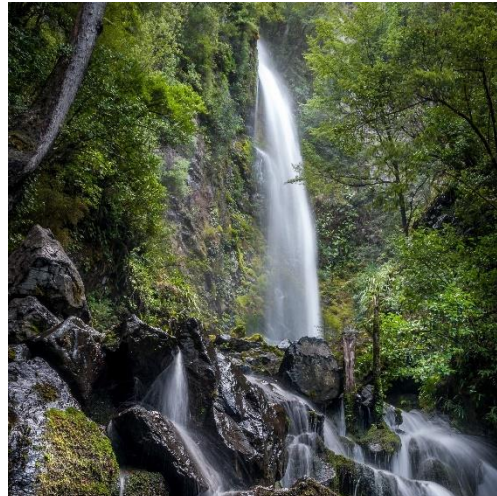


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## Lake Rotoiti School News

**Hello Community and fans of the summer swimming pool pleasure.**

The Lake Rotoiti School pool keys are available again.

The pool will be open from Monday 7 November.

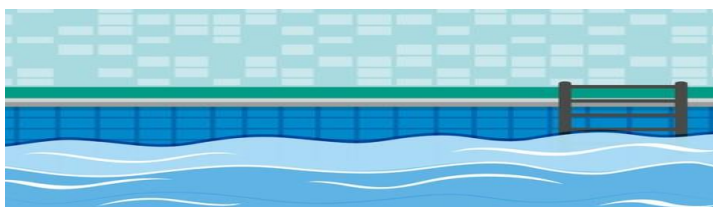
Cost \$50 for the season

If you would like a fob, please email [office@lakerotoiti.school.nz](mailto:office@lakerotoiti.school.nz) for account information.

Keys may be picked up on Monday, Wednesday, Friday during term time or mailed out if required.

If you still have a fob from last year, please return it as it will not work for this season.

Thanks to the volunteers who have come forward to help with the daily checks of the pool.



## Coming up

**November 19th and 20th Green break working days.** Lodge Road, 9am – 12noon. Robbie 021 2950305, or Brian 027 384 4464

**22 November 3pm** Rotoiti Animal and Craft Day, Basalaj's - 8 Waireka Rd

**25-27 November –** Marahau community weekend. Sue 5211110 or [Ali.sue.Nicholls@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Ali.sue.Nicholls@xtra.co.nz)

**29 November 10am to 12pm: Tasman Environment Plan drop in session:** Lake Rotoiti Community Hall (outside)

**Thurs 1 Dec 1.30pm.** Nelson Marlborough Conservation Board public forum, Lake Rotoiti Community Hall.

**December 10th and 11th. Green break working days.** Lodge Road, 9am – 12noon. Robbie 021 2950305, or Brian 027 384 4464

**Photos: Kereru, R. Thoms. Whiskey Falls. Clematis forsteri**

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





### Partial beech mast this year



You might have noticed that some of our native beech trees are flowering right now. They don't do this every year – just in response to a set of climatic cues that sees them flower and seed every few years, and this is called a “mast”. Kākā breeding is tied to beech masting, so we will be watching to see if kākā get up to that this year. Later on in autumn, if these flowers hold and progress to seed, there is a massive energy input to the forest ecosystem when the seed falls. We've noticed mountain beech and some red beech flowering at lake level so far, no silver beech though - so it looks like it might be a partial mast. There's a lot on the DOC website about forest seeding patterns, how it's measured, and the implications for introduced predator /native prey interactions [here](#).

### You can support our kea work with your Christmas shopping!

Encounter Solutions, the company that provides the remote notification system (Celium) that tells us of trap triggers on our feral cat live-capture trap network, have made some really cool t-shirts that they are selling to help support Nelson Lakes kea recovery. \$5 from every t-shirt sold goes to paying for the annual subscription for the satellites we use to monitor the feral cat traps in the Rainbow for kea nest protection.

<https://www.trademe.co.nz/a/marketplace/clothing-fashion/men/t-shirts/listing/3857126589>



Kea are busy raising chicks in holes in the ground right now, so it's a vulnerable time for them. Our trapping networks make a life-or-death difference to the young birds and the adult on the nest. Here is a recent picture from outside one of the nests – Dadda kea feeds Mama kea outside their cosy nest cavity, while babies are hopefully safe and sound and up to all sorts of mischief inside.



