

Deadline for next issue:
Friday 15th December.

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School News

Tena koutou,

We have certainly had some interesting weather in the last week. It's helping the grass grow. Despite the lightning, thunder and rain the children have been able to get out and play and enjoy our 'back to normal' field size.

Sailing

Hamish and Shepherd have started the evening sailing group again on Thursdays. We are lucky to have such a great opportunity to take advantage of our environment, and some dedicated people to support it. The BBQ on the back of Andrew Jordan's ute pushed out a good supply of well-cooked sausages and the children managed to talk some of the parents into a swim in the lake. Even the eels came out to play near the swimmers. Unfortunately, the weather prevented sailing last week, but there's always next week after the pool opening.

Pool

The pool is looking excellent. Dave and Phil and the boys from Aquaflow have done a great job. There are still some teething issues with the heat pump and noise, and with slightly stony soil in the new grass areas, we look forward to seeing everyone for the opening on 7 December at 11am.

Coming up

7 December: Opening of the Lake Rotoiti School pool – 11 am @ the pool. Bring togs and a salad to share at BBQ Picnic Lunch.

6 Dec, 20 Dec Friends of Rotoiti Village Trapping Group – meet 10am second Wednesday at DOC smoko room. Wayne Sowman 027 238 5597

2 January 2018: St Arnaud Rural Women Annual Book Sale PLUS Trash & Treasure @ Community Hall 9 am to 1 pm, Nicky Shaw 521 1106 Marg Anderson 521 1864 or Betty Butters 0210444230

Weekly...

Monday, Wednesday, Fridays 10 am: Circuit Breakers training at Community Hall, everyone is welcome, no matter what your fitness. Phone Gael 027 280 4078 for more info.
Gold coin for hall donation box please.

Tues & Thurs 7 pm: Seido-Karate, Community Hall Graeme 521 1022 – Gold coin donation please.

Sunday 10.30 am: Lake Rotoiti Chapel, Rotoiti St, St Arnaud, services are run by locals and non-denominational. Everyone welcome.

Photos, Jetty, Nicky Crawford; *Celmisia traversii* Sandra Wotherspoon; Black billed gull, Gabi Czoma

Japanese visitors

Last Wednesday we hosted a group of Japanese students from NMIT. They worked in our classrooms to teach the children some Japanese words. They also taught the children some origami skills.

BOT news

As you may have heard, Nicky Crawford will be leaving Lake Rotoiti School at the end of this year to take up a leadership and teaching position at a school in town.

Nicky (and Ruby) have been with us for 13 years and will be sorely missed. We'd like to take the time now to thank Nicky for all her hard work and dedication and her willingness to go above and beyond during her time at our school. Her passion for our children has helped shaped them into who they are today.

We wish Nicky all the best with her move and new position.

Nga mihi.

Mike, on behalf of Fiona, Nicky, Stephanie, Tracy and Fran

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Rural Women St Arnaud Annual Book Sale plus Trash and Treasure

- Tuesday 2 January 2018
- At Lake Rotoiti Community Hall
- 9 am to 1 pm
- Book a table for T & T phone Nicky Shaw 521 1106
- Arrange book collection or drop off phone Marg Anderson 5211864 or Betty Butters 0210444230



Sailing Notice

Second day: Thursday 7th at 5.30

Our first sailing day was a huge success (although there wasn't much sailing involved!). The next sailing day will be held on Thursday the 7th at 5.30pm, weather permitting. This time we plan to take our new sailors and pair them with our experienced ones who will teach the basic sailing techniques and safety tips along with the boating rules. We had a great turn out last time and we hope to see all who turned up and more on Thursday! See you there!

- Shepherd, Alan and Dani

Contact: guavaberry6@gmail.com

Christmas Eve

Set Menu Dinner

Book a table now for Christmas Eve – we are running a set menu from 5pm to 8.30pm.

Maximum numbers apply – don't miss out

Pop in to see the menu, or email us on info@clinkercave.co.nz

Bookings Essential

Proposed Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Plan

This plan has a "St Arnaud Village" site led Pest control programme. Our farm and part of Speargrass are included in the "St Arnaud Village" and all the land between our properties.

There is also a section regarding Wilding Radiata pine, Douglas fir, lodge pole pine and scot pine on properties adjoining Abel Tasman, Nelson Lakes National park and Mount Richmond Forest Park, which I think affects a hell of a lot of us.

This plan is available online at TDC. Submissions close 15th December.

