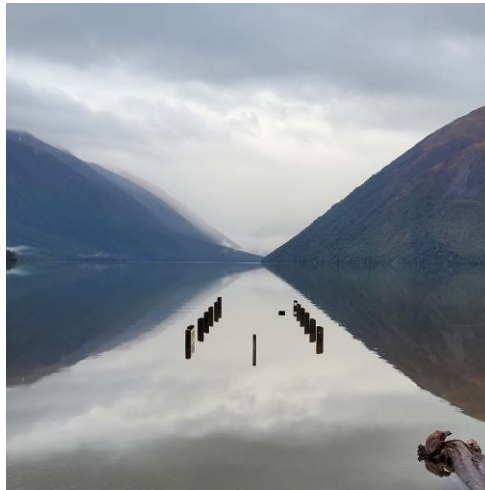


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Friday 1 September 2022

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www.lakerotoiti.school.nz/newsletters



Coming up

Saturday 28th August -
1pm Ukelele fun,

Wednesday 31 August -
RDCC Meeting – contact
[rotoiticommunitycouncil@
gmail.com](mailto:rotoiticommunitycouncil@gmail.com)

21 September -
Murchison Spring Flower
Fair

**Photos: Kerr Bay taxi
jetty, West Bay, and tui;
all taken 21 August
2022. S Wotherspoon**

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

Lake Rotoiti School News

The past two weeks have been pretty quiet compared to our usual frantic pace.

Last week we had Jaimee from St John's visit us. She taught our Junior children in the morning about staying safe at home and how to get help as well as some bandaging skills. The Senior children did the same sort of work but also some scenarios and DRSABC. They got to use the CPR dummies as well.

Like everyone else in the region we are hoping that Rainbow Skifield can recover enough for us to start skiing again soon.

The good news is that our building work is set to resume next week. Yippee.

Nga mihi,
Mike and Miriam.





Avalanche Search and Rescue Training

Avalanches affecting people in NZ are more common than most people would think. Mostly they occur in remote areas where the trapped individuals are only partially buried and are rescued by members of their own party. Until the widespread use of PLBs (personal locator beacons), for avalanches off ski fields, a live rescue of a buried avalanche victim was very unlikely if they could not be rescued by a member of their own team as the chance of a live rescue diminishes rapidly after 35mins of burial. This is still by far the best chance of rescue but with PLBs there is now a realistic chance of having other rescuers on site well within the first hour. The full party wearing avalanche transceivers also massively increases the chances of being found.

There is a lot to learn about avalanches from the patterns of weather which could lead to them, the different types and how they run through to the ongoing risks for rescuers and the most efficient search techniques. Having found people, then it is about how to dig them out as quickly as possible and attend to their medical needs if still alive.

On August 8th and 9th a large scale avalanche rescue exercise was held at Rotoiti Lodge and on Rainbow Ski Field. This saw around 50 personnel from the Police SAR (search and rescue), LandSAR volunteers, Rainbow ski patrol and DOC brushing up on theory on the first day and then a very real exercise on the second day. The Rainbow Ski Patrol are well kitted-out and through the ski season regularly practice avalanche search techniques and rescue. They would expect to be the first team brought into an avalanche rescue either on the edge of the field or anywhere else in the national park. The second team expected on site is likely to a team of trained DOC rangers with police and LandSAR volunteers to follow. Outside the ski season DOC could well be first on scene. Like many larger

scale emergency events it could be years between them, and it takes a disciplined approach to training and equipping a team to ensure that they keep their skills fresh and maintain a readiness to respond. We had 5 on the SAREX, which is a helicopter-full, but we look to maintain a crew of 10 to give us a chance of responding with 5 whenever required. If you see a crew of us who seem to be walking rapidly in random patterns and probing the beach gravels at Kerr Bay, we could well be trying to find an avalanche transceiver equipped dummy!

If you are a winter adventurer, it is vital that you take heed of the avalanche risks through [Nelson Lakes | New Zealand Avalanche Advisory](https://www.nelsonlakes.govt.nz/avalanche) on [Avalanche.Net.nz](https://www.avalanche.net.nz). Always wear a transceiver if you are going into potential avalanche terrain and carry a foldable shovel and probe. There are endless clips on Youtube of avalanches and rescues if you want to know a bit more about them. Here is a sample <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T2LnkU0ZCU0>



Nelson Lakes

3 Considerable

Heavy rain to all elevations has saturated the snowpack causing loose wet avalanche activity. This will decrease over the weekend as the rain moderates.

