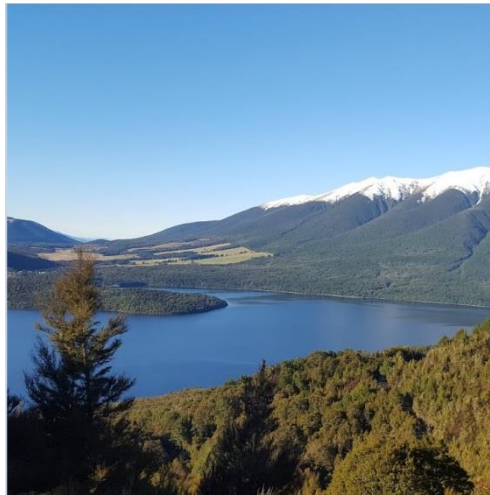


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Friday 2 August 2019

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items to: [rotoitinews@gmail.com](mailto:rotoitinews@gmail.com)

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## Coming up

### Regular Events

#### Sundays 10.30 am

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

#### Sundays 3pm

Rotoiti Hub Christian  
worship group.  
Nigel/Sarah Calder  
0274413776

### Monthly Events:

#### Last Monday of each month:

Alpine Flash Mob social  
singing group  
Ph Jan 5211999

### Village Trapping Group

for information phone Pip  
Berkett 027 521 1130 or  
Julie Robilliard 5211874.

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



Although the temperatures are dropping, DOC staff are still busy out in the field clearing traps and cutting tracks. The Recreation team have spent a lot of time over the last few months at the Glenhope Railway Station giving it a good tidy up and making it bird proof. They'll share photos when it is more complete.

DOC staff want to take this opportunity to shine a light the great local volunteers we have the privilege of working with.

Between March and June this year, the Friends of Rotoiti and the MTB Trails Trust contributed over 1050 hours of volunteer time to the district. This is equivalent to 133 eight hour working days.

DOC knows that conservation activities take more than just DOC to be involved. Your local community is really showing how some very keen people can make a massive contribution to making the world a better place.

*Ngā mihi nui to everyone who volunteers locally.*

Photo credit:  
Falcon – Lynda Pogson

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### **Heart Attack at St Arnaud**

Some of us living here are getting older and wondering about the distance we are from emergency medical help and Nelson Hospital. Well ...

9am Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July chest pains start. Unlike anything I have experienced before. Jean rings 111 and some close friends, and every emergency help system you can imagine swing into action at a fantastic speed.

The friends arrive, out of breath. Two St John's paramedics, plus loads of equipment, arrive from Rainy River and tests begin. The fire engine and crew arrive, and they start organising a landing area for the rescue helicopter. A police car is here with a friendly officer. A helicopter arrives with hospital paramedics and the decision is made to fly to Nelson, and I know we are in great hands, many hands, and so many faces we recognise.

We land at Nelson Hospital before 10am after a 15-minute flight and the emergency nurses and doctors swing into action. Lots of tests, x-rays etc. Then I'm back in an CCU bed with two stents in my coronary arteries and it is just 1pm, 4 hours after the first chest pains. Constant tests and helpful conversations, then I'm discharged at 3pm on Sunday. Shopping with Jean for some groceries and lots of pills them home by 5pm. Lovely neighbours have lit the fire and left soup for dinner.

What a whirlwind weekend and what fantastic people constantly supported, helped, and reassured us.

A massive thanks to all, to every one of you, we remember your names and how you helped, many of you are our neighbours and friends and it doesn't get any better than that.

*Chris and Jean Richards, Cob Hill, 107 Tophouse Rd.*

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### **Te Reo Lessons**

**Thursdays, at 7 pm**

**Lake Rotoiti**

Contact Sue Ford for more information  
[sue.ford@lakerotoiti.school.nz](mailto:sue.ford@lakerotoiti.school.nz)

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### **ROTOITI DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Rotoiti District Community Council meeting was held on Wed 26 June with the following topics discussed:

- Welcome Sign to St Arnaud at the western entrance is underway
- Update from Department of Conservation
  - goat control has taken place in Owen/Matiri;
  - kiwi acoustic monitoring was repeated in May and introduction of further kiwi delayed until 2020 due to anticipated elevated levels of stoats;
  - Glenhope Historic Railway Station has had a spruce up,
  - sewage removal from four back country huts (18.5m<sup>3</sup> at cost of \$45,000)
- Update from Cr Stuart Bryant
  - toilet block on the main road is virtually complete – awaiting code compliance certificate from Council
  - bailey bridges south of the village have been removed
  - painted direction arrows on road will be maintained however no new arrows to be installed.
- Although not advised at the meeting, the damage to the railings on Janson's Bridge from the vehicle is scheduled to be repaired in July
- Soldiers Memorial proposal – the RDCC has passed a motion to contribute \$500 towards the plaque

- Update of the firebreak on the peninsula following input from Ian Reade of FENZ is that this project will progress and funding a grant is being requested from Tasman District Council to assist with costs towards mulching etc.
- The new phone list is almost complete.
- Mayor Kempthorne was present at the meeting, as his tenure will end in October

The next meeting is:  
Wednesday 28 August 2019  
7.15pm  
DOC Meeting Room  
(behind the Visitor Centre)

Please send any agenda items to  
[rotoiticommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:rotoiticommunitycouncil@gmail.com)  
by 15 August.

### Badminton

Badminton has started again for the season in the community hall.  
Mondays 7pm. \$3 per person.  
Shuttlecocks and rackets supplied. Come and join the fun!!  
For more info please contact Ed and Nicky Shaw 5211106

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# Wonder & Word

3pm Sunday 4th August  
Lake Rotoiti Chapel



monthly community gatherings  
revealing God's Spirit,  
love, wisdom & power

All ages welcome  
Hosted by Rotoiti Hub

worship, guidance, prayer,  
help, healing, good news

Contact Nigel & Sarah Calder 0274413776

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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 - \$30 (b&w) or \$70 (colour). This is a contribution towards photocopying costs. 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)



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**Thursdays**

**Plumbing - Gasfitting - Drainlaying**  
**Shared travel costs**

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**03 543 8090 or 0800 301507**

**info@tuffnell.co.nz**

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



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**Regular activities in and around St Arnaud**

**Badminton**

Mondays 7pm

Community Hall

\$3 per person to cover hall and shuttle cocks.

Ed 5211106

**"Circuit Breakers" exercise group**

Monday, Wednesday, Fridays 10 am,

Community Hall

All welcome, gold coin donation

Gael 0272804078,

**Seido-Karate**

Community Hall

Tuesdays 6pm - kids & beginners

Thursdays 6 pm – General Class

Graeme 521 1022. Gold coin donation

**Yoga – all levels – Old café at Alpine Lodge**

Contact Aston on 022 525 7871

**Winter Yoga Schedule**

Monday	7:00pm-8:00pm
Tuesday	
Wednesday	1:30pm-2:30pm
	7:00pm-8:00pm
Thursday	
Friday	1:30pm-2:30pm