



Siren Gold labelled “gamblers”



An AI-generated image of an open pit mine at Sams Creek. A tailings dam is also proposed to be constructed in the gorge. Image: Tim Firkin.

JO RICHARDS

Siren Gold, the Australian company seeking to mine gold at Sams Creek, was accused of gambling with Golden Bay's future at a public meeting held in Tākaka on Sunday.

“Siren is not a company we can trust,” said Julie Downard-Wilke, a member of Sams Creek Collective (SCC), the local group formed to oppose the mine. “They’re gamblers. They want to take a gamble on us.”

During the 90-minute meeting, the audience of around 120 people were told that the long-term catastrophic risk to environment, economy and community dwarfed any short-term financial rewards – the vast majority of which would be enjoyed by Siren Gold's shareholders. The meeting also revealed flaws in Siren Gold's mining permit application and the government's Fast-track legislation.

SCC member Teri Sawers opened the meeting before Steve du Feu from Save Our Springs (SOS) campaign group informed the audience that SOS's legal representatives were “doing great work” in challenging Siren Gold's mining permit application.

Julie Downard-Wilke, who has a background in chemistry and chemical engineering, identified the main risk posed by the proposed gold mine. “From an ecological point of view, it's an arsenic mine,” said Julie. On current estimates the project will yield around 25 tonnes of gold from 11 million tonnes of arsenopyrite ore, which also contains 75,000 tonnes of arsenic.

Julie outlined the proposed onsite operation which involves crushing the ore to a fine powder followed by a flotation extraction process using chemical reagents. The dried product containing most of the gold, arsenic and lead will then be transported to Otago for refinement. Not all the arsenic will be shipped out, however. “Around 8,000 tonnes of arsenic will remain – enough to kill everyone on the planet twice,” said Julie, warning that should the toxic element escape into the Tākaka Valley catchment then, not only would the community's health be severely affected, but local businesses would also suffer badly. “Our calculations suggest the economic impact would be around \$80-100m annually.”

The waste, Julie explained, can be contained

in a tailings dam, a waste heap, or by adding cement and back-filling mined cavities. Siren Gold has indicated it will employ a combination of tailings dam and back-filling.

Focusing on the tailings dam option, Julie told the audience: “Don't be fooled thinking it's going to be reinforced concrete or something. It's just a pile of rock.” Using examples from around the world, including New Zealand, Julie showed that tailings dams are far from foolproof – with cases of overtopping, leaching of toxic metals into groundwater, and catastrophic failure all documented – and it is often the taxpayer that pays the multi-million dollar bill for the clean-up of the toxic fallout after the mining operator goes bust. Sometimes, Julie said, the release of toxic waste is a deliberate act by the mining company: “In 2009 OceanaGold deliberately breached their consent by cutting a channel through the pit wall to drain floodwaters, releasing toxic sludge into the creek. The fine was just \$24,000 – hardly an incentive to be careful. Without strong and robust environmental controls, companies going...

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JO RICHARDS

For the local elections, councils use the same electoral roll that is used for general elections. Everyone on that roll should have been sent an enrolment update pack via the mail in April.

If the recipient's details were correct, or updated by 1 August, then they will receive voting papers in the mail after 9 September. Those enrolling after 1 August, won't get their voting papers sent via the mail and will need cast a special vote. Special votes can be requested by phoning 0800 922 822 or 03 543 8400, emailing elections@tasman.govt.nz or in person at the Golden Bay Service Centre in Tākaka.

Those who did not receive the update pack, or have lost it, can check their enrolment status and/or enrol by phoning 0800 36 76 56 or online (see QR code on page 2).

The last day to enrol to vote in the local elections is Friday 10 October.

Included in the pack with the voting papers, is a booklet with the profiles of all candidates standing for election. These profiles are also available on TDC's Election 2025 webpages.

When the voting papers have been filled in they should be placed in the pre-paid envelope supplied and dropped into a New Zealand Post mailbox or one of the secure orange ballot bins at TDC service centres and libraries.

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HOW TO VOTE



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The voting period runs from 9 September until noon on Election Day 11 October. To be eligible to vote in the Golden Bay ward, electors must be at least 18 years old (by 11 October), be a permanent resident or a citizen of New Zealand, and have their main place of residence in the Bay. Golden Bay electors can vote for one mayor, up to two ward councillors, a maximum of four community board members, and in the referendum on the district's Māori ward. The process involves placing a tick next to the names of the preferred candidate(s). Voters do not have to select candidates to fill all positions: for example there is no need to vote for all four contenders for the community board.



Sams Creek. File photo.

Sams Creek Collective – What can you do?

- Write to Shane Jones. Call on him to ensure the permit application is declined.
 - Write to Todd McClay about the impact on agriculture.
 - Make an OIA request for Siren's application to show NZPAM you're watching.
 - Ask your MP to make this a big issue in parliament.
 - Challenge Te Pati Māori and Labour to issue a statement that they'll revoke any consents granted under the FT.
 - Keep yourself up to date on the facts by checking out the news page of our website.
 - Check our actions page.
 - Get yourself on our email list – NOT SOS – SCC research/ public education.
 - Vote for candidates who oppose Sams Creek mine.
- <https://sams creek.nz/>

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Members of Sams Creek Collective, from left, Teri Sawers, Julie Downard-Wilkie, Axel Downard-Wilke. Photo: Jo Richards.

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...after big profits often take shortcuts."

The chronic leaching from the tailings facility into the groundwater is the least obvious but the most common failure, and is the most difficult to mitigate. "It's almost impossible to prevent," said Julie. "It starts up most actively after the mine has closed, when the mine company is long gone, as the storage linings fail, whether that be in 50 or 500 years. It's not easily visible, and by the time its measured in the water it's too late. "The key point is that even with the best controls, tailings facilities don't last forever. Arsenic, on the other hand, does."

She then talked about the company behind the proposed mine, pointing out its close links with OceanaGold which owns around 19 per cent share of the Sams Creek tenement. "Oceana is the root stock of Siren," said Julie before revealing the former's history of regulatory non-compliance. "Oceana has a really poor safety record, with repeated breaches of water quality at Macraes [New Zealand's largest gold mine]."

Julie noted that Siren Gold's finances appear precarious. "Siren has very little money, their share price is disastrous, and a drop in the gold price could be fatal."

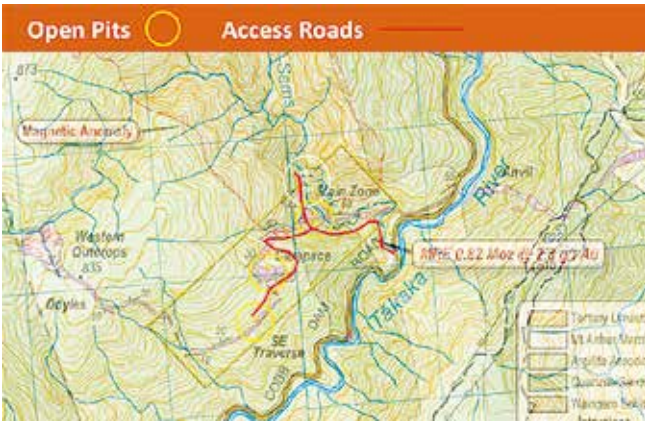
Although the price of gold is currently very high, Julie said that the Sams Creek project remained "incredibly marginal" due to the "very low quality of the resource" at the location. "Despite 40 years of drilling no-one has considered it worth mining."

Axel Downard-Wilke continued with the presentation by informing the audience that, despite Siren Gold's exploratory drilling at Sams Creek over the past 18 months, the Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) of 824koz of gold, stated under the JORC code, (The Australasian code of practice for reporting of mineral and ore exploration results, resources and reserves) has not increased by a single ounce. Furthermore, the quality of the resource at Sams Creek is still classified as predominantly "inferred", with around one third "indicated". No proportion of the resource meets the stricter criteria for "measured" designation.

"Exploratory drilling was a gamble that didn't pay off," said Axel.

The uncertainty regarding the quality of the resource means there is insufficient confidence to identify a proven reserve, something that is required to complete a feasibility study, and a key part of any mining permit application. Instead of carrying out infill drilling to increase the confidence level of the existing MRE, Siren Gold opted to increase its size. "They did exploratory drilling in the hope of making the resource sound bigger, instead of choosing certainty," said Axel.

Although Siren Gold has not completed a feasibility study, the company nevertheless submitted a mining permit application in March this year, six months later than required under the terms of their exploration permit. By submitting, the company is allowed to continue drilling until the outcome of the application is determined – anticipated to be in December. Axel summarised the company's plans: "They'll start that



Map showing proposed locations of open pit mines and access roads at Sams Creek. Image: Supplied.

infill drilling they should have done before, later this year; they think they'll get the mining permit in December this year; they'll finish their infill drilling next June; and then they'll do their feasibility study."