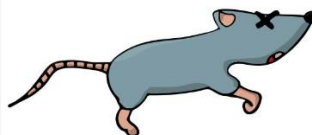
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Valid until Sunday 21st August 2022, 17:44

This weekend's warning from the NZ Avalanche Advisory webpage

Friends of Rotoiti

Village pest trapping.
Every 2nd Wednesday at 10 am.
Contact pip Berkett for details.
0275211130

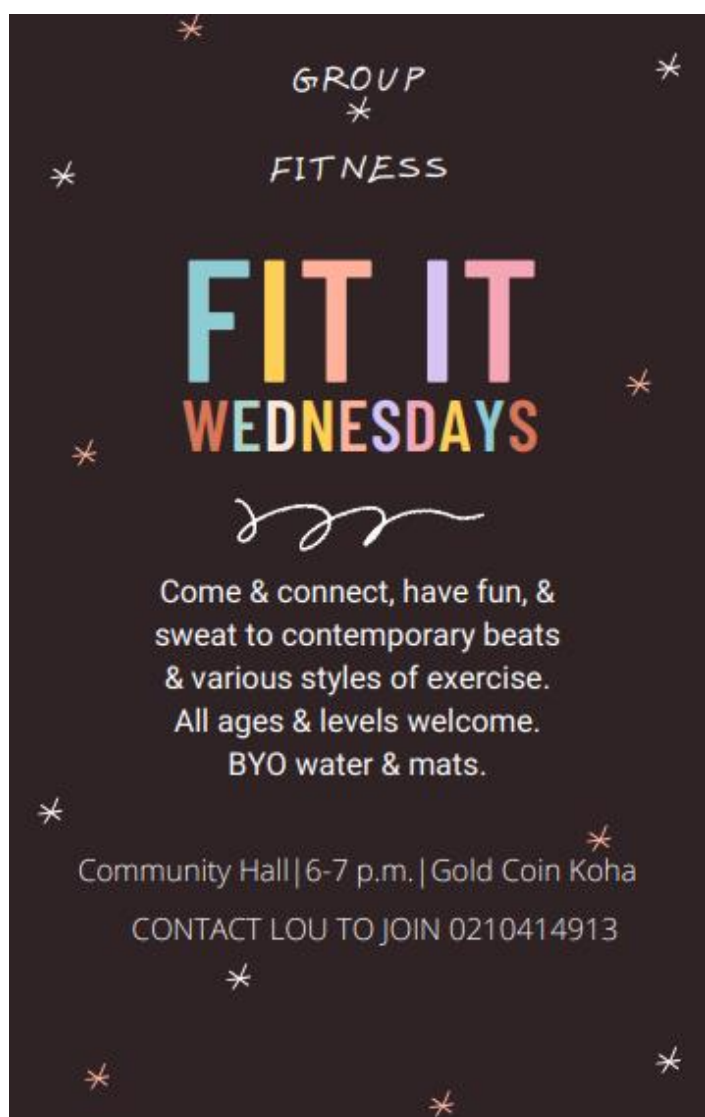


Tasman Armed Offenders Squad Practice

On the 10th of September between the hours of 9am and 2pm, the Tasman Police Armed Offenders Squad will be conducting a rural patrolling exercise in the Teetotal Flat area.

This will involve approximately 12 Police staff and 2 Police Dog teams. There will be Police vehicles parked in the area, staff will be wearing black and carrying firearms. Staff will not be carrying any live ammunition. If you are in the area, please don't be alarmed, it is only a training exercise. We apologise if it causes any inconvenience.

If you have any concerns please contact Aaron Senior 021 191 5516.



