



Iconic names at art museum



Co-founders of the new Aorere Museum of Art in Collingwood, James Alker and Craig Potten. Photo: Charlotte Squire

CHARLOTTE SQUIRE

New Zealand's newest art museum is opening in Collingwood next Friday afternoon, and you're invited.

Aorere Museum of Art (AMoA) is displaying a large art collection of national significance that fills 11 rooms of the restored former Collingwood Post Office, with pieces that would usually only be accessible at Te Papa or the Auckland Art Gallery.

The combination of permanent and rotating exhibitions features modernist and abstract works by iconic New Zealand artists, including a room of paintings by Colin McCahon – who was widely regarded as New Zealand's most significant twentieth century artist.

There are also works by painter and sculptor Ralph Hotere, who merged text from poets who were writing about political and environmental causes, into his abstract pieces. There are contemporary works by renowned Kiwi artists Nikau Hinden and Jamie Te Huehue and pieces by international

figures including Ansel Adams and Anish Kapoor.

Years in the making, the not-for-profit AMoA was born from a shared love of art and the natural world, as well as years of friendship and dialogue between Nelson-based arts patron and photographer Craig Potten and Golden Bay-based entrepreneur James Alker. They first met at the Suter Art Gallery in Nelson, where Craig was chairperson for 15 years.

The friends developed the museum from two key beliefs – that slowing down is essential to developing connection and empathy, and that art can be a transformative force.

"I love going to the outdoors, that's where I go to go to meditate and recharge. But a lot of people love art and that's my other passion. I can come here and I can sit and recharge and be inspired and be challenged," said James.

Craig and James see the museum's location in Collingwood as a statement that significant art is not the exclusive property of cities.

"We want people to walk into the museum

and come out feeling that they've been lifted by beauty," said Craig.

They intend for the Golden Bay community to benefit from the museum as a cultural destination, with it expected to bring visitors – who spend on food, accommodation and local experiences – into the local economy.

"There's a very famous architect in Japan called Tadao Ando. He placed his collection of significant Japanese contemporary art on an island. You have to go on a ferry to get to the island, to find the art at the top of a hill. So, the notion is that you have to come across the Tākaka Hill, into this valley, to find significant New Zealand art, far away from any urban conurbation, or centre," said Craig.

The founding patron of the museum is New Zealand-born, New York-based painter Max Gimblett, who was a recipient of the New Zealand Order of Merit for his decades of contribution to art.

AMoA will also host an Aorere art residency, an annual space for artists whose practice is ...

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New home for Anaweka waka

ROSA VOLZ

It's decided: Pioneer Park will be home to the Anaweka Waka. Tasman District Council (TDC) voted unanimously on 13 August to approve the central Tākaka site – clearing the way for a long-term lease and the next stage of planning for construction. Councillors delegated authority to TDC's chief executive to negotiate a lease of up to 33 years for the site at 79-81 Commercial Street, once an appropriate body is formed to hold it.

The Anaweka waka is a roughly 700-year-old section of hull discovered by Flynn Nicolls at the mouth of the Anaweka estuary in January 2012. Researchers have described it as an early, sophisticated example of East Polynesian voyaging-canoe technology, seen as evidence of the vessels that first brought Polynesian settlers to New Zealand. The section held boasts a distinctive turtle carving and is made of matai with tōtara caulking. In the years since its discovery it has been held in Tākaka, where it has undergone a wet wood conservation process over a 10-year period and, more recently, completed a two-year period of drying. Ownership of the taonga itself is still before the Māori Land Court, with four claimant groups – Manawhenua ki Mōhū (representing Ngāti Rārua, Ngāti Tama and Te Ātiawa) and Ngāti Kuia – working through the process together.

The Pioneer Park decision followed a full round of public consultation. TDC received 261 submissions between May and June this year. Around three-quarters of submitters supported a wharewaka being built in Tākaka and roughly two-thirds backed Pioneer Park specifically ...

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... as the site. This is largely due to its position next to the Golden Bay Museum, which submitters said would let the two facilities share staff, resources and visitors. Opposition centred on the loss of mature trees and green space, the need to relocate the pioneers’ memorial, and traffic and parking concerns.

As part of its decision, TDC asked the Golden Bay Community Board to consult with the community and find a new site for the pioneers’ memorial and other park features currently on the reserve. The memorial was placed at the park, after it was moved from its original position on a site near the Top Shop.

