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Home proposed for ancient waka



Chair of Manwhenua ki Mohua Margie Little and spokesperson for the Wharewaka Project Working Group Chris Hill in the temperature controlled room housing the wharewaka. Photo: Charlotte Squire

CHARLOTTE SQUIRE

Tasman District Council is considering a proposal for a wharewaka, (museum-type building) to be built at Pioneer Park in Tākaka to house an internationally significant waka, and they want community feedback on the use of the land.

The proposed cultural exhibition space would become the home of the approximately 650-year-old waka section discovered at Anaweka, on the West Coast of Golden Bay in 2011, by the local Nicholls family. The 6.2 metre section is a part of a double-hulled ocean going sailing waka. The Anaweka waka is one of only two conserved archaeological canoes dated to an early period.

Housed in Tākaka, the waka has undergone an extensive conservation process over 10 years using the compound polyethylene glycol. Most recently, the drying phase was conducted by conservators from Auckland War Memorial Museum over a two-and-a-half year period. A drying chamber was built around the waka and moisture was released by dropping the relative humidity by 0.1 percent every two days, to reduce risk of damaging the fragile artefact. It is now stable and dry and ready to be displayed for the public.

Project manager for collection special projects at Auckland War Memorial Museum, Ged Wiren (who designed and monitored – often remotely – the control system for the air drying of the waka, with support from Manawhenua ki Mohua) said it was an exciting project to work on.

"This taonga is just so unique. It's from a time when Polynesian people were first coming to New Zealand and... the birth of our nation when Māori people first came and settled. To have a physical object that can really bring to life those times that we've all learnt about as we've grown up in New Zealand, and then to actually see a significant part of one of those waka that made those journeys is just really mind blowing."

The project is being developed by Manawhenua ki Mohua with support from Ngāti Kuia, Ngāti Rārua, Ngāti Tama and Te Ātiawa, in collaboration with the Golden Bay Museum. At this stage they're not seeking funding from TDC.

Spokesperson for Wharewaka Project Working Group, Chris Hill, said it had been difficult to find the right land for the wharewaka.

"There aren't a lot of options, but over the years a number of properties have been looked at, and ideas explored. Pioneer Park has a designation for museum use and has great value in being next to the museum."

Chris said the working group were "very keen" to hear from the community about the use of the park.

"Obviously, we've landed on what we consider to be a very good site, but it's important that we do hear from the community."

She said TDC had agreed to the site (being used for the wharewaka) in principle, and architectural designs had been developed, but until Council gave an "absolute yes" that they'll lease the land, the project wouldn't progress.

Council are seeking public submissions on whether Pioneer Park is an appropriate location, including the benefits and impacts of the proposed development, and the use of reserve land for the wharewaka. They're also interested in feedback relating to the park layout, trees, memorial relocation, access, and community use.

The current design includes a dedicated climate-appropriate home for the Anaweka waka. There would be shared visitor and welcoming spaces with the Golden Bay Museum, plus exhibition spaces for taonga and cultural storytelling. There would be opportunities to share mātauranga Māori (knowledge and skills), including waka building and celestial navigation traditions for residents, schools and visitors.

If Council allows the site to be developed, more detailed design, consenting, and governance work would follow. A new home would also need to be found for the pioneers' memorial that currently sits on the triangle-shaped property (on the corner of Commercial and Reilly Streets). The Community Board are currently exploring alternative sites for the memorial.

To have your say about the use of Pioneer Park to house the Anaweka waka wharewaka, head to shape.tasman.govt.nz/anaweka-wharewaka.

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Company rebrands buses, offers community funding

RAE MCDOWELL

Golden Bay's local bus service is turning green. The new branding, "Go Bus Golden Bay", is gradually replacing the blue signage of former Golden Bay Coachlines.

In January this year, the Australasian public transport operator, Kinetic expanded its South Island operations via its subsidiary brand Go Bus, with the acquisition of the local operation that serves communities across Golden Bay and the wider region, including Murchison.

Kinetic New Zealand managing director, Calum Haslop says the focus is firmly on supporting people and communities. "We are proudly a New Zealand operator, and while we benefit from being part of a larger international transport group, our strength comes from local teams who understand their communities."

Continuing depot manager, Arthur Clarence, says that while there have been a few changes, it's business as usual. "Golden Bay Coachlines was a family-owned operation and it continues to be the same local team and friendly service." Go Bus are very supportive, being both helpful and approachable he says.

The Golden Bay team recently received high praise for achieving an impressive result through eRoad, a fleet management system used across the Kinetic network. The audit reflects a strong safety culture and a commitment to reliable services, says Kinetic's Communications manager, Meenal Maharaj.

As part of its commitment to supporting local communities, the company is encouraging organisations across the region to apply for funding and practical support through the Moving Communities Fund.

Go Bus South Island Regional general manager Bob Dennison said Kinetic had quickly come to appreciate the strong community spirit in Golden Bay.

"Whether it's supporting young people, protecting the environment, celebrating local culture or helping those in need, there are many groups making a real difference. We'd love to play a small part in supporting that work."

Now in its second year in New Zealand, with a total of $80,000 available through 2026, the fund provides financial support alongside practical assistance such as transport, marketing support, bus-back advertising, radio campaigns and digital billboard advertising.

Applications are now open at www.wearekinetic.com/community and close 24 June.



Go Bus Golden Bay depot manager Arthur Clarence. Formerly Golden Bay Coachlines, vehicle branding is at an interim stage and will be updated to the official green logo once online sites are revamped. Photo: Rae McDowell

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Celebrating Golden Bay Volunteers



The friendly faces of Hato Hone St John volunteers at their fundraising stall at Fresh Choice Tākaka last Friday. Photo: Ronnie Short

RONNIE SHORT

National Volunteer Week, 14-20 June, is designated to acknowledge the millions of volunteers who give their time and skills to communities throughout Aotearoa. There are many volunteer activities and groups serving the Golden Bay community.

Abbeyfield is run by a committee of volunteers, who from time to time call for additional volunteers to help with garden working bees. Golden Bay Community Health also depends on volunteers to keep flower beds and vegetable gardens flourishing. Meals on Wheels are dispatched to elderly members of our community by volunteers.

In Commercial Street, the Tākaka Hospice shop is perhaps one of the more obvious volunteer-run entities, although it is operated under a paid shop manager, Pam Gardiner. "We're very lucky with the calibre of volunteers we have. Without them we wouldn't have a shop," says Pam.

Trash Palace is another volunteer-run op-shop that gives back to community groups within Golden Bay. Both outlets are always looking for more volunteers to help sort and sell the items donated.

