# Lake Rotoiti Community News

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Please send your newsletter items to: rotoitinews@gmail.com

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#### Lake Rotoiti School News

Here at school we have been working on a movie to promote Emirates Team New Zealand. We created boats from natural materials and raced these down Black Valley Stream, decorated one of our yachts and have used this in our amazing video. This is part of a competition the school is entering to hopefully win some Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths equipment.

As part of this we have uploaded the video and now we need your HELP. We are asking you to support us by voting through the link, which should be live on Monday.

Please vote every day as it's one vote per person per day and votes will be divided by the school roll, so school size is taken into account.

Click on the link from Monday

Onwards <a href="https://www.lakerotoiti.school.nz/competition.html">https://www.lakerotoiti.school.nz/competition.html</a>

See photos on next page

# 17 August 2020

#### Coming up

"Bring a Friend Trapping'
Wed 19 August 10:00 –
12:00 noon
Meet DOC meeting room
Pip Berkett 027 521 1130

**NZ Mountain Film Festival** Sun 23 August
Some tickets left
Tracey 021 475 514
Graeme 021 085 94088

#### **Flashmob**

This is temporarily on hold. We will let you know when it is restarting.

**Weekly** • See community activities inside the newsletter

**Lake Rotoiti Chapel** services are run by locals and non-denominational. Everyone welcome.

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







#### Lake Rotoiti Hall Committee.

The Hall committee would like to acknowledge the landscaping work that Brian and Linda Erasmus have done enhancing the area by the Black Valley bridge.

Thank you for a job well done.







#### **CONSERVATION WEEK ACTIVITIES**

DOC's National Office made the decision that all face-to-face conservation week activities will be cancelled.

This means the insect talk will be cancelled.

Friends of Rotoiti will hold their usual Village trapping session on Wednesday 19 August, 10:00am.

We will keep you posted about running the events in the future.

Thank you Tracey



Jock and Leone wish to invite you to a pot luck lunch after church on Sunday 13th September You are most welcome to church too, 10.30am

The lunch will be 12 noon at the chapel

Please just finger food!

For more info ring Leone 5211833 or Sue 5211110



#### Vacancy:

Casual part time worker required as an extra pair of hands helping in our restaurant and cleaning and bed making etc in our cottages and Guesthouse (must be able to work weekends)

Please phone Tophouse on 03 5211269 or Helen on 0211089266

Miles & Helen

# Quail Eggs

My quails are still laying through the winter.



If you would like some cute eggs for your salad or whatever you come up with, please let me know.

#### \$5 for a dozen.

If you would like a jar of pickled quail eggs, available in different flavours for \$ 7.

Did you know that quail eggs are supposed to help with allergies?

Phone 021 420 766 Cheers, Ina

# Local Digger Hire and Landscape Products Delivered

Small 1.5 ton Bobcat digger.

Barks, soils, compost and other products delivered,

small or large amounts.

Phone Stuart Davidson

03 5211225

# Lou's Hair, Beauty & Massage

Available up at St Arnaud in the community centre

- 🖶 Thursday 27th August
- ♣ Wednesday23rd September

I am travelling from my business in Tapawera to offer these services monthly.

- Women's Dry Haircut \$40
- Men Haircut \$25
- Child's Haircut \$20
- 40 min Massage \$50 1 hr Massage (Sports, Trigger Point, Relaxation)
- 50 mins Foot Reflexology \$60
- Eyelash Tint \$20

Eyebrow Shape \$15

Eyebrow Tint \$15

Eye Trio \$40

- Nail File & Paint \$30
- Half leg wax \$30

Bikini wax \$25

• Facial \$60

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Look forward to meeting you! Efpos available

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## 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

#### **Badminton Monday, 7:00pm**

Community Hall. Gold coin donation. Nicky Shaw 521 1106

#### Seido-Karate

Community Hall - Gold coin donation Tuesdays 6pm - kids & beginners Thursdays 6 pm - General Class Graeme Andrews 021 085 94088.

