

Lake Rotoiti Community News

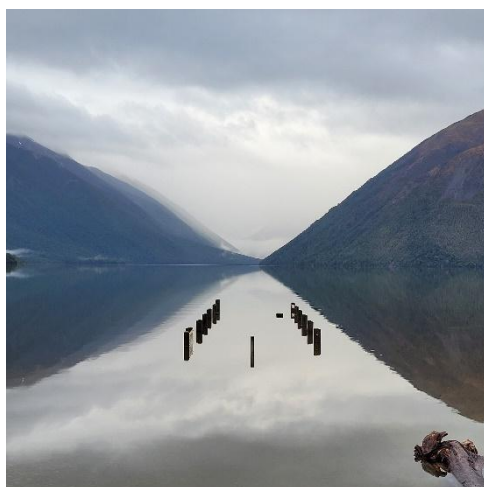
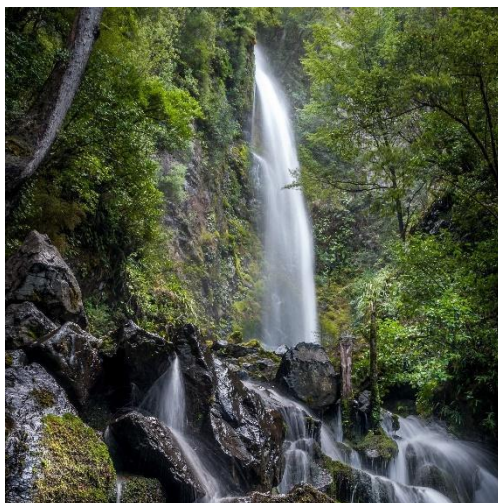
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This newsletter is produced by a small volunteer editing crew to help keep our community connected and informed. We welcome your contributions!

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Kia Ora koutou

Three weeks into term 3 and winter has finally arrived. We had some great morning frosts and even a day with snow on the ground. The kids made the most of the cold weather with ice skating and snowball fights. Thank you, Hamish, for supplying us with skates and thank you Paul and Simon for being snowball targets.



Last week we hosted our annual Matariki Quiz Night at the Alpine Lodge. It was an absolute blast with a room packed full of children, parents, whanau, and community members. Murray Leaning, chair of the Outdoor Education Centre and Marketing Manager for Mitre Ten Mega Nelson as our MC and Quiz Master. Thank you to everyone who turned up and made this such a great night.

Coming up

Saturday 26 August 10am – 4pm

Rural Readiness Expo at Wairau Valley Hall, Morse Street, Wairau

Wednesday 11 October at 12pm – 2pm @ Community Hall

Free lunch, leave boots at the door and catch up with farming friends and neighbours

**Sunday 26 November
Active4Good : Edridge
Teetotal Traverse**

Trail run – prize giving at the Alpine Lodge, St Arnaud

Thursdays 10am - 12pm

Playgroup. Community Hall. Ph Kirsten 0220445829. Gold coin donation.

Photos: Whiskey Falls. Fungi, R. Lamborne. Kerr Bay W, S. Wotherspoon

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

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A special thanks to everyone who supplied us with prizes. Jan Thomson from Korimako Art Studio, Alpine Lodge, Mitre Ten Mega Nelson, Nelson Roller Sports Club, Pete's Natural Lemonade, and Smart Business Centre.

Congratulations to the winning teams and let's do it all again next year.



We are also very fortunate to have some amazing talent in the community. Bex Malthus offered to teach our children some valuable PE skills. She recently visited the junior class for some football training (there may have been a football passionate German teacher hyping up the world cup). The kids are loving it and are getting so much out of an experienced coach. Thank you Bex, for making this possible for us.



In the last week the NZ Defence Force has been in and around St Arnaud for some training exercises. Again, our little school is extremely lucky as they visited us twice to show us some of their gear, talked to the children, and did some fun exercises on the field.



And finally, a little reminder that if you see a school bus, with the school signs up standing on the side of the road, there is a 20km/h speed limit.

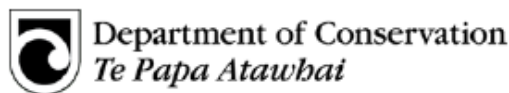
Nga mihi,
Mike.



Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre is open every day 9am – 4pm over the winter months. As we only have one staff member, the Visitor Centre retail side will close at times (including between 12 – 1pm).



National Wild Goat Hunting competition is now underway. Contact the Visitor Centre for NZDA open days and times Phone 03 5211806. Further information available on the DOC website



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

ALPINE YOGA

yoga:massage:herbal remedies:



5 week courses begin on August 17th
Vinyasa Yoga: Thursday's 6:30pm
Yin Yoga: Sunday's 6:30 pm
Koha Yoga: the last Tuesday of each month

drop in: \$25 (except Koha classes)
course pass: \$108 for one, \$170 for both courses
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massage: \$85 per hour
herbal consultation: initial \$65


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SKI & SNOWBOARD TUNING

Top of the South Ski Services will be in St Arnaud this winter. Besides the boat museum on Saturday afternoons 4.00pm – 6.00pm.

