



# Karapiro Rowing NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2019

## Message from the KRI Board

With the regatta season fast approaching the KRI team has been undertaking a number of exciting key projects to be ready for the new season:

### Infrastructure

In the week commencing 16 September, KRI will be laying a fibre optic cable from the judges tower to the 2000m start tower and aligners hut in order to eliminate the intermittent Wi-Fi issues we have been experiencing in past seasons. We will also be thrusting a fibre optic cable connection from the judges tower to the marshalls hut. The 2000m aligners hut wiring for the new amp and tablet/pc connections will be completed once the fibre optic cable has been laid. There will also be a new camera and aligning computer installed in the aligners hut. In the marshalls hut area we will be installing 2 new marshall connection boxes for power, Wi-Fi etc. once the thrusting of the cable has been completed. All this work will be completed well before the Memorial regatta. New instruction manuals will be completed for set-up in these areas. Alignment of the clocks at the finish and start will now be able to be done from the domain end of the course once the fibre optic cable has been installed. A number of other projects are being completed to facilitate the running of regattas.

We are also seeking a quote for another Ramco style safety boat. Hopefully this will be available in time for the Christmas regatta.

### Health & Safety, Risk Management

A major project is underway to improve the documentation of health & safety and other risks, monitoring and management thereof. This also includes monthly reporting to the board. A number of our volunteers will be required to sign daily checklists to confirm we are monitoring and managing land and water risks during each regatta. This documentation has been incorporated into the following project.

### Process and Position documentation

The KRI Board - prior to the recent AGM - took stock of it's responsibilities regarding its interface with the public, the variances in volunteer approaches to the requisite regatta tasks and also the need to interface to a greater extent with provisions related to health and safety.

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## CAMBRIDGE TOWN CUP & NORTH ISLAND CLUB CHAMPS

Following feedback from the associations, it was agreed that running two regattas in one week-end was causing confusion in terms of the number of races athletes were rowing due to two different progression systems operating within the two regattas.

Accordingly we have combined CTC and NICC into one regatta with the same progression system applying to all events. The regatta has been named the NICC. Age group racing will be held on Friday to Sunday and Club event racing will be held Saturday to Monday.

As the regatta is now called the NICC all events will be awarded medals.

### HELPFUL LINKS

Karapiro Rowing Inc.  
[karapirorowing.com](http://karapirorowing.com)

South Island Rowing  
[ruataniwha.co.nz](http://ruataniwha.co.nz)

rowIT  
[rowit.co.nz](http://rowit.co.nz)

Rowing New Zealand  
[www.rowingnz.kiwi](http://www.rowingnz.kiwi)

NZ Secondary Schools Rowing Association  
[schoolrowing.org.nz](http://schoolrowing.org.nz)

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To this end the board appointed a specialist skilled in the role of designing Standard Operating Practices (SOP's). Recognising the requirement that at the end of each day, key regatta personnel should sign off that they conducted their operation that day aligned with the SOP for the role. And, where the day's operation had to be varied contrary to the SOP, that such variations and the need for them are recorded. Currently we are approximately half way through the exercise which involves about 25 people. We will update our regular KRI people when we have a result. KRI are planning to run an orientation day to explain these changes and the impact on volunteers in late October 2019.

### Health & Safety of rowers

When coaches enter crews for any regatta, information is supplied to Karapiro Rowing Inc. on pre-existing medical conditions of rowers. This is incredibly important as the information is passed confidentially to our contracted event medics. Should a rower have a pre-existing medical condition then the medic will be aware of the races that individual is entered for and can easily retrieve the information should there be an incident e.g. asthma attack. Please ensure that correct pre-existing medical information is passed to your coach or person responsible for making crew entries on your behalf. In the past we have seen rowers turn up for regattas unfit to row either from illness or injury. Rowers can also be run down from camps held prior to regattas. We ask that you take responsibility for the health of your rowers and if they are sick or injured keep them at home. Recent media has also indicated that New Zealand is in the midst of a measles outbreak, there is even more reason to be mindful of our rowers health status.

