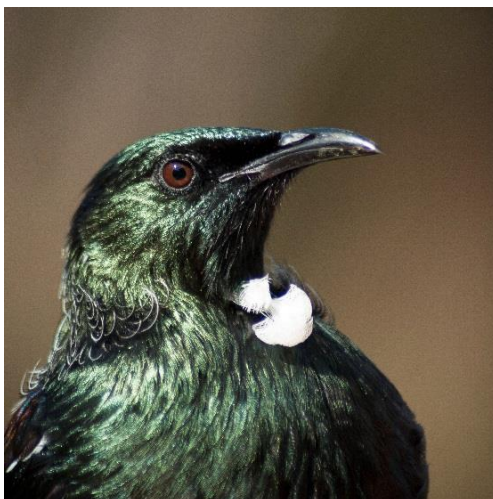


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Friday 19 November 2021

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items to: rotoitinews@gmail.com

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WANTED: volunteers to help bring whio/blue duck back to Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes



Te whakarauora whio: Friends of Rotoiti

Bring your boat, family and friends and help the Friends of Rotoiti and DOC staff set out 5 kilometres of stoat trap boxes from Coldwater Hut to the swing bridge. No experience required to carry the trap boxes to sites along the existing track at the southern end of Lake Rotoiti.

When: Saturday 27 November 2021

Times: Meet at 10am at the end of Lake Rotoiti, Coldwater jetty –
finish approximately 2pm

2.30pm afternoon tea provided at Blechynden Shelter, Kerr Bay

Bring along: Lunch, snacks, water, sturdy shoes, raincoat, warm clothes,
gardening gloves & hi-vis vest (optional)

You **must** register with Butch Goodwin - email butch@flooringxtra.co.nz or
phone 027 445 9723 by Thursday 25 November.

We look forward to volunteers joining us at this community conservation
activity.

Coming up

Wed 24 November 7.15pm

Rotoiti District Community
Council AGM
Community Hall

Fri 26 – Sun 28 November

Community weekend to
Marahau Beach – family
fun, bring togs, bedding
and baking – contact Sue
03 521 1110 or email
ali.sue.nicholls@xtra.co.nz
for information

Saturday 27 November

Volunteer opportunity for
whio/blue duck – register
with Butch (see front page
for details)

Saturday 4 December

10.30am – 4.00pm
Lakes Gumboots Day Off –
refer to poster in newsletter

Tues 4 January 2022

St Arnaud Rural Women
“Annual Book Sale” at Lake
Rotoiti Community Hall – if
you have books to donate
please contact Marg
Anderson 03 5211864

Sundays 10.30 am

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

Photos: Angelus Hut –

Heather Gluyas, Hut
Warden

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



Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre

The Visitor Centre is now open 8am – 4.30pm for the summer months. We are open every day except for Christmas Day.

We have a range of retail items if you are looking for Christmas gifts.

During Covid Level 2, all visitors must either scan in or sign in and the wearing of masks is mandatory.



Hi folks,

Here at the water taxi, I'm starting to get everything geared up for summer. Boats need to be surveyed and serviced and audits need to be completed. So, for the rest of this month there might be one or two days a week we are not operating. The scheduled ferry runs start on 8 December and go through to April. It will be business as usual unless we get told otherwise, I'm just taking it one day at a time.

On a different note, I have an old plywood chook house on my property which is free to a good home. Just feel free to give me a bell if you are interested Phone 021 702278.

Take care, Hamish.

Multiple breaks!

The Green Break is making great progress thanks to the recent efforts of Janet Newell, her team from DOC and some local help. Not only has Janet been planting but she has also been propagating seedlings and cuttings of the native and locally sourced *Griselinia littoralis* (kapuka or broadleaf). So far 270 plants with environmentally friendly protectors have been planted with the aim to provide a barrier to airborne embers that occur during a fire while visually being much more appealing than a cleared firebreak.

DOC has been at the forefront of Fire Risk Reduction allowing the Green Break to go ahead and encouraging the Fire Smarting of their staff properties to a high standard.



They are also holding out a carrot to the village so that when enough residents have cleared excess flammable vegetation then the old firebreak can be cleared.

Tasman District Council have provided the RDCC with a \$3,000 grant for Fire Risk Reduction and some of this has been used for the plants and protectors.

Tasman District Council's Brian McManus (Roading Manager) joined FENZ Fire Risk Reduction and Recovery Officers Michelle Griffiths, Darren Crawford, Jeff White and Scott Randall along with John Wotherspoon and local brigade members at a meeting and tour of the village. We discussed evacuation plans, community contact systems, sirens, ash buckets, smoke alarms, the Scion Report on the St Arnaud Green Break, TDC Road Reserves and FireSmart work on private properties. A big advance was TDC's agreement for property owners to remove flammable vegetation from road reserves in the village (principally mānuka and kānuka) and substitute with low flammability species. These road reserves are still incorporated in the old subdivision plans and in many cases are much wider than the physical road and extend well past the road ends. Working street by street the village can become a safer place as the burden of fuel is removed and safer access in and out is achieved.

