



Karapiro Rowing NEWSLETTER

JULY-AUGUST 2020

Since the end of the 2019/20 regatta season we have all endured the Covid-19 lockdown and the related uncertainty around the 2020/21 regatta season. Karapiro Rowing Inc (KRI) is planning for a full season but there are no guarantees as a Covid-19 outbreak (such as that experienced in Victoria and NSW during July) in NZ will curtail the regatta season. A return to Level 2 will almost certainly result in the cancellation of rowing regattas.

KRI has developed a Covid-19 regatta checklist that has formal go/no-go decisions 8, 4 and 2 weeks before each regatta this season. This timescale is to give as much notice as possible to regatta entrants to manage their potential cancellation of travel and accommodation arrangements. For any regatta that is cancelled due to a return to Level 2 lockdown KRI will refund 90% of all fees paid, except for the seat levy, to regatta entrants.

On a more positive note KRI has had a busy autumn and winter focussing on undertaking critical maintenance projects. We are also replacing 6 pontoons over the next few months. Refer the photos of the first completed pontoon at the end of this newsletter.

Tori Jantke has been leading a number of very significant projects for KRI since the end of the season which will benefit KRI going forward. These projects include:

- Updating all our SLA's with key regatta contractors – safety boats, boat holders, boat park, medics, parking, catering etc.
- Building on the John Broadley work last season, KRI is preparing a detailed operations manual for all aspects of managing and delivering a regatta at Lake Karapiro. This manual covers pre-regatta, during regatta and post-regatta activities. It will be a great training tool for our volunteers and officials.
- Implementing OSHBOX to document all our regatta and health and safety risks. This project will allow us to pro-actively manage our risks. It supports a great reporting tool for the KRI Board to have oversight of the effectiveness of our risk management systems and procedures.

Tony Nelson has been working through the completion of a number of projects in the boat park, judges tower and the start. By the beginning of the 2000m racing this season this work will be complete.

Looking forward to a return to rowing with the two masters regattas in the next few weeks. Take care out there.

Terry Tidbury, Chair, Karapiro Rowing Inc.

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New Zealand Rowing Association (NZRA) 2020 AGM

The NZRA AGM will be held
Saturday 15 August.

Contact Rachael Kennedy for
further details:
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HELPFUL LINKS

Karapiro Rowing Inc.
karapirorowing.com

South Island Rowing
ruataniwha.co.nz

rowIT
rowit.nz

Rowing New Zealand
www.rowingnz.kiwi

NZ Secondary Schools Rowing
Association
schoolrowing.org.nz

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BREAKING NEWS

North Island Rowing Championships

There has been a lot of discussion around this regatta over the last few years with lots of pressure brought to bear on Karapiro Rowing to do this or that and then only to be told afterwards that it did not work. Last year was no exception.

Last year, Karapiro Rowing held a meeting with all its members who are the local rowing associations from the North Island. At this meeting, the members wanted changes to the North Island Club Championships, and they all agreed as to what those changes would be – and Karapiro Rowing delivered the regatta largely as requested.

This year, again to some degree in response to the Covid-19 aftermath, Karapiro Rowing are working on some changes to the regatta. In broad terms, the regatta will be restructured to reduce the amount of time needed to be at Karapiro which will reduce accommodation costs for Clubs and Schools.

Karapiro Rowing are working with people outside of the organisation who are in touch with the wishes and thoughts of the rowing community. The intention is to try and look at running all the age group events on Friday and Saturday and then the ability grade events on Sunday and Monday. The age group events will be the same as the Christmas Regatta with the probable addition of the under18 novice events so that schools do not have to wait around and enter their novices in ability grade events on Sunday and Monday.

The ability grade events will probably be run much differently this year with the events being run in blocks in a similar fashion to how we ran the World Masters Games in 2017.

Schools and Clubs will this year have to make a choice between entering age group or ability grade events and will not be able to enter both – this being the reason that under 18 Novice events have been added back to the program. The age group results from this regatta also provide a very solid basis for the heat seeding of events at the North Island Secondary School Championships and the Maadi Cup regatta later in the year.

Finally, the proposal to re-brand the regatta as the North Island Rowing Championships was adopted by the Board at their last meeting.

More information to come in the next few weeks.

Changes to regatta programs pre-Christmas

The Covid-19 situation earlier this year and the ongoing restrictions have had an impact on the rowing community in New Zealand. Karapiro Rowing recognises the impact that this has had on rowing clubs and is changing the structure of two of the regattas held before Christmas. Both the Memorial and the Club regattas will abandon the heats and finals format and will now be run in divisions on both days. Clubs and schools will have the option of entering either the Saturday, the Sunday or both days. The option will also be available to attend both days with different events entered each day.

