Lake Rotoiti Community News 12 September 2021

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Lake Rotoiti School News

Well it is great to be back at school.

We celebrated getting back together by spending our first day back up at the ski field which allowed the children to reconnect and spend time with each other after the three-week lockdown.

All of the children have been working away at their schoolwork over lockdown and practicing the script for the production over Google Meets twice daily. Due to Level 2 restrictions we are planning to run a matinee performance of our Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies production for extended family and local community members. We will run an evening performance for parents and siblings only. Both performances will be limited to 50 people and bookings for each performance must be made through the office manager at office@lakerotoiti.school.nz. Masks will need to be worn by everyone 12 years and older, and social distancing will need to be observed as set out in the Covid-19 guidelines.

Unfortunately due to Covid-19 levels and a full term 4 schedule we will have to cancel our Matariki Quiz. Dominique will be in touch to refund those who have already paid. Donated prizes will be held until our next fundraising event. Thank you to everyone who helped organise the prizes.

During level 2 any visitors to the school are requested to wear a mask and required to scan in or sign the register.

Thank you to everyone for your support over this difficult time. Mike and Alison

Coming up

Thurs 16 September

St Arnaud Rural Women monthly meeting at 1pm at Community Hall Margaret 027 4172690

Sat 18 September 5.30pm Rainbow Ski Field AGM St Arnaud Café

Wednesday 22 September

"Robin & The Sherwood Hoodies" school production at 6pm, Community Hall – limited to 50 people (masks required for 12 years & above)

Sundays 10.30 am
Lake Rotoiti Chapel

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

Photos: Rotoiti School skiing first week back after lockdown at Rainbow Ski

Field

Note: regular notices about fitness related activities are listed in a separate box within the Newsletter.



Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre

Open 9am – 4pm during the winter months and from 8am – 4.30pm over the summer. We are open every day except for Christmas Day.

During Covid Level 2, all visitors must either scan in or sign in and the wearing of masks is mandatory.

Nelson Lakes National Park Ungulate Control

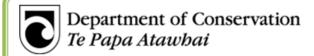
The Department of Conservation Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes has enlisted DOC concession holders Helicharter Nelson and Murchison Heli Tours to undertake game animal management in the southern area of Nelson Lakes National Park. The block will include the area west of the D'Urville river, the Ella range, the Spenser mountains south of Thompson pass and Nardoo creek. This area is outside the most popular tramping tracks (the Travers-Sabine Circuit and the Te Araroa trail) in Nelson Lakes National Park (NLNP). There are excessive number of deer in this area of the park that are unable to be controlled by current methods.

In line with the NLNP management plan, for the purpose of game animal control these two operators will be able to land in a designated area in NLNP from the 27th of October until the 11th of November 2021 and during the roar of April 2022 (dates TBC). Blocks of four days and three nights are preferred, to ensure all interested hunting parties are able to book. Interested hunting parties will be able to contact the helicopter operators directly to book flights into the area. The area is divided into 8 hunting blocks with identified landing sites and campsites (some huts available for use). The requirement is on hunting game animals for management purposes and is not for those who seek aircraft access into the National Park for other activities. All volunteers must report the number of animals seen and shot to the helicopter operators once they have been flown out. All costs sit with the hunting parties.

To book a hunting block contact the helicopter operators directly:

Helicharter Nelson: 021 575 146, matt@helicharternelson.co.nz Murchison Heli Tours: 03 523 9951, info@murchisonhelitours.co.nz

Contact Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor if you require further information 03 521 1806 or email nelsonlakesvc@doc.govt.nz.



STAFF WANTED ROTOITI/NELSON LAKES VISITOR CENTRE

The Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre is looking for someone available on a casual basis to fill in as and when needed. This may extend to fixed term over the summer months.

We also have an opportunity for someone to be available two days/week (Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday).

We are looking for people with a positive attitude who like dealing with people in a busy and fast paced environment. The work involves general customer service, providing visitor information, issuing permits, booking campgrounds and huts, and retail sales. Must be available to work weekends and summer school holidays.

If you are not scared of computers and phones, enjoy talking with customers, have a good general knowledge of the local walking tracks and the area, this might be just the job for you!

If you would like to be involved in our work, please contact the Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre, View Road. St Arnaud.

Phone: 03 521 1806, E-mail: shutchinson@doc.govt.nz

Department of Conservation has identified Visitor Centre staff nationally as being roles where the risks are too high to accommodate unvaccinated persons.



Playcentre Murchison is looking for a Session Facilitator on two days a week.

For more information and the full job description please check out the Trade Me Job Reference: USI SF Murchison N/T or get in contact with us directly Mon/Wed/Thurs email murchison@playcentre.org.nz phone 03 523 9268



Rental property available in the village, St Arnaud. Long term if necessary. Contact Kay 0273072820 Lake Rotoiti Community Hall Committee are looking for the following positions to be filled:



Hall Manager (paid position). Call Sara for more information on 0276306555

Treasurer – contact Nigel on 0274413776 for more information

Come and be part of the team in your community.

Hall Committee Ph 022 4877168 or Richard on 0211591590

WANTED - PLASTIC GARDEN POTS



These are for growing on tree seedlings of less flammable species, to replace some of the highly flammable ones in our village.

Pots need to be clean and at least 150mm across the top (6 inches) or bigger.

Please ring Robbie Thomson 03 5211999, or deliver to 10 Rangeview Rd.

Thank you!

CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday

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

- Services are run by locals and nondenominational.
- 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.

Have you seen Charlie?



It would appear that Charlie has had enough of us all being home (Rangeview Road area) for lockdown and has decided to disappear.

She is normally good at coming home each night so we're quite worried about her as she has now been missing over a week.

If anyone has any information, please contact Christine 0272067222 or Wattie 0224928841.



AGM

Saturday 18 September @ 5.30pm

St Arnaud Café, Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes

Join us for a short meeting to sign off business, and a social catch up.

We have two big projects on the go:

- 1. Our DOC renewal
- 2. Our 5-year capital plan.

We would like to get sub-committees underway for these pieces of work.





Now is the perfect time to be filling your shed with a new load of firewood, so it can get nice and dry for next Winter.

Wanted to buy: Trees for firewood. Good price paid.

Dry & Green Firewood ~ Beech, Bluegum, Douglas Fir, Pine DIY Wood ~ Logs of Beech & Pine, Bundles of Douglas Fir Fresh Birchfield Coal

Garden Goodies - Flourish Bulk Compost, Barley Straw, Pea Straw, Linseed Straw (long-term weed suppression, birds don't remove it), Bark Chips, Sawdust

Hire ~ Tractor, Tip Truck, Logging Truck & Trailer, Woodsplitters

LONGFORD FIREWOOD

Ph: 0800 566 436 or Hamish: 027 279 8224

Monday to Friday - 8am to 5pm (call, text or email first)

Weekends by appointment

E: campbellscreek@farmside.co.nz

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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

BE GET STAY



Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

"Circuit Breakers" exercise group Monday, Wednesday, Fridays 10 am Community Hall All welcome, gold coin donation Gael 027 280 4078

Pilates

Community Hall on Mondays at 5.30pm. Contact Lisa 021 202 4034

Seido-Karate Community Hall
Tuesdays 6pm - kids & beginners
Thursdays 6 pm - General Class
Graeme 021 0859 4088. Gold coin donation

