



Cast create chaos and comedy



Creating chaos and comedy on stage: The cast of *Masks & Lies*, from left, Barbara Sparrow, Fontaine Kirini-Joyce, Bruce Dooley, director Ross Benbow, Janet Zryini, Chai Pyle, Nick Farr. Photo: Supplied.

ANITA PETERS

The latest production by the Tākaka Drama Society, *Masks & Lies* is a new comedy written by Nelson playwright Justin Eade. Set in the 1980s, it involves a theatre company performing a play from the 1920s, with a farcical storyline.

A struggling theatre director gets his big break on the West End when he engages a renowned actor to boost the much-needed publicity for the play. Unexpectedly however, the drawcard actor dies of an overdose even before the first rehearsal. Stepping up to save his brother's legacy is his degenerate twin – a gambler and

drinker, replacing him in the lead role despite having never before set foot onstage. What follows is a comical series of misadventures, forgotten lines, collisions with furniture and fellow actors, and general mayhem. Although somehow he makes the character work.

With a cast of six, this is sure to be another hilarious evening out for local amateur theatre buffs.

Director Ross Benbow, like Justin, is also from Nelson has been travelling over the Hill every week for the last couple of months to direct rehearsals.

"The cast have been a delight to work

with," he said. "It's great to see people stepping out of their comfort zones and getting involved in community theatre."

Wardrobe mistress Inna Dooley has been enjoying creating the costumes, from the formality of the '20s to the colourful flair of the '80s.

The Drama Society is trialling online ticket sales for this play, but tickets are also available at Stitch 'n Sew or at the door.

Masks & Lies, Tākaka Drama Society, Park Avenue, 8,13-16 May, 7.30pm (cash bar from 6.30pm). Tickets from <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/BDEH>, Stitch 'n Sew, or at the door.

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Trail run's flying start

ANITA PETERS

Sunday May 3 was the perfect autumn weather day for Motupipi School's first ever fun trail run. The impressive course starting behind the school was well appreciated by participants, featuring picturesque landscapes that included farmland, bush, winding mountain bike trails and views across the Motupipi Inlet.

"It's a beautiful way to make use of our gorgeous local scenery," says principal Rachel Evans.

130 entrants were registered across three runs. Among 40 in the main run were many seasoned athletes who elected one of two different running distances. Jen Terry, a school parent, won the shorter 8.4-kilometre race with vocal encouragement from students as she sprinted down the farm track towards the goalpost finish line.

"The kids were so sweet cheering us on," she said, "especially as a parent, it's usually us doing that. It was beautiful out there in the bush; I just felt like I was out there for my Sunday run."

First in from the longer 13.6-kilometre run was Louka Desantjores, who completed the course in one hour 15 seconds. "It was a great experience; quite challenging but the scenery was crazy," he reported.

Over the morning the school grounds were buzzing with fundraising activities: sausage sizzles, coffee, home baking, face painting and raffles with spot prizes, all supported by local businesses.

"Loads of our school families are out here today in force, supporting us not only with jobs but also with prizes," commented Rachel. "This is a great cause to lace up for, and to get out there and enjoy this local area."

Parents and children joined forces to walk or run the 3.5-kilometre family fun run, some in costume with faces painted,

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Musician keeps an ear to the earth

ALISTAIR HUGHES

Sonic artist and music tutor Dr John Coulter likes the sound of Golden Bay.

So much so that he has established Ear to the Earth studio in Collingwood, a high specification audio production facility unique in New Zealand, which offers a creative residency programme to other artists.

"It's a studio which is dedicated to the rather esoteric practice of sonic arts," explains John. "It involves the use of all sound for art making purposes, such as how to turn that beautiful experience of watching a sunset in Golden Bay into an artistic experience."

John is a retired senior lecturer in music, previously Head of Composition at the University of Auckland (2022).

"Prior to that, I was head of Music Technology at Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University in Brisbane, so I'm one of those people who's been lucky enough to have a career in something that I love."

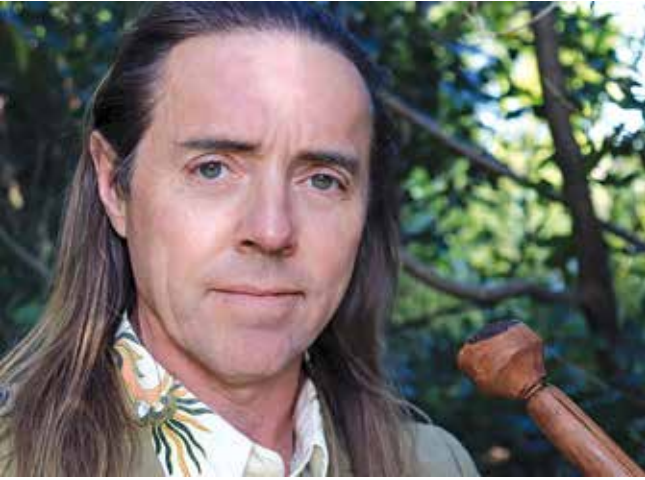
John taught in the composition and sonic arts, supporting composers and performers in their study of the language of music and sound.

