



Teens on top at Tata Swim



Competitors enter the water at the start of the short (600m) race at Tata Beach last Sunday morning. Photo: Jo Richards.

JO RICHARDS

A large number of swimmers and spectators gathered on Tata Beach last Sunday morning for Golden Bay's first major event of the year – the Tata Swim.

The annual big swim, jointly organised and run by Golden Bay Swimming and Nelson Triathlon and Multisport Club (NTMC), attracted a total of 131 entries, spanning ages from nine to 82. But it was the teenagers who made the biggest splash by winning both races. Swimmers were a mix of locals and visitors, seasoned competitors and first-timers, along with families and the famous face of Dame Sophie Pascoe – a regular participant.

As they gathered on the narrow strip of sand a few metres from the water's edge, the group of mainly wetsuit-clad swimmers warmed up their muscles and cooled their thoughts in anticipation of the challenge ahead. Exactly 10 minutes before the 10am start, NTMC president Brendon Crequer delivered a short pre-race briefing, pointing out the orange and yellow buoys marking the

long (1200m) and short (600m) courses and explaining the safety protocols. He advised those aiming to win their races to move to the head of the starting group. "The start will be chaotic," warned Brendon.

At the sound of the starting klaxon, the 95 who had chosen to tackle the long course set off from the shore. Making a big splash as they ran and dived into the flat, grey sea, the swimmers quickly got into their freestyle strokes and headed for the first waypoint. As they did, a shoal of brightly coloured swim caps bobbed up and down, slowly receding into the monochrome background.

A few minutes later the field of 36 got underway in their 600m swim, leaving the spectators watching and waiting. But they didn't have to wait too long before the leaders of the long race returned to shore. Battling it out for top honours, Hayden Squance and Max Stanton were neck-and-neck until the final buoy where Max put in a final burst of speed to finish in a time of 17:42.3, exactly three seconds ahead of last year's winner. Just a few strokes behind, 15-year-old Nia Linyard, the

first female finisher, posted a time of 17:54.4.

Speaking immediately after crossing the finishing line 17-year-old Max said he had been quietly confident of his ability to compete with fellow Nelson swimmer. "I knew I could sit near Hayden."

In the 600m race 13-year-old Kiara Vather swam a winning time of 12:26.4, followed by Riley Kenyon (12) in 12:27.8 while Andrea Skatrud (64) claimed third with 14:35.9.

As swimmers emerged from the water they were cheered by the large crowd assembled on the sand while Sharon Sellars and Janice Coyle from the Nelson club recorded each individual's finishing time on their iPads.

Shortly after the 130th swimmer completed their course, (there was one retirement) Brendon announced the race winners and awarded chocolate-bar spot prizes to randomly chosen participants. He then wrapped up the morning's event, by acknowledging main sponsors Rylock, and thanking Golden Bay Swimming, Golden Bay Kayaks, Tasman Harbourmaster and the many volunteers. (More photos on page 6.)

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Whale detector buoy

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An AI-powered marine mammal detection buoy has been deployed in Golden Bay to help detect pilot whales before they strand, giving responders a vital head start in a notorious mass stranding hotspot.

"Pilot Pulse", which has been in place since last December and will operate throughout this summer, listens continuously for the calls of pilot whales and other dolphins. When these are detected, it will send real-time alerts to responders on shore so they can mobilise sooner.

The initiative is a collaboration between HealthPost Nature Trust, Project Jonah, marine acoustician Dr Matt Pine of Cetaware, and retired Department of Conservation (DOC) ranger Hans Stoffregen. The project has been supported by DOC Tākaka, Manawhenua ki Mohua and a network of local and national partners.

The buoy has the potential to reduce whale suffering and mortality, a development welcomed by those closely involved with whale rescue operations.

"Project Jonah has spent countless summers responding to mass pilot whale strandings in Golden Bay," says Daren Grover, general manager of Project Jonah. "Having reliable, early detection of pre-stranding behaviour could be a game changer. It gives us precious time to prepare, respond, and potentially reduce the scale of these events. We're also excited by the wider possibilities of this technology, including its potential to alert commercial vessels to the presence of large whales along our coastlines, improving protection for marine mammals nationwide."

Abel Butler of HealthPost Nature Trust is equally enthused. "For the first time in Golden Bay, we have access to a buoy-based acoustic detection system with real-time transmission, so offshore whale activity can be shared on shore..."

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WHALE DETECTOR BUOY



The Pilot Pulse whale detector buoy now deployed in Golden Bay waters. Photo: Supplied.

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...as it happens.”

