



A perfect day for a raft race



The *U.Tube* crew paddle to victory in last Saturday's Collingwood Raft Race. Photo: Jo Richards.

JO RICHARDS

Now re-established as one of Golden Bay's iconic summer events, this year's Collingwood Raft Race took place in near-perfect conditions on Saturday morning.

As the 9.15am start time for the kids' race approached, the six crews and their adult supervisors carried their cobbled-together contraptions to the water's edge near the old wharf. Although all the craft were one-off designs, each was constructed using a fairly limited parts bin that included mussel buoys, plastic drums and pipes, wooden pallets, sheets of plywood, inner tubes and offcuts of timber. The selection of components was explained by Clay Paton, whose young crew were about to launch *Paddle Power Pack*, a "waka" constructed from a long culvert pipe

attached to a mussel buoy outrigger. "It depended on what was lying around on the farm."

Cooper Silcock and Levi Strange had kept things nice and simple with a raft made from three plastic barrels and a timber frame. Having had a test run the duo said they were feeling "confident".

Under guidance from Jarrah Solly, Chase McKay, Nico Keogh and Alfie and Coby Heuvel had high hopes for *U.Tube*, a straightforward design consisting of a sheet of plywood mounted on a number of large inner tubes.

Those high hopes proved to be well-founded: a mere eight minutes after the starting klaxon sounded the *U.Tube* crew were the first to arrive at the boat ramp where they were met by a large group of enthusiastic

spectators. *Paddle Power Pack*, with a few stowaways on board, came in second, followed by *The Ratband*.

In a bid to improve thrust, some crew members jumped overboard to push their rafts along, making a bit of a splash in the process. For the Silcock-Strange partnership, it was Levi who worked from behind while Cooper remained on board and paddled at the front.

At the rear of the fleet Steve Strange's three children Caelan, Eden and Marnie, along with Layla Jones, were struggling to make progress in their four-barrel craft but were given a boost by two young swimmers who dived in to give them a push to the finish.

Half an hour later the adult's race began...

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Simpler building rules

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Regulatory changes are opening doors to more small homes and fewer bureaucratic hurdles – something Golden Bay has been advocating for a long time.

In particular, recent updates of New Zealand building rules are creating new opportunities for people wanting affordable, practical living spaces.

From 16 January, updated Government regulations have made it simpler for property owners to build small standalone dwellings up to 70 square metres under a more streamlined process, supporting more flexible housing and lifestyle options across the country.

These changes are expected to benefit people looking to add a sleepout, studio, home office, teen unit, guest accommodation, rental unit or tiny home to their property. This makes it easier to create extra space without the complexity many homeowners have faced in the past.

For local builder Daniel Burton, director of Bay Wide Building Limited, the change is welcome. Especially after seeing how expensive and uncertain the process has been for some clients in the past.

"Over the years I've had multiple builds held up by consent delays and uncertainty, and that flow-on effect is huge in a place like Golden Bay," says Daniel. "It doesn't just impact the homeowner; it impacts local tradies too. When projects get stuck in limbo, contractors and suppliers can be left waiting with no work to move on to."

Daniel recalls one client who began the consent process in good faith, only to later discover that the permit would be issued as temporary, leaving uncertainty about the building's long-term future and whether it could later be required to be removed at the owner's cost.

"They ended up spending thousands on planning and applications before deciding they simply couldn't keep going," says Daniel. "They walked away from the..."

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Simpler building rules



A recently completed self-contained sleepout in Tākaka, built by Bay Wide Building Ltd. Photo: Submitted.

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...project, and that meant I couldn't rely on the work going ahead either. It left a gap where there should have been jobs lined up for my team and other local contractors. That situation isn't a one-off. We've seen good projects delayed or abandoned because the process felt too risky."

Based in Tākaka, Bay Wide Building Limited creates custom-built spaces, designed and built to suit each client's needs.

Daniel has recently completed a fully self-contained sleepout in Tākaka for a local couple, designed to be used as supplementary income accommodation. With the new rule changes now in place, he's excited about the opportunity for similar projects.

"This is the type of work where our craft really shines," Daniel

says. "It's not just putting up four walls, it's about making a small space feel like it belongs. We can add those finishing touches like custom pathways, landscaping details, and design choices that make it fit seamlessly into the existing property."

Bay Wide Building's units can be built on-site, or constructed at the company's Tākaka yard and relocated within Golden Bay. Clients can choose layouts, finishes and features that suit both their lifestyle and budget.

As housing affordability remains a concern across New Zealand, smaller dwellings offer a flexible alternative for families, retirees, and anyone seeking simpler, smarter living. With the latest rule changes in place, the pathway to creating these spaces is more achievable than ever.

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Volunteers Raewyn Tavendale and Daphne van Susteren say they have a fun time at Trash Palace every Friday. Photo: Anita Peters.

ANITA PETERS

Trash Palace, the humble premises located on the Golden Bay Workcentre campus, is a favourite destination for many local treasure hunters. It also has a global reputation among travellers and seasonal workers who have heard about it long before they arrive in the Bay.

It's a place where all takings are absorbed back into the community, and every single item costs only \$1, including shoes at a dollar each.

In the last financial year Trash Palace donated \$42,000 to worthy local causes and charities, including Riding for the Disabled, schools and their libraries, the fire service, guide dogs for the blind, sports teams and the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. As one committee member stated, "That's a lot of items at a dollar."

Trash Palace is often the busiest shop in town. Thirteen volunteer staff share the shopkeeping duties across five days of the week, sorting and selling the wide variety of donated items. Customers can be assured of meeting someone they know amidst banter and laughter that rings out throughout the day. There is often fresh produce on sale including organic

eggs, fruit and veggies.

Clothing, bedding, footwear, kitchenware, bric-a-brac and other household items are welcomed, but not electrical items, large furniture or magazines. Since donations come from such a diverse group, some garments are surprisingly high-end or even new with price tickets attached. Goods frequently go out as quickly as they come in.

While donations should be in reasonable condition, people still dump damaged items and garbage over the weekend when the shop is closed, only adding to rubbish removal costs that, over a year, consume a month's worth of takings. Some unsaleable clothing, however, is turned into rags that are sold at \$10 per rubbish bag.

Thanks to voluntary labour and enormous goodwill, this remarkable community resource has been operating for over 30 years as a quietly successful business with a strong environmental ethic.

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Community support for cycle trail

As the Tākaka-Collingwood Trail PledgeMe campaign comes to a close, we would like to publicly thank our community for its extraordinary support.