"Everybody should have access to music, and everybody has a voice," he asserts. "So a lot of my teaching practice throughout the years has been facilitating people to find their own voices, and to be able to engage on a very deep level with music."

A member of several international organisations devoted to a holistic approach to music creation, John has presented his own findings and performed his own work across the world.

"Like a lot of people who have studied music their whole lives, you sort of end up in these strange little corners," he laughs. "You can tell stories through, and make use of sound in very unusual and highly effective ways. And for me, it's the creative potential of all sounds – including the natural environment, like the wind and the waves."

And so what enticed John to bring his knowledge and



Sonic artist and music tutor Dr John Coulter wants Golden Bay and himself to make beautiful music together. Photo: Supplied.

experience to Golden Bay?

"It was the combination of a couple of things. My partner and I had a little girl, and we didn't want her growing up in the city. But it was also about an affinity with nature. And that connection which the Bay offers is just unparalleled."

Another benefit he has discovered is the depth of musical talent in this part of the country.

"The Bay is filled with incredible musicians, and a lot of those people are self taught." He refers to a recent Arts Council survey indicating that a quarter of Tākaka's population considers itself to be artistic.

"I'm not sure what the musical breakdown of that is," he says. "But here I am, if you want some facilitation in a particular area, I've got the background to offer that, and this is irrespective of any sort of commercial concerns. It's just something that I feel passionately about."

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Community event builds resilience



Hato Hone St John senior staff and first responder team at the recent Resilience Weekend. Photo: Mazarine Fitzgerald.

CHARLOTTE SQUIRE AND ANDREW HAYES

Eight packed-out talks covering emergency management, neighbourhood preparedness, climate policy, water, telecommunications and food resilience drew hundreds to the Golden Bay Recreation Centre over the weekend.

The Mohua Resilience Weekend, run by the group Mohua 2042, started on Saturday with the distribution of free sandbags – provided by the Rapid Relief Team from Motueka – as future flood protection for local households, before heading into a day of presentations (hui) on Sunday.

Stalls showcased the breadth of work happening across Mohua – from food growing and renewable energy, to mental health and communications – with many groups discovering shared goals and new ways to work together for the first time.

Nelson Marlborough area operations manager for Hato Hone St John, Henry Dickey, was there with a team of first responders and volunteers to offer Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) demonstrations, vehicle tours and information.

“We’re showcasing all the facets of Hato Hone that we have to offer to our community. So, especially in small rural communities like Tākaka, it’s about our volunteer workforce. We’re always looking for volunteers. Anyone 18 and older can get in touch, and we’re more than happy to have them come along.”

Henry also spoke about their new emergency booklets, which are for older, independent-living adults to put all their medical information into, and magnetically stick onto their fridge.



Sand bags being filled at Tākaka Rec Park last Saturday. Photo: Dot Ashton.

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- Board Report

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Good debt

I cringe each time I hear Nicola Willis saying we should run our country's economic like a household or a company. That of course is patent nonsense first peddled by the neoliberals Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan and echoed by Roger Douglas in New Zealand. For over 40 years we have tolerated the policies of privatisation, deregulation, reduced government spending and tax cuts for the rich. What we have put up with is a huge increase in wealth inequality while wage income is heavily taxed, capital in its many forms is largely ignored by most political parties. A capital gains tax would be a small move to reduce inequality if it happens.

Neoliberal economics in many nations are being associated with stagflation where inflation is high along with high unemployment – that looks like New Zealand's near future unless there are significant changes. Neoliberals point to government debt as the great evil without knowing how sovereign countries should run their economies. There is good debt which is incurred when a government creates money to build a local asset such as a ferry terminal. The construction creates economic activity within a community which according to Keynes' economic multiplier causes a dollar to circulate around the economy up to seven times – I call this good debt. On the other side if we buy an imported American military helicopter, we incur bad debt with does not cause growth in our economy. There is much more to this for another time.

Morris Te Whiti Love

Hut tickets

Why is there nowhere in Golden Bay to buy a Department of Conservation (DOC) hut ticket? We are surrounded by National Parks on all sides. Within these parks are numerous DOC huts

which are frequented regularly by both locals and visitors. Not only is there nowhere in Golden Bay to buy a ticket, you cannot even buy a ticket for a standard (non bookable) DOC hut online! Currently the only places to buy DOC hut tickets in the whole district are by going to Motueka Visitor Centre, St Arnaud DOC Visitor Centre, or by visiting either Macpac or Kathmandu in Nelson.

Jen Kingston

Clean energy?

I am a fan of natural, environmentally benign energy, whether it be from the sun, gravity, water, etc.

That said, humanity is currently heavily dependent on oil. Google states a key government role is to protect critical infrastructure. Given our consistently fragile politically world, wasn't the Marsden Point refinery critical infrastructure during our last government's tenure? Apparently, "It was decommissioned and converted into an import terminal due to low refining margins, high operational costs and intense competition from Asian refineries, making local processing commercially unviable". The infrastructure change apparently requires our current government to pay as yet, undisclosed NZ\$ millions to Z (ex Shell) for about nine days of diesel (90 million litres), ref Hormuz? Marsden Point was capable of producing up to 90 per cent of New Zealand's diesel needs.