While the initiative is funded for a six-month trial period; including the 25/26 summer stranding season, project partners are seeking additional sponsorship to extend the programme and refine the technology over future years. Contributions received will go toward maintenance, reporting, continual improvements and future deployments.

Counting down to the A&P Show

JO RICHARDS

With just over a week to go before the big day out, the countdown to this year’s Golden Bay A&P Show is well underway.

Although entries have closed there are record numbers in the Booth which, as usual, will showcase everything from flowers and veggies to home baking, artwork and photography – and more.

From next Friday, it’s all about the logistics of getting those entries to the Booth, aka the Rec Park Centre Stadium, in plenty of time. Entries will be accepted from 3pm-9pm Friday and up to 9.20am Saturday, but entrants, especially in the Professional Photography section, are requested to drop-off as much as practicable on Friday.

On Saturday the showground gates will close at 9am sharp so there will be no vehicular entry after that time and any vehicles wishing to exit the grounds will be escorted out.

When the gates open to the public, young showgoers will be able to enjoy a free entertainment area featuring musicians, bouncy castles, face painting, hair braiding and scarecrow making. There’s also an “Animal Stampede” dress-up competition with a prize pool of \$400. Entries will be taken on Show Day from 11.30am in the Kids Zone.

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The Booth at last year’s A&P Show. File photo.

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Christmas campgrounds at capacity



Happy campers at Golden Bay Holiday Park, from left, Leslie and Max Baird, Deb and John Florance. Photo: Jo Richards.

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Despite some inclement weather Golden Bay's campgrounds once again swelled to capacity over Christmas and New Year.

At Pōhara Beach Top 10 Holiday Park, manager Gene Cooper says the site has been "basically full" since Christmas Day, although the high winds and rain caused a few problems. "A few people had ripped tents and went home early." But Gene is prepared for the unexpected. "No two seasons are the same."

Golden Bay Holiday Park, located at Tukurua beachfront, is also having a good season. "It's certainly been busy," says co-manager Pete Hartley. "There are lots of families, lots of kids." The camp's festive celebrations have included a visit from Santa, New Year's Eve entertainment featuring Pete and wife Donna as Elvis and Dolly Parton, and the annual sand sculpture competition.

Among the hundreds of happy campers are two couples from the Christchurch area – Max and Leslie Baird and Deb

and John Florance – who have been coming to the holiday park for more than 20 years. "It's a great camping ground," says Deb. Each couple are well set-up with a large caravan and an awning crammed with home comforts. We've got everything including the kitchen sink," says John.

Along the coast at Collingwood, campground managers Grant and Jac Jukes say business has been "consistent" at the same level as the previous year but with a different mix of visitors. "We've had a lot more families with younger kids this year," says Grant.

The season has been "busy, busy, busy" at Pākawau Beach Camp, according to co-manager Gaye Benjamin. "We're pretty full, and we've had to turn people away. And most nights we're full in February."

It's a similar story at Farewell Gardens Holiday Park in Pūponga where co-owner Nicky Hartless says the campground has been full since Christmas. "We're turning people away."



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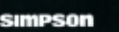
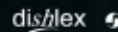
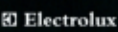
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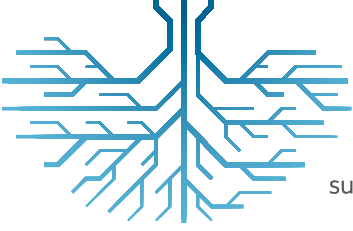


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Political system a problem for the planet

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The tension and anxiety the world is feeling can be slated home almost exclusively to idiot politicians, egocentric and out of touch with the state of the planetary environment.

Rod Barker says "No economy thrives when soils decline, rivers are polluted, fisheries collapse or climate risks rise.

GDP growth cannot mask the damage caused by breaching ecological limits."

In her book *A different sort of Power* Jacinda Ardern asks why we shouldn't all give up when the politicians we elect to solve these problems increasingly propagate them?

Or the solutions that are put in place are simply rolled back in new electoral cycles?

Our current government seems in complete ignorance of the importance of a healthy environment in a mad pursuit of profit.

But even in the face of all this she concludes her book by saying "we should never give up".

Come back Jacinda.

Mike Scott

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- First Aid is available in St John building located at the top of the hill.
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- The Association, or agents acting on their behalf, may take photographs of anyone attending the Show as well as exhibits and livestock to use for any reporting or promotional media at their discretion.
- No alcohol may be brought into the venue. Alcohol purchased from the licensed bar or provided by sponsors must be consumed within the area where purchased or served.
- NO DOGS allowed on site - this is a Tasman District Council regulation.