While it would be very unusual for NZ Petroleum and Minerals (NZPAM) to grant a mining permit without a feasibility study, Axel points out the political reality. "...it seems that Shane Jones is not averse to applying Ministerial pressure to govt employees who are following due process."

Referring to Siren Gold's mining permit application, Axel summarised the company's intentions which include three open pits and an underground mine with tailings stored in underground cavities using back-filling and an "imprudently large" tailings dam. "When we crunched the numbers, that tailings dam will need to be 120m high – that's 40 stories high. And at least a kilometre long."

A failure in the dam and/or overtopping of the structure, during an intense rainfall event or an earthquake, for example, would result in highly contaminated water being released into the catchment and ending up in the Tākaka River and the main aquifer. "The dam as proposed may not have the required capacity, resulting in overtopping of the dam, and making a dam burst a probability," said Axel, explaining what that would mean for Tākaka Valley residents and farmers. "Any paddock or property that was flooded in these events, would have arsenic flowing onto it in future events."

Summing up, Axel was highly critical of Siren Gold's application which he said does not meet the requirements for a mining permit. "They don't have proven reserves. They cannot make an economic case for mining. They admit there is no certainty further drilling will show there is a viable resource. They are using unrealistic figures for the amount of gold they will retrieve, and unrealistic figures for the gold price."

Julie followed on by explaining how the Fast-track process would limit scrutiny of the resource consents required, should the mining permit be granted. Under the legislation environmental impact considerations are optional, while the expert panel, which reviews the application, consults narrowly over a very restricted timeframe, before granting (or declining) the consents. Throughout this process, councils are essentially powerless to intervene, as are locals. "Affected communities are not advised or consulted. We won't know they have applied," said Julie. "Unless the council or iwi tell us, we will learn only once the consents have been granted, when it's too late."

Andrew Yuill concluded the formal presentation talking about the climate implications. "Mining is very energy intensive. An extra 10 megawatts would be needed for the mine." That additional demand, Andrew said, would likely be met through the burning of fossil fuels.

Andrew questioned the economic justification for the 10 year project, estimating the income from royalties and taxes to be "only" around \$5m per annum. And he closed by urging Golden Bay to work towards a more sustainable future.

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New life-saving machines for GBCH



The Lions Club made an outstanding contribution with the purchase of one whole Zoll Machine. Lions representatives from left Mike Teece, Colin Langford, Ralph Douglas (obsured), Noelene Foscett, Julie Langford, Don and Pam Gardiner, Wendy Brooks and John Pearce. Photo: Anita Peters.

ANITA PETERS

A remarkable community achievement was acknowledged by departing general manager Ruth Robson at Golden Bay Community Health recently, on the fundraising drive that fast-tracked the purchase of two \$30,000 Zoll machines.

The Zoll machine is a ground breaker, enabling blood pressure, cardiac monitoring and defibrillation.

“It’s been a truly amazing response,” said Ruth, addressing representatives from various community groups and organisations invited for afternoon tea. “A big thank you to all of you for helping us raise the funding for these two machines not long out of the box. It’s been no mean feat to find \$60,000 in our community. Through your contributions we’ve achieved it. That’s truly fantastic.”

It has taken only six months of fundraising, beginning in January “rattling cans” for donations at the A&P Show to now, achieving this massive goal. The community effort including significant anonymous donations, will make a big difference for Golden Bay Health operations across the next 10-15 years. Ruth made special mention of the outstanding Golden Bay Lions Club contribution, raising enough to fund one whole machine.

Nurse manager Rosie Whittaker, who oversees urgent care operations and community services, said that it was amazing to be part of a community that pulls together to make such things a reality.

“When we knew we were up for \$60,000, honestly, I just thought that’s a heck of a lot of sausage sizzles! I had no idea of the generosity here in the community. You’ve done it in such a short amount of time as well.”

Rosie explained that these state-of-the-art machines would be in daily use, one for the prime car that the GPs and practitioners use and the other for the Urgent Care facility. During September, staff will receive online training backed up by a Zoll specialist and St John, who are employing Zoll machines in ambulances nationally. Golden Bay ambulances are yet to be reconfigured for their use.

“[The Zoll machine] is a one stop shop for everything we need to monitor, it will give us all that information. We can also Bluetooth it to the team in Christchurch and the clinical desks at St Johns and Nelson Hospital.”

This might make the difference between calling a helicopter to transfer a patient, or not,” says Rosie, “they are simply life-saving machines.”

Thank you to the community organisations who donated towards the Zoll Monitors:
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Sunday: Southwesterlies gradually easing. A few showers in the west otherwise mainly fine weather.

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LETTERS

Covid spending

In reply to the letter from Peter Coughlan (*GBW*, 29/8), the money was spent as follows:

Wage subsidies and similar schemes during lockdowns made up about \$23 billion paid to businesses for their employees. It was taxed at standard rates so quite a lot went straight back to the government, and it kept people going when they were suddenly left without an income

\$11.8 billion went to health-system costs, like keeping people alive in hospitals, vaccination, contact tracing, and managed isolation and quarantine.

Approximately \$31 billion went to a wide range of initiatives that included tax changes, training schemes, housing construction, shovel-ready infrastructure projects, welfare benefits, the Small Business Cashflow Scheme, Jobs for Nature, additional public housing places and school lunches.

I don't and never have worked for the government, but I did make use of the subsidies that made it possible to keep my employees going when my business was suddenly left with no work and no money to pay them with.

All this information is readily available to anyone who can use a search engine.

Gary Thorpe

Colour Games are on: The Blue Flood

Soon our colour games are back on. Be aware that some innocent looking colours cover political programs to bring Aotearoa "Back on Track". Remember? However, it's the track of environmental destruction and wrongly perceived short-term profit, instead of a sustainable and peaceful path which values our paradise, ourselves and future generations alike. The paradise we live in is the very foundation for our lives *and* for our economy.

Here is a short poem, which you can try singing on the lovely melody *What a Wonderful World* by Louis Armstrong.

The Blue Flood

I love *Blue* in the sky,
I love *Blue* in the sea,
I love *Green* on the land,
that's how it's supposed to be.

And I think to myself, What a wonderful world...

We should take care and guard it,
from the beginning, that's how it had been.
We should not flood the land with water *Blue*,
but keep the country *Green*, yes *Green*.

The GB Weekly (30/8/24) qualified this poem thought-provoking: *The Blue Flood ... is a beautiful reminder of our responsibility to preserve the world for future generations.*

Now it's our responsibility to live up to that in the upcoming colour games, which are truly no games but important elections to shape our future. You can ponder both the spiritual and Christian background as well as the ecological and economical realities, which shaped this poem, on my SolarPeace webpage *Reflections on Corona and Easter – Taking Care of Paradise.*

Wolfgang Rehfus

Local empowerment

About 30 years ago a research paper estimated that if a primary care doctor adhered to the legal requirement of learning about all new medications, the same doctor would only have two hours left per working week to see patients.

It appears local authorities today are similarly being disabled with huge amounts of paperwork related to responsibilities and the associated costs the State is devolving to local authorities.

Many of us want locally elected folk to spend their time fighting for local empowerment, so we can address our issues locally. With this in mind, maybe the fight needs to start with the removal of the devolvement "paperwork time yoke" that is being imposed on local councils and locally elected representatives? Instead of being made to spend most of their time reading directives resulting from international treaties and newly created government and their partners' Acts of Parliament, how about our elected officials having time to enact public opinion in partnership with local communities and councils? Maybe those standing for election could commit to spend no more than four hours per week on state-generated work?

Going further, instead of 80+ per cent of our taxes being spent by central government and partners, how about we locally spend 80+ per cent of our taxes and central government spend less than 20 per cent – and our locally elected representatives proactively support this objective? Perhaps we can adapt some kind of democratic Swiss Canton model to meet our local needs?

Clive James

A dog's view

Woof, woof, whine. I'd like to put in a mouthful here about us doggies and the access to beaches that is becoming a heated issue

Nobody has asked me, the mutt, what I think of this and how I feel it affects us canines. Yes, I do love a run on the beach but the main part is the running... I don't want to endanger my own survival by breaking laws and "rrrruffling" feathers as a result. It's no fun being "grrrowled" at by angry humans. That spoils my whole outing. But I can have that run at the beach and enjoy it on a long retractable lead while my responsible owner can see that I don't get into trouble. It's a simple solution for beaches I'm allowed on

And that way I can increase my popularity as well, for my good behaviour. Dog biscuits perhaps! I'm salivating in anticipation already. They say, give a dog a bad name and it sticks like doggie do, but we don't want that, do we?

So this is a request for my next gift from you, my beloved owner, a retractable lead with a long leash. I might even get pats from appreciative strangers, make some new friends and have glorious runs without humans barking at me.

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LETTERS

Talking about death

The front page headline two weeks ago (*GBW*, 22/8) said, "We need to talk about death". But, really we don't need to talk about it. Let's face it, most of us grew up not talking about it, and we are fine, right? The institutions in our lives didn't talk about it, my parents avoided talking about it, their parents avoided it and when it was present they used euphemisms and hushed tones. And especially avoided at all cost is the life-changing inner earthquake that comes with loss...grief.

