

M O N D A Y 6 J U N E 2 0 1 6

# 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 17<sup>th</sup> June

## School News

Firstly, a huge thank you from all of us at school to all of you in the community who supported the children by attending 'Archibald's War' at the Theatre Royal last Thursday. From the feedback I've received, I think it's safe to say that the show was a huge success and that the children did themselves proud! The audience was fantastic and the children responded positively to the audience's laughter and applause! I'd just like to share a quote from an email I received from a lady in Nelson who attended:

*'My congratulations to all who helped in any way putting together Archibalds War. Last night, I attended to show with my brother, niece and a friend. We were all so enthralled with the show from the start to the finish. It was especially poignant for my brother and myself as through the war we were evacuated from just outside London to Wales. The show brought back such a lot of memories both sad and happy ones. Although it is well over 70 years ago seeing a show like that makes it seem such a short time ago. The children were great and you should all be proud of yourselves. I am looking forward to 2018 to see your next show.'*

I'd also like to share some work that the Year 7/8s have been helping with – namely, with the refurbishment of the juniors' playhouse which came from the Gelling's house. They have worked diligently to sand down, paint and recoat the house (much of it in their own morning tea and lunchtimes) which is now looking resplendent in DOC Hut-inspired colours! Thank you Year 7 and 8s!



On a more serious note, the Board have set the date for the Community Consultation for Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July at 5.00pm. It is a bit later this year as we wanted it to be an opportunity for you all to meet the new Board of Trustees. This year our focus areas will be: to meet/introduce new board; health curriculum consultation; a discussion around the new Health and Safety legislation and Vulnerable Children's Act and our new Cyber Safety procedures (a document is prepared and ready to be circulated prior to the meeting). The Board will be contacting parents nearer the time with more specific details.

In the meantime, life will be getting back to 'normal' at school this week and it should be business as usual until the end of term!

Giles, Nicky, Tracy, Emma and Stephanie

## DOC NEWS

### Choosing and using rat poison wisely

Given that we who live in St Arnaud live so close to the stunning Nelson Lakes National Park and the threatened bird species that inhabit our area, the local DOC biodiversity team would like to give the St Arnaud community some information about rat poisons that are widely used by the public.

In New Zealand there are a number of readily available rat poisons to assist in controlling rats. Most of these poisons are anticoagulants. Some

of these poisons can cause secondary poisoning of animals that scavenge on poisoned rat carcasses, including native birds like morepork and weka as well as domestic animals such as cats and dogs. Some can also build up in the environment as they take a long time to break down. This is called bioaccumulation.

Anticoagulants can be divided into two categories: first generation anticoagulants and second generation anticoagulants. First generation anticoagulants are most effective with multiple doses, have a lower risk of secondary poisoning and have a lower risk of bioaccumulation. The best practice for using first generation anticoagulants is to use a bait station to exclude non-target animals, and keep it stocked with the poison for five consecutive days. Rats need to eat the poison continuously over several days for it to be effective, and if they aren't able to do so then there is a risk that they will become resistant to the toxin. First generation anticoagulants include coumatetralyl, pindone, warfarin and diphacinone.

Second generation anticoagulants often only require a single dose. There is a much higher risk of secondary poisoning and a higher risk of bioaccumulation. Bait stations should once again be used to exclude non-target animals, and these should be stations designed to keep the bait captive so bait is eaten by rats within the bait station rather than taken out into the open. DOC restricts its use of second generation anticoagulants to very specific situations and follows bait application protocols to minimise bioaccumulation. Second generation anticoagulants include bromadiolone, brodifacoum, flocoumafen, difethialone and difenacoum.

Cholecalciferol is a rat poison available that is not an anticoagulant. It is vitamin D3 and is toxic in high doses. It is also used for controlling possums. Although it is toxic to domestic pets, there is a lower risk of secondary poisoning than with second generation anticoagulants.

## St Arnaud Mountain Film Festival

Keep **Saturday 6 August** free for the second St Arnaud Mountain Film Festival.

The New Zealand Mountain Film Festival, held in Wanaka each July, is one of the premier film festivals in the world. We are lucky to get a selection of films from the festival.

The films are all about amazing adventures in the great outdoors: kayaking expeditions, long distance paragliding, cycling adventures and plenty more.

There will be about 4.5 hours of films ranging from 3 to 55 minutes. Don't worry, you won't have to sit still all that time. There'll be plenty of chances to meet up with friends and neighbours, and there'll be food and hot drinks available.

More details about the films in the next newsletter.

Enquiries to Tracey Grose 021 475 514 or Graeme Andrews 03 521 1022.



## Kea Conservation Trust Winter Advocacy Roadshow 2016

Everyone is warmly welcomed to attend this winter's KCT advocacy event, "*A Kea Revolution – transforming perceptions to save the world's only mountain parrot*". We'll learn about how local communities and supporters around the world are banding together to halt keas' slippery slide into oblivion, and brainstorm ways each of us can get involved in this new kea revolution.

Thursday 30 June, 7:00pm at the Lake Rotoiti Community Hall

Saturday 2 July in Murchison. Time and place to be confirmed.



" Miles and Helen Anderson who have recently bought Tophouse wish to say hello to everyone.

We have had the 4 cottages open and this Queens Birthday weekend we are opening Tophouse its self for accommodation and Devonshire Teas and coffee.

Opening times for cafe; 10am -4pm ..

The Cupboard Bar and long table are back .

Please note: Our Phone no has changed back to the one in the white pages [5211848](tel:5211848).  
Feel free to call in sometime".

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