In total, 260 people contributed \$49,052, with donations ranging from \$5 to \$5,000. It has been genuinely heart warming to see so many people give what they could to help move this project forward. We also wish to acknowledge Mark Carnegie, whose generous matching donation significantly increased the impact of the campaign and demonstrated such confidence in this community-led initiative. For those who would still like to contribute, it is not too late. Donations are warmly welcomed directly to our bank account – please email gbcycle6@gmail.com for details. Community members can also support the project by purchasing a raffle ticket to win a Stihl chainsaw, generously donated by ITM, with tickets available from The Quiet Revolution Cycle Shop until 3 February.

This level of local support gives us a strong platform as we move into the next phase – leveraging these donations into a major grant application, with the aim of growing the project to \$300,000.

Thank you, Golden Bay, for believing in the vision of a shared trail connecting Takaka and Collingwood.

The Golden Bay Cycle and Walkways Society committee

NZ needs principled leadership

New Zealand must walk away from the USA. A country under Trump that has resorted to killing its own citizens. Citizens who were bravely protesting against Trump's armed and racist thugs occupying the city of Minneapolis. The Trump regime then blatantly lies despite clear contradictory eyewitness and video evidence.

The killing of US citizens is now a reflection of the long standing US foreign policy where the US has supported Israel killing thousands of Palestinians.

Canada has now moved away from its alliance with the US, with PM Mark Carney speaking out against US coercive behaviour at the Davis World Economic Forum – which went largely unreported by our NZ media.

Yet here in NZ we have business as usual with the US and a subservient PM Christopher Luxon who has stated he would have voted for Trump had he been in the US. Luxon has repeatedly said NZ shares the values and interests of the US. Now we also have Winston Peters joining in on Trump's attack of the UN World Health Organisation. Additionally, Deputy PM David Seymour is linked with the billionaire-funded Atlas Network, which supports Trump's internal and foreign policies.

New Zealand needs to have genuinely principled political leadership that will stand against the gangster-motivated greed trail of destruction from Trump's USA.

Mike Cunliffe

Golden Bay Intuition

We had our first Golden Bay Intuition Process course for children and teen's recently. This is an 11-day Art of Living course. It was so heart warming to see the intuition blossoming so beautifully in the participants. What a gift. They continue to practice daily this week and their skills keep growing. Huge thanks to *The GB Weekly* Education Trust for providing full sponsorship for one of the teens, and to my fellow facilitators Bindi Chouhan and Abha Dod for making the course so fun and impactful. We are so looking forward to the next one!

Debbie Pearson, Art of Living course facilitator

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Planning for the paper's future

JO RICHARDS

The current owners of *The GB Weekly* are planning for a change in stewardship at Golden Bay's community newspaper.

As they look to the future, Jo and Charlotte Richards are looking to pass the baton on to a new generation of publishers.

The decision to step back from *The GB Weekly* has been a very difficult one, says Jo, who has written for the paper since 2012 and owned and edited it since 2017. "It's still a huge privilege and a great pleasure to produce our 'Big Little Paper' but the time has come when I need to think about safeguarding its long-term future."

Key to that future, he explains, is finding new owners who are committed, community-minded and genuinely interested in the people and places of Golden Bay. "It's ideal for a creative couple or partnership looking to play an important role in the community, while also having fun and making a living."

Producing and distributing *The GB Weekly* is truly a collective effort, says Jo. "We are exceptionally fortunate to have a team of very talented writers, great support from local advertisers, and excellent relationships with printers and distributors.

While there is no set time-frame on the changes, Jo says it



Charlotte and Jo Richards, owners of *The GB Weekly*. File photo.

would be good to get the ball rolling. "We just want to start a conversation."

If this sounds like an opportunity for you, start the conversation by emailing Jo at: manager@gbweekly.co.nz

Learning for practical living

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Following a Civil Defence Preparedness survey conducted in September 2025 across 167 Aorere Valley households, Bainham Rural Women is launching the Aorere Valley Practical Living Series, and everyone is welcome to get involved.

This community-driven initiative is a direct response to residents' expressed desire for practical skills that foster resilient and fulfilling lives. By focusing on gardening, food preservation and traditional crafts, the series aims to build self-reliance and strengthen community connections through mutual support and shared knowledge.

The series consists of monthly gatherings held at the Bainham Hall on the 21st of each month, beginning on Saturday 21 February, 10am-2pm. These "walk-in, walk-out" sessions are open to all community members, regardless of age or gender.

The programme features hands-on learning in diverse areas, including:

- Food production: Butter and cheese-making, bread-baking and food preservation.
- Maintenance and safety: Tool-sharpening and First Aid.
- Traditional crafts: Soap-making, knitting, sewing, weaving and spinning.
- Community exchange: Produce swaps for exchanging homegrown fruits, vegetables, seeds and preserves.

A vital element of this initiative is the creation of your own edible garden. Planning and working your garden serves as a "living classroom" for sustainable gardening, where knowledge and harvests can be preserved or shared collectively to improve local food security.

At February's inaugural session, the focus will be on preserving, and tomato or plum sauce making. Participants should bring surplus tomatoes or fruit, along with sterilised mason jars and lids.

Attendees are also asked to bring a koha (a gold coin for



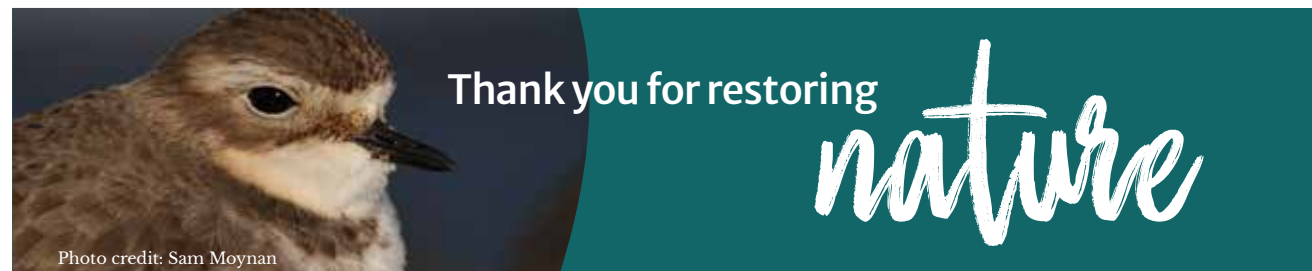
Members of Bainham Rural Women are launching the Aorere Practical Living Series and say everyone is welcome. Photo: Submitted.

members or \$5 for non-members), their own lunch plus any seeds or produce they wish to swap.

