

This newsletter is produced fortnightly by a small volunteer editing crew to help keep our community connected and informed. We welcome your contributions! Please send your newsletter items to: rotoitinews@gmail.com

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Lake Rotoiti School News

We are back in full swing here at school with a great combination of in class learning, as well as exciting trips and breaks to the routine. Last week we held a water safety afternoon for the children. Some of the experiences were swimming with everyday clothes or lifejackets on, rescuing another person and practicing survival strokes. The kids thought it was great fun and we are sure they learned lots along the way. A huge thanks to Wendy for organising the activities!



On Thursday we took the children to Tapawera to a pop-up ice skating rink. It wasn't actually ice, but we got to skate and that is all that mattered. We realised we have some fantastic skaters at our school and everyone had a great time!



Coming up

2nd Wednesday of each month
Friends of Rotoiti Village
Trapping at 10 am, Pip Berkett
for details 027 521 1130

Thursday - Nelson Lakes Eels
Social Touch - 6 pm @ Lake
Rotoiti School - Everyone
welcome to come and be
involved in the inaugural
FINALS night – semi-final at
6pm, Final at 6.3pm. Phone
Todd 027 350 2002 for more
information.

Thursdays 10am - 12pm
Playgroup. Community Hall.
Ph Kirsten 0220445829. Gold
coin donation.

Thursdays 5pm: Sailing at Kerr
Bay. For more info call Mike at
the school.

11 and 2 March: 25th NZ
Antique and Classic Boats
Show Kerr Bay
<https://www.nzclassicboats.com/>

8 and 9 March: Powerboats
regatta, Kerr Bay.
<https://nzpba.com/>

Photos: Tui, D. Price. Rotoiti
eels, D. Bauer. Mt daisy
Celmisia semicordata, D. Price.

Note: regular notices about
fitness related activities are
listed in a separate box later in
the newsletter

As most of you know the next two weekends are going to be busy here in St Arnaud. Classic Boats on the 1st & 2nd March and Power Boats the weekend after.

The school always has a food tent there, which is our main fundraiser for the year. This allows all students at school to attend camps and have skiing lessons regardless of financial situations.

There are lots of ways you can support our fundraising group 'Kea Kai'. There are opportunities to help in the tent, there are children that need to be looked after, and we always welcome home baking.

Any baking can be dropped off to the school on the Friday of each weekend. It needs to be clearly labelled what it is, whether it is gluten or dairy free, and any slices should come uncut, so they can be all cut into similar sizes.

If you would like more information about helping out, please email keakaicatering@gmail.com

Lake Rotoiti boating events

During the first two weekends of March 2025 Lake Rotoiti will host two large boating events:

- 1 & 2 March : Antique and Classic Boat Show
- 8 & 9 March : Rotoiti Powerboat Regatta

These events will draw large crowds.

Powerboats are loud, and the noise will carry throughout the lake and surrounding areas, including Kerr Bay and West Bay campsites and the Mt Robert Circuit. Lake Rotoroa will provide a quieter experience for recreational users.

Please be aware that carparking will be limited during the events, and there will be an entry cost for spectators of these events.

The DOC Visitor Centre Carpark is not a long-term carpark and spectator vehicles are not permitted to park there.

A REMINDER NO DOGS AND NO DRONES ARE PERMITTED.

Public boat launching and access will be restricted to West Bay during these events.



Online Piano and Violin Lessons

I am a piano and violin teacher in Motueka, offering online music lessons to children anywhere in New Zealand.

If you think this might be of interest to some of your students, could you kindly include the following ad in your newsletter or similar? There is no hurry for this to go out, it can just go in whenever you have space. Different approaches can suit different students so even if you already have a piano or violin teacher available, it can be beneficial to provide another option.

For complete beginners aged 3yrs+ with a parent/support person.

Flexible lesson booking of child-friendly lessons
Children learn by ear then learn to read music
do a 1-week-free website registration so you can book a free webchat to meet me.
Pre-recorded videos on the website to use between lessons
Feel free to contact me with any questions, Katie Dey www.katiesuzukimusic.com/

Katie Suzuki Music Lessons
Motueka



-Welding and Metal Fabrication

-CNC profile cutting

Email: proengnz@gmail.com

Phone Chris: 027 507 1234



the belly bee community clinic

providing compassionate care that tends to the structural, emotional, reproductive, and digestive balance through traditional body work and folk herbalism

March 15
10am-4pm
Lake Rotoiti
Community Hall

mini sessions available first come first serve basis throughout the day by Koha

EARTH MEDICINE APOTHECARY:
herbal remedies, tea blends, ritual tools, and guidebooks

there will be tea, treats, and products to try

Ashton Kay, of the Belly Bee, is a Clinical Herbalist, Yoga Teacher, Healing Birth Practitioner and Tul'i'x Indigenous Arts provider.

