

Deadline for next issue:  
Friday 30 July 2021

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## THURSDAY 19 AUGUST

Tickets will be available from Rotoiti School early next term.

Start studying up and thinking about getting a team together!

### Coming up

#### Wednesday 11 August

Tasman District Council  
Pop Up Library 11am-2pm  
Community Hall

#### Friday 13 August & Saturday 14 August

Degustation Dinner @  
The Prickly Vine  
*see advert in newsletter for details*

#### Tuesdays 10am

Preschool Playgroup  
Contact Frith 0277534880.  
\$2 for community hall use.

#### Wednesdays 1pm

Craft Group – contact  
Nicky 03 521-1106

#### Thurs 19 August

Rotoiti School Quiz Night

#### Sundays 10.30am

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

**Photos:** Black Valley  
Stream, Kerr Bay under  
water and Buller River in  
flood 18 July 2021 –  
S Wotherspoon

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

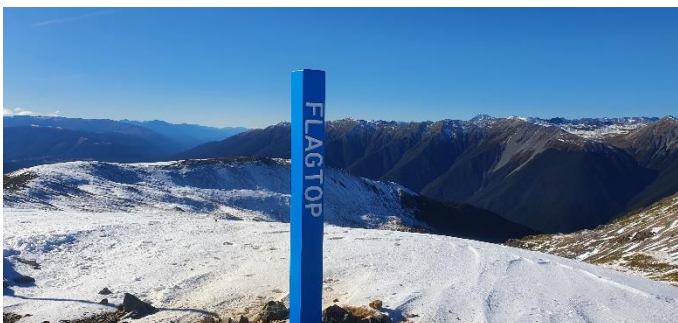


Wednesday last week was an absolute cracker of a day with blue skies and no wind and the perfect day to install most of our newly arrived 'decision' signs on the Robert Ridge and Speargrass Stream routes into Angelus Hut.

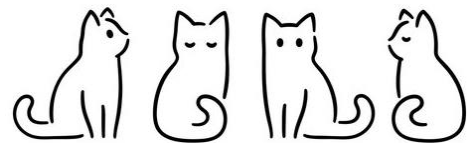


Rotomaninitua/Lake Angelus has proven over the years to be a huge drawcard to trampers. Too many however are not suitably equipped or do not have the experience to know when they should turn around with deteriorating weather conditions. Sometimes it is fitness or dealing with snow or unbridged stream crossings which catch out the inexperienced. The various routes into Angelus Hut have seen far more than its fair share of people rescued. Unfortunately in recent years several fatalities and near fatalities. This all-too-frequent gap between experience required and experience held has led us to create a series of signs to help with the decision making. They advise that the terrain gets increasingly tough and ask if they (the trampers) are tired or cold or the weather is closing in and if so, they should turn around now while they still can.

When designing these signs it became obvious that 'Flagtop', once an identifiable location at the top of the Flagtop tow of the Mt. Robert Ski Field, would be a useful reference point. It still features on the topo maps, but most wouldn't know when they were there on the ground. We have now marked Flagtop with a post painted in the colours of the Nelson Ski Club who built the old ski field and the original tracks, roads and huts. The club is to supply a logo which will attach to the post once available.



There are two other signs flown to their locations on the Cascade Track (Hukere Stream) and Cedric Ridge which we are yet to erect. Another to go inside Angelus Hut. Digging into the frozen and rocky ground on the ridge sites was particularly tough going, but we were very keen to see the highest priority signs up as soon as we had them. They are unlikely to put a complete halt to trampers finding themselves in trouble – but if they save one life or several, they will be well have proven their worth.



DOC kindly creates and updates a local pet cat register. This register avoids any pet cat from being destroyed should it be accidentally caught in a Friends of Rotoiti (FOR) or DOC live capture cat trap.

Both the Friends of Rotoiti and DOC are dramatically increasing cat trapping in and around the National Park. As cats are occasionally dumped in our area it is important for trappers to be able to distinguish between pet cats and feral or stray cats. Collars on pet cats are also helpful.

Increased trapping is in response to kiwi being recorded close to the village and the future proposed, translocation of additional Great Spotted Kiwi to the Nelson Lakes National Park.

Cat owners that would like their pets included in the St Arnaud district domestic cat register should contact Tom Robinson ([trobenson@doc.govt.nz](mailto:trobenson@doc.govt.nz)).

Information required:

- Cat's name with photo
- Owner's name, address and phone number
- Distinguishing features on cat



Friends of Rotoiti





## Positions Vacant

Chef, Kitchen Hand, Front of House

Apply at St Arnaud Café, Beechnest Drive, St Arnaud  
phone 03-5211953 (open 9am – 8pm Thurs – Mon)



Over the last few months a 15,000-litre water tank was taken from a Wairau Valley property.