Hato Hone St John actively fundraise to keep their first responders ambulance service functioning. Also first responders providing life-saving services are the firefighters, who volunteer for Tākaka, Upper Tākaka and Collingwood Fire Brigades. Unbelievably, all these highly trained, dedicated people are unpaid for their work.

Volunteer-powered groups caring for the environment include Mohua Penguin Trust, Keep Golden Bay Beautiful, Project Jonah and Project Mohua. Community gardens offer volunteers hands-on learning in return for help with all things gardening at the Sustainable Living Centre.

Tasman District Council halls are all run by committees of volunteers who work on upkeep and maintenance of buildings and surroundings. Plus, there are voluntary Civil Defence networks throughout the region who are poised ready to be there in times of crisis and emergency.

Riding for the Disabled (RDA) has been around for many years, as have RSA volunteers, who care for veterans and their families, plus helping organise ANZAC commemorations.

These are just some of the many voluntary operations quietly ticking away in the background of our community. There are also many who volunteer their time for school or club fundraisers.

Cheryl Elsey of Good As Gold café is one who appreciates volunteers. Coinciding with volunteer week and throughout June, July and August for the last two years, Cheryl has invited anyone to drop the name of a volunteer group or individual into a nomination box in the café. Cheryl draws out a name every month and acknowledges their voluntary work with a celebratory cake.

"It's something nice for people to look forward to when the weather's not so nice," said Cheryl.

Volunteers themselves find that by giving their time to the causes they choose to support, they are rewarded with the simple joy of giving. Additionally many find companionship, new friends and unexpected hobbies or interests.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The CRAVE makes a comeback

LILY MICHELLE

The CRAVE, a youth-focused Golden Bay Mohua event, will make a comeback this year at the Pōhara Hall.

The event was first run in 2025 by Aaliyah Neith. "We had 60 youth turn up last year," says Aaliyah. "It seemed everyone had a good time."

Last year, the CRAVE began with live music played by local youth, then transitioned into DJs Paul, Tane and MuckUp who brought the crowd out onto the dance floor.

"This year, we're having DJs only," says Aaliyah. "The live music last time was awesome, and I want to encourage that too, but we decided to only have DJs at the CRAVE this event and see how that feels." This year, DJs Swisha, DJ? and MuckUp will perform for a crowd of youth from ages 13 to 17.

A van is available to transport students from Collingwood Area School, for those that fill out and return the consent form.

Food is available all night from Golden Bay Fresh Fruit Ice-creams and Ellis Creek Farm, who will be selling sausage and steak sandwiches.

The event will run from 6-11pm on Saturday 13 June at the Pōhara Hall, for ages 13-17 only. Search the CRAVE on the website Humanitrix for $15 tickets, or buy them at the door for $25.



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SUDOKU

No. 794 — Tough

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

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

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The fee for a standard doctor or nurse practitioner consult will increase to $65.

For those with a community services card, the consult fee will increase to $20.

Please note, this fees review reflects the increasing costs to provide health services.

We have tried to keep the increases as low as possible. Thanks for your cooperation and support.

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Golden Bay Community Health

LETTERS

Ebola in Africa

It's very concerning to note the revival of Ebola once again in Africa. I have just read a book by immunologist Daniel M Davjs who wrote *The Beautiful Cure: harnessing your body's natural self-defences* who says that Ebola would have been solved a long time ago were it not for the fact that scientists tend to focus on the research that will bring them the most monetary backing for their efforts. for instance, a cure for cancer. A sad world we live in.

Karen Brookes

Waka to Te Papa?

A waka fragment from a Maori waka discovered 14 years ago on the West Coast may be 650 years old and has been described as Aotearoa's most significant archeological find. It appears that Chris Hill, one of the "kaitiaki of the taonga" (guardian of the treasure) and others wish to house it in a large building to be erected where now exists Tākaka's Pioneer Park, with it's open grass space and war monument. It also appears that no less than three iwi Ngāti Tama, Rarua, and Kuia have also laid claim to it.

We strongly feel that a treasure of such historical and cultural significance value should be made available to the greatest number of New Zealanders and visitors. As such, it would, I'm sure, be welcomed with open arms at the Te Papa museum in Wellington. Imagine the hundreds of thousands that would then delight in seeing this profoundly important piece of history.

Please make a submission to TDC to have this fragment donated to Te Papa, the proper place for such a treasure.

Bruce and Inna Dooley

Blind elder supports NgAngA's footpath

As a blind elder and a member of the blind low vision society that the council referred to, I am pleased to hear they are taking our voices seriously. I truly enjoy the artistic sidewalk that NgAngA has created in Collingwood, improving the safety of our sidewalk by using appropriate paint, filling in cracks and keeping a good distance for width of the walking areas, indeed I urge the council to consider more scenarios like this across its district. NgAngA has made an outstanding contribution to the community and I urge the council to think twice before it wastes more of our money in removing this art piece which now brings tourists to Collingwood.

Sunshine Appleby

Heartfelt thanks from hospice

This is a heartfelt thank you to everyone that made the May "Hands Up For Hospice" Bingo/Auction and pop up shop fundraiser a success. Gratitude goes to the volunteers that went the extra mile, Craig Taylor for the auctioning, and in no order, Waitapu Retail, RSC, PGG Wrightson, Golden Bay Dentist, Byrne Builders, Bidfood, Delish. Good as Gold Café, and the Top Shop for their generosity. We made just under $2,200 for the night. Thankyou also to the generous support of those that came to make this event a success. I am sorry if I have forgotten to mention anyone.

Pam Gardiner

Elders have lived full lives

In appearances I am fit and able. I'm white haired and also friendly in general. Recently I was offered a hand to move a long but light object into my car. I said I could manage. The woman stood to watch then said to me "Good girl!" I replied, "I'm a woman, actually." She answered, "Of course you're a woman!" I said Of course! I'm a woman!"

So was this person left wondering why I was offended? I'll explain that. Saying I was a girl undermined my authenticity as an adult who has lived a full life and has the resulting wisdom of experience. Addressing the older generations as if they automatically have degenarated into being simpletons has a name. It's called ageism.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has called this a new disease which is upheld by younger people against their elders. It has grown throughout the world to affect 60 percent of societies. The problem is that by sidestepping older opinions, belittling, refusing to allow participation in our society, older people are discouraged from living the fuller life that is possible for them, to the extent of their lives shorting by six and a half years. They are given to understand they are not worth knowing.

The WHO says this must be fought not accepted. So this disease is of the younger generations I've noticed its unfortunate spread. Fight back!

Meanwhile I delight in the younger people who have no such biases and engage me in genuine and deep conversations.

