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Friday 10th May 2019

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Mark & Tania Gill.

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Friends of Rotoiti Trap Lines

This month sees the end of fortnightly checks of our 5 stoat traplines with monthly checks from May to October.

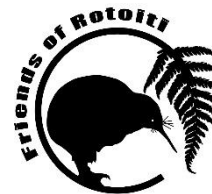
New checkers are always welcome.

- Tophouse Rd is an easy line which can be checked by vehicle, walking or biking and normally takes about 1.5 hours.
- Mt Robert Rd and Speargrass are normally checked as one using a DOC vehicle for the Mt Robert Rd section and take about 3 to 4 hours combined. They can be split with Mt Robert Rd taking about 30 mins (2 hours return if walked) and Speargrass taking 2 to 2.5 hours. Speargrass follows a typical tramping track so requires a moderate level of fitness and agility.
- The Whisky Falls line follows the Lakeside track on the western side of the lake and involves a DOC boat ride to the Coldwater Hut jetty followed by a 3 - 4 hour walk to Mt Robert Rd for a pickup by DOC staff. It is checked on a week day and requires a reasonable level of fitness however the track is high grade and very scenic plus the boat ride is an added bonus.
- The Rainbow Rd line follows the Rainbow Rd from its junction with Highway 63 to the gate on the ski field road in winter and to above the ski field buildings in summer. It is checked on Saturdays using DOC vehicles and is easy.

If you are interested in seeing what is involved, please contact the appropriate co-ordinator

Tophouse Rd and Mt Robert/Speargrass
Whisky Falls and Rainbow
or Wayne Sowman

Peter Hale pajhale@gmail.com
Russell Chilton: russell.chilton@xtra.co.nz .
wayne.julie.js@gmail.com



Coming up

Monday 29th April 9:45am
Mihi whakataua
Lake Rotoiti School

3 May 7.15pm:
Rotoiti District Community
Council meeting
DOC meeting room.
All welcome

Saturday 11th May
6.00pm

Potluck Farewell Meal for
Sharon and Peter Watson
Lake Rotoiti Community
Hall. Everyone welcome.

**Last Monday of each
month:** Alpine Flash Mob
social singing group
Ph Jan 521 1999

Sundays 10.30 am

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

Sundays 3pm

Rotoiti Hub Christian
worship group.
Nigel/Sarah Calder
0274413776

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

Photo credit:
Falcon – Lynda Pogson



SUMMER SEASON ENDS ON 30TH APRIL

West Bay Campground will be closed from 1st May until next season. Kerr Bay Campground will be operating over the winter months with limited facilities (e.g. no showers, washing machine or dryer). Bookings are not available in winter, sites are allocated on a first come first served basis.

The *Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes* Visitor Centre will operate with reduced weekend hours from 1st May:

Monday to Friday 8am to 4.30pm
 Saturday - Sunday 9am to 4pm.

**Alpine Yoga and Massage
 with
 Ashton Thompson
 Certified Yoga Teacher and Massage Therapist**

A holistic approach to massage therapy. Massage therapy balances the whole nervous system by improving circulation and promotes relaxation. Ashton specialises in acupuncture, cranial sacral, trigger point therapy and myo-fascial release. All treatments can be tailored to suit your specific needs. Self care and stretches will be discussed to take your healing home, so you can continue to help ease tension.

60 minute - \$80
 90 minute - \$100

Locals special - \$15 off your first massage

Alpine Yoga Class Schedule*

Monday	5:30-7:00 pm	Yin Yoga
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday	5:30-7:00pm	Yin Yang Flow
Friday	1:30-2:30pm	Rejuvenate
Saturday	8:00-9:00am	Greet the Sun
	5:30-7:00pm	Yin Yang Flow
Sunday	6:30-7:30am	Greet the Sun
	2:30-3:30pm	Rejuvenate

Drop in Rate: \$14
 Class Pass: 10 classes for \$110
 Mats and Props are available

*Schedule is subject to change. Please refer to the Facebook page: Ashton Kay Yoga or text/call Ashton directly at 0225257871 for updates on classes.

