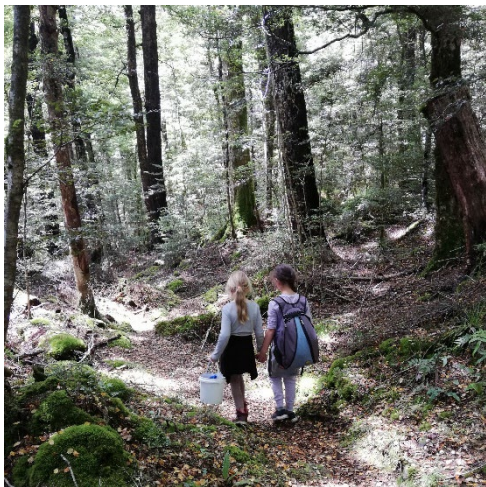
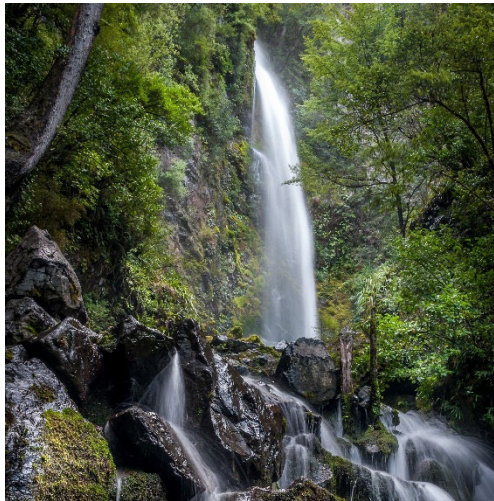


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Coming up

Sunday Oct 23rd :
Tophouse Trails walking
and running fundraising
event from Tophouse
Hotel.
<https://www.tophousetrails.nz/>.

Weds 26th Oct 7.15pm
RDCC meeting and AGM.
Community hall.

Saturday 5th Nov 6pm
BBQ and Bonfire night,
Nicholls farm. Sue 03
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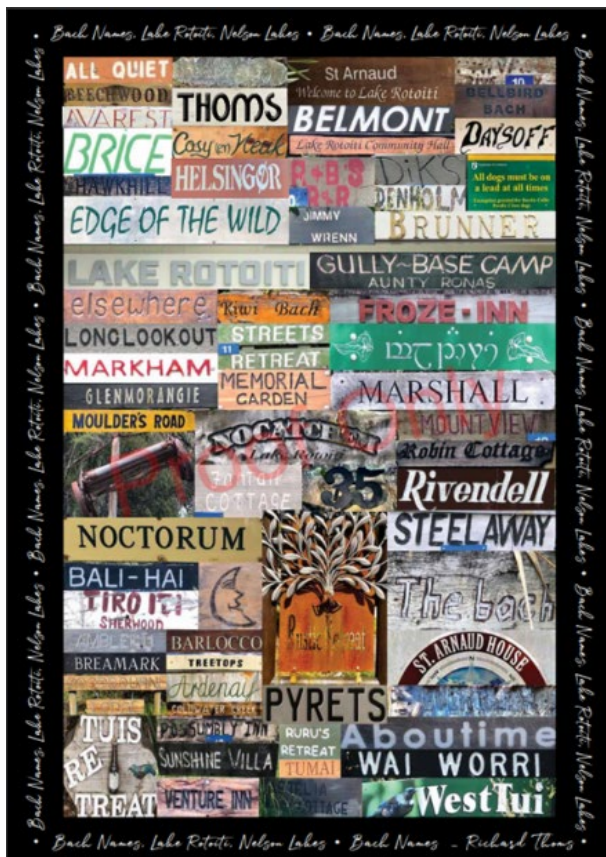
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POSTERS FOR SALE

Rotoiti Bach Names
A3 Posters available
\$20 each.

Funds will go to Friends of
Rotoiti.

Contact: Richard 021
2886664 or Karen 021
0667000 at the lake for a
poster.





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STAFF WANTED

ROTOITI/NELSON LAKES VISITOR CENTRE

The Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre is looking for someone available on a casual basis to work "as and when needed".

We are looking for people with a positive attitude who like dealing with people in a busy and often fast paced environment.

The work involves general customer service, providing visitor information, interpreting weather and track conditions, issuing dog/hunting/firearm permits, booking campgrounds and huts, and retail sales. Experienced preferred but not essential as full training will be provided.

Work in weekends and school holidays may be required. Accommodation in St Arnaud may be available.

