

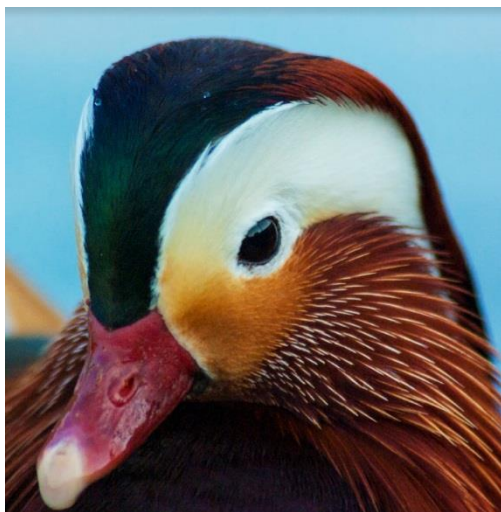
## Deadline for next issue:

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

Please send your items for inclusion to [rotoitinews@gmail.com](mailto:rotoitinews@gmail.com)

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## Lake Rotoiti School News

Tena koutou

As you are probably aware, the Board of Trustees have appointed a new Principal. Sue Ford is currently the Senior Syndicate leader at Nelson Central. She will be starting at Lake Rotoiti School in 2018. Sue will be moving into the village and I know that you will welcome her as a new member of our community.

As a result of this appointment and start date, the Board have asked if I could stay on until the end of the year. I have accepted with great pleasure.

It's been a pretty quiet two weeks. The Junior children have had the opportunity to see the construction of a new house in the subdivision and the Seniors have had a visit from the Waimea Theatre Sports team. Impromptu speaking and acting is a great skill that develops confidence and it's also incredible fun.

We have finally managed to get up to Rainbow for our second skiing session. The snow was incredible and the children had a great day. Hopefully the snow will remain and the rest of the term will provide excellent spring skiing conditions.

Ngā mihi.

Mike, on behalf of Emma, Nicky, Stephanie, Tracy and Fran

## Coming up

### Camera Club

**Monday 28 August**

7 pm Rotoiti School Library

Details - Nicky Crawford

[nicolacrawford1968@gmail.com](mailto:nicolacrawford1968@gmail.com)

### Friends of Rotoiti Village Trapping Group

**10:00 am Wednesday**

30 Aug, 13 Sept. All welcome. Details - Wayne - 027 238 5597

### Tuesday Treks

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 9:30am.**

Meet at the MTB carpark on Teetotal Road. Bring a drink, snacks, warm clothing, and good walking boots. Contact Pip Berkett 521 1130 or Julie Robilliard 521 1874

### Weekly events

#### Badminton

**Mondays at 7:00pm**

Community Hall – \$3 per person, contact Ed or Nicky Shaw, Phone 521 1106 for more info. Rackets available for loan.

#### “Circuit Breakers”

**Mon, Wed and Fri 10am**

Community Hall. Everyone welcome no matter your fitness. Gold coin donation. Gael 027 280 4078.

#### Seido Karate

**Tues and Thurs 7.00pm**

Community Hall Beginners welcome. Gold coin donation.

Graeme 03 521 1022

#### Sunday Service

Sundays at 10.30am Rotoiti Chapel



## KEA PROTECTION FOR SUMMER

Biodiversity Rangers spent a few days recently doing our first kea nest checks of the breeding season.

We can expect Kea to start nesting anytime between now and December and we will be following the breeding attempts of the monitored birds over the next five months. The monitored kea around this area predominantly nest in the Raglan Ranges and on the eastern side of the St Arnaud Range. As they mostly nest outside our trapped area we run nest protection traps to help give the birds the best chance of success we possibly can.

Kea are ground nesters so they are vulnerable to stoat predation. We were happy to see we had trapped two stoats from near Scuffle's nest (she lives in the bluff system north of St Ronin's well stream).



We have checked one nest in the Raglan Range and two in the St Arnaud Range. We haven't found any evidence birds have begun to nest yet but we will be checking weekly from now to try and catch the start of the incubation nice and early so we can follow it closely.

To show just how cold it is up there at the moment one stoat had turned almost completely white!

Want to help? Cool, just get in touch with Emma McCool [emccool@doc.govt.nz](mailto:emccool@doc.govt.nz) and we can talk about the ways that you can contribute to our awesome Nelson Lakes Kea.

## REMINDER – PROPOSED CLOSURE OF LAKE ROTOROA ROUTE

DOC seeks comments about the proposal to close the Lake Rotoroa Track (from Lake Rotoroa village to Sabine Hut). The full proposal was in the newsletter on 14 August.

Information is available from the Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre 03 521 1806.

Comments to Phil Crawford, Senior Ranger (Recreation/Historic) at the Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Office, email [pcrawford@doc.govt.nz](mailto:pcrawford@doc.govt.nz).

## NOTICE – NZ DEFENCE FORCE

The New Zealand Defence Force intends to conduct mountain flying training within the Raglan and Rainbow Conservation area, Tapuae-O-Uenuku Scenic Reserve, Inland Kaikoura Ranges and Mt Richmond Forest Park on Wednesday 16th August to Friday 1st September 2017.

