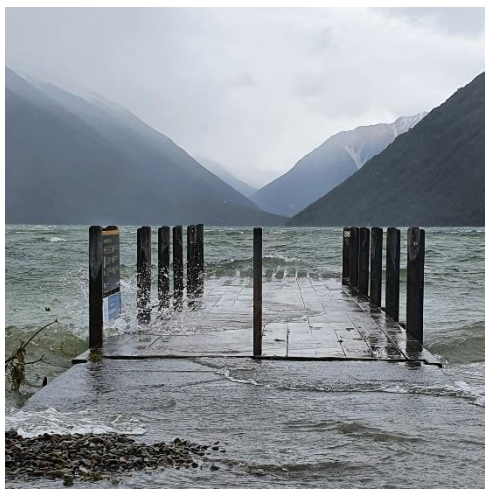
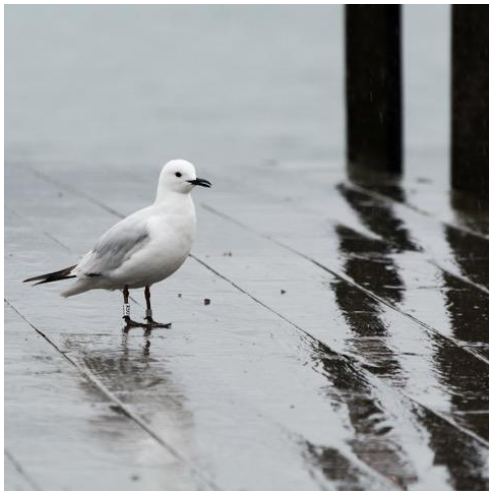
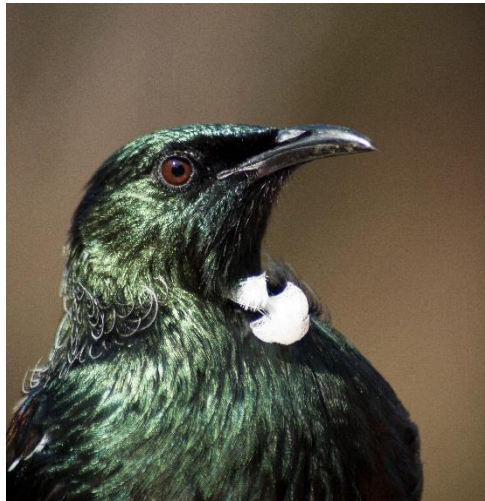


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Lake Rotoiti School News

It's been a busy couple of weeks.

Last weekend the Search and Rescue team was in the village and on Monday they did a presentation for the children. The children learnt about Police dogs, Bush Safety and Search teams. Half way through Jono showed the children how his Search dog could find a patient. The children then had to carry a stretcher and rescue their patient. It was suggested that they got the heaviest and smelliest patient.



Coming up

11 November 11am
Emirates Team NZ coming
to Lake Rotoiti School!!!!

13 November
Entries close for Lake
Rotoiti Photography
competition. Sjaan 021 286
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**27-29 Nov Community
weekend at Marahau** – for
more info ph Sue or Ali 03
5211110

Saturday, 5 December
Rotoiti School Field Day,
10am.
Janine 5211003

**Saturday, 5 December 4-
7pm Twilight Christmas
Art & Craft Market**, and
photography competition
exhibition. Lake Rotoiti
Community Hall
janthomsonart@gmail.com
or phone 03 5211999

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

**Photos: Southerly storm
at the jetty 8 11 20- S
Wotherspoon.**

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

We also had book week. On Friday the whole school dressed up as their favourite book character. They walked down to the Alpine Lodge to look at and choose a book for Field day. The book character day winners were Caitlyn as the Titanic and Nina as Matilda.



We are very excited about Emirates Team New Zealand coming to the community on November 11. You are welcome to join us in the community hall to welcome them and the America's Cup. We expect them to be here at 11am.

