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# Lake Rotoiti Community News



## Upcoming events & Important dates

### Seido Karate

Every Tues and Thurs 7pm  
Community Hall – Graeme 021  
08534088

### Badminton

Mondays – Community Hall  
Phone Ed - 5211106 - \$3

### St Arnaud Circuit Breakers

10-11am  
Mon, Wed, Fri – Community Hall

### Social Mah Jong

Wednesdays 2pm - 12 Glacial  
Tce  
Phone Barbara 545 7338

### Lake Rotoiti Chapel

Services 10:30am Sundays

### Deadline for next newsletter

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September

## Revamp of St Arnaud street flags

Destination Nelson Lakes (DNL) put up three eye-catching flags along the main road to welcome people to the village. They are a prompt to stop for a coffee, visit the lake and enjoy our lovely village. The flags featured art drawn by Lake Rotoiti school pupils, and the flags were designed and made in Auckland. Recently the toll of wind, sun and snow has made the beautiful flags look a bit ragged.

DNL's committee seeks comment from the community about an option to replace the flags.

Here's what DNL is considering as a plan to replace the current flags:

- Plain and brightly-coloured rectangular banner printed with "Welcome" and made locally in Nelson.
- A more durable top and bottom mounting system
- Two flags only - one at each end of the main road through the village.

Considering the cost is important as the flags will need replacing every 2-3 years. Reusing the same design is a pricey option; going through a whole new design process would be even more expensive and take some time.

If you would like to comment on this option your thoughts will be welcomed. Please contact the committee at [destinationnelsonlakes@gmail.com](mailto:destinationnelsonlakes@gmail.com) by **Friday 9 September**.

Check out DNL's modern and active website featuring natural attractions, events, and local businesses at [www.destinationnelsonlakes.co.nz](http://www.destinationnelsonlakes.co.nz).

Thank you for your interest.

Jan Thomson (Chair DNL)  
521 1999



There are quite a few of you around and maybe you are interested in having a catch up and letting the kids play together on a regular basis. I'm Ina and my daughter, Jessie is 21 months old.

Would be nice to get a little kids play day together and maybe meet once a week.

There is no Playcentre in St Arnaud anymore but still plenty of opportunities. We could use mother nature and have a weekly walk in the park, like a forest kindergarten (Fran Andrews would tell us more about the idea) but there are also inside possibilities.

Please send me an e-mail or call / text me if you are interested and what day would suit you. [inche81@gmx.de](mailto:inche81@gmx.de), 021420766

## AIR FORCE EXERCISE



The New Zealand Defence Force intends to conduct mountain flying training within the Richmond, South Marlborough and Dip Flat areas between 29 Aug – 02 Sep 16 and 12 – 16 Sep 16.

Activities will include 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.



## 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Report St Arnaud Branch Rural Women New Zealand

I have much pleasure in presenting my Annual Report. Our branch has 14 members and I welcome those who have joined us during the year.

### October 2015

We held our annual Garage Sale and raised \$555.60 for the Nelson/Marlborough Rescue Helicopter.

### November 2015

RWNZ National Conference was held in Nelson – we had 8 members involved in the organisation of this event and I thank the team for their invaluable assistance. Members worked at making boxes for a local honey business to raise money to cover the costs of their participation.

### January 2016

Our annual Book Sale raised \$768.80 this year - these funds are used for branch activities during the year.

**March 2016** - I attended the Regional Conference at Carter's Beach.

### April 2016

We held a 'Men's Lunch' which was attended by 27 men from the wider area. This was a great success and will be held annually, or more often if there is a need. The Provincial Meeting was held at St Arnaud with the branch catering with wonderful food. A fun afternoon was had going through the archives of several old branches.

### May 2016

Members were involved in some refurbishment of the 'Red Deer Lodge', as it was felt that this community asset was looking somewhat shabby. This will be an ongoing project in consultation with the lodge committee.

**June 2016** Margaret Anderson and I attended a two-day mid-winter workshop at Tahunanui.

During the year we have honoured our commitment to make a donation of \$150 to Waimea College to enable a pupil to attend the Rotoiti Outdoor Pursuits centre, will be making our final contribution of \$100, to the Wasp Project and have \$633 set aside from fundraising for the school pool refurbishment. We catered morning tea for a group of Lincoln students visiting Bavin's farm and cleaned house for a couple after they vacated their home to make the move to Motueka. We are now planning a major fundraiser for the Cancer Society in October.

Some members have had health problems and losses during the year, but we continue to support each other and our community. Once again, my thanks go to all

members for their enthusiastic participation in our activities, their great ideas for assisting our rural community, and their support of me during the year.

Bobbie Poll – President - 17<sup>th</sup> August 2016



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