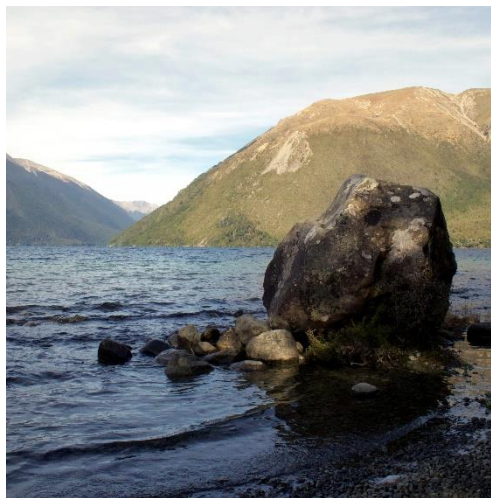
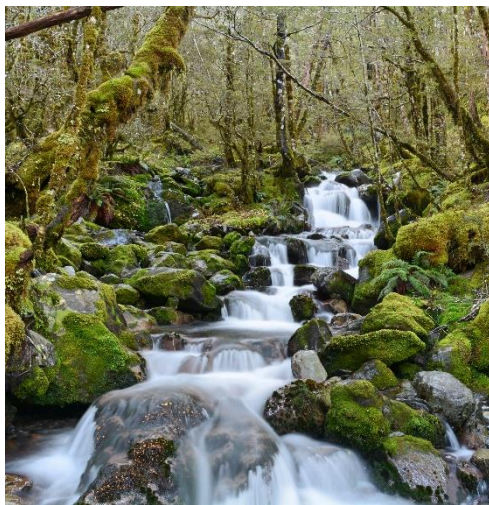


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Coming up

Tuesday 16th June

Lake Rotoiti School
BOT Meeting, 7.00pm

Sunday 21st June 12

Noon, Blue Duck
Midwinter swim. Kerr
Bay

Wednesday 24th June

RDCC Meeting
DOC staffroom
7.15pm

Weekly:

Sundays 10.30am Lake
Rotoiti Chapel services
are back on again

ANNUAL BLUE DUCK MID WINTER SWIM 2020

Noon, Sunday 21 June 2020,
Eastern jetty, Kerr Bay



**Photos: Fire force
practicing at the lake –
Brian Erasmus; boulders
Toni Calman**

**We'd love to print your
photos here. Send to
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Feral cat control operation

Nelson Lakes National Park

Targeted cat control in the National Park during June 2020

DOC staff have been advised of sightings of feral cats in the national park and on other local conservation land. Feral cats are a significant predator of birds, insects and lizards as this recent news item demonstrated.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/121645434/feral-cat-found-with-17-dead-native-lizards-in-its-stomach>

(Graphic pictures).



Friends of Rotoiti (FOR) are working with DOC to hold their annual feral cat control operation over the next two weeks in the Nelson Lakes National Park. For the first week live capture traps will be set in the vicinity of the Honeydew track, and on the Mt Robert Road in the second week.

Live capture traps are checked daily to meet the requirements of the Animal Welfare Act. Please do not disturb the traps.

Background on the problems posed by feral cats: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/animal-pests/feral-cats/>

More information is available from Melissa Griffin, Senior Biodiversity Ranger (mgriffin@doc.govt.nz or 03 521 1806)

Feral cat control during the year

During the rest of the year Friends of Rotoiti co-ordinate feral cat trapping on *private land* in the wider St Arnaud area. This programme runs most of the year and uses live capture traps.

A cat's behaviour in the cage trap is not always a good indicator of whether it is domestic or feral. DOC rangers and FOR volunteers do not check for microchips.

DOC/FOR Cat census

DOC supports the New Zealand Veterinary Association's 'Responsible companion cat ownership' statement

<https://www.nzva.org.nz/page/policycatownership>.

As a cat owner, you should:

- have your cat microchipped (a small tracking device is inserted just under the skin) and de-sexed (if not used for breeding)
- keep your cat in good physical health
- feed your cat suitable food and give it plenty of water
- ensure your cat can exercise and behave in a natural way
- ensure your cat is fed and cared for when you go on holiday.

DOC prepares a brochure containing details of local cats so trappers can check if cats caught in a live capture cage trap could be pets.

DOC rangers, FOR volunteers and private landowners do not check for microchips.
A collar with your contact details is a good way to indicate the cat is domestic.

If you would like your cat's details to be included in the next edition of the cat brochure, send your name, address, daytime contact phone numbers, cat's name, a recent photo of the cat clearly showing colours, markings etc., and a description of any distinguishing marks to Tracey Grose, Senior Community Ranger (tgrose@doc.govt.nz or 03 521 1806) by Friday 12 June.

Details held for Coco, Chanel, Ghost, Smooch, Tiger, Moppet, Little Blue, Charlie, Mr Kitty, ToeJo, Dewdrop. Thank you to those owners.

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Rotoiti District Community Council Meeting

The RDCC will hold its first Post Pandemic meeting on **Wednesday 24th June at 7.15pm** in the DOC staffroom. Numbers and distancing may still apply, and this will be advised, along with an agenda in June.



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St Arnaud Dark Sky Area

The Top of The South Dark Sky Committee has been advocating that the Tasman District be included in an internationally recognised Dark Sky Reserve like the fabulously successful Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve around Tekapo. We have the pristine dark skies that are required for this recognition, but an essential requirement is that local body authorities to recognise the value of these pristine dark skies in formal policies and establish lighting management plans within their jurisdictions. To support St Arnaud being recognised as a Dark Sky area, please make a submission to the Tasman District Long Term Plan (LTP) that recommends establishing principles for good lighting management.

Please make submissions before the final date, June 12th. You can make submissions on the TDC website <https://www.tasman.govt.nz/> - look for Tc the "2020 vision of the future" feature and click "More information".

If anyone requires more detailed information from The Top Of The South Dark Sky Committee, to make a submission please email Debbie at debbcn@gmail.com



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Lake Rotoiti Fire Force

Our red Mitsubishi fire engine has a new portable pump, here being trialled at Kerr Bay (and washing the jetty).

Wattie



Wattie

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ACTIVE

Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

“Circuit Breakers” exercise group
Monday, Wednesday, Fridays 10 am,
Community Hall
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Gael 0272804078

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Community Hall
Tuesdays 6pm - kids & beginners
Thursdays 6 pm – General Class
Graeme Andrews 02108594088. Gold coin donation

Yoga – all levels
At Alpine Yoga and Massage – Alpine Lodge
Ashton 022 525 7871

Village Trapping Group – Friends of Rotoiti
Meets every second Wednesday.
DOC meeting room, 10.00am to 11.30 approx.
Cuppa afterwards.

Lake Rotoiti Sports & Recreation Fundraising Committee

Wanted: Committee Members for the formation a sub committee of the RDCC for the purposes of fundraising for worthy projects around local sports and recreational activities.

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