

Biosecurity Alert and compulsory protocols for all schools and clubs.

Due to different biosecurity concern around the country, new Check Clean Dry guidelines have been established that are relevant for all those travelling to the event. It is important to take this seriously as a member of the rowing community, so you do not spread invasive species when you move between your home waterway and Lake Karāpiro.

All schools and clubs are required to sign the 'Commitment Statement' and agree to adhere to the CHECK CLEAN DRY protocols as well as other mitigations put in place by the event. Please note this protocol includes all equipment used in the water such as Coaches boats etc.

ARRIVE CLEAN – What to do before you leave your home waterway.

All schools and clubs must undertake the Check Clean Dry protocols (specific to your location) PRIOR to leaving your home waterway. This is to prevent the spread of invasive species located in your home waterways around the country (including Didymo in the South Island) to the Lake Karāpiro region.

North Island Schools Click [HERE](#)

South Island Schools Click [HERE](#)

LEAVE CLEAN – What to do before you leave Lake Karāpiro.

There are two main active bio security risks currently in the Lake Karāpiro waterway. The Invasive Clam and Hornwort. To prevent the spread of these invasive species, all schools and clubs must undertake the Check Clean Dry protocol BEFORE leaving Lake Karāpiro. Click [HERE](#) for more.

WHAT IS CHECK, CLEAN, DRY?

1. Check for what is visible:

Check for visible matter, such as weeds, mud, or clams, and flick them off. Drain all river or lake water at the water source.

2. Clean for what is not visible:

Blast your boat and gear with tap water to remove remaining debris, a key risk here is that juvenile clams are not visible to the naked eye (they are like a sticky threads) so a through clean is critical. Do it on grass so the run-off won't go into a stormwater drain. Then, treat any absorbent materials that have been in contact with the water (PFD, socks etc) with the updated protocols here.

3. Dry to be sure:

Allow all your boats, gear and equipment to dry for 2 days prior re-entering your home water.

Following these guidelines ensures that you contribute to the biosecurity effort and help keep our waterways free from invasive species. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR KRI REGATTAS

All boats and equipment (oars, life jackets, etc) required to be washed prior to departure. KRI will have a wash station set up outside the KRI Shed; however, we encourage clubs to bring along their own hose pipes which can be connected to any of the Mighty River Domain taps. It is also suggested that you keep a container with the bleach solution in your trailer for absorbent materials to soak in during your travels home.