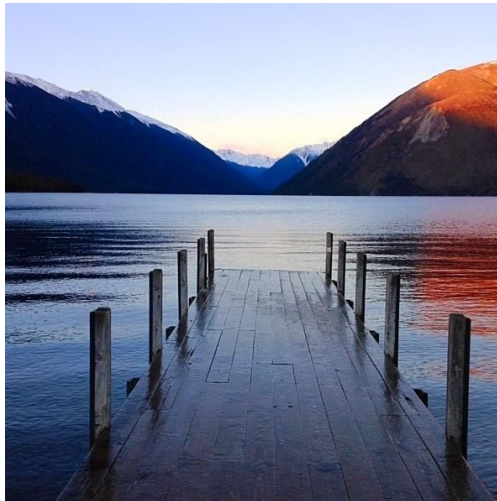


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## School News

Winter suddenly seems to be upon us! The children have had to suddenly change from sunhats and sunscreen to winter coats, hats and gloves. We are all hoping for lots of snow for a great ski season - just not perhaps quite yet!

Last week our Year 8 students decided to donate some of the profits from last year's weekly sausage sizzle business project to the Ronald Macdonald House Appeal - all schools in the Nelson Community of Learning took part in this appeal with the aim of raising \$5000 to support a room for families at Ronald Macdonald House in Christchurch. Our school's contribution to this effort was a whopping \$700!! So, many thanks to last year's team; Teresa, Bailey, Ruby, Ethan, Lucien, Mahera, Charlie and Zac for their hard work in helping to raise this money - and to all the families who supported their learning by buying sausages each week!

Next Monday (29th) we will be taking part in the 'Thumbs Up!' programme which is run by the NZTA and the Police. This day of activities aims to teach our children of the importance of road safety - particularly being safe around big trucks. This should be a fun opportunity to learn about something that is close to all our hearts at the moment.

## Regular Events

**Dancing in the Dark**  
Wed, 8pm. 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 and Thurs 7.00pm**  
Seido Karate at  
Community Hall,  
**Coming up**  
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 and Sarah  
Calder 027 441 3776

**Sun @ 10.30am**  
Rotoiti Chapel - Sunday  
Service. Everyone  
welcome.

# Lake Rotoiti Community News

## Community News

### Community Defibrillator

The new defibrillator has been mounted on the small wing wall at the front of the fire station. It is available 24/7 in a heated & alarmed purpose built cabinet via break-glass entry.

The RDCC wishes to acknowledge the following who have made this project happen:

1. The Wakefield & District Health Trust & their Secretary Sonia Emmerson. This Trust fully funded the cost of the defibrillator & the majority of the external storage cabinet.
2. Tasman District Council (co-ordinated by Cr Stuart Bryant) for partially funding the balance of the break-glass storage cabinet.
3. Julian McGaveston of Voltz Electrical Ltd who wired up the heating element & sorted out the night lighting.
4. Robbie Thompson who mounted the storage cabinet & associated signage & built the weather protection over the top.

Very special thanks to both Robbie & Julian who gave up valuable work time & very generously carried out their work free of charge.

Brent Higgins  
Secretary-RDCC



### LONG TERM ACCOMMODATION

Our Rainbow Cafe winter worker is looking for long term or short term accommodation in the village. He intends to stay on in St Arnaud for the summer so longer term accommodation would be most suitable.

please contact Lee or Boris : 03 5211840 or 0211018976

### PART TIME RAINBOW CAFE WORKER

We are looking for a part time Rainbow Cafe worker for the 2017 winter season.

please contact Lee or Boris : 03 5211840 or 0211018976 or email: [kehu.guiding@clear.net.nz](mailto:kehu.guiding@clear.net.nz)

### WANTED - ACCOMMODATION

2-3 bedroom house wanted to rent by family from July 17th to end of September. Phone 021 596311



### Pink Ribbon Breakfast

A big thank you goes to Sue Nicholls and her team for organising the Pink Ribbon Breakfast as a fundraiser for the Breast Cancer Foundation last saturday. A grand total of \$509.60 was raised , a wonderful effort from the Rotoiti community!





### Myrtle rust impacts on Community Groups

We are asking for your help as New Zealand faces a major biosecurity threat to native plants with the discovery of Myrtle Rust. We are contacting you because you might be either growing plants or you may be planning planting days.

The fungal plant disease Myrtle Rust (*Austropuccinia psidii*) has been confirmed at Kerikeri in Northland and at Waitara in Taranaki by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) in May 2017.