The Golden Bay Agricultural and Pastoral Association operates the show under the guidelines of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 which requires all persons on site to comply with this Act and its amendments. A full copy of the Health and Safety plan is available from the Secretary office located in the Keith Page Hall.

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Teens on top at Tata Swim



As swimmers headed for the first waypoint, a shoal of brightly coloured swim caps bobbed up and down, slowly receding into the monochrome background. Photos: Jo Richards.



Race officials from Nelson Triathlon and Multisport Club, from left Janice Coyle, Sharon Sellars, Brendon Crequer and Meryl Hague.



Dame Sophie Pascoe completes the long course.

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Max Stanton finishes three seconds ahead of last year's winner Hayden Squance to win the long race in a time of 17:42.3



As swimmers emerged from the water they were greeted by a large crowd assembled on the beach.

Five exhibit at On the Edge



Artists exhibiting in "On the Edge" at the Museum Gallery for the month of January are, from left, Lisa Chandler, Rob Dawson, Elaine Robinson, Kathy Reilly and Emma Lay. Photo: Anita Peters.

ANITA PETERS

Since the original Tākaka Post Office was built in 1861, the historic building attached to the Golden Bay Museum has gone through numerous reiterations over the years. Last year it developed into a contemporary gallery, adding a special ambient element to the evolution of the museum.

Currently showing in the Museum Gallery throughout January is the impressive exhibition "On the Edge", featuring the work of five professional local artists. This is an extension by some of the "Paynes Grey" group, who held their first joint exhibition at the Nelson Suter Gallery in 2024. Members Emma Lay, Kathy Reilly, Lisa Chandler and Elaine Robinson have remounted and curated some of that original exhibition for Golden Bay audiences, representing the remaining Paynes Grey artists Pauline Watts, Marion Towns and Helen Crampton. The photographs of invited artist Rob Dawson complement the edgy theme.

"It's a beautiful space, the wood here is lovely," says Kathy Reilly. "We're very grateful to be able to be here at this peak time of the year, and to see this space being zapped up, because it has a really good relationship with the museum."

The artists have all taken a viewpoint on the word "edge", presented in 2D and 3D works which include installations, collage, paintings, fine art prints and photographs. As writer Helen Crampton explains in the exhibition statement, the theme represents not only standing on the edge, being on edge and being on the brink or in the margins furthest from the centre, but also edging forward to make things happen, "which all of these artists are committed to, both in their individual art practices, and as a collective".

Lisa Chandler, responding to the negative effects of humankind on the environment, has felt compelled to create artworks that celebrate the wildness of nature in its most positive light.

Emma Lay's paintings, drawings, and particularly endearing miniature figures fossicking along the shoreline edge of land and sea are reflections of the relationship of mankind with the physical landscape.

Renowned printmaker Kathy Reilly has long explored the natural environment of New Zealand's iconic native forests and offshore islands, and delving more recently into 3D, her large installation "The Edge of Reason, study of a protest", comments on the local controversy of environmental destruction through the proposed gold mining of Sams Creek.

Elaine Robinson, informed by images, colours and textures of her past and present experiences, has been inspired since her visit to Cyprus to capture the unique visual elements of the island and how these have changed as they are edged away by gentrification.

Invited artist Rob Dawson combines abstracted photographic still life studies with the technique of solarisation, employing diverse materials and technology that span five decades.

The collective high calibre of these five accomplished artists represented in one thought-provoking show should not be missed by lovers of quality art.

"On the Edge", a group exhibition is at Golden Bay Museum, 73 Commercial Street, Tākaka. until 30 January 2026. Open Monday-Friday, 10am-3pm; Saturday, 10am-1pm, closed Sunday.

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Different potato varieties mature at different speeds, first earlies like Rocket, Swift and Liseta will be ready to harvest after around 70 days, however due to their rapid growth they are generally best eaten fresh rather than stored over-winter.

Main harvest varieties planted now will be ready to lift in Early to mid-April, which is perfect timing for winter storage. My favourite storage varieties are Agria, Heather and Purple Passion. When stored dark, dry and cool they last right through winter and into spring.

Chitting or pre-sprouting potatoes isn't necessary for summer planting. This was developed as a method of starting early potatoes indoors in areas where there are late frosts. For summer crops I just plant them straight from the bag using a homemade potato planter that attaches to the 3-point hitch on the tractor. I plant at a depth of around 15cm and cover with a mound of soil around 20-25cm high. They seem to pop out just fine, and this avoids the need to re-mound which I've never really mastered with the tractor!