Activities will include night flying, low level flying and the use of smoke for marking landing sites.

This training is essential to maintain the Search and Rescue capability of our defence force in the service of the people of New Zealand.



## FRIENDS OF ROTOITI

### Predator traps missing from Mt Robert Road

Peter Hale, from Friends of Rotoiti, reports five Sentinel-brand possum traps are missing from the Mt Robert Road. The loss was discovered when Friends checked their traps earlier this week.

These possum and stoat traplines form a defensive line of pest control, undertaken by the Friends of Rotoiti, along the western side of the wider Rotoiti Nature Recovery Project area.

Peter said it was very disappointing for Friends of Rotoiti that these traps went missing. They are well fastened to trees and not obvious from the road so some effort was made to locate and remove them.

John Wotherspoon, DOC's Operations Manager, said the Sentinels are hard to set. "Anyone using them is risking injuries to themselves or wildlife if they aren't used properly".



Peter also said five trap boxes containing DOC 200 traps stolen from the Tophouse Road trapline over the last year.

In all, these stolen traps cost several hundred dollars to replace, as well as time and effort for Friends volunteers. Most of all, they won't be catching predators on these lines as spring approaches and the birds start their breeding. Having traps in place is a critical part of protecting nesting birds.

If you have any knowledge of the whereabouts of these traps, please contact the Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre at 03 5211806.

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## ST ARNAUD RURAL WOMEN

Marg Anderson reports "our little group of 11 members has done a wonderful job over the past 12 months, and we thought it would be great to share it with the community, as we have had such wonderful support from them with fund raising."

*New members are most welcome.*

For more information please phone Marg, 521-1864.

### St Arnaud Rural Women Annual Report Year ended 30 June 2017

*58<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of St Arnaud Rural Women New Zealand*

This annual report is a slightly different one as our lovely President has left us. We cleaned Bobbies house for her when she left.

Even with the change of membership we have had in the past 12 months, we are still sitting on 14 members. Welcome to those who joined us during the year.

*September* - The highlight for the year was probably the auction we had to fundraise for the Cancer Society. An outstanding effort, with well over \$6000 raised. The donations from various businesses in the local and Nelson regions were fantastic.

*October* - The annual garage sale was well represented and money raised went to the Nelson Hospice. We are not planning on having it this year, but in January again.

*December* - For our Christmas function we hired a bus and approx 45 of not only members but also local ladies, enjoyed a super trip down the Wairau Valley to Blenheim. Stopping at a lavender farm, Upton Oaks garden with lunch at The Vines. Great feedback from all who went.

*January* - We combined the annual book sale with a second garage sale to see if we could pick up extra trade from the passing traffic. Over \$600 was made for our local group. Well done to all who helped.

*March* - A group of us met at Nicky Bavin's to make up baskets for Casting for Recovery. We made 11 baskets which were delivered to the Owen River Lodge for the ladies and helpers. The baskets were gratefully received.

Also, we catered for the Region 3 Conference.

*April* - Lake Walk. A mixed group hopped on to the Water Taxi and headed to the head of the lake, where some walked out and others after enjoying lunch etc headed back on the Water Taxi. Enjoyed by all who went.

Also in April, we catered an evening meal for the Fulton Hogan Road crew – which was a great success and very appreciated.

Julie Sowman requested help catering for a DOC event, 2 lunches and an evening meal.

*July* - Nicky Bavin organised us to make pumpkin soup for the District Nurse to deliver to those in need.

During the year we have honoured our commitment to make a donation to Waimea College to enable a pupil to attend the Rotoiti Outdoor Pursuits Centre.

Some of our members have had health problems and losses during the year, but we continue to support each other as we can and also our community.

Thank you to all our members, without your ideas and continued support this group would not function anywhere near as well as it does.

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## FOR SALE



Apples for stock food or treats for pets

\$1.00 per supermarket bag

Call Ed 521 1106

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## RURAL WOMEN DONATE TO LAKE ROTOITI SCHOOL POOL

It is with great pleasure; the Rural Women of St Arnaud donate \$1000.00 to Lake Rotoiti School for their School Pool makeover. Funds were raised by the 'Trash and Treasure' plus book sale at New Year.



The photo shows (L) BoT Chair Dominique McCostie; Marg Anderson, President Rural Woman St Arnaud; school pupils Bonnie Richards; Pipi Harley; Hannah Lamborn; Keanu Joice; and Betty Butters (Rural Women).

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> screening of the Mountain Film Festival.

The turnout was less this year, although the audience really made up for it with their enthusiasm.

Thank you to Nicky Crawford for her talk about First Steps Himalaya, and the display and talk given by Damian and Grant from the Waiau Toa Odyssey team. We loved their film and wish them many exciting adventures in the future.

Thank you to the behind the scene crew, too.

A small donation will be made to First Steps Himalaya and the MTB Trails Trust.

