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Coming up

Sat 15 January

Lake Rotoiti School tennis
tournament and silent
auction. Refer later in
newsletter.

Photos: Junior trappers, I.
Biertumfel. Black Billed Gull,
G. Czoma. Flirt, RS Hamlet.

HAPPY NEW YEAR from your team of volunteer editors



St Arnaud Rural Women would like to thank the Community, Bach Owners and Holiday makers for their generous support for our Annual Book Sale, held last weekend. Thank you to my wonderful team plus their husbands who made the Book Sale run so smoothly with the Covid restrictions. Raffles won by Sally Simpson and Mrs Noble.

We raised \$2500 for Community Projects, one of our projects is to help establish a new Playgroup, they will start meeting at the Community Hall each Tuesday at 10 am (date to be advised). Currently we have started a "Give a Little" page <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/family-loses-everything-in-house-fire>, for Rebecca, Robert Isopo and their 7 children who lost their house, car, caravan, and Roberts work tools plus their musical instruments in a fire.



LAKE SNOW UPDATE

We are monitoring for a lake snow bloom in Rotoiti and Rotoroa monthly over the summer. So far no bloom has been detected, although we know that the invasive diatom responsible for lake snow, *Lindavia*, is present in both lakes.

Observations of locals are important in helping everyone to understand what is going on, so if you see any white suspensions of murk in the lake, or gather an accumulation of white slime on your fishing gear while trawling for trout, this is likely to be a lake snow bloom. If you see it, please let DOC staff know by contacting the visitor centre.

Over the busy holiday period duty rangers spoke with lots of visitors and gave out many pamphlets with information about lake snow. If you missed out on this and would like a pamphlet to keep (for example, leave it in the bach for visitors to read) please come to the Visitor Centre.

Please remember that this invasive alga is **microscopic** and can be transferred in single drops of water.

Any gear that has been in Rotoiti or Rotoroa is a risk to other lakes – it could spread lake snow.

PLEASE - CHECK CLEAN DRY your water gear

There is real concern about lake snow travelling to Rotomairewhenua Blue Lake on peoples' gear. We have increased the hut wardening presence at the hut to help protect the lake from this biosecurity risk. Simple actions such as putting a gopro camera in the water if it had been in Lake Rotoroa up to 2 days previous, could move lake snow.

So far, compliance has been excellent.

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CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday

Lake Rotoiti Chapel, 10.30AM,
Rotoiti Street, St Arnaud

- Services are run by locals and non-denominational.
- Everyone welcome

Thursday & Sunday

Rotoiti Hub, 3 pm

- Holy Spirit lead worship, encounter, revelation and ministry.
- Phone Nigel and Sarah 027 441 3776 or Jane 027 332 8096 for info and location.

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

Lake Rotoiti Tennis Tournament
January 15th 2022

Come and support Kea Kai and Lake Rotoiti School



Children from 9am Adults from 11am

Please be there 15minutes prior to the games starting.

To register, email: jeff@bentonoffice.co.nz

or enter on the day before 8:30am (kids) or 10:30am (adults)

Children \$10 Adults \$20

Join us at the Lake Rotoiti School Tennis Courts for a fun day at the inaugural St Arnaud Open.

Food and beverages available for purchase

Further sponsorship, prizes or support welcome. Email Jeff at the above address.

Postponement date: 16th January.



Kea Kai and Lake Rotoiti School Fundraiser

Lake Rotoiti Community News



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Money raised will be used to cover costs not covered by the Ministry of Education; for such things as School Fees, Camp, and extra curricula activities such as skiing and swimming lessons. Kea's aim is that no child at the school shall be disadvantaged by having their family expected to pay for the opportunities and education that these activities provide. Your support is greatly appreciated
A BIG thanks to Jackson Estate and Pask Wines for supporting our cause

Silent Auction

The following items will be auctioned on the day of the tennis. Please send through in advance bids for any of the below items. Bids can be sent to Jeff at jeff@bentonoffice.co.nz; if they can please be emailed before 9am on the 15th of January.

1. \$100 Alpine lodge voucher <https://www.alpinelodge.co.nz/>
2. \$100 Sharesies voucher <https://www.sharesies.nz/>
3. \$100 Delivereasy voucher. <https://www.delivereasy.co.nz/>
4. Jackson Estate cave tour and private tasting for four people. Followed by burger and wine from Jackson's burger joint. RRP of \$300. <https://www.jacksonestate.co.nz/>
5. Jackson Estate Pinot Noir magnum. <https://www.jacksonestate.co.nz>
6. Pask Magnum (red wine). <https://www.pask.co.nz/>
7. Mixed dozen of Waitoa beer. <https://waitoabeer.co.nz>

All funds raised will be utilised by Kea to help fund various activities within the school curriculum.