Not sure how you could sneak that down the road - but if you know of anybody that has come into the possession of one or been offered one at an undervalued rate, please let the police know.

Over the past couple of months a clear trend is emerging in Marlborough. Vineyards and rural areas have been targeted by criminals - they are taking from vehicles parked in vineyards and other properties the **batteries** from those vehicles.

The latest event occurred over night 6 -7 July 2021 in Koromiko - four batteries stolen from tractors! The offenders entered a gated area, so gates are no barrier for these offenders.

If you have vehicles left in areas that can be accessed - think about putting in trail cameras or similar, to aid in catching the offenders.



In addition to that we are looking for a trailer that was stolen on the outskirts of Blenheim recently - it is a distinctive vehicle transport trailer.

**Sergeant Michael Porter**

**BLENHEIM CRIME PREVENTION GROUP** | New Zealand Police

P 03 578 5279 | Extn: 38837 or

38830 | E [marlb.rural@police.govt.nz](mailto:marlb.rural@police.govt.nz)

## 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.

## POP-UP Library



**COMMUNITY HALL  
ST ARNAUD**

**TAKING THE LIBRARY TO THE PEOPLE**

# Iconic Rotoiti race boat Comes Home

Flak Too, an iconic racing boat from yesteryear has returned home to the Lake and is on display at the Classic Boat Museum.

This boat of early 1950's era was owned & operated by the late Dick Shuttleworth-a family with a long association with the Lake.

Flak Too had various motors over the years starting with a flathead V8, followed by a Chev Belaire V8, & then fitted with a couple of versions of a V6, which Dick (being a very clever engineer) had cut down from Rolls Royce V12 Kestrel engines. It was with one of these V6's on the Lake, that Dick became a member of the elite national 100 mph club.

The final engine Dick fitted (on display today) was a 22 litre V12 Rolls Royce Kestrel. This aviation engine came out fitted with a supercharger, however Dick fitted two large turbo chargers for additional power.

Although never officially timed, Dick claimed that while he was hoping for 150 mph, Flak Too achieved 130 mph.

This boat is a "must see" at the museum.



*the late Dick Shuttleworth, lowering the Rolls Royce motor into the hull*

Entry is by donation to help with the museum displays and expenses and is greatly appreciated.



<http://classicboatmuseum.co.nz/boat/>



*Flak Too being launched at the old western ramp-Kerr Bay*

## LOST

On Wednesday 2 July, Kim Chapman-Taylor lost his tailgate between Rotoiti Street, St Arnaud and Renwick.

The tailgate is made from steel 1300 x 350, green and has the lights + warrant stickers as well as number plate 6QHI.

Please contact Kim by email [kim.helen@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kim.helen@xtra.co.nz) if you have any information.

## The Prickly Vine

### Degustation Dinner



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August  
(Sorry, Saturday fully booked)

Limited seats, for more information & bookings:

027 558 4644 – Sebastian

(03) 521 1269 – Tophouse

[info@thepricklyvine.co.nz](mailto:info@thepricklyvine.co.nz)

[www.facebook.com/thepricklyvine](http://www.facebook.com/thepricklyvine)





Reminder from our friendly Volunteer Fire to be careful with fire ash and obtain the correct ash bucket.

<https://www.odt.co.nz/regions/central-otago/ashes-cause-fire-cottage>

"Make sure you dispose of ash carefully and make sure your chimney has been cleaned. Ashes stay hot for up to five days so make sure they are fully out and in a metal bucket."

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Kerr Bay in flood 18 July Photo: S Wotherspoon



**Servicing Murchison, St Arnaud  
and surrounding areas**

**Thursdays**

**Plumbing - Gasfitting - Drainlaying**

**Shared travel costs**

**Phone or email to book your job**

**03 543 8090 or 0800 301507**

**info@tuffnell.co.nz**

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



## BE GET STAY



### Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

#### Badminton

Mondays at 7pm at the Community Hall

\$3 per person to cover hall hire & shuttlecocks

Nicky 03 521-1106

#### "Circuit Breakers" exercise group

Monday, Wednesday, Fridays 10 am,

Community Hall All welcome, gold coin donation

Gael 027 280 4078

#### Pilates

Community Hall on Thursday at 5.00pm.

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

#### Alpine Yoga (all levels) & Massage

Currently on hold til Jan 2022

### 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](mailto:rotoitinews@gmail.com)