Graeme Andrews and Tracey Grose - organisers



## Are you getting the local newsletters?

Would you like to be on the 'Friendly Fridays' weekly email containing reminders of local events? Contact Marg Anderson at [avarestbnb@xtra.co.nz](mailto:avarestbnb@xtra.co.nz) or phone 03 521 1864.

Contact Sarah at [sarah.w@clear.net.nz](mailto:sarah.w@clear.net.nz) to get the newsletter by email.

Thank you to these local women doing a great job keeping the community connected.

## CIVIL DEFENCE

Does your house or bach have a plan to 'Get Thru' in the event of an emergency?

- **Check out the 'Household Emergency Plan' attached and get your family and property ready.**

Contact Jan Thomson 03 521 1999 for more details.

### Rotoit Hub

What's up in September?

03 <sup>rd</sup>	House Meeting	3pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	House Meeting	3pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Worship Afternoon	3pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	House Meeting	3pm

### Worship Afternoon



*'Do not weep! See the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, has triumphed.'*  
Revelation 5:5

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September**  
3pm Community Hall  
Live music with refreshments to follow  
**ALL WELCOME**

For more info or house meeting venue, contact:  
Bridget: 027 3237529 E: [adrianandbridget@xtra.co.nz](mailto:adrianandbridget@xtra.co.nz)  
Jane: (03) 5211844 E: [dougandjane@outlook.co.nz](mailto:dougandjane@outlook.co.nz)  
Sarah/Nigel: 027 4413776 E: [n.calder@clearnet.nz](mailto:n.calder@clearnet.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).

Contact us at email [rotoitinews@gmail.com](mailto:rotoitinews@gmail.com).



# HOUSEHOLD EMERGENCY PLAN

COMPLETE THIS PLAN WITH ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD

## YOUR HOUSEHOLD

Address

Name

Phone numbers

Name

Phone numbers

Name

Phone numbers

Name

Phone numbers

Name

Phone numbers

1. If we can't get home or contact each other we will meet or leave a message at:

Name

Contact details

Name (back-up)

Contact details

Name (out of town)

Contact details

2. The person responsible for collecting the children from school is:

Name

Contact details

3. Emergency Survival Items and Getaway Kit

Person responsible for checking water and food

Items will be checked and replenished on:

(check and replenish at least once a year)

The Getaway Kits are stored in the

4. The radio station (inc AM/FM frequency) we will tune in to for local civil defence information during an emergency

5. Friends/neighbours who may need our help or who can help us

Name

Address

Phone

Name

Address

Phone

6. On a separate sheet of paper draw a plan of the house showing places to shelter in an earthquake or storm, exits and safe assembly areas and where to turn off water, electricity and gas.

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS FOR POLICE, FIRE OR AMBULANCE CALL 111

Local Police station

Medical Centre

Insurance Company

Vet/Kennel/Cattery

Electricity Supplier

Council Emergency Helpline

Water Supplier

Gas Supplier

Electrician

Plumber

Builder



# HOUSEHOLD EMERGENCY CHECKLIST

## WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO GET THROUGH

### EMERGENCY SURVIVAL ITEMS

- Torch with spare batteries or a self-charging torch
- Radio with spare batteries
- Wind and waterproof clothing, sun hats, and strong outdoor shoes
- First aid kit and essential medicines
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Pet supplies
- Emergency toilet - toilet paper and large rubbish bags
- Face and dust masks

Check all batteries every 3 months.

### FOOD AND WATER FOR 3 DAYS OR MORE

- Non-perishable food (canned or dried food)
- Food, formula and drinks for babies and small children
- Water (at least 3 litres per person, per day) for drinking
- Water for washing and cooking
- A primus or gas barbeque to cook on
- A can opener

Consider stocking a two-week supply of food and water for prolonged emergencies such as a pandemic. Check and replace food and water every twelve months.

### HOW TO STORE WATER

- Wash bottles thoroughly in hot water. Fill each bottle with tap water until it overflows. Add five drops of household bleach per litre of water (or half a teaspoon for 10 litres)
- Store in a cool dark place and replace the water every 12 months

### GETAWAY KITS

Everyone in the house should have a packed getaway kit in an easily accessible place which includes:

- Torch and radio with spare batteries
- Hearing aids and spare batteries, glasses or mobility aids
- Emergency water and easy-to-carry food rations
- Extra supplies of special dietary items
- First aid kit and essential medicines
- For infants or young children – formula and food, nappies
- Change of clothes (wind/waterproof clothing and strong outdoor shoes)
- Toiletries – towel, soap, toothbrush, sanitary items, toilet paper
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Face and dust masks
- Pet supplies
- Important documents:
  - Identification (birth and marriage certificates/driver's licences and passports)
  - Financial ( insurance policies and mortgage)
  - precious family photos

### IF WE HAVE TO EVACUATE WE WILL:

- Take our Getaway Kit
- Turn off electricity and water
- Turn off gas only if we suspect a leak or if asked to do so by the authorities
- Take our pets with us

For more information visit the Civil Defence Emergency Management Office at your nearest council or

[www.getthru.govt.nz](http://www.getthru.govt.nz)

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# GET READY GET THRU