If you are not scared of computers and phones, enjoy talking with customers, have a good general knowledge of the local walking tracks and the area, this might be just the job for you!

If you would like to be involved in our work, please contact the Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre, View Road, St Arnaud by Phone: 03 521 1806, or E-mail: shutchinson@doc.govt.nz

Sustainable Nelson Lakes

Nelson Lakes National Park is reducing waste to be more sustainable, but we need your help

Care for Aotearoa



Protect nature



Be prepared



Keep NZ clean



Show respect



Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai



DOC Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes asks camp users to consider production and disposal of litter.

Where possible, we prefer all visitors to use the 'Pack in, Pack out' motto used by trampers and visitors to national parks.

Lake Rotoiti is remote from facilities, and it is difficult for us to manage recycling and general rubbish.

There is no glass recycling available at Kerr Bay or West Bay campgrounds.

If you are unable to take your waste with you, please carefully sort general rubbish and recycling into the bins provided.

If you are travelling, waste transfer stations are located at:

- MURCHISON
Matakitaki West Bank Road
- RICHMOND
Fittal Street
- BLENHEIM
Wither Road

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/know-before-you-go/take-your-litter-with-you/>

Tophouse Trails..time for some alpine air

Labour Day Sunday.October 23rd and Runners, Walkers plus Mountainbikers are invited to Tophouse for an opportunity to head to Beeby's Hut and return.

Along the way you will be supporting three organisations and the valuable work they do in the area.

Friends of Rotoiti and their ongoing ridding of pests to protect and enhance the bird life, Nelson Mountainbike Trails Trust, and their ground work, plus Lake Rotoiti School who have "adopted" the maintenance of the Hut.

All will benefit from the \$25 Entry.

Total distance from the Historic Tophouse Inn base is 21km for runners and mountainbikers or they along with walkers can opt for 5km less by starting and finishing from the Carpark base along Tophouse Road.

Lunch is available however for catering purposes this must be pre-ordered.

Full details and registration is on www.tophousetrails.nz



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Rotoiti District Community Council thoughts....

The RDCC was formed in the late 1990s by a core of locals determined to protect our community interests and the local environment .

The perception of many at that time (including central and local government) was that nobody lived here fulltime so they could proceed with any plans without consultation. Over the past 25 years a small but vociferous local population has proved otherwise.

Our local councillor of many years ,Stuart Bryant, (and more recently Christeen Mc Kenzie as well) have given continuous support and relayed our requests back to the TDC for action ,keeping us informed of relevant change. Stuart and/or Christeen give the meetings an update of what's been happening in the district with a focus on our area. They let us know what's coming up that relates to our district.

John Wotherspoon presents a report of DOC's activities and projected work in the National Park and elsewhere. As an incorporated society the RDCC has played a vital role in obtaining grants and donations for local projects as well as enabling other community groups to apply for funding.

Organisations need to move with the times and adapt to the changing needs of their community. This requires input from new people with new ideas to take our community forward in the direction the community chooses, and not have changes forced upon us.

Brian, Wattie and I have been Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairman for the last term and then some. We all have a lot of other community work to do, and figure its time for any one of a number of competent locals to take over, as we will all be standing down this AGM.

We will assist new office holders to settle into their roles. There is an operational grant that offers \$600 for each of the above positions per annum. There are normally six bi-monthly meetings per year.

Nominations for the above positions, or on the Executive Committee should be sent to Brian Erasmus, secretary. rotoiticommunitycouncil@gmail.com PO Box 13 St Arnaud

Under our stewardship we have widened the sphere of RDCC's role as the following list of achievements indicate:

- Establishment of the Rotoiti Firesmart Working Group with the assistance of DOC. This has enabled the Greenbreak to be developed in the National Park
- in Lodge Rd and a lot of Firesmart work and education in the village. Ongoing!

- Setting up a Sports Committee to enable community groups to apply for funding. This was Wattie's initiative and has enabled the refurbishment of the Tennis Courts and boats and equipment for the Sailing School, so far.
- Organisation and help with setting up security cameras in the village. Brian headed a small team to fund raise and help implement the system which is working well.
- Making best use of the Kerr Bay Douglas Fir once TDC decided it should come down. John Gully and others sold firewood, and slabs will be sold when drier. All proceeds to Rotoiti School projects.
- The Dark Sky initiative was hard work for Debbie Christie as the goal posts moved. The community was all for this, so we have decided to form our own Rotoiti Dark Sky with voluntary compliance. More to come on this!
- And there was all the usual roads, speed limits, culverts, trees etc.