This approach has been taken so that those who do not wish to stay overnight can just attend one day and those who travel further still have the option of a worthwhile trip with two days of racing.

The regatta events will be the same as previous years for these two regattas and each day will be effectively treated as a separate regatta.

The Christmas Regatta this year will only be open to New Zealand Residents who have not travelled overseas, regardless of any 'trans-Tasman bubble' or any other negotiated 'bubble'. This will mean that our Australian friends who normally attend will not be able to this year because of our policy for Covid-19. Karapiro Rowing does not wish to be the organisation that welcomes Covid-19 back into the community. The regatta events list will be the same as previous years.

An aerial photograph of the Karapiro Rowing Club dock, a long wooden pier extending into a calm lake. Several rowing boats are moored along the dock. The surrounding landscape is lush green with rolling hills and scattered trees. In the distance, a small boat is visible on the water. The sky is overcast.

Karapiro Rowing turns 20 in 2020!

If you have stories or photos that you would like to share please contact:
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KRI Improvement Forms

Thank you to all those who have contributed suggestions, recommendations and improvements through our recently introduced KRI Improvement Forms programme.

We have been overwhelmed by the quality and quantity of the forms submitted thus far. Similarly, we are also impressed with the commitment of our rowing community to the betterment of our policies, procedures, resources and facilities.

All of the submissions have been responded to, although not all the suggestions have yet to be completed. There are a number that require approval from our KRI Board, if funding is required, or Rowing NZ, if it is a rules or policy related matter.

Nonetheless, it is likely that in excess of 80% will receive some attention, if not total implementation, prior to this season.

Again, thank you for your contribution and if you do notice something that requires addressing or improvement, we welcome your suggestions. Please see our website for additional forms.

To download a KRI form please [click here](#)



VOLUNTEERS WE NEED YOU

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VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BACKBONE AND HEROES OF KARAPIRO ROWING

Our family of volunteers donate their time in many different areas at our regattas. They have huge satisfaction working in a sport that they love in the positive and healthy environment that KRI offers. Whether you want to give something back to rowing, learn a new skill, or do something valuable with your time whilst waiting for a race – there is always a place for you in the KRI volunteer family.

There are many volunteer areas to suit individual needs and enable you to gain valuable experience in a wide range of areas. It's also a great way to meet new people who share your interests.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Umpire boat drivers (training provided)
- Assigning boat race numbers
- KRI front office – be the face of KRI for customers and the public
- Race timing – are you computer savvy?
- Catering prep for our KRI volunteers
- Safety compliance
- Or, fancy becoming a Rowing NZ Race Official?

FACT:

**IT TAKES 64 VOLUNTEERS TO GET A
SINGLE BOAT DOWN THE COURSE
IRRESPECTIVE OF REGATTA SIZE.**



ENQUIRE NOW

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Tendered Tent Sites

This year the tendered tent sites (first twelve sites on the spectator embankment) come up for renewal and tender documents will be available in the next week. This year the documents will be available for download from the Karapiro Rowing website once we have Board approval for a Covid-19 clause that covers refunds should we have an outbreak that necessitates the cancellation of any regattas.

As in previous years, the tender will cover all regattas for the next two years excluding New Zealand Rowing Championships and Maadi Cup of which only one of these regattas can be included. This year we are going to have the option for powered sites booked on an annual basis as a part of the process so that we can plan for the provision of power. This will be invoiced with the tent sites at the start of the season.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Regatta
29 August 2020	<i>Legion of Rowers Regatta</i>
19 - 20 September 2020	<i>New Zealand Masters Regatta</i>
14 – 15 November 2020	<i>KRI Memorial Regatta</i>
28 – 29 November 2020	<i>KRI Club Regatta</i>
11 – 13 December 2020	<i>Christmas Regatta</i>
29 January – 1 February 2021	<i>North Island Rowing Championships</i>
27 – 28 February 2021	<i>Aon Junior Regatta</i>
5 – 7 March 2021	<i>North Island Secondary Schools Regatta</i>
23 – 28 March 2021	<i>Aon Maadi Cup</i>
TBC	<i>Legion of Rowers Regatta</i>



Working Bee

As you may be aware, Karapiro Rowing hold an annual working bee to coincide with the lowering of Lake Karapiro. We conduct many activities over the course of the working bee on and off water.

Your assistance would be welcomed on **Saturday, 22 August**, starting at 9am until around 4pm – you don't need to stay for the whole time, even a few hours will help.

A list of job will be available on the day, and you can pick a task you are comfortable with. Many hands make light work so we hope to see you there.

To register your attendance please [CLICK HERE](#)

BECOME A KRI BOAT DRIVER (training provided)

We are pleased to offer to new and existing volunteers, training specifically tailored for those who would like to drive umpire boats at KRI rowing regattas. The training is split into land and water based practical sessions. On water we will simulate regattas and cover what the role of the boat driver consists of.

