

Lake Rotoiti Community News

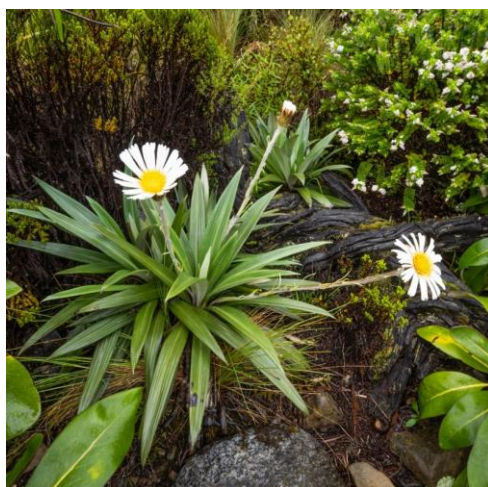
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This newsletter is produced by a small volunteer editing crew to help keep our community connected and informed. We welcome your contributions!

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Kia ora koutou,

It is great to finally have some snow! With a small snow fall in the school grounds, we managed to have a snowman competition and a snowball fight. We've called these activities art, PE, and physics (trajectory and force).



Coming up

Sat 26 Aug 10am-4pm Rural Readiness Expo, Wairau Valley Hall.

Mon 11 Sept 2.30pm 3Steps4Life course at the Community Hall. A refresher for CPR and using the defibrillator. St Arnaud Rural Women. For info contact Franandrews47@gmail.com

Wed 11 oct 12-2pm Nelson Federated Farmers and Rural Women Farming Event. Community Hall. Free lunch, catch up with farming friends, MPI Onfarm Support, and Rural Support Trust co-ordinator.

Sat 18 Nov 1-4pm. St Arnaud Rural Women Christmas at the Lake. Community Hall. More info coming.

Sat 26 Nov. Teetotal Traverse trail running event.

Weekly...

Thursdays 10am - 12pm Playgroup. Community Hall. Ph Kirsten 0220445829. Gold coin donation.

Photos: Tui and Kerr Bay W, S. Wotherspoon. **Beech tree in snow,** D.Price

Note: regular notices about fitness related activities are listed in a separate box later in the newsletter **NOTE RECENT CHANGES**

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Skiing has finally started as well, with the children getting two awesome days on the slopes so far.



Last Thursday we went to the Suter Art gallery to look at their light and geometry installation. Some of them were eye bending. The children then went into the classroom and created their own geometrical/light display Art works.



We also had the New Zealand Defence Force visit us as a part of their recent exercises. They spent some time in the classroom answering questions about what they do and why they come to St Arnaud. After this they provided some PE activities followed by a game of football: 5 soldiers vs all the children and using two soccer balls.

It was a fantastic day, which showcased the NZDF is a great light and gave some of the older children an insight into the varied jobs in the Armed Services.

Road Safety reminder:

When the school bus is stopped to embark or disembark children, the speed limit on both sides of the road is 20kph. We have recently had several vehicles go past the stopped bus at open road speeds, which places our children and drivers at risk. Most of these vehicles have skis on their roofs, which suggests they are not locals. If you know someone who drives to Rainbow from Nelson, could you please remind them of the school bus rules.

Our buses stop in areas of high visibility and the signs on them are very clear.

The logging truck drivers are very good at following this speed rule, which means that it shouldn't be too hard for a private car to do it too.

Please help keep our children safe.

75th anniversary:

In 2024 it is the 75th anniversary of the school. We will be holding a celebration during Labour Weekend 2024, and we are calling for any stories that you might have of your past experiences at the school. Please send anything to Dominique or Mike to pass on to our archivist for publication.

mike.allen@lakerotoiti.school.nz or dominique@lakerotoiti.school.nz

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Alistair Nichols has kindly volunteered to coordinate the event, and Ingrid McConochie is sifting through the archives to write a small history of the school. If they shoulder tap you to help them, please say yes. If you or anyone you know might like to attend, please contact the office to register interest.

Nga mihi,
Mike and Miriam.



Happy 54th Conservation Week! Conservation Week has just ended, with a theme of Take Action for Nature. We have a whole lot of taking action for nature going on around our village this week and every week. Ranger Yolanda Shergold spent some time with the senior class at Lake Rotoiti School helping to set up some A24 self resetting rat traps this week. She's also been teaching the class about all the other types of trap that we use, and they have been looking at ways they can help the kea protection programme. More about that at a later date! Here's some handy suggestions for ways you can take action for nature.

1. [Picking up rubbish from our natural spaces](#)

Many people love getting outdoors and enjoying the natural spaces around them. Removing rubbish from these spaces is a simple and easy way to get involved in conservation. Removing a little on your morning dog walk or removing a lot in a planned clean-up with a group – it all counts and it all helps restore our natural spaces!

2. [Joining a community Predator Free group](#)

Getting on board the Predator Free 2050 movement is a fantastic way to make a lasting impact on the plants and wildlife that live in your community. And you don't have to do that actual trapping to be involved – there are plenty of less hands-on ways for people to contribute. We know these groups are more successful the more people who support them so we want to drive awareness of the important mahi they do.