With the onset of summer, the pool water has been tested and is warming up. Key fobs will be available soon. Watch this space.

Please keep encouraging people to enrol their children at Lake Rotoiti School. As you know, we need our roll to grow so we can maintain two teachers into the future.

Mike.

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ASB
Homegrown Heroes
Awards

Community awards
celebrating awesome
people & initiatives in
sport, physical activity
and active recreation.

Check out the 6 awards up
for grabs & enter online
www.sporttasman.org.nz
www.facebook.com/sporttasman.nz

Online entries Close 18th Nov

 **NelsonMail** **stuff**

2020 has definitely thrown us a curve ball so Sport Tasman wants to celebrate and recognise all that's great in Sport and

Active Recreation within Nelson Tasman, so we have worked with our mates at ASB to bring you The ASB Homegrown Heroes Awards.

These awards aim to celebrate the diversity, the hard work, those that inspire and those that lead the way within community sport, physical activity and active recreation. Nominations are open to community groups, youth groups, schools, councils, sports groups, active recreation providers, health providers and the list goes on.

The categories

The Sport Tasman Good Sorts Award: For the tireless volunteer whose name needs to be put up in lights. Two awards up for grabs – someone under 24 yrs old and someone over.

The ASB Mana Award: Celebrating 2 individuals that have earned mana and recognition at the highest level in their chosen sport or active recreation and they are now earning it by giving back at a community level.

The ASB Power of Sport Award: Celebrating initiatives that support diversity and inclusion within sport and active recreation.

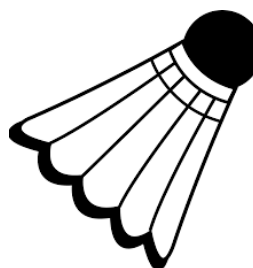
The Stuff Time To Shine Award: Celebrating initiatives that have made a positive impact within a community or selected group within a community. There is 2 awards up for grabs. Initiatives created by those U24 yrs and over 24yrs of age.

The Stuff Covid Connection Award: This award is for the clever ones who didn't let Covid stop them interacting and finding new ways to keep our communities active via social media/online platforms.

The Sport Tasman best virtual Sporting Moment: This is for those epic moments caught visually that exhibits human emotion, in its purest form within sport or active recreation.

Winners will be announced over a 6 day period on Sport Tasman's social media and via the Nelson Mail starting 30th Nov.

We are super grateful to our key sponsors ASB, Stuff, Nelson Mail to help us achieve what we know will be a special event



Badminton has now finished for the season. We will start up again when daylight saving finishes. Thanks to everyone for your support. Ed and Nicky Shaw



Kia ora koutou

We are happy to provide an update on the results so far of the Nelson Lakes Tiakina Ngā Manu aerial 1080 predator control operation.

This was a crucial piece of work for the health of the native animals and plants in Nelson Lakes National Park. The operation was timed for winter 2020 to reduce the high mustelid (stoat) populations that resulted from the 2019 beech mast. It was important that the toxin was delivered before mustelids “prey-switched” to native species as their main rodent food source declined with winter. Local extinctions are a real possibility in this scenario even for larger birds. We were especially concerned about roroa (great spotted kiwi), kea, and kaka. For background information on beech masts and how they drive predator plagues: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/tiakina-nga-manu/predator-plague-cycle/>

The Nelson Lakes Tiakina Ngā Manu aerial predator control operation completed delivery of 1080 bait pellets across 31,549 hectares on 8 September, after a non-toxic prefeed bait drop on 2 and 3 September. The weather at this time of year is very challenging plus there were Covid delays, but our contracted team Vector Free Marlborough Ltd, managed to choose perfect weather windows and the work went very smoothly.

