

This newsletter is produced by a small volunteer editing crew to help keep our community connected and informed. We welcome your contributions!

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5pm Friday 20 2023

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Coming up

Sat 21 Jan – Nelson Marlborough Jet Boat Association rally. West Bay.

Fri 10, Sat 11 Feb – Waka Ama Tuna e Hoe event, Kerr Bay

Sat 4, Sun 5 March Antique and Classic Boats Show, Kerr Bay

Fri 10 March - Secondary Schools Waka Ama racing event, Kerr Bay

Sat 11, Sun 12 March. Powerboats Regatta, Kerr Bay

Photos: Whiskey Falls. Junior trappers, I. Biertumpfel. Clematis forsteri

Note: regular notices about fitness related activities are listed in a separate box later in the newsletter.

Happy New Year!

Back into it this week

Fit it Wednesday is on again from Weds Jan 11 (Lou)

Playgroup is back on again from Tues Jan 10 (Kirsten)

Circuit training is back on again from Weds Jan 11 (Gael)

There will be no sailing until school is back - apart from the occasional pop-up sailing day 😊 (Mike)

Badminton has finished for the season and will start up again once the weather has cooled down. (Nicky and Ed)



MID SUMMER REMINDER
for

Trampers – kayakers – sailors – waterskiers – fishers -

The microscopic invasive alga that causes lake snow, Lindavia, is present in Lakes Rotoiti and Rotoroa. We are trying hard to make sure all lake users are aware of this, with the purpose of limiting the spread away from the park to other lakes, and preventing the spread into the park, and the pristine backcountry tarns and lakes.

The primary and riskiest vector of freshwater pests is people and their activities.

Any gear that has been in contact with the lake water needs to be fully dry for 48hours, and if that's not possible then soaked in a 10% detergent solution for 10 minutes, to kill the microscopic cells that can transmit the invasive alga to a new place. So we all need to be thinking about tramping boots, gaiters, walking poles, drink bottles, swimming togs, go pro cameras, fishing lines and nets, boats, trailers, waterski-ing equip, wetsuits... ETC! Where has it been? Where is it going next?

There's also always the threat of the next problem freshwater invasive that we don't know about yet. We've been doing our best to ensure that all visitors hear the Check Clean Dry message – this includes people here to enjoy the aquatic wonderland that is the lake, as well as people heading far into the backcountry. The water sport and other events held on conservation land have conditions written into permits that require the organisers to ensure all participants CHECK CLEAN DRY all their gear before and after the event.

We now have a snazzy brochure that is particularly about the Nelson Lakes situation, so if you'd like a copy of that for your home or bach please call in to the visitor centre.

If anyone wants to chat further about this then call Janet or Sandra 03 5211806. Much more information about cleaning incl large items at the link below.

[MPI Check Clean Dry Info](#)

Nelson Lakes National Park Ungulate Control

DOC is seeking to improve the control of deer, chamois, goats and pigs in the southernmost areas of Nelson Lakes National Park, through increased recreational hunter effort. Following a trial last year which went well, a number of hunting blocks will be opened over the roar, enabling hunting parties to access blocks by approved helicopter operators. Blocks will be allocated on first-come first served basis after 16th January, when applications for access opens.

All the details and conditions, and application form can be found on the DOC website under Nelson Lakes Hunting:

[Nelson Lakes hunting: Where to hunt in the Nelson/Tasman region \(doc.govt.nz\)](https://www.doc.govt.nz/nelson-lakes-hunting/)

Some data from previous hunting parties:

		Oct/Nov 2021		April 2022		Oct/Nov 2022	
		Seen	Shot	Seen	Shot	Seen	Shot
Block 1	Deer	15	9	21	4	Not hunted	
	Chamois	10	4	7	2		
Block 2	Deer	Not Hunted		19	9	Not Hunted	
	Chamois			0	0		
Block 3	Deer	8	0	5	1	3	2
	Chamois	0	0	2	1	1	0
Block 4	Deer	17	5	10	2	11	5
	Chamois	2	1	0	0	0	0
Block 5	Deer	16	7	18	4	Not Hunted	
	Chamois	12	1	14	4		
Block 6	Deer	20	6	19	9	Poor weather	
	Chamois	6	1	4	4		
Block 7	Deer	55	8	25	3	15	5
	Chamois	6	2	20	2	10	3
Block 8	Deer	15	1	21	2	Not hunted	
	Chamois	1	1	0	0		



Servicing Murchison, St Arnaud and surrounding areas
Thursdays

Plumbing - Gasfitting - Drainlaying
Shared travel costs

Phone or email to book your job
03 543 8090 or 0800 301507
info@tuffnell.co.nz

We thank all our existing clients for their continued support"





Native Tree subsidy \$1.50/tree for 100,000 trees in Nelson Tasman

To put in an application for trees available from May 2023 use this [Link](#).

Applications close 30 January.

This year is an experiment and potentially we could run a couple more years if it is fully subscribed so please let others know.

- Do you want to plant native trees on your property? Help the planet, improve water quality, complete some FEP actions, look after the birds, create wetlands, stop erosion, sequester carbon, mitigate methane?
- Would a \$1.50/tree subsidy help you to plant more trees? It is approximately half the price of a root trainer.
- NZ Landcare Trust has received overseas funding from One Tree Planted to provide a \$1.50/tree subsidy for 100,000 trees (>2 m) for projects and landowners living in Nelson/Tasman.
- It will be paid on your behalf directly to the nursery.
- Funding has come from One Tree Planted, a Canadian company, interested in fostering more tree planting around the world.
- They want to work with NZ Landcare Trust and Nelson/Tasman was selected to trial this concept.
- It fits in well with the Tasman new biodiversity strategy where it recognises that landowners should be supported to look after biodiversity.
- We will provide you with a native mix suitable for planting in the open for your site conditions.
- Plants will be available from May 2023, and you are asked to have them planted by September 2023.
- You will be required to provide a map, to NZ Landcare Trust, of where the plants are planted within 1 month of completing planting.
- This map may be shared with the funder. You will also be asked to provide a photo of your planting and provide survival data 1 year and 3 years after planting. Please try to achieve >80% survival.

- We hope to have a successful planting this year and extend this funding for an additional 2 years in Nelson/Tasman and extend to other regions.
- We may ask to visit a few planting sites to photograph or take drone footage for marketing purpose for OTP.



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Church Notices

Lake Rotoiti Chapel, Sundays 10.30am

Rotoiti Street, St Arnaud

Services are run by locals and are non-denominational.

Everyone welcome

Contact Ali/Sue 03 5211 110

Rotoiti Hub, Sundays 2pm

Local Spirit-led Christian worship, equipping and encounter.

Contact Nigel & Sarah Calder 0274413776 for details.



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PLAYGROUP



Playgroup meets Tuesday mornings
10am - 12pm at the community hall, all preschoolers welcome.

Many thanks to St Arnaud
Rural Woman for your on
going support



For any inquiries please contact
Kirsten on 0220445829



BE GET STAY



Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

"Circuit Breakers" exercise group
Monday, Wednesday, Fridays 10 am,
Community Hall
All welcome, gold coin donation
Gael 027 280 4078

Fit It Wednesdays group exercise. Bring water,
mat. Community Hall, Wednesdays ☺ 6-7pm. Lou
0210414913

Seido-Karate
Community Hall
Tuesdays 6pm - kids & beginners
Thursdays 6 pm – General Class
Graeme 021 0859 4088. Gold coin donation

GROUP
FITNESS

FIT IT WEDNESDAYS

Lou

Come & connect, have fun, &
sweat to contemporary beats
& various styles of exercise.
All ages & levels welcome.
BYO water & mats.

Community Hall | 6-7 p.m. | Gold Coin Koha
CONTACT LOU TO JOIN 0210414913

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- 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).

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