Recently the "D" word has been cancelled into "un-alived". Really?

Why not talk about the one thing we share with each human on earth – an expiration date? If the fragility of life does not connect us what would?

How does not knowing that date and the cause of our demise unconsciously affect us daily?

Why do many people upon receiving a terminal diagnosis come more alive than they have ever been and start doing what they most want and saying the difficult things and telling people how they feel?

Is it true that people who remember that life is temporary have more conscious lives and relationships and no need for a bucket list?

Is it true that when we realise that grief is actually love, the

pain of loss can move?

I don't need to talk about death, but I certainly want to! It is liberating.

If you are ready to gather with other future corpses and break the silence about dying join us for our exciting finish to Dying Matters Week – the Magnificent Game of Living and Dying this Sunday 2pm at the Wholemeal.

Aralyn Doiron

Farmers urge government to scrap WCOs

Golden Bay Provincial President of Federated Farmers, Sue Brown, has written to the Agriculture Minister asking him to decline permission for TDC to incorporate Te Waikoropupū Conservation Order into the District Plan. The letter also asks that Water Conservation Orders be altogether removed from the future resource management system.

The Local FAMA group, (Farmers Across the Arthur Marble Aquifer), has added an appendix. It refers to the radiometric ground survey work they have undertaken to understand their landscape settings, which revealed significant variations throughout the catchment, suggesting differing challenges and opportunities exist for managing nutrient loss on different soil types. FAMA also requests that water quality outcomes be rebalanced to include socioeconomic factors.

This topic affects the whole Golden Bay community, and far

beyond. It will no doubt provoke further discussion. It is my profound hope that the discussion can be informed, reasoned and civil. Water connects everything in the catchment.

Andrew Yuill

Government policy dumbing kids down

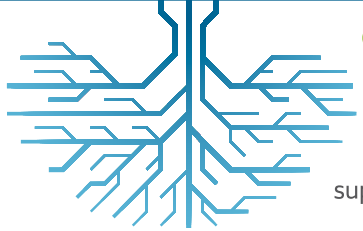
Our government is banning the use of Māori words that aren't names, in reading publications for primary school children under the apparent misapprehension that learning to read Māori will tax their brains overmuch. It has been loudly claimed for many years that, to the contrary, a second language learnt at this age increases the brains capacity for future life. So where were the government standing when this pearl was revealed long ago? I suspect they were behind the door.

In Finland and Sweden when primary children commence school they must immediately start learning English as well as their neighbouring country's language.

Yes that does add up to three languages. It's taken for granted there that they are ready and able. Thus it is accomplished.

But here this government is instituting a policy to dumb down our very capable kids. What an insult and handicap for this generation. And how sad and disappointing for those who have been progressing well with this variety in language. How sad for the authors to have their books mutilated by a governmental decree based on ignorance.

Karen Brookes



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The AGM was held at the Tākaka Fire Station, concluding with an evening dinner at the River Inn.

Our RSA wishes to acknowledge and thank the following sponsors who helped make our meeting a success: The GB Weekly, Heaphy Honey, Living Light Candles, Clean Earth Soap, Tui Balms and Dancing Sands.

Noel Baigent, president, Golden Bay RSA

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Mark Raffills

Standing for the Golden Bay Community Board in this Northwest corner of the South Island

*...in this Northwest Country, the spirit sings one of the other,
we tend the land, we touch hearts and we hold each other
dear, our door is open, and undivided are we, our words are
strongly spoken and in this place we are content to be...*

My name is Mark Raffills. I know how to listen and I am approachable. If you choose to elect me to the Golden Bay Community Board, I would work for you:

1. by making myself available at local cafes twice a week to gather thoughts, ideas and suggestions from the community;
2. by increasing engagement between the Community and the Community Board;
3. by looking to raise the status of the Community Board to a more autonomous Local Board entity.

I know that our community is already represented by an impressive array of interest groups, formal organisations and individuals. I would like to facilitate a collaborative and co-ordinated working together of these people to enhance the autonomy of our community.

They say I am retired but I don't know what retired really means – but I do know that I am home in this community. I have lived here these past few years with my wife Jeanie.

I was the communications officer for Tasman District Council between 1993–2016. I am currently joint owner of two local businesses, the brother of a dairy farmer and am actively involved in Golden Bay's arts activity.

I believe our community has the knowledge, the skills and the heart-connection to manage our gorgeous natural and built environments; and to manage our relationships one with another.

“For me, the heart and soul of this Northwest Country is its people; standing strong, self-believing, self-reliant, self-determining.”



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Rockville bowls



From left, president Golden Bay/Motueka Bowls Association Wayne Tibble, Reuben Marshall, Dot Marshall, Mike Teece. Photo: Submitted.

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Once again the Rockville bowling club strikes a win. Not only did our champion fours team become the champion, champion fours of our association two weeks ago, but our champion triples team became the champion, champion triples team in our association (Golden Bay/Motueka). Fantastic news as we celebrate our 75th year of bowling. We always have intense competition between the rival clubs with Motueka often getting the better of us so it is good to see success over this side of the hill. All played with heaps of fun, laughter and companionship. Great winter entertainment for all to enjoy.

THANK YOU TO SPONSORS

Well, it is nearly at the end of our busy season playing bowls and celebrating our 75th year of bowling. We have had a good year coming home with the champion of champion triples and champion of champion fours trophies in our GB/Mot Association. A great achievement! We would like to thank the following local sponsors who generously gave vouchers and items for spot prizes. Farewell Spit Tours, Paper Plus, FreshChoice, Jennie Morris, Zentec, RSC, PPG Wrightson, Rob Lewis, Hammer Hardware, NPD Fishing and Fuels, First National, Wholemeal Cafe, Amika, Earth Gems, Ray White, Living Light Candles, Hair Tech, Good as Gold Cafe, DeLish, GB Organics, NBS, Super Liquor, Healthpost, NV Miller, On the Spot groceries, Courthouse Cafe, Collingwood Tavern, Golden Fades barber shop, and any others that I may have missed. We really appreciate your support for our local club and we love to support local businesses.

The Rockville Bowling Club

Tennis club set to serve up new season



Ngaire Calder from Calder Tennis coaches a group of Collingwood Area School students. Photo: Charlotte Richards.

CHARLOTTE RICHARDS

With the imminent change of season, Golden Bay Tennis Club (GBTC) is getting ready to serve up some summer sport.

First to start swinging their racquets were groups of local school students who enjoyed some top coaching recently. As in previous years, professional coaches Ash and Ngaire Calder from Calder Tennis visited schools in Motupipi, Collingwood and Tākaka.

At Collingwood Area School, *The GB Weekly* caught up with a group of seven year-olds being taught the basics by Ngaire. After the lesson, she said “all the students had good hand and ball co-ordination and engaged in the programme, which is designed to be fun”.

The children agreed, saying they had fun while learning “squash the bug” and “popcorn” – elements designed to enthuse students – and that they had learned a lot and would definitely play tennis again.

That is music to the ears of GBTC chairperson Shauli Ezroni, who has been busy fixing and cleaning the clubroom and courts, applying for funding and purchasing new equipment, all in preparation for the new season and the club’s upcoming Open Day.

While the club’s weekly schedule remains the same, there is one major change. “This season is going to be very different on Saturday morning, since our coach Dave Lewis, who has been the heart and soul of tennis in the Bay for many years,

has decided to step back from junior coaching,” says Shauli. “Through huge dedication and passion for tennis and training of young people, Dave has taught the children of Golden Bay the basics of tennis and discipline, which they will take with them for life. Some of our teen players are already using those skills to teach our youngest newcomers.”

Shauli says Dave will still be involved with the teenagers’ tennis, but his retirement has left “a big hole to fill” on Saturday mornings and is appealing for help. “If there’s anyone out there who’s happy to come and teach tennis to beginners, please get in touch with us. It doesn’t have to be every week, and doesn’t have to be for all levels, any help will be most appreciated.”

Shauli is equally keen to attract players, and invites anyone interested to come along to the open day on 13 September. “Everyone’s welcome to come and have a go. We’ve got racquets and balls, we’ll have a sausage sizzle and, fingers crossed, plenty of sun and fun. We’re looking forward to seeing new faces, on and off the courts. Come and try it out, before you sign up.”

GBTC season officially starts in the first week of term 4, with social tennis on Mondays from 5pm, kids and teens coaching on Thursday afternoons, teens match play on Fridays after school, and kids coaching on Saturday mornings 9am-12pm.

For more information, visit GBTC Facebook page, email: gbtennis@outlook.com or text/ph Shauli on 021 030 0585.

RESULTS

GOLF

19 July. Stableford: M Dixon 39, R Dyce 31. Closest to pin: 3/12 M Dixon, 4/13 M Dixon, 8/17 M Dixon, 9/18 M Dixon. Twos: M Dixon x 2. Best gross: M Dixon 78.