During October the DOC team ran an extra monitor on the long-term footprint tracking index monitoring network to gauge the success of the operation on rodent (rats and mice) and mustelid (stoats and weasels) populations at Rotoiti and Rotoroa. On all the lines within the 1080 application area, rodent and mustelid tracking was 0% while the lines outside the 1080 application area returned rodent and mustelid tracking at various rates including extremely high tracking of mustelids at Rotoroa where there is also no mustelid trapping network. At Rotoiti where ongoing mustelid trapping over a limited area normally keeps mustelids at levels undetectable by the footprint tracking method, there is still a 3% tracking rate outside the 1080 treatment area. We have been very aware that the predator levels reached after a beech mast are such that our trapping work struggles to keep mustelids at the very low levels needed for successful breeding by kiwi and kea.

Monitoring of rodent and mustelids will continue over summer and will include monitoring lines in the Travers and Sabine valleys. This work will give us picture of the predator levels that is more representative of the operational area, as well as

present an ongoing picture of how long the suppression of predators is lasting.

One of the other target pests controlled by the 1080 work is feral cats. Camera monitoring before the operation at Lakehead (Rotoiti) returned high numbers of cats at 5.36 cats per 100 camera hours. After the 1080 operation cat numbers had dropped substantially to 0.63 per 100 camera hours. The Friends of Rotoiti continue to work with the DOC team to prevent reinvasion of feral cats by trapping. Monitoring of kea, kiwi, all forest birds and long-tailed bats will continue over the coming summer months and will allow us to gauge the health of these populations and the benefits of the work. The kea monitored over the 1080 operation appear unaffected by the toxin and nesting is underway. Over summer the DOC team plans to work with the Kea Conservation Trust to survey for kea in the Travers and Sabine valleys.

The DOC team at Rotoiti Nelson Lakes thanks you for your support of this work that is so important to native animal populations in the Nelson Lakes National Park. Some recreation activities have been temporarily curtailed, including hunting because of the caution period with this toxin, and we appreciate the patience of people affected by this. We also really appreciate the efforts that our neighbours are going to in keeping their dogs safe, and the extra work that was involved with moving stock.

Carcass monitoring is underway and will be used to inform the endpoint of the caution period for hunting. Warning signs remain in place until the caution period is over. Please check in with the pesticide summary and maps for

updates. <https://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/pesticide-summaries/>

As always, please be in touch if you have any questions or need more information

As an example of our more exciting monitoring work, these photos were captured June – August 2020 outside 2 known kea nesting holes within the 1080 application area; they illustrate the obvious danger to the birds from stoats and cats. Photo monitoring in September and October (after the 1080 application) has returned no photos of stoats, cats or possums, and nesting activity is underway.



It's Rowan Time!!

Spring has sprung and so have the rowans, putting on their bright green leaves and just starting to sprout beautiful bunches of white flowers. A great time to spot them, and kill them!

Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*) is a highly invasive tree that is shade tolerant, so it can infiltrate our healthy beech forests in the National Park.

Do you have a Rowan on your property? If unsure, send us a photo and we can let you now.

- Deciduous tree up to 8m tall with smooth bark
- Bright green pinnate leaves with serrated edges
- Small white flowers in bunches that are currently in bud or just opening

DOC staff have spent hours over the years, pulling out hundreds of seedlings and small trees from the forest surrounding the village. Running around after little wild rowans when there are still big, tame rowans in the yards of baches and homes throughout the village is very frustrating and we think, a waste of taxpayers money. Please if you have a rowan tree on your property, remove it, or let us know and we can help with that.

Due to the significant risk rowan presents to the village and surrounds, it is included in the *Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Plan 2019-2029* (RPMP) Saint Arnaud Village pest programme as a species that must be controlled. So please help us to get rid of Rowan in our beautiful village.

