

The Haewai Collective came into being after the musicians - Jack Binding (lead guitar, vocals), Pete Lamb (percussion, vocals) and Kevin Ikin (mandolin, harmonica, vocals) - got together to back Janine on her album *Etched in my Soul*. They have stayed together, playing gigs around Wellington and further afield with a stable of original songs and covers. This current tour takes in Nelson, Mapua, Motueka and Golden Bay.

Of course, the very famous and long-running open mic session, the hall mark of Acid on the Microphone, will kick the evening off with stunning performances from poets and singer/songwriters. As usual, performers can register on the night.

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PROJECT Rameka AGM, Wednesday 29 April at Tākaka Primary School staffroom, 7.30pm.

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PERSONAL NOTICES / Pānui ake

ADRIAN, Caroline-Mary (Carol) sadly passed away on 6.4.26 in Nelson Hospital.

Loved and cherished wife of Wynne and deeply loved and special friend of Mary-Ann Tait.

Of course, we must not forget the love of wee Katie.

Carol loved the water, deep-sea diving and running and was devastated when her injuries and disabilities prevented her from doing these anymore.

We thank with deep gratitude the Golden Bay District Nurses, GBCH staff, St Johns Ambulance crews, Old Peoples Mental Health support teams and the doctors and staff of the Medical Ward at Nelson Hospital. Without them there were times we thought we would never get through. Thank you all for your care.

A private farewell and cremation has been held for Carol and she now rests at home with Wynne and Katie.

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SACRED Heart Catholic faith community: 18-19 April, no service in Golden Bay. Saturday 25 April, 5pm, Vigil Mass.

ST Andrews Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome to join us at 10am for Café Church in the church hall.


Kahurangi Christian Church

Sunday 19 April

10:30am, Onekaka Community Hall

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Pastor: Rodney Watson Ph: 03 525 9265 93 Commercial Street www.coctakaka.co.nz

UPCOMING EVENTS / Mea pakiri haere

FRIDAY 17 APRIL

POPPY DAY. See advert on the next page for the venues and details for donations.

SATURDAY 18 APRIL

PALESTINE: no food, no shelter, no safety. Tākaka Market stall.
TWISTED FREQUENCY FUNDRAISER at Roots Bar. See advert on next page for details.

SUNDAY 19 APRIL

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

MONDAY 20 APRIL

SINGALONG 'ROUND THE PIANO with Craig Denham, Mussel Inn from 7pm.

TUESDAY 21 APRIL

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

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THURSDAY 23 APRIL

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LATER EVENTS

ANZAC DAY DAWN AND CIVIC SERVICES will be held at Tākaka and Collingwood, Friday 25 April. See TDC *Newsline* advert for details.



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Saturday: Strong northerlies with rain, sometimes heavy and possibly thundery over Kahurangi. Wind and rain probably easing from late afternoon.

Sunday: Northerlies at first, gradually becoming variable. A few early showers but rain likely later.


Monday: Easterlies gradually tending southeast. Some showers during the morning then clearing from afternoon.

Tuesday: Mainly light winds, easterly about Farewell. Generally cloudy. Occasional rain for a time from late morning.



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SUNDAY 19TH
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SUN AND MOON


Sun	Moon	Sun	Moon	Sun	Moon	Sun	Moon	Sun	Moon
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