13 August. Stableford: W Dobbie 40, M Shannon 36, R Dyce 33. Closest to pin: 3/12 M Shannon, 4/13 W Dobbie, 8/17 D Win, 9/18 W Dobbie. Twos: D Win, R Dyce, M Shannon. Best gross: D Win.

16 August. Medal: C Hadler 70, R Heuvel 70, R Ancell 70. Closest to pin: 3/12 R Dyce, 4/13 C Hadler, 8/17 M Dixon, 9/18 W Collie. Happy wanderer: P Bailey. Best gross: R Ancell. Intermediate Club Champs Final: N Gardiner bt W Dobbie.

19 August. Daisy (Par) R6: B Miller +2. **20 August.** Stableford: P Solly 38, S Kerr 37, W Rothwell 35. Closest to pin: 3/12 C Hadler, 4/13 D Win, 8/17 D Win, 9/18 C Hadler. Twos: W Rothwell. Best gross: D Win 83.

23 August. Stableford: K Glass 41, R Dyce 40, R Heuvel 39. Closest to pin: 3/12 G Ryan, 4/13 C Hadler, 8/17 G Ryan, 9/18 N Gardiner. Twos: N Gardiner, C Hadler, G Ryan. Happy wanderer: G Allen. Best gross: R Dyce 78.

26 August. Barnett R6 (Nett): B Miller 70, H Dyce 70. Closest to Pin: 3/12 C Gilbert.

27 August. Stableford: G Ryan 38, R Young 37, W Rothwell 36. Closest to pin: 3/12 G Ryan, 4/13 R Dyce, 8/17 C Hadler, 9/18 P Solly. Twos: W Rothwell, G Ryan,

J Solly. Best gross: W Collie 77.

30 August. Stableford: C Hadler 34, R Young 34, G Ryan 32. Closest to pin: 3/12 C Hadler, 4/13 R Young, 8/17 W Collie, 9/18 H Dyce. Happy wanderer: H Dyce. Best gross: W Collie. Tui Cup final: G Bradley bt N Gardiner.

BRIDGE

20 August. Patons Rock Individual Session 7: J Pemberton/L Scurr 61.11%; J Cooper/G Hope 56.25%; J Harper/R McDonald 53.47%. H/cap: J Cooper/G Hope 57.83%; J Pemberton/L Scurr 57.71%; E Bradshaw/P Panzeri 50.47%.

22 August. Friday Champs Session 8: D Perreau/C Mead 56.52%; C Browning/L Gamby 56.52%; E Bradshaw/ L Scurr 55.43%. H/cap: D Perreau/C Mead 55.73%; C Browning/L Gamby 53.28%; E Bradshaw/ L Scurr 51.15%.

27 August. Kotinga Pairs Session 1. J Kingston/H Curtis 59.72%; A Gray/C Webster 55.56%; J Pemberton/J Edmondson 55.56%; E Bradshaw/A Foreman 55.56%. H/cap: J Kingston/H Curtis 57.92%; A Gray/C Webster 57.77%; J Pemberton/J Edmondson 53.11%.

29 August. Friday Individual Session 4. A Foreman/H Curtis 57.07%; L Scurr/L Field 56.82%; E Bradshaw/D Perreau 51.63%. H/cap: L Scurr/L Field 56.41%; D McDonald/P Jayne; 53.87%; A Foreman/H Curtis 52.81%.

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Cancer fundraiser into the blue



Blue September lunch organisers Gail McKnight and Belinda Barnes. Photo: Rosa Volz.

ROSA VOLZ

A relaxed, family-friendly lunch is set to bring the community together for the blokes we care about. As part of Blue September – the nationwide campaign for prostate cancer awareness and fundraising – local organisers Gail McKnight and Belinda Barnes are hosting a Spit Roast and BBQ Fundraiser on Sunday 21 September at Nikau Café.

Running from roughly 11.30am to 2.30pm, the event promises “bloody good food – and lots of it,” with many ingredients generously donated by local supporters. Served buffet-style, lunch includes one complimentary drink, with tickets available at First National Real Estate and Nikau Café. Prices are \$45 for adults and \$25 for children under 12.

“This is a non-profit event, with the majority of funds going directly to the Prostate Cancer Foundation,” says Belinda. “It’s a silent killer – a men’s disease that nobody talks about. This is the first Blue event in the Bay, and hopefully the first of many.”

The lunch has been timed to allow farmers and families to

attend, and live music, spot prizes, and raffles are all in the works. Donations for raffle prizes are still being gratefully accepted.

“Men often don’t talk about their health – they put their heads in the sand,” says Gail. “We’d love to see more men taking action, the way women do with mammograms and smears. Awareness is the first step.”

Guests are encouraged to wear blue in honour of the cause, with prizes for the best-dressed man and woman of any age. It’s a casual, “come as you are” event designed to raise awareness, spark conversation, and unite the community in support of an important issue.

“People in the Bay are incredibly generous,” says Belinda. “They always come on board.” Gail adds, “It’s such a small community, and we’re lucky that people keep giving and giving – and we’re so grateful.”

So wear blue, bring your appetite, and join the fun – while helping to support prostate cancer awareness in your community.

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Koeksisters recipe a sweet memory from home

JOYCE WYLLIE

This time a delicious recipe shared by a friend. We were fortunate to have Drea Miller speak to our Pākawau Rural Women group recently. As well as sharing stories and photos of her life growing up in South Africa she brought a plate of koeksisters as a treat to contribute to our lunch. Drea now lives in Tākaka with her husband Rowan and their four children but her own childhood was on a large isolated farm with beautiful mountains and wild animals for neighbours. Koeksister, from Dutch origin, are a sweet memory from her homeland and she sent me the recipe to try. Koeksister is pronounced "cook sister". "Koek" is cake and "sister" apparently refers to the plaiting.

Koeksisters

Make the syrup first as it needs to be chilled in the fridge overnight for best results.

Syrup

900g sugar, 625ml water, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, 2.5cm piece ginger, 1 cinnamon stick, 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar, 1/2 teaspoon glycerine. (The glycerine is optional, it gives the koeksisters more shine)

Put all ingredients in a saucepan. Stir until sugar is dissolved. Bring to boil and simmer on low for 10 minutes. Cool and place in fridge overnight.

Dough

600g flour, 4 teaspoons baking powder, 1 tablespoon sugar, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 60g butter, 2 eggs, 125ml milk, 125ml water.

Method

Combine flour, baking powder, sugar and salt in a large bowl and rub butter in. Whisk eggs and milk together, add to dry ingredients and mix with a fork. Add as much water as required to make a soft dough (like scone dough).

Knead gently on a lightly floured bench until smooth. Place dough back in bowl, cover and put dough in fridge for at least 30 minutes. Can be overnight as well.

Roll dough out on a lightly floured bench into a rectangle 5mm thick. Cut lengthwise into strips about 4cm wide. Then cut cross-ways making rectangles about 8cm long. There should be 36 pieces. (Hint: A rectangle 32cm wide gives 4 x 8cm strips, and 39cm long is 9 x 4cm strips)

Take each small rectangle and cut 3 strips from bottom end leaving 5-10mm at the top. Plait the strips loosely allowing for



Ruby, Eve, Bee, Taimane, Ila and Jed test the treats. Photo: Joyce Wyllie.

rise during frying. Press ends together to seal neatly. Set plaits aside on a tray and cover with a damp cloth while completing koeksisters.

Add oil in a medium saucepan to 5cm deep and heat to 170 degrees Celsius.

Pour half of the chilled syrup into a bowl leaving the other half in the fridge. To make koeksister crispy place the bowl of syrup in a bowl of ice.

Fry koeksisters 2 to 3 at time for a few minutes each side until golden brown. Carefully lift them out and place in the cold syrup. Submerge them for 30 seconds before lifting them out and placing on a rack with a tray underneath to catch syrupy drips. Once half of the koeksisters are fried use the other cold

syrup for the remaining batch. Using ice cold syrup means more sweet syrup is absorbed.

This batch is my first attempt at recreating the yummy treat Drea shared with us. I found that dunking the hot "cakes" warms the syrup very quickly and warmed syrup is not so thick and sticky which meant my koeksisters were not as sticky and loaded with sweetness as the traditional. Leftover syrup won't be wasted as it will make a good sauce for a pudding.

Koeksisters can be enjoyed as dessert, eaten with a cup of tea or coffee or taken out for a shared lunch. In the unlikely event of any left over they can be frozen and served straight from the freezer later.

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Daffodil Day enthusiasm not dampened by weather



Motupipi School principal Rachel Evans (left) and Maureen Urwin from the Cancer Society admiring product on the stall of entrepreneur Neve Poppy (centre). Photos: Anita Peters.

ANITA PETERS

Despite intermittent showers on Daffodil Day, 29 August, the three Golden Bay stalls fundraising for the Cancer Society had a successful day.