This pop-up community care clinic will be an opportunity to get to know Ashton and the broad tool box of traditional healing methods she shares.

Ashton will have her herbal kit to help address a wide variety of ailments: digestive, skin, lymphatic, musculoskeletal, nervous system imbalance, women's health, newborn/baby care, etc.

This work is people's medicine and through the shared knowledge, may we all remember the medicine of the earth and our ancestors.

ashtonkay@outlook.com 022 525 7871

Rotoiti District Community Council
Next Meeting 26 February 2025 @ 7 pm in the DOC Meeting Room (the room is behind the DOC Visitor Centre – down the driveway, off View Road). Community welcome.
For more information contact Sally (Secretary), rotoiticommunitycouncil@gmail.com

Agenda:

Items under consideration

- Feedback on TDC meeting regarding footpaths etc

New agenda items

- Constitution update
- Noxious/nuisance plants on public land: Who is responsible for management of these?

Carry over matters

- Footpath working group
- Stormwater matters
- EV Update



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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 035211 110

Rotoiti Hub
Sundays 10am
Local spirit-led Christian worship, equipping and encounter.
More details and enquiries:
Nigel/Sarah 0274413776
or Kay 027 3072820

CONTRIBUTING TO THE NEWSLETTER

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



Serviceing and supporting Saint Arnaud, Howard, Gowan & surrounding area's weekly

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Plumbing - Gasfitting - Drainage - Blocked Drains - Leaky taps - Repairs - Spouting - Hot water - Shared travel

Phone, email or Facebook Messenger us to book your Job or Free Quote

Phone - 03 543 8090

email - info@tuffnell.co.nz

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PAT DILLON
ELECTRICAL

Electrician

027 325 8507

admin@pdlectrical.co.nz

BE | GET | STAY



Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

Monday and Wednesday 10am Casual exercise group. Community Hall. Gold coin koha. Julie 0272385597

Mondays 7pm Badminton. \$3 per person to go towards hall and shuttle-cocks. Racquets available, all welcome! Ed 03 5211106

Seido-Karate

Community Hall

Tuesdays 5pm - kids & beginners

Thursdays 5pm – General Class

Graeme 021 0859 4088. Gold coin donation



GENERAL CONTRACTING

Putting off those odd jobs around the house or bach?
Have you cleaned your gutters or cleared your section ready for fire season?

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Gutter cleaning/repair ||| Low flammability tree planting
Landscaping ||| Indoor/outdoor painting
General repairs || Starlink installs ||| Tech setups
And more!

Free Quotes



St Arnaud
Tasman Region



Thomas Reid
0225257864



Ladies Day Out

March 15th - 10am to 3pm

Doughboy Road, Murchison

Tickets \$35 includes:
Lunch with a drink,
all day market & entertainment
plus prize draws through the day!

Tickets available from:
Hodgson's, Murchison NBS
or email judithalfeld@gmail.com

Services available:

A Handy Man: Phone Thomas 0225257864 Brush cutting, Section clearing, Tree Trimming, Gutter cleaning/repair/low flammability tree planting, Land Scaping, Indoor/outdoor painting, General Repairs, Starlink installs, tech setups, and more!

Window Cleaner - Michelle message on 0225 901 170 to arrange a time and date.

Rotoiti Water Taxi - Hamish 021 702 278

Holistic Herbal Consultation: Contact Ashton Reid (Certified Herbalist) 022 525 7871

Electrician: - Pat Dillon Electrical, phone 0273 258 507 or admin@pdelectrical.co.nz

Chimney Clean - David 03 544 4487 or 022 411 9059 or davidred202@gmail.com

Plumbing: Tuffnell Plumbing, Drain laying plus Gas Fitting - 0800 129 683

Water Tank Cleaning Specialist - Kerry 0277 477 902 or sherylkerry@gmail.com

Septic Tank Clean - Kevin or Murray 03 544 8032 or www.simplyseptic.co.nz

Water Tank Services - Aqua Task Services are going to be in the Nelson Lakes area in February. Suction Clean - no need to empty the water from your tank! Full clean - Pump out and waterblast. On board water blaster for any cleaning needs. Price dependant on Tank size. Phone Jake Moore 0272 425 112 or aquatankservices@yahoo.com aquatankservices.net.