

**Date:** Monday 12 May 2025  
**Time:** 1.00pm  
**Meeting Room:** Tākaka Office, 78 Commercial Street,  
**Venue:** Takaka

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## Golden Bay Community Board

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5/12/25, 7:26 AM

dog poo issues - HELEN MARGUERITE DEE BRACEFIELD - Xtra Mail

Apologies for not being there with you <sup>today</sup> ~~tomorrow~~. Just had assumed ~~problem had gone away~~. <sup>I am</sup> Alas happy for you to speak on my behalf.

These are the points ~~I would have raised~~.

Dog poo and public toilet are both public health issues, they are not "niceties".

Dog faeces can pose public health risks if faeces containing round worm eggs (which very nearly every dog is born with) are accidentally ingested by a human, this can result in a condition called Visceral larval migrans, a very severe and debilitating condition. Mostly children are at risk. Other risks are potentially bacterial. It is therefore important to foster a culture and expectation that dog faeces are collected by the owners. The surest way for our council to care for its citizens and visitors is to provide poo bags and accessible bins. As a dog owner, I use the bags as well as use the bags to collect poo that has not been collected, and then along with any park rubbish, use the available bin. Without either of those available, our parks will experience increased poo and increased litter.

The availability of clean toilets, sends the same message; be clean, respectful and care for our environment. I have seen visitors squatting in gutters urinating and defecating in places where toilets are either inaccessible or so filthy their use is not an option, do we really want to descend to that? These are essential services. While I understand that there are financial pressures, it's important that savings are made in improving efficiencies and sound financial planning rather than cutting essential citizen services. Let's not be "penny wise, pound foolish".

Collect from TDC Takaka  
Hard Copy for Submission 12-26 May



12/5/25.

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Submission to TDC — CoBCB 1pm.  
Re Community Infrastructure Decisions

Thanks for the opportunity to speak at Open Forum and for the Mahi you all do to benefit the District.  
Public Office is often a "thankless task" —

I have come here today to talk about Public Health in Relation to the following

- ① The Removal of Doggy Doo Bags, Dispenses and Rubbish Bins
- ② The Reduction in Toilet cleaning in the tourist season in G Bay.
- ③ The Reduction in water testing

For the past 40 years plus my professional work in Public Health in our District has given me an appreciation of the importance of Public Health protection to individuals and the community in general. — for the benefit of their well being and welfare.

So it was alarming in regard to Public Health, to see recently your measures of removing Doggy Doo Bags, Dispenses and Rubbish Bins, the present toilet cleaning and water testing schedule, as advertised.

.... and conversely excellent last week to see them reinstalled (re installed) until decisions about these essential operational costs for public health are continued or will be again discontinued after the consultation in the Annual 25-26 district plan this May

TDC has done a great job with the Bags / Dispenses + Rubbish Bins they are strong attractive colourful stainless steel and not prone to vandalism. In summer they are full to overflowing with aluminum cans, disposable coffee cups and tea bags

Used so frequently and consistently by the approximately 30% of the population who own dogs.

Poo Bags have gone from being a "Fringe Compliance" to a mainstream behaviour. You have encouraged this and it has meant the pristine beaches and reserves have minimal litter by comparison to former times when bins bags dispensers were not supplied



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I have an email from one of our local Vets. Inge Bott — included in this submission and today will be read by Warwick Briggs at her request. She is not able to attend herself today.

In addition to the risks to Public Health by not providing Bins etc., I am so concerned that Toddlers, Babies and children that naturally crawl and play in the sand and on our grassy areas adjacent to our many beaches, and reserves will be further compromised by the possibility of bacterial contamination. We all know the nuance, smell and stain of "Poo" on our shoes, in our cars, our offices and homes.

In regard to maintaining twice daily cleaning of the Public Toilets during our Summer busy tourist season when we say an additional 25,000 visitors arrive ... What we must keep in mind these days is the Public Health Issue that affects approximately 1% of our population who suffer "frequency and urgency" in doing "Pooos."

People with Colitis Disease, Irritable Bowel Syndrome, Rectal Cancer and Inflammatory Bowel Disease to name a few conditions — where often these folk have fierce Blood stained diarrhoea. So distressing to them and even more so if a toilet isn't clean. It's horrible.

