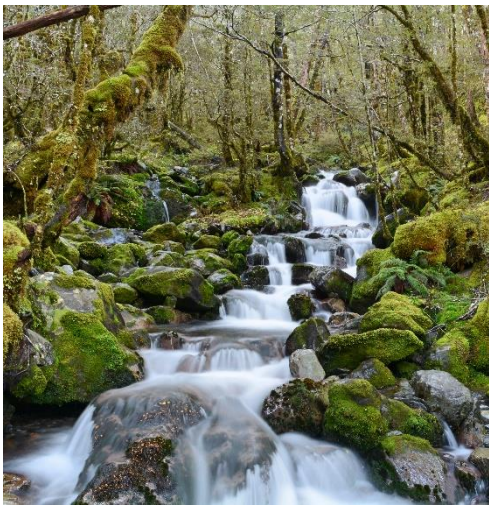


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From Monday 5th October to Saturday 17th October, Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency will close a section of State Highway 6, between Lamb Valley Road and Kawatiri Junction to undertake storm damage repairs, in particular culvert and guardrail replacements, and inlet structure repairs. Alongside this, we will also be completing road shoulder widening, minor works at the Kawatiri Rest area, and road maintenance activities such as pavement repairs, water channel clearing and cleaning of signs and marker posts.

The majority of the work will be carried out between the hours of 7.00am and 6.00pm, Monday to Saturday, but due to the type of work and excavation involved, the road will be closed 24/7 during the above dates.

The detour involves Korere-Tophouse Rd and SH63 through St Arnaud.

While we always aim to do our work with as little disruption as possible, we know that roadworks can be a hassle. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Coming up

Wednesday 16th
September 7pm. Tasman
biostrategy workshop.
Alpine Lodge. RSVP
needed.

Saturday September 26th,
7pm DOC meeting room;
Armchair travellers,
Tracey 021475514

Rotoiti Tiakina Nga Manu
1080 operation update;
non-toxic prefeed flights
likely on Wednesday 2nd
and Thursday 3rd
September, weather
permitting. More
information Nelson Lakes
Visitor Centre: 03
5211806

**Photos: Jetty - Nicky
Crawford; falcon - Lynda
Pogson**

**We'd love to print your
photos here. Send to
rotoitinews@gmail.com**

A big thank you from the Transport Agency

On behalf of the Transport Agency, thank you in advance for your patience and understanding while we do this important work in your community.

If you have any questions about this work, please contact: Roger Ashworth, ph: 021 843 153, email: Roger.Ashworth@nzta.govt.nz

If you would like to speak to someone while work is in progress, or if you have any difficulty getting to or from your property or business, please contact:

- Chris Burr, Project Manager. Ph: 027 244 4667, email: Chris.Burr@fultonhogan.com
- Fulton Hogan, Nelson office. Ph: 03 547 9789.

Bringing Dad to 'The Lake' this Father's Day weekend?

5 & 6 September 2020

Book a seat at Tophouse!

Enjoy a relaxed lunch, either outside in the sun or inside by the fire, or reserve a seat at the table for a three-course set menu dinner, only \$45 (drinks not included).

Seating is limited, booking highly recommended.

Please note: Tophouse is only open at Covid alert level one. This means all bookings are subject to the alert level dropping.



Lake Rotoiti School News

What a week!

The Seniors are very tired after an active week of outdoor activities. On Wednesday we were hosted at the Outdoor Centre. Alex and Anita gave took them for some exciting high wire activities and abseiling. The next day the whole school went skiing. There was an excellent snowball fight at the end of the day!

The juniors spent some of Thursday making dragonflies.



Thanks to all those who voted in the competition to try and get the Americas cup to visit the village. Hopefully we will know that outcome in the coming week. Huge thanks to our our Artistic Director Dominique for a professional final product.

Mike.

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Birds Behaving Boldly

We've all heard the childrens' verse:

*The spring is sprung, the grass is riz.
I wonder where the boidie is. (Unknown).*

Knowing where the birds are is quite easy at the moment. Tui and korimako/bellbird make their presence very noticeable as spring brings nesting time for birds. Tui, in particular, are very vocal, and also noisy in their flight.

Tui 'facts of life'

Tui lay eggs from September to January in a bulky, rough nest built by the female from twigs and sticks and lined with fine grasses. The nest is

usually high in the canopy or subcanopy. She will lay 2-4 white or pale pink eggs, marked with reddish-brown spots and blotches. Incubation and brooding is by the female only. Chicks are initially fed only by the female, but later the male helps to feed them.