### Nelson Marlborough Conservation Board Notice of Meeting

Conservation Boards share in a vision to protect New Zealand's flora and fauna in the contemporary environment. They are concerned with representing the public interest in conservation within their geographical area of jurisdiction.

The Nelson Marlborough Conservation Board is meeting on Thursday 1 December at the Lake Rotoiti Community Hall. There will be a public forum at 1.30pm. If you wish to attend, please contact Sammy Garrett ph. 0275257008 or email [nelsonmarlboroughboard@doc.govt.nz](mailto:nelsonmarlboroughboard@doc.govt.nz). Agenda available from [DOC website](#) and DOC offices on request.

## Heavy vehicles prohibited from Korere-Tophouse Road

Posted on TDC website 11 Nov 2022, 07:45 [Link to original](#)

Damage to road surfaces has forced Tasman District Council to bring in controls on heavy vehicles using the Korere-Tophouse Road.

The considerable number of heavy vehicles using the road as an alternative route, while State Highway 6 over the Whangamoa Saddle between Nelson and Blenheim is closed, is causing significant damage to the road pavement at a rate faster than repair crews can fix it.

This damage is ongoing and rapidly worsening, which is creating hazardous conditions for road users.

To ensure the safety of all users, the Tasman District Council is prohibiting heavy vehicles from using Korere-Tophouse Road as a through route.

Traffic travelling between Nelson and Blenheim should use State Highway 6 and State Highway 63 via Kawatiri Junction which is just 18 minutes or 23.8km longer than using Korere-Tophouse Road

Heavy vehicles may use Korere-Tophouse Road to access properties **only where there is no alternative and if this is the origin or destination for a specific trip**, and may be required to provide evidence of this if stopped by police.

For example, carting logs out of a forest accessed from Korere-Tophouse Road, or taking machinery and construction equipment to a worksite along this road, are valid reasons for a truck to be using it.

### Notice of Prohibition of Heavy Vehicles – Korere-Tophouse Road

The Tasman District Council, in accordance with Section 10 of the Heavy Motor Vehicle Regulations 1974, hereby prohibit heavy vehicles from using Korere-Tophouse Road as a through route as follows:

- Location – Korere-Tophouse Road, from SH6 to SH63
- Axle limit – 2,500kg except for local access

- Date – from 11 November 2022, until 20 December 2022, unless revoked sooner

Heavy Vehicles travelling between Nelson and Blenheim must not use Korere-Tophouse Road as a through road.

For updates about TDC roading we suggest you watch the [TDC website news page](#) or their Facebook page



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## 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  
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## Marahau community weekend

25-27 November 2022

Weekend at the beach with your neighbours!

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Cost not confirmed but expecting it to be \$20 adults

\$15 children per night

But please don't let the price stop you coming

Please let me know you're coming!

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## Give yourselves a Break!

November 2022

Summer is coming, apparently. No-one seems confident to predict the summer weather! Warm and not too dry like the last few, or does the law of averages give us a long hot dry summer? You will have noticed how fast the ground dries out with higher temperatures. You have a month to six weeks to do a clear up at your place to prepare you better for the fire season.

1. Clear your gutters; reduces possibility of embers dropping into them and starting a roof fire. Check that all roof downpipes to the tanks are clear and working so you go into summer with maximum water.
2. Keep your grass cut short and watered if possible.
3. Remove any dead vegetation from around your section, and remove the lower branches of the taller trees to stop fires climbing into the canopy. Make sure vegetation is kept well clear of all buildings.
4. If you want a Firetruck to come to your place, make sure you have a four metre wide access way and no overhead branches.
5. Store your firewood well away from the house and don't store wood, flammable items or firewood under it.
6. Check your smoke alarm works; that you have a good metal ash can with lid; that the Evacuation Plan is prominently displayed. Many baches and houses are rented out so it is vital that visitors know what to do in an emergency.

