

Lake Rotoiti Community News

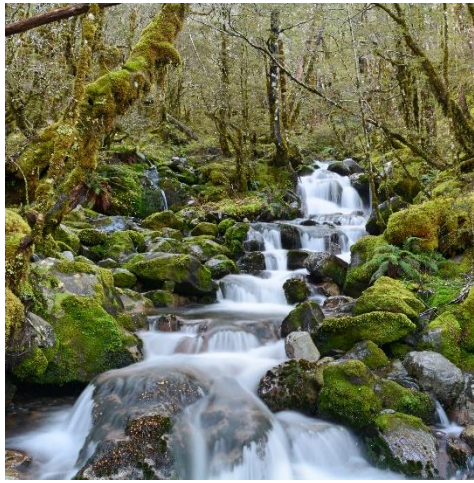
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This newsletter is produced by a small volunteer editing crew to help keep our community connected and informed. We welcome your contributions!

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Lake Rotoiti School News

Kia Ora

The children have been working very hard in preparation for the production. This has been an all-consuming project this term. Special thanks go to Jack, Penny and Faye for their hard work in the props and clothing department and to Dominique for searching out special props and equipment. As usual we will have a professional lighting, sound and video practitioner for the big day.

Next week we travel to Waitaria Bay School for a rehearsal, and they will be travelling to Rotoiti on Tuesday 2 July for dress rehearsal on the 3rd and the performances on the 4th. We are all excited to see you there for our big day. Our Cross Country hosted at Frith and Chris' was a raging success with children running enthusiastically.



Coming up

Sunday June 23rd 12 noon, Blue Duck family-friendly midwinter swim, Nude or Not, water taxi jetty, Kerr Bay. Bring food and warm drinks to share for afters.

Weds June 26th 5pm Rotoiti Lodge fundraising Mid-winter Christmas dinner and quiz. Bookings to 03 5211820

Saturday 29th June 7pm Community Poetry Night, Community Hall

Thursdays 10am - 12pm Playgroup. Community Hall. Ph Kirsten 0220445829. Gold coin donation.

Photos: Tui, D. Price.

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

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On Tuesday after the cross country we went to Richmond Pools for a fun day swimming and playing in the wave pool.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, this year marks the 75th anniversary of our school. The celebration will be held on the 26th of October 2024, save the date. More information will be released in due course.

Ngā mihi
Miriam and Mike



National Volunteer Week 2024: Whiria te tangata – weaving the people together

National Volunteer Week celebrates the collective contribution of the millions of volunteers who enrich Aotearoa New Zealand.

National Volunteer Week 2024 is June 16-22. This year's theme is '*Whiria te tangata – weaving the people together*'. Volunteering weaves us together, strengthening the fabric of our community.

Volunteering is a powerful movement. When we volunteer our time, skills and energy, we show we care for our environment and community. This National Volunteer Week DOC is celebrating the diversity of volunteers who make a difference.

Now more than ever, as a volunteering community we commit to caring, and to building meaningful, enduring, and inclusive relationships across our differences.

The Nelson Lakes DOC team send a huge thank-you every volunteer and community member who contributes – your efforts continue to make a difference for conservation.

Keeping kea habitats lead free

The third basin along the Pourangahau / Mt Robert Range is where you will find the Christie and Robert huts. They were built more than 50 years ago by the Nelson Ski Club as overnight accommodation for the now-disestablished Mt Robert Ski Field.

Kea breeding success has improved in this area due to the Department of Conservation's intensive pest trapping and nest monitoring programme, supported

by the Kea Conservation Trust and the World Parrot Trust.

Kea can unfortunately take a liking to chewing on the lead nails and flashings on the roofs of buildings in their habitat. This makes them sick and can kill them. The Kea Conservation Trust is on a mission to replace lead nail and flashings with non-toxic materials.

In 2021 the Kea Conservation Trust was granted Jobs for Nature funding to remove lead from buildings in kea habitat around the South Island. In 2022 they were contacted by the trustees of the Mt Robert Foundation about removing lead from the Pourangahau / Mt Robert huts in Nelson Lakes National Park. Lead removal was also on the radar of Nelmac and Kumanu Environmental, who are both partners of the Kea Conservation Trust, and they quickly indicated they had capacity to help out.

"Things came together really well. We've got kea seen in the area for the first time in a number of years, this dedicated group doing work on the huts and noticing the roof materials contained lead, and some of our partners approaching us to say they can help out. Too good an opportunity to pass up." says Project Manager Peter Fraser. Nelmac and Kumanu Environmental assessed what was needed to replace the roof components with lead in them.

"Peter ordered the materials and organised delivery from Dimond Roofing, who are also partners of the Kea Conservation Trust and kindly provide a discount on materials for the project. Nelson based Ultimate Roofing Ltd provided a location for the material to be delivered too. And the Mt Robert Foundation and Kumanu Environmental set about organising a volunteer working bee to complete the lead removal work."

