

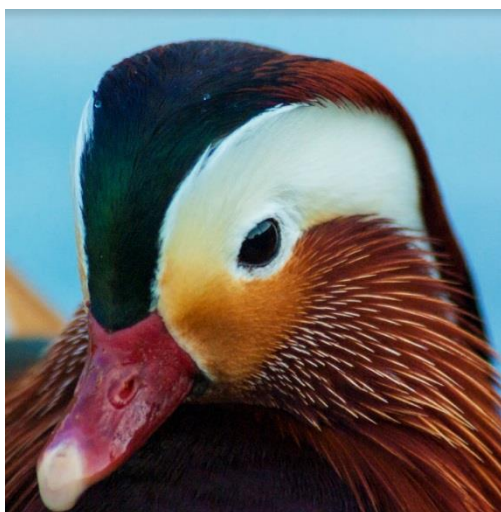
## Deadline for next issue:

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

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## Lake Rotoiti School News

Tena koutou,

At the beginning of the term the Board of Trustees received the resignation of Phil Crawford. Phil did great service as the Board Chairperson, but tendered his resignation after careful consideration. On behalf of the BOT and the staff I would like to thank him for his service and hard work.

Dominique McCrostie has been elected by the Board to be the new chair. She has taken on a challenging role as we go through a new Principal appointment, the pool development, and ERO. In addition to this, the Board will be seeking to find a new member to govern the school according to our Charter.

As I write this the Board are interviewing for a new Principal. It is hoped that they will be able to announce an appointment within the next week.

The Education Review Office (ERO) team have been into the school and spent a considerable time digging into our documentation, talking to children and observing our teaching. While we have not received their draft report yet, they verbally reported to the Board that the quality of teaching and of achievement are very high. They also reported that we are providing an excellent education for the children in our community. The Board expect to receive their draft report within the next fortnight, they then have the opportunity to comment and one month after this the report becomes public.

## Coming up

### **Worship Afternoon Sun 27 August 3pm**

Community Hall  
Sarah/Nigel 027 441 3776  
Bridget/Adrian 027 323 7529

### **“Circuit Breakers” training**

**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

**Yoga – starts 19 August  
Saturdays at 6.45 pm**  
Community Hall – see details below

### **Sunday Service**

Sundays at 10.30am  
Rotoiti Chapel

## LAKE ROTOITI SCHOOL NEWS CONTINUED...

The children have had their first day at Rainbow Ski field. It was a beautiful sunny day with no wind. We couldn't have asked for a better start to our skiing for 2017. Sadly the snow was not great last week and we couldn't go up the mountain, but we are looking forward to the next day on the mountain.

Mike, Emma, Nicky, Stephanie, Tracy and Fran



## STOP DOGS RUNNING LOOSE

DOC has been notified of several dogs that have escaped or become lost in the St Arnaud area in recent days.

Everyone is required to keep their dogs properly restrained or contained on their properties and on public roads and paths.

Permits are required from DOC to take dogs onto public conservation land (includes Red Hills, Beeby's Knob, Big Bush etc). Apply for the free permits at the Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre. Teetotal Recreation Area and the Village Link MTB/walking track can be accessed by dogs without a permit.

Dogs are strictly prohibited in the Nelson Lakes National Park. Roaming dogs can kill kiwi and weka.

Dogs found roaming on private land or the National Park can be impounded or destroyed, and owners can be prosecuted. A Southland man was fined \$1000.00 this week after his Jack Russell ran into Rakiura National Park, Stewart Island.

Don't let your dogs and wildlife suffer for your inattention.

## HAVE A GO AT ORIENTEERING

The Nelson Orienteering Club has marked a permanent Orienteering course around the village and lakefront area.

Everyone is invited to try this fun way to add a twist to walk or run.

Toddlers to 90-year olds enjoy Orienteering.

A course could take 30 to 90 minutes. Choose your time or distance. Courses suitable for all fitness levels. You only need sneakers, curiosity and a sense of adventure".

Pick up a map at the Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre or download it from the Nelson Orienteering Club website. [www.noc.org.nz](http://www.noc.org.nz).