So I am requesting the Board with the support of Chris + Celia our TDC Representatives — will put a submission (and this is my submission also) ... into the 2025-2026 Annual Plan this May requesting these essential services protecting Public Health of maintaining the present toilet cleaning and waste testing schedule and provision of Doggy Doo Bags. Expenses, + Bins remain as an operational cost in the Budget and not require the Public to persuade the council by making submissions to the Annual Plan repeatedly or at all.

This appears to be good policy and operational costs that protect and enhance our Public Health ... and an appropriate use of Rate payer money.  
Thank you Sincerely for your consideration.  
Ngā mihi. Helen Bradfield RM RN A.D.N.



Presentation to the Golden Bay Community Board, Monday 12 May 2025

Kia ora.

My name is Kirstie Macleod and I am here representing the Takaka Village Green Society.

We are in the process of dissolving the legal entity that brought the Village Green to life.

As per our constitution, we have had our first Special General Meeting where a motion was passed unanimously to dissolve the Society and the next Special General Meeting to ratify this motion will be held at the beginning of June. The Society feels the work has been done, the Village Green is safe in TDC's capable hands, there are changes to the rules for Incorporated Societies and we all feel there is no further need for the Takaka Village Green Acquisition Society Incorporated to be functioning. The management of the Green will be handed over to TDC and we have met with Lynne Hall about this. Mohua Social Services will continue to care for the noticeboard.

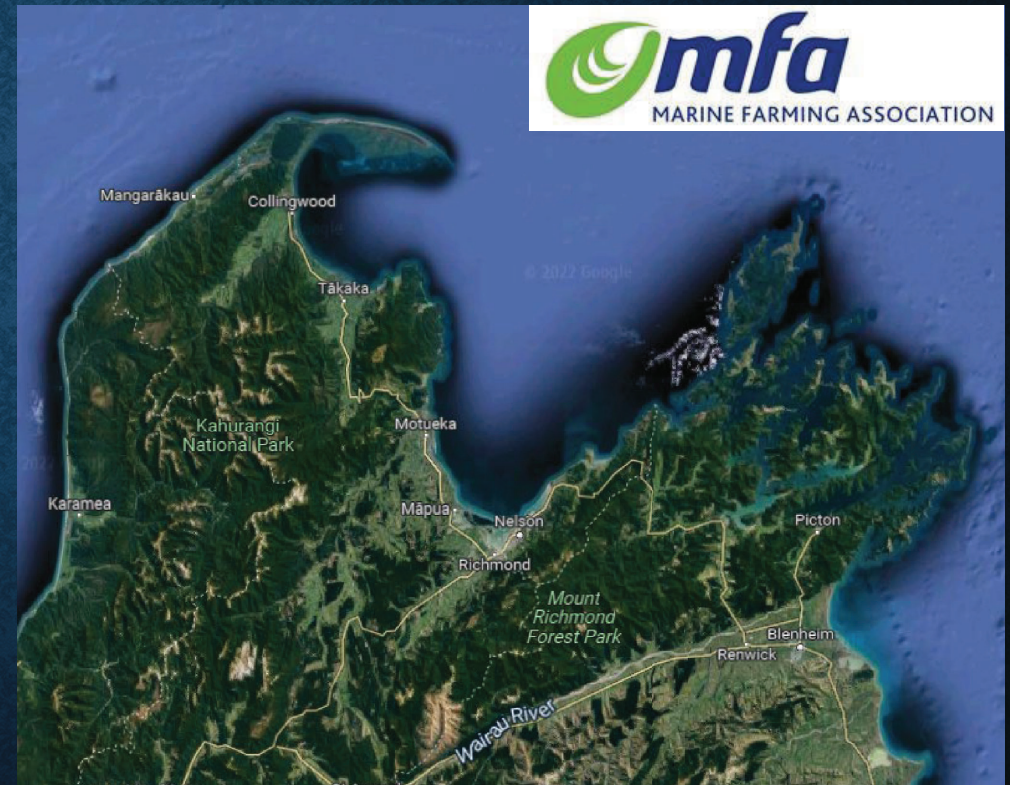
I would particularly like to put in a word for the organic vegetable growers who we have had a long term understanding with, to use the Green on a Wednesday. Currently, Kokalito Organics are the mainstay but I expect this could grow. This is a great community asset.

Our fervent wish is that the organic growers continue to have access to the Village Green without being hampered by undue bureaucratic processes and I would strongly recommend that TDC enables and supports this community service to continue.

Thankyou for the opportunity to speak.