“Rain during the week did lower the numbers of fresh blooms but it didn’t put a dampener on things,” reported Golden Bay co-ordinator Sharon McConnon. “We would like to thank everyone who supported the cause, in any way – we could not do this without our volunteers and everyone who helps out.”

Amongst copious donations for sale at FreshChoice and in Collingwood were hand-crafted items from the Quilt and Stitch Guild, knitted goods, daffodil printed textiles, cakes, a kete, floral arrangements, merchandising from the Cancer Society, tantalising raffles and buckets filled with daffodils.

With over \$5,000 from the three town stalls including a

donation by Golden Kids, the total raised is up from last year, not yet including the donation boxes and other fundraising efforts. All raffles have been drawn, winners notified and posted on Facebook. There are still crafted goods for those who missed out, (for “lovely gifts or even stocking fillers,”) on sale at First National.

One of the highlights of the day for Sharon and her volunteers, and for Motupipi Primary holding its annual Daffodil Day fundraiser, was having Maureen Urwin visiting the Bay from the Cancer Society. Maureen arrived at school in time for the parade of outfits and spoke to the children, giving them greater perspective about the cause. This school has been fundraising for the Cancer Society for well over 20 years and money made from the enterprising schemes of the children supported by their families and community makes a real difference, this year



Sheltering from the rain in front of Artisans in Commercial Street were Wendy Brooks, Marlla Heuvel, Golden Bay co-ordinator Sharon McConnon and Jan Allan.



Belinda Barnes, Sue Mitchison and Belinda Geary were among the first Daffodil Day volunteers at FreshChoice.

raising over \$2000.

“This is Motupipi School’s ‘thing’; it’s our big contribution,” says Principal Rachel Evans. “Cancer has touched so many in our community and this is just a small way we can give back.”

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Bridge repairs update



JO RICHARDS

Work undertaken at two bridges on the Collingwood-Bainham Road has yielded positive results. At White Bridge planned maintenance and inspection work has been completed by Egypt Construction Ltd and, according to Tasman District Council (TDC), "The job went well – on time and on budget." Just along the road, emergency action taken to prevent further subsidence of a supporting structure at Ferntown Bridge (see photo above) appears to have been successful. "There has been no further pier rotation recorded on the Ferntown Bridge, so the support work carried out by Sollys appears to be doing the job," said a council spokesperson. "It will continue to be monitored regularly and surveyed, however, particularly if we have any more extreme weather events...We are also looking at options and costs for straightening the beams and addressing cracks in the pier."

Women's Institute Craft Day

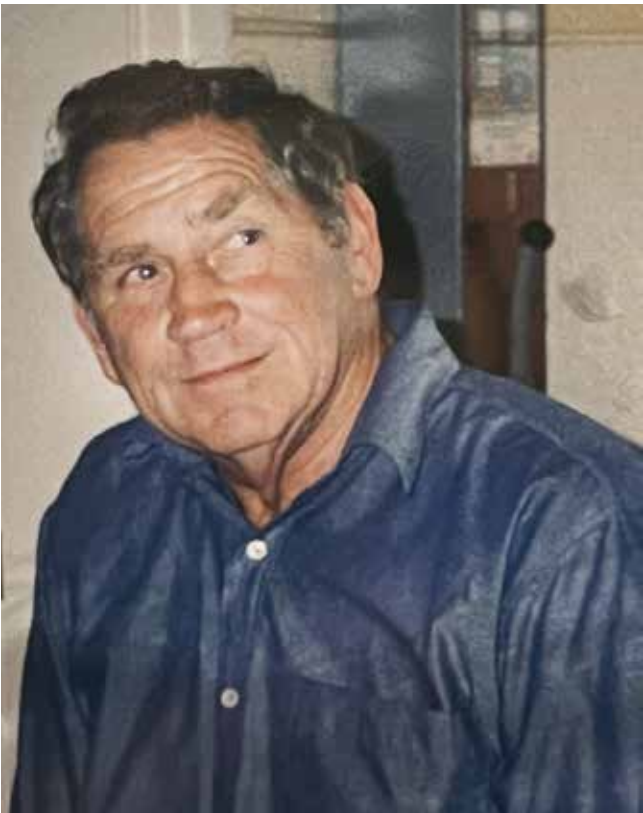
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Uruwhenua Women's Institute are having a day with mixed crafts on Monday 8 September at the Anglican Church hall from 11am until around 3pm. A variety of crafts will be demonstrated including cane, felting, Sashiko, Dorset buttons, and broaches, and attendees will be able to participate. St John will also be there to explain many aspects of their work. A light lunch of soup and bread roll will be available for \$5 and entry will be \$5 plus there will be raffles. Funds to St John.

A man dedicated to his community

JOYCE WYLLIE

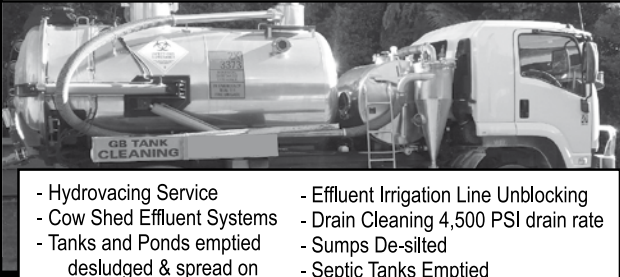
Graham John Drummond was born in Motueka in 1934, the first of Wally and Muriel's six children. The family moved to French Pass to run a guest house then to Upper Tākaka when Wally began working up the Cobb Valley building the dam. Graham attended Upper Tākaka Primary school and later bussed down to Tākaka District High School. When his Dad broke his leg and was hospitalised for a long period, Graham left school to care for the family. It was a tough time for them all as money was tight and the youngest son, Roddy died. Graham was only 16 years old but picked up responsibility and went to work at the Cobb dam driving a bulldozer. The family bought the Rat Trap Hotel at Upper Tākaka and ran that while the Cobb Valley work continued, until the power house and dam were finished. His next move was to Waitapu. Graham worked for Golden Bay County Council as a diesel mechanic and built the family's first boat. He had no formal training and was just always good at picking things up. One day in 1957, while passing through Riwaka Graham noticed a young lady struggling carrying heavy bags of groceries. He stopped to offer her a lift in his old Land Rover, back to the place where she was staying with friends. So began the wonderful partnership Nola and Graham enjoyed. When they were going out together they didn't go to the movies because Nola couldn't hear, so she helped him caulk the hull of his boat with soap, they drove around forestry roads, or rowed a dinghy out to the Tata Islands. Nola went back to Taranaki, returning to Riwaka for the next two seasons. Then she began work as waitress at the Junction Hotel and she and Graham married in 1960. She had surgery when she was 32, then able to hear with one ear. "Graham went from having a quiet wife to one that was not so quiet," she says. Graham and Nola bought the Globe Hotel, (now the River Inn), and then Riwaka Hotel, spending busy years working from 6am to 10pm. They had two children and built a house near Riwaka Wharf. Nola attributes Graham's ability to look into the future, see opportunities and make decisions which meant they moved on at the right time. They sold at Riwaka and some time later took over the Junction Hotel, purchasing Hotel Motueka as well. Nola commented Graham was the ultimate "mine host" and it was always her role to close down at the end of the night, complementing each other in life and business. The house Graham built at Tata Beach was the very first house there. Sunday was family day with trips to Abel Tasman boating and fishing together. Graham loved the sea and was one of the inaugural members of the Tarakohe Sea Anglers Club. He was experienced with machinery and levelled the Rec Park with a bulldozer for Golden Bay Council. Another big job he was involved in was the Ferntown Bridge rebuild. This was done section by section, pulling one down and then reconstructing it. In all these activities Graham was a man dedicated to his



Graham John Drummond (1934-2025). Photo: Supplied.

community and supporting many sports organisations. The Tākaka Citizens Band always benefitted from Graham and Nola's support. For over 40 years the RSA were hosted at the Junction on ANZAC Day. Christmas street decorations were another project Graham was part of with Rodney Ward and Paul Sangster. The front lounge of the hotel was taken over to make decorations and the Fire Brigade was another organisation that enjoyed Drummond support, with \$20 notes pinned around the walls for each fire call. During the 1983 floods, Graham was the civil defence controller. He knew who needed to be evacuated and where to. Nola ended up with 74 people at the hotel, with no power. Graham really cared for people and many folk needing company were given a feed, comfort by the fire and a bed to sleep in. Graham checked the streets at night and kept an eye out for people. Quite a few friends and family remember sleeping in room 18 for a night. In 2015 the decision was made to demolish the Junction and life changed. Nola and Graham retired, but sadly Graham's health wasn't good and his final years were not the retirement that they had hoped for together. Only a few weeks short of his 91st birthday, Graham died. His family took him on his final journey in his old red ute and his ashes now rest in Rototai rose garden.

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World Photo Day all about the image



Photographers Grant Douglas (centre) and Murray Hedwig (far right) discuss images with enthusiasts after the talk celebrating World Photography Day. Photo: Anita Peters.

