

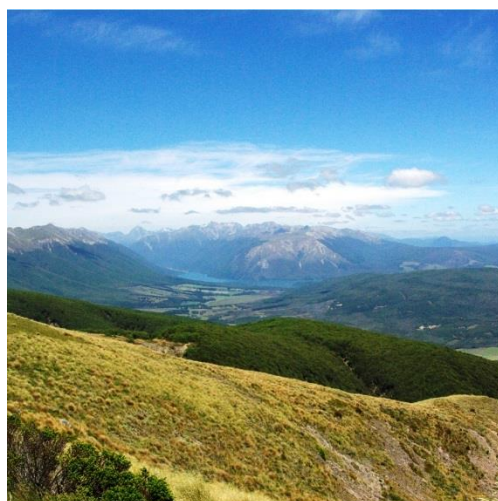
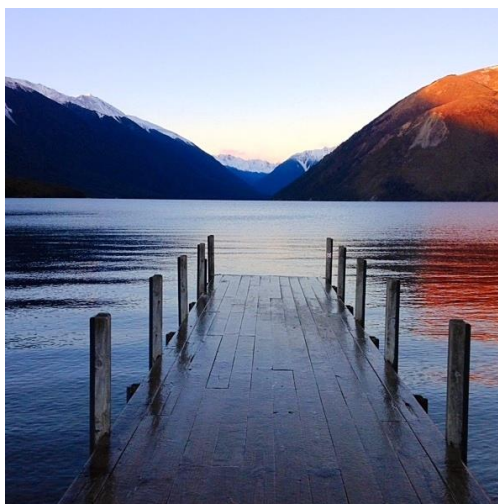
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Teetotal Recreation Area

Teetotal is a great area for all sorts of recreation activities including mountain biking, dog walking, horse riding (on the flats), hunting or just sighting in your rifle and more.

The new track linking through to the village and the campground is proving to be very popular. This area is a genuine asset for the locals and visitors alike and should be both cherished and protected.

Recently however there have been reports of people felling and removing manuka, presumably for firewood, crushing matagouri with 4WD use off the established vehicle tracks and spotlight hunting.

This must stop!

Aside for the fact that these activities are illegal they are also damaging and/or dangerous.

Please contact DOC if you have any information as to who might be doing this so that we can follow up.

Coming up

Friday 21 April, 5pm

Great Spotted Kiwi Project
launch at Friendly Friday,
Community Hall

Sunday 23 April, 9am

Rural Women -
Community walk to
Lakehead Hut. BYO
Lunch.

Contact Tracey
021 475 514

Wed, 8pm, starting 18 April

Dancing in the Dark
Meet at Kerr Bay shelter,
contact Emma
027 204 2322

Mon, Wed and Fri @ 10.00am

"Circuit Breakers" training
at Community Hall.
Everyone welcome no
matter your fitness. Gold
coin for hall donation box.
Phone Gael 027 280 4078
for more info

Tues & Thurs 7.00pm

Seido Karate at
Community Hall,
Beginners welcome. Phone
Graeme 521 1022

Wed @ 7.00pm

Ultimate Frisbee,
Basketball and Volleyball
at Community Hall

Last Sunday of each month, starting 30th April 3pm

Worship Afternoon at
Community Hall. Live
music with refreshments
to follow. Hosted by the
Rotoiti Hub. All welcome.
Contact Nigel & Sarah
Calder 027 441 3776

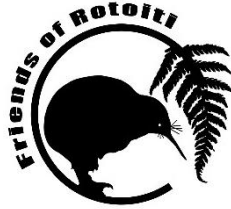
Sun @ 10.30am

Rotoiti Chapel – Sunday
Service. Everyone
welcome.



NELSON LAKES GREAT SPOTTED KIWI PROJECT

The future of the Great Spotted Kiwi at Lake Rotoiti has been greatly enhanced through the launching of a Friends of Rotoiti (FOR) project.



The Friends of Rotoiti have been granted \$55,000.00 from the DOC Community Fund. This project - a partnership between DOC and FOR - will last 3 years. The aim is to complete the foundation Great Spotted Kiwi population at Lake Rotoiti with the translocation of up to 20 Great Spotted Kiwi. The current Kiwi population will be enhanced and protected through increasing the genetic base and maintaining and developing the existing extensive trapping programme.