Karen Brookes

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Coconut Loaf Recipe

JOYCE WYLLIE

Coming up this week is our Rural Women group annual visit to Collingwood Area School. We take morning tea to share in the staff room and enjoy the opportunity to meet the staff and be given a tour through the classrooms. A wet King's Birthday Monday seemed like a good day for baking. It is that near shortest-day of the year, a time when my usually productive chooks are moulting, so as well as hens lacking feathers and looking bare, my pantry is lacking cartons and looking bare of eggs. Baking that doesn't require "hen berries" is ok for this season, and these recipes passed on by friends are valued. A hand-written recipe for coconut loaf pasted in my book came from Wendy, a Southland girl and farming mum, who also cooks for shearers.

Coconut loaf
1 cup flour, 1 cup sugar, 1 cup milk, 1 tsp baking powder, 1 cup coconut.
Mix altogether. Bake 50 to 60 minutes in moderate oven.
Being a recipe with such easy quantities I make it triple for two tins. It's always handy to have two good loaves to share, or freeze or eat now. The other loaf recipe I use often was passed on by my lovely neighbour Marilyn, who sometimes shares these yummy loaves at Rural Women gatherings.



Fruit Loaves
Makes two loaves.
In a pot 2 cups water, 2 ozs (60 gms) butter, 1 1/2 cups sugar, teaspoon salt, 1 pound (450 gms) fruit (these can be any fruits like sultanas, dates or cherries).
Bring to boil. Simmer 5 minutes.
When cool add 3 cups flour, 1 teaspoon mixed spice (or 2 teaspoons cloves), 1 teaspoon baking soda .
Put in 2 loaf tins. Bake 180 degrees for 45 minutes.

A satisfying baking day, even without flash egg-filled birthday cakes fit for royalty, though both types of loaf would look just fine with candles for birthday treat for a king, or anyone else.



BOOK REVIEW



by Katie Lavers

LONDON FALLING
by Patrick Radden

There's something uniquely unsettling about modern London wealth. Not the old-money sort with tweed jackets and inherited silverware, but the glossy, oligarch-adjacent version: mirrored penthouses, private members' clubs and teenagers in designer trainers pretending they own yachts somewhere off Mykonos. Patrick Radden Keefe's *London Falling* dives into this ecosystem and emerges with a story so bizarre it feels less like true crime and more like a fever dream curated by Instagram and late-stage capitalism.

Keefe, whose previous books *Say Nothing* and *Empire of Pain* proved he can turn investigative journalism into compulsive literature, once again makes non-fiction read with the tension of a thriller. Yet unlike those books, *London Falling* feels more intimate and melancholy. Beneath the wealth and deception lies a surprisingly sad story about loneliness and re-invention.

The book centres on the death of Zac Brettler, a teenager who fell from a luxury London apartment building in 2019. As his devastated parents attempt to understand what happened, they uncover a secret life Zac had carefully constructed online. Posing as the heir to vast Russian wealth, he infiltrated elite circles fuelled by excess, performance, and dangerous people with too much money and too little supervision.

What Keefe captures brilliantly is the exhausting pressure to become someone else. Zac's fabricated persona feels less like outright fraud and more like an extreme version of what social media already encourages: turning yourself into a brand. The tragedy here isn't simply deception, it's the sense that Zac believed his real self wasn't enough.

The pacing is superb. Keefe reveals information with the precision of someone tightening piano wire, each chapter peeling back another layer of illusion. But unlike many true-crime books, the suspense never overshadows the humanity. The emotional centre remains Zac's family and the unbearable grief of discovering how much of their son existed beyond their reach.

London itself becomes oddly hollow throughout the novel. The luxury apartments, exclusive clubs, and endless displays of wealth don't feel glamorous so much as sterile and emotionally vacant. Everyone appears trapped in performance. Even the rich seem exhausted by the need to keep pretending they're enjoying themselves.

There are moments where the investigative detail slows the momentum slightly, particularly when Keefe dives into financial and criminal networks. Still, the broader themes more than compensate. This isn't really a book about crime; it's a book about aspiration curdling into delusion.

Ultimately, *London Falling* is a haunting portrait of modern identity and the strange emptiness beneath curated lives and luxury culture. Reading it from Golden Bay, where half the population already seem quietly prepared for civilisation's collapse with homegrown vegetables, suspiciously elaborate rainwater systems, and a spiritual distrust of billionaires, the book feels less shocking than oddly confirming. Perhaps we were right all along. While London's elite build glass towers and fake identities, here people are stockpiling lentils and learning how to repair generators. After finishing the book, I found myself eyeing the nearest yurt with a new sense of respect.

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Perennial Planting Time



Co Housing residents helping plant one of the swales with wetland plants through jute weed mat. Photo: Sol Morgan

SOL MORGAN

Winter time is a great time to plant perennials, especially trees and shrubs. This is because these perennials are in a dormant phase, so transplant shock is minimal. And they get settled in to the soil before the spring growth flush occurs.

Selecting the right plant for the place is important, and nurseries and online sources offer insight into what goes best where.

But first consideration of the environment needs to be taken into account to select the right plants for the situation. Is it wet, shaded, soil fertile and free draining, sheltered or not?

Land work

In some cases, more work maybe required before planting is possible. With all this recent rain we got to see where water flows, pools, erodes and floods areas of the landscape. Areas that often get wet are best planted in wetland plants. Earthworks can create an enhanced wetland feature with swales taking water from the surrounding land towards a pond or larger water course. Soil removed can be strategically placed into bunds to create drier areas. Other drainage systems could be installed to help change the landscape to enable a greater variety of plantings.

Soil bunds can be enhanced utilising further debris off the property like dead branches or limbs from recent tree trimming. Covering logs with soil, along with manure, greenery, compost to form a Hugelkultur bund. On wet properties like those on heavy clay, these Hugel mounds offer the possibility of planting fruit trees, perennial flowering shrubs and other ornamentals that wouldn't otherwise be possible. A raised bund also provides shelter on the leeward side, for those plants that prefer a more sheltered position. On sloping land creating terraces, and drainage swales, could expand the planting possibilities.

Soil improvement

Unlike many natives that are synched to the land, many exotic plants such as fruit trees or flowering shrubs may need the soil improved. Heavy soils can have course sand and gravels added to improve water infiltration. Light soils will benefit from more organic matter, with the addition of bark-based composts. Even getting in good quality top soil to add to your poorer soil will help significantly. And getting a soil test done to supply needed minerals to demanding plants like fruit trees is recommended.

Plants

Those wanting to restore their environment to natives can benefit from 'Native Plant Restoration Lists' on Tasman District Council's website. In addition, there is also a great document called "Go Wild" to aid people restore landscapes in the Tasman district. There are a number of great local native plant nurseries to supply you with just the plant you need. Plants grown from locally sourced seed is also a bonus.

