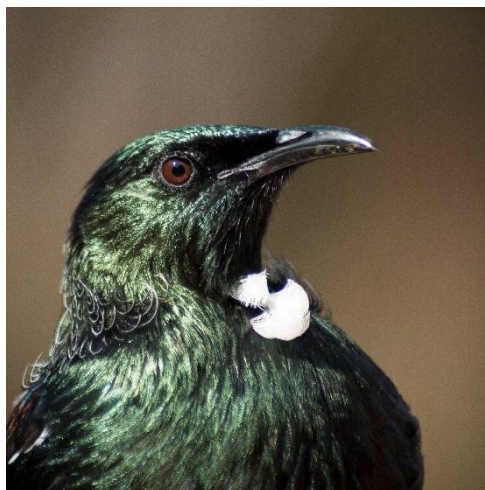


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## Lake Rotoiti School News

Term three has started off with two great days up Rainbow Skifield for the children of Lake Rotoiti School and we hope this continues for the next 5 weeks. Every child gets to have a lesson, thanks to our great fundraising team, Kea Kai, followed by time to practice what they have learnt. If you're up there keep an eye out for the kids with the green mohawks, that's us.



We are full on practicing our production and this is beginning to come together nicely with children beginning to really take on their character roles.



We hope many of you will be able to come to the Community Hall on Wednesday 22nd September to watch "Our Merry Men in Tights".

The questions have been completed and the time is near, will you have what it takes to win this year. Our (post) Matariki quiz night is Thursday 19th August so for all those who have booked a seat we will see you there. Sorry NO door sales.

We would like to apologise to Butch Goodwin for forgetting to mention him in our thanks for his help on the tennis court. Thanks Butch ,we really do appreciate those who give their time to help us out.

Our team of Senior Students have been checking their school ground traps each fortnight, so far there have been no catches but it is great to see them getting involved in this.

Has anyone seen our yellow bin? This escaped in the high winds.

### RDCC meeting

The next RDCC meeting is on Wed Aug 25th at 7:15pm.

All welcome. You can come at 7 for a cup of tea. Brian Erasmus will present the results of a lot of work on the village CCTV installation.

Regards,

Robbie Thomson

### Proposed Security Cameras

The purpose of the security cameras is to create a safer community for our whānau and to aid the NZ Police in identifying vehicles of interest that come to, or pass through the village. The security cameras will also act as a deterrent for any potential criminal activity with appropriate signage to be installed. St Arnaud is not immune to criminal activity and, like many of the towns surrounding the village which have already installed security cameras, the RDCC agrees that installing the security cameras would be of benefit to the community. St Arnaud is ideally suited for security camera installation having only one roads in/out of the village. It is proposed that security cameras be installed on each side of the village to record the passage of vehicles. At this stage there are no cameras planned within the village itself, though it would be relatively simple to install additional cameras to the system if required. The security cameras will be positioned in such a way that only vehicles on the road will be in view. Access to the footage recorded by the security cameras will only be available to the NZ Police and the cameras will not be actively monitored. All data collected by the cameras will be overwritten if not required by the NZ Police. This proposal will need to be community funded. An initial quote for the proposal is just over \$7,000, though this may change slightly due to installation issues. During the next RDCC meeting (25th August, 7:15pm at the Lake Rotoiti Community Hall) there will be the opportunity to ask questions or comment on the proposal. The RDCC will then be accepting contributions from property owners and local businesses, all proceeds going towards the purchase of the system. The account details can be found below: Rotoiti District Community Council. Account number: 38-9010-0624715-01 When making a contribution, please include an identifying reference in the event that insufficient funds are raised, in which case the contribution will be refunded to the donor. Please email the RDCC Secretary at [rotoiticommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:rotoiticommunitycouncil@gmail.com) if you have any queries. Kind regards, Rotoiti District Community Council.



### 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 27<sup>th</sup> of October until the 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:matt@helicharternelson.co.nz)

Murchison Heli Tours: 03 523 9951,  
[info@murchisonhelitours.co.nz](mailto:info@murchisonhelitours.co.nz)

If there are concerns or further information is required contact:

Nelson Lakes Visitors Centre: 03 521 1806,  
[nelsonlakesvc@doc.govt.nz](mailto:nelsonlakesvc@doc.govt.nz)



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and surrounding areas**

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**03 543 8090 or 0800 301507**

**[info@tuffnell.co.nz](mailto:info@tuffnell.co.nz)**

***We thank all our existing clients for  
their continued support"***



### 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.

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## Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

**Badminton** Mondays 7pm, Community Hall.  
\$3 to cover equipment.

Ed or Nicky 03 5211106

**"Circuit Breakers"** exercise group  
Monday, Wednesday, Fridays 10 am,  
Community Hall

All welcome, gold coin donation

Gael 027 280 4078

## Pilates

Community Hall on Thursdays at 5pm. 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

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- 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](mailto:rotoitinews@gmail.com)

## Tasman's 10 Year Plan

The Plan was adopted on 30 June 2021, and it sets out the key projects and services planned for Tasman District and how much the Council will invest in the services and infrastructure. In this email, we have provided a summary of

some of the key decisions and changes in the Plan. We have also included some helpful links at the bottom if you wish to read more about the decisions or rates information. You can view the final 10-Year Plan here [www.tasman.govt.nz/link/ltp](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/link/ltp).