ANITA PETERS

World Photography Day was marked at the Tākaka Library with a talk by two local photographers, Murray Hedwig and Grant Douglas (from Motueka), sharing images from world heroes that have influenced their own work.

Focusing on a theme of “the world”, with NASA images from 1969, several internationally acclaimed photographers were then introduced.

Firstly, Dorothea Lange, documenting the 1930s depression in America was commonly identified with her iconic image “Migrant Woman”.

American conservationist Ansel Adams made technically brilliant, 8x10 landscape photographs in places like Yosemite National Park. His friend Minor White included symbolic meaning in his images, in turn influencing Paul Capenigro who extended this abstract aesthetic by removing the surroundings from his subject.

Wynn Bullock also created puzzling, innovatively abstract photos, such as reversing the negative or turning it upside down, then deliberately not using titles. “As soon as you tell what the thing is, it changes people’s experience of it,” explained Grant.

Murray cited the powerful exhibition “The Family of Man” at the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) as a “a key moment where

photography had the ability to unite us”. One example is Eugene Smith’s work documenting for *LIFE* magazine. In his Minamata photographic essay Smith exposed the inhumane conditions where factory discharge resulted in mercury poisoning.

Brazilian political photographer Salgado, (recently featured at the Village Theatre in *Salt of the Earth*) also photographically protested against horrific conditions in his own country’s open cast gold mining industry.

Sally Mann was criticised for capturing intimate large format pictures of her own naked children, but her subject versatility also ranges from dreamy landscapes to stark American battlefield sites. Another contemporary, Cindy Sherman, a former fashion photographer and master of disguise and self-portraiture, uses her own body to make powerful messages referencing art and culture.

Returning to the world view, Yann Arthus-Bertrand, sponsored by UNESCO, photographed the beauty of “Earth from Above” for an international outdoor traveling exhibition. An earlier attempt at “art” aerial photography by William Garnett after WWII began to change how people viewed the earth.

“Photography is a spiritual pursuit,” concluded Grant. “Images should resonate,” agreed Murray, adding that people should strive for the “something else” factor to achieve this in the photographs they make.



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Golden Bay is a remote community with a vibrant population who actively engage in many community and artistic events. The festival organisers acknowledge that it's very expensive to go to national events to access the top level teachers in Aotearoa and beyond. With this in mind they have created an event that, they hope, will generate its own artistic gravity and draw in the skills of kaiako from the wider world to support the brilliance already flourishing in Mohua, making it a major dance destination in Aotearoa.

The organisers are very grateful to Dance Collective Mohua and Free Flow Dance for sponsorship, Bay Creative for supporting our sign making, kaiako, friends, whānau and community groups who have kindly donated their time and energy, getting everyone to this point where they are ready to launch the inaugural REVEL REVEL Community Dance Festival.

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Golden Bay invited to NMIT Open Day

JO RICHARDS

Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT) is inviting everyone to its upcoming Open Day at the Nelson campus.

The free event is designed for school leavers, career changers, and the wider public, offering a chance to explore the campus, connect with tutors, and experience hands-on activities and live entertainment. Staff will be available throughout the day to answer questions and support anyone considering study options for 2026 and beyond.

NMIT executive director Olivia Hall says Open Day is an opportunity for the community to explore, connect, and be inspired. “We want people to feel the energy and excitement of learning here. This is your chance to explore our spaces, meet our tutors, and try out the tools of the trade, whether that’s a paintbrush, a computer, or a ship simulator.”

Visitors will be able to take part in a wide range of activities, such as dismantling and rebuilding computers, designing a mini video game, printing personalised cards using letterpress techniques, or crafting desserts in the training kitchen. NMIT’s on-campus salons and clinics will showcase live hairdressing and beauty treatments, alongside professional skin analysis using advanced technology.

Other activities on offer include abseiling down a building and sports on the turf, with a guest appearance from members of the Giants basketball team. Attendees can watch life raft demonstrations, explore student animation displays, tour the music suite and performance spaces, and engage with tutors



NMIT Nelson campus, the venue for Open Day. Photo: Supplied.

from a wide range of study areas, including business, wine-making, nursing, engineering, carpentry, and more.

NMIT’s senior communications advisor Jody Bennett urges everyone to come along. “For anyone dreaming of a new career, looking to upskill, or simply exploring what’s available, NMIT’s Open Day is a great opportunity to see what your future could hold.”

NMIT Open Day 2025 is on Saturday 13 September, 10am – 2pm at NMIT Nelson Campus. Free entry.

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Former journalist Charlotte Squire is bringing her one year memoir programme to Tākaka, to help people turn their ideas into finished stories.

The programme will be delivered via emails with short videos, and includes monthly in-person meetings to share stories, exchange encouraging feedback, and hold each other accountable.

Highlights of the programme include learning how to: create order out of the chaos of many ideas, keep people reading, find your unique voice, edit and proof read, include images, use the latest voice-to-text, transcription, technology, prepare for printing, and much more.

It's for all levels of writers, anyone with a story to share. With the help of her amazing Golden Bay team, Charlotte has written or produced over 20 books. She teaches elders all over New Zealand to record their histories.

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<i>“Writing this book has been therapeutic, and has drawn my family together.”</i> Mike Brown.	<i>Three payment options:</i> 52 X \$20 weekly payments 10 X \$100 monthly payments One off payment: \$997
<i>“First of all I thought ‘this woman’s psychic,’ then quickly realised it’s experience.”</i> Deborah Blake.	

PUZZLES

STR8TS

No. 756 Tough

	3			1			
			5				
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You can find more help, tips and hints at www.str8ts.com

Previous solution - Medium

9	8		6	5	2		4	3
8	7	9	5	4	6		3	2
	9	8	7		4	3	2	
	6	7	8	3	5	2	1	4
4	3	1		2			6	5
5	4	3	2	1		7	8	6
	5	4	3		9	8	7	
2	1		4	7	8	6	5	9
3	2			6	7	4	9	8

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. 756 Easy

				7				2
9	6			4		7		8
7					5			
2	8		3		7			4
				8				
1			2		4		7	6
			7					5
4		2		1			3	7
5				3				

The solutions will be published here in the next issue.

Previous solution - Very Hard

1	4	9	8	3	6	5	2	7
3	5	8	7	2	4	9	1	6
6	7	2	1	9	5	8	4	3
5	8	1	4	6	7	3	9	2
2	3	4	9	5	8	7	6	1
9	6	7	3	1	2	4	8	5
4	9	3	6	7	1	2	5	8
7	1	5	2	8	9	6	3	4
8	2	6	5	4	3	1	7	9

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

For many strategies, hints and tips, visit www.sudokuwiki.org

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Spit volunteers get back to their roots

JO RICHARDS

In years to come, walkers crossing from one side of Farewell Spit to the other will be able to enjoy strolling through an avenue of native bush.

Three weeks ago, around two dozen HealthPost staff and community volunteers spent the day planting several hundred trees alongside the vehicle crossover track – about 1.2km up the spit from the carpark.

While leading a group of tree-planters up the beach for their afternoon shift, project co-ordinator for HealthPost Nature Trust Marian Milne explained that the purpose of the exercise was to plant a batch of 670 native trees donated by Onekaka nursery OK Grow. “They’ve given us 1,000 trees over the last two years,” said Marian. “They include pittosporum, flax, hebes, matai, cabbage trees, kānuka and mānuka.”

Half-way along the 1km track Marian climbed over a fence and into the adjacent paddock, now no longer used for grazing cattle and sheep. She demonstrated how to form a cardboard “FiberGuard” to protect the saplings and explained how to deploy a weed mat.

As it made its way towards



Sam Moynan plants a flax among the gorse on Farewell Spit. Photo: Jo Richards.

the outer beach, the group became smaller as volunteers hopped over the fence at various locations where plants had been distributed earlier in the day.

At the far end of the track volunteers were

busy creating space around gorse outcrops before digging holes for their trees. One keen, young volunteer Sam Moynan had been on the job all day and was determined to see it through. “I’ll keep going until it’s finished.”

RAINFALL AUGUST 2025

	Rainfall	Raindays	Heaviest fall
Glenview Rd	40mm	7	26mm on the 7th
Rototai	47mm	6	27mm on the 7th
Rangihaeata	50mm	3	30mm on the 8th
Pōhara	53mm	5	22mm on the 7th
Ligar/Tata	57mm	7	26mm on the 7th
Onekaka	64mm	7	26mm on the 7th
Puramahoi	66mm	7	31mm on the 7th
Collingwood	70mm	12	16mm on the 8th
Te Hapu	77mm	7	25mm on the 7th
Kaihoka	80mm	9	25mm on the 7th
Bainham	110mm	6	49mm on the 7th

PEST TRAPPING

JUNE 2025

Stoats this month	21
Stoats YTD	139
Rats this month	140
Rats YTD	693

PROJECT DE-VINE



JULY 2025

Banana passion vines	870,143
Old Man's Beard	276,400
Other pest plants and trees	574,035
Total to date	1,720,578
Total controlled this month	11,360

AUGUST 2025

Banana passion vines	871,689
Old Man's Beard	277,346
Other pest plants and trees	582,641
Total to date	1,731,676
Total controlled this month	11,098

Nurturing nature in our local community

This month marked another successful planting in Mohua Golden Bay, continuing 17 years of restoring nature and celebrating our incredible community.