Those who wish to become further involved, are encouraged to teach/share skills or join the core planning group, donate materials (eg, jars, lids and seals or garden tools) or provide financial support via the Bainham Rural Women bank account 03-1354-0296819-00.

For more information contact Birgit Schauer (Bergie) on 027 479 8750 or email bergie@connectedpathways.co.nz. Follow updates via <https://connectedpathways.co.nz/aorere-community/>.

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Winter Brassica - Jay Allen

Summer is now in full swing and winter seems like a distant memory! However, it is time to start planting winter brassicas to keep the veggie garden producing over winter and into spring.

Cauliflower seedlings in particular, have quite a narrow planting window, from December to early March at the latest. They take four to six months from transplant to harvest and need a large leafy frame to develop in the warmer weather if a large head is to be produced later in the season.

Broccoli is a little more forgiving and matures slightly faster at around four months from transplant, so if you want broccoli in early winter, now is the time to plant! Harvest can be spread by staggered planting and adding later maturing varieties such as Rudolf Winter Purple and Broccolini sprouting types.

Broccoli and cauliflower are much happier growing in the cooler months. Warmer weather can lead to 'button' heads and dry florets, so I usually save them for the Autumn/Winter period. This also avoids the worst of the cabbage white caterpillars.

Bacillus thuringiensis (BT) is a BioGro approved organic insecticide which controls caterpillars on edible crops. Once the first tiny caterpillar holes are visible a prompt spray with BT will allow your brassica to grow with minimal damage. I've found covering brassica is tricky and often leads to aphid infestations as beneficial predators are also excluded.

Kale and cabbage can be grown all year round. I usually aim to have a kale crop in the ground by December which produces huge kale plants that can be harvested all winter. If planted too early in the spring kale can bolt prematurely. There are many different types of cabbages that are suitable for planting from early spring through to autumn. My favourites are Flower of Spring for an early harvest, Desert Vantage and Super Red Mini for summer coleslaw and Fuyu Midori for winter harvesting.

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Young Tākaka athletes have a field (and track) day

JO RICHARDS

Over the weekend of 16-18 January a dozen young members of Tākaka Athletics Club competed in the South Island Colgate Games at Saxton Oval.

Tākaka's contingent joined more than 800 athletes aged 7-14 years representing 64 clubs from across New Zealand plus one team that had travelled all the way from Queensland, Australia.

For the 10- to 14-year-olds, distance races were run as timed finals and field events were decided on the top three measurements over all the heats. Medals were awarded for the first three places with finalist ribbons for those in 4th to 8th position.

In the 7- to 9-year-olds competition results were not published as the emphasis was on participation. Athletes were instead awarded flags for the top three placings in each heat with others awarded finalist ribbons.

During the three days, Tākaka athletes performed well across track and field events winning three silver medals and one bronze, plus numerous ribbons and flags, and achieving heaps of personal bests.

Tākaka team manager Genevieve Hitchcock paid tribute to her young athletes.

"Our little team of 12 kids did so well with many personal bests achieved. They should all be very proud of themselves, as team manager I was very proud of them all, on and off the track. With Colgate being an international meeting this is the biggest meeting they have attended, it's a huge step up from our usual Tasman interclub meets."



Karter Solly shows off his flags. Photos: Supplied.



Mazzy Evans (grade 10) running in the 1500m event.



Warren Hitchcock (grade 14) about to throw in the discus competition.



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Final disappointment for Gooeys

JO RICHARDS

For the second year running Golden Bay Gooeys reached the final of Nelson Cricket's 2nd Grade competition.

Last year's big match ended in disappointment for the Gooeys but last Saturday, on home turf, they were looking to go one better as they faced off against Stoke Nayland Seconds.

Batting first, the home side got off to a solid start with openers Blake Cottle and Dustin Emms-Healey putting on 70 runs for the first wicket. Sam Berkett replaced Cottle at the crease and stayed there for most of remainder of the innings, making 71 runs. Other partners came and went – William Curnow and Kiyo Ejima contributing 15 and 19 to the tally

respectively. A few wickets went cheaply, but at the end of the innings the Gooeys had set a target of 209.

The visitors put on a similar first wicket stand of 68 before losing vice-captain Hayden Vallance, but fellow opener Mason Robinson went on to notch up a century – an impressive knock that went a long way to reaching the required total with six wickets and four overs to spare.

While the afternoon's result was disappointing for the Gooeys, ending as runners-up in two consecutive seasons means the team has much to be proud of.

Scoreboard: Golden Bay CC 1st XI 209/10 (40 overs); Stoke Nayland Seconds 210/4 (34.5 overs).

Three artists, one common theme

ANITA PETERS

The new exhibition at the Post Office Gallery annexed to the museum in Commercial Street has brought together a painter, a ceramic artist and a jeweller to share a common theme, “Caught by the Grace of Distant Shores”.

The title is both a metaphor for existing between two worlds but also reflects each artist’s private journey both in life and individual art practice, with their inspiration coming from “the spirit of exploration, the call of distant horizons, turbulent seas and skies, and the quiet beauty found between storm and serenity”.

“For me, there’s this big question of having moved from a distant shore and always wondering what is home,” says Dutch born ceramic artist Lisa van der Meer. Using the expressive capabilities of clay, Lisa has created objects that include decorative textural elements to create her narrative. Ceramic forms, ever evolving and often experimental have now inspired her to delve into painting. Sometimes teaching ceramics as a healing process, Lisa strongly believes that the resultant artworks reflect internal thought processes.

Sarah-Jane Brown’s dynamic, large moody paintings often describe difficult personal experiences, such as the recent death of her beloved father and a devastating business fire last year. She has been experimenting with mixing clay and paint techniques to create highly textured and symbolically charged paintings that tap into childhood memories, including her love of the sea and future travel.

“Life is a storm,” says Sarah-Jane. “It’s a whole guided journey.”

Anna Quartly is primarily a jeweller producing fine silver and copper adornments that she says are influenced by both her Dutch and English backgrounds. Her work has a repurposed element. In this exhibition, the distant shore is ever present, from the deep aqua tints of the annealed copper to the simple organic designs of shells and fish, echoed in her accompanying photographic images.

“Jewellery is self-expression, it’s always personal. Experimental making fuels my passion; my journey is always evolving,” she says.

These three artists have in common deeply personal responses, the desire for experimental processes and most importantly, rich textural techniques. Their individual work



From left, Lisa van der Meer, Anna Quartly and Sarah-Jane Brown have opened their exhibition at the Post Office Gallery, next to the GB Museum on Commercial Street. Photo: Anita Peters.

quietly complements each other’s, both in choice and overlap of media in response to the exhibition theme.