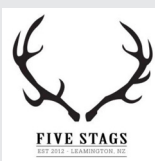
This season, clubs/schools who have rowers race and subsequently require medical assistance due to a pre-existing illness or injury will be brought to the attention of the race Safety Officer and followed up with the club/school in question. We do not want to see sick individuals coming to regattas and racing.

### Calling Medical Professionals

KRI have contracts with medics for the duration of our events, however it is always helpful to know if we have experienced Medical Professionals on site. If you are qualified and prepared to lend a hand should ever the need arise, please email the Operations Manager, Victoria Jantke with your details: [victoria@karapirorowing.com](mailto:victoria@karapirorowing.com). We will keep your details on file and reach out at regattas if needed.

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# KRI Volunteers needed

**Did you know that it takes 54 volunteers to get a single boat down the course, irrespective of the regatta size.**

More than ever before we are in need of volunteers for the coming season. You can learn new skills and gain valuable experience in a wide range of areas. It's also a great way to meet new people who share your interests.

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 skills. All you need to do is let us know a little bit about you and we will match you up with a suitable task.

Volunteers must be 16 years or older. If you are accepted, you will be notified and placed on our volunteers' list. Nearer the Regattas (usually 4 weeks out), we will contact you to ask for your availability.

To apply send your contact details to:  
Victoria Jantke, Operations Manager, KRI  
E: [victoria@karapirorowing.com](mailto:victoria@karapirorowing.com)

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Our sport is always on the look-out for more Race Officials to support the regattas which are held throughout the country.

Whilst rowing experience is useful, it is not a prerequisite since extensive training will be given. It is an interesting and challenging activity offering the opportunity to become involved in regatta administration and race control.

Race officials work quietly and efficiently behind the scene making sure that the regatta happens and is fair and safe for all the rowers to participate in.

If you're interested in becoming a Race Official contact Sonya Walker at Rowing New Zealand for further information on [sonya@rowingnz.kiwi](mailto:sonya@rowingnz.kiwi) or 07 823 4587

## WAYS TO VOLUNTEER



### Boat Drivers

If you have your Club Safety Boat licence or experienced in boating then let us know. We are always in need of boat drivers.



### Judges Tower

Are you a numbers and details person with a calm disposition? Then there are roles on the judges floor that would be perfect for you!



### Computer Skills

Lots of different options for those who are computer literate (great views too!)



Do you know the rules of racing? Great if you do but not essential.



Plus many more areas that we require volunteers:

- Coxswain weigh-in
- Spectator commentary
- Medal Ceremony co-ordination

- Marshals Hut assistants
- Catering for volunteers
- Camera operators

- Office based duties
- Distribution of catering to volunteers



Join Karapiro Rowing in our efforts to REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE! Three great ways YOU can eliminate waste and protect our environment!

The best way to help reduce the amount of rubbish we're sending to landfill is to prevent waste in the first place.

That means saying no to unnecessary single-use plastic items like shopping bags and straws, and thinking twice before you consider buying something new.

Please support our efforts by using the recycling bins available at regattas. Even better - only bring REUSEABLE water bottles. Water bottle filling is available at the facilities blocks.

We ask that all clubs/schools and supporters leave their tent sites and boat park areas free from rubbish, especially plastic water bottles. Thanks!

We want to hear from you if you have any fantastic ideas to help our efforts to REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE.

To access the full calendar of events being held on Lake Karapiro go to:  
<https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz/page/calendar/>

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	HOST	EVENT
2019		
2 November	Te Awamutu Rowing Club	Te Awamutu Rowing Regatta
16 - 17 November	Karapiro Rowing Inc.	KRI Memorial Rowing Regatta
30 November - 1 December	Karapiro Rowing Inc.	KRI Club Rowing Regatta
12 - 15 December	Karapiro Rowing Inc.	KRI Christmas Regatta
2020		
23 - 27 January	Karapiro Rowing Inc.	North Island Club Championships
28 - 31 January	Rowing New Zealand	Olympic Trials
18 - 22 February	Karapiro Rowing Inc.	NZ National Rowing Championships
29 February - 1 March	Karapiro Rowing Inc.	KRI Aon Junior Rowing Regatta
2 - 6 March	Rowing New Zealand	U23 / Trials #2
13 - 15 March	NZSSRA / Karapiro Rowing Inc.	North Island Secondary School Rowing Champs
30 March - 5 April	NZSSRA / South Island Rowing	NZSSRA National Championship Regatta / Maadi Cup
14 - 17 April	Rowing New Zealand	Junior Trials
30 April - 1 May	Rowing New Zealand	U21 Trials
26 April		Legion of Rowers Rowing Regatta

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**FREE Information:** Great selection of FREE local and national brochures and maps.