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David Wakeling

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Trail run fun off to flying start



The family fun run sets off amidst fanfare on its 3.5-kilometre course. Photo: Supplied.

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...arriving back through the school goalpost to balloons, bubbles and congratulatory cheers from their school community.

Organiser Katie Edmondson and her team are hoping this will become an annual event as one of the school's two biggest fundraisers, along with the popular spring plant sale (on again on October 17). The school gives huge thanks to the farm owners David and Tania Hurst, and to Phil Castle and Beth Burdett from the Rata-Tui Restoration Trust for generously supporting this event.



Louka Desantjores sprinting towards the finishing line in first place, completing the 13.6km course in just over an hour. Photo: Anita Peters.



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School kids cheer on parent Jen Terry as she pounds down the farm track on the last leg of the 8.4-kilometre race to be first through the goalpost. Photo: Anita Peters.

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When every second counts: locating an AED

JO RICHARDS

Sudden cardiac arrest can happen at any time and anywhere. It's a potentially life-threatening event but a prompt and informed response can prevent the drama becoming a tragedy, provided people close by act quickly by first calling 111, then starting Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

In a situation where every second counts, knowing the exact location of the nearest AED can be life-saving. There are dozens of devices located around Golden Bay, most of which are accessible 24/7. Starting with the northern part of the Bay, these locations are shown on the map (right) along with photos of each device in situ, plus a brief description of how to find them.

In a subsequent feature, *The GB Weekly* will provide the locations with photos of AEDs in other parts of Golden Bay.

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Effectiveness: Using an AED combined with CPR before ambulance arrival significantly improves survival chances.

Hato Hone St John encourages everyone to attend one of its free one-hour "3 Steps for Life" training sessions and learn CPR so that they have the confidence and skills to spring into action should someone suffer a cardiac arrest. See advert below.



Mussel Inn: On the end, left-hand wall as you approach the entrance. Photos: Jo Richards.



Parapara - Aorere Futures Trust Boatshed: White/green cabinet.



Map of northern Golden Bay showing locatons of AEDs.

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Milnthorpe - 34 Nelson Street: Yellow cabinet on outside wall of shed.



Collingwood Area School: On the end wall of the administration block.



Collingwood - St John ambulance station: To the left of the pedestrian access door.



Collingwood Tavern: White cabinet to the left of the main entrance.



Rockville - Aorere Hall: In the entrance lobby.



Bainham - Langford Store: To the right above the hand-basin in the open gallery.



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GB football roundup Rugby teams play home and away

JO RICHARDS

Week by week, Golden Bay Association Football Club's season is getting into full swing.

Last Saturday morning, the junior competitions got underway with nine Golden Bay teams taking part in matches at Under-11, Under-13 and Under-15 levels.

Tomorrow at 9am, the four- to eight-year-olds start their season when "Little Kicks" begins at Tākaka Rec Park and Collingwood Area School. The club is offering newcomers the opportunity to go along and try it out for one or two free sessions before having to sign up.

While other teams are just starting, Golden Bay's senior men's and women's teams have already played four matches this season, including last Saturday's away fixtures.

Shield Maidens

At Motueka, the merciless Shield Maidens continued their immaculate start to their Women's Premiership campaign dishing out a 9-0 trashing to Motueka Angels. The latest goal-fest means the Maidens have now scored a total of 34 goals and are yet to concede a single one.

Maidens' coach Pew Singh was very happy with the performance as well as the outcome. "It was another good game for the Maidens, but Motueka played really well. First half we couldn't really get into our groove but in the second half we really played some beautiful football and dominated."

The Maidens don't have a league game tomorrow but instead face Nelson Suburbs Southern League team in a Kate Sheppard Cup tie at Saxton Fields on Sunday. "It would be great to have some local support as we're playing away," said Pew. "It will be a massive test for the Maidens."

Mountain Goats

In an odd quirk of the fixture list, Golden Bay's senior men's team played Blenheim Rangers for the second week running. This time around, it was a Premiership clash rather than the previous week's Chatham Cup game, and played on neutral territory at Jubilee Park. So – different competition, different ground – but a very similar result, with the Goats losing 4-0.

Goats' coach Gary Calderbank said the scoreline didn't truly reflect his team's performance. "I was really pleased with the guys – we competed a lot better than the week before. We were three-nil down at half-time but kept it to one-nil in the second half, and nearly scored."

He praised what he referred to as a "thin squad" and a "very, very young team" which featured a midfield of three 15-year-olds, and a debut for Taiyo Shiraishi-Taylor in goal. Unfortunately, the game saw one of the team's loyal servants, Fred Cucksey, suffer a recurrence of a serious knee injury.

The Goats can enjoy a rest this weekend as Chatham Cup ties are scheduled but they are back in action on Saturday 16 May when they are at home to Nelson Suburbs Reserves.



Collingwood skipper Ryan McKay runs in a try against Riwaka last Saturday. Photo: Jo Richards.