And for the exotic plants several stores including the Rural Service Centre offer good advice and a range of plants for any situation.

Planting

Creating a plan of areas to be planted out helps determine numbers, and can aid implementation. Those more hands-on can simply stake out plant positions, taking into consideration of the mature plants size. In exposed areas the plan may include planting pioneer species first to offer shelter to the more vulnerable. In free draining areas Tagasaste (Tree Lucerne) is a great option, and wetter soils try Buttercup tree (Cassia sp.) or Alders. These can be trimmed and chipped to make room for planned species thus providing useful mulch and nutrition.

To be sure drainage is good enough, dig some holes in advance and fill with water. They should drain within an hour or so, otherwise further drainage work will be needed. Make the hole bigger than the root ball of a tree being planted. Start by skimming off any weeds or grass wider than the desired hole. Loosen the sides with a crow bar. Water the potted plant well then remove from the pot. Trim off some of the long roots to create a balanced root ball. Place in the hole at the same height as it was in the pot. Fill in with soil and firm the edges with your heel. Add compost and minerals to the surface out beyond the planted area to encourage root development. Water in well.

To control weeds, you may like to mulch with cardboard followed by bark or wood chippings. Otherwise, there are natural weed matting made from either wool, coconut fibre or jute that ends up breaking down. Avoid plastic weed mat as this will get entangled with trees root systems later on.

In windy situations staking maybe needed. Large trees will likely need at least two stakes. A shelter of shade cloth may also benefit the new tree too. Where animals are about a more solid fenced off cage is necessary. If hares are a problem, then tree guards will be needed. And it is smart to have possum traps about for those close to the bush.

If you have planted an orchard, make a map with named varieties, as labels do not last. Adding in other beneficial plants like perennial flowers, herbaceous perennials, and lower growing fruiting shrubs, adds diversity and creates a more balanced healthy new ecosystem.

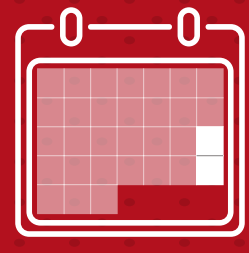
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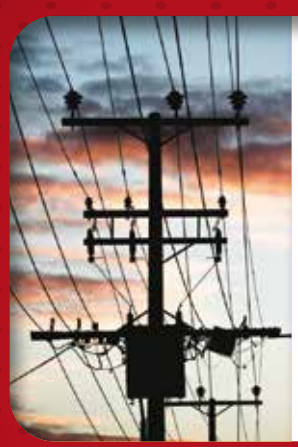
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Wellington wind tips plane



Golden Bay Air's Airvan. File photo

JO RICHARDS

One of Golden Bay Air's light aircraft was tipped over by a strong gust of wind at Wellington Airport on Tuesday morning when wind speeds of up to 100km/h were recorded.

Speaking to *The GB Weekly* on Tuesday afternoon, GB Air chief executive Richard Molloy said the incident occurred while the plane, an eight-seater Airvan – tail number ZUG, was empty of passengers and crew and parked at the gate. "The wind was swirling around; once all the passengers were out of the plane it was quite light and caught by the wind and neatly tipped on one wingtip." Shortly afterwards, another gust righted the aircraft leaving it seemingly non the worse but still requiring to undergo a thorough engineering check on Wednesday before taking to the skies again. "There's damage is minor – a scuff in the wingtip and a pitot tube is bent," said Richard.

Richard said he hoped the aircraft would be back in operation on Thursday but, in the meantime, passengers booked to fly to Tākaka on Tuesday were transferred to an Air New Zealand flight to Nelson before being shuttled to Golden Bay.

Call for photos for local history books

ANITA PETERS

Over a number of years the Bainham Reunion committee has produced pictorial books about the history of Golden Bay. The idea first came about in 1997, when a group of Bainham locals organised a reunion for which they hoped to also produce a small history booklet.

Local author Carol Dawber, (who lived in Collingwood and drove the school bus before moving to Picton) was approached, having recently written a murder mystery about the Heaphy Track. She accepted the challenge.

"So, that's how it all started," explains committee member Carolyn McLellan. "We wanted to record Bainham's history. Lorna Langford was a fount of information. She knew of the interest in Bainham because people would come into her shop who had connections from way back during the gold mining and depression eras."

When word spread and photographs began flooding in, Carol realised the proposed booklet had grown to book size.

A grant was subsequently awarded to publish the book, *Bainham, a history*. It became a sellout success. Since the Bay was first settled from North to South starting in Collingwood, it inspired a coffee table book allowing more images, entitled *Collingwood to the Heaphy Track*. Two more in the same format followed: *Between the Ports – Collingwood to Waitapu*, (with help from Cheryl Win) then *Waitapu to Waitui*, extensively captioned by Carol.

Independently of the committee, Carol and Cheryl also produced two similar publications titled *North of Kahurangi*, and *Ferntown to Farewell Spit*.

Tākaka to Tōtaranui, the final book for the Bainham Committee, written by Carol Dawber and Cheryl Win and published by end of year, will complete the series.

A last urgent call is being made for any original images which will be copied and returned.

"If anyone has good photos covering Tākaka, north and east to Tōtaranui, we're keen to have them in for consideration," says committee member Aynsley Langford. "Particularly of the i-site, vet clinic in Rototai Road and anything else of significance up to 1989."

The Committee still has some copies of *Between the Ports* and *Waitapu to Waitui* that they would like to offer as a promotion for the upcoming new book, at a special of $50 each or $90 for two.

"If you haven't already got a copy, you need these on your coffee table," urges Carolyn. "They're history books, they don't go out of date. They make great Christmas presents and every bach, every B&B and every house should have one.

Please contact:
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Aynsley and Roger Langford: langford1552@gmail.com, 027 827 5250



Members of the Bainman Reunion Committee with news of their new book soon to be published, plus a special sales offer for two of their surplus history books. From left: Carolyn and John McLellan, Roger and Aynsley Langford. Photo Anita Peters

The GB Weekly apologise for some mistakes that were made in this article last week. This is a re-run of last week's article with the correct information.

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Cycling under the midnight sun

JOYCE WYLLIE

Gaylene Wilkinson welcomed the Tākaka library crowd to "couch touring", as she talked about the cycling adventure she and partner, Tony, undertook this time last year. Beginning in Amsterdam, they enjoyed some "magical countryside and flat-land legs" before tackling Norway mountains – but after days of howling northerly winds they caught a train for a break. She explained that there is a great network of cycling opportunities, and they followed Eurovelo trails and national cycle trails. Riding through south-west Norway, they passed through the rocky and picturesque landscape of a Unesco Geological Park.