So, get stuck in! If you need help or advice, talk to Robbie Thomson 021 2950305, or Brian Erasmus 027 384 4464. We can advise on more advanced stages of fire protection and help with chipping branches (for a modest fee). As New Zealand is catching up in the Fire Risk Reduction culture, there will be people who have overseas experience which could prove valuable to us. Please share this with us, we are all learning on the job! There will be two more weekends of working on the Greenbreak this year; November 19th and 20th and December 10th and 11th. These work parties are from 9am to 12 in Lodge Road, and there is work for everyone! Good Footwear and gloves, sunhat etc. See you there.

**Fire Risk Reduction Rotoiti Volunteer Fire Brigade**



# Love our region and our lifestyle? We want to hear from you

The Tasman Region is a special place to live. Why it's special and what we need to do to keep it that way in the future is different for each of us.

As we plan for our future, now is the time for you to share what's important to you.

We'd like to hear your thoughts on our diverse and delicate environments; beautiful mountains, streams and coastal areas; vibrant towns and growing communities; productive rural areas; and innovative business and industrial zones.

Our next round of community engagement is about to begin as we prepare to draft Aorere ki uta, Aorere ki tai – Tasman Environment Plan (TEP).

Between now and 12 December, there are many ways you can discuss the TEP and provide your input.

Share your feedback in a way that best suits you. This could be through one of our local community events, webinars, over the phone, online, email, by post or by dropping in for a chat.

Community in person events include:

- **(Wakefield, Tākaka, Murchison Collingwood, Māpua events already held...)**
- **Motueka** – Motueka Community Board meeting, Tuesday 15 November, 4.00 pm.
- **Richmond** – A&P Show, Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 November, 9.00 am – 4.00 pm.
- **Tasman Village** – Outside school and café, Wednesday 23 November, 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm.
- **Brightwater** – Village green (by Four Square), Thursday 24 November, 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm.
- **Mārahau** – Hooked on Mārahau Café, 25 November, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm.
- **St. Arnaud** – Lake Rotoiti Community Hall (outside), 29 November, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm.
- **Tapawera** – Four Square (outside), Thursday 1 December, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm.

## Webinars are also scheduled for:

- Wednesday 16 November, 12.30 pm.

- Thursday 17 November, 7.00 pm.

To get more information on the above events including webinar links, and to find discussion documents on key aspects of the plan as well as feedback forms, please visit our website.

[shape.tasman.govt.nz/environmentplan](https://shape.tasman.govt.nz/environmentplan)

## PHONE LIST UPDATE

Hi, We're about to redo the Rotoiti Community phone list.

If you are currently listed and haven't changed anything then you don't need to do anything.

We realise that many are getting rid of their landlines so if your details have changed (eg. you've removed your landline or changed your cellphone) then please let us know.

If you know of anyone new to the area who would like to be included then please get in touch with us. Please let us know of any changes **before 31.12.22**

Thanks,

Ingrid - [lakestation@farmside.co.nz](mailto:lakestation@farmside.co.nz)

Jan - [janthomsonart@gmail.com](mailto:janthomsonart@gmail.com)

**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

## Howdy friends and neighbours

We're coming into the festive season soon and I felt it would be great to help out some of those people in Tasman who are struggling to make ends meet.

If you would like to join us in a making donation to the Nelson Community Foodbank please drop your donation of NON PERISHABLE food in the basket in my studio, and we'll deliver it to the food bank during Christmas week.

It would be good to show how our community cares for those less fortunate than ourselves :)

Jan  
Korimako Studio  
10 Rangeview Rd

## Halloween

trick or treating happened in the village....look at these awesome costumes! By all accounts everyone was very polite and didn't get up to any tricks, so we hope there were lots of treats!



## 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

If you are having a clean out of books, **St Arnaud Rural Women** would like to take them off your hands for the **Annual Book Sale on 2 January 2023 - 9 am to 2 pm**. Please contact Marg Anderson 03 5211864 or 0274 172 690 to arrange collection or deliver to 33 Kerr Bay Road, St Arnaud. Also there will be a **Trash & Treasure** on the day, please contact Nicky Shaw 0279 311 473 or 03 5211106 to book a table as there is limited space. Funds raised from the Book Sale go back into the community.