JO RICHARDS

Golden Bay's senior teams were in action last Saturday, with Tākaka playing away at Stoke and Collingwood hosting Riwaka.

At the Collingwood Rugby Football Club ground, the entertainment started well before the main feature as young players enjoyed some midday "Rippa Rugby" on the recently mown pitch.

When the seniors emerged just before kick-off, the Collingwood players were accompanied by the juniors, some of whom were acting as ball placers for the match.

Both teams started the game well, making early forays into both halves. But it wasn't long before the home side started to dominate and it seemed to be only a matter of time before one of their attacks would yield some points. As it was, it took 17 minutes of solid offensive play before Collingwood opened the scoring. From a scrum metres from the right-hand corner flag, skipper Ryan McKay passed the ball to Zeb Terry-Moir, who carried it over the try line. The tricky conversion kick was missed, but the home side had established a 5-0 lead.

Now the black and gold players sought to press home their advantage and capitalise on a series of errors made by the visitors. But the Riwaka defence held firm while Collingwood were slow cleaning out the rucks, and so frequently lost forward momentum.

But the home side continued to enjoy the lion's share of possession and maintained pressure on their opponents, forcing them into making mistakes, committing infringements and handling errors.

After half-an-hour, Collingwood's superiority brought tangible reward when Caleb Havili, in his final appearance in black and gold, forced his way over the try line just right of the posts, to give Brad Goulsbro an easy conversion and extend the home side's lead to 12-0.

The visitors looked a little unsettled and things got worse for them when Ryan McKay pounced on a loose ball and ran it under the posts to give Goulsbro an even simpler conversion, which took the score to 19-0.

It didn't all go the way of the home side, though. Just before half time Riwaka had a change of fortune, scoring a try seemingly out of the blue, followed shortly afterwards by a penalty kick which narrowed the score to 19-8.

The visitors' unexpected purple patch continued at the start of the second half when Collingwood were caught napping allowing Riwaka to add a try and conversion and close the gap to four points.

This was Collingwood's wake-up call and they responded by digging deep to show their true black and gold colours. Within the next 15 minutes normal service was resumed, following



Tākaka prepare for a line-out at Stoke last Saturday. Photo: Supplied.

tries by Shawn Iorns and young debutant Riley Shadbolt.

Refusing to accept defeat however, Riwaka came back with another try to move the score to 33-20. Now into the final 15 minutes, Collingwood subbed on veteran Gareth Scott to help see the game out but continued to attack, and with time running out, Luke Barnett scored the final try of the afternoon to give his side a 38-20 victory plus a bonus point.

The win puts Collingwood in third place behind Stoke and Wanderers – a good start to the season – but Collingwood co-coach Shawn Begg is not getting complacent. "The boys did well but the rucks were a bit of a battle all game – we weren't quick enough, and we gave them eight easy points."

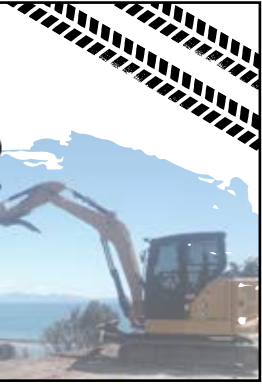
While Collingwood enjoyed home advantage, Tākaka were locked in a tough away battle with last season's Division 2 champions Stoke. It was a contest the Golden Bay side would lose but only after putting up a highly creditable fight. Final score: Stoke 31 v Tākaka 24.

Tākaka co-coach Hamish Hills said he couldn't fault his players. "Our guys played really well; we took it to them and were in it right to the end." He highlighted Stoke's large squad as a clear advantage: "Their bench was so strong."

The next home games for the senior sides are on Saturday 16 May. Tomorrow Tākaka travel to Tāhunanui to take on Marist, while Collingwood face a difficult away tie against table-toppers Wanderers.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

East Mohua working bee

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A community working bee will take place this Sunday, 10 May, in the Ligar Bay hills, with a focus on track clearing.

The Friends of East Mohua warmly invite anyone interested to meet at 9am, (weather dependent) at Ligar Bay Beach, opposite the entrance to Matenga Road. From there the group will head up together – either by carpooling or walking from the parking area – and begin clearing tracks from two ends, meeting in the middle.

Alongside the practical work, the day is also a chance to get to know the walkways better and connect with others involved in local restoration. A map will be available to help orient future exploring in the area.

Please bring suitable clothing for outdoor conditions, sturdy footwear, gloves, water, a snack, and any tools such as clippers if you have them.

Everyone is welcome, whether experienced or new to this kind of work.

To help with planning, please let Jenni (021 0236 3465) or Anna (027 365 4038) know if you're coming. RSVP is also available via the Facebook event, www.facebook.com/events/1489717809349070 and updates can be found through the FOEM Facebook group www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofeastmohua.

We look forward to seeing familiar and new faces, and spending a fun morning together in the autumn colours.

Rural Women networking event

SUBMITTED

Rural Women Dinner Club Series invites you to join them for a lunch this Sunday, 10 May from 11am- 3.30pm at The Anatoki Salmon Farm, 230 McCallum Road, Tākaka.