**Homes for our Community**

We know that housing affordability is a key issue in Tasman, and if we do not provide infrastructure for development,

housing affordability would worsen due to the gap between housing supply and demand. In the Consultation Document, we asked you how much growth infrastructure to fund and in which areas.

The Council agreed to provide the necessary infrastructure to meet housing and business demand across the District. This means spending \$122.5 million over the next 10 years to meet the forecast demand for infrastructure to service development across the whole of Tasman District, based on a medium-growth scenario and in line with recent trends.

This will allow both greenfield development and infill housing/intensification of our towns and suburbs.

**Waimea Community Dam**

For the next 100 plus years, the Waimea Community Dam (WCD) will provide secure and sustainable drinking and horticulture water supply for the communities of the Waimea Plains. It will also improve the health of the river and

bring economic benefits to Tasman District. The news of cost overruns was disappointing and created funding challenges. During consultation, we asked you how the irrigators' share of the WCD cost increases should be paid for.

We adopted a revised version of Option A which offers a better outcome for Tasman ratepayers and a more equitable

funding mechanism for irrigators. It means that the irrigators pay for most of their share of the cost overruns, rather

than Council collecting their share through a targeted rate. For the first five years only, the general ratepayer funds a portion of the irrigators' share of the overruns. This is an estimated average cost to residential ratepayers of \$5 a year

for the overruns portion only. After five years, the full cost will be covered by affiliated irrigators.

We appreciate the importance of the WCD within our community, and the mixed views on who benefits from it and

who should fund the project. We also acknowledge that most submitters preferred Option D, which was a new targeted rate solely on irrigators for the full cost of the irrigators' share of overruns. This was a complex and challenging decision to make. Our decision required careful consideration of a wide range of factors, information and

constraints, alongside the public views. Our decision strikes a balanced approach for the whole District, now, and in the future.

**Nelson Airport and Port Nelson**

Both Nelson City and Tasman District Councils proposed a new structure for the Nelson Airport and Port Nelson, where the two companies are merged into a single new company. This was to provide more benefits (operational efficiencies, cheaper borrowing, tax efficiencies etc.) to the companies and the Council shareholders. We asked what

model you supported for the two companies.

We decided to proceed with the establishment of a new company as a funding vehicle only. Nelson City Council also

decided to proceed with this option. A holding company that acts as a funding vehicle only is operationally similar to

the status quo arrangements. The companies and the Council shareholders still expect to receive some benefits through implementing this option, including savings through lower financing costs from the Local Government Funding

Agency, and the potential for shareholders to retire debt through equity release. A working group comprising staff from

each council and the two companies will develop a transition plan over the next 12 months.

**Climate Change**

We are experiencing more frequent weather extremes and effects, including floods, droughts and fires as a consequence of our changing climate. We have a large coastline, inhabited by thousands of residents. Adding to the

complexity, much of our public infrastructure is built near the coast. Where to spend our time, effort, and funds to best

prepare the Tasman community for the likely effects of climate change and mitigate our greenhouse gas emissions is

a key decision we needed to make. We asked you which of two spending options you preferred for Council to take to respond to climate change.

We decided to proceed with an affordable level of investment spread over the next 10 years. Once we have measured

Council's baseline emissions, we will investigate methods to reduce our emissions. The Tasman Climate Action Plan is designed to be a living document. Suggestions from submitters and new knowledge (e.g. results from our emissions

measurements) can be incorporated into a review of the Action Plan. The financial implications can then be worked through in further detail and consideration given to including them in future Annual or Long Term Plans.

### Other Concurrent Consultations

#### Development and Financial Contributions Policy

We have made changes to our Development and Financial Contributions Policy to support intensification of our existing urban areas, to reduce the costs for smaller homes and to provide exemptions to community housing providers.

#### Revenue and Financing Policy

We have made changes to our Revenue and Financing Policy to maintain affordability to ratepayers on relevant rural

water schemes, and those benefiting from the Waimea Community Dam, increase administration efficiencies, and more accurately charge future ratepayers.

#### Rates Remission Policy

We have changed six policies within the Rates Remission Policy to clarify meaning, keep pace with rising property values in the District, improve administration efficiencies, prevent economic losses to Council regarding abandoned land, prevent undue hardship on non-residential ratepayers, help avoid disputes regarding large water leaks, and

increase the level of the remission with high excess-metered water rates.

#### Schedule of Fees and Charges 2021/2022

The Council reviews all fees and charges annually. The new fees and charges went into force 1 July 2021. To see all fees and changes, head here ([Fees and charges | Tasman District Council](#)).