Chris Hill, spokesperson for the Anaweka Wharewaka Working Group, welcomed the decision. “While quite a lot of work has gone into the project planning already, this decision opens the way for the next stages, including submitting the resource consent, governance and operational structure, developing design and further engineering planning,” said Chris. “We have a lot ahead of us and are grateful for the expertise and collaboration that is assisting in bringing about this very special project.”

Funding for construction, including relocating of park features and any changes to the museum building is expected to come from the iwi-led project group rather than TDC. Golden Bay ward councillor Celia Butler has emphasised the ground lease itself carries no cost to ratepayers.

No lease will be finalised until the project is ready to go to construction, and TDC isn’t currently being asked for any operational funding; what it costs to run the facility long-term will depend on decisions still to come on ownership.

TDC’s timeline has the wharewaka’s design and consent applications targeted for completion by 30 June 2027, with construction unlikely to start before late 2028. This is dependent on further TDC and Iwi decisions, fundraising and building ownership, and the role of TDC moving forward. The search for a new home for the pioneers’ memorial is expected to get under way in the coming months.

Iconic names at art museum cont.

... rooted in the natural world. The residency is intended as both a gift to the artist and a living resource for the region’s creative community. The inaugural residency will take place in March 2027, with further details to be announced.

The Collingwood Post Office is a category 1 historic building at the heart of the township. Over the past year it was carefully restored with the support of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and of local businesses. AMoA will open on

the one hundred and twentieth anniversary of the building’s original opening. Golden Bay locals will have a season pass deal – where people can come once and return as often as they like for the rest of the season. Museum entry is \$20 for adults and be free for under 18.

The grand opening for the Aorere Museum of Art is happening Friday, 18 September at 1.30pm and the public are warmly invited.

A trio of orchestras



Musicians from Tākaka Citizen Band and Golden Bay Orchestra, who will play with orchestras from Nelson and Blenheim at a combined orchestral production on Sunday 29 September. Photo: Ronnie Short

RONNIE SHORT

Nearly 60 musicians, from three regions across Te Tau Ihu, are coming together this month to play as one orchestra under a guest conductor from Christchurch: Major Graham Hickman, director of the New Zealand Army Band.

“We are lucky to be having such a conductor,” said viola player, Hennie Pemberton.

Participants are from Tākaka’s Citizen Band, Golden Bay Orchestra, Nelson’s Greenhill Orchestra, Marlborough Orchestra and Blenheim’s Up-Beat Orchestra. They will rehearse as a whole orchestra during the weekend prior to their public performance on Sunday 20 September.

Sixteen young players are involved, seven of whom play in the Golden Bay Orchestra. The youngest at 10-years-old, plays violin, and an 11-year-old plays the French horn. By contrast, the oldest member, a trumpet player, is in her eighties.

“It’s so hard for kids learning classical music in Golden Bay,” said Hennie. “One family goes over the hill for their music lessons. The French horn player has online lessons with a teacher in Auckland.”

She is thrilled the participating youths will experience a full orchestral experience.

Each of the participating groups chose two or three pieces, which all have practiced in readiness for the weekend’s event. Selections included are from The Lord of the Rings, Pirates of the Caribbean and Howl’s Moving Castle. Children are invited to bring pirate accessories to don during the Pirates of the Caribbean selections.

Local musician, Miyuki McGarvey, plays flute, violin and percussion. Hennie said, “she’s multi-talented. She also does a lot of the organising. Organising all the music for everyone is a big job.”

Miyuki’s 16-year-old son, Casey, will be playing a solo piece on piano from Howl’s Moving Castle.

Hennie said all members of the Golden Bay contingency will be hosting the visiting musicians throughout the weekend. With two rehearsals scheduled for Saturday, and a final on Sunday morning, the combined groups will be ready for their public showcase.

The public performance is at 1.00pm on Sunday 20 September at the Tākaka Primary School hall. Entry by koha.



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Best store award for Hammer Hardware



Golden Bay Hammer Hardware staff are thrilled to win the Hammer Hardware Store of the Year Award 2026. Owners Gavin (standing far left) and Tarnae (kneeling front centre) appreciate their exceptional team. Photo: Ronnie Short

RONNIE SHORT

Zealous retailers, Tarnae and Gavin Palmer, are over the moon upon receiving the 2026 Hammer Hardware Store of the Year Award for their Tākaka store.