RDCC is a very useful and valuable organisation that works for our district. It's time for some others in the community to take a turn!

General meeting on **Wednesday the 26th October 7.15pm**, short tea break then the Annual General Meeting to follow.

Robbie Thomson, Acting Chairman



home. try improved features and snap as
& Sketch (or try the shortcut
Windows logo key + Shift + S).

Duck Eggs for Sale
\$5 for 1/2 dozen free range eggs
Contact Sandie 0212779284
(I am able deliver into the village)

Duck eggs are almost 50% larger than a chicken egg and contain a comprehensive range of amino acids, vitamins, minerals and fats. Duck eggs lack the allergy-causing protein contained in chicken eggs, and supply an entire day's worth of vitamin B12 (needed for red blood cell production and healthy nerve function) [NZ Lifestyle Block September 2022]



Kingsmill NO CRUSTS

Unsure what to do with all your plastic bread bags? Please feel free to drop these into Sandie at the Visitor Centre (make sure they are empty) as they will be reused!

Rotoiti Dark Sky

Several years ago the RDCC canvassed the community as to whether you wanted to go for International Dark Sky status. Everyone who replied was in favour.

Debbie Christie took on the role of co-ordinating with the local Dark Sky expert.

Unfortunately the goal posts kept being moved out until they expected us to co-ordinate a "Top of the South Dark Sky" involving four councils. This was a huge ask. We realised that we are not the ones with the light pollution problem. They are. So we decided to set up our own voluntary Rotoiti Dark Sky with a simple set of easily achieved conditions.

These conditions are those used by many councils and Dark Sky areas in NZ to promote the Dark Sky. Being voluntary they are encouraged, not enforced. So, when the rest of the Top of the South get their act together, they can join our Rotoiti Dark Sky!

Why a Dark Sky?

From a human perspective a dark sky for proper sleep patterns is vital.

Disrupted circadian rhythms cause a number of health issues.

A dark sky is essential for many nocturnal animals' health and life cycles (and diurnal/daytime animals).

The world has only been lit up at night with the advent of electricity, and we are finding more and more downsides to light pollution, which increases considerably each year.

Targeted Light

A Dark Sky does not mean you won't be able to see where you go at night.

Often the lighting is better and safer as it lights only the areas you need to see, and doesn't shine up and disrupt your natural night vision. This applies to driving and walking.

On the home front, outside lights need only shine down on the target area for the length of time you are there.

So sensor lights on short timers are ideal, with a shielded downward facing light spread.

Colour of the light is important too. Warm yellow light is the least harmful through the brighter whites to the cool blue/white light as the most harmful. So when you build or need to change bulbs or fittings, choose those with good shielding and the lowest Kelvin(K) value.

Fortunately the warm yellow/white bulbs use the least electricity, and the blue the most, so a Dark Sky can lead to significant power savings over time.

Above all, our night sky is a thing of great clarity and beauty and we need to keep it that way and enhance it! The Rotoiti Dark Sky voluntary code will be available shortly. If you want a dark sky, encourage others to adopt the code too!

For more information talk to Debbie Christie
debbcnn@gmail.com or Robbie Thomson 0212950305

Kohatu FLAT ROCK CAFE

Sunday Market

10am - 2pm

5087 Motueka Valley Highway - through the carpark in the paddock

(Closed Christmas & New Years)

Come along to the new Kohatu Sunday Market starting on the 25th of September! This market will run every Sunday between the hours of 10am and 2pm. If you're interested in having your own stall please email Deb or Temika at kohatusundaymarket@outlook.com



Larch firewood ready split

Please place your order soon for next Winter's firewood.

**Dry kindling is still available -
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Green Firewood ~ Beech, Bluegum, Douglas Fir, Pine
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Bonfire night

Saturday 5 November '22
Nicholls place*

Potluck BBQ tea, bring some ...



meat for the barbie,



a salad to share,



And Your own cutlery and plates (helps Al with the dishes)



If you have some fireworks to share that'd be great!

Starting about 6pm for dinner then **bonfire** and **fireworks** to follow!

