



## ISSUE 2 - December 2009

### Your news...

Karapiro Rowing welcomes your input and comment - please send it to our secretary, Peter Britton [tivertonnz@gmail.com](mailto:tivertonnz@gmail.com) or to Box 1052, Cambridge 3450.

### Christmas and Cambridge Town regattas

The Friday programme for the Christmas Regatta is timed to start at 1pm, and the Cambridge Town Cup Regatta is planned to start at noon. Entries via the Rowing New Zealand website please ([www.rowingnz.com](http://www.rowingnz.com))

### Dogs

Just a quick reminder - man's best friend is strictly prohibited at regattas as the Mighty River Domain at Lake Karapiro is a dog-free zone!

### Parking

The Karapiro Traffic Management Plan now includes the start. If you drive your vehicle to the start line please be aware that there is NO