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## Coming up

**26 May:** Davey Hughes  
Swazi Guy @ Tapawera  
Area School from 6 pm  
complimentary BBQ and  
7 pm Davey Hughes as  
guest speaker, there will  
be Swazi raffles on the  
night. This evening is  
supported by Rural  
Women NZ, Federated  
Farmers, Beef & Lamb  
board and Swazi.

Tickets: <https://events.humanitix.com/davey-hughes-swazi-guy>

**1 June :** Sports and  
Recreation Committee  
meeting 7pm, Fire Station

**Photos:** Early morning at  
the jetty – S Field.  
Coldwater Springs – S.  
Wotherspoon

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

## Lake Rotoiti School News

To begin with we would like to thank all of the people who came along on our planting day to help us get the 320 trees planted in our new forest. It was great to have so many people here helping, even with the weather trying its best to stop us. We look forward to watching these trees grow alongside of the children and hope they will make connections to this part of the school in future years.

The children from Lake Rotoiti School enjoyed a mini beast hunt in the National Park on Thursday, with DOC Ranger (and entomologist) Melissa Griffin helping us to identify both pest and native invertebrates.

After exploring we went back to school and viewed these creatures under the microscope and Melissa was able to give us more information about our samples. This was all part of the “Teach Outside NZ” initiative from DOC to help encourage teachers to get the children out and about exploring nature. Our garage/PE shed is nearly completed and renovations will start on the multi purpose space and office block soon.

We welcome our new bus drivers Paul Hart, John Wratt and Debbie Allen who will be starting the run shortly. It is good to have a larger pool of drivers to call on.

Ngā mihi Alison and Mike



## RDCC Sports and Recreation Sub Committee

Meeting Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 7pm, Fire Station

The community needs you

We are looking for members of our community who are or wish to be part of local community groups requiring funding for projects or activities run in the area.

The subcommittee currently supports community sailing and tennis court maintenance and is looking for members to assist with these and other possible projects.

For further Information, contact Wattie 0224928841



G'day from St Arnaud. Well I guess it's that time of the year again when I take my foot off the throttle and relax a bit more as well as catching up on all the behind-the-scenes aspects of running this business – that never seem to stop!

This last financial year we took a bit of a hit. Though to be fair, it wasn't nearly as bad as what I expected or what other resort areas experienced. I put this down to the fact that most of our customers are normally middle age or older, middle class and not always but usually conservative as well. They don't like the rat race and yearn for a simpler time. So little quirky old-world St Arnaud with its hint of the Austrian, Swiss and Italian lakes and perhaps a whiff of Marthas Vineyard (even though we are not an island or anywhere near the sea) fitted the bill quite nicely.

So on that note I would like to thank all the New Zealand residents that support us including many locals and bachies that travelled up the lake on our vessels.

Also a big thank you to Jacob, Jack, Alexander and young Al, who helped out this summer.

Now on to winter! With the ice skates this year if I'm around and the conditions are right, we will hire them out. Still only \$5 for St Arnaud residents.

Anyways, have a great winter!

Take care,  
Hamish



More photos of planting day at a facebook post by MPI on 18 May:

<https://www.facebook.com/MPIgovtnz/>

### STUDIO TO LET

Self contained fully furnished studio in village to rent either short or long term becoming available shortly. Suitable one person. Contact Karen to discuss availability 021 066 7000.



### Help maintain our trails

We are looking for volunteers to adopt a trail at St Arnaud to help keep it in top condition. This consists mainly of keeping the drainage working and keeping vegetation trimmed back. Most trails only require attention once a year. If you can help please text Steve on 021 444 777.

### Your Guide to Local Mountainbike Trails

We still have copies of Nelson–Marlborough Mountainbike Trails available. Makes a great gift for mountainbike addicts. [Buy online](#) \$30 postage included. \$10 from each book sold goes towards funding new trails.

To view the full MTB Trailstrust newsletter including news about trail maintenance around St Arnaud, follow [this link](#): or contact [alan@mtbtrailstrust.org.nz](mailto:alan@mtbtrailstrust.org.nz)

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Due to start  
May 2021

Due to finish  
September 2021

# St Arnaud is getting fibre

We're building ultra-fast fibre in your area. When we're done, the area will be tidied up and we'll reinstate any disturbed ground to Council standards.