Further north, they experienced the high mountains and beautiful deep fjords with hundreds of islets. Engineers have overcome the challenge of building roads by constructing hundreds of tunnels through mountains, and bridges between islets. Where no bridge exists there are free ferry services.

Norway has the same population as New Zealand with 20 percent more land, and living can be expensive. Because people can camp anywhere, (so long as it is not in a cultivated paddock or near a house), cycling is an economical way to travel and picnic tables are everywhere. Gaylene and Tony also kept costs down by using home exchanges and cycle-hosting web-site "Warm Showers". Phones and bike-lights, (needed for tunnels) were charged on ferries and cafes. She joked, "if we had stayed home for three months we probably would have spent more". Gaylene said "Norwegians speak fantastic English and it is super safe to travel". They loved seeing the villages, churches, historic warehouses, cod fish drying on racks and an Eider duck farm on one islet producing down for duvets. Renting a canoe for a paddle on a fjord was a birthday treat. Sand-flies were not a problem but they regularly checked each other and removed blood-sucking ticks.

Finally they rode across the 70 degree line and Gaylene was surprised to see white sand beaches, where they enjoyed swimming. Up in the Arctic Circle, close to the Russian Border, they often walked at night in the midnight sun. Gaylene commented,"It was hard to sleep, so we had to wear ourselves out". Further north became flatter. Reindeer wandered over the road and grazed on lawns, as houses weren't fenced. Gaylene and Tony chose to travel during May to July as summer season is busy, but further north they met more cyclists, all heading to Nordkapp. The couple chose not to continue to the northernmost tip of the country, instead turning south and inland up onto the high plateau, travelling on an unused railway – now a cycle-way.



Gaylene Wilkinson shared her Midnight Sun experiences at the library. Photo Joyce Wyllie

On the journey they cycled about 100 kms a day, but didn't have fixed plans so avoided the "have to get somewhere" pressure. Their trip finished in Oslo in the rain after "fantastic, calm, beautiful weather".

The 80 slide image "couch tour" was soon over but there may be another one next year as Gaylene, Tony and their bikes are off to New Caledonia this winter.

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Kylie

TIME AT ITM:
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FAVOURITE FOOD:
Chocolate and popcorn shrimp.

FAVOURITE WAY TO RELAX:
Reading.

FAVOURITE PLACE:
Totaranui.

FAVOURITE MUSIC:
Loves anything. Eclectic taste.

Murray

TIME AT ITM: Too long, probably as long as Luke.

PREVIOUS JOB: Plumber.

FAVOURITE FOOD:
Chocolate.

FAVOURITE WAY TO RELAX:
Flying.

FAVOURITE PLACE:
Home and Gold Coast.

Megan

TIME AT ITM: 4 years.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Paua.

FAVOURITE WAY TO RELAX:
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FAVOURITE PLACE:
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FAVOURITE SONG:
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Shaping the Visitor Experience in Golden Bay

SUBMITTED BY CHERYL ELSEY

Have you ever wondered how visitors discover Golden Bay? The Golden Bay Promotion Association (GBPA) has been helping answer that question for more than 40 years, and during that time we've had to continually evolve and reinvent ourselves.

Back in the 1980s, things were simple. Visitors walked into the Visitor Centre, received a warm welcome from a friendly volunteer, collected information about what to see and do, and headed off to explore. Statistics were gathered on visitor numbers and countries of origin, but no bookings were taken. Beautiful full-colour magazines showcasing Golden Bay were printed and distributed throughout New Zealand.

Fast forward a decade and things began to change. The Visitor Centre started making bookings on behalf of local businesses and earning commission revenue. Then came the introduction of Nelson Tasman Tourism and the i-SITE network, bringing with it significant changes and the rise of digital technology.

By the early 2000s, websites were transforming the tourism landscape. Businesses increasingly took control of their own bookings, slowly eroding a model that had served communities well for many years. This marked the beginning of the shift from personalised visitor services to self-service information.

Today, self-service has become part of everyday life. We book our own travel, order our own food, scan our own groceries and find our own information online. Economists even have a term for it: "consumer labour" – where customers perform tasks once carried out by paid staff.

In 2010, GBPA took over management of the Visitor Centre and since then we have launched numerous initiatives to keep visitors engaged and Golden Bay top-of-mind.

Some of these have included:

- The One Minute Video Competition
- The Golden Bay Treasure Hunt
- Gnome Away From Home
- Weekend getaway competitions
- National radio advertising campaigns
- Magazine features throughout New Zealand
- The introduction of our colourful visitor map
- Tiered membership options
- Brochures and visitor guides
- Website development and information card distribution

Throughout these changes, GBPA has remained focused on three key layers of promotion:

International Reach

Our high-ranking website showcases many local businesses and attractions to visitors planning their trip from around the world.

Domestic Reach

Our info card is distributed throughout New Zealand in Visitor Centres, i-SITEs, airports, ferry terminals and accommodation providers. The QR code links directly to our website, making it easy for visitors to access information wherever they are.

Local Reach

Each year we produce our popular Golden Bay map, highlighting attractions, activities and local businesses. The reverse side provides members with an affordable opportunity to promote their business and location.

Now, Tasman District Council has effectively set the clock for our future. The Visitor Centre has approximately 10 years remaining at its current location, which is currently being shared with the bike shop, and once again we need to rethink and reshape the visitor experience for Golden Bay.

We see every business in Golden Bay as a shareholder in our community. Whether you're in tourism, construction, retail, hospitality, transport, technology, farming or professional services, we're all connected. Tourism businesses rely on mechanics, tradies, fuel suppliers, food producers, digital specialists and countless others. In turn, those businesses benefit from a thriving local economy.

So what does community support look like from your business? How are you contributing to the future of Golden Bay and the visitors who come here?

As technology continues to evolve, so do we. Artificial intelligence is helping create content and graphics. Videos and reels are becoming essential marketing tools. Social media platforms continue to reshape how visitors discover destinations. The question isn't whether things will continue to change – it's how we keep pace and remain relevant.

This is your opportunity to be part of the conversation.

Join us as we work together to shape the next chapter of the visitor experience in Golden Bay.

GBPA's AGM will be held next Wednesday at 6pm at Mohua Social Services.

We'd love to see you there, hear your ideas, and get stuck into the exciting work ahead.

Citizen scientists wanted for monarchs

SUBMITTED

Devangi Farah wants us to look up. The local newly elected trustee of the Moths and Butterflies of New Zealand Trust nurtured and released close to 1000 Monarch butterflies this year, but it is crucial to their continued survival that we discover where they spend their winter.

"A redwood tree is their favourite spot, as in Isel Park in Stoke and Washbourn Gardens in Nelson," she explained. "You'll actually find them hanging as high up as they can reach. Their wings are closed, and they're all next to each other, so at first glance it might just look like autumn leaves."

