

**Living Well in Golden Bay  
Email Update 1  
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I'm sending you this email because I've heard you may be interested in the "Living Well in Golden Bay" community development project which the Work Centre has been funded by Lotteries Grants to run. In case you don't know (or have forgotten) what this project is about, I've attached the one page project summary. If you get this update more than once it's because you're very involved in the community and are on several lists!!

I was appointed by the Work Centre in September as part-time coordinator for the project. You may have seen the articles in the Nelson Evening Mail and Motueka-Golden Bay supplement at the end of November. In case you missed them, my brief history is that I lived in Golden Bay from 1974-90, and during that time was on the Golden Bay County Council for 5 years, and worked in a variety of jobs in the community. I've just returned to live in the Bay after working elsewhere, mostly in training and community development roles.

Since taking up this position, I've been scoping the project. I've been talking to lots of people about existing accommodation options for people who chose to live in Golden Bay when they retire, and about good ideas people have come up with.

I've also been having a look at some of the interesting ways people are tackling these issues in other parts of New Zealand and in other countries. Golden Bay is not the only place where people are grappling with these issues!

In January I'll set up a page on the Work Centre website with links to some of the information I've discovered. I'll also be sending out a survey to find out what gaps people think there are in accommodation provision, and how people think these could be filled. After that I'll hold meetings with people in the community who want to be part of developing the action plan.

I'm really enjoying this project, and am excited about what I've discovered so far. I look forward to sharing the ideas and working with you in 2013.

If you know someone who would be interested in receiving these occasional updates directly, please send me their email address or ask them to contact me so I can add them to my mailing list.

Enjoy the summer, friends and family!

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