If planting by hand, the potatoes can be covered with a smaller mound, say 10cm and then re-mounded once the first leaves emerge. This keeps the weeds down and prevents the potatoes near the soil surface from turning green. Sprinkle fertiliser onto the mounds once the first leaves have emerged. Depending on the choice of fertiliser, another side dressing can be added at flowering. Irrigate the plants as necessary, preferably early in the morning so leaves have time to dry, which prevents fungal diseases.

A couple of days of wet warm weather can activate and spread blight spores. A preventative copper spray before wet weather strikes can somewhat slow the spread. If however, blight does take hold and the crop is near to harvest, the tubers can be saved by removing the tops of the plants promptly.

For winter storage, if weather permits, I prefer to let the tops of the potato plant to die off naturally. If the weather isn't ideal, mow or strim off the tops once a good size has been reached. Leave the tubers in the ground for 10 to 14 days to let the skins harden up. Lift carefully, dry and store in a cool, dark area. Happy planting!

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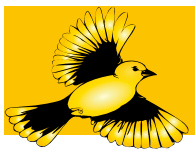
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Conservation Board nominations



JO RICHARDS

The Minister of Conservation is seeking nominations for membership of 15 conservation boards this year including three public vacancies for the Nelson/Marlborough body. Nominations are open until Friday 30 January. Conservation boards represent the public interest in conservation within their region. Anybody can apply to be a conservation board member but experience, expertise and links with the local community are deemed important. Nominees may have knowledge of nature conservation, kaitiakitanga, natural earth and marine sciences, mātauranga Māori, cultural heritage, tikanga, ta ao Māori, recreation, tourism, the interests of the local community, and features of conservation land in the area.

How to apply

Apply online using the conservation board nomination form 2026 (scan QR code right) or download the conservation board nomination form and email to: nominations@doc.govt.nz.



Any questions should be addressed to: nominations@doc.govt.nz

Final push for fence fundraiser

JO RICHARDS

An appeal for funding to complete a predator-proof fence across the base of Farewell Spit has just a few more days to reach its \$70,000 minimum target.

Thanks to \$300,000 previously secured from HealthPost, partners and donors, all necessary materials have been purchased and distributed along the 4km-long fence route and construction is well underway. But the exacting specification of the structure, plus the challenging terrain, means it's an expensive operation, and a further \$100,000 is required to finish the job.

The fence, which incorporates stainless steel mesh and capping, is designed to exclude rats, stoats and mice, and is a crucial part of the ongoing project to protect and restore biodiversity on the spit.

The PledgeMe fundraising appeal closes on 20 January and at the time of going to press, had reached a total of \$64,603.

The minimum donation is \$5 and there are tiered rewards for donations above \$100 which include discounts on HealthPost purchases, Craig Potton photographs, a spit tour and a scenic flight.



Part of the predator-proof fence at Farewell Spit. Photo: Jo Richards.

For more information and/or to make a donation, go to: <https://pledgeme.co.nz/projects/8691-help-us-finish-the-fence-protect-farewell-spit-s-wildlife>

Wellington Sea Shanty crew

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The Wellington Sea Shanty Society, Aotearoa's Most "Sea Worthy" Shanty Group™ have been belting out traditional and original sea songs from Aotearoa, France, Spain, the UK and more, since time immemorial (2012).

Their new EP *Sea Shanties of the 70s, 80s, & Today!* has just recently surfaced to complement their *Now That's What I Call Sea Shanties* series.

"Their live performances have turned into raucous crowd-participating evenings around the capital and there's certainly a Mumford and Sons-style danceability to these nine tracks which take them beyond simple comic value – although you'll be hard-pressed not to listen with a smile on your face." *Stuff.co.nz*

"The debut release from Wellington Sea Shanty Society is, as the album and band title suggest, brimful of tunes of which the Pogues would be proud." *Otago Daily Times*.

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Movie review

Song Sung Blue



ALISTAIR HUGHES

Neil Diamond songs – “everybody knows one”, to paraphrase the song lyrics from the title of this gloriously feel-good bio-drama/tribute concert film. To be clear, it isn’t about Neil Diamond himself, but the true story of an impersonator, (or as lead character Mike Sardina describes himself: “a Neil Diamond interpreter”) and his performing/marriage partner Claire, (an equally spectacular performance by Kate Hudson).