Devangi said our local monarchs are unlikely to travel further than 15km, so their overwintering site could even be within the Tākaka town boundary. She identified some potential sites like the Tākaka primary school grounds, and checked the trees around Abbeyfield, but so far it remains elusive.

Another way phone-carrying members of the public can help is to snap a picture of one of the many tagged monarch butterflies, identifiable by an easy-to-spot circular sticker on their rear wing.

"The sticker itself is something like 0.5 percent of their body weight, so it doesn't affect their flight at all," Devangi said. "The label has the MBNZT website on it and a tag number. As soon as that is reported, whoever tagged the butterfly gets notified, and a map can be created of where it was released and how far it's traveled."

This data is crucial because the more that is understood about these strikingly recognisable creatures, the more can be done to protect them, as their numbers are actually in sharp decline, explained Devangi.

"Their biggest predator is the paper wasp, they're brutal. They go from stealing the eggs off the leaves to attacking the butterflies all summer. The South African praying mantis eats them all year round; it'll catch a butterfly and all you'll see are wings left behind. And shield bugs attack the caterpillars and suck them dry."



Monarch butterfly. The numbers on the tag are identifiers so the butterfly's route can be tracked. Photo: Submitted

Added to this rogues' gallery of predators are chrysalis munching hedgehogs and a highly contagious parasite called ophryocystis elektroscirrha (OE). Even climate change is adversely affecting the butterfly's natural cycles.

"We've got to do our bit for the monarch," urged Devangi. "We'd hate to see them vanish, so please be on the lookout. If you spot a tag, take a photo if you can, otherwise get the number and then report it on the website. We're looking for citizen scientists. We want people to actively go out and look for monarch butterflies."

People can also help by planting swan plants for the caterpillars, and flowers for the adult butterflies. Attracting these beautiful creatures to your garden can only be a win-win situation, enthused Devangi.

And if you happen to spot a cluster of what looks like autumn leaves hanging in a high tree - probably a redwood - look again. You might be the "citizen scientist" who finally discovers one of Golden Bay's most elusive secrets, our monarch butterfly overwintering site, and helps ensure their continued survival.

Collingwood veterans gather before young guns battle with Stoke



Collingwood skipper Josh Roberts evades a tackle at the start of a penetrating run against Stoke last Saturday. Photos: Jo Richards



Vice-captain Tyler Jones powers towards the try-line.

JO RICHARDS

A couple of hours before Collingwood's Division 2 match kicked off last Saturday, generations of past, present and potential future players gathered at the club's home ground.

Among those attending the Past Players Day were more than 40 veterans who, over previous decades, had pulled on the black and gold jersey. Some could even remember wearing the club's historic blue shirt, long since replaced by the current strip.

Under the specially-erected marquee, small groups of past players chatted away, exchanging rugby stories and reminiscing about the years and games gone by. One who had plenty of tales to tell was Charlie McKay, the oldest ex-player there, whose rugby career started in 1947. "I played lock or front row, then I moved to the back," said Charlie, who lived in Rockville until two years ago. Fellow Rockville resident Larry Strange joined the team well after Charlie. "I first played for the seniors in 1964 at the age of 16," said Larry, who later served as club president.

Shortly after midday, Larry's cousin and club president Mark Strange interrupted the chatting to formally welcome everyone before another club stalwart Graeme Miller spoke about the proud history of the club and its previous generations of players, whom he said would soon be recognised via a new awards scheme. Graeme, who switched roles from coach to manager at the end of last season and played for the junior and senior teams for 34 years, epitomises the long-term commitment locals make to their club. It is estimated that he played 456 games for the seniors before spending 10 years as coach, while his wife Roz has been club manager for almost 30 years.

Fitting for Saturday's special occasion, Collingwood's opponents were division 2 high-flyers Stoke. This town versus country fixture is always a humdinger, no more so than in 2021 when, after an epic 100-minute, 3-3 draw on an extremely muddy pitch, Collingwood were crowned champions based on an earlier head-to-head result.

Now was the time for another chapter to be written. As the current starting XV were clapped onto the pitch at the start of the game, they were flanked by a "guard" of past players and supporters.

Such niceties were forgotten, however, when the game began as both sides commenced battle, once again on a muddy pitch. For the first 15 minutes Collingwood's defence came under attack from the reds but the home side soaked it up before easing the pressure by stealing possession from a Stoke line out and advancing up field.

Suddenly it was the visitors' turn to feel the heat as the black and gold pushed up their favourite left flank. The pressure led to a penalty being awarded to Collingwood for a high tackle but they failed to capitalise on the subsequent line out which was within a few metres of the opposition's try line.

With 20 minutes gone, Collingwood won another penalty and, this time, Brad Goulsbro opted to kick and safely banked three points. Putting the first score on the board settled the home side while in contrast, Stoke continued to make errors.

The longer the game went on, the muddier the playing surface became, hampering Stoke's ambitions to run the ball. Instead the visitors were engaged in trench warfare where grit, determination and hard tackles were the key weapons. Welcome to the swamp!

Something had to change if the visitors were to turn the game around. And it came just three minutes into the second half, when a fortunate bounce gifted possession to Stoke's number 14 Finn Nalder, who made full use of the better traction on the right flank and ran half the length of the pitch to score the first try of the game. There was some doubt as to whether the conversion was made, but the referee later deemed that it had, which took the score to 3-7.

Realising the path to success was down the flanks where their pacey players could pick up speed, Stoke refined their tactics accordingly and, with 12 minutes gone, the visitors scored again to stretch their lead to 11 points.

Collingwood responded by firing up their grinding attack machine which in small, bruising increments slowly pushed closer to the try line. On one occasion it appeared that they had scored but the unsighted referee was unable to award the try. When a Stoke substitute was given a yellow card minutes after coming on, it seemed things might finally turn in Collingwood's favour but Stoke's red wall held back the relentless barrage for the remaining 12 minutes.

Against the run of play Stoke added to their tally when a Collingwood clearance kick was charged down leaving the away side with an easy try.

Final score: Collingwood 3 v Stoke 19.

The result consolidates Stoke's position at the head of the table while Collingwood drop to fifth position, one point behind Riwaka.

Speaking immediately after the match Collingwood co-coach Steve Strange said the outcome was determined by moments. "They got a couple of tries against the run of play but we expected a tough battle. I'm really proud of our players." He added that the result would not spoil what had been a good day. "It was really good to catch up with the past players and great to see the old families around the club."

Tākaka v Huia

Also playing at home last Saturday, Tākaka hosted Huia in a Division 2 clash.

Despite scoring three tries to the visitors two, Tākaka lost the match 17-24 with Huia scoring 12 points from penalty kicks.