Farewell Potluck Meal

Saturday 11th May 6pm

A Farewell Potluck meal for Sharon and Peter Watson and family will be held at the Lake Rotoiti Community Hall meeting room.

Everyone welcome

Badminton

Badminton has started again for the season in the community hall.

Mondays 7pm. \$3 per person.

Shuttlecocks and rackets supplied. Come and join the fun!!

For more info please contact Ed and Nicky Shaw 5211106

Local water deliveries



Contact Adrian Biggs if your water tanks are getting low.

021 2291109.

briggs_adrian@yahoo.co.nz



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Rural Women – St Arnaud

In early January, our little group of Rural Women screened the full-length film *She Shears*. The film told the story of five New Zealand women and their different paths to reach the Golden Shears competition. We followed their training, sacrifices, injuries and their triumphs. Inspiring viewing from New Zealand's heartland.

The film has screened over most small towns and in city theatres. We filled our "theatre" for five nights. The good news: Rural Women St Arnaud raised \$1,000 as a donation to the refurbishment programme for the Rotoiti Lodge. Two members recently gave the cheque to Russell Ferens, Rotoiti Lodge's Director.

Photo – Rotoiti Lodge Director, Russell Ferens, accepts Rural Women's cheque from Julie Sowman and Marg Hunter.



ANZAC Day

Our Gallipoli fallen were remembered by many people at the St Arnaud ANZAC day ceremony. Alastair Nicholls led the service and Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Childs, DSD, First Royal New Zealand Infantry Battalion gave the address.

Many locals wore their own service medals or those of family members who had been in New Zealand's armed services.

Lake Rotoiti School pupils learned about the ANZACs and made poppies in remembrance. These were fashioned into an arch to welcome attendees. Rural Women decorated the hall with memorabilia from the era and served a refreshing morning tea so locals could have a good chat.



Our 60th Anniversary

Marg Anderson, our Chair, gave a lovely talk as part of the ANZAC ceremony to mark Rural Women St Arnaud's 60th Anniversary.

She talked of the companionship Rural Women gave to women and their families in isolated areas, and also the service given by the group over the last 60 years to the community. Early meetings were held over a day, children attended, and meetings alternated between St Arnaud and Kikiwa due to the difficulty travelling on the road.

Mrs Pat Borlase, one of our founding members, cut the cake.

Photo: Marg Anderson and Pat Borlase cut the anniversary cake.



CHANGES TO NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

The emailing list for the newsletter is growing steadily, presenting us with an opportunity to reduce the amount of paper and ink that we use by printing less.

The newsletter is emailed as an Adobe PDF file, usually about 1MB big. So it doesn't swamp the inbox or take ages to load, everyone can open it and chooseto print themselves if they wish, and it looks reallygreat in colour.

Many people resident in the village are already on the emailing list. So, starting in May, the newsletter will cease to arrive in your village PO Box. A limited number of printed copies will be available at the shop and in a free community paper box outside the PO boxes at the Fire Station.

Our NZ Post posties Mark and Tania have supported the newsletter delivery for years and we thank them for this marvellous and ongoing service to our community. For now, Mark will continue delivering to the rural letterboxes. The broadband is still pretty average for some of us living outside the village, and we are assuming that paper is the preference. It would be great to hear what people think about this. If you are not on the email list and would like to be, please send an email to the newsletter team rotoitinews@gmail.com

Please also remember to update us with your new email address if you change.

Thanks!

From your community newsletter team Sandra, Gabi, Tracey, Sue and Jackie.

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 - \$30 (b&w) or \$70 (colour). This is a contribution towards photocopying costs. 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



Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

Badminton

Mondays 7pm

Community Hall

\$3 per person to cover hall and shuttle cocks.

Ed 5211106

"Circuit Breakers" exercise group

Monday, Wednesday, Fridays 10 am,

Community Hall

All welcome, gold coin donation

Gael 0272804078,

Seido-Karate

Community Hall

Tuesdays 6pm - kids & beginners

Thursdays 6 pm – General Class

Graeme 521 1022. Gold coin donation

Yoga – all levels (see ad in Newsletter)

Ashton 022 525 7871

Tuesday trek to Parachute Rocks

12th June, Pip 5211130

The Tree Doctor

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