Any questions or for further information, please let me know ([janewell@doc.govt.nz](mailto:j anewell@doc.govt.nz))

Janet Newell, DOC Biodiversity Ranger



Cancer Society – Skin Check Vouchers

Did you know that 90,000 kiwis are diagnosed with skin cancers every year in NZ, that melanoma is the 4th most diagnosed cancer in NZ and that just over 530 people die from skin cancers each year? That is more than the annual road deaths in NZ.

NZ has the highest rates of skin cancers including melanoma in the world. Why? NZ's location in the world means that we orbit closer to the sun (the "Perihelion effect") - we also have approx 40% higher UVR levels, unpolluted skies, lower ozone, many fair-skinned people and outdoor lifestyles.

Skin cancer is preventable by being SunSmart and remembering Slip (clothing), Slop (sunscreen), Slap (on a hat), Seek (shade), and Slide (sunglasses).

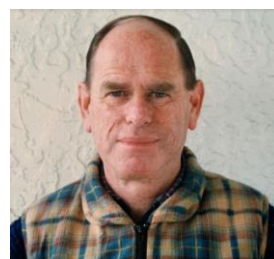
Early detection is vital to not becoming a statistic. The Cancer Society Nelson Tasman are helping by offering 1,000 skin cancer check vouchers up to the value of \$75 for Nelson Tasman residents to take to their GP/Health Professional for a check. The vouchers can be applied for online at <https://cancernelson.org.nz/cancer-support/skin-check-voucher/>. Vouchers are emailed to present at their visit.

The skin check vouchers are possible thanks to a bequest from David Blunt. David wanted to ensure that skin checks were more accessible to everyone in his region.

David was a keen tramper, lived the majority of his life in the Nelson region and loved the high sunshine hours and the outdoor opportunities. However, David was also fully aware that that lifestyle came with an increased risk of skin cancer.

David had a close relationship with the Nelson/Tasman branch of the Cancer Society and he strongly believed in the work we do in our community.

Accordingly, it was his wish that the Cancer Society Nelson Tasman was able to provide skin cancer check vouchers annually to give people ready access to skin cancer checks



Lake Rotoiti Photography Competition



Thank you to those who have already submitted a photo entry for the Rural Women St Arnaud Lake Rotoiti Photography competition.

Please note that there is no cost to enter a photograph. A \$10 entry fee is for the **photo exhibition and Twilight Christmas Art & Craft Market on Saturday, 5 December 4-7pm**, Lake Rotoiti Hall (children free). Proceeds will be split between the Friends of Rotoiti and Nelson Tasman Hospice.

On entry you will receive a lucky door prize ticket, a drink voucher and paper to write your vote for the People's Choice Award.

Your photos don't need to be in a frame as we will mount your photos onto a card mount to display on the wall.

We look forward to receiving your entries before **Friday 13 November!** Entry forms are available at the Department of Conservation Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre.

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Rural Women St Arnaud

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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.

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.

If you would like a jar of pickled quail eggs, available in different flavours for \$ 7.

Did you know that quail eggs are supposed to help with allergies?

Phone 021 420 766

Cheers, Ina

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- Photos: JPG files up to 5MB, attached to an email (not embedded in text).

Contact: rotoitinews@gmail.com

BE GET STAY



Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

"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 and
Thursdays at 10.00am. 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) & Massage

Alpine Lodge
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 5:30 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
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GIVE US A GREEN BREAK!

The 'Greenbreak' on Lodge Road is an attempt to slow a fire from the west and buy us all time to respond or evacuate – this is one of a number of initiatives to be introduced to the village to reduce fire risk.

We are working on this break every second weekend and we need your help! There are tasks to suit everybody. Unfortunately we can't use child labour for health and safety reasons but anyone aged 18 years or upwards is most welcome. We work in two shifts and would welcome you for as long as you can give us. The first shift is from 9am to 12pm, the second from 1pm to 4pm – both Saturday and Sunday every fortnight. Next scheduled fire break days are:

**14th and 15th Nov.
28th and 29th Nov.
12th and 13th Dec.**

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