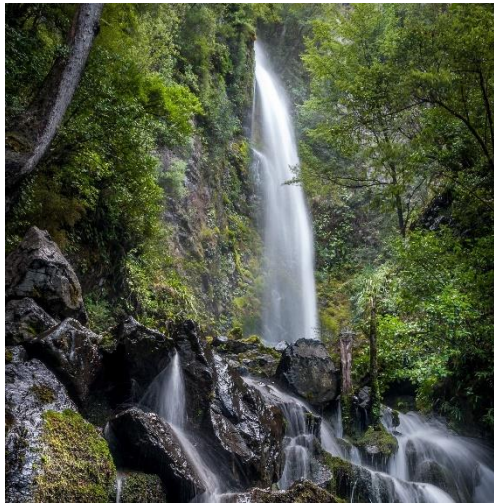


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Please send your newsletter items to: rotoitinews@gmail.com

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5pm Friday 3 March 2023

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www.lakerotoiti.school.nz/newsletters.html



Coming up

Wednesday 22 February
Rotoiti District Community Council meeting 7pm (venue to be advised)

4 & 5 March – NZ Antique and Classic Boat Show at Kerr Bay. More info nzclassicboats.com

Friday 10 March – Secondary School Waka Ama racing at Kerr Bay

11 & 12 March – Power Boat 100 Years Regatta at Kerr Bay

Sunday 12 March – Rainbow Rogaine. Entries close 8 March wickedrogaines.nz/rainbow-rogaine-2023

Saturday 1 April – Alpine Lodge Loop the Lake. Details and entry on nelsonevents.co.nz

Lake Rotoiti School News

Kiaora kotou,

The first three weeks of school have flown by and the children have all settled into our routines. We welcomed Max back to our junior class after his two year stint to Pitt Island and will soon also welcome his little sister Nessi. It is great to have you back, Max.

Thursday night sailing has started again. It is great to see the older ones confidently using the boats and the younger children playing at the shore. It's a great way to socialise outside of school hours and to get to know other parents.



Photos: Whiskey Falls. Junior trappers, I. Biertumpfel. Clematis forsteri

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

school news continued...

The school recently purchased a set of VR Headsets. These can be used for several curriculum areas in immersive ways. The junior children used them this week for their writing inspiration, by being dropped into a forest with a beautiful stream. Future excursions include a trip to the Sahara Desert and a shark diving experience.

We also created some time capsules, which will be stored in a secret place until we open them at the end of the year. This was a big hit last year!



Nga mihi,
Mike.

Help required: Lake Rotoiti School require help in the food tent for Power Boat Races (11 & 12 March) and Classic Boats (4 & 5 March), this is their major fund-raising events to fund for School Camp, skiing as well as a number of other activities over the year. It is the main reason that Lake Rotoiti School does not ask for a school donation or charge for camp. They are also grateful to the organisers of these events for their support during the recent difficult times. Please contact Dominique at the school dominique@lakerotoiti.school.nz if you are able to help in any way.



The DOC Visitor Centre, located in View Road, St Arnaud is open from 8am – 4.30pm during the summer months. Available Monday – Sunday for sale of hut tickets, weather information, track conditions, assist with campground bookings, dog permits, hunting permits and fishing permits.



Please be advised the Marlborough South zone, including Department of Conservation (PCL) land, will be moved to a prohibited fire season as of 0800 on Thursday 9th February 2023. All active fire permits in this zone will be suspended from that time.

The Marlborough South zone encompasses all land in the Marlborough District, including Department of Conservation land, but excluding Defence land at RNZAF Base Woodbourne, to the South of the Wairau River including the flat land from the Eastern side of State Highway 1 from Tuamarina to Rarangi.

The Marlborough North Zone will remain in a Restricted Fire Season although we will be selective when issuing fire permits.

Certain fire types are authorised to be used in a prohibited season if they meet prescribed conditions.

For further information go to <https://www.checkitsalright.nz/>





Are we future-proof yet?

“Let’s talk about it.”

Presentation and debate.

Lake Rotoiti Community Hall -

7pm Thursday 13th April 2023

Richard Osmaston will be hosting a discussion about our shared future and has a proposal. A potential way to assure the sustainable, prosperous and equitable future of the Lake Rotoiti community, and beyond.

Please call, text or email if you’d like more details.

Everyone welcome.

Richard 021 159 1590 Rosmaston@gmail.com

Lake Rotoiti Community Hall Committee - Triennial Elections - March 2023

Our wonderful Hall’s wonderful Committee’s principal roles are up for election. New members are also very welcome. We meet bi-monthly and mostly have quite a lot of fun. Time flies.

“One gives freely yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.”

Many hands make the work light.

Please contact Secretary Sue or Chairperson Richard for more details.

There will be another notice with more information in the next Newsletter.

We’d love to hear from you!

Sue Nicholls 03 521 1110 Richard Osmaston 021 159 1590

Dark Sky

Back in 2019 the RDCC canvassed local opinion about approaching the International Dark Sky Assn for accreditation as a Dark Sky area. We got overwhelming positive local support.