These meetings are all about connection, resilience, and supporting the people who keep the region thriving. Open to all genders – farmers, creatives, small businesses, neighbours – everyone is welcome.

Professional Business NZ mentor and organiser of these events, Fiona Newey says: "It's about knowing where you are

currently at – and thinking about the next steps in your life, business or both. Then networking the 'how' amongst the group. You're doing the work, so if you journal, please bring it – or at least pen and paper.

A \$15 donation to the Bainham Rural Women account: 03-1354-0296819-00 secures your seat, covers a first drink and raffle ticket. Use "GBRWDinner" in particulars, initial and surname in code, and phone number in the reference.

You'll be paying to catch your own lunch and buying additional drinks separately to suit your own budget, dietary requirement and fishing skills. Team up to catch and share or just order off the menu.

The events are held on the 10th of each month. Keep an eye out on social media for upcoming venues.

Nonna with the goods



ANITA PETERS

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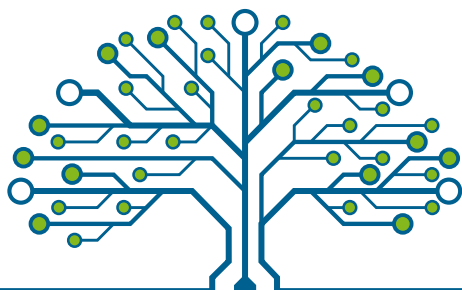
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	Rainfall	Raindays	Heaviest fall
Rangihaeata	65mm	4	20mm on the 12th
Glenview Rd	95mm	7	39mm on the 7th
Pōhara	101mm	5	42mm on the 7th
Rototai	105mm	9	46mm on the 7th
Ligar/Tata	111mm	8	39mm on the 12th
Te Hapu	116mm	11	30mm on the 7th
Kaihoka	129mm	13	36mm on the 7th
Onekaka	135mm	10	55mm on the 7th
Puramahoi	168mm	11	54mm on the 7th
Bainham	166mm	10	50mm on the 7th
Collingwood	189mm	18	49mm on the 7th

PROJECT DE-VINE

APRIL 2026

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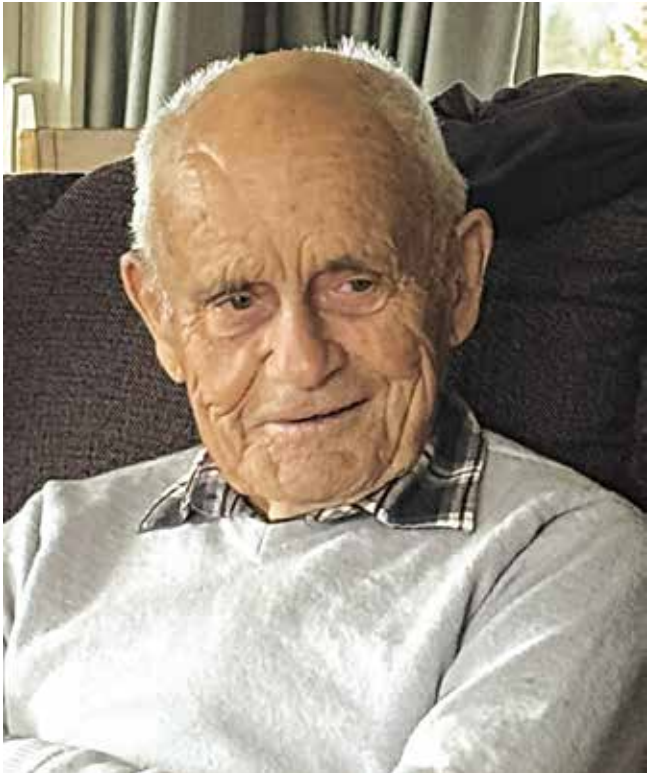
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Tom's full and satisfying life

Edward Thomas Bennett, always known as Tom, was born in October 1938.

His dad, also called Tom Bennett, worked on farms and the family shifted a few times. Young Tom grew up as they moved from Kaihoka to Bainham before settling on their own farm at Hamama, where "Old Tom" milked cows. After some years, they sold that to buy a bigger farm at Onekakā with more land, (about 500 acres), but very rough with not many paddocks in grass. After schooling, Tom learnt the building trade in Nelson and there met Margaret Fowler who worked in the Tip Top factory. After they married the couple moved back to Golden Bay so Tom could help his dad on the farm. They lived in a little cottage down the road, until Tom built a small house on the farm. As well as farming and building, Tom was driving four days a week for Golden Bay Transport, owned by McNabbs, who lived next door at Onekakā. It was 1964 when Tom and Margaret moved to the farm and their two sons were born in the following few years.

The Bennett dairy farm started with 47 cows, milked in an old walk-through cowshed. Cream cans were transported up to the road on the flying fox, or across an old swing bridge. Pigs were reared on the farm and fed skimmed milk, as they were on most places. Tom's building skills were put to good use again when he built the new herringbone shed on the opposite side of the road in the 1970s. In later years as herd numbers increased, Tom upgraded the herringbone zig-zag rail to a straight rail and extended the shed to fit more cows in the row.