Ward Street where most of houses are rented by DOC staff is ready to proceed with this process now. It will look different and bare for a while till the new plantings establish. Once again DOC is leading the way to protect life and property in our village but property owners need to catch up!

If you would like to help or know more about this process, please contact me on 03 5211999 or Brian on 027 384 4464.

Next Green Break working bee is Sunday 14th Nov 9am to 12pm or 1pm to 4pm at Lodge Rd.

Robbie Thomson
Fire Risk Reduction Officer.

Dog Owners

Every dog, regardless of its size, breeding or training, or whether it is a family pet or working dog, is a potential kiwi killer.



Even certified kiwi dogs, specifically trained to help conservation workers find kiwi, have to wear muzzles—just in case.

What dog owners can do

The best solution is the simplest — keep all dogs away from all areas where wild kiwi and native birds live. Kiwis are especially vulnerable during their breeding season, from June to the following March.

However, if you live or play in places where wild kiwi live, you can manage your dog to reduce the threat it poses to the birds. There are Great Spotted Kiwi in Nelson Lakes National Park.

Kiwis for kiwi encourages all dog owners, especially hunters, to enrol your animals in kiwi avoidance training to help them learn to avoid the birds.

If you are travelling, make sure you know about the area where you will be visiting, whether kiwi are present and if dogs are allowed. Dogs are not permitted in Nelson Lakes National Park which includes the waterfront at Lake Rotoiti and Lake Rotoroa (even in a car is not permitted).

If you are unsure where dogs are permitted in St Arnaud / Nelson Lakes, please contact the Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre on 03 521 1806.

Other things you can do are:

When you are not with your dog keep it inside or in a roomy run or kennel.

Ensure your property is dog escape-proof.

When out and about, keep your dog on a lead at all times—a kiwi can be caught and killed in seconds.

Exercise your dog in areas designated for that purpose.

Never let your dog roam at night.

If hunting where wild kiwi live, put tracking collars on your dogs and take all dogs home at the end of the hunt.

If you lose your dog, or see a roaming dog, report it immediately to the Department of Conservation (Nelson Lakes 03 521 1806 or DOC HOTLINE).

Never abandon unwanted dogs. Give them to the SPCA or ask a vet to put them down humanely.

For more information visit <https://www.savethekiwi.nz/>

Ground Bird Aversion Training

If you'd like to register your interest to participate in ground bird aversion training with your dog, please contact:

Sally Leggett, Ranger Community
Email: sleggett@doc.govt.nz
Phone: 027 203 5235

Sally will add you to the wait list and contact you when training is scheduled.

The training is free and takes approximately 20 minutes per dog. It is held in the Tasman area, usually in Mapua.

IT'S TIME TO TREAT YOURSELVES WITH A DAY OUT....

LADIES GUMBOOTS OFF DAY



CONNECT WITH FRIENDS ENJOY A DAY IN THE GARDEN

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Live music, Demonstrations, Fashion Show, Stalls, Christmas Shop

Cost \$25

Includes platter lunch complimentary glass of wine or juice or BYO

Lucky draws & prizes

WHEN.....Saturday 4th December 2021 from 10.30am to 4pm

**WHERE.....Homestead Farm, 1166 ST ARNAUD - KAWATIRI HWY 63
(signposted)**

TICKETS.....available from Marg Anderson phone 03 5211864

Email avarestbnb@extra.co.nz

Profits to St Arnaud community projects

Limited ticket sales of 100

If wet transferred to ST Arnaud Community Hall on 5th December 2021

Covid 19 Restrictions Apply

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.



Pre-schoolers play group on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 11 am @ Rotoiti Community Hall (\$2 donation for hall use)

For more information phone Frith 0277 534 880

A good electrician.

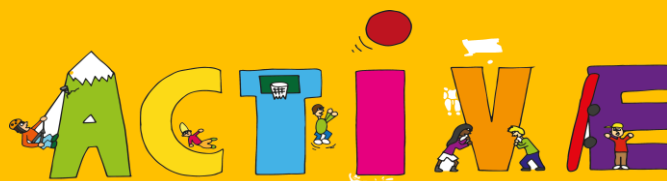


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Ph Frith 0277534880 Thank you

BE GET STAY



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

Pilates

Community Hall on Mondays at 5.30pm.

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

Rotoiti District Community Council AGM

Wednesday 24 November at 7.15pm

Lake Rotoiti Community Hall

Contact Brian Erasmus (secretary)

for further information

rotoitcommunitycouncil@gmail.com

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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