Veterans line up: Collingwood players from yesteryear attended the club's Past Players Day last Saturday. From left, Brian Solly, Larry Strange, John Solly, Peter Solly, Merv Solly, Andrew Solly, Ian Kerr, Gary Gardiner and Charlie McKay.

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BRIDGE

3 June. Wednesday Champ Pairs Session 4. C Webster/R McDonald 59.72%; P Nelson/J Edmondson 55.56%; J Pemberton/P Panzeri 55.56%; H/cap: C Webster/R McDonald 60.72%; J Pemberton/P Panzeri 55.27%; P Nelson/J Edmondson 54.70%.

June 05. Pairs Session 8. G Smith/H.Fockenga 71.74%; D McDonald/P Jayne 54.35%; G Allen/L Scurr 45.65%. H/cap: D McDonald/P Jayne 62.56%; G Smith/H.Fockenga 62.08%; G Allen/L Scurr 49.62%.

GOLF

27 May. Stableford: R Young 34, D Jerram 33, J Gilmour 32. Closest to the Pin: 3/12 R Young, 4/13 M Dixon, 8/17 -, 9/18 W Rothwell. Twos: M Dixon. Best Gross: G Rowe 86.

30 May. Strokeplay Champs (3): C Hadler 69, G Allen 70, D Jerram 74. Closest to the Pin: 3/12 C Perrett, 4/13 -, 8/17 N Gardiner, 9/18 R Young. Twos: -. Happy Wanderer: R Young. Best Gross: C Hadler 78

3 June. Stableford: J Thomason 38, G Allen 36, C Perrett 36. Closest to the Pin: 3/12 W Collie, 4/13 C Perrett, 8/17 R Tait, 9/18 J Gilmour. Twos: -. Best Gross: W Collie 80

6 June. Stableford: C Hadler 38, R Young 37, C Perrett 36. Closest to the Pin: 3/12 G Bradley, 4/13 J Hancock, 8/17 C Hadler, 9/18 C Hadler. Twos: C Hadler (2), R Young, J Hancock, L Thorn. Happy Wanderer: L Thorn. Best Gross: C Hadler.

AGM NOTICES

COLLINGWOOD SQUASH CLUB AGM, Monday 15 June, 7.30pm at the Collingwood Squash Club, 9 Tasman Street.

GOLDEN BAY GUN CLUB is having its AGM on 24 June at 6pm at the Laser office (96B Commercial Street).

THE GOLDEN BAY FLYING CLUB is holding its AGM on Wednesday 24 June at 7.30pm at the Clubhouse.

WRINKLIES EXPRESS AGM, Friday 26 June, 10.30am at the Tākaka Bowling Club. New members welcome.

GB Promotion Association, Inc

Golden Bay New Zealand

AGM

Wednesday 17 June 2026, 6pm
at the Community Hall, Mohua Social Services, 88 Commercial Street, Takaka

Join us for light refreshments and discuss how to Help Shape Our Visitor Experience. Be part of the strategic planning for 2026 and voice your suggestions, or better yet, join the team!

RSVP secretary@goldenbaynz.co.nz before 15 June 2026.

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

PERSONAL NOTICES / *Pānui ake*

David Richard Brady Thorpe

Last Sunday, Richard Thorpe, loved husband of Leentje, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and courageous shepherd left on his journey home, aged 94.
His farewell will be at 1pm, Sunday, 14 June, 2026 at Rototai Natural Burial Ground.

PUBLIC NOTICES / *Pānui a whānui*

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS / *Mea pakiri haere*

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MONDAY 15 JUNE

AIKIDO Intro Course starting Mondays 8 June: 6–7.30pm. Contact Matt: 021 127 2410 for details.

TUESDAY 16 JUNE

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WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE

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THURSDAY 18 JUNE

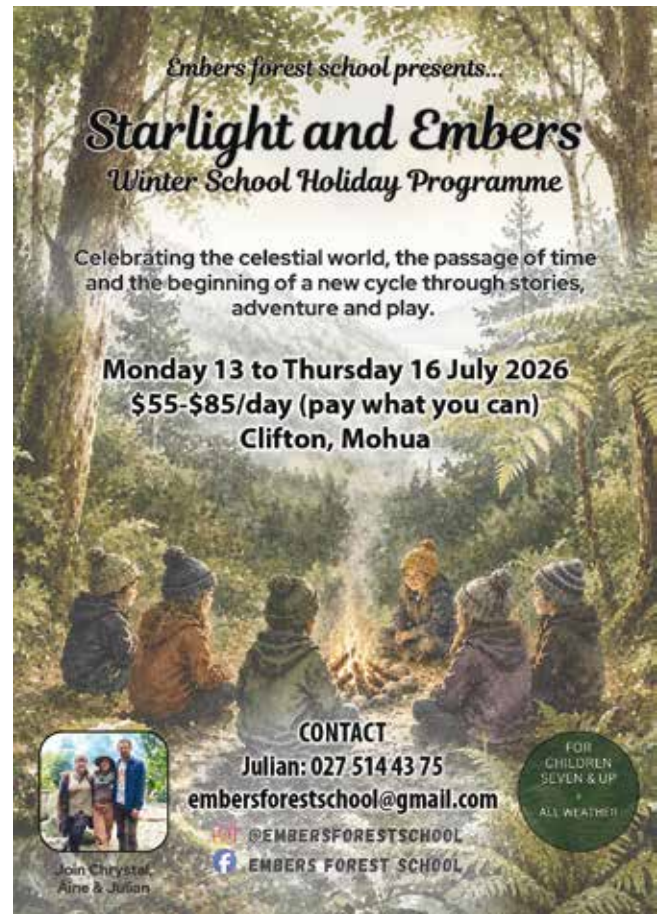
DAYTIME BADMINTON, Rec Park Centre, 9-11am. All welcome. Ph Kerry 027 525 7007.

LATER EVENTS

FRIDAY 26 June Tea and Talk. Pakawau Hall 10.30am. Changed to every 4th Friday of the month. Hosted by Rural Women. All welcome.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL presented by TEENTHEATRE 2026 at The Village Theatre 27, 28 June, 7.00pm and 2.00pm. Tickets online from Humanitix $15.





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JUNE 2026

Friday 12 June
4:00 Shrek 25th Anniversary (PG) Once Only
7:30 Star Wars: The Mandalorian and the Grogu (M)

Saturday 13th
4:00 The Christophers (M)
7:30 A Private Life (M) (subtitles) Final

Sunday 14th
4:00 The Portrait of a Lady (1996) (PG) Classic Cinema
7:30 The Devil wears Prada 2 (M) Final







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Wed 24th **SOCIAL ANIMAL** - Stephan Papps plays 12 characters - including a dog! 7.30pm. Tickets @ undertheradar. $20 door.