Tom Bennett. Photo: Supplied.

Tom and Margaret later swapped homes with his parents, then in the 1980s Tom built their new house on the hill behind the cow shed. Over the years they sold some blocks at the Tukuru end of the property and also added 200 acres when

they added King's sheep farm to their dairy farm. They improved the land and cow numbers increased to about 180, always a good black and white Friesian herd.

Tom's son, Steve, came onto the farm starting from 30-50 per cent sharemilking until he and wife, Marie, bought the farm in 2001. Tom and Margaret retired to Pōhara where Tom again built another home for themselves, this time with Paul Crockford on his team. There were good post-farming years for them both, and they enjoyed time away together in the motorhome – especially attending Country and Western music events.

Tom played golf, and being a left-handed golfer went on many fun trips away with his "lefties" golfer mates. He also played bowls and was a valued member of Pōhara club. Tom was an active member of the Lions Club for years and every Tākaka A&P Show day he volunteered for the early morning ticket shift.

Sadly, Margaret became unwell with cancer and died in 2010, a day after Tom's 72nd birthday. Tom continued trips away in his motorhome and 10 years ago at the "Music in the Mountains" festival at Tapawera he danced the night away with Eileen, and she has been part of his life since then.

January 2025 brought bad news when Tom was diagnosed with multiple myeloma which limited what he could do over this past year. But in his usual cheerful way, he continued making the most of opportunities, having packed a full and satisfying life into his many decades.

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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. 789 Medium

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The solutions will be published here in the next issue.

Previous solution - Easy

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

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

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THE GB WEEKLY, FRIDAY 8 MAY 2026

A new season of Classic Cinema



Landmark musical *West Side Story* opens a new season of Classic Cinema at The Village Theatre this Sunday. Photo: Supplied.

ALISTAIR HUGHES

The Village Theatre's "Classic Cinema" seasons began six years ago, when audiences were able to enjoy the magic of a shared movie viewing experience again as the pandemic restrictions ended. Eight classic films will be screening bi-monthly from this Sunday, with all screenings on Sunday afternoons at 4pm.

10 May: Landmark musical *West Side Story* (1961) opens the mini festival this Sunday. Based on the Broadway hit, this is an updated adaptation of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, set in New York's Spanish Harlem. This film swept the 1962 Oscars, winning in ten categories.

17 May: The films of Alfred Hitchcock have proven perennially popular, and this season the Village Theatre brings his first American film, *Rebecca* (1940) to the big screen. "The sheer, swooning pleasure that the film affords... makes it a must see." (*The Guardian*).

14 June: *Portrait of a Lady* was Jane Campion's next film after *The Piano*, this time a feminist interpretation of Henry James' 1881 novel. "She is arguably New Zealand's best and most interesting film director," says Classic Cinema organiser Peter Barker.

21 June: Set on the farmlands of the Texas prairie and starring Richard Gere, *Days of Heaven* (1978) is the story of a

pre-WWI love triangle. "Visually and thematically it's still one of the most beautiful films ever made..." (*The New York Times*).

12 July: *How Green Was My Valley* (1941) is a family saga set at the end of the 19th century in a Welsh coal mining village. A film about change and memories of the past, told through the eyes of young Huw Morgan, (Roddy McDowall).

26 July: "When you wish upon a star..." sings Jiminy Cricket in Walt Disney's timeless masterpiece *Pinocchio* (1940) – making him the first insect to perform an Oscar-winning song. Taking three years to complete, *Pinocchio* is timeless entertainment for all ages.

9 August: *Dr Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb* (1964). Still incredibly quotable all these years, director Stanley Kubrick's tragi-comedic classic seems more pertinent now than ever. The great Peter Sellers plays three different, but equally superb, roles.

23 August: And we conclude with Sellers in one of his most famous portrayals – the bumbling Inspector Clouseau in *The Pink Panther* (1963). Henry Mancini's equally beloved theme makes this a true classic.

More details of all Classic Cinema screenings can be found on the Village Theatre website.

Shared vision for Farewell Spit and beyond



Green Party MP Celia Wade-Brown, left, visits the Onetahua Restoration Project, pictured with Lucy Butler (HealthPost Nature Trust), Corey Mosen (Pest Free Onetahua) and Argos beside the predator-proof fence.

If you've been out to Farewell Spit lately, you'll have seen there's been quite a bit going on. Over the past few months pest control has been steadily progressing, and we're now close to completing the predator exclusion fence along the Old Man Range. It's a significant milestone that reflects the joint mahi of many people across Mohua and beyond.

We appreciated the recent coverage of this work, thank you to everyone helping tell the story. Just to clarify, the fence is a true partnership effort. HealthPost Nature Trust has played a key role in fundraising and through direct support from HealthPost and an incredible community of crowdfunders, have contributed \$150,000 to the build and a further \$100,000 towards finishing the fence.