“Caught by the Grace of Distant Shores” is at the Post Office Gallery, Golden Bay Museum, from 2-28 February. Open Monday-Friday, 10am-3pm; Saturday, 10am-1pm; closed Sunday.



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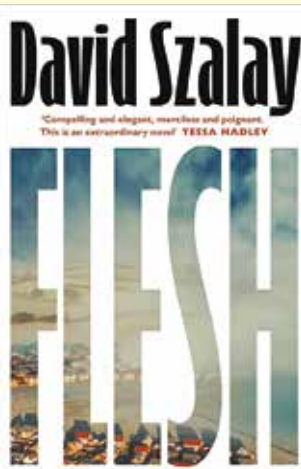
BOOK REVIEW



by Katie Lavers

FLESH by David Szalay

It would be churlish to say you disliked the Booker Prize-winner outright, and it's reasonable to assume that this opinion is an outlier, so I'll start with some praise. *Flesh* is undeniably well-written. The prose is clean, the dialogue and descriptions are well-rendered, and the story flows effortlessly. Szalay writes admirably in a readable, stripped-down style, and the characters are, for the most part, believable.



That said, after reading the first chapter, in which our teenage protagonist István embarks on an unlikely affair with the "old woman" next door after carrying her bags back from the supermarket, I put the book down for a month. There were several reasons for this. Mostly I think it was my inability to believe a teenage boy would help carry the shopping, but there was also the revelation later that this so-called "old woman" is not ancient but merely forty years old. Perhaps it was the spare and explicit writing of their trysts, written in a detached emotionless way that was not only uncomfortable to read, but made me wonder what the point was. Likely, it was all of these things.

István lives in a grim shared communist-era flat in Hungary, eking out a hand-to-mouth existence. Szalay paints the expected picture: the plastic chairs, the borrowed Lada. Yes, we get it, life's a bit dingy. But while the absence of Ikea furniture and Toyota Corollas might set the scene, it doesn't make up for the barren emotional landscape of István enough to make us sympathetic to him.

The novel unfolds over ten chapters, with each leapfrogging ahead in time to another starkly described encounter with a woman in István's life. At first, I kept wondering where we were going with this. However, by chapter seven, Szalay does eventually introduce some much-needed tension, which quickens the pace, but the twist at the end didn't feel as profound or nuanced as I had hoped to find as a reward for having navigated István's emotionally stunted life thus far.

As the main character ages, and life deals him its highs and lows, he meets it all with little more than a shrug and his recurring catchphrase, "It's OK." It becomes clear later in the book that he's meant to embody a kind of stoicism, someone who takes life's rough edges and smooth moments with equal apathy. This stoicism becomes clearer as the book's main themes: contrasting poverty and extreme wealth, are explored as we follow István's journey from scarcity to affluence. In his affair-turned-marriage with Helen, the glamorous trophy wife of a multimillionaire, Szalay delves into ideas around money, power, control, and love. There's some merit in how the story examines the murky waters of relationships tainted by greed, ambition, and self-interest here. Szalay also carefully maintains István's moral ambiguity, keeping us guessing as to how he'll navigate his final choices.

But here's the rub: by the end, I realised I didn't care whether István was a good person or not. The lack of an interior landscape and moral ambiguity, as well as the descriptions of emotionally disconnected encounters with women that pepper his life left me cold, and István himself felt ultimately unknowable.

It's a well-written book, but I couldn't enjoy the worldview it created. The overarching grand themes were ultimately heavy-handed, offered nothing fresh, and for all Szalay's skill, others have handled these ideas with far more resonance.



Warm welcome for new store owners



On the Spot Pōhara convenience store has new owners: Jignasa and Hiren Prajapati, with daughter Rutvi. Photo: Rosa Volz.

ROSA VOLZ

On the Spot Pōhara is under the ownership of Hiren and Jignasa Prajapati, who took over the store in November last year.

The couple came to Golden Bay with the intention of building a life in the community. "We came to the Bay wanting to buy a business," says Hiren. "It was a tough decision to move to a small town, but once we met the community, we realised what a good place it is."

Hiren brings a strong hospitality background to the store, having worked as a chef at Mission Estate Winery in the Hawkes Bay for seven years, as well as spending two years working part-time at a Napier Four Square to gain experience in convenience retail. Jignasa, who arrived in New Zealand in 2020, works alongside him in the business. Their two-year-old daughter Rutvi is already a familiar sight in the store.

On The Spot Pōhara offers a wide range of services for locals and visitors, including dairy essentials, groceries, alcohol, and ice creams at a good price point. The takeaway menu includes fish and chips, curries, spring rolls, chicken and chips, and steamed buns with BBQ pork or teriyaki chicken – making it a

popular stop for an easy beachside lunch or dinner.

The new owners have made a conscious effort to keep things familiar for customers while settling in. "We've kept things the same for now," says Hiren. "In the future, we'd like to extend the grocery range for local customers and try to improve the price point."

The response from the community has been overwhelmingly positive. "Since starting here, maybe a thousand people have said 'welcome to Pōhara' and 'welcome to Golden Bay,'" Hiren says. "People really care here, and you can feel that."

Summer was busier than expected, with the store experiencing its first peak season under new ownership. "It was hard to manage because everything was new," Hiren admits. "I didn't expect it to be that crazy busy, but next summer will be much easier."

Open seven days a week from 7am to 8.30pm, On The Spot Pōhara remains a convenient neighbourhood grocery store and takeaway option, offering fresh, high-quality products and friendly service – now with new owners proud to call Golden Bay their home.

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Recipe for a healthy heart

JOYCE WYLLIE

We only have one heart. It is an incredibly important organ in our anatomy and things don't go well for the rest of our body when our heart is not well. February is Heart Health Awareness Month in New Zealand, Australia and the USA, a campaign "dedicated to combating heart disease, the leading cause of death". There is plenty of information on the Heart Foundation website promoting cardiovascular wellness and encouraging healthy heart actions. Among the positive lifestyle choices recommended are:

- Stop smoking. Smoking contributes to hardening of the arteries and increases the chances of forming blood clots which can lead to a heart attack.
- Exercise regularly and maintain a healthy weight to lower chances of developing high blood pressure. The heart muscle benefits from exercise and pumps blood around the body with less effort.
- Get a check-up. A doctor can use blood pressure and cholesterol measurements to assess risk of a stroke or heart attack and recommend simple preventative actions for those at risk. The Heart Foundation provides a free, online heart health assessment on <https://myheartcheck.org.nz/>
- Eat a healthy, balanced diet with fruits, vegetables, and whole grains and reduced intake of processed, high-fat, and salty foods.