## BIRDSONG – ONLINE NEWSLETTER



The latest edition of the local DOC newsletter is now available on the DOC website: [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz). Just write "Birdsong" in the search field or follow these steps from the home page: News & Events → Newsletters → Birdsong.

If you would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail in the future, please subscribe via the website.

## FOR SALE

The weeds team at DOC Nelson Lakes have a couple of items surplus to requirements.

**Stihl MS 150 TC top-handled chainsaw.** Has done a bit of work since purchase in 2014 but still in great working condition; has been looked after properly. 10" bar, 2 spare chains, files and other tools. This is light but well-powered, would be a great saw for jobs around the garden. \$500

**3m, 6 nozzle C-DAX spray boom,** suitable for using on an ATV. This is a model that can be folded up for travelling - each boom has two planes of adjustment. Ten years old but hardly used. With frame 'Quicksmart' attachment system. Each boom is 1.2m and has three nozzles. Offers?

To view or more info call Sandra 03 5211078, 0272042329. Can email photos.

Payment can be Eftpos or cash at the Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre.



## PROPOSED CLOSURE OF LAKE ROTOROA ROUTE

The Rotoroa Route is a backcountry tramping route that runs along the eastern bank of Lake Rotoroa. Running for a total length of 16.2km, the route links Rotoroa village with the head of the lake and access to the Sabine Track, Sabine/Speargrass Track and Cedric Route. The route has been unmaintained for over six years following a number of storms and significant tree windfall events.

Historically usage has been low along this route. This is partly due to the route being considered a less than pleasant walk along the lake shore, as well as the presence of the water taxi operating on the lake, the use of which eliminates a tough full days walking. Due to the low numbers, when windfall events have occurred it has taken a number of weeks for reports to be received. This therefore heightened the potential dangers to those attempting the route before any remedial works could be undertaken.

Most tramping routes in the Nelson Lakes National Park are accessed from St Arnaud and the Mt Robert-Speargrass-Sabine route is an easier and more pleasant tramp of a similar length to reach the head of Lake Rotoroa.

In more recent times the increasing popularity of Rotomairewhenua/Blue Lake as a destination has seen an increase in the numbers of visitors to the Sabine Valley. This has seen an increase in usage for the water taxi service but interestingly has seen very little comment on the closure of the Rotoroa Route.

### Reason for proposed closure and expected impact

The route has historically seen little use and has continually suffered from storm and windthrow damage which has made the track often difficult to navigate and traverse.

Significant ongoing work would be required to reinstate and then adequately maintain the route over its 16.2km length presenting likely capacity issues to the district. It is estimated that six staff members would take at least two weeks to reopen the track to just a route standard with an approximate cost of this being \$12,000-\$15,000, ongoing cost from that point being \$3-4,000 per year.

Access will remain as what has become the norm over the last six years or so i.e. water taxi and Sabine/Speargrass track or Cedric Route.

The track did provide an overland route between Rotoroa and the head of the lake and inevitably a small number of visitors would take this option if it were available, however any impact is expected to be small.

It is expected that public safety will be improved as a result of the closure. Of those that have attempted the route in recent years many have got into significant difficulty as a result, often being forced to spend a night in the open. Full closure of the route should help eliminate such incidents.