Together they form a tribute show to Neil Diamond called “Lightning and Thunder”, a move Mike is initially reluctant to make as he holds the famous singer in such high regard. But with Hugh Jackman bearing such an uncanny resemblance to Diamond (apart from, perhaps, the actor’s vestigial Marvel superhero physique) it seems almost inevitable. Any audience is bound to ponder if Jackman and Hudson do their own (pitch perfect) singing – the answer being a surprising affirmative. It’s often forgotten that Jackman did musical theatre before his film debut, and Hudson is also a singer-songwriter, having released her first album in 2024.

Jackman perfects Neil Diamond’s bass-baritone style and delivery, some of his onscreen renditions sounding almost indistinguishable from the originals. Hudson is introduced belting out an impeccable Patsy Kline tribute, and “Lightning and Thunder’s” rapid ascension to fame is entirely believable.

It isn’t an altogether smooth trajectory, their first performance ending in a disastrous brawl when they are led to believe they are playing for a motorhome convention, but find themselves facing a motorcycle gang gathering instead.

Their musical skill is a massive part of the duo’s success, but is perhaps just as much due to their on-stage chemistry. Kate Hudson in particular has probably never been more adorable.

Ella Anderson is also excellent as Claire’s young daughter Rachel, who often ends up having to be the “responsible adult” in the blended family.

And just as viewers might be settling into what seems to be an extended and cosy tribute concert with a side helping of true love story, the “drama” part of this film’s equation suddenly impacts, (literally) and proceedings take an extremely dark turn.

When Mike and Claire’s respective teenage daughters meet for the first time, (one of them extremely resentful at having a “play date” organised for her) they bond almost immediately over the difficulties of being raised by a “creative” parent. The Sardinas both immerse themselves in their music to escape from personal demons, alcoholism for Mike, and in Claire’s case severe depression, which comes flooding back when she is permanently injured by an out-of-control vehicle. Unfortunately, Mike’s own hidden health issues begin to resurface at this worst possible time, presenting what must have been an enormous challenge to the makers of this film. Can an audience hooked on the feel-good musical nostalgia and charm of the first act be expected to stay with the story when it so abruptly becomes a true-life tragedy, and can the remaining narrative possibly ever return to the euphoria of the earlier sequences? Let’s just say this is also a film about salvation, (presumably the *Brother Love’s Travelling Show* kind) – *Song Sung Blue* is an opportunity to begin your 2026 film-going experience in the best possible way.

The final screening is at 4pm on Sunday. Later that evening is an unmissable documentary about another iconic entertainer: John Clarke. Aptly titled *Not Only Fred Dagg*, it traces his career as recounted by fellow kiwi legends like Sam Neill, and guarded home life through the eyes of his film-maker daughter, Lorin.



Screening Schedule – 9 January to 31 January

Fri 9	4:00	The Spongebob Movie: Search for Squarepants (PG)	Sun 18	8:00	Ella McCay (M)
	7:30	Avatar: Fire & Ash 3D (M) Note Earlier Start	Wed 21	8:00	Rental Family (M) Final
Sat 10	2:00	Pets on a Train (PG) Once Only Family Fun Film (Earlier Start)	Thu 22	7:30	Avatar: Fire & Ash 3D (M) (Final) Note Earlier Start
	8:00	My Brother’s Band (M) (subtitles) Once Only	Fri 23	4:00	The Pout Pout Fish (G)
Sun 11	4:00	Song Sung Blue (M) Final		8:00	Marty Supreme
	8:00	Not only Fred Dagg (M)	Sat 24	4:00	Anchor Me: The Don McGlashan Story (E) Final
Please Note Screenings on Wednesday & Thursday evenings!!					
Wed 14	7:30	Avatar: Fire & Ash 2D (M) (Final) Note Earlier Start		8:00	Hamnet (M)
Thu 15	8:00	Not only Fred Dagg (M) Final	Sun 25	4:00	NT Live: The Fifth Step (Once Only)
Fri 16	4:00	Grand Prix of Europe (G)		8:00	Marty Supreme (Final)
	8:00	Anchor Me: The Don McGlashan Story (E) Special pre-recorded Q&A follows film \$22/\$18/\$15	Wed 28	8:00	Sentimental Value (M)
Sat 17	2:00	The Spongebob Movie: Search for Squarepants (PG) Family Fun Film (Final)	Thu 29	8:00	Ella McCay (M) Final
	8:00	Rental Family (M)	Fri 30	4:00	Grand Prix of Europe (G) Final
Sun 18	4:00	NT Live: Mrs Warren’s Profession (M) Once Only	Sat 31	2:00	The Pout Pout Fish (G) Family Fun Film (Final)
				8:00	The Deb (Once Only Girl’s Night Out) Special Event Tickets \$20