This is the second time they have won the title, the first in 2024. And they earned Best Garden Centre 2025, for the project designed by Gavin. In fact, they have been nominated five times during their seven years running Golden Bay Hammer Hardware. Tarnae explained the process the company's head office undertakes.

"Head office select the top four stores out of a total of 40 nationally. Mainly, to start with, it's done on your figures, customer histories. Then they look at what you've done in your shop. You have to have been in your shop for two years to be eligible, because there's a natural growth when you first come in."

After the four finalists have been selected, an unannounced on-the-ground visit to each store takes place. This year finalist stores included Devonport, Eastern and Tairua.

Golden Bay Hammer Hardware were commended for consistent excellence in merchandise, displays, welcoming and knowledgeable staff, community involvement, local marketing, and innovative social media presence. Also for, "raising the bar with each successive year."

The couple say their business has grown organically. Gavin explains, "the two big important things were going from 2.5 to 11 staff. We wanted more people, and built the business so that we're offering more employment in Golden Bay, and working our way up to become part of the leaders with sponsorships for community events."

Growing year after year is due to various factors, such

as the closure of Pipeworx. Gavin created higher shelving to accommodate plumbing supplies. "We're running out of room now!" he says.

Winter used to mean only 60-70 customers daily. Now they see 150-200 customers daily during the once "dead" season. Those numbers increase exponentially during summer.

Regarding community involvement, Golden Bay Hammer Hardware are new sponsors for the Golden Bay Sports Awards this year, besides sponsoring the golf and rugby clubs. They also provide goods for many raffles including supporting MenzShed and the River Inn pig hunt.

Another accolade from Hammer Hardware's Head Office was for marketing and social media innovation. Erin is the staff member in charge of social media. She comes up with fresh, trending ideas for the popular reels posted weekly on Instagram, Tik Tok and Facebook.

"To be honest it's gone better than I ever anticipated. We're having a laugh, and that is us, as a team," said Erin.

"You have to be able to laugh at yourself to work here," agreed Tarnae.

Selected for their customer focus and team spirit, staff members clearly enjoy their work.

"You've just got to evolve and not get stale... I always had this thing, if a customer comes in, I want them happier going out. That's a win. The staff have been doing a fantastic job. We've been lucky to get the right people," says Gavin.

"We are like a family," agrees Tarnae.

Acknowledging their landlord, Tony Nicholls, Gavin said, "You couldn't get a better landlord."

Tarnae agrees, "He's backed us. He's just been awesome. And, of course, our customers."

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August 2026

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Pōhara	136mm	7	64mm on the 8th
Rangihaeata	158mm	7	75mm on the 9th
Ligar/Tata	145mm	10	65mm on the 8th
Onekaka	244mm	12	96mm on the 8th
Puramahoi	284mm	13	113mm on the 8th
Collingwood	246mm	14	58mm on the 8th
Kaihoka	152mm	14	45mm on the 8th
Te Hapu	163mm	13	76mm on the 8th
Bainham	338mm	12	84mm on the 8th
Rototai	171mm	11	72mm on the 8th

PEST TRAPPING

August 2026

Traps	1809
Bait stations	305
Rats	219
Possums	51
Mustelids	15
Hedgehogs	2
Other	28
Total this month	315

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August 2026

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Old Man's Beard	292,117
Other pest plants and trees	637,192
Total to date	1,814,206
Total controlled this month	10,529



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21. Doubt 25. Extra 27. Stood fast 28. Terrier 29. Overall
30. Parsnips 31. Plates

Down: 1. Theory 2. Wounded 3. Avalanche 5. Admonish
6. Token 7. Assumed 8. Exposure 9. Get it 16. A good deal
17. Live it up 18. Airstrip 20. Caterer 22. Blatant 23. Colon
24. Stilts 26. Align



LETTERS

Impact of AI centres on water

If we fully understood the dire ramifications of using thalidomide, asbestos, forever chemicals and other once acceptable dangerous practices, I doubt that we would have used them. Now we face the massive power and water sucking data centres proliferation in New Zealand which are in no way essential to our existence. We need to seek the full facts of how the constant noise generated by these untested facilities will affect humans and surrounding wildlife. Where will the water used to cool the units be discharged and how will that warmed water affect our environment? Would these mega centres be a wise use of our precious water and power? Let us learn from past mistakes.