This is a great opportunity that we would like you to take advantage of before the regatta season kicks off. Spaces are limited so register quick.

Date: Saturday 5 September 2020

Time: 9.00am – 3.30pm

Where: Lake Karapiro

(there is no cost to attend this course)

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



Unite against COVID-19



Covid-19 strategy for regattas

Karapiro Rowing Inc. (KRI) want all our volunteers, rowers, spectators, staff and community to know that when attending a regatta at Lake Karapiro that we are taking Covid-19 very seriously. We do have a strategy in place and you will see this play out prior to, and during regattas and indeed if alert levels change.

KRI will determine at 8, 6, 4, and 2 weeks out from a regatta using a predetermined risk assessment matrix, if a regatta can proceed. The matrix is primarily aligned with Government and Rowing New Zealand guidelines surrounding events and Covid-19 in New Zealand. We will communicate to the rowing community as soon as reasonably possible if there is a change to the status of any regatta due to Covid-19.

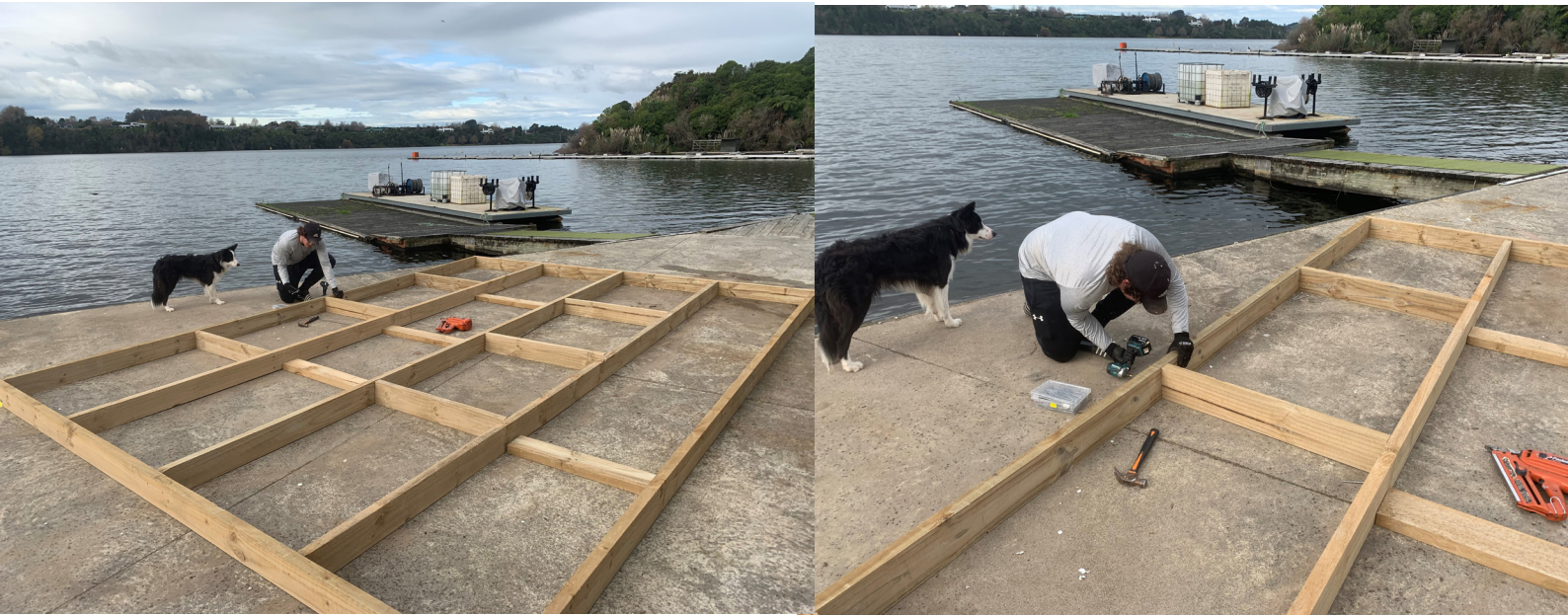
When next at Karapiro Rowing you will notice that contact tracing QR codes are displayed on entry points. We encourage you to download the Government App and use it when at Lake Karapiro. App details can be found [HERE](#)

As per Government guidelines, we ask that you stay home if you feel unwell or have been in recent close contact with someone who has contracted Covid-19.

Winter maintenance projects

Karapiro Rowing undertook to replace a number of pontoons over the winter months. We are grateful to the talented individuals that helped make this happen. MANY THANKS to Mike Wing and Ben Kirsop (and even better the pontoons FLOAT!)

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to this



It floats!