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THIS PROGRAMME:

FRI 16th	ANCHOR ME: DON MCGLASHAN Our first screening of this NZ doco is a special event as it includes a 20 min pre-recorded Q&A interview following the film. 8pm. Tickets only \$22/\$18/\$15.	FRI 30th	LABYRINTH 40th ANNIVERSARY: Once only screening of The Muppets creator Jim Henson’s fantasy adventure starring David Bowie & Jennifer Connelly. Be sure to capture this classic on the big screen! 8pm.	SAT 31st	THE DEB: GIRL’S NIGHT OUT Grab a bunch of your friends & enjoy Rebel Wilson’s Directorial Debut Australian comedy musical. Beer/wine to purchase, free nibbles, plus spot prizes. Tickets only \$20! 8pm.
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Movie Descriptions

ANCHOR ME: THE DON MCGLASHAN STORY (E) 1hr30m

Tribute to one of NZ’s best loved songwriters, charting Don McGlashan’s storied career from arty punk upstart to one of the strongest voices in the chorus of Aotearoa’s national identity.



GRAND PRIX OF EUROPE (G) Kids/Family 1hr40m

Edda, a young mouse and the daughter of fairground operator Erwin, dreams of becoming a race car driver at the 50th anniversary of the European Grand Prix.



MARTY SUPREME (Drama/Sport) 2hr30m

Timothée Chalamet plays a man looking to achieve ping-pong greatness. Loosely based on the life of actual table tennis champion Marty Reisman.



NT LIVE: THE FIFTH STEP (Recorded Live Performance) 1hr30m

After years in the 12-step programme of Alcoholics Anonymous, James becomes a sponsor to newcomer Luka. The pair bond over black coffee, trade stories and build a fragile friendship.



SENTIMENTAL VALUE (M) Comedy/Drama 2hr15m

From the director of *The Worst Person in the World* this film is an exploration of family, memories and the reconciliatory power of art.



ELLA MCCAY (M) Comedy/Drama 2hrs

The story follows Ella McCay an idealistic young politician, as she juggles familial issues & a challenging work life while preparing to take over the job of her mentor, the state’s longtime incumbent governor.



HAMNET (M) Period Drama/Biography/Romance 2hr30m

Set in 16th-century England, the story follows Agnes Shakespeare coming to terms with the loss of her only son, Hamnet. Set during the creation of William Shakespeare’s most famous play, *Hamlet*.



NT LIVE: MRS WARREN’S PROFESSION (M) 2hrs

Imelda Staunton joins forces with her real-life daughter Bessie Carter for the very first time, playing mother and daughter in Bernard Shaw’s incendiary moral classic.



RENTAL FAMILY (M) Comedy/Drama 1hr50m

Set in modern-day Tokyo, it follows an American actor who struggles to find purpose until he lands an unusual gig: working for a Japanese “rental family” agency, playing stand-in roles for strangers.



THE POUT POUT FISH (G) Kids/Family/Adventure 1hr30m

Living on a rundown shipwreck, Mr Fish one day discovers a hyperactive young sea dragon Pip - who had mistaken his home for a junkyard - pilfering his belongings.



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Beach transformed in to sand sculpture park



Last Friday, campers at Golden Bay Holiday Park headed to the beach for the annual Sand Sculpture competition. Using nothing more than buckets and spades and their hands, heaps of families created three-dimensional pieces of sand art – including a boat, a dinosaur skeleton and a sea monster. But, in keeping with the festive theme, the winner was a huge sculpture of Santa's face created by the Jones family (pictured above) from Christchurch – the third time the whānau has literally scooped the top prize. Campground manager Pete Hartley said it was “a great effort by everyone who took part”. Photos: Supplied.