I am of course interested in our family having healthy hearts happily beating for many years to come so I went to the Heart Foundation website where there are heaps of healthy recipes. The apple honey muffins I baked were a hit and then I tried cabbage fritters. They don't sound that yum but the verdict at our table was that "they were quite good actually".

Cabbage Fritters

Mix 3 cups shredded cabbage (or leftover coleslaw mix), 1/4 cup spring onion, 1/2 teaspoon miso paste, and 1/4 cup breadcrumbs in a large bowl until well combined. The recipe suggests that any meats and other finely shredded vegetables can be added to the mix so I grated some red onion in.

Beat 2 eggs, add to the cabbage mixture and mix through.



Cabbage fritters: "They were quite good actually". Photo: Joyce Wyllie.

Heat a large frying pan over a low to medium heat and add oil. Place mixture in middle of pan in one large pile and cook slowly on one side about 5 minutes. When golden brown flip over to cook other side pressing down on the fritter to flatten it.

Cook for another 5-10 minutes until golden brown and cooked through. Keep the temperature low so they don't burn before the cabbage is cooked.

Place on serving plate and top with selected toppings of your choice.

Toppings suggested include coriander, ginger, kimchi, sesame, pickled vegetables, okonomi sauce, Worcester sauce or mayonnaise.

Final market day for Kervella



Gabrielle Kervella and Alan Cockman of Kervella Cheese have bid farewell to their regular stall at the Tākaka Village Market. For around 15 years, come rain or shine, they have been selling their wide range of artisan cheeses at the Saturday market, heralded across the region and beyond. They were delighted to be able to use the milk produced on the neighbouring Manson farm for the production of their raw cheese, which Gabrielle considers "the pinnacle of cheese production". Gabrielle and Alan are retiring for health reasons. They will be missed, as they themselves will miss this regular event that has been such a huge part of their lives for so long. "We love this community and the markets," says Gabrielle. Photo: Anita Peters.

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Collingwood puts on a perfect day for a raft race:

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...with eight rafts setting off from the river bank on Rhodes' farm, up beyond the Aorere Bridge.

An ebbing tide and the river flow quickly carried the competitors down towards the bridge where a crowd had gathered on the parapet to watch the rafts float by.

Making its second appearance of the day, the streamlined *Paddle Power Pack* was first to pass under the bridge and stormed to victory with its adult crew of Clay, Josh Roberts, Pete Taylor and Felicia Schroder.

Among the other finishers were two all-female entries – *The Raft* and *TBC* (To Be Confirmed), as well the all-male crewed *Muscle Boys*, and *Black Pig*. Brazenly flaunting the “no motors” golden rule, a floating picnic table joined the fleet but its Honda outboard appeared to give it little directional control, and the raft limped home in last position.

Speaking at the boat ramp after the final raft had reached the boat ramp, Collingwood Tavern owner and Raft Race organiser Renae Swan was delighted with the event. “It was a perfect day. I’m really happy,” said Renae, who thanked the Coastguard for turning out, and Rina Sjardin-Thompson for taking photos and donating many of the prizes awarded at the lunchtime gathering at the tavern.

Renae said, as well as being great fun, the event raised funds for an essential service. “All the money from entry fees, raffles and the sausage sizzle, go the Nelson Coastguard.” Renae later confirmed the sum raised was \$500.

COLLINGWOOD RAFT RACE 2026 RESULTS

Kids: 1st - *U Tube*; 2nd - *Power Paddle Pack Juniors*; 3rd - *The Ratband*; Best Raft - *Power Paddle Pack Juniors*. Adults: 1st - *Power Paddle Pack*; 2nd - *Black Pig*; 3rd - *Muscle Boys*; Best Raft - *TBC*.



Paddle Power Pack Juniors sets off in the kids' race. Photos: Jo Richards.



Push-me-pull-you: Cooper Silcock paddles up front while Levi Strange pushes from behind.



Steve Strange with his children Caelan, Eden and Marnie Strange and niece Layla Jones.

PUZZLES

STR8TS

No. 777

Medium

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

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

Previous solution - Tough

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

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. 777

Medium

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

The solutions will be published here in the next issue.

Previous solution - Easy

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

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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The crowd gathered on Aorere Bridge "welcomes" the rafters in the adults race.



Muscle Boys makes good progress down river.



The Raft, one of the all-women entries to take part in the adult race.

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GOLF

24 January. Stableford: R Dyce 38, C Hadler, M Dixon. Closest to pin: 3/12 C Perritt, 4/13 M Dixon, 8/17 C Hadler, 9/18 S Ransley. Twos: C Hadler, R Dyce. Happy wanderer: R Miller. Best gross: R Dyce 80.

28 January. Stableford: C Hadler 41, D Win 36, R Dyce 35. Closest to pin: 3/12 R Young, 4/13 C Hadler, 8/17 C Hadler, 9/18 R Heuvel. Twos: J Solly. Best gross: C Hadler 78.

31 January. Stableford: R Young 40, R Dyce 39, C Hadler 39. Closest to pin: 3/12 R Miller, 4/13 M Shannon, 8/17 R Dyce, 9/18 R Miller. Twos: W Rothwell, R Young. Happy wanderer: Bob Schmuck. Best gross: R Dyce 79.

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Lifestyle sized Lots in this location are increasingly hard to find. This elevated 1.1052ha freehold block, just 950m from the golden sands of Ligar Bay, is one of the last to be developed. Set between Matenga Road and regenerating native bush, the property features a year-round stream and a designated building site at the highest point, perfectly positioned to frame the sea to sky views and make the most of the outstanding privacy. Drive-on access leads to an existing carport with kwila deck, power connection, and modest water supply, ideal for plugging in your weekend camper or Tiny Home while you plan the house this kind of site deserves. This is Location location - and they are not making blocks this size anymore - when they're gone, they're gone! Tenders close 2pm, Thursday 26 February. Contact Billy for further details.

Open Home: Sunday 2pm - 2.30pm

1419 Collingwood-Bainham, Collingwood

Priced from \$495,000 inc GST

90 Commercial Street, Takaka

Offers Over \$750,000 plus GST (if any)



AORERE TERRACE LIFESTYLE BLOCKS

Aorere Terrace rises from the valley floor to reveal sweeping views across the Aorere Gold Fields, surrounding mountain ranges, and toward Kahurangi National Park. This striking landscape offers a rare chance to secure large-scale rural land in a truly iconic setting. Located approximately 15km south of Collingwood, these Rural 2 zoned blocks are accessed via 4WD and are ideal for an off-grid lifestyle. Each block is fenced, has a natural water source, and has a designated Building Location Area.