Victoria Davis

Gaza film Sunday

Receiving a historic, nearly 24-minute standing ovation at the Venice Film Festival (where it won the Silver Lion Grand Jury Prize), *The Voice of Hind Rajib* earned widespread praise as a humanist masterpiece. We have a precious opportunity this Sunday 13 September at 4pm to witness the film at The Village Theatre and I would encourage everyone to attend in honour of five-year-old Hind, whose authentic voice forms the basis of the profound and personal docudrama. This is a film you'll keep thinking about, and keep living with; as we should until the genocide in Palestine and the killing of aid workers comes to an end.

Kylie Jones

Two opportunities to Meet the Candidates

Golden Bay Grey Power and Golden Bay Rural Women have collaborated to organise two opportunities for the community to Meet the Candidates. Sunday 18 October at 2pm Collingwood Area School Hall and 7pm Senior Citizens Hall Commercial Street, Tākaka. At present we have nine candidates for our West Coast-Tasman electorate representing nine political parties. All have been invited to this meeting, however there could be more candidates as the closing date to announce candidature is not until October 8th, and if so, any additional candidates will also be invited. All candidates will deliver a short, prepared speech, and there will be time

for questions. Questions are to be submitted in writing either prior to, or at the meeting (paper and pens available). These may be addressed to all candidates, or selected candidates. There will be NO questions from the floor. We warmly invite you to take this opportunity to come along and hear what these candidates, who wish to represent us in parliament, have to say. Put this important meeting date on your calendar. Please email your questions to Joyce Wyllie (kaihoka@xtra.co.nz)

Carolyn McLellan (on behalf of Golden Bay Provincial Rural Women and Michael Delceg Golden Bay Grey Power)

Iona's Fermented Buckwheat Bread

Thank you, Joyce Wyllie, for publishing the Buckwheat Bread recipe. It just came out of the oven and OMG it's soooo yummy! I'm very grateful and delighted!

Nana Wolter

Reminder for Nominations

The Golden Bay Sports Awards, hosted by Dame Sophie Pascoe, are fast approaching. In order to best celebrate the depth of sporting talent and dedication across the Bay, nominations are needed. Anyone can submit a nomination by 5pm on Friday 18 September. The categories are: Sportsman of the Year, Sportswoman of the Year, Sports team of the year, Junior Sportsman of the year, Junior Sportswoman of the year, Masters Sportsperson/Team, Coach of the Year, Lifetime Contribution to Sport and Community Spirit Award. A Supreme Sports Award will be chosen from all nominees. To nominate an individual or team you will need the following: Consent and contact information of the nominated individual (or point of contact for a team), Name and contact information of the associated club (if applicable), names and contact details of two referees, and a list of achievements and results. We also want to know why you think they are an exceptional sports person or category nominee. Find the nomination form on Facebook: Golden Bay Sports Award, or send us an email gbsportsawards@gmail.com

Ruth Guthrie, on behalf of the Golden Bay Sports Awards Committee



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ALISTAIR HUGHES

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Benefits of growing comfrey



Gathering comfrey for a compost mission at Tui Community Orchard. Photo: Sol Morgan

SOL MORGAN

Having a garden full of food has always made sense to me, and even more so now that the cost of living has increased. Maintaining the garden on a limited budget can be tricky. Some plants are so multi-purpose that they make gardening easier and save us money too. One such plant is comfrey, considered by many the most valuable plant in a garden.

Comfrey, (*Symphytum* spp.), is a herbaceous flowering perennial in the borage family. Native to Europe and Asia, there are 40 different recorded species.

Comfrey is a dynamic accumulator, able to draw nutrients through its extensive root system. Over winter it dies down, releasing nutrients into the soil. Leaves are also a rich source of protein, including the amino acids tryptophan and methionine. An Irish study compared comfrey as a plant-based fertiliser against artificial fertilisers, focusing on its impact on soil health, crop yield, and environmental sustainability. Trials demonstrated that comfrey improves soil structure, enhances organic matter, and reduces nitrate runoff, lowering carbon dioxide emissions by 10.6 per cent compared to artificial fertilisers.