In May 2023, after two weeks of rain and a fresh dumping of snow, the weather cleared just in time for the working bee. Dave Breeze, a project builder working in the Tasman area, led the team of three volunteers from the Mt Robert Foundation and ranger Jo Taylor from Kumanu Environmental in a successful day of lead removal. They replaced lead nails and old iron, and removed 24 meters of ridge capping with lead flashings, replacing it with new lead-free ridge capping.

(Story written by Nicole Sutton, DOC Jobs for Nature Delivery Manager)



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"We thank all our rural clients for their ongoing continued support"

Words Into Winter

COMMUNITY POETRY NIGHT

SAT 29 JUNE AT 7PM
COMMUNITY HALL SIDE ROOM

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LOOKING FOR SOME EXTRA INCOME THIS SUMMER ?

Interested in having the amazing scenery of the Top of South as your office?

Love driving, meeting people from all walks of life and want to earn some extra income then this is the job for you. I am looking for an enthusiastic person to help with the business during the months of October to April. You'll get paid to see the back of your backyard and are home at night.

Tasks include;

- Driving the Shuttle Service on a casual basis.
- Keeping the vehicle clean and tidy as and when necessary.
- Assist with promotions, part-time.

If you can say YES to some or all of the following then I would love to hear from you.

- Hold a P endorsement on your class 1 license or are willing to apply for one. It takes 4-6 weeks to get a P endorsement.
- Enjoy driving and have a clean driving record.
- Love meeting people and having a chat.
- Embody Manaakitanga (hospitality) as a way of life.
- Have a flexible and outgoing personality.
- You live in St Arnaud or nearby.
- Know a bit about the area and tramping.
- Have computer skills.

If the P endorsement is holding you back..let's talk anyway.

You will work as an independent contractor and can decide when you do and don't work.

Remuneration is based on experience.

We'll help with costs to get the P endorsement and give you the necessary training in September/October.

Have a look at the website

www.tripsandtransfers.co.nz to see what we offer.

Contact Jennifer

Nelson Lakes

Ph. 03-5394896 /text 022-6154915

New website coming soon!

IS YOUR WOODSHED EMPTYING OUT TOO FAST?

It got colder earlier this year. If you're worried you won't have enough firewood to see you through, we have dry wood to keep you warm.

Dry Firewood	
Bluegum	\$120 m3
Beech, Macrocarpa	\$120 m3
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A Light Bulb Moment!

Your Fire Brigade tries to keep ahead of how to deal with potential incidents. We think up possible scenarios, or Training Officer Ewan does so for us! Then we run a practical enactment of the incident - quad bike roll-over; vehicle crash; various fires etc, and work through the best way to deal with them, before we meet the real thing! We also check out local water supplies at a number of locations and pump from them.

The Peninsula has always been an area of concern. Apart from house tanks, one swimming pool and a fire fighting tank in Summit Street, the Peninsula is dry. Discussing this at one training night, Malcolm had a "Light Bulb Moment". Why not run pipes from the Lake to View Rd? From there water can be pumped on from a fire appliance or portable dam?

Wattie set it up for next training night; ran 4 lengths of hose down to the Lake, and we successfully pumped water in volume 200 metres up 45metres of elevation! And on up Massey Str. Too much of our hose supply was used up, so Malcolm suggested a permanent fixed hose. A "dry riser", as sometimes used in multi-storey buildings.

Malcolm went on to approach PGG Wrightsons through Andrew Young and they very kindly arranged a donation of 70mm pipe in conjunction with RX Plastics, worth several thousand dollars.

Graeme and Janet plotted and cleared a route; John W. dealt with the DoC paperwork; and the Brigade ran it out for a training exercise! Altogether a great and prompt result, bringing water in quantity to a good area of the Peninsula, much more quickly.

This in no way excuses you from clearing your own flammable vegetation!
Wildfires are one scenario. A fire starting in the village quite another.
Your flammable vegetation will spread a fire to your neighbours.

The McConochie Dry Riser was a fantastic idea, rapidly acted on.
Many thanks to all involved in making our village safer, by half an hour!



Graeme, our new Fire Chief, connects pipe from lake pump to dry riser



A torrent not a trickle! This could save your life and/or your house

BIG GENERATOR NEWS



We are delighted to say that we have fundraised enough to buy our emergency generator! A huge thank you to our community from the **Local Civil Defence group** for all your support.

The new generator means that our community can be self-sufficient for power in an emergency. We'd like to especially thank St Arnaud Rural Women for their generous donation which kick started the appeal.

We'd also like to express our thanks to the following for their generosity:

- Rotoiti District Community Council
- Rotoiti Hall committee
- Lake Rotoiti Volunteer Fire Force
- Rotoiti Hub
- Rotoiti Outdoor Education Centre
- A Good Electrician
- Pete Rainey- Classic Boat Museum
- Nelson Mitre 10 Mega
- Nelson LPG services
- Rockgas Marlborough
- Rockgas Nelson
- WR Jack LTD
- Richmond Rotary Club and Adie at Muscle Trailers - for the trailer

As well as the numerous generous donations from local residents - you've all made this possible, Thank you

PLAYGROUP ABC

Playgroup meets Thursday mornings
10am - 12pm at the community hall, all
preschoolers welcome.

