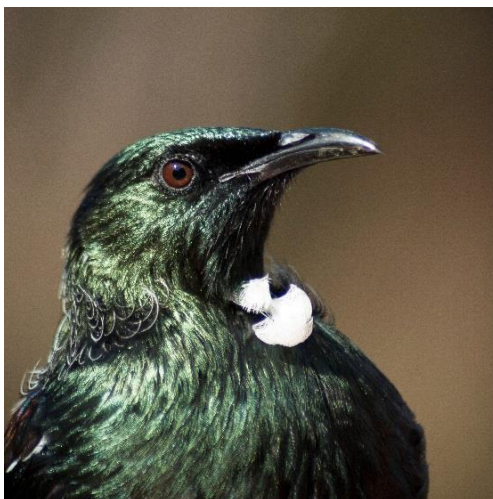


Deadline for next issue:  
Friday 3 December 2021

Please send your newsletter  
items to: [rotoitinews@gmail.com](mailto:rotoitinews@gmail.com)

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## Lake Rotoiti School News

The year continues to be challenging. Our children have had some great opportunities and activities so far despite these challenges.

Last week we had Sailing for the senior students and there are a host of other activities planned for the rest of the term - from Aquabots to fun at the Outdoor Education centre and beyond.



A huge thank you to Janine Basalaj for organising the Community Field day at her place. What a great venue. The Easter Bunny took time off from duties to stand in for Santa this year.

### Overall results:

1st Jessica 18 points, 2nd Antony 15 points, 3rd Sophie 14 points.

Other results were unfortunately lost during the clean-up effort, but it's safe to say that all of the contestants put in impressive entries and the decorated cakes and other baking was delicious.

*For further school news please see further on in the newsletter...*

## Coming up

### Wed 24 November 7.15pm

Rotoiti District Community  
Council AGM  
Community Hall

### Fri 26 – Sun 28 November

Community weekend to  
Marahau Beach – family  
fun, bring togs, bedding  
and baking – contact Sue  
03 521 1110 or email  
[ali.sue.nicholls@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ali.sue.nicholls@xtra.co.nz)  
for information

### Saturday 27 November

Volunteer opportunity for  
whio/blue duck – register  
with Butch (see page 2 for  
details)

### Saturday 4 December

10.30am – 4.00pm  
Ladies Gumboots Day Off –  
refer to poster in newsletter

### Tues 4 January 2022

St Arnaud Rural Women  
“Annual Book Sale” at Lake  
Rotoiti Community Hall – if  
you have books to donate  
please contact Marg  
Anderson 03 521 1864

### Sundays 10.30 am

**Lake Rotoiti Chapel**  
services are run by locals  
and non-denominational.  
Everyone welcome.

**Photos: Angelus Hut –**  
Heather Gluyas, Hut  
Warden

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



### Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre

The Visitor Centre is now open 8am – 4.30pm for the summer months. We are open every day except for Christmas Day.

We have a range of retail items if you are looking for Christmas gifts.

During Covid Level 2, all visitors must either scan in or sign in and the wearing of masks is mandatory.

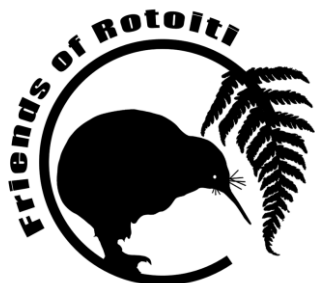


Help! my ride on mower has broken down (and so is my neighbour's) and with this weather the grass is loving it!

Do you know anyone in the village who either has a ride on mower (prefer with catcher) that would come out here (about 2 hours of mowing) or else wants to earn pocket money and use a push motor mower (about 6 hrs work)? Most of the lawn is flat.

Needs to be done this week.

Jennifer  
292 Howard Valley Road  
Tel. 03-5394896 or email [jennifer@farmside.co.nz](mailto:jennifer@farmside.co.nz)



**WANTED:** volunteers to help bring whio/blue duck back to Rotoiti / Nelson Lakes



Te whakarauora whio: Friends of Rotoiti

Bring your boat, family and friends and help the Friends of Rotoiti and DOC staff set out 5 km of stoat trap boxes from Coldwater Hut to the swing bridge. No experience required to carry the trap

boxes to sites along the existing track at the southern end of Lake Rotoiti.