- Lot 1 - 27.04ha | Freehold Title 1234905 | \$495,000 inc GST
- Lot 3 - 23.63ha | Freehold Title 1234907 | \$525,000 inc GST
- Lot 4 - 22.01ha | Freehold Title 1234908 | \$549,000 inc GST

Contact Billy - Viewing by private arrangement only



FREEHOLD COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

286 623

With limited Central Business zoned properties in Takaka, and visitor numbers on the rise, this is a rare chance to secure a Freehold commercial property in the heart of Golden Bay. The 623m2 site is jam packed with inspiring spaces, both indoor and outdoor, and with the old restaurant fit-out removed, it is a blank canvas offering immediate vacant possession. Now it is time to reimagine the space for retail, hospitality, wellness, or a mixed-use development. Whether you are looking to establish your own tourism centric business in town, or want a better return than money in the bank, this property deserves your consideration. Featuring main street exposure, a lush enclosed frontage, and another building out the back, it's ready for your next venture. Viewing Available by Appointment

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

TRADES AND SERVICES / Mahi a ratonga

CARS wanted. Will pick up for free (some conditions apply). Motueka Auto Parts. Ph 03 528 9576.

CHIMNEY cleaning, handyman. Ph Ry South 022 513 3947.

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

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Maintenance, leaks, repairs and roofing supplies. Licensed Roofer. Ph 027 395 0037.

GOLDEN Bay Storage, Tākaka. Dry, safe, secure, alarmed, insurance approved. Furniture trailer available. Ph Marg 027 222 5499, goldenbaystorage@gmail.com

GOLDEN BAY DIGGER HIRE 1.7 tonne. Ph 027 713 0684.

HANDYMAN. Small building and carpentry, chainsawing and landscaping. References on request. Ph Shaun 027 880 3535.

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LAWN mowing and garden maintenance. ProMow Services NZ. Ph 027 458 7679.

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Darren Webb Painters Ltd 027 265 0349.

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SURVEYING: GPS and drone surveys. Topo, building setout, boundary location. Mohua Uenuku Surveying, ph Alexis 021 023 91 364.

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WEKA Window Cleaning. Ph 027 380 5162.

WINDOW cleaning. Ph Willem 022 134 1726.

WINDOW cleaning, www.goldenbaypropertyservices.co.nz, ph 027 690 0769.

PROPERTY WANTED / Rawa hiahia

RUSSELL Matthews, retired gentle bloke, is requiring a single-bedroom, self-contained dwelling in a very quiet country location in Golden Bay. Good references. Ph 027 271 3222.

FOR SALE / Hei hokohoko

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CHURCH SERVICES ON SUNDAYS

GOLDEN Bay Anglican Parish warmly invites you to join them on Sunday, 10am at Tākaka or 5pm at Collingwood. Worship services (with communion) 1 and 15 February; fellowship gathering (fellowship, songs, prayer and bible study) 8 February.

SACRED Heart Catholic faith community: Mass, 1st and 3rd Saturdays of month, 5pm. Service of the Word and cuppa, 2nd Sunday, 9.30am. 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.

Kahurangi Christian Church

Sunday 8 February from 5pm

Onekaka Community Hall

Picnic/devotional/worship/games

All welcome

Contact Rowan/Drea Miller, 021 106 8461



Church of Christ warmly welcomes you to join our time of worship and fellowship. **Sundays 10am** followed by morning tea.

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

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. Pizza nights every Saturday 5pm-7.30pm. Ph 524 8194.

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

DANGEROUS KITCHEN. Open Wednesday-Saturday, 9am-8pm. For bookings and takeaways ph 525 8686.

DE-LISH. Open 6am - 2.30pm weekdays. Ph 525 7111.

GOOD AS GOLD CAFÉ, Tākaka. Open Monday-Friday, 7am-4.30pm. Open Saturday 9am-2pm. Ph 525 8193.

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MOLLY B'S, Pōhara. Open 7 days. Coffees from 9am, full menu from 10.30am. Ph 525 7678.

SITUATIONS VACANT / Tūranga wātea

Retail Store Manager



Full time, permanent

We are looking for an exceptional full-time manager to lead our locally owned store in the heart of Tākaka. If you love working in a busy environment where no two days are the same, this job might just be for you.

Our customers and staff are our main priority, so exceptional people skills are a must, as well as the ability to keep the store running smoothly and performing at its best.

Your excellent communication and customer service skills, coupled with an eye for detail and a enthusiasm for systems and processes will make you a success in this role.

Experience in a retail environment isn't essential, but having a passion for books, stationery, magazines and gifts would be fantastic. Full systems training and ongoing support will be provided.

This role is Monday to Friday, 38-40 hours, and as we are open 6 days the occasional Saturday cover may be required when necessary due to the nature of a customer service operation.

If this sounds like you, please apply with your CV and cover letter. We will hire when we find the right fit for our team so don't delay.

Any questions regarding the position please reach out to Liv on the contact number below.

Email applications to: nelson.sales@paperplus.co.nz

Or contact Commercial & Marketing Manager Liv Moir on 027 2488 134 for more information.

EATING OUT / Kai wahi kē

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.

TOTO'S CAFE PIZZA: open 11am-5pm, weather permitting. Closed Tuesdays and Fridays. Regular updates on our Facebook and Instagram, totoscafe.pizzeria@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS / Mea pakiri haere

SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY

PALESTINE STALL. Don't Look Away: It's not solved. Tākaka Market.

SUNDAY 8 FEBRUARY

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

TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY

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

GB WEEKLY DEADLINE: noon on Tuesdays. Stitch 'n Sew is our agent in Tākaka. Or you can email us: admin@gbweekly.co.nz or phone us 027 525 8679.



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Coming Up...

Every Monday at 7 - **SINGALONG 'ROUND THE PIANO** with **CRAIG DENHAM** - all welcome.

Fri 6th RICHTER CITY REBELS - Wellington's finest New Orleans wahoo brass ensemble. \$20 door.

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Sat 14th KINDRED SPIRITS - Folk from North Carolina (Sassafras lite). \$15 door.

Wed 18th DAN WALSH - Banjo demon from UK. \$20 door.

Thu 19th ACID ON THE MICROPHONE - **LIVE POETS.** 7pm, all welcome, \$5.

Sat 21st GOLDEN BAY ARTS FESTIVAL SHOWCASE

for more details see www.musselinn.co.nz



General Manager

Te Whare Mahana is an independent charitable Trust that provides a range of community-based mental health services as well as NZ's only residential Dialectical Behaviour Therapy. It is a unique organisation based in Golden Bay renowned for its strong and supportive community as well as its stunning location between the Abel Tasman and Kahurangi National Parks.