For Pest Free Onetahua, the fence sits alongside the intensive predator control work happening right along the Spit. To date PFO has removed 6,500 possums, 830 rats, 77 hares, 73 pigs and 12 stoats from Farewell Spit and we're beginning to see results; rātā on the Spit are flowering again, increased sightings of fernbird and spotless crane, and kiwi calls recorded in the wider area. A targeted stoat control trial using a species-specific toxin has begun at the far end of the Spit, and when refined will be expanded to include Triangle Flat and the rest of Farewell Spit.

Currently, HealthPost Nature Trust is developing a long-term Landscape Restoration Plan for Triangle Flat to guide future work, including managing long grass for fire risk and a staged approach to controlling gorse.

Onetahua restoration is a true partnership effort. Manawhenua ki Mohua continue to guide the kaupapa, alongside the Department of Conservation, with both Pest Free Onetahua and HealthPost Nature Trust working together on the ground. Each group contributes a vital part of the picture, but the shared goal is the same, to restore the mauri of this special place.

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29 April. Patons Rock Individual Session 4. J Kingston/J Cooper 60.42%; R McDonald/B Burdett 56.94%; A Foreman/L Scurr 53.47%. H/cap: J Kingston/J Cooper 62.09%; P Nelson/C Webster 54.66%; R McDonald/B Burdett 53.87%. **1 May.** Relaxed Pairs Session 7. C Mead/J Wedderburn 62.50%; D Perreau/P Jayne 54.17%; E Bradshaw/C Monaghan 41.67%; L Scurr/D Sarl 41.67%. H/cap: C Mead/J Wedderburn 63.92%; D Perreau/P Jayne 60.73%; E Bradshaw/C Monaghan 39.98%.

GOLF

29 April. Stableford: G Allen 37, M Shannon 37, G Bradley 36. Twos: G Allen. Best gross: C Hadler. **2 May.** S Lawson 68, W Collie 69, M Shannon 71. Closest to the pin: 3/12 M Dixon, 4/13 P Solly, 8/17 W Collie, 9/18 C Pretty. Twos: M Shannon. Happy wanderer: R Young.

AGM NOTICES

GOLDEN Valleys Riding Club AGM, Monday 11 May, 5pm at Hack 'n Stay. All welcome.

GOLDEN Bay Animal Welfare Society AGM, Tuesday 19 May, 1pm, Church of Christ, 93 Commercial St. All welcome.

EAST Tākaka Hall Committee AGM, Thursday 21 May, 7.30pm at the hall. Supper to follow. All welcome.

PUBLIC NOTICES / Pānui a whānui

"WHEN the pubs closed at six: half a century of early closing." A fascinating social history presentation by Dr Paul Christoffel. Why was it illegal to buy alcohol after 6 pm? What were the social effects of the "six o'clock swill"? Friday 15 May, 10.30am, Senior Citizens' Hall. All welcome. Non-U3A members, a gold coin koha. Supported with funding from TDC Community Grant.

GOLDEN Bay Community Board will meet at 1pm on Monday 11 May at the Collingwood Fire Station, 6 Elizabeth Street, Collingwood. To view agenda and reports, obtain the zoom link, or register for public forum please go to the Meetings Calendar at www.tasman.govt.nz

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

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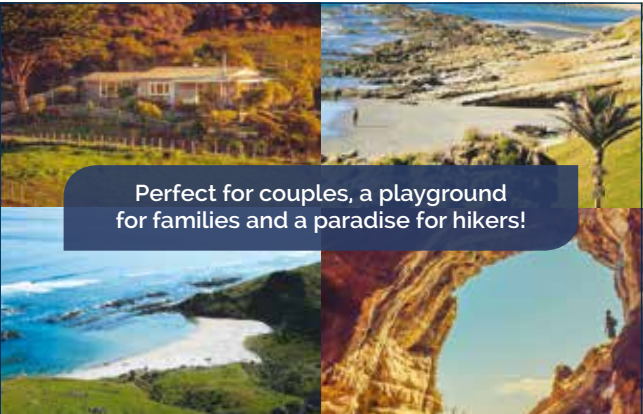
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Celebrating the life of Philip Bellamy Baker

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Matthew 25:23 "Well done, good and faithful servant"

Join us to celebrate Philip's life and faith on Friday, 15 May, at 11 am, at the Golden Bay Recreation Centre Clubrooms, Takaka. Refreshments to follow, all welcome.

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GOLDEN Bay Anglican Parish warmly invites you to join them on Sunday, 10am at Tākaka or 5pm at Collingwood. Fellowship gatherings (fellowship, songs, prayer and message) 10, 17 and 31 May.

GOLDEN Bay Anglican Parish warmly invites you to join them to celebrate Pentecost, beginning with an Ascension Day worship service 7-9pm at Tākaka on Thursday 14 May; followed by 10 days of prayer; and a Combined Churches Pentecost Day service on Sunday 24 May, followed by a shared lunch; with a Pentecost Dance Party at 2pm. Please visit our website: <https://www.goldenbayanglican.nz/whatson> for service/event details.

SACRED Heart Catholic faith community winter timetable: Saturdays 2 and 16 May, 4pm, Vigil Mass. Sunday 10 May 9.30am, Service of the Word. No service 23-24 and 30-31 May.