RAINFALL FIGURES FOR 2025	DECEMBER RAINFALL	RAIN DAYS	DECEMBER HEAVIEST FALL	2025 DRIEST MONTH	2025 WETTEST MONTH	2025 TOTAL	2024 TOTAL
Bainham	230mm	10	78mm on the 31 st	March: 48mm	April: 662mm	3890mm	2887mm
Collingwood August was the second driest month with 70mm in spite of the other winter months being so wet	145mm	12	27mm on the 3 rd	March: 40mm	April: 527mm	2847mm	2098mm
Glenview Road	101mm	10	28mm on the 15 th	-	-	-	1619mm
Rangihaeata June rainfall 365mm, July 255mm	90mm	6	25mm on the 16 th	March: 10mm	April: 400mm	2005mm	-
Kaihoka	138mm	12	33mm on the 25 th	March: 41mm	April: 324mm	1939mm	1422mm
Ligar/Tata	111mm	14	20mm on the 15 th	March: 15mm	June: 351mm	2019mm	1647mm
Onekaka	138mm	11	30mm on the 15 th	March:19mm	April: 435mm	2593mm	1812mm
Pohara Total rain days: 96 (2024: 90) Wettest day 26 June with 135mm	77mm	6	26mm on the 15 th	March: 9mm	June: 329mm	2025mm	1476mm
Puramahoi Wettest day 3 April with 249mm	170mm	12	42mm on the 14 th	March: 27mm	April: 689mm	3642mm	2697mm
Rototai Third wettest year since 2004. Driest March and wettest April since 2004.	105mm	9	26mm on the 15 th	March: 9mm	April: 511mm	2585mm	1524mm
Te Hapu Total rain days: 143 (2024: 137) Wettest day 26 June with 115mm	128mm	10	24mm on the 16 th	March: 43mm	June: 290mm	1873mm Average: 1600mm	1395mm

PUZZLES

STR8TS

No. 773Medium

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Previous solution - Tough

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

SUDOKU

No. 773Medium

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Previous solution - Easy

9	8	7	3	2	1	5	6	4
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6	1	5	8	4	9	3	2	7
2	4	3	7	1	8	6	9	5
8	5	9	2	6	4	7	3	1
7	6	1	9	3	5	2	4	8
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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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Where there's a "She Will" there's a way

ROSA VOLZ

A new local service is ready to make a meaningful difference for people in Golden Bay who need a helping hand. "She Will Services", run by Janice MacFarlane, provides practical home help, delivered as Janice describes "with heart-felt care, patience and respect".

After living in Golden Bay for the past year, Janice noticed a common theme while talking with community members: people were struggling with everyday tasks but found it difficult to ask for help. Drawing on her own experience caring for her elderly father for five years, Janice understands both the practical challenges and the emotional hesitation that can come with needing support.

"She Will Services is about supporting people to stay independent for as long as possible," Janice says. "It can perhaps be easier to ask a professional for help than family or friends – and sometimes a little help really does make a big difference."

The service focuses mainly on elders, but is available to anyone who needs a friendly, reliable hand. Support ranges widely, from help navigating forms and working with agencies, to cleaning, tidying, organising, hand laundering



Janice MacFarlane offers "help with heart" to elder community members. Photo: Rosa Volz.

and ironing. Janice also offers small painting jobs, minor maintenance tasks, lawns and gardening, grocery shopping and meal preparation.

Importantly, She Will Services fills gaps that other providers can't always cover. Janice has already been helping a local woman with jobs that Access Services were unable to provide, tailoring her support closely to what the client actually needed. "It's really important to listen and make sure the client knows that they are one in charge," she says. "I take care to do tasks exactly as my clients have specified."

Janice is police vetted, holds a P (passenger endorsement) licence, and can provide transport to appointments and outings. Her vehicle can accommodate a folded wheelchair, and she also offers post-surgery in-home support and transportation. Clients describe her as friendly, trustworthy and

respectful, with a good sense of humour and a gentle, confidential approach.

Jobs are priced honestly, with no surprises. The process begins with a meeting to assess needs, followed by an estimate of costs and an agreed timeframe. "You want your environment to be enjoyable, happy and safe," Janice says. "Sometimes you just can't achieve everything by yourself."

With a background in retail management and small business ownership, Janice brings professionalism alongside care. She Will Services is, as the name suggests, home help with heart – a safe pair of hands for both big and little jobs.

Janice is looking forward to meeting more Golden Bay community members. She can be contacted via email contact@shewillservices.co.nz or text 022 615 3727.

Tasty options for a glut of grapefruit

JOYCE WYLLIE

Those wild Easterly winds certainly battered the Bay last week. Compared to families coping with a breezy holiday in tents, and others with trees down, our damage was minor. My garden looked quite sad with leaves and flowers stripped, some vegetable plants broken off, little green plums strewn on the lawn and nearly-ripe yellow fruit covering the ground under the grapefruit tree. Gathering a bucket of grapefruit, I wondered what to do with them. Healthy and tasty though they are, there's a limit to how many one can eat and due to interference with medications, they are "off the menu" for many people. I trawled my books and came up with some recipes to try, and like lemons, the juice can be frozen.