Many thanks to St Arnaud
Rural Woman for your on
going support

For any inquiries please contact
Kirsten on 0220445829

AURORA? What aurora?

Who photographed the mid-May aurora display from St Arnaud?

Would you mind sending your pics in to the newsletter?...and we will put them in.

It might seem like old news now, but some were sleeping, others were busy studying, yet others were galavanting on holiday, and missed the display... Aargh! These sad members of the community would LOVE to see some photos of the Southern Lights playing above the St Arnaud Range!

If you have Facebook, you can look at this lovely time-lapse of aurora images from the Angelus hut webcam:
<https://www.facebook.com/NZMountainSafetyCouncil/videos/1618535812237848/>

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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

BE | GET | STAY



Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

Monday and Wednesday 10am Casual exercise group. Community Hall. Gold coin koha. Julie 0272385597

Mondays 7pm Badminton. \$3 per person to go towards hall and shuttle-cocks. Racquets available, all welcome! Ed 03 5211106

Wednesdays 5.30pm Yoga with Ashton., Community Hall. Charges apply 0225257871

Seido-Karate

Community Hall

Tuesdays 5pm - kids & beginners

Thursdays 5pm – General Class

Graeme 021 0859 4088. Gold coin donation

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).



Mid Winter

Christmas Dinner and Quiz

Join us for an evening of good food, great company and most of all fun.

5.30pm ,26th June at Rotoiti Lodge Outdoor Education Centre

Buffet Christmas dinner and Dessert with a challenging yet humorous quiz lead by

Legendary quiz master Murray Leaning

Adults \$50

Children (primary school) \$35

Book a table for your team of 6 or as an individual

Bookings to infor@rotoitilodge.co.nz or 5211820 by 21st June

BYO drinks (Rotoiti Lodge Outdoor Education Centre requires those attending to drink responsibly and to make prior arrangements for getting home)

Accommodation is available, please contact us to arrange
All proceeds going to Rotoiti Lodge Gear Shed Upgrade providing equipment and clothing to students on camp



Lake Rotoiti Civil Defence Emergency Management

Did you know that here at Lake Rotoiti we have CDEM team in place in case there is a need. The team is made up of local volunteers, in the team we have a local controller, 2 alternate controllers, a strong welfare team and a group of other dedicated volunteers who fill roles around planning, intel, logistics and operations. If you think it all sounds very management based, you would be correct. CDEM is a management tool that is used to bring a wide range of services together in a coordinated response that uses other groups/organisations for practical on the ground response, its job is to coordinate them. These groups might be made up of FENZ (Fire and Emergency), community volunteers and other business and Government departments for example.

Our team is not a very large one and we are interested in growing our number to try and provide more resilience for our community. If you think that you would like to be involved, please let us know. You don't need to have any previous experience, just a desire to help our community in the event that we are needed, although a background in planning, intel, or logistics or an understanding of CIMS (coordinated incident management) would be useful. But if you don't have any of these, don't let that put you off.

The area that we cover is from lake Rotoiti west to Kawatiri, east to the Marlborough boundary and North to Kikiwa. In the event of a declared emergency, we will also support our neighbours who are outside of this area.

Recently we came together for a day of training in the morning and an exercise in the afternoon. The exercise was based around a large earthquake that was centred at Hiwipango, It was a devastating event that meant we were cut off from Nelson and Blenheim. Nelson and Blenheim had suffered widespread severe damage, and we were similarly affected. Sounds like a possible real-world scenario doesn't it. As Controller I was really impressed with how everyone came together, both those who have experience and those who are new. They worked through the scenario to come up with a response plan and put it into action. During all this, the trainers interjected more information and twisted things to make sure that we were being responsive to the evolving event. At the end of the exercise, I felt reassured and confident.

It also highlighted for me that we need to make the fact that we are here and what it is that we do more commonly known, along with a few very specific things that are relevant to living in a small easily isolated community

- Have a plan, this plan needs to cover things like
 - what if I'm in town for the day and my kid/s are at school
 - where are we (family/house mates) going to meet or leave messages, have options

- you really should plan to be self-sufficient for 3 weeks – Food, medications etc. Sounds like a long time, but it doesn't need to be flash or expensive a 10kg bag of rice, some cans and soup sachets can be stretched out for quite some time. The reality is that in a large-scale event it maybe some time before we get outside help
- How am I/we going to cook, stay warm and boil water
- If you have a generator, make sure that you have fuel for it and test it works from time to time
- Talk with your neighbours and come up with a plan for your street that supports each other – we need to look after each other, remember your house/family first and then spread out from there.
- Make yourself, your family and your neighbours aware of the village evacuation plan for in the event of a fire
- There is no golden army that is coming
- Stay calm

Currently we are working on getting some VHF radios to some of our outlying communities such as the Howard, Kikiwa, Waireka and the eastern end of Tophouse so that we can communicate with these areas if they are cut off.

Here in the village, we have several VHF radios that can communicate directly with the CDEM base in Richmond, as well as a sat phone.

If you have any questions, are interested in being involved or just want to talk about CDEM in our community, please let me know. I can be contacted on 0273529218

Russell Ferens

Local Controller, Lake Rotoiti CDEM