

Lake Rotoiti Community News 10th September 2018

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Lake Rotoiti School News

As part of the learning toward Turangawaewae, we are planning to do a bus tour, visiting important and relevant sites within the local area. Again - please let us know of any places of historic interest that we are able to visit. This learning is about connecting to the community and to do this we will require your help. SO if you have information to share, or if you are keen to chat with tamariki, have photos, anything relevant - please let us know. Once the research is done, the tamariki will invite the community for a hui to share their developed understanding of Turangawaewae - Our place - Where we stand.

As you will be aware, Monday 27th August was a Teacher Only Day. We visited Wakefield School and walked away with an abundance of ideas that we will be channeling and developing.

Wakefield School shared with us ideas to help develop our inquiry: Turangawaewae, (Our place, where we stand). We would like to adopt this idea and it all starts with you - the people of Lake Rotoiti who have attended this school. We would love to have class photos of previous pupils on display within the school. If you have any factual (and sometimes non factual!) memorabilia please send it through to us - digital or otherwise.

The adventures continue at Lake Rotoiti School. We would be surprised if you were in the village on Wednesday morning, 5th September and didn't notice the extremely large Seasprite Helicopter land on the school field. I am sure we have a few learners who now wish to be helicopter pilots!!

Coming up

Tuesday 11th September,
Tuesday Trek
to Beebys or Red Hills. Pip
5211130

Sat 16th September **Nelson
Orienteering Club Wily
Weka** event in St Arnaud.
www.noc.org.nz

Weds 31 October 7pm
An evening of storytelling
Alpine Lodge Conference
Room. Free event.
info@lasaviahealing.nz

Mondays 7pm. Badminton
Community Hall \$3 per
person. Ed 5211130

Mon, Weds, Fri 10am.
Circuit training exercise
group at Community Hall.
Gold coin donation. Gael
0272804078

Tues, Thurs, Sundays.
Yoga with Ashton,
Community Hall. Gold coin
donation. 0225257871

**Tues, Thurs 6pm. Seido
Karate.** Community Hall.
Gold coin donation. Graeme
5211022

**Sundays 10am Lake
Rotoiti Chapel** non-
denominational services.
Everyone welcome

Photos: Tui, Whiskey Falls
by G. Czoma.

This inspiring event was organised by Lt Sarah Williams of No. 6 Squadron RNZAF, based at Whenuapai. Seasprite Helicopters are used by the Royal New Zealand Navy to support their sea-going operations. They were part of a training exercise being conducted at Dip Flat military camp up the Wairau valley.

We would like to mihi (give thanks for the work) Lt Sarah William and No. 6 Squadron for providing us with this opportunity. Tamariki experienced their first "FOD Plod", the immense gusts of winds created by the landing, the noise, the awesomeness of size and climbing over and in the 'beast'.

The opportunities this visit attracted has opened the minds of many learners - a pilot of any vessel is within your reach. We came away very informed of what the Seasprite and Navy do and the places they go!!



Principals Conference

Around 75 Principals from across Te Tau Ihi O Te Waka a Maui (Top of the South) gathered at St Arnaud last week. This was the first time both Marlborough and Nelson Principals gathered together. Lake Rotoiti Kura with the help from Mahana Kura (school) opened the hui with a mihi whakatau and waiata. In absolute style the ākonga from Lake Rotoiti Kura closed the hui, with the waiata (song/chant)'Utaininga' during the poroporoaki at the Alpine Lodge.

Meanwhile outside school...

Winter tournament:

Tamariki from Year 4 up attended their first ever Winter tournament over in Motueka/Saxton Field. Some played netball, others had fun on the hockey water turf. This was an opportunity we couldn't turn down and a massive thanks to Janine, Wattie and Rachel A, for transporting children and being coaches on the day. For these events to happen we rely on our immediate community. If you have skills you can share or can help in some way to support our school to provide these extracurricular activities - please make contact.

We have continued with our Thursday ski visits, and will be entering four teams this year in the Solander Ski Competition held next week Wednesday 19th

September. Thanks Jo for all the support you have given us organising run offs etc.

Some of the ākonga (students) from Lake Rotoiti Kura (school) took part in the Rainbow Junior Interfields GS Races. This is part of a New Zealand wide ski competition. Rotoiti tamariki held their own and did themselves proud. Again thanks to Jo and Sam, plus the whānau who have given up weekends to enjoy the snow in our backyard.



Enjoy the spring flowers and we will send you more news in a fortnight.

