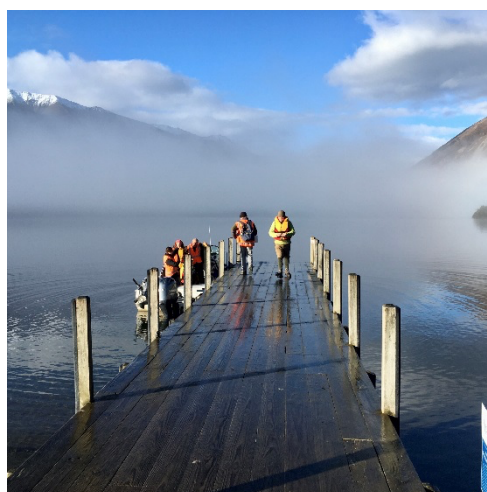
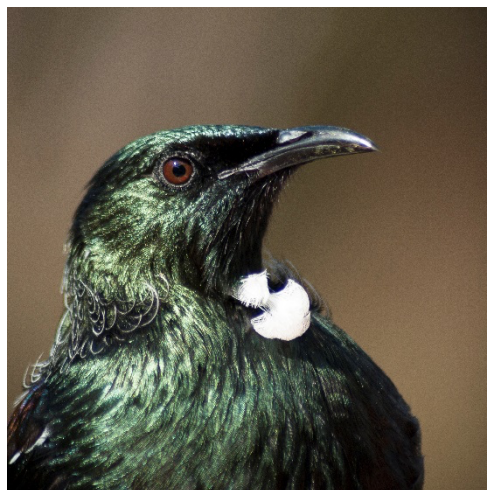


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## Coming up

**Sundays 10.30 am**  
**Lake Rotoiti Chapel**  
services are run by locals  
and non-denominational.  
Everyone welcome.

**30 Sept 10am – 3pm**  
Positive Aging Expo.  
Headingly Centre

**Photos: Early morning at  
the jetty – S Field.**  
**Angelus hut, DOC**

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

## Lake Rotoiti School News

Wowee, can't believe we are over half way through term 3 already!  
Unfortunately, due to the weather we have only made it up to the ski field twice so far. Let's hope for some fantastic conditions, so we get a few more days in before the end of term.

Although we haven't been skiing much, we still kept ourselves busy.



A couple of weeks ago we visited Jan Thomson from Korimako Studio. Jan answered plenty of questions from curious children and told us some great tips on how to use water colours. Last week we had a go at painting our own masterpieces and this week Jan came to visit us and view our art. Thank you for all your time Jan, and we are looking forward to showing you more of our art soon.



Recently the junior class invited all pre-schoolers for a visit to our classroom. We played, coloured, sang, and had heaps of fun. We have another morning set aside for all of you to come back for a second visit on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September, from 11am – 12.30noon. The children are already excited to seeing you all there again.



*Tangi a te ngahere, kei te tangi mātou hoki*

We are very sad to report that one of the two roroa / great spotted kiwi translocated here in May, the female roroa Mahara, has died.

In early August we became aware that Mahara was not in her normal location. Since being translocated to Lake Rotoiti in May both new kiwi have settled quickly into their territories, so when Mahara wasn't in her usual spot the team (DOC and Friends of Rotoiti volunteers) put in extra time to find her. It soon became clear that the signal from the transmitter was coming from within the lake. Once this was determined we then worked to find a way of getting to the transmitter. This was delayed longer than we would have liked due to the recent heavy rain and flooding events. On the 30<sup>th</sup> of August contract divers came to Lake Rotoiti to search for the transmitter. We had identified the likely location and depth of approximately 15 metres for them to search. The divers found Mahara in the lake. We checked her over for injuries and she seemed fine with no evidence of predation, she was also in good condition when she died. This leads us to believe that she had a natural mishap, probably while trying to cross a rain swollen side-stream, and drowned.

It is not the first time we have had roroa drown at Rotoiti.



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The male roroa, Nga Ararau, is still near where he was released and is showing normal activity levels for this time of the year.

#### **Conservation week**

Take a moment to act for nature this Conservation Week 5 - 11 September.

Conservation Week 2022 focuses on how we can take action for nature.

Taking action not only benefits nature, but also our personal wellbeing. Ka ora te whenua, ka ora te tangata – when the land is well, the people are well. When Papatūānuku thrives, we thrive.

At Rotoiti we are lucky to live right in the middle of a very natural and native set of ecosystems, and there is heaps that you can do to help. If you'd like to volunteer locally and give back to the nature all around you, we recommend the marvellous [Friends of Rotoiti](#).

And if you feel inclined to follow the Conservation Week suggestion of donating to nature, the [Friends of Rotoiti](#), or [Kea Conservation Trust](#), are both very active and boots-on-the-ground locally.

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/conservationweek>





### WATER TAXI NEWS

Hi Folks,

Welcome to our post winter round up. Well what can I say, except it's been a great winter, if you were a duck. There has been absolutely zilch demand for the water taxis.

Still, thank goodness for "Top Gun Maverick". I saw it four times at the flicks. But hey, I am a flyer, I fly the Piper Tomahawk, but I am type rated and current on the Cessna 172 and Piper Super Cub as well!!

With ice skates, the pond was skateable for a total of 6 days and we hired out skates on 3 of those. When it was on it was great to see a lot of local families coming down to the pond.

On the Water Taxi front, some, but not all, of our fares will be going up on the First of October. The main movers are the personalised tours and the kayaks.

Lastly, on the First of July I celebrated my first 10 years of being your ferryman! There has been a water taxi on the lake on and off since 1930. Lake Rotoroa wins the race, however, as their water taxi service has been going 110 years. I love St Arnaud and the more I travel around New Zealand, I realise how lucky we are, and it is up to us as guardians to protect our way of life.

Also to finish, here are a few answers to some of the common questions I get asked: You shouldn't get sea sick on the lake, I think it's happened twice on my watch in ten years.

There are stories of the lake freezing over in the first half of the 20th century, but in the last 10 years the coldest water temperature I have seen is 5 degrees. And there are no seals or dolphins!

Take care,  
Hamish



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### **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.

### **Proposed Road Closure on 15 October - 8.05 am to 2.25 pm & 16 October - 12.20 pm to 5.55 pm**

**2022 for Targa Car Rally:** includes Eighty Eight Valley Road, Genia Drive to Wai-iti Valley Road, Stock Road(full length) Kerr Hill Road(full length), Korere-Tophouse Road from Kerr Hill Road to Rainey River. There will be a diversion in place -SH6/SH63 if the application is approved. More info phone Mel Allen 03 543 8551 or [mel.allen@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:mel.allen@tasman.govt.nz) **NOTE this is a proposed closure**

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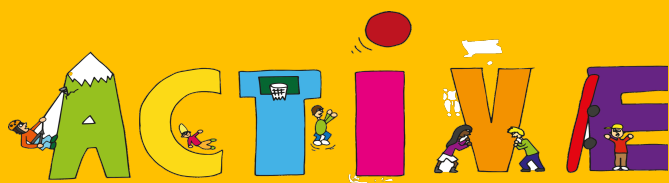


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## Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

**Badminton** Mondays 7pm, Community Hall. \$3 to cover equipment.

Ed or Nicky 03 5211106

**"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

### **Fit It Group fitness**

Community Hall

Wednesday 6 – 7pm

Lou 021 0414 913. Gold coin koha

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