The General Manager is responsible to the Trust Board for the overall management and leadership of the organisation – it is the senior executive role responsible for over 40 staff with a budget of over \$2 million. It is a non-clinical role.

The ideal candidate will have:

- A business, management or clinical qualification;
- Senior management experience;
- Experience in the mental health sector;
- Significant experience in all aspects of organisation management – planning, finance, personnel, governance, quality, risk, audit and contracting amongst others;
- A knowledge of, and commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

The successful candidate will receive a competitive salary and lead a passionate and competent team committed to helping people lead 'a life worth living'. You will also have the fantastic lifestyle of living in Golden Bay.

For a Job Description and TWM Application Form please visit www.twm.org.nz/careers. If this is you, we are looking forward to receiving your full application (cover letter, CV & TWM Application Form) at: hr@twm.org.nz.



Te Whare Mahana is recognised as a key contributor to community health in the region and as a leader in recovery-focused, mental-health service delivery nationwide. www.twm.org.nz

UPCOMING EVENTS / Mea pakiri haere

WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

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

THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY

GOLDEN BAY SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING at 2pm. Review of Constitution with general meeting to follow.

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

LATER EVENTS

LAKE KILLARNEY KNOWLEDGE SHARING AFTERNOON. Saturday 14 February, 2-4pm. Join us at the Playcentre end of the lake as we start the process of developing a restoration plan for Lake Killarney. At 2.30pm, freshwater expert Dr Susie Wood will share her insights. You'll also have the chance to contribute your own stories and visions for the lake, while enjoying kai and activities for tamariki. Don't forget to bring a picnic blanket! The wet weather venue is the Tākaka Playcentre.



Classic Scrambles

10am
Sunday 15 February

ONEKAKA

Signposted on State Highway 60

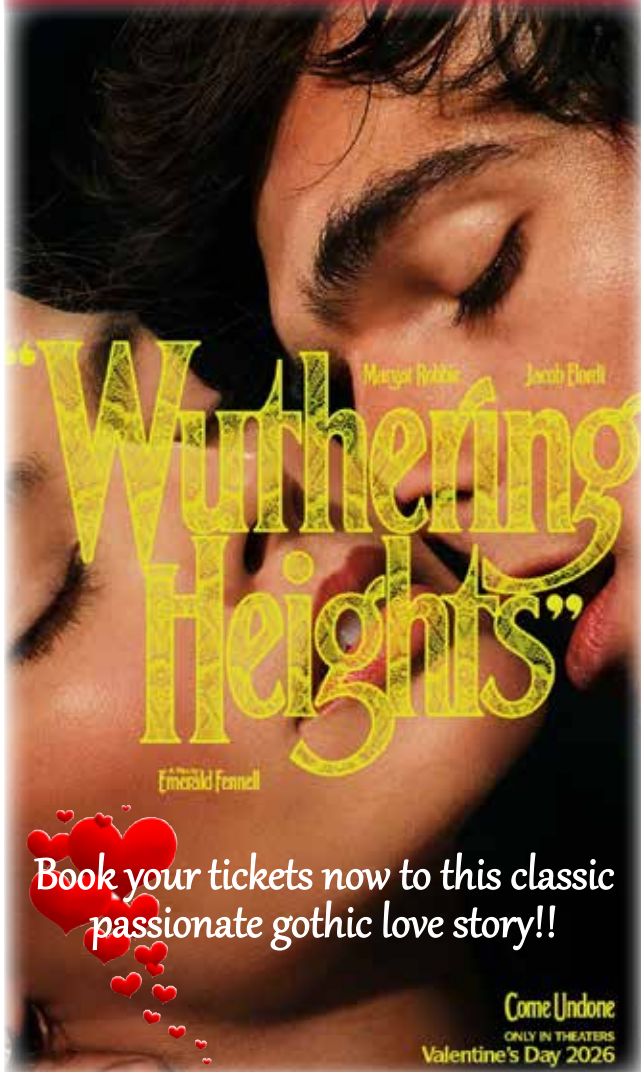
Free entry for spectators
Food and drink available on site
T-shirts available



VALENTINES DAY EVENT

SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY AT 8PM

Tickets only \$22 includes free nibbles
Beer & wine available to purchase



Wuthering Heights

Book your tickets now to this classic passionate gothic love story!!

Come Undone
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Valentine's Day 2026

"The nineteen lives of Jimmy Hayter"

– a former Golden Bay resident who flew RAF fighter aircraft throughout WW2



Come and hear UK historian Geoff Piper present Jimmy's amazing escapades and intriguing life story

At the Takaka Fire Station
10am on Monday 9 February

This is a free event – all welcome



Motupipi Hall

WAITANGI BOOK FAIR

Saturday 7 February
9am - 2pm

Books, preserves, baking.
Cash only.





THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

8:00 Is This Thing On? (M)

FRIDAY 6TH

Waitangi Day: Theatre Closed

SATURDAY 7TH

4:00 Deeper (E)
8:00 It Was Just an Accident (M) (subtitles)

SUNDAY 8TH

4:00 Toitu Visual Sovereignty (E)
8:00 Is This Thing On? (M) Final

THURSDAY 12TH

8:00 Crime 101 (M)





Roots Bar Gigs

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Friday arvos
GRUMPY JAMS

RANDOM VINYL SELECTIONS - ROOTS OUTBACK
3 PM | WEATHER DEPENDANT

FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

ROOTS 'N' FRUITS GALANJAH SELECTION
BOB MARLEY TRIBUTE
4 PM - LATE - FREE ENTRY

FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

ROLLING HERTZ AFTER PARTY

SATURDAY 21TH FEBRUARY

THE UPBEATS
PEEZY B2B BULLA | LUNA | SOULFIRE
PRESALES \$30 - \$40 GATE

THURSDAYS FROM 7:30
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Pohara Boat Club Fishing Competition

WAITANGI WEEKEND

Friday 6th & Saturday 7th
February 2026

Prize Giving at 5pm Saturday 7th February
after the fish auction at the Pohara Boat Club

Largest and Average
Snapper, Gurnard, Kingfish, Blue Cod, Kahawai, Tarakihi, Other

Cash Prizes & Spot Prizes to be won

Entry Forms – www.poharaboatclub.org

Hammer Hardware - Takaka Fuels and Fishing - Unlimited Copies - PGG Wrightson





Pohara Boat Club FRESH FISH AUCTION

WAITANGI WEEKEND

3pm Saturday 7th February 2026

Pohara Boat Club 995 Abel Tasman Drive Pohara
Snapper, Gurnard, Kingfish, Blue Cod, Kahawai, Tarakihi, other

Proceeds going to Nelson/Marlborough Rescue Helicopter and Nelson Coastguard

GOLDEN BAY WEATHER FORECAST

Valid from Thursday 5 until Tuesday 10 February

Thursday: Light winds with sea breezes by midday. Mainly fine. Warm during the afternoon.