Comfrey is best integrated between orchard fruit plants, both temperate and subtropical kinds. Left to grow and flower, comfrey serves to improve soil and enhance the surrounding ecosystem. In the soil, comfrey helps break up heavy soils and improves soil drainage. Over winter, it adds to soil carbon and biological activity and it can be cut down at least five times during the growing season, providing useful mulch. Those with animals can plant comfrey on edges for stock to nibble for some extra nutrition. Research shows pigs, chickens and cows do well with some comfrey, but don't over-do it.

Planting some close to the vegetable garden is a bonus when making composts. Experienced composters acknowledge comfrey as an accelerator, helping organic matter decompose faster. Keep it out of the vegetable garden beds as roots can be easily broken, making it spread.

For mulch, cut comfrey leaves with a sickle or garden shark above the crown. Fruiting crops will benefit from comfrey mulch as it is rich in potassium in particular. Allow some plants to flower to support beneficial insects.

Comfrey tea is easy to make if you have enough plants. Select a suitable sized container, like a plastic drum or bucket. Put a 20mm hole near the bottom and rest it up on blocks so a jug can collect juice that flows out of the hole. Pack the drum with fresh comfrey leaves. It's best to have a lid that fits inside the drum and put a weight on it to keep the pressure on the leaves. Cover to keep insects away. After several weeks the comfrey will rot and drip out the hole. Every week or so, starting around November, cut some leaves and keep it topped up. By the end of the season you will harvest a good amount of comfrey liquid fertiliser. Decant into sealed bottles. This can be diluted 1:20 into a watering can or sprayer to feed heavy fruiting crops like tomatoes and zucchinis.

Planting comfrey is easy by simply digging up roots in September/October. Dig a spade hole and pop in a bit of root along with a dollop of animal manure, then cover. Avoid cutting it back in the first year or so and water if dry. Comfrey prefers moist soil so avoid planting on dry ridges. It also prefers good sun to reach its full potential, but tolerates some shade. During the first year it is best to keep other weeds down around the growing plants. For those after some comfrey root to grow, come on down to the Sustainable Living Centre soon. I think comfrey is the best support species to have in the garden – it will save you money and improve food production.

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GBHS team place fourth in Chch tournament



Golden Bay High School's girls' football team. Photo: Submitted

LILY MICHELL

Golden Bay High School girls' football team placed fourth against 18 teams in Christchurch last week. For this year's New Zealand secondary schools Gary Sowden tournament, thirteen players from GBHS drove down to Christchurch to face off against teams from all across Aotearoa. Secondary school girls' teams from Wellington, Auckland, Christchurch and Nelson were in attendance, as well as Golden Bay's own girls. With them went their coach Pew Singh, assistant coach Tori Wells, manager Marina Profendiner and parent help Josephine Uhrle.

Their first match on Monday morning was against Upper Hutt on a grass field. The GBHS team continued on from the Shield Maidens' season and took the game 2-0, giving them a strong start in the tournament.

The Foster Park Christchurch venue presented a new challenge for the Golden Bay girls on Tuesday; the main pitch was artificial turf. "We have never played on this surface before," says coach Pew Singh, "and these Christchurch teams play on it all the time as there is a school league in Christchurch. However, the girls adapted to the surface well and the physicality of the game."

Their first match that day was against Burnside, an intense game which GBHS won 1-0. "Burnside was visibly in shock at losing to us," says Pew. "I can say now, I think they were one

of the strongest teams we played all week."

After Burnside was the match against St. Margaret's, also on the main artificial pitch. It was again a tight game with GBHS taking the win 1-0 – a bittersweet victory for the players as their striker was lost at the end of the match to an injury and was not able to continue into the next match.

At the end of day two the Golden Bay girls were top of their table and one of only two teams in the whole competition to have a perfect record of three wins out of three matches. The other team with this record was Rolleston; they didn't know it yet, but they were soon to face off in the semi final.

For day three, GBHS just needed a draw against Hillmorton to win the group outright, which wouldn't be easy; their competitors knew they had to win in order to place in the semi finals. Due to illnesses and injuries, they only had one sub left. "The prospect of winning this tough group was already just unbelievable to us," says Pew. "We were beginning to get compliments from other coaches and the tournament organisers."

The game against Hillmorton, a very strong and fast team, was "literally a battle". But the GBHS girls were more than up to it and saw the game out 0-0 to top their pool. Pew says: "Our team celebrated like they'd won the world cup, which in a way we had! To finish top of our pool and get to the semi-final ahead of these teams was a dream."