The Friends have been working with DOC for 16 years and have developed an excellent working partnership and this partnership needs all the support it can find over the next 3 years of intensive Kiwi work.

The initial stage of the project involves the training of Friends of Rotoiti volunteers in all aspects of kiwi translocation and management. We are working towards a developing a dedicated "hands on group" of Kiwi enthusiasts to see this project through.

Anyone wishing to join and or support this group can contact the Friends through their website www.friendsofrotoiti.org.nz.

This project will be launched at Friendly Friday, 5 pm on 21st April 2017 at the Community Hall.

"What New Zealand conservationists have done is to demonstrate that you have to be active, you have to be imaginative, decisive – you have to do something."

*Sir David Attenborough
Rotoiti Nature Recovery Project opening, Lake Rotoiti,
February 1997*

DOC TURNED 30!

DOC staff were happy to join with volunteers, iwi and other associates to celebrate DOC's 30th Anniversary.

DOC was brought into life by the Conservation Act on 1 April 1987 when the parent organisations - Wildlife Service, Forestry Service, and Lands and Survey – were formed onto one new organisation.

The creation of DOC 30 years ago, was a national declaration that New Zealand was a country that valued its nature, its wildlife and its remaining wild places, and that we were committed to protecting it for future generations.

There are a number of DOC staff around today who came from the parent organisations, including the Director-General, Lou Sanson.

All offices held an event with their communities. Nelson Lakes office held a lunchtime barbeque and we were happy to have such a good turnout of our associates.



Group photo of event attendees (© DOC)

Staff were happy to have good representation from partners Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō and Friends of Rotoiti, the longstanding community group.

Staff contributed to a large display of photos taken over the years. We all enjoyed remembering staff who had worked here over the years and the adventures resulting from our work. The numerous photos of community summer volunteers reminded us of the collective history of the Nelson Lakes office; we couldn't achieve what we have without them.

Operations Manager, John Wotherspoon, spoke of the history of DOC and touched on the darkest day in DOC's history: 28 April 1995, the Cave Creek tragedy. He spoke how that event and the soul-searching afterward had served to form DOC's culture of safety.

John thanked everyone present and their organisations for their support and how we all looked forward to working with them over the years to come.

Let's make the next 30 years as good.



Cutting the 30th Anniversary cake

L-R Sonny McLaren/Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō, John Wotherspoon Nelson Lakes Operations Manager, Wayne Sowman, Friends of Rotoiti Coordinator (© DOC)

KERR BAY WETLAND AREA

Everyone would have noticed that significant parts of Kerr Bay have remained waterlogged throughout the entire summer.

It's not entirely clear why this has occurred but a very wet summer and potentially an after-effect of the Kaikoura earthquake are considered possibilities.

Before undertaking any remedial work in this area, the Department would like to invite comments from the community on a preferred way forward for the site.

My initial reaction to the situation is to import material to infill the lower laying areas, reshape the ground and re-grass, in order to maximise the available open area for recreational activities. Alternatively, we could leave the site as is and let it develop naturally.

If you have any comments or suggestions please contact Phil Crawford at pcrawford@doc.govt.nz



RURAL FENCING AND FORESTRY SERVICES

- ✓ Wire and Batten
- ✓ Deer / Sheep Netting
- ✓ Post and Rail
- ✓ Repairs
- ✓ Thinning to Waste
- ✓ Tree Felling
- ✓ Scrub Cutting
- ✓ FIREWOOD FOR SALE



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RURAL WOMEN COMMUNITY NATURE WALK

Rural Women welcome everyone to make the most of the beautiful autumnal weather and join in the Community Nature Walk to Lakehead Hut.

Meet near the water taxi jetty at 9:00 am on Sunday 23 April for the 3 hour (10km) walk to Lakehead Hut.