For more information call **0800 342 731** or visit [www.chorus.co.nz/network-build](http://www.chorus.co.nz/network-build).

BUILD ORDER INSTALL ENJOY

ventia CHORUS

Chorus is building an Ultrafast Broadband fibre network in St Arnaud, beginning in May. Once completed the new network will bring a much faster internet service to the town.

This work is due for completion in September, and will involve drilling and excavations in footpaths and berms. Any ground affected will be reinstated to acceptable council standards. As well as the main network cable running along the road reserve, the team will also install smaller connections lines from the main cable to each property's boundary.

Initially there is a safe temporary reinstatement while the built area's network is tested to ensure it works – once we know there are no problems with it, we then complete the final reinstatement. This delay is usually 4 – 6 weeks. We will work closely with the council to minimise any disruption.

Once the main network across the township has been completed, then the process of connecting properties to the network can begin, so by early next year residents could be enjoying ultrafast broadband for work and play. For most properties connecting to the network will be free.

Call 0800 600 100 for more information.

## Volunteers are Recognised at the Lake Rotoiti Fire Brigade Awards



*Ian and Wattie present Graeme with the most Attendance to Most Call Outs Award*

On Saturday 15 May the Lake Rotoiti Volunteer Fire Brigade members, their partners and invited guests celebrated achievements at the annual awards dinner held at the Alpine Lodge.

Fire and Emergency NZ management recognised the outstanding efforts of our Fire Brigade volunteers, who freely give up their time to support our community. Recognition of the hours put into training identified that since September 2019, brigade members had collectively attended 104 external courses and obtained 95 NZQA standards.

Firefighters were thanked for their contributions and presented with training certificates and awards. Since the last awards dinner in 2019, the brigade has attended 84 call outs. Graeme Andrews won the **Attendance at Most Call Outs** attending an impressive 65 of them.

Kevin Berkett was awarded the meritorious **Community Award** for his participation in creating the green break bordering the village, contributing many days to the cause. Special thanks to the Alpine Lodge for donating two dinner vouchers for our special awardees.

Grant Haywood, Area Manager for Fire Emergency New Zealand, presented the prestigious **Long Service and Good Conduct Medal** to Russell Ferens for 14 years dedicated service to the Lake Rotoiti Fire Brigade.



*Russell proudly receives his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal*

At times our volunteers go beyond the call of duty and Sara Christie was acknowledged for driving a motor home all the way to Richmond for a couple who had a medical event on the out skirts of the village.

Rural Fire Network Ltd Management and staff were also acknowledged for their significant contribution for many years of providing management and support services to the brigade, a role that will be transferred to Fire Emergency NZ later this year.

Congratulations to all the winners, volunteers and their families and supporters of the brigade for your continued valuable support.



*Robbie presents the Community Award to Kevin*



Linda, Brian and John receiving Awards for the third most Attendance to Most Call Outs



**Dry & Green Firewood** - Beech, Bluegum, Douglas Fir, Pine  
**DIY Wood** - Logs & Rings of Beech & Pine, Bundles of Douglas Fir, Flitches  
**Fresh Birchfield Coal**  
**Garden Goodies** - Flourish Bulk Compost, Barley Straw, Pea Straw, Linseed Straw (long-term weed suppression, birds don't remove it), Bark Chips, Sawdust  
**Hire** - Tractor, Tip Truck, Logging Truck & Trailer, Woodsplitters

Tuck your flowers in for the Winter with a good mulch like Barley, Pea, or Linseed Straw.  
Add Compost to fertilise and Bark Chips to suppress weeds and your garden is sorted!

## LONGFORD FIREWOOD

Ph: 0800 566 436 or Hamish: 027 279 8224  
Monday to Friday - 8am to 5pm (call, text or email first).  
Weekends by appointment.  
E: campbellscreek@farmside.co.nz

### 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.

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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

### Alpine Yoga (all levels)

Alpine Lodge  
Tuesday and Thursday 5:30 pm  
Contact Ashton 022 525 7871

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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)



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***We thank all our existing clients for  
their continued support"***

