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**MINUTES**  
of the  
**GOLDEN BAY COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING**

held  
**1.00pm, Monday, 16 February 2026**  
at  
**Tākaka Office, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka**

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The [video recording](#) of this meeting is available on the Council's YouTube channel

**Present:** G Knowles (Chair), C Bruning, H Dixon, A Downard-Wilke (Deputy Chair),  
Councillors C Butler and M Hume

**In Attendance:** Deputy Mayor Maru (Zoom), Councillors Ellis (Zoom) and Maling, Chief  
Operating Officer (S Manners), Governance Manager (R Byrne) (Zoom),  
Transportation Manager (J McPherson), Team Leader - Management  
Accounting (P Egan), Principal Hydrologist (M Doyle), Senior Community  
Policy Advisor - Reserves & Facilities (A Gerraty) (Zoom), Senior Road  
Engineer (R Deck), Reserves Officer – Landscape (S Richards) (Zoom) and  
Governance Officer (K Myburg)

The order of items differed from the agenda.

**1 OPENING KARAKIA, WELCOME**

**2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**3 PUBLIC FORUM**

**3.1 Sunanda Trotter - Golden Bay Public Gardens**

Sunanda Trotter proposed adding greenery to Tākaka, including planter boxes, tall street trees, and a potential Trust, with considerations of species selection, placement, pedestrian access, underground services, and NZTA consultation.

Attachment 1 Golden Bay Public Gardens - Tabled Document

Attachment 2 Photo taken from the Tree Selection Guide by Henrik Sjoman & Arit Anderson  
published by Kew Royal Botanic Gardens

### **3.2 Victoria Davis - Noise Control**

Victoria Davis spoke about noise issues regarding tree felling, parties, fireworks and beach access.

### **3.3 Debbie Pearson - An update on Mohua 2042 activities**

Debbie Pearson presented a PowerPoint update to the Board on Mohua 2042 activities, including sustainability initiatives, funding support from Rātā Foundation, achievements to date, a planned hui on 2 May, and new sustainability reporting for this year.

Attachment 1 An update on Mohua 2042 activities - Tabled Documents

Attachment 2 Mohua 2042 Sustainability Strategy

### **3.4 Ross Loveridge - Motueka Aquatic Centre Fundraising Committee**

Ross Loveridge provided an update on the proposed aquatic centre, covering fundraising, financial context and Long Term Plan timing, with Board discussion on industry support, Motueka–Richmond distances, and regional need.

### **3.5 Nigel Birse - Access to Public Land in Collingwood**

Nigel Birse raised concerns about public seating, reserve boundaries, fencing, and beach access in Collingwood, and requested clarification of access rights, fence removal, and a community BBQ space.

Attachment 1 Access to Public Land in Collingwood - Tabled Documents

## **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Chairperson Knowles declared an interest in item 8.3 – Discretionary Funding – February 2026, as a Trustee of Mohua 2042 Charitable Trust.

## **4 LATE ITEMS**

Chairperson Knowles noted that item 7.4 Transportation Update would be presented as a minor late item.

## **6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved Councillor Butler/Board Member Downard-Wilke  
GBCB26-02-1**

**That the minutes of the Golden Bay Community Board meeting held on Monday, 15 December 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

**CARRIED**

## **7 PRESENTATIONS**

### **7.4 Transportation Report**

Transportation Manager, Jamie McPherson presented to the Board and answered questions.

Attachment 1 Transportation Update - Presentation

### **7.1 Briefing on two Golden Bay Ward reserve management projects**

Senior Community Policy Advisor Anna Gerraty outlined the Golden Bay Ward Reserve Management Plan, invited submissions to the draft plan via the Shape Tasman website, and answered questions from the Board.

Attachment 1 Briefing on two Golden Bay Ward Reserve Management Projects

## 7.2 Pakawau Boat Ramp

Reserves Officer – Landscape, Stephen Richards presented options for improved boat launching access at Pakawau.

## 7.3 Council flood monitoring network and warning systems

Principal Hydrologist, Martin Doyle provided a presentation and addressed questions from the Board.

Attachment 1 Council Flood Monitoring Network and Warning Systems - Presentation

## 8 REPORTS

### 8.1 Board Report - February 2026

Chairperson Knowles presented the report and it was taken as read.

**Moved Board Member Knowles/Councillor Hume  
GBCB26-02-2**

**That the Golden Bay Community Board**

- 1. receives the Board Report - February 2026 RGBCB26-02-7 report; and**
- 2. notes the content of the Board Chair's Update.**

### CARRIED

### 8.3 Discretionary Fund Application

Chairperson Knowles presented the report, having previously declared an interest in item 8.3 – Discretionary Fund Application, regarding Mohua 2042 Charitable Trust., took no part in discussion on this matter

Nelson Forest and Bird asked for their discretionary funding application to be deferred to the next meeting in order to provide additional information.

Golden Valley Riding Club representative, Jessica Trevino, spoke to her application and provided a summary to the Board.

**Moved Board Member Knowles/Board Member Dixon  
GBCB26-02-3**

**That the Golden Bay Community Board**

- 1. receives the Discretionary Fund Application RGBCB26-02-9; and**
- 2. receives the Discretionary Funding Accountability Forms from**
  - 2.1 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Nelson-Tasman (Attachment 4); and**
  - 2.2 Takaka Village Theatre Incorporated Society (Attachment 5); and**
- 3. grants or declines applications as follows:**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Grant/Decline</b>
<b>Golden Valleys Riding Club</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>Grant</b>
<b>Nelson Tasman Forest and Bird</b>	<b>\$460</b>	<b>Deferred</b>

- notes that should the applications be successful, to comply with clause 6.5 of the Discretionary Fund Policy, the applicants are required to report back to the Golden Bay Community Board on the project and how the funding was used, within 6 months.

**CARRIED**

Moved Board Member Downard-Wilke/Board Member Bruning  
GBCB26-02-4

- grants or declines applications as follows: and;

Applicant	Request	Grant/Decline
Mohua 2042 Charitable Trust	\$500	Grant

- specifies that the \$500 granted to Mohua 2042 Charitable Trust is approved for advertising purposes only; and

**CARRIED**

Attachment 1 Updated Mohua 2042 Application

**8.2 Financial Summary - December 2025**

Team Leader - Management Accounting, Paul Egan presented the report, answered questions, noting that section 3.2 of the Report should read “GB Promotion Association membership fees.”

**Action:** Chief Operating Operator Steve Manners Steve to liaise with Finance regarding the Mount Burnett electricity charge.

Moved Board Member Knowles/Board Member Bruning  
GBCB26-02-5

That the Golden Bay Community Board

- receives the Financial Summary - December 2025 RGBCB26-02-8 report.

**CARRIED**

**8.4 Tākaka Skills Park**

Reserves Officer – Landscape, Stephen Richards took the report as read and answered questions.

**Action:** Stephen Richards to confirm land ownership status of Tākaka dump station in relation to the Tākaka Skills Park.

Moved Councillor Hume/Board Member Downard-Wilke  
GBCB26-02-6

That the Golden Bay Community Board

- receives the Takaka Skills Park RGBCB26-02-10 report; and
- supports the development of the Takaka Skills Park as resources allow.

**CARRIED**

**9 CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

**10 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

Nil

The meeting concluded at 3:50pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings by resolution on Enter date .

Unconfirmed