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ELECTION 2026

INTRODUCING THE CANDIDATES – continued from last week

Andrew Beaumont Green Candidate (supplied)

Hokitika-born, living on the West Coast. I have been operating a small mobile coffee business and visitor accommodation at Fox River for 12 years. I am involved in many voluntary community groups including as a local school board member, on the Kawatiri Nature Environment and Community Trust, civil defence, Punakaiki Progressive Association and Promoting Buller. Community, family, and environment have been my abiding interests after being raised with a family background of farming, teaching, nursing and community service. I've always aspired to treating everyone in a fair and considerate way, and am involved with the Green Party as a way to live and implement my ideals.

NAME TWO POLICIES THAT WOULD BENEFIT FARMERS – Part 1 of 2

Every week in the lead up to the November general election, The GB Weekly will share candidate's responses to your questions. Email your questions to manager@gbweekly.co.nz.

Andrew Beaumont, Green Party

1. Energy policy loans for solar, community solar (to increase energy resilience and reduce cost). Kiwipower company will reduce dry year power issues therefore reduce electricity price.

2. Tax policy, family home and family farms will be exempt from wealth tax. Income tax will be reduced for 96% of people.

Jamie Clein, NZ First

1. Exit the Paris Agreement

NZ First believes New Zealand should withdraw from the Paris Agreement and stop imposing policies that unfairly burden our farmers and productive sectors while doing little to change global emissions. New Zealand's farmers are among the most efficient food producers in the world, and pushing production offshore simply risks increasing emissions elsewhere. We should be backing our farmers to feed the world, not regulating and taxing them out of business. Let's invest the Paris Accord penalties into NZ initiatives rather than send those billions of dollars offshore.

2. More Value from What We Produce

NZ First wants to keep more of the value from New Zealand's primary products in New Zealand. That means supporting investment in value-added processing and manufacturing, creating more regional jobs and keeping more wealth in our communities. We produce some of the finest food and primary products in the world, it makes sense to do more of the processing here and ensure rural New Zealand shares in the economic benefits. We should also be more protective of our intellectual property such as plant variety rights. NZ should not be setting up other countries as competitors to our own primary sector.

Katie Milne, National

Firstly, National has just introduced legislation – The KiwiSaver (First Home or Farm) Amendment Bill, that will allow farm workers (defence employees, rural teachers, health professionals, and some others) to access their Kiwisaver to purchase their first home like everyone else.

It fixes the basic problem that if you are required to live on site to look after stock, you cannot meet the rule that says you have to live in that first home purchased through KiwiSaver

savings. This has put farm workers, sharemilkers and others at a huge disadvantage compared to the wider population and enables them to build a sound future.

Secondly, we are looking to introduce more practical permitted activities for things like gravel extraction which is tied up with RMA reform. Instead of having long waits and pay through the nose, to get a resource consent to take some gravel from a river or some creeks, you will be able to do so by following certain permitted activity rules. This has worked very well over many years in the West Coast part of the electorate. This is one of many ways we are looking to cut red tape and fix some of the inefficiencies and layers of bureaucracy faced by landowners.

Cindi Uddstrom, Opportunity Party

Tax Reset: Opportunity Party's Citizens Income will put real money in your bank account with no hoops or forms, and the LVT [land value tax] will bring down the cost of buying a farm, so the next generation of farmers have the chance to buy their own block of land.

Breakthrough Economy: Bringing back the appreciation for the number-8-wire innovation that saw our farmers make great leaps in ideas, technologies, and looking after their land and animals.

Janelle Hocking, Act Party

ACT will permanently keep agriculture out of the Emissions Trading Scheme and implement a genuinely science-based approach to methane. Our farmers are some of the most emissions-efficient producers in the world. We shouldn't be taxing them out of production and simply shifting food production overseas. We will also abolish the Climate Change Commission.

Second, ACT has announced a Rural Workforce Visa, a three-year pathway specifically for dairy, sheep and beef, and general farm workers, with less bureaucracy and a pathway to residency. Anyone who has spoken to farmers knows finding reliable workers is a real problem.

For me, it comes down to backing the people who actually produce things with fewer costs and pointless bureaucracy, access to the workers they need, and policy that lets farmers get on with farming.

The responses to this question from Sara Dyatlova (Alliance), Sue Grey (NZ Outdoors and Freedom Party), and Rory Paterson (Labour Party) are going to be published next week.

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