Ngā manaakitanga

Sue, Liz, Anna and Tilly

News from Rotoiti District Community Council

Dark Sky Park Proposal for St Arnaud

Ralph Bradley from the Top of the South Dark Sky Committee attended the last RDCC meeting to gain support to turn the village into a designated Dark Sky Park.

Ralph indicated that we have a relatively uncontaminated night sky and would be likely to meet the criteria set by the International Dark Sky Committee. Once designated, it would then be a matter of looking after what we've got, which would be via education for residents on how to minimise outdoor light spill, and other initiatives such as using narrow spectrum amber LED's in our street lighting as and when replacement is necessary. (RDCC lobbied during the hillside subdivision to get low level bollards installed as opposed to the 6m monsters that the Engineering standards required, a battle we eventually won, to protect our night sky). The RDCC resolved unanimously to support St Arnaud becoming a Dark Sky Park subject to consultation with residents and ratepayers. Accordingly, RDCC are calling for feedback on the proposal and request that any submissions be emailed to the Secretary at jbandsjh@gmail.com no later than 23rd October 2018.

RDCC Officer vacancies

Doug McConochie (Chairperson) & Brent Higgins (Secretary) have been fulfilling these roles for many years, but have given notice that they won't be seeking re-election at the next AGM, coming up in November this year.

The positions are held for 3 years and both are paid an annual honorarium \$400 (chair) and \$700 (secretary). We are looking for suitable replacements to ensure continuity and that RDCC continues to be an effective lobby group for the district.

If you are interested in either of these roles, please call the secretary on 03 5481934



Kea in her nest with chick and egg © DOC Corey Mosen

This is difficult work as kea seem to like nesting in the steepest areas, with bluffs making it difficult to set out good networks around all nests. Trail cameras have been installed in nest cavities to monitor for kea.

- How you can help: Please enter any sightings of kea into the national kea database website <https://keadatabase.nz/>. Thank you.

Avalanche monitoring

DOC is working with Rainbow Skifield staff to monitor avalanche risk and activity in the National Park and around the skifield.

Currently Hopeless Hut is closed to the public due to the severe avalanche risk.

D'Urville Hut

The once dark D'Urville Hut had a 'make-over' by the Visitor Assets Team. The bench bunks were replaced, a new floor installed, and vegetation trimmed to make the most of the spectacular views. The hut is now bright and airy. Access to D'Urville Hut is by foot from the Sabine or D'Urville valleys, or by boat.

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What happened over July and August 2018?

July and August were very wet months. Fine breaks in the weather were used for field work, finishing reports and completing tasks in the workshop. Look out for the 2017/18 RNRP annual report, due in September.

Mustelids

Stoat catches are very low, we scaled back to 2 monthly trap checks and in August only seven stoats were caught. The main body of work for the last few months has been working to upgrade our mustelid trap network in the RNRP. All trap boxes in the RNRP will be replaced with larger trap boxes fitted with two DOC200 traps. These will then be used to run a trial comparing double set DOC200s in a best practise box design to those in a run-through style box.

This trial builds on work being done by the Friends of Rotoiti in the Rainbow Valley comparing run-through traps to standard traps.

One of the main functions of the RNRP is as a research site, and this type of research helps inform better conservation practice.

Possums

Possum captures have remained at a low level with only two caught in August. We are continuing our clay-based lure trial in Big Bush, and it appears that the dough clips might be more attractive than the clay.

Kea Nest Protection

The kea nest protection work for the breeding season has started with traps around known kea nesting sites being set. Kea nest on the ground in cavities so eggs and chicks are vulnerable to predation. Kea will reuse nest cavities each year. Mustelid and possum traps have been installed around nests in an effort to protect them during breeding.



**Te Wiki o te Reo Māori / Māori Language
Week 2018
10-18 September 2018**

Recent Treaty settlements recognised existing Māori names for some local places.

Rotomaninitua	Lake Angelus
Maniniaro	Angelus Peak
Rotopōhueroa	Lake Constance
Pourangahau	Mt Robert
Te Kauparenuī	Gowan River
Poukirikiri	Travers Saddle
Rotomairewhenua	Blue Lake
Te Horowai	Speargrass Creek
Mangakura	Red Hill

Challenge yourself to learn these for **Te Wiki o te Reo Māori / Māori Language Week**
Kia ora!

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Clinker Café

15 Beechnest Drive, St Arnaud.

We will be CLOSED

Sunday September 30th to

Wednesday October 3rd.

Sorry for any inconvenience.