3. [Donate a trap to a community group](#)

For those who want to get involved but don't have the time or opportunity to do hands-on conservation, are encouraged to donate through [Give a Trap](#). This platform run by Forest and Bird helps deliver traps into the hands of community groups in need.

SHORT CUT for items 2 and 3 – support Friends of Rotoiti, or Kea Conservation Trust if you are wanting to ensure your support goes directly to work at Nelson Lakes. <https://www.keaconservation.co.nz/>

www.friendsofrotoiti.org.nz

The regional top of the south DOC volunteers newsletter had a recent edition which can be accessed here: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/topofthesouth-newsletter> Opportunities include camp hosting at Nydia Bay Lodge, a couple of weeks volunteering on Te Pakeka Maud Island, hosting at the Molesworth Camp cottage, plus heaps of tree planting and beach cleanup action around the region.



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PLAYGROUP 

Playgroup meets Thursday mornings
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For any inquiries please contact
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Online applications can be completed at www.networktasmantrustgrants.org.nz or you can download and complete a hardcopy application form and post to P.O. Box 3164, Richmond 7050. Details of eligibility criteria are available online.
Applications must be received by FRIDAY 25 AUGUST 2023, 5.00 PM.

Top Of the South Ski Service
Will be in St Arnaud this winter. Beside the boat museum on Saturday afternoons 4-6pm.
For all your waxing, edge sharpening and petex repairs.
Enquiries to 0272014660



The Edridge Contracting Teetotal Traverse is calling your name! Entries are now open for the inaugural event on Sunday 26 November, brought to you by Active4Good.

Go to www.nelsonlakestrails.org to register.

Whether you're a seasoned trailrunner or a beginner looking to try trail running for size, this event has it all, with three distances to choose from.

Picture yourself running or walking through this stunning terrain, breathing in the crisp alpine air, and crossing the finish line in style.

Don't let this opportunity slip by!

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Contact Angela Woolf 027 303 8380 wairualhubcoordinator@gmail.com
Wairau Valley Hall Community Trust acknowledges the co-funding of this project by the Ministry for Primary Industries

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 10am

Local spirit-led Christian worship, equipping and encounter.

More details and enquiries:

Nigel /Sarah 027 4413776

or Kay 035211261 / 0273072820

Notice from the Editors General Election publicity material

With the general election fast approaching, the editors want to restate our policy on the publication of electioneering material from candidates and political parties.

We will happily publish small notices publicising individual candidate events or 'meet the candidates' type activities. Please supply the candidate(s) name and party, day, date, time, and location of the meeting/event. A link to either the candidate's Facebook or website (you choose which) is fine. This is all we will publish: no logos, biographies, policies, open letters to voters, full page ads etc.

We will not accept paid or unpaid advertisements for candidates or political parties other than as described above. The editors will have the final decision on what is published within the guidance provided in this notice.

There are a lot of ways of reaching the electorate now, and we encourage candidates to *actually* visit St Arnaud and the wider district to meet with residents and learn what is important to us all.

And remember:

- Get out and vote on or before **14 October 2023**
- Enrolment information <https://vote.nz/>



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Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

Monday and Wednesday 9am Body Fit

Community Hall. Instructor led fitness classes targeting the whole body. Each class incorporates both high intensity cardio and resistance training, with options for low impact variations to cater to all exercise levels/abilities. Koha donation to the hall. Lou 0210414913

Wednesday 10am Circuit Training and exercise group.

Community Hall. Gold coin koha for the hall.

Mondays 7pm Badminton. \$3 per person to go towards hall and shuttle-cocks. Racquets available, all welcome! Ed 03 5211106

Seido-Karate

Community Hall

Tuesdays 5pm - kids & beginners

Thursdays 5pm – General Class

Graeme 021 0859 4088. Gold coin donation

Yoga. Tuesdays and Thursdays 6.30pm at the Alpine Yoga room, Alpine Lodge. Contact Ashton to book. 0225257871

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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 of \$30 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).

Contact: rotoitinews@gmail.com

New photos kindly contributed to the newsletter by David Price



Fly Agaric (Amanita muscaria muscaria), along Anglers Walk, Lake Rotoiti



Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

STAFF WANTED

ROTOITI/NELSON LAKES VISITOR CENTRE

The Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre is looking for someone(s) available to work on Saturday and Sunday from mid-November to end March.

There may be additional hours available.

We are looking for people with a positive attitude who like dealing with people in a busy and often fast-paced environment.

The work involves general customer service, providing visitor information, interpreting weather and track conditions, issuing dog/hunting/firearm permits, booking campgrounds and huts, and retail sales. Experienced preferred but not essential as full training will be provided.

Accommodation in St Arnaud may be available for the summer or on a casual basis.

If you are not scared of computers and phones, enjoy talking with customers, have a good general knowledge of the local walking tracks and the area, this might be just the job for you!

The position may be a job share so if you are interested, get in touch for a chat to discuss frequency or any other questions!

If you would like to be involved in our work, please contact the Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre, View Road, St Arnaud by Phone: 03 521 1806, or send your CV through by e-mail: shutchinson@doc.govt.nz



Beech tree in snow, south end of Borlase Farm



Large mountain daisy (Celmisia semicordata semicordata), St Arnaud

These images are available from David in fine art print or canvases. David_price@wycliffenz.org