

**Living Well in Golden Bay**  
**Email Update #3**  
**16<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

This is the third short update about the "Living Well in Golden Bay" community action project, funded by the Lottery Grants Board and coordinated by the Golden Bay Work Centre Trust.

Thanks to all of you who completed the survey about priorities for housing options, and encouraged your friends and family to do the same. If you didn't have a chance to fill in the survey, it's not too late, and your feedback is still valuable. Forms are available at the library, Heartlands, or online <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/725DMKH>

The first hundred people who completed the survey and sent in their name and phone number were entered into a draw for a voucher kindly donated by Hammer Hardware. The winner (see the article in GB Weekly 12<sup>th</sup> April) was River Howe, who was also the first person to send in his completed survey!

We've received over a hundred responses so far, over 40 of them online. The results to date show that sixty percent of people see having more flexible Council planning regulations as the number 1 priority. This would then enable eco villages, co-housing or retirement villages (which were ranked second, third and fourth respectively) to happen more easily. More rest home beds in the future, a small, secure dementia unit and more small houses, flats or units dotted around present residential areas were also suggested.

The good ideas you put in your responses will be used in the meetings with stakeholders and community members. There are two community meetings scheduled, which will be advertised in the GB Weekly. They are at the Community Centre in Takaka at 4pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May, and at the Fire Brigade rooms in Collingwood at 4pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. I am also speaking at other groups' regular meetings, for example Probus and Lions. If you belong to a group and would like me to come and talk to your group about the project at one of your meetings, or if you want to arrange a community meeting at a different time or location, please contact me. I'll be very happy to come along and share ideas.

The [Living Well in Golden Bay](#) page on the Work Centre website has more information about the project, and is being added to as the project proceeds.

I'm looking forward to meeting many of you in the near future.

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