If you would like to be involved or would like a copy of the code and/or submissions, please contact Robbie Thomson robbiethomson55@gmail.com or phone 03 5211999

For Sale

Double Mattress - FREE to a good home - one used good-quality mattress and cover. Great condition except beginning to develop a slight sag in the middle, hence reduced price! Available for pick up at Kehu Lane, St Arnaud. Call David @ 021 125 9885

Duck eggs (free range Pekin ducks) \$5 for ½ dozen – contact Sandie 021 2779284 (happy to arrange delivery into the village)

Classic Boat ‘No Catchem’ would be sold on its galvanised trailer with the 5hp 1930 Simplex.



Contact tonz.collins@gmail.com 021 064 1137

Please see the last page for information on the history of this wonderful historical 18ft Kauri hull boat

Rotoiti District Community Council – AGM

As agreed at the AGM in late October the next meeting of the Committee will meet at 7pm on Wednesday 22 February. I am calling for agenda items at this time. '

While this is a committee meeting anyone is welcome to attend and have input, but you will not have voting rights. Venue and zoom details will be sent with the agenda once that is ready.

Please send agenda items by Thurs 16 February rotoiticommunitycouncil@gmail.com

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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



**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
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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.**

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**Please return to:
Friends of Rotoiti
PO Box 18
St Arnaud 7053**

For contacts and further information
visit our website
www.friendsofrotoiti.org.nz

PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Applicant: Tasman District Council

Event: Stopping Distance Demonstrations Road Safety for Schools

Location: Portion of Kerr Bay Road, Lake Rotoiti to Lake Road Lake Rotoiti

Date and time: Tuesday 2 May 2023, 8.00am-2.45pm

Alternative provision for ordinary vehicular traffic:
Resident traffic will be let through between Stopping Distance Demonstration events during this time. It will

be an offence under the above regulations for any person otherwise than under authority of an authorised period to use the roads for ordinary vehicular traffic during the period of closure.

Objections close: 5pm, Friday 24th February 2023.
Please send any objections to
jeni.thornborough@tasman.govt.nz



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

steamboat hull (No Catchem) lying derelict in Essons' Valley Picton about 1980. I owned the old Essons' Valley (1904) farmhouse and took morning runs up to the Essons' Valley reservoir. Finally, I conceded the steam boat hull was well beyond my skill set to restore.

In 1984 Peter Murtons, (Nelson) a skilled traditional boat builder working in Picton had discovered the historic craft and purchased it for \$50. It turns out the carvel, kauri planked vessel was built in the Nelson area circa 1900. The steamboat now boat powered by a single cylinder car engine and had been hauled to Lake Rotoiti around 1920 by Jock Ingram on the back of a veteran International solid tired truck owned by Charlie Haggett.

In 1927 this fine Kauri hulled vessel slipped through the water to win the Raglan Shield in the Rotoiti power boat annual "Round the Lake Race."

Peter Murtons re-ribbed and restored her and fitted a circa 1930 5hp Simplex (Australian engine based on a Model T piston with reversing gearbox). Peter left Picton in 1987. Returning to the South Island in 1998 he discovered the hull derelict in Koromiko. Peter acquired the boat and dutifully set out on a second rebuild and restoration, including finding and overhauling another 5hp Simplex.

No Catchem was displayed and awarded The Antique and Classic Boat of the show I attended about 20 years ago. It was the type of hull I had spent 30 years looking having earlier sighted the vessel derelict. Soon after I travelled up to Nelson and negotiated with Peter to copy the lines and an build identical steam boat hull using Kahikatea. Later I received a call offering to sell me the original No Catchem. I was delighted collected and towed the historic steam boat hull back down to Omarama after Peter fitted a new heavier shaft and new engine mounts suitable for a steam engine....I planned to fit the Blenheim Fairweather..or the twin 1890? Kingscote I own. In retrospect, I should have been content with the practical Simplex as it was a fine combination.

In 2010 I was suddenly presented with the opportunity to buy a newly build 18' hull powered by a 4hp Stewart Turner Compound that I have enjoyed steaming for the last 12 years...the hope was I could steam and restore No Catchem at the same time. Every year I was away residing in warm climates (Borneo, Japan, UK) escaping Kiwi Winters and thus losing restoration time as my Summer time was devoted to operating, maintaining and upgrading my SS Norman Rivers ! However, as a positive... I have been keeping No Catchem safe in dry storage in my boat shed at Omarama with my operational SS Norman Rivers alongside for company. I have finally decided to part with this rare 1900 historical artefact...I doubt if any other 120 year old sound 18' steam boat hulls exist with carvel full length kauri planks with an Edwin Fox teak deck.

BE GET STAY



Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

"Circuit Breakers" exercise group

Monday, Wednesday 10 am,

Community Hall

All welcome, gold coin donation

Gael 027 280 4078

Fit It Wednesday's group exercise. Bring water, mat. Community Hall, Wednesdays ☺ 6-7pm. Lou 0210414913

Seido-Karate

Community Hall

Tuesdays 6pm - kids & beginners

Thursdays 6 pm – General Class

Graeme 021 0859 4088. Gold coin donation

"NO CATCHEM"- HISTORICAL 18ft Kauri hulled vessel that once called Lake Rotoiti home.

As a steam boat enthusiast I own two historic Marlborough built Marine steam engines, a 2 ½ single built by Fairweather Engineering, Blenheim along with an 8hp compound purchased in 1970 from Charlie Perano, Picton (Whaler). It was built at the whaling station in Tory Channel by the Mother Ship Elsie's engineer (Tong). My collection includes a 1890 twin Kingscote and many steam fittings (Whistles/Oilers etc). I noticed the 18'x 5'4,