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Kahurangi Christian Church

Sunday 10 May

10.30am, Onekaka Community Hall

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GARAGE sale. Saturday 9 May, 9am-12pm, 179 Collingwood-Puponga Main Road. Two cots, high chair, women’s clothing, toys, household items, bric-a-brac.

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UPCOMING EVENTS / Mea pakiri haere

FRIDAY 8 MAY

MASKS & LIES, 7.30pm at The Playhouse, Park Ave. See article on page 1 of this issue. \$15, cash bar from 6.30pm.

SATURDAY 9 MAY

GAZA FUNDRAISER for the Palestinian People. Village Green, Tākaka, 9am-2pm. A family event: face painting, waka making, baking and kai, art raffle, clothes and treasures.

ABBNEYFIELD GB WORKING BEE, 9am–12pm. Come and join us for a community gathering to support our wonderful GB facility. Bring garden tools, buckets gloves and cup.

SUNDAY 10 MAY

DISC GOLF, Sundays social round, 2-4pm, all welcome.

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

TUESDAY 12 MAY

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.

WEDNESDAY 13 MAY

MASKS & LIES, 7.30pm at The Playhouse, Park Ave. \$15, cash bar from 6.30pm.

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

THURSDAY 14 MAY

GOLDEN BAY SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING, 2pm. Speaker: Mr Boyce, Fonterra manager.

MASKS & LIES, 7.30pm at The Playhouse, Park Ave. \$15, cash bar from 6.30pm.

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

LATER EVENTS

MASKS & LIES, Tākaka Drama Society's latest production. Season runs 7-16 May.

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Movie
Nerf Targets
Lucky dip
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The Smelly Gumboot
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BBQ
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Soup
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**Gaza Fundraiser
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Saturday 9th May, 9am to 2pm

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To Celebrate Mother's Day,
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SATURDAY 9TH

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7:30 Sgt. Haane (M) **Final**

SUNDAY 10TH

4:00 West Side Story (1961)
Classic Cinema (G)
Mother's Day Special Event
\$24 includes afternoon tea!

7:30 A Line in the Sandstone (Once Only)

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SUNDAY 14TH

7:30 The Sheep Detectives (PG)

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Saturday: Northwesterlies gradually tending westerly
and later southwesterly. Showers over Kahurangi. Long
fine breaks elsewhere although a few showers likely later.

Sunday: Southwesterlies tending westerly develop in the
west with a few spreading east over the Takaka Hill later.

Monday: Southerlies freshening about Farewell, lighter
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Tuesday: Westerlies at first with cloudy periods. Becoming
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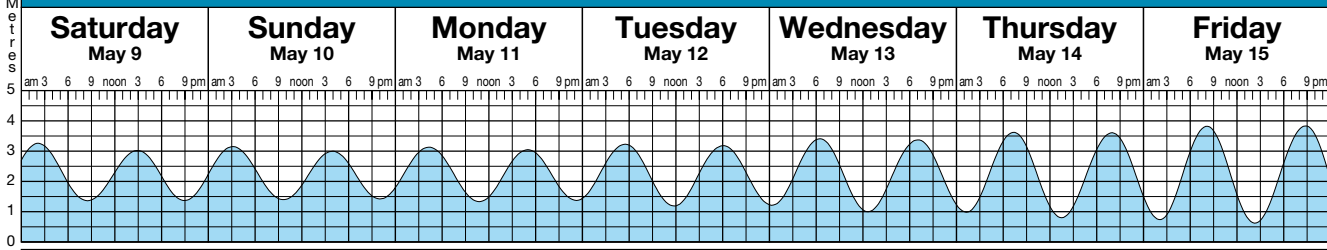
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L 8:29am	8:56pm	L 9:38am	10:01pm	L 10:46am	11:13pm	L 11:46am		L 12:19am	12:39pm	L 1:16am	1:29pm	L 2:06am	2:18pm

SUN AND MOON

R 7:22 am S 5:27 pm	R 7:23 am S 5:26 pm	R 7:24 am S 5:24 pm	R 7:25 am S 5:23 pm	R 7:26 am S 5:22 pm	R 7:27 am S 5:21 pm	R 7:27 am S 5:21 pm
R 11:21 pm S 1:22 pm	S 1:49 pm	R 12:27 am S 2:12 pm	R 1:34 am S 2:35 pm	R 2:43 am S 2:57 pm	R 3:54 am S 3:21 pm	R 5:09 am S 3:48 pm

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87.0660ha

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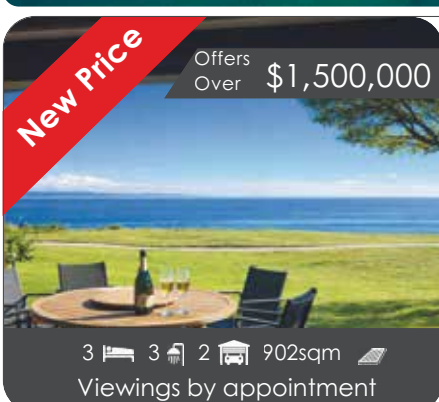
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New Price



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3 3 2 902sqm
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