#### Yoga – all levels

At Alpine Yoga and Massage – Alpine Lodge New times Tuesday 5:30pm, Thursday 5:30 pm, Sunday 9:00 am Ashton 022 525 7871

#### **Craft Group**

Thursday 1pm. Various venues
Bring your crafts and share with others
Jane McConochie 5211844, Nicky Shaw 5211106

#### **Village Trapping Group – Friends of Rotoiti**

Meets every second Wednesday. DOC meeting room, 10.00am to 11.30 approx. Cuppa afterwards.

Contact Pip Berkett 27 521 1130 or Julie Robilliard 5211874

#### Pilates – Community Hall

Mondays 5.30, Thursdays 10am. Lisa 0212024034

# Save St Arnaud's Wetland



# Beechnest Subdivision Givealitte Page

#### **Cause**

The community of St Arnaud is opposing a subdivision development proposed on a wetland protected by a covenant.

#### **Our Story**

Kia ora Aotearoa,

We are in the middle of a legal battle to protect our precious wetland located beside Beechnest Drive in St Arnaud, nestled by the Nelson Lakes National Park.

This is a wetland which is unsuitable for building; however, the developer has excavated massive holes and backfilled them with hardfill (e.g. one of the 10 holes is 13m x 20m and estimated 3-4m deep).

A restrictive covenant on the wetland allows two dwellings to be built, however the developer wants to subdivide further and sell a total of 10 sections. This will have an extremely degrading effect on the wetland. Tasman District Council website states that "95% of wetlands on private land have been lost in Tasman" which "makes the remaining wetlands very valuable".

**Wetlands** are highly productive and biologically diverse systems that enhance water quality, control erosion, maintain stream flows, sequester carbon, and provide a home to at least

one third of all threatened and endangered species

As you walk along the wetlands, everyone enjoys the uninterrupted panorama of mountains with the wetlands in the foreground, framed by views of Mt Robert and the majestic St Arnaud range in the background.

This is a beautiful family-friendly area, accessible to all, which will be lost if this development proceeds.

# Don't let this wealthy developer destroy our precious environment!

#### **Use of Funds**

Your generosity will help us to fight this development.

We are incurring exorbitant legal fees to enforce the covenant which we believe will help protect this valuable wetland. Our lawyer has advised us that costs could reach up to \$70,000.

This developer has deeper pockets than us. We will be grateful for any contributions small or large.

#### **Click Below to Donate**

https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/save-st-arnauds-wetland

## Nga mihi nui, Beechnest Subdivision Group

### The Tree Doctor

Available for \*felling \*form pruning \*reductions
\*thinning \*hedge trimming\* tree removals
16 years experience, references available.
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For all aspects of tree care call Chris 02102647942 thetreedr@yahoo.com



#### Planned Works Communications Plan Nelson Tasman NOC 646T

# SH6 Glenhope: Road Closure – culvert installation

# Work Description

To close State Highway 6 between Lamb Valley Road (Tadmor-Glenhope Road?) and Kawatiri Junction for up to two weeks, to upgrade two culvert pipes that were damaged in the Glenhope storm event. The project to undertake these works is expected to take approximately six weeks, during which the above road closure is planned.

#### Dates:

The 24/7 road closure will start on Mid-September, and should reopen on xxx. The expected completion date of the work is xxx, but a contingency week has been added to the plan.

#### Working hours:

- Working hours will be 7am to 6pm.
- Days of work: Monday to Saturday.
- Work will only be able to be undertaken during the day, but due to the type of work and excavation involved, the road will be closed 24/7.

#### Contacts:

- 1. Tasman Journeys: Nick Webby, ph 027 705 5415
- 2. Fulton Hogan Nelson Project Manager: Chris Burr, ph 027 244 4667

Further information will be available when the dates for this work are finalized.