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

Community Hall

Tuesday 7.30pm, Thursday 7.30pm, Sunday

6.30pm. Gold coin donation

Ashton 022 525 7871

Tuesday trek to Red Hills or Beebys

11th September, Pip 5211130

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Water Taxi News

Hi Folks, welcome to spring! Here at Rotoiti Water Taxis we are slowly starting to come out of hibernation and move up a gear as we get ready for summer.

Winter is a funny old beast. Unlike summer, which can fluctuate wildly depending on the weather, tourist numbers and the demographic of people visiting our little village, in winter business is always pretty thin on the ground and we tend to bleed a little bit of red ink. However, it is time for rest, recreation and to recharge batteries. Also to enjoy hobbies which have nothing to do with boats on the lake.

With the ice skating this year the ice was skateable for eleven days and we hired out skates on eight of these. A big shout to Elaine and Allan at the Alpine Store for letting us park the canoe caravan at the forecourt in which we hired skates out of. It has to be said it went particularly well. Also to Shepard who did a fantastic job helping out on various occasions.

This summer our prices are going to remain the same as last season, which is \$ 100 minimum tariff for ad hoc taxi and \$ 30 per person for a scheduled one-way ferry run which operates from the start of December. With increasing fuel and fixed compliance costs such as insurances and fees we are constantly keeping a mindful eye on the current situation. I ain't no venture capitalist! Instead I'm an analytical lifestyler who plays the long game and I think our fees reflect this.

This season Alan Shaw will be joining us as a cadet skipper. His command will be the Korimako and he will be doing the smaller ad-hoc work. Alan has known me for a long time, so he knows that my greatest trait is my persistence, however it is probably my most annoying feature as well. Also, work shouldn't be too serious all the time but there has to be a small non-visual boundary between us and the public which is just good housekeeping for any business. Unfortunately, there is always a small minority that see the friendly Kiwi as somewhat of a sucker to be taken advantage of.

Anyway St Arnaud, have a great spring!

Take care
Aroha nui

Hamish



Clinker Café

15 Beechnest Drive, St Arnaud
Labour Weekend Set Menu Dinner

2 Courses \$50pp

3 Courses \$65pp

Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings
(19-21 October 2018)

Bookings essential

For a copy of the menu, or to book a table, pop in and see us, call us on (03) 521 1040 or email info@clinkercafe.co.nz

Wanted to Buy

20 foot shipping container

Please Phone Murray on 03 5211191

AED Training Day

There was a good turn-out at the AED training course taken by Dave St John (from St John's!)

CPR and AED use were demonstrated and we all had a practice giving us confidence to use these vital skills.

Don't forget the AED is located outside the fire station.

Special thanks to Leighton at the Alpine Lodge for accommodating Dave and Janice.



Hi St Arnaud Community

An Invitation

to share an evening of

STORY TELLING

The Lake history, Myths and Legends,
Ancestors, Memories and events, Living in St
Arnaud, and Others

Wednesday 31 October '18

7 to 9 pm Free

Supper Provided

Alpine Lodge Conference Room

We are a group of students learning and working
with the land, wishing to connect with its people and
their stories.

Get your mates together and enjoy some good yarns
from yesteryear.

info@lasaviahealing.nz

Freezer for sale \$300

Acqua vertical freezer, white, 7 drawers, working fine
and in good condition except for a crack in one
drawer and some dimples on the door front.

1750mmH, 600mmW, 550mmD. Pick up St Arnaud.

Sandra 0272042329

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format, or in the body of an email.
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who love encouraging,
supporting and
equipping people from
all backgrounds to
encounter a powerful
God and experience
how truly loved they
are by Him*

What's next?

16th September: Meeting at Nigel and Sarah Calder's
home. 3pm. 3177 Korere -Tophouse Road.

21st – 23rd September: Convergence Conference:
Activation and Kingdom Authority. Friday night to Sunday
Afternoon. Bridge Valley, Brightwater, Nelson. For more
information see:

[https://www.rotoitihub.org.nz/convergence-information-
page/](https://www.rotoitihub.org.nz/convergence-information-page/)

30th September: Pot-luck dinner at Bruce and Judy
McKenzie's home. 4.30pm. Wairau Valley.
The monthly regional and community worship at the Lake
Rotoiti Hall is not on this month as we are hosting the
Convergence conference.

Everybody is welcome at any of these events.

Ring Jane McConochie: 03 521 1844 or Nigel Calder: 027
441 3776. See also our Rotoiti Hub Facebook page or

<http://www.rotoitihub.org.nz/>.