

Karāpiro Rowing Newsletter

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Strategic Plan 2021-2024

In May this year the KRI Board convened for a Strategic Planning Day. This was a very productive session and led to the development of the KRI Strategic Plan 2021-2024.

The Strategic Plan proves to provide strong direction and focus for the years to come and '*Making great regattas happen*'.

The Strategic Plan is on the KRI website and can be viewed at the end of this newsletter.

New Zealand Rowing Nationals

New Zealand Rowing Nationals is scheduled for 15-19 February at Lake Karapiro. We ask that you assist us in spreading the message that due to Hydroplanes having a lake booking from 11-13 February there will be no lake access in zones 3,4,5,6 over these dates. On Monday 14 February we will be laying the course and we will advise in due course when the lake will be open to rowers. Please appreciate that rowers cannot be on the lake whilst we are laying the course due to Health & Safety issues. We anticipate that we may be able to get the lake open on the Monday for training rows from approx. 2pm (TBC).

With regards to access to the boat park over the weekend, we are currently in negotiations to get access. We will advise via email communication and will post on the KRI website the logistics around this. We should have an answer to this within the next week.

Mighty River Domain – waste and recycling initiative

Mighty River Domain is embarking on a 5-year plan to slowly reduce the amount of general waste and recycling that is accepted on their site. They will be working on a stepped process to transition their site to a zero-waste site and create more environmentally friendly choices and options over the next 5 years.

For the 2021/22 season Mighty River Domain will not be accepting large items i.e., broken deck chairs, gazebos, carpet, left over couches etc. You would be surprised what some schools/clubs leave behind!

Mighty River Domain will also be reducing the amount of general waste from school or club tents. Each tent will be allocated one rubbish liner per day for general waste. Recycling bins will still remain for this coming season for these groups but general waste bins will disappear. Mighty River Domain will collect the general waste bags towards the end of each day's racing.

Mighty River Domain, for the meantime will continue to collect accepted recycling items.

Mighty River Domain will not be accepting general waste from mobile food trailers. Food trailers will be required to dispose of their own rubbish off site.

Further information will be circulated closer to the season start, however we strongly recommend that this topic is added to your agendas and you implement a waste and recycling plan within your schools/clubs.

KRI off-season work completed

This coming weekend we have our first working bee which coincides with the annual Lake lowering. We have approximately 25 volunteers assisting this weekend to whittle down tasks on the following list:

- Clearing the vegetation behind Don Swales boatshed
- Rubbish removal and cleaning around edge of lake
- Stevensons Lodge – take down old awning
- Stevensons Lodge – fill holes then paint window surrounds in kitchen
- First aid kit restocks
- PFD checks
- Green Shed spring clean
- Green Shed welding of racks
- Hang door at back of green shed
- 1k Start – clear gunge, clear trees/vegetation (behind the hut)
- Waterblast the Start pontoons
- Bow number reconciliation and tidy of marshal hut
- Megaphones – battery and operation checks
- Painting of buoys (Cambridge Rowing Club)
- Polish / water blast umpire boats
- Replacement of ropes and locks on the Start pontoons
- Start tower – clean inside and identify if anything needs fixing
- Chains for barge to be changed
- Bracing of start tower and aligners hut to be checked
- Speaker cables in the boat park

We thank Cambridge Rowing Club in advance for sending along around 10 people to prep and paint buoys this coming weekend.

Over the past few months many tasks have been completed in gearing up for the new season. One of the many tasks that Ben Kirsop and Mike Wing have spent time on is the refurb of pontoons. New netting is being laid and pontoon gaps filled.



There are many areas that have been worked on over the off-season, such as:

- Strategic Plan
- Review of the KRI Health & Safety Risk Register
- Development of policies: Child Protection Policy, IT Policy, Social Media Policy, Complaints Policy, Privacy Policy, Risk Management Policy. All viewable on the KRI website.
- Grant applications for funding of Mighty River Domain costs, AED, regatta costs
- Engagement of a new parking/traffic management organisation
- Contracting and Service Level Agreements for Safety Boats, Medics, Catering
- Contracting of boat holders and medal assistants
- Regatta applications
- Covid-19 strategy for regattas
- Development of Operation Guides for regattas
- Development of Standard Operating Procedures
- Engagement of sponsors
- Planning of training for Chiefs, umpires, safety boat and boat drivers

Spectator Parking 2021-2022

This season we have appointed new parking contractors to manage traffic and parking marshals. The most significant change that you will see this season is the new Season Carpark passes for spectators. Season passes will be available for purchase via our website in October. What we aim to see with the new process is less queues and effective parking making it easier for the end user.