Feel free to ring me if you wish.
Phil Borlase

Golden Anniversary

Rotoiti Lodge Outdoor Education Centre is turning 50 next year and to celebrate we are planning on holding an open day on 24th February with a display at the Lodge and a couple of our newer activities being run throughout the day. More details to follow in the New Year

CLEANER NEEDED

Cleaner wanted for help with spring cleaning private house, asap. Two days work ; 10-3 , near village. \$20 per hour.
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Tuesday Treks

1st Tuesday of each month (5 December), @ 9.30 met @ The Clinker Cafe car park. Bring a drink/snack for morning tea, warm clothing, good walking boots advised. **Proposed walk:** Booth Hut Walk, this is an easier stroll which should be good for all. It's a return walk on same route. Drive up the Louis to the cemetery. If you are interested or require more info contact Pip Berket 521 1130.

Tuesday 9 January: (NOTE: 2nd Tuesday of month) Kaka/Duck Down track (Teetotal MTB area).

Tuesday 6 February: Lee Creek (Rainbow Valley)



The grand opening of

The Woodsman's Pantry will be on the 9th December at 10am – 1pm.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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Located at 9160 SH 63. On the left side of the road just past the Borlase Ave turnoff if you are heading towards Blenheim.

For any inquiries please contact Anna at woodsmanspantry@outlook.com

<https://www.facebook.com/woodsmanspantry/>

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- May promote cell and tissue regeneration



Be involved - Have your say

Submit on the Tasman District Council Regional Pest Management Plan – Deadline 15 December 2017

This week Tasman District Council staff held a meeting about the new Draft Regional Pest Management Plan. There was a lot of discussion around agricultural weeds and the long-standing St Arnaud broom-and-gorse-free area, and ways of slowing the continuous broom and gorse invasion that we are all battling. TDC staff will be working over the coming months to introduce the broom gall mite biological control around the edges of the broom-free area, hoping to reduce the vigor of plants on the perimeter. Also, the TDC will be working with contract roadside mowers to improve the cleanliness of the machinery working on the roadsides.

A new site-led weed programme for St Arnaud was presented. Because the meeting wasn't very well attended by village-dwellers, here is some more information about the weeds selected for a site-led approach within this draft plan. **Inclusion of these weeds in the draft plan means that if your property falls within the map below, sometime over the course of the next ten years the TDC could require removal these weeds from your property.** As well as halting the spread of weeds through natural wetlands and forests on private land it also supports DOC Nelson Lakes' weed programme in the adjacent public conservation lands and particularly the Nelson Lakes National Park, as weeds don't respect boundaries. The intention is for TDC and local DOC staff to work together on this. DOCs long-standing village weeds programme, working directly with the residents of St. Arnaud, has been effective at reducing the weed threat but the problems are not yet solved. The TDC will be responsible for any subsequent enforcement to remove the weeds and these will be publicised locally beforehand.

Draft site-led weeds for St Arnaud

Darwin's Barberry *Berberis darwinii*. There is a bit of this spiny shrub around but it's localised, has the potential to spread much further.

Great Bindweed *Calystegia sylvatica*. This plant is problematic for residents in Murchison. There are three known sites in the village and there may be more.

Holly *Ilex aquifolia*. Not much of this in the village now, if

any

Rowan *Sorbus acuparia*. There are still a few big trees in the village. The bird-spread wildings still cause a lot of work in forests and wetlands.

Russell Lupin *Lupinus polyphyllus*. The flowers are pretty but the long-lived seed is moved in water; young plants have popped up on the lakeshore which is a danger sign.

Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus*. This is possibly now gone from the village, need to make sure it stays that way.

Wilding conifers are also included throughout the region as site-led weeds and more work is needed to define rules around wild Douglas fir, and many pine species. Now is a great time for farm foresters to get involved.

As most are aware, there are far more weed species that cause problems around St Arnaud. These particular weeds have been chosen for their potential for damage and the likelihood of successful control. It is time to hear what YOU think – whether you support or oppose, or have some other ideas.

It is easy to make a submission on the plan. Go online to the link below, or contact Lindsay Barber TDC Biosecurity officer, to fill out a paper form. Deadline for submissions is **15th December 2017**.

<http://www.tasman.govt.nz/policy/public-consultation/proposed-regional-pest-management-plan-2017-2027/>

<http://www.tasman.govt.nz/policy/public-consultation/make-a-submission/>

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 - \$30 (b&w) or \$70 (colour). This is a contribution towards photocopying costs. 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).

Contacting us: email rotoitinews@gmail.com with any questions



Proposed Site-led pest plant control zone

St Arnaud Weather Station data for November 2017