When: Saturday 27 November 2021

Times: Meet at 10am at the end of Lake Rotoiti, Coldwater jetty – finish approximately 2pm

2.30pm afternoon tea provided at Blechynden Shelter, Kerr Bay

Bring along: Lunch, snacks, water, sturdy shoes, raincoat, warm clothes, gardening gloves & hi-vis vest (optional)

You **must** register with Butch Goodwin - email [butch@flooringextra.co.nz](mailto:butch@flooringextra.co.nz) or phone 027 445 9723 by Thursday 25 November.

We look forward to volunteers joining us at this community conservation activity.

### Lake Rotoiti School News continued...

You have probably noticed that Fran is teaching the Junior class at present while Alison is off on extended sick leave until the end of the year.

Another challenging event for the school has been the resignation of Alistair and Megan from the School Board of Trustees. I would like to thank them for their work during a particularly difficult period. They have been wonderful to work with, managing the change of Principal, welcoming me into the role and supporting the school into a new direction, as well as navigating the COVID regulations. This situation could best be described as fluid with new government requirements and rules being issued sometimes twice daily and often in a contradictory way. I look forward to their involvement in less exhausting capacity.

It is the intention of the Board to select new members. Please see the official notice in this issue of the Rotoiti News. Parents have received a School Stream message also.

As I have said, the COVID-19 regulations are constantly changing. I would like to share a clarification of the rules from the Secretary of Education that all schools received this Tuesday:

“We continue to have queries regarding whether parents and caregivers coming onsite are required to be vaccinated.

To clarify: parents or caregivers who are dropping off, picking up or settling their children, or who are attending meetings or events on site are still permitted to attend on site whether they are vaccinated or not.”

The way that I am interpreting this means that our Prize Giving event will be going ahead on Tuesday 14 December – venue TBA. All welcome.

Another way that I am able to interpret the order, is that if our events are Community events and other community members attend, we are not tied to the Education based orders, but to community event rules.

We are required to have evidence of vaccination for volunteers in school-based activities, for employees and for contractors. It is a challenging path to navigate.

Finally, Lake Rotoiti School exists to educate children and to "Prepare our children to approach future challenges with confidence" (our Mission statement). Regardless of turmoil and uncertainty, we will model how to work through challenges and continue to focus on educating our wonderful children. Thank you for your ongoing support as we do this.

Be happy.  
Mike.

## Lake Rotoiti School Pool

The swimming pool is now open for public use outside of school hours. If you want a key, please contact Dominique at the office. [office@lakerotoiti.school.nz](mailto:office@lakerotoiti.school.nz).

The usual paperwork needs to be completed. Please be conscious that the pool is a very expensive asset for the village that is largely funded through the school. Last year this ran to over \$10,000. With our falling roll, our funding is reduced, and cash becomes very tight to run the pool.

If you have a pool key, please do not share it around. Encourage people to purchase their own key or donate to the school. You must be present when your key is being used.

## Lake Rotoiti School Board casual vacancy for a parent representative

Two casual vacancies have occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

**Aimee Thomas**  
Lake Rotoiti School Board  
[office@lakerotoiti.school.nz](mailto:office@lakerotoiti.school.nz)  
by: 15 December 2021

With the assistance of the RDCC sports committee, the tennis and basketball courts are all set up for the summer with the lines repainted and new backboards

and nets. The basketball backboards have been relocated to the side of the court, out of the way of those playing tennis.



A big thanks to Mike, Butch, Malcolm, Wattie, and Robbie for relocating and fixing the basketball poles, Nelson Lakes Construction for supplying the backboards and Jan at Koromiko Studios for painting them. Thanks to the TDC Community Grants for supplying the Tennis net, post pads, hoop nets, and concrete. Thanks to BB signs for supplying the new sign and Brightwater Engineering for pipe.

We hope to see these facilities getting plenty of use over the summer months and users making a \$2 donation to help maintain it in the future. Jeff Hart is planning a community tennis tournament over the Holidays so dust off those tennis shoes and start practicing.

If anyone would like to assist with ongoing fund raising and maintenance, then please call Wattie on 0224928841.



## LOST & FOUND

FOUND: at Fire Station carpark - ladies clasp brooch.  
Ring 0275788590 or 5211268 to describe it.

