

This newsletter is produced 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

Deadline for next issue:
5pm Friday 2nd May 2025

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Thursday 22nd May, 10am - you're invited to join St.Arnaud Rural Women for a Pink Ribbon morning tea to help fundraise for Breast Cancer NZ. We'd love you to join us for a casual social morning tea - \$10 per person and please wear something pink or floral (if you have something!) and bring along something pink for our raffles.

Please RSVP to janthomsonart@gmail.com, 021 2155631. We hope you can join us! If you can't come along but would like to help out with a donation you can do this securely online at

<https://fundraise.bcf.org.nz/fundraisers/janthomson/pinkribbonbreakfast>



Coming up

Friday 25th April, 10.30am,
Community Hall. ANZAC service with morning tea to follow.

Sunday 27th April, 3pm – 6pm -
Community Hall. Vaccinations and health promotion (Wakefield pharmacy)

Thursdays 10am - 12pm
Playgroup. Community Hall.
Ph. Anna 0277229652. Gold coin donation.

Wednesdays 6pm (starting 30th April) Nelson lakes Eels social basketball. Community Hall. Contact Todd 0273502002

Photos: Yellow mistletoe, R. O'Neill. 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



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"We thank all our rural clients for their ongoing continued support"

Friends of Rotoiti Update

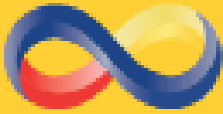
Friends of Rotoiti had two teams scheduled to fly in to the back country to service trapping lines in the Sabine and Upper Travers Valleys. But low cloud forced a postponement, and instead Wayne Sowman and Ross Beech tackled the Whiskey Line from Coldwater Hut to Robert Road (a tally of 20 rats), while Graeme Wallace and Nigel Fyfe took on the Coldwater Loop Line (Coldwater Hut to Travers swing bridge and back to Lakehead Hut, for a tally of 30 rats, 2 possums and one stoat). Thanks to DOC for the quick reorientation of transport!

Friends of Rotoiti are always on the lookout for new volunteers, and for funding support! You can contact them at friendsofrotoiti@gmail.com or call or text the Chair, Wayne Sowman, on 027 2385597.

[Friends of Rotoiti Website](#)



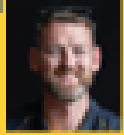
The lower Travers looking across to the Hukere valley. (Nigel Fyfe)



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TDC Biosecurity News

Spindle Tree Found and Removed in St Arnaud Village

During recent weed control efforts in St Arnaud village, a spindle tree (*Euonymus europaeus*) was discovered on Bridge Street. The tree, clearly a wilding (i.e., not deliberately planted) was promptly removed.

Spindle tree is a small deciduous species known for its distinctive pink, four-lobed fruit. While it is not currently listed in the Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Plan, it is included in pest management plans in other regions of New Zealand and is featured on the Weedbusters website due to its invasive potential.

This species is capable of forming dense thickets in both open and shaded areas, crowding out native understorey plants by blocking light and space. Its seeds are spread by birds, and it is likely that the specimen found in Bridge Street originated from a source tree elsewhere in or near the village. We would love to find this source tree, so if you should come across a spindle tree in the village, please report it to:


Lindsay Barber, Senior Biosecurity Officer, Tasman District Council, Ph 027 224 1583



Nelson Lakes Eels Social Basketball


Social Basketball Competition starting Wednesday 30th April from 6pm, to be played at the Lake Rotoiti Community Hall

Any individuals or teams wanting to play please contact Todd 0273502002



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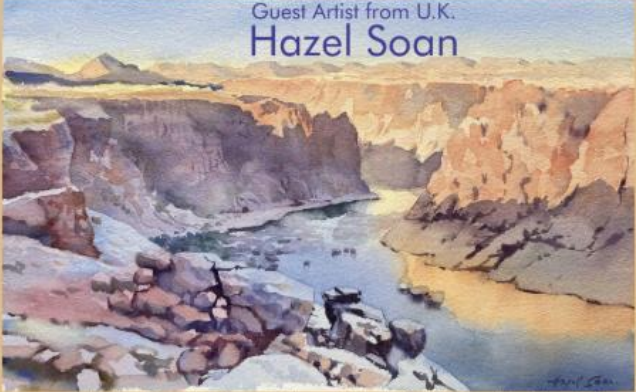
For more info + appointments see
nikimorrellherbalist.co.nz

50 Year



splash National Watercolour Exhibition

Guest Artist from U.K.
Hazel Soan



Hidden Depths, Ararat (Aurabies Falls Canyon) by Hazel Soan

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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).

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



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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



4 Edward Street
Wakefield

St Arnaud Health promotion and Vaccination Day

Sunday 27th April 2025
Rotoiti Community Hall

3pm-6pm

Kia ora people of St Arnaud. We at Wakefield Pharmacy along with the PHO have been tasked with trying to get out and about into rural areas to try and get better health engagement within the community.

Brad Collins and Hamid Johari from the Pharmacy are planning on coming out to St Arnaud on the 27th of April for a health promotion day and vaccination clinic.

We're hoping to have some conversations with the locals about health services available in the region and where and how we can try and fill the gaps.

We will also be offering Flu and Covid vaccinations to help prepare for the ills and chills season, as well as a few other funded vaccinations (eg boostrix for pregnant mothers and Shingrix for 65 year olds) If there are any other vaccinations you would like us to bring along, give us a call on 03 541 8418.

We look forward to seeing a few friendly faces and would love to meet some of you that we may not have had a chance to meet yet.



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St Arnaud
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Thanks to Kerry Stratford for this great autumn picture of fly agaric



There's lots of fascinating facts about this exotic fungi here: [Fly Agaric \(Amanita muscaria\) · iNaturalist NZ](#)