Coaches Parking and Coach Passes 2021-2022

We have found over the past few years that there are some schools/clubs handing coach passes out to individuals that are not associated with coaching. Coaches have certain entitlements and we are keen to ensure that these are retained and are available only to current coaches. The process for obtaining coach passes this season is:

1. When entering crews on rowIT you will be asked to add the coach's name – this field is critical in getting your passes.
2. KRI will issue Car Park stickers and Coaches passes to only those registered via rowIT.
3. The 2 passes are to be uplifted from the KRI tower office. For Memorial Regatta a list of coach's names will be held at Gate 3 to gain access for that day. Passes must then be uplifted from the office.
4. The Car Park pass must be stuck on to the windscreen to be valid. If not stuck on, you will need to pay \$7 for entry. There is to be no sharing of passes.
5. In addition, Coach passes will be issued giving access to the coach's room at regattas.

To recap – you need to be listed as a coach at a regatta (register via rowIT) to obtain a coaches pass and car parking season pass.

Trailer and towing passes will be issued as we have done in previous years.

COVID-19 alert level changes

With the recent Government announcement that they will move swiftly to Level 4 restrictions should there be community transmission, means we need to start planning for that eventuality. We ask that schools/clubs address this scenario in their planning, should we be faced for an immediate halt and decamping of a regatta.

Consider these things in your planning:

- Have a plan and have a committee assigned to assist in the decamp of your school/club (look at internal comms, who takes down tents, who loads boats, where is your PPE located and who gives it out, be mindful on how long it will take you to decamp and plan accordingly around this)
- Do you have enough face masks, hand sanitiser for all your coaches / athletes / assistants etc

Should we move to level 4, KRI will advise everyone as soon as reasonably practical what the process we need to follow based on the scenario in front of us. You will note that we are now asking for all coach's emails in the section above. When it comes to a COVID alert level change, we will be using those email addresses to spread messaging far and wide. In addition, KRI will post notifications and instructions on our website and via social media.

Karāpiro Rowing Working Bee and Training Calendar

The following is a list of working bee and training dates. Volunteers will be contacted via email to sign up, or use the links listed.

	Date	Time	Location	Registration Link
August				
Working Bee #1 Buoy Cleaning (Cambridge Rowing Club)	Saturday 14 August	9.00 – 3.00	Lake Karāpiro	
September				
Technology training with Tony Nelson (all areas)	Friday 3 September	3.00 – 4.30	Lake Karāpiro	
October				
Working Bee #2 (open to all volunteers)	Saturday 2 nd October	9.00 – 3.00	Lake Karāpiro	CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ATTENDANCE
Chiefs / Regatta Manager Training	Saturday 9 th October	9.00 – 5.00	Lake Karāpiro	
Boat Driver Training & First Aid (boat driver training open to volunteers)	Sunday 10 th October	9.00 – 3.00	Lake Karāpiro	CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ATTENDANCE
Safety Boat Driver Training & First Aid (Mercer and Counties Manukau)	Sunday 10 th October	9.00 – 3.00	Lake Karāpiro	
First Aid (NEMS Medical)	An evening in mid-October		Auckland	
Online volunteer induction (incl Child Protection)	Tuesday 19 th October	5.00 – 6.00	Zoom	
Volunteer Child Protection online training	Tuesday 19 th October	6.15 – 6.45	Zoom	
Online Conflict Resolution	TBC	1 hr	Zoom	
Online volunteer induction (incl Child Protection)	Thursday 21 st October	5.00 – 6.00	Zoom	
Volunteer Child Protection online training	Tuesday 21 st October	6.15 – 6.45	Zoom	
Online volunteer induction (incl Child Protection)	Saturday 23 rd October	3.00 – 4.00	Zoom	
Volunteer Child Protection online training	Saturday 23 rd October	4.15 – 4.45	Zoom	
November				
Online volunteer induction (incl Child Protection)	Thursday 4 th November	6.00 – 7.00	Zoom	
Volunteer Child Protection online training	Thursday 4 th November	7.15 – 7.45	Zoom	
Safety Boat & Umpire Driver Training	Friday 12 th November	9.00 – 3.00	Lake Karāpiro	
Technology training with Tony Nelson (all areas)	Friday 12 th November	3.00 – 4.30	Lake Karāpiro	
Computer training for those working in Judges	Memorial Regatta Club Regatta	2 shifts	Lake Karāpiro	
January				
Boat Driver Training	Thursday 27 th January 2022	9.00 – 3.00	Lake Karāpiro	

Final word

This weekend sees Terry Tidbury come to the end of his term as Chair of KRI. Terry has been an integral part of KRI for the past 9 years. We thank Terry for his dedication and great spirit that he has willingly given KRI. We look forward to having Terry back with us umpiring and undertaking the Chiefs role at regattas in the future.

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