## For Sale

Due to the acquisition of fibreglass optimists which are lighter and require less maintenance. The Sailing club is selling the last two of their wooden boats.





*KZ529 is complete \$200*



*QCYC11 requires a rudder and the floats strapped in \$150.00*

Also sailing will hopefully start this Thursday from 6pm with set up day down at the lake where will put the new fibreglass boats together and maybe test them out on the water, of course weather permitting.

This is a community event, and everyone is welcome.

Contact Wattie on 0224928841 for more details or to be connected to the messenger chat group.

## TREES and NETWORK TASMAN POWER LINES in ST ARNAUD

Treescape are Network Tasman's tree contractor & they will be working in St Arnaud during the week of 13th December, cutting trees to a safe clearance from the main distribution power lines. The majority of the work will be on road frontages/road reserve, but some work will also be carried out on private property as arranged with the owners.

Very occasionally we have to re-programme work due to unforeseen circumstances & if this happens, we will try to rearrange as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about trees & power lines, please contact Network Tasman:

Freephone 0800 508098  
Email [trees@networktasman.co.nz](mailto:trees@networktasman.co.nz)

## Dog Owners

Every dog, regardless of its size, breeding or training, or whether it is a family pet or working dog, is a potential kiwi killer.



Even certified kiwi dogs, specifically trained to help conservation workers find kiwi, have to wear muzzles—just in case.

### *What dog owners can do*

The best solution is the simplest — keep all dogs away from all areas where wild kiwi and native birds live. Kiwis are especially vulnerable during their breeding season, from June to the following March.

However, if you live or play in places where wild kiwi live, you can manage your dog to reduce the threat it poses to the birds. There are Great Spotted Kiwi in Nelson Lakes National Park.

Kiwis for kiwi encourages all dog owners, especially hunters, to enrol your animals in kiwi avoidance training to help them learn to avoid the birds.

If you are travelling, make sure you know about the area where you will be visiting, whether kiwi are present and if dogs are allowed. Dogs are not permitted in Nelson Lakes National Park which includes the waterfront at Lake Rotoiti and Lake Rotoroa (even in a car is not permitted).

If you are unsure where dogs are permitted in St Arnaud / Nelson Lakes, please contact the Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre on 03 521 1806.

Other things you can do are:

When you are not with your dog keep it inside or in a roomy run or kennel.

Ensure your property is dog escape-proof.

When out and about, keep your dog on a lead at all times—a kiwi can be caught and killed in seconds.

Exercise your dog in areas designated for that purpose.

Never let your dog roam at night.

If hunting where wild kiwi live, put tracking collars on your dogs and take all dogs home at the end of the hunt.

If you lose your dog, or see a roaming dog, report it immediately to the Department of Conservation (Nelson Lakes 03 521 1806 or DOC HOTLINE).

Never abandon unwanted dogs. Give them to the SPCA or ask a vet to put them down humanely.

For more information visit <https://www.savethekiwi.nz/>

### Ground Bird Aversion Training

If you'd like to register your interest to participate in ground bird aversion training with your dog, please contact:

Sally Leggett, Ranger Community  
Email: [sleggett@doc.govt.nz](mailto:sleggett@doc.govt.nz)

Phone: 027 203 5235

The training is free and takes approximately 20 minutes per dog. It is held in the Tasman area, usually in Mapua.

### Pekin Ducklings for sale



1 – 2 weeks old  
\$10.00 each

2+ weeks old \$15.00  
each

Contact Sandie  
021 2779284



I have recently taken on the role of Wairau Valley Rural Hub Coordinator and will be coordinating events in our area over the next 12 months.

I would like to extend an invite for the St Arnaud community to come along to our first event, a community picnic next Sunday 28th November at the Wairau Valley Peace Memorial Hall.

We are also holding our first "kids club" event the following Sunday 5th December at the Hall. We're having a Christmas Crafts session with a visit from Santa and families from your school are more than welcome to come along.

For updates on both events, please keep an eye on the Wairau Valley Facebook page. Thanks so much, hopefully some St Arnaud people can attend. If you need any further information, please let me know.