Thurs 25th **LIVE POETS - ACID ON THE MICROPHONE** with special guests Callie and Kushla from 7.30pm. $5 on the door.

Sun 28th **MUSSEL INN BEER TASTING COMPETITION** 1.30pm $35 limited to 50 entrants. Register at the Muss NOW and get practicing!

JULY

Thurs 2nd **QUIZ** - 7.30pm All welcome.

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Thurs 16th **QUIZ** - 7.30pm. All welcome.

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GOLDEN BAY WEATHER FORECAST
Valid from Friday 12 until Tuesday 16 June

Friday: Southwesterlies becoming light and variable. Fine and cloudy intervals.

Saturday: Westerlies developing. Cloud increasing with showers developing in the west with a few elsewhere in the afternoon.

Sunday: Northwesterlies freshening about Farewell, lighter winds elsewhere. Showers in the west and a few spreading elsewhere at times.

Monday: Southwesterlies developing. A few showers in the west at first, otherwise becoming mainly fine.

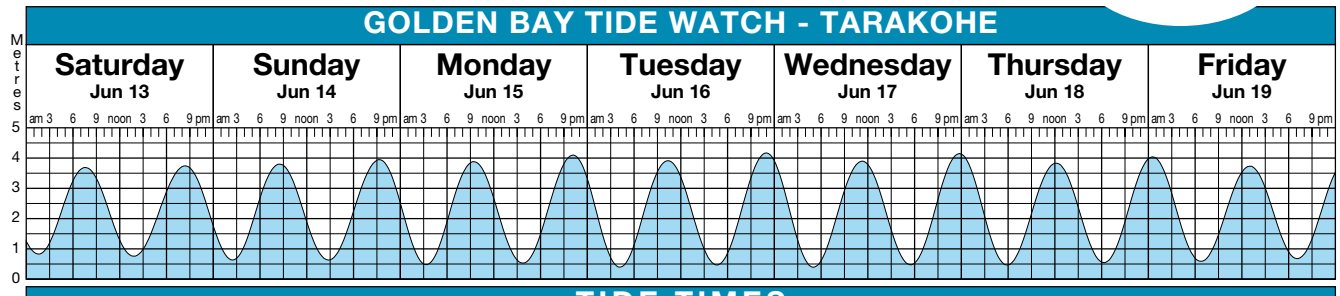
Tuesday: Southerlies dying away and tending north-west later. A few cloudy areas otherwise fine weather.

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L	1:35am 1:48pm	2:29am 2:47pm	3:20am 3:44pm	4:10am 4:38pm	5:01am 5:29pm	5:52am 6:18pm	6:45am 7:06pm

SUN AND MOON

	Saturday Jun 13	Sunday Jun 14	Monday Jun 15	Tuesday Jun 16	Wednesday Jun 17	Thursday Jun 18	Friday Jun 19
R	7:49 am	7:50 am	7:50 am	7:51 am	7:51 am	7:51 am	7:52 am
S	5:06 pm	5:06 pm	5:06 pm	5:06 pm	5:06 pm	5:07 pm	5:07 pm
R	5:20 am	6:41 am	7:58 am	9:05 am	9:58 am	10:38 am	11:10 am
S	2:52 pm	3:40 pm	4:42 pm	5:53 pm	7:13 pm	8:33 pm	9:50 pm

BILL HOHEPA'S MAORI FISHING GUIDE

	Saturday Jun 13	Sunday Jun 14	Monday Jun 15	Tuesday Jun 16	Wednesday Jun 17	Thursday Jun 18	Friday Jun 19
	Good	Bad	Bad	Bad	Bad	Bad	Bad
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027 504 2872



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Viewings by appointment

53 Nyhane Drive, LIGAR BAY

GRAND LIGAR BAY LIFESTYLE
This home has been built to take in the amazing views of Ligar Bay, close enough to walk or tow the kayak to the beach but far enough away to have privacy and space. A section of this size is a rare find, with generous established garden offering plenty of space and possibilities. Call me for a to view.

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3 1 1 3450sqm
Viewings by appointment

246 East Tākaka Road, EAST TĀKAKA

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

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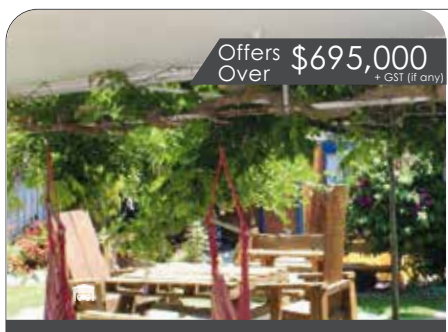


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28 Nyhane Drive, LIGAR BAY

HOME OR HOLIDAY...
The choice is yours! This lovely home has been built to take full advantage of the lovely sea views. A double garage provides plenty of parking, and the low-maintenance grounds make this property easy to own. With Ligar Bay Beach just a short walk away, there is a lot to like here! Give me a call to view.

Belinda J Barnes
021 236 2840



8 4 870sqm
Viewings by appointment

25 Motupipi Street, TĀKAKA

ANNIE'S BUDGET ACCOMMODATION – YOUR GOLDEN BAY BASE!
Friendly, relaxed hostel in the heart of Tākaka, steps from cafés and shops. Clean, comfy dorms or private rooms, sunny back garden, lounge and two kitchens, plus self-contained owner accommodation. Ideally located for Golden Bay highlights. Call for a private viewing after 12 noon.

Belinda J Barnes
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2 1 1 804sqm
Viewings by appointment

445 Abel Tasman Drive, MOTUPIPI

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

Belinda J Barnes
021 236 2840



3 2 103sqm
Viewings by appointment

13/43 Meihana Street, TĀKAKA

COMMUNAL LIVING AT ITS BEST
This modern home in the Tākaka co-housing community is ideally located near schools and Tākaka Township with beaches close by. Designed for easy living, it offers contemporary comforts, light-filled open-plan spaces flowing to outdoor decking, and the benefits of a vibrant community. Contact Belinda for more information.

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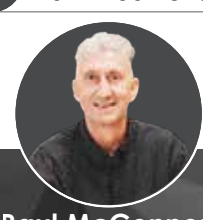
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TITLE NOW ISSUED
Kickstart your off-grid dream on this rural lifestyle block. Mostly flat, ready to build, and made for freedom. With title issued, it's your chance to live wild, raise a family close to nature, and build something truly yours.
Escape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

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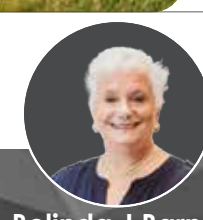
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