Behaviour and ecology

Tui are notoriously aggressive, and will defend a flowering or fruiting tree, or a small part of a large tree, from all-comers, whether another tui or another bird species. They vigorously chase other birds away from their feeding territory with loud whirring wings. Tui have a display flight, in which they fly upwards above the canopy, and then make a noisy, near-vertical, dive back into the canopy. Tui play a very important role in the dynamics of New Zealand forests because they are one of the most common pollinators of flowering plants, and also disperse the seeds of trees with medium-sized fruits. (See the pollen on the head of the Tui in the photo)

Food

Tui diet varies depending on the seasonal availability of nectar and fruits. Their preferred diet is nectar and honeydew, and they will often shift to, or commute daily or more frequently to, good nectar sources, such as stands of puriri, kowhai, fuchsia, rewarewa, flax, rata, pohutukawa, gums and banksias. In the breeding season, tui supplement their nectar diet with large invertebrates such as cicadas and stick insects obtained by hawking or by gleaning from the outside of trees. In the autumn, medium-sized fruit such as wineberry, kaikomako, mahoe, ngaio, rimu



or kahikatea, make up much of the diet. In winter, flowering gums, banksias, puriri, and tree lucerne are important nectar sources, along with sugar-water feeders in gardens.

*Tui. Adult in flight (note
flax pollen on forehead).*

Pauatahanui Inlet, December 2012. Image © David Brooks

Information adapted from New Zealand Birds
Online www.nzbirdsonline.org.nz

Want to learn more about New Zealand's birds?

Accurately identifying our common native birds will add a new dimension to being in the garden or going for walks.

Sign up for an online course via DOC's online training system and learn about the appearance, calls, and habitat of the ten common birds. <https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/training/online-courses/bird-identification-online-course/>

You can learn about bellbird/korimako, silver eye, grey warbler, tomtit, chaffinch, fantail/pīwakawaka, blackbird, tūī, rifleman and New Zealand wood pigeon/kererū.

The online courses are free and available to the public. (And there are lots more courses you might find interesting as well).

Sign up now – and see what all the fuss is about in the bird world!

Tracey Grose, Senior Community Ranger
Nelson Lakes / Rotoiti District Office
Ph 027 204 2125

www.doc.govt.nz



WORKSHOP DATES

The **Tasman BioStrategy** needs your knowledge. Come and help us develop an exciting new pathway to guide how our district interacts with nature.

You can do this in two ways:

1. Download our discussion document from Facebook or RSVP
2. Come to one of our workshops **7pm - 9pm**

Takaka - Monday 14 September, Golden Bay Community Centre.

Motueka - Tuesday 15 September, Motueka Community House

St Arnaud - Wednesday 16 September, Alpine Lodge

Tapawera - Thursday 17 September, Tapawera Area School

Richmond - Monday 21 September, Tasman District Library

Collingwood - Thursday 24 September, Collingwood Fire Station

Murchison - Friday 25 September, Murchison Sport Recreation & Cultural Centre

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UPCOMING TALK

Saturday 26 September 2020

7:00pm (DOC Meeting Room)

Antarctic Natural Art

Dr Iain Campbell

See Antarctica in a whole new way.

Iain is a Geologist/Soil Scientist/Environmental Scientist who spent a total of two years working and researching in Antarctica over a 35-year period.

Everyone welcome

This talk will be held at L 1 or 2.

Have you had a recent adventure or been somewhere interesting, exotic, scary or off the beaten track, and are willing to give a short talk (45 mins) with photos?

Contact

- Tracey Grose 021 475 514 or traceygrose@gmail.com for more information.

Is St Arnaud NZ highest town?

This question was asked by a local blogger. A detailed answer is found at:

<https://georgemoon.com/2016/12/the-height-of-new-zealand-towns/>

Thanks to Hugh Rennie for pointing us to this.

Quail Eggs

My quails are still laying through the winter.



If you would like some cute eggs for your salad or whatever you come up with, please let me know.

\$5 for a dozen.

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Cheers, Ina

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Community Hall

Tuesdays 6pm - kids & beginners

Thursdays 6 pm – General Class

Graeme Andrews 02108594088. Gold coin
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Ashton 022 525 7871

Craft Group

Thursday 1pm. Various venues

Bring your crafts and share with others

Jane McConochie 5211844, Nicky Shaw 5211106

Village Trapping Group – Friends of Rotoiti

Meets every second Wednesday.

DOC meeting room, 10.00am to 11.30 approx.

Cuppa afterwards.

Contact Pip Berkett 27 521 1130 or Julie Robilliard
5211874

Pilates– Community Hall

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