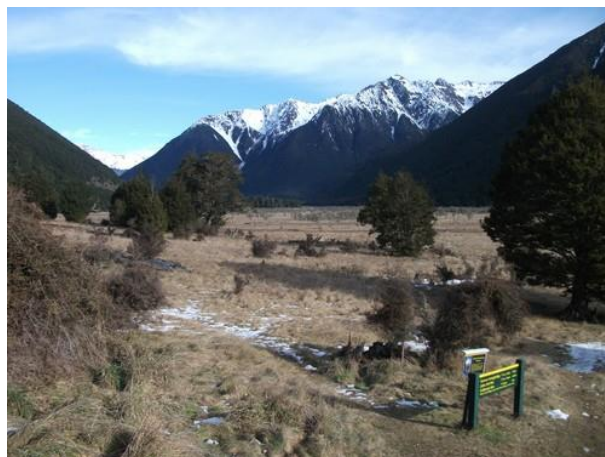
The track is relatively flat and quite easy walking. You get great views of the lake from the track as well as views of the wonderful craggy peaks along the Travers Valley.



Hamish has offered \$20.00 one-way fare to Lakehead hut in time to meet the walkers, and a \$40.00 return fare. These rides must be booked in advance. A return water taxi is planned for 2:00pm (time to be confirmed) or you can walk back the way you came.

Some people may choose to walk back via Coldwater hut (the Lakeside track to Mt Robert Road).

Bring your lunch, drink, and snacks. You'll need solid shoes or boots and warm layers of clothing. **No dogs.**



Travers Valley form Lakehead Hut

Photo: <http://www.johnb.co.nz/tramps/lakehead-hut.htm>

Please RSVP to Tracey (021 475 514) or traceygrose@gmail.com to help with the planning (water taxi bookings, return options and contact details if we have to cancel).

We hope you'll take this opportunity to meet some new locals and have a lovely day out in the park.

The Tree Doctor

Available for -

- *felling *form pruning *reductions
 - *thinning *hedge trimming* tree removals
- 16 years experience, references available.
Insured

For all aspects of tree care
call Chris 02102647942
thetreedr@yahoo.com



Dancing in the dark club!

30 minutes of dancing every Tuesday at 8pm. If you are uncoordinated don't worry, because nobody will be able to see!

Starting Tuesday 18th April. Fine weather venue by the shelter at Kerr Bay, wet weather venue is the community hall. For more information call Emma 0272042322 or email emmamccool@hotmail.com

Holistic Massage Treatments available

Phone Julie on 03 521 1220 or 021 886 995 to organise a time to suit.

Each and every one of you is an individual. Your massage treatment will reflect this and be adapted to suit your unique needs.

\$60 per hour

Some of the benefits of Holistic Massage may include:

- Pain, tension and discomfort may be reduced
- Possible improvement in mobility, flexibility and movement of the joints and muscles
- Promotes relaxation and may reduce stress and stress related conditions
- Soothing, calming and settling to the emotions
- Promotes healthy circulation of blood and lymph as well as efficient delivery of nutrients and oxygen around the body
- May improve skin and muscle tone
- Encourages the elimination of waste from the body
- May promote cell and tissue regeneration

Rotoiti Property Maintenance

- Landscaping & Design
- Gardening
- Tree & Hedge Trimming
- General Property Maintenance
- Light General Engineering
- Water Engineering and Irrigation
- Vesplex Wasp Control



**Phone: Richard Thoms
03 5211 083 or 021 288 6664**

Wanted: House to buy

We have recently moved to St Arnaud and are looking for a permanent home in or within close proximity of the Village.

3 - 4 bedrooms, anything considered.



Please contact:

**Wattie 021 928 843
Christine 027 2067 222**

Or Email: office@callmejack.co.nz

All enquiries totally confidential

Contributing to the newsletter

Please send your contributions in the following formats:

- Advertising and notices sized to fit the newsletter columns. Accepted formats: MSWord, PDF or JPG.
- Full page ads incur a fee - \$30 (b&w) or \$70 (colour). This is a contribution towards photocopying costs. Please pay at the Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre.
- Articles: plain text submitted in MS Word format, or in the body of an email.
- Photos: JPG files up to 5MB, attached to an email (not embedded in text).

Contacting us: email rotoitinews@gmail.com with any questions