Grapefruit Honey

I made it with Mum's lemon honey recipe but less citrus. 500g sugar, 125g butter, 4 eggs, grated zest and juice of 3 grapefruit. Cooked in a double boiler until thick and smooth.

Grapefruit squares

Make a shortbread by creaming 125g butter with 125g sugar. Add 1 egg, 1 cup flour and 1 tsp baking powder.



Some tasty options for using up the glut of grapefruit. Photo: Joyce Wyllie.

Press into a swiss roll tin. Cook 10 minutes in moderate oven. Pour grapefruit honey over and spread a thick layer. Bake 10 minutes more. When cold dust with icing sugar and cut into squares.

Grapefruit pudding

Cream 50g butter and 200g sugar. Add grated zest of 1 grapefruit and 100ml grapefruit juice. Separate 3 eggs. Mix the 3 yolks, 50g flour and 250ml milk carefully into the creamed

mixture. Whip the egg whites and fold them in, and pour the mixture into a greased baking dish.

Bake the pudding in a water bath. Put a larger dish in the oven with enough water to come half way up the pudding dish. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes in a moderate oven until it is set and brown on top.

So that used about eight grapefruit. I still have over 50 left to do something with before they rot.

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GOLF

10 December. Stableford: G Neill 45, P Solly 38, S Lawson 38. Closest to pin: 3/12 G Ryan, 4/13 W Rothwell, 8/17 S Lawson, 9/18 S Lawson. Best gross: G Rowe 83.

13 December. President's Cup: P Solly 40, S Lawson 40, M Dixon 37. Closest to pin: 3/12 W Collie, 4/13 P Bowden, 8/17 W Collie, 9/18 W Collie. Happy wanderer: P Bowden. Best gross: W Collie 80.

17 December. Stableford: R Tait 43, P Solly 36, R Dyce 36. Closest to pin: 3/12 R Young, 4/13 J Gilmour, 8/17 R Dyce, 9/18 R Dyce. Twos: R Young, R Dyce, R Tait. Best gross: R Tait 78.

20 December. Stableford: P Solly 43, M Shannon 39, S Lawson 38. Closest to pin: 3/12 W Rothwell, 4/13 D Jerram, 8/17 M Dixon, 9/18 P Solly. Twos: P Hay, R Young, G Ryan. Best gross: G Rowe 82.

24 December. Stableford: C Hadler 38, S Lawson 38, S Kerr 34. Closest to pin: 3/12 R Young, 4/13 R Dyce, 8/17 C Hadler, 9/18 W Rothwell. Twos: R Young. Best gross: C Hadler.

27 December. Stableford: P Solly 37, G Rowe 35, S Lawson 35. Closest to pin: 3/12 C Hadler, 4/13 W Collie, 8/17 R Ancell, 9/18 B Schmuke. Twos: W Rothwell, B Schmuke. Happy wanderer: S Ransley. Best gross: G Rowe, P Sim.

3 January. Stableford: M Dixon 38, M Shannon 37, S Lawson 36. Closest to pin: 3/12 R Ancell, 4/13 R Ancell, 8/17 M Dixon, 9/18 P Sim. Twos: P Sim. Happy wanderer: P Bosworth. Best gross: P Sim 75.

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UPCOMING EVENTS / Mea pakiri haere

SATURDAY 10 JANUARY

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SUNDAY 11 JANUARY

LAST CHANCE TO DANCE on a Sunday afternoon, Pōhara Hall, 3.30-5pm. Initiated by "Mo's Soul Kitchen" (check Facebook or posters).

MONDAY 12 JANUARY

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Valid from Friday 9 until Tuesday 13 January

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Saturday: Westerlies may tend northwest later. A few showers in the west, mainly fine elsewhere.

Sunday: Northwesterlies freshening west of Parapara. Cloud increasing with rain spreading from the west in the afternoon. Southwesterlies from late evening with the rain easing.

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This private property offers stunning views and complete tranquillity. Tucked away down a short right of way, the two-bedroom, two-bathroom home has plenty to love. Established gardens and mature trees provide just the right amount of outdoor enjoyment, with the remaining land in easy-care native bush. Contact me today.

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Asking \$890,000

31 Kohikiko Place, PŌHARA

3 2 1 816sqm

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.

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New Listing



Price By Negotiation + gst if any

Lot 1 472 Abel Tasman Drive, CLIFTON

12.0020 ha

BUILD, FARM, OR ESCAPE

This rare 12ha Clifton property features sea and estuary views, open paddocks, and a tranquil native bush backdrop. Fertile soils and a sunny location offer endless potential for building or farming. Close to Pōhara Beach.

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