ALL ARE WELCOME 🎆 😊

*If you are not sure where this is, then call Sue 03 5211110



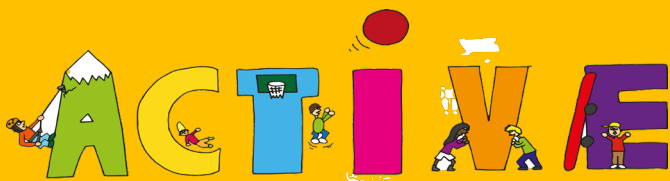
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- Embody Manaakitanga (hospitality) as a way of life.
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- You live in the community or nearby.
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If the P endorsement is holding you back...let's talk anyway. Have a look at the website www.tripsandtransfers.co.nz to see where we go. Want to have the amazing scenery of the Top of South as your office?

Contact Jennifer on 022-6154915 or email kiaora@tripsandtransfers.co.nz if interested.

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

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

Seido-Karate

Community Hall
Tuesdays 6pm - kids & beginners
Thursdays 6 pm – General Class
Graeme 021 0859 4088. Gold coin donation

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.

PLAYGROUP



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

Many thanks to St Arnaud
Rural Woman for your on
going support



For any inquiries please contact
Kirsten on 0220445829



The Rotoiti District Community Council needs you!

Our current chairman, secretary and treasurer have all served several terms and have other community commitments which they want to devote time to. The RDCC is our community voice with the TDC - keeping us up to date with council matters which affect our community and giving us an opportunity to put out thoughts to the council. We meet every two months with our ward councillor- not an onerous schedule!

This is your chance to have a say in the future of our village!

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 26th October , 7:15pm at the Community Hall and new officers will be elected then.

If you'd like to know more about the positions and the stipend please contact the secretary , Brian Erasmus - blerasmus@hotmail.com- for further information

WORK WANTED

Seeking work in the St Arnaud District.
I have many skills, mainly in the trades, but
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We are planning to move to St Arnaud with
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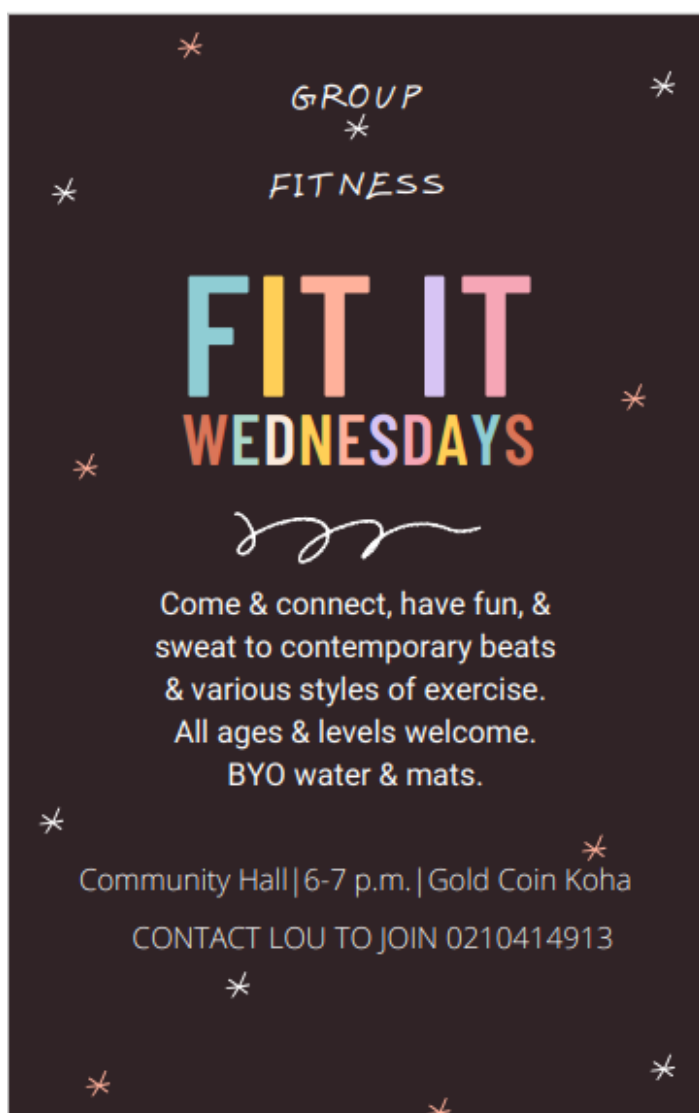
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Please send your contributions in the
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- Advertising and notices sized to fit the newsletter columns. Accepted formats: MSWord, PDF or JPG.
- Full page ads incur a fee of \$30 Please pay at the Rotoiti/Nelson 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



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[Signature]

Come & connect, have fun, &
sweat to contemporary beats
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Community Hall | 6-7 p.m. | Gold Coin Koha
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