# The Marine Farming Association (MFA)

- MFA represents salmon, oyster and mussel growers across Te Tau Ihu
- Waterspace owner in Golden Bay,
- Tasman Bay and Marlborough
- Five key focus areas:
  - Planning and Regulatory
  - Social License
  - Research and Development
  - Labour and Skills
  - Environment





# Agenda

- 1) MFA Environment Programme
- 2) Industry Beach Cleaning Programme
- 3) MFA Environment Committee
- 4) Alternative float technology
- 5) Float recycling
- 6) Biodegradable ropes project
- 7) Industry support for the GB Community



# MFA Environment Certification Programme

- Companies apply for certification annually and receive points for engagement, effort and demonstrating continuous improvement
- Workshops are held to promote best practice
- Vessel and farm audits are undertaken
- 11 companies certified in 2024, with certification reviewed annually
- 5 levels - Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, Diamond.
- 5 companies currently at Platinum, 6 at Gold
- Example marking criteria include meeting beach clean targets, high scoring farm audits and attendance at workshops





# Industry Beach Cleaning

- MFA members average over 2000 hours per annum of beach cleaning effort in Te Tau Ihu
- For 2024 it was 2956 hours
- 4,454kg of debris collected, with 38% attributable to aquaculture
- 414 hours were spent cleaning Golden Bay beaches
- 186 kgs of debris collected, with 42kg attributable to aquaculture





# MFA Environment Committee

- MFA has a committee dedicated to environmental performance
- More than 90% of the industry represented
- Meets 6 times per annum
- Develops SOPs and COPs
- Responds to complaints
- Oversees the beach cleaning programme
- Oversees MFA's Environment Mentor





# Alternative Float Technology

- New floats have been developed to mitigate float loss in high energy areas and to eliminate the need for rope lashing
- Extensively used in Golden Bay





# Repurposing Used Floats

- MFA has partnered with FuturePost to provide a local float recycling solution
- All used floats are able to be recycled
- FuturePost products have 50 year lifespan and can then be recycled again





# Developing Biodegradable Ties for Aquaculture

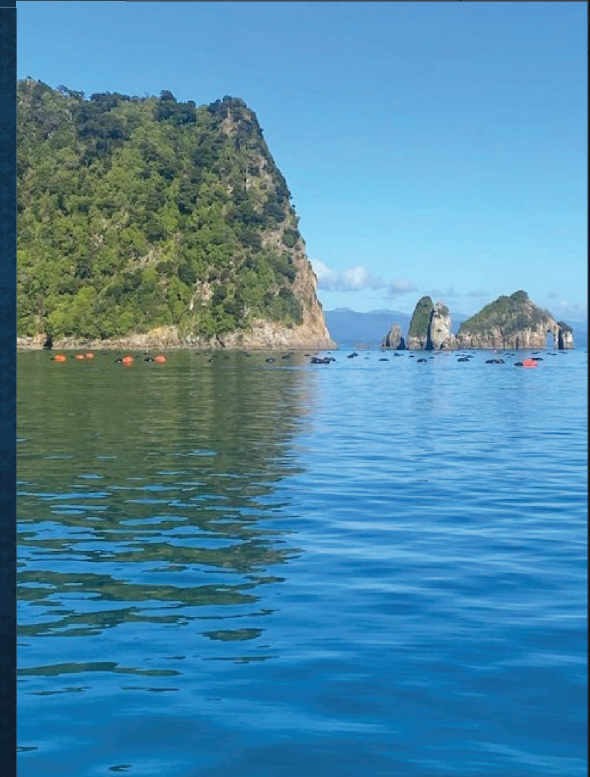
- Mussel industry currently trialling biodegradable ties made from certified biodegradable polymers and organic additives
- Trial results are encouraging and the 'recipe' could be used for a range of aquaculture products





# Support for the Golden Bay Community

- 20% of the L – O waterspace is allocated to Golden Bay Community Trust
- Will deliver up to \$500,000 per annum at full development
- Clearwater mussels and United Fisheries donate the profits from 1 line each to Golden Bay High School
- Iwi own approximately 20% of the Golden Bay waterspace





# **Port Tarakohe development, vulnerable road users, and the potential of the route from Pohara to Ligar Bay**

























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Thanks to your support  
and generous donation,  
Disc Golf is now a few  
steps further into being  
established in the bay.  
Becoming an asset for  
the community to enjoy.

Very much appreciated,

Alexis