Lake Rotoiti Community Hall

BandCamp Jam

Main Rd
St Arnaud

**Sunday
28th August
1-3pm**

All Welcome

**Entry
FREE**

**Tea & Coffee
KOHA**

**Singalong
or just be
entertained.**

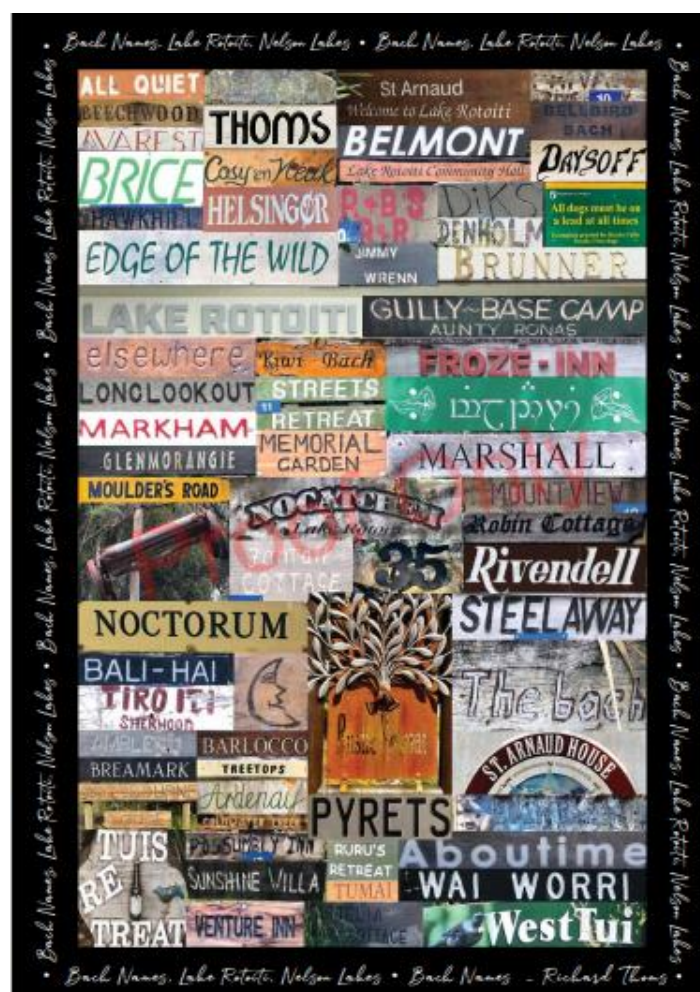


POSTER FOR SALE

- Rotoiti Bach Names

A3 Posters available \$25 each. For every purchase a donation of \$20 will be made to Friends of Rotoiti.

Contact: Richard 021 2886664





FRESH compost, coal and pea straw available now.

DRY firewood is sold out.

SEMI-DRY firewood is still available.

It's time to order next winter's firewood.

Dry kindling - banana boxful for \$10

Green Firewood ~ Beech, Bluegum, Douglas Fir, Pine

DIY Wood ~ Logs of Beech & Pine, Bundles of Douglas Fir

Fresh Birchfield Coal

Garden Goodies ~ Fish Grow Compost, Barley Straw, Pea Straw, Linseed Straw **SOLD OUT**, Bark Nuggets/Chips, Sawdust

Hire ~ Tractor, Tip Truck, Logging Truck & Trailer, Woodsplitters

LONGFORD FIREWOOD

Ph: 0800 566 436 or Hamish: 027 279 8224

Monday to Friday - 8am to 5pm (call, text or email first)

Weekends by appointment

E: campbellscreek@farmside.co.nz



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Plumbing - Gasfitting - Drainlaying

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03 543 8090 or 0800 301507

info@tuffnell.co.nz

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



District cellphone connections

The Spark cellphone connection that was broken over the weekend seems to have been restored.

For future reference, emergency calls to 111 can still be made on your phone as Spark calls will automatically be transferred to the still functioning Vodafone network.

Calls using Wifi apps (Messenger or WhatsApp) will probably still work on your phone.

Normal Spark cell phone reception was possible over the weekend on SH63 heading towards Lake Station shortly after crossing the Buller River.

If anyone has concerns relating to this please contact me by email.