Friday: Southwesterlies freshen west of Parapara otherwise light winds. Cloudy areas in the west. Fine.

Saturday: Westerlies freshen for a time about Farewell, lighter winds elsewhere. Cloudy at first with the odd shower in the west otherwise mainly fine.

Sunday: SWs freshen west of Parapara. Sea breezes about/east of Pohara for a time. Mainly fine, some cloud.

Monday: Light winds with sea breezes developing by midday. Mainly fine and becoming warm.

Tuesday: Northwesterlies developing. Cloud increasing with showers developing mainly over Kahurangi.

Sollys Contractors are proud sponsors of this weather forecast.
Enquiries phone: 03 525 9843



Disclaimer: This forecast is a personal interpretation compiled from public information provided by NZ MetService and other public sources. It is a local forecast and no liability is implied or accepted.

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GOLDEN BAY TIDE WATCH - TARAKOHE

Saturday Feb 7	Sunday Feb 8	Monday Feb 9	Tuesday Feb 10	Wednesday Feb 11	Thursday Feb 12	Friday Feb 13
H 2:02am 2:17pm L 8:01am 8:30pm	H 2:36am 2:55pm L 8:36am 9:08pm	H 3:13am 3:37pm L 9:15am 9:51pm	H 3:55am 4:30pm L 10:06am 10:42pm	H 4:51am 5:38pm L 11:21am 11:48pm	H 6:18am 6:57pm L 12:55pm	H 7:57am 8:12pm L 1:12am 2:08pm

SUN AND MOON

 R 6:42 am S 8:41 pm	 R 6:43 am S 8:40 pm	 R 6:45 am S 8:39 pm	 R 6:46 am S 8:38 pm	 R 6:47 am S 8:36 pm	 R 6:48 am S 8:35 pm	 R 6:50 am S 8:34 pm
 R 10:59 pm S 12:05 pm	 R 11:23 pm S 1:08 pm	 R 11:50 pm S 2:12 pm	 S 3:15 pm	 R 12:23 am S 4:17 pm	 R 1:03 am S 5:14 pm	 R 1:51 am S 6:05 pm

BILL HOHEPA'S MAORI FISHING GUIDE

 Best at 5:15 am 5:37 pm	 Best at 5:58 am 6:20 pm	 Best at 6:42 am 7:05 pm	 Best at 7:28 am 7:52 pm	 Best at 8:16 am 8:41 pm	 Best at 9:07 am 9:33 pm	 Best at 9:59 am 10:25 pm
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Deadline
Reminder



Deadline Sale 11/02/2026
at 12pm (nsp)

55 Packard Road, MOTUPIPI

4 2 2 4421sqm

PERFECT LOCATION, SPACE AND CHARM

A beautifully renovated four-bedroom villa offering heritage charm and contemporary living. Privately set in park-like grounds with pool and verandahs, just minutes from Tākaka, cafes, schools, golf course, and beaches, being an idyllic retreat

combining privacy, space, and everyday convenience.
Contact Paul for more information.

Open Sat, 7th Feb | 1:00-1:30pm

Paul McConnon
027 504 2872



New Listing



\$685,000

9A Rototai Road, TĀKAKA

4 2 1 926sqm

GOLDEN BAY GEM - URGENT SALE

Located in popular Rototai, this spacious family home offers generous indoor and outdoor living. A sunny separate lounge, modern extension, and ample storage add comfort. Enjoy off-street parking with a high-stud garage, plus a fully fenced garden

featuring fruit trees and raised veggie beds. Motivated vendor downsizing. Visit my open home.

Open Sun, 8th Feb | 1:00-2:00pm

Belinda J Barnes
021 236 2840



New Price



Asking \$289,000

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.

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\$880,000

136 One Spec Road, TĀKAKA

SPACIOUS FAMILY HOME

Just minutes from the heart of Tākaka, this inviting family home combines rural tranquillity with modern comfort. Enjoy open-plan living, beautiful gardens, and a sunny poolside deck perfect for entertaining. Offering space, serenity, and lifestyle. Don't miss your chance —book a viewing today!

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Offers Over \$785,000

1D Dodson Road, TĀKAKA

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

Discover modern comfort and natural tranquility in this beautifully presented home near local amenities. Enjoy double glazing, air conditioning, and a wood-burner for year-round comfort. Step into your own private food forest with fruit, nuts, and berries. Don't miss out — contact Paul today to view.

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027 504 2872



\$785,000

13/43 Meihana Street, TĀKAKA

3 2 103sqm

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 with shared facilities. Contact Belinda for more information.

Viewings by appointment

Belinda J Barnes
021 236 2840



Open Home



Asking \$890,000

31 Kohikiko Place, PŌHARA

BACH OR RESIDENCE...

Enjoy relaxed living with seamless indoor-outdoor flow and a spacious north-facing deck perfect for entertaining. A handy sleepout adds flexibility, while the landscaped, fully fenced section offers peace of mind. Stroll to Pōhara's beach, cafés, and golf course, with Tarakohe Harbour just minutes away for boating adventures.

James Mackay
027 359 0892



New Listing

Deadline Sale 24/02/2026
at 1pm (nsp)

28 Nyhane Drive, LIGAR BAY

4 2 2 740sqm

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

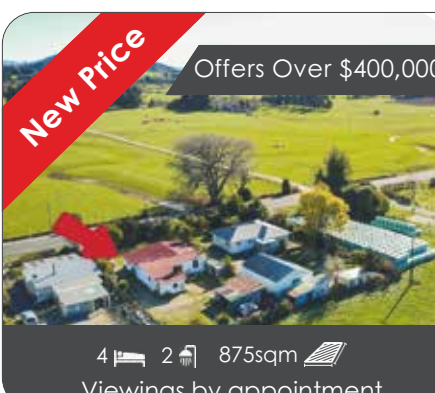
short walk away, there is a lot to like here! See you Sunday for a look...

Open Sun, 8th Feb | 3:00-3:30pm

James Mackay
027 359 0892



New Price



Offers Over \$400,000

188 Abel Tasman Drive, TĀKAKA

CALLING ALL D.I.YERS...

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

James Mackay
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