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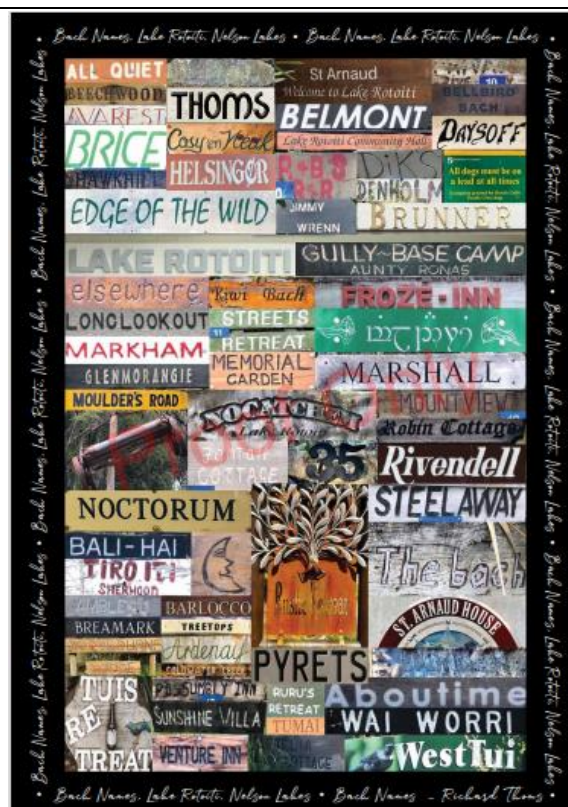
- Advertising and notices sized to fit the newsletter columns. Accepted formats: MSWord, PDF or JPG.
- Full page ads incur a fee of \$30 Please pay at the Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre.
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Contact: Richard 021 2886664 or Karen 021 0667000 at the lake for a poster

# LAKE ROTOITI ANIMAL & CRAFT DAY

## 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 AT THE BASALAJ'S

8 Waireka Road - Everyone is welcome

- 3-4pm come and set up your creations in the shed for judging. Stuff done at school will be delivered by the school bus. (Cheers bus driver and teachers)
- 4-5 animal judging outside whilst the other stuff gets judged in the shed  
Pre-schoolers show off their pimped bikes
- 5.15 surprise visitor
- 5.30 games/start dinner
- 6.30 BBQ dinner
- 7.30 wearable art fashion show. Judging to be done by the parents. Bribes happily accepted on the night



### Field Day Classes

*Children will be put into groups according to their school year, for judging in all classes*

*Group 1—Year 1 & 2*

*Group 2—Year 3 & 4*

*Group 3—Year 5 & 6*

*Group 4—Year 7 & 8*

*Group 5—Adult*

### Animal Classes (for years 1-8)

- Poultry
- Lamb/Goat
- Calf
- Dog
- Rabbit/Guinea Pig
- Other small pet
- My pets got talent—show the judges how amazing your pet is
- Fancy dress pet



*Children will be asked by the judges about their pet's health care, feeding, training etc.*



## Art/Craft Classes (years 1-8)

- Craft**            wearable art made from face masks, maximum 3 boxes. Will need to be modelled on the red carpet for judging - to be done at home
- Colouring**        to be done at home, given out at school
- Art**                stencil on canvas - to be done at school

### Photography (to be done at home)

- Group 1**          fancy dress pet
- Group 2**          halloween
- Group 3**          beach day
- Group 4**          silhouette
- Group 5**          speed

## Cooking

- Group 1**          brownie
- Group 2**          cupcakes
- Group 3**          doughnuts
- Group 4**          lamingtons
- Group 5**          ice cream



*Please remember items in the cooking classes will be consumed for dessert!*

If you have a pre-schooler, bring them along with their decorated bike. They will get a certificate for participating. Please get in touch with Janine in regards to the gift from the 'surprise visitor'.

Please note: All entries must be the child's own work (not that of an adult) and all pets/livestock must belong to the child/family.

Also, please do not put your child's name on any entry. You will be given a code letter on the day for your child to identify their entries. Judges must not know which child has done each entry.

All children in years 1-8 in the community are welcome to join in on Animal and Craft Day. If you wish for your child to be included and they aren't at Lake Rotoiti School, please call Janine on 5211003 / 027 2292 076 and she will make sure you have everything you need,