**Travel & Accommodation:** We can easily organise your travel itineraries – local or national. We are experts at accommodation – we offer a wide variety of local options from camping grounds to luxury hotels - and can also book for you nationwide.

**Tours & Bike Hire:** We provide Bike Hire (E-Bike, Mountainbike) from the iSITE. We can book local attractions such as our Hobbiton, Sanctuary Mountain (Ecological reserve) and the Waitomo Caves, as well as local activities like jetboating, glowworm, kayak trips and more. We also run rural tours such as Black Nose Sheep, Alpacas, Thoroughbred Horse Stud Tours and 3 Dairy Farms – choose from Organic, Traditional or Robotic.

**Whats on?:** Visit our “Events” page on [www.cambridge.nz](http://www.cambridge.nz) to find out what local events are on and for information on where to eat, drink and shop. We are open 7 days a week, and look forward to seeing you soon,

### To get in touch you can:

Visit - Cambridge i-SITE – in the Town Hall, corner of Queen and Victoria Street

Email: [info@cambridge.co.nz](mailto:info@cambridge.co.nz) or call 07 823 3456

Or visit their website [www.cambridge.co.nz](http://www.cambridge.co.nz)



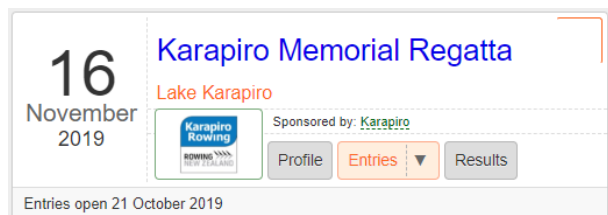
## Tips and tricks for rowIT

### Regatta Items

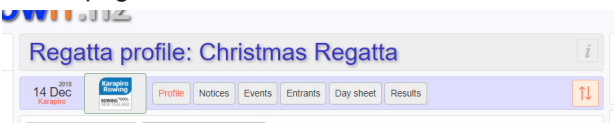
Regatta items are a core component of the rowIT website. They show key regatta information and have buttons to take you to regatta content. The compact version of the regatta item shows: date, venue, name (with sponsor logo, if any, in background). And can also show the next regatta milestone e.g. when entries will open.



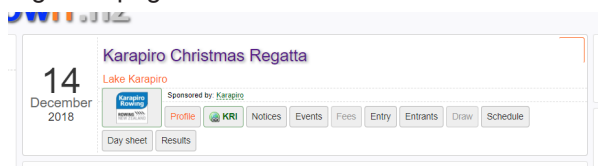
At the right hand end of the regatta item is an orange button, which can be clicked to expand the regatta item. And when you hover over that button with a mouse you are provided with buttons for the most common and relevant pages. An expanded regatta item shows less-abbreviated details. It may also have buttons to additional content.



Regatta titles are context-aware links. They take you to the most relevant page of the regatta. Then, when you're in a regatta, a more comprehensive regatta item appears at the top of the page content. The compact version appears below the page title. It is the blue bar with the regatta date and buttons for the most relevant active pages.



The expanded version of the regatta item has a full set of button for all of the regatta's pages.



## rowit.co.nz

Whether you are new to rowing or not, it is always helpful to know the in's and out's of rowIT. For those new to rowing, rowIT is a website where you can find regatta results and plenty of other helpful information.

It's well worth while checking back on upcoming regattas from time-to-time.

~ Details can change as plans firm up e.g. entry dates.

~ New pages will become available as the regatta progresses through its stages e.g. draft schedules, day sheets, results

~ Content will be published as it becomes available e.g. Conditions. And a regatta's "Notices" page can provide important information or updates.

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