Myrtle rust can have serious consequences for various species of plants in the myrtle family, including New Zealand native plants such as:

Pōhutukawa

Ramarama

Rata

Rōhutu

Mānuka

Swamp maire

Kānuka

Introduced plants including, feijoa, eucalypts and bottle brushes are also susceptible to Myrtle Rust.

DOC is working closely with MPI trying to restrict the spread of the disease. DOC staff are actively looking out for potentially infected plants in the wild. The impact on native forests will be noticeable if Myrtle Rust becomes established.

DOC began seed collection of potentially affected species some years ago and the urgency to get full representation of all Myrtaceous native species is imperative.

### The THREAT

The disease could be on any plants from an infected area taken to a revegetation site. It can also be carried on clothing or vehicles. Myrtle Rust spores are microscopic and can easily spread across large distances by wind, or via insects, birds, people, or machinery.

If it becomes widespread it will impact all of New Zealand's Myrtaceae to some degree and we are likely to lose some native species in their natural state. Ecological integrity will be compromised in places where myrtles are a dominant species. It is also likely to affect commercial activities (e.g. manuka honey industry), tourism, recreation and landscape values.

It is very important community planting groups, volunteers and all those who go into the forest follow certain hygiene protocols to restrict the spread of the wind-borne disease. Revegetation work is a potential vector for spreading Myrtle Rust. People doing voluntary conservation work of any type, could inadvertently spread the disease.

### Community Group Action

#### *If you are growing plants*

Commercial plant nurseries are required by MPI to comply with NZPPI protocols of plant hygiene. Other plant nurseries are requested to comply with these protocols so the next link in the chain is where the plants go to from the nurseries.

At this time, DOC is encouraging community groups to adopt the same protocols to lower the possibility of any further spread of myrtle rust and to keep an eye out for Myrtle Rust.

#### *If you are planning to plant*

For groups located in Northland and Taranaki regions, Myrtaceous plants should not be planted at any planting days coming up, unless the disease is declared to be eradicated before the proposed planting date. For all other plant species, it is advisable to ensure the nursery of origin has been adhering to the NZPPI hygiene protocols and you keep a record of number of plants by species, their origin and planting location, as these plants can still be a vector.

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For all other regions, planting of Myrtaceous species may proceed if plants are not sourced from Northland or Taranaki. Ensure the nursery of origin has been adhering to the NZPPI hygiene protocols and keep a record of number of plants by species, their origin and planting location.

For commercial nurseries, you can check the Nursery Management Declaration (<http://nzppi.co.nz/documents/pests/MR-Nursery-Management-Declaration.pdf>) from the relevant supplier nursery to ensure plants were inspected and treated at the source nursery as per NZPPI guidelines. This will ensure appropriate checks are in place at two levels (supplier nursery as well as the receiving nurseries) to identify and remove suspect Myrtle Rust infected plants from the trade chain.

### Hygiene Recommendations for Community Groups:

- Check any myrtaceae plants for symptoms of myrtle rust
- If you are bringing myrtaceae plants in, check the site the plants are coming from has been surveyed for symptoms of Myrtle Rust.
- If you suspect Myrtle Rust, please take a photo and report to MPI (0800 80 99 66). Don't move any plants, produce or gardening equipment offsite until you hear back from MPI.

### If you find anything suspicious

1. Do not move the plants from the site or your truck.
2. Take photos of the suspected Myrtle Rust and the whole plant.
3. Do not attempt to touch or collect samples as this may increase the spread of this disease.
4. If possible, isolate the plants with an igloo-hoop-like plastic cover.
5. Call MPI's exotic pests and diseases hotline on 0800 80 99 66.

### More information

More information can be found on

- MPI website:  
<http://mpi.govt.nz/protection-and-response/responding/alerts/myrtle-rust/>
- Important links on the NZPPI main page:  
<http://nzppi.co.nz/>
- Information on management chemicals which can be found here  
<http://nzppi.co.nz/documents/pests/MR-Fungicide-Treatments.pdf>
- Guidance for nurseries:  
<http://nzppi.co.nz/documents/pests/MR-Nursery-Management-Protocol.pdf>

The Department thanks you for your support and if you have any questions about your community group response to Myrtle Rust, please contact :

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Acting Operations Manager (Rotoiti Nelson Lakes)  
Email: [jwotherspoon@doc.govt.nz](mailto:jwotherspoon@doc.govt.nz)  
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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](mailto:rotoitinews@gmail.com) with any questions.