Sarah McComb, Wairau Valley Coordinator  
(021) 0684 624

### A good electrician.



Shane Steel  
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(e) [shane@agoodelectrician.co.nz](mailto:shane@agoodelectrician.co.nz)  
(m) 0273202335  
Servicing Saint Arnolds and greater Tasman district





### Wairau Valley Kids Club Christmas Crafts Session

Sunday 5th December 1-4pm  
Wairau Valley Peace Memorial Hall, 17 Morse St  
For ages 5-17 years  
Special visit from Santa & lolly scramble

RSVP by 28th November to Sarah on (021) 068 4624  
or email WairauValleyCoordinator@gmail.com  
Children must be supervised at all times



## Fire Brigade Volunteer Training

On Sunday 7 November the Lake Rotoiti Fire Brigade volunteers undertook practical Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) Response training with some unwanted vehicles.

FENZ Trainer Rob Milliner attended to demonstrate how to stabilise a vehicle and safely remove windows and doors to access the driver and passengers. It was a perfect opportunity for the crew to update and refresh their skills in a simulated situation including rolling a vehicle on its side and roof.

We welcome the new recruits Debbie Allen and Fran Andrews who have joined the brigade as Operational Support members, who along with Brian Erasmus will carry out higher level training to increase our medical response capabilities.

Shane Steel is also in the process of joining the Brigade as an Operational Firefighter.

IT'S TIME TO TREAT YOURSELVES WITH A DAY OUT....



CONNECT WITH FRIENDS  
ENJOY A DAY IN THE GARDEN

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Live music, Demonstrations, Fashion Show, Stalls, Christmas Shop

Cost \$25

Includes platter lunch complimentary glass of wine or juice or BYO

Lucky draws & prizes

WHEN.....Saturday 4th December 2021 from 10.30am to 4pm

WHERE.....Homestead Farm, 1166 ST ARNAUD - KAWATIRI HWY 63  
(signposted)

TICKETS.....available from Marg Anderson phone 03 5211864

Email avarestbnb@extra.co.nz

Profits to St Arnaud community projects

Limited ticket sales of 100

If wet transferred to ST Arnaud Community Hall on 5th December 2021

Covid 19 Restrictions Apply





If there are any more donations, please make them to:  
Rotoiti District Community Council  
Account number: 38-9010-0624715-04

Thank you  
Brian Erasmus  
Secretary, Rotoiti District Community Council



Pre-schoolers play group on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 11 am @ Rotoiti Community Hall (\$2 donation for hall use)

For more information phone Frith 0277 534 880

### CHURCH NOTICES

#### Sunday

**Lake Rotoiti Chapel, 10.30AM,**  
Rotoiti Street, St Arnaud

- Services are run by locals and non-denominational.
- Everyone welcome

#### Thursday & Sunday

**Rotoiti Hub, 3 pm**

- Holy Spirit lead worship, encounter, revelation and ministry.
- Phone Nigel and Sarah 027 441 3776 or Jane 027 332 8096 for info and location.

## Rotoiti District Community Council

There has been a great response from the community which together with a grant from the TDC means we have raised \$6,650 of the \$7,200 required for the security camera installation.

A huge thank you to contributors, hopefully the cameras will make an improvement to the current security issues the village is facing.

## 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

#### **Pilates**

Community Hall on Mondays at 5.30pm.

Contact Lisa 021 202 4034

#### **Seido-Karate Community Hall**

Tuesdays 6pm - kids & beginners

Thursdays 6 pm – General Class

Graeme 021 0859 4088. Gold coin donation

### 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](mailto:rotoitinews@gmail.com)



# The Little Black Alpine Cabin PRESENTS:

**To book your Tickets please contact Cecile :  
littleblackcabin@nym.hush.com**

THE

BARDEN PARTY

*William Shakespeares*  
**a midsummer  
night's dream**

a comedy

DIRECTED BY LAURA IRISH

**Make an evening of it: Arrive early & enjoy  
a drink and dinner before the show! (not included in show ticket )**

*Shakespeare  
in St. Arnaud!*

*An evening of  
laughter :-)*

**WHEN:**

**Friday DEC 17 @ 7.30 pm**

**WHERE:**

**ST.ARNAUD LODGE**

**This is a private  
function and ALL welcome!  
max 100 Tickets @ \$30  
(\$5 per ticket is donated  
to Friends of Rotoiti :-)**