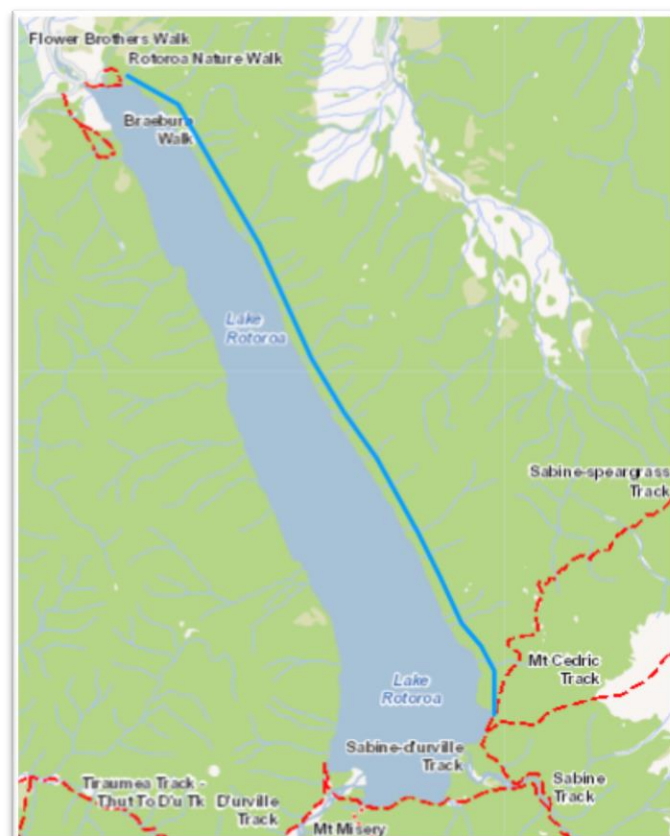
Please direct any comment on this proposal to:

Phil Crawford

Senior Ranger / Supervisor (Recreation / Historic)

Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Office

[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 16<sup>th</sup> August and between Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Worship Afternoon

3 pm on 27th August

Community Hall

Live music with refreshments to follow, hosted by The Rotoiti Hub – all welcome.

Contact Sarah & Nigel 027 441 3776 or [n.calder@clear.net.nz](mailto:n.calder@clear.net.nz), Bridget & Adrian 027 323 7529 or [adrianandbridget@xtra.co.nz](mailto:adrianandbridget@xtra.co.nz) for more information.



## Yoga Classes

**Saturdays 6.45 – 8.00 pm**

at the Community Hall in St. Arnaud

August 19th &

September 9th and 30<sup>th</sup>

Cost: \$15.00

plus gold coin towards hall hire

Beginners welcome

Please bring a mat, blanket and cushion to class

For bookings/questions please ring Sara Gillies at 03 5239 027 or 027 351 7971 or email [sara.k.gillies@gmail.com](mailto:sara.k.gillies@gmail.com)

## Water Taxi News

Hey Folks, how's winter trating you?

It's been a strange old winter so far for me. June was slightly above average but July was a real shocker! The ice skates have been a bit of a non-event, only getting in about four days so far. With the water taxi, I do run a bit ad-hoc in winter so if anyone wants a boat trip it is best to book even though I'm usually around.

I recently had an incident with trespassers – some young people from Nelson that were drinking in the shelter, decided to take their party onboard the Korimako which was bobbing alongside the jetty. I had gone home for smoko and got a bit of a shock when I arrived back at the lake!

The water taxis might be small but they are classed "New Zealand passenger ships". They both have operation manuals four inches thick! People that are not crew or passengers have to be signed in. Interfering with a "passenger ship" is taken very seriously by the law. Lake Rotoiti Water Taxis has a zero-tolerance policy towards trespassers.

On a brighter note, July the 1<sup>st</sup> my company celebrated our first five years of operating the Lake Rotoiti service. The first five years have been a bit of an adventure. I can't say I always got the mix right but I think I have done an OK job. Dealing with the public can be a bit of a mine field; some days you have to put up with rude, patronising people that just wear you down. Then other days everyone is real nice and it's such a pleasure. A lot of tourists don't get to hang out with true blue Kiwis. They love the whole Kiwi accent thing.

I also get asked a lot about my history which was something I didn't really know much about, even though I'm from pioneering stock, albeit not from this area.

One person who was from local pioneering stock was the late Bill Butters, great grandson of John Kerr Jnr, the first permanent settler in the region. Bill ran the water taxi service between 1989 and 2007. Bill had a great empathy with people and was well liked by his passengers, a lot of whom still come down for a yarn today. Bill's family have been very good to me over the years and still keep a keen interest in the business.

Bill passed away on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July this year. He is survived by his wife Betty and his four daughters, Audrey, Viv, Sally and Jane. He was eighty-four years old.

Take care

Hamish

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- Articles: plain text submitted in MS Word format, or in the body of an email.
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