We celebrated our 17th HealthPost planting day this month – with 700 eco-sourced seedlings at Farewell Spit, a step toward our shared vision of thriving biodiversity at Onetahua.

We’ve planted 17,000 native trees as a team across Mohua Golden Bay over the years, from Motupipi Sandspit to Mangarakau Swamp!

These planting days are always a team effort. We’re so grateful to the tireless Nature Trust volunteers and DOC staff who got stuck in again this year to make the planting day such a success.

A special thank you to Meret at OK Grow Nursery in Onekaka for donating 500 eco-sourced seedlings this year to the HealthPost Nature Trust — with another 500 planned for 2026!



We’ve just been donated another 1400 native trees and we would love some help to plant them!

Can you join us at any of these upcoming planting events?

- 6 September, 10am – Triangle Flat
- 8 September, 12pm – Cape Farewell turn off
- 11 & 18 September, 10am – Triangle Flat

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CENTRAL Tākaka Water Board AGM: 4pm Sunday 21 September at the Golden Bay Rec Centre Meeting Room. Reports, Election of Officers, General Business. All welcome, members encouraged to attend. Cherie Byrne, sec/treasurer.

RECENT AGM / Hui ā tau - Nō nā tata nei

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

HERITAGE Golden Bay. Chairman: Paul Sangster. Secretary/treasurer: Sally Gaffney. Committee: Noel Baigent, Jim Kennard, Gerald Langford, Patrick Mulcahy, Phil O'Connor, Julie Reilly, Chris Udell.

PERSONAL NOTICES / Pānui ake

PETTERSON, Murray McDonald, on 29 August 2025 at Nelson Hospital. Dearly loved husband and best friend of Glynne, 68 married years together. Love father and father-in-law of Sue and John, Craig and Janet, Debbie, Jason and Helena. Loved by all his 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. A private family farewell has been held at Hope, Nelson. Simplicity Funerals Nelson and Tasman.

PUBLIC NOTICES / Pānui a whānui

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

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

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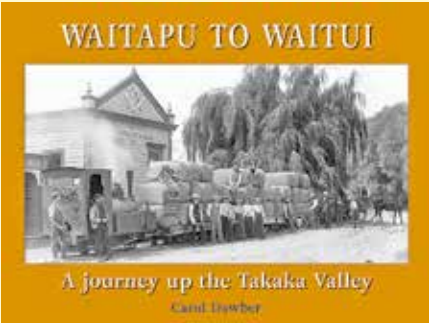
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PUBLIC NOTICES / Pānui a whānui

ATTENTION AORERE VALLEY/BAINHAM RESIDENTS:
Please remember to return the "Bainham Rural Women Community Crisis Stocktake" to your letterbox today for collection over the weekend. Thanks, Bainham Rural Women, ph 027 232 2213.

"BITS and Pieces", a SeniorNet presentation, with an interesting mix of topics: changing internet providers, QR codes, flash drives, the amazing things your hearing aid can now do. St John Rooms at the Rec Centre, Monday 8 September, 10am–noon. All welcome. Non-members, a gold coin koha please.

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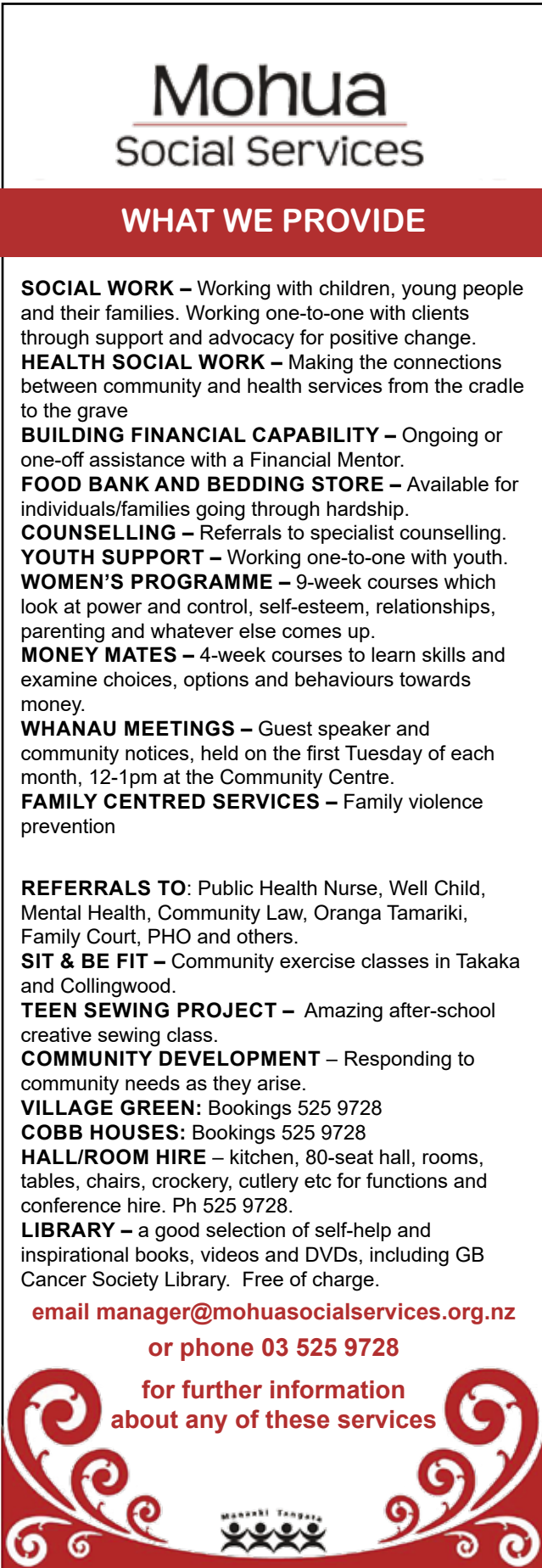
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GARAGE sale. 3Kw generator, solar panel, shelving, drawer unit, office chair, cash register, Rabbit cutter plotter and vinyls, gift bags, etc, plus free stuff. 14 Tasman Street Collingwood, Saturday/Sunday 10am-2pm.

ART AUCTION:

Search "Golden Bay heART for Gaza" on Trade Me for beautiful pieces large and small, with all proceeds going to humanitarian aid agencies in Gaza. Paintings, jewellery, carvings, crafts. More items are being added and donations are welcome, ph Kylie 021 152 8195.

HAY and baleage. Made in Tapawera. Weed free. Ph 027 224 8337.

DRY firewood, good selection. Ph Bay Firewood 027 769 6348.

AUTOMOTIVE, marine and deep cycle batteries in stock now at Steve Prince Auto Electrical. Ph 027 616 5211.

NATIVE trees and grasses at TLC Nursery. Big grade trees available and welcoming orders for 2026. Ph 027 525 6183.

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WE HAVE 200+ BALES OF BALEAGE FOR SALE
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SITUATIONS VACANT / Tūranga wātea



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Ray White Golden Bay



Billy Kerrisk
Licensed Agent
027 608 5606
billy.kerrisk@raywhite.com



Karilyn Woodford
Property Manager
027 525 7229
rentals.goldenbay@raywhite.com

RayWhite

56 Beach Road, Collingwood

Tender, Thursday 11th September



TENDER CLOSING

MASTERS PLACE - A CLASSIC BY THE SEA

4 1 1080

Held in the same family for over 80 years, this solid 1920s native timber home is rich with timeless character. Featuring four generous bedrooms, two lounges, and a west-facing covered deck for evening BBQs, there's plenty of room for family and friends — with the beach just across the road! Homes like this don't come along often — they hold stories, and this one is ready for many more. There is still time to get your tender in, call Billy today!

Viewings by appointment

407 Hamama Road, Takaka



HAMAMA HAVAN

3 1 2 4.0534ha

Priced to sell, this rare chance to own your own property is just 10 mins from Takaka. My clients are overseas & moving date is looming. First in will be the winner! Call me to view this warm character filled home in park-like gardens with mountain views. Chooks, orchards, a studio with log burner, it is all here - don't delay!

ANOTHER SOLD

Happy Father's Day

Level 1, 11 Buxton Lane, Takaka | 03 525 7219 | www.rwgoldenbay.co.nz | Billy Kerrisk Ltd Licensed Agent REAA 2008



MORTGAGEE

Collingwood, 33 Ruataniwha Drive

MORTGAGEE SALE

This property is being sold by way of mortgagee auction.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

Three bedroom, with garage and off-street parking. Close to school and amenities, situated at the end of a quiet street with a park next door. Landscaped for privacy.