Regards
Brian Erasmus
CDEM Alternate Controller
rotoitcommunitycouncil@gmail.com

Mountain Women's Moon Circle

yoga
meditation
sound healing
warm tonic

with Ashton
at Alpine Yoga

Virgo New Moon
August 28, 6:30pm

book in: 022 525 7871

\$22

Murchison Garden Club's annual

Spring Flower Celebration

21 September 2022

Wednesday - 9.30am to 7.30pm

Murchison Rec Centre, 34 Hampden Street

- One day only - open longer hours
- No competition, no judging (except for a 'People's Choice' award for individual flowers). All Murchison residents are encouraged to bring along their garden bounty -

Celebrating Spring Abundance

- New and returning stalls and loads of plants/seedlings for sale
- Raffles
- Devonshire Teas and Soup with crusty bread available all day
- BBQ dinner put on by our local Youth Council
- Kid's Lucky Dip
- 'Wheels' competition (more info coming soon)
- Schedule with new categories will be available shortly

Entry - adults \$3, kids under 12 free No EFTPOS sorry - Cash only

All profits are fundraising for the
Murchison Hospital & Health Centre and also
Nelson Tasman Hospice

Any queries please contact the Garden Club
President - Marion Thomas on 021 049 4214 or
Secretary - Linda Darbyshire on 022 045 2399



Random Fact

NZ is the only country in the world with an annual

Random Acts of Kindness day.

It's September 1st. Have a look at [this link](https://rak.co.nz/)

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Shane Steel

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Servicing St Arnaud and greater Tasman district

Church Notices

Lake Rotoiti Chapel, Sundays 10.30am

Rotoiti Street, St Arnaud

Services are run by locals and are non-denominational.

Everyone welcome

Contact Ali/Sue 03 5211 110

Rotoiti Hub, Sundays 2pm

Local Spirit-led Christian worship, equipping and encounter.

Contact Nigel & Sarah Calder 0274413776 for details.

Proposed Road Closure Notice

I am writing to inform St Arnaud residents of a proposed road closure for the Targa Car Rally between 15th of October 2022 and 16th of October 2022.

Please find attached details below may directly affect residents in this area.

Eighty-Eight Valley Road	Genia Drive to Wai-iti Valley Road; Stock Road (full length); Kerr Hill Road (full length); Korere-Tophouse Road from Kerr Hill Road to Rainy River Road	Saturday 15 th October 2022, 8:05am to 2:25pm
		Sunday 16 th October 2022, 12:20pm to 5:55pm

There will be a diversion in place – SH6/SH63 if the application is approved.

Mel Allen

Road Safety Coordinator

DDI +64 3 543 8551 | mel.allen@tasman.govt.nz



PLAYGROUP

Playgroup meets Tuesday mornings
10am - 12pm at the community hall, all preschoolers welcome.

Many thanks to St Arnaud Rural Woman for your ongoing support

For any inquiries please contact Kirsten on 0220445829

Tophouse Trails Event

Our "Second Edition" of Tophouse Trails is happening on Labour Day Sunday..October 23.

This year's Course is to Beeby's Hut and Return with Shorter Option to Maitland Junction & Return.

A Mountainbike Section as been added as well as Trail Runners and Walkers .

ALL Entry Fees will be split 3 Ways between Friends of Rotoiti, the Mountainbike Trails Trust and Lake Rotoiti School to assist in their "adoption of Beeby's Hut" Project.

Website <https://www.tophousetrails.nz> has been updated with Online Entry now available

Cheers Graeme West



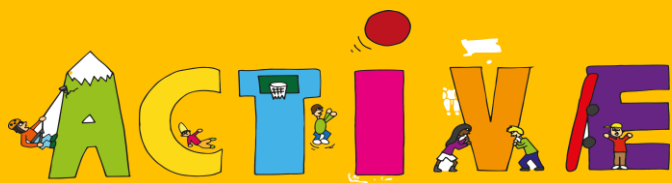
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Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

"Circuit Breakers" exercise group
Monday, Wednesday, Fridays 10 am,
Community Hall
All welcome, gold coin donation
Gael 027 280 4078

Badminton / table tennis
Community Hall on Wednesdays at 7pm
All welcome – rackets available. Gold coin
donation towards hall and shuttle cocks.
Nicky or Ed Shaw 521 1106

Fit It Wednesdays group exercise. Bring water,
mat. Community Hall, Wednesdays ☺ 6-7pm. Lou
0210414913

Pilates
Community Hall on Thursdays at 5pm. Contact Lisa
021 202 4034

Seido-Karate
Community Hall
Tuesdays 6pm - kids & beginners
Thursdays 6 pm – General Class

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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 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