For all your waxing, edge sharpening and petex repairs. Enquires please phone 0272014660.

Adrian Briggs

STOLEN PROPERTY

Stolen from Boons Valley near Picton, over the last week or so. Please ring Police 105 line or 111 if you locate it or know where it is.



EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Police Emergency:
Dial 111

Police Non-Emergency:
Dial 105

Blenheim Police:
03 578 5279

24/7 Youth Line:
0800 376 6333

24/7 Mental Health Crisis Team:
0800 800 717

24/7 Women's Refuge:
03 577 9939

Family Violence:
0800 456 450 (9AM-11PM)

Victim Support: 0800 842 846
or visit www.areyouok.org.nz

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Over the last few months, “we” have been working with the Nelson/Tasman CRM team and St Arnaud Volunteer brigade to showcase the readiness activities happening in their community.



A video was produced which talks to the work being done by the community with the support of the local brigade and other stakeholders.

<https://portal.fireandemergency.nz/notices-news-and-events/news/st-arnaud-taking-charge-of-community-preparedness/>

Located on the edge of the picturesque Nelson Lakes National Park, St Arnaud has a full-time population of around 250 residents which increases over the summer months to about 2,000 people.

The community has limited access in and out of the village with only one single lane road both ways and only the Lake Rotoiti Volunteer Fire Brigade as the sole emergency service. The brigade has identified that both the village itself as well as the surrounding area could be at risk in the event of a fire.

In 2020, the Department of Conservation, Lake Rotoiti Volunteer Fire Brigade and the local community came together to establish the Rotoiti FireSmart Working Group and were given permission to form a ‘Green Firebreak’ alongside an important access road to thin out the highly flammable vegetation, kanuka and manuka, remove all dead fuel, and replant with low flammability species. In addition, the brigade introduced a revised evacuation plan, along with fire safety advice and free ash buckets, and several other initiatives to reduce risk and build preparedness.

‘We don’t want to see this beautiful place destroyed. A firebreak is an opportunity to create a defensible space to slow a fire,’ says Darren Crawford, Senior Advisor, Community Readiness and Recovery.

‘The community really lead a lot of this themselves, and that’s been a big part of its success’.

By using a case study like this, the Community Readiness and Recovery Directorate hopes to inspire people to think about their readiness and take action to protect themselves and their communities.

NGĀTI TŪMATAUENGA NZ ARMY

MILITARY EXERCISE
Exercise Alpha Pestilence
02 – 11 August 2023

The general public is to be advised that a New Zealand Army Exercise will be conducted in the **St Arnaud (02 – 05 Aug 23)** and **Rainbow Valley (06 - 11 Aug 23)** areas over the period **02 – 11 August 2023**.

The exercise will involve up to **55** personnel of **2nd 1st Battalion, Alpha Company** from Burnham Military Camp.

Training will involve soldiers **carrying weapons conducting Stability and Security Operations involving key leadership engagement, local security patrols and key point protection in St Arnaud area. The company will then move to Rainbow Valley to conduct platoon tactical operation: involving blank firing and pyrotechnics.**

Blank rounds and pyrotechnics will be used outside of St Arnaud Township. The exercise will also involve the movement of troops and vehicles by day and night.

The New Zealand Army takes fire risk seriously and will ensure fire mitigation is present.

For more information please contact:
Alpha Company on 1Bde2_1RNZIRACOY@nzdf.mil.nz or **2/1 Operations**
Cell on **021 674 341**.

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

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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.

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Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

Monday Body Movers Community Hall
Mondays 10am. Low-impact group exercise, with fun feel good beats. BYO water, gold coin koha to the hall. Lou 0210414913

Wednesdays Fit It - High intensity group exercise with contemporary beats. Bring water, gold coin koha to the Community Hall, Wednesdays 10am. Lou 0210414913

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

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

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**In an emergency
and in everyday
life-**

**Who will you
call for help?**

Alternative Energy → Communication
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SATURDAY 26 AUGUST 2023
Wairau Valley Hall Complex, Morse St Wairau Valley
Wairau Valley Hall Community Trust acknowledges the co-funding of this project by the Ministry for Primary Industries

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup meets Thursday 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



Your Invitation to support
Friends of Rotoiti
and the Rotoiti Nature Recovery Project
at Nelson Lakes National Park,
South Island, New Zealand

We are a group of conservation volunteers who work with the Department of Conservation to control weasels, stoats, ferrets, mice, rats, wasps, possums and feral cats.

Over the past 20 years Friends of Rotoiti Volunteers have removed over 40,000 pests by maintaining and improving an impressive 52 kilometres of trap lines around the Rotoiti Village Area, Rainbow, Speargrass, Whisky Falls and Tophouse.



www.friendsofrotoiti.org.nz
SUPPORT US TODAY

**Yes! I would like to support
Friends of Rotoiti**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

As a non- profit group of volunteers, FOR need your support to continue predator control and maintain trap boxes, stainless traps and remote camera equipment which we use to monitor **KIWI, KAKA & KEA**.

- I would like to be an active Friends of Rotoiti volunteer – Please contact me.

Make a Donation for the calendar year Jan - Dec

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