Platinum Blue Limited Licensed Agent REAA 2008

MORTGAGEE AUCTION (NotSold Prior)

THURS 25TH SEPT 2025 1PM

227 Hardy Street
NELSON 7010

OPEN HOME

11.30 Saturday 4th Sept

View
See Website For Details



Jodine Twose
021 944 337

Harcourts
Platinum Blue Ltd

PROPERTY WANTED / Rawa hiahia

MATURE professional couple looking to rent a long-term rural house. Ideal would be three/four bedrooms plus with veggie gardens and fruit trees. Email Susan SusanMR@protonmail.com or ph 021 138 1818.

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.

If you are thinking of selling/subdividing soon we would love to hear from you.

Please contact via email Goldenbaydreamhome@gmail.com

CHURCH SERVICES ON SUNDAYS

GOLDEN Bay Anglican Parish warmly invites you to join them on Sunday, 10am at Takaka 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 and fellowship.



Pastor: Rodney Watson
www.coctakaka.co.nz
Ph: 525 9265 | 93 Commercial St

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

HE IS THE GOD WHO
DIED AND ROSE AGAIN!

Kahurangi Christian Church

Sunday 7 September
Collingwood School Hall
10:30am

Contact Gary/Maria Morgan, 0274 731 800

EATING OUT / Kai wahi kē

ANATOKI SALMON fishing and café. Catch your own lunch or order from the menu. Open every day from 9am-4pm. www.anatokisalmon.co.nz

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

COURTHOUSE CAFÉ, Collingwood. Open 7 days, 8am-3pm. Ph 524 8194.

COURTYARD CAFÉ, Takaka. Open 7 days, 7am-5pm. Also, bookings for dinner. Ph 525 8681.

DANGEROUS KITCHEN. Closed for winter break, re-opening beginning September.

DE-LISH DELICATESSEN. Sumptuous, delicious food. Lunches, catering, coffee, chocolate, cheeses and epicure items. Weekdays from 6.30am. Ph 525 7111.

GOOD AS GOLD CAFÉ, Takaka. Open Monday-Friday, 7am-4pm. Ph 525 8193.

LANGFORD STORE, Bainham. Perfect scones and more. Open 5 days, 9am-5pm. Closed Thursday/Friday. Ph 524 8228.

MOLLY B'S, Pōhara. Open from 3pm Tuesday. Wednesday-Sunday, from 9am for coffee, scones, muffins. Full menu from 11am. Closed Monday. Ph 525 7678.

NIKAU BAR AND CAFÉ, Pōhara. Open 7 days, 8.30am to late. Bookings ph 03 970 3992.

O'SHA. Open Tuesday-Saturday from 11.30am-2.30pm and from 5-8.30pm. Ph 525 6117.

THE MUSSEL INN. Open 7 days from 11am.

THE WHOLEMEAL CAFÉ. Open 7.30am-3pm daily.

Check out our new-look website: www.gbweekly.co.nz

SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

BOARD GAMING AT ONEKAKA HALL, 12.30-5pm. All ages welcome. Koha. See Facebook group "Board Gaming in Golden Bay", or ph Karen 022 655 9725.

ONAHAU SANDSPIT. Come and help plant on the sandspit 11am to 12 noon. Learn about Onahau, its wildlife, estuary and wetland. Meet 11am at the bottom of Fraser Road, Rangihaeata.

PALESTINE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION. Village Green, 10am. Information and merchandise available. Bring your thoughts, hearts and hopes. GB Peace Group.

PUBLIC TALK WITH GESHE JAMPATHARCHIN. "Developing Inner Values" - living with purpose and compassion. 10.30am at Sandcastle, Haile Lane, Pōhara. By donation. All warmly welcome. www.chandrakirti.co.nz

CAKE STALL AND RAFFLES FOR GAZA: Let's see if we can do a repeat of our phenomenal fundraising event from last month! 10am-2pm at the Village Green. Home baked goodies and hungry puku welcome!

CROP SWAP GOLDEN BAY. Swap your garden surplus with others. Anglican Parish Hall, 42 Commercial Street, Tākaka. Every fortnight. 10am start, 10.30am finished. Koha for hall. Ph Karen 022 655 9725 for more info.

SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

TEA WITH THE ANCESTORS presents *The Magnificent Game of Living & Dying*. An entertaining cabaret version of Death Café. Starting 2pm, \$10 donation at the door. Your RSVP is appreciated, 021 044 4294.

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

MONDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

CRAFT DAY. Anglican Church Hall, 11am-3pm. Variety of crafts. Soup and roll lunch available, \$5. Entry \$5 entry. Raffles. Funds to St Johns. Uruwhenua WI project.

MAHJONG MONDAYS have moved to the Anglican Parish Hall, 42 Commercial Street. 7.15pm to 10pm. Come play the four-player tile game, every Monday night. New players welcome. Koha for venue appreciated. Ph Karen 022 655 9725 for more info.

TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

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

GB WEEKLY DEADLINE: noon on Tuesdays.

WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

TEA AND TALK TĀKAKA. Anglican Parish Hall, 42 Commercial Street, Tākaka, 10-11.30am, second and fourth Wednesday every month. An easygoing socialising opportunity with morning tea, to meet other seniors. \$2 koha.

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

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Goodness 2 Go

Sunday 7 September, 10-1, Park Ave, Takaka



THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

GOLDEN BAY SENIOR CITIZENS Association meets in the hall at 2pm. Guest speakers Mike and Debbie Ryan, on their overseas travel.

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



Junior Cricket

GBCC is excited to start up LITTLE HITS CRICKET

FREE Games based fun and skills for children of all ages and abilities

Starting Tuesday 7th October at GBHS and running Tuesdays throughout Term 4

4 to 6 year olds	4.30 to 5.30
7 to 9 year olds	4.30 to 5.30
10 to 12 year olds	4.30 to 5.30
13 +	5.30 to 6.30

Follow the facebook page "Golden Bay Cricket Club" for registration



GOLDEN BAY SWIMMING

- Classes for ages 8 - 18
- Improve technique
- Build confidence
- Develop ability and stamina
- Gain water safety skills

REGISTER NOW
for October - March Season

<https://goldenbayswimming.nz/>
or email gbswimming@gmail.com





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
Facebook: golden bay tennis club
<https://clubspark.kiwi/GoldenBayTC>



LATER EVENTS

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.



Senior Cricket Pre Season

Trainings starting Sunday 7th September 3pm at GBHS Cricket Nets

For more information, send a message on Facebook or text Bradley on 027 313 4407

Jock Tasker and Dave Esmond both agree that this year is going to be a huge year for Golden Bay Cricket





Mohua Carer Support Group

We invite carers who are supporting adults to join us. A place to gain support and advice when caring for family

When: Third Tuesday of each month 1.00 - 3.00pm

September 16th
October 21st
November 18th

Where: Golden Bay Community Centre, 88 Commercial Street

Facilitated by
Jo Sharpe and Rhoda McDonald
For more information contact 03 525 9728

Mohua Social Services
Manaaki Tangata
Supporting People



Saturday In The Country with Terry and Diane Langford

Brother and sister Terry and Diane Langford have hosted Saturday in the Country since 2000 which airs every Saturday from 12 noon - 2:00pm and replays Thursday mornings at 4:00am. Kindly supported by Solly's in Golden Bay

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New Listing

Price By Negotiation

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



\$935,000

35 Tōtara Avenue, COLLINGWOOD

3+ 2 1 868sqm

FABULOUS SEAFRONT BACH

This stunning seafront property, set in tōtara forest, captures panoramic views from Pūponga to Farewell Spit. Enjoy sunrises and sunsets from the large deck. The renovated bach includes a bespoke kitchen, oak floors, and sea-view bedroom.

A separate 35sqm Min Hall treehouse offers extra space. Call now to arrange a viewing.

Viewings by appointment

Belinda J Barnes
021 236 2840



Asking \$650,000

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

3 1 1 3450sqm
Viewing by appointment



Price By Negotiation

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

3 1 1 2150sqm
Viewings by appointment



Asking \$299,000

30 Arapeta Place, ROTOTAI

BUILD YOUR FAMILY HOME

Tucked away in a peaceful, family-friendly neighbourhood, this sunny freehold section is the perfect place to build your forever home. Enjoy mountain views, a quiet setting, and a safe bike path connecting to local schools. With mains services ready to connect, just add your dream home. Call Paul for the covenants.

Paul McConnon
027 504 2872



Open Home

\$895,000

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

2 1 2 4875sqm
Open Sun, 7th | 3:00-3:30pm



\$460,000

Lot 3 161 Wharariki Road, PŪPONGA

TITLE NOW ISSUED

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

Escape the ordinary, call now.

Belinda J Barnes
021 236 2840



New Listing

Offers Over \$799,000

7A Watino Place, POHARA

3 2 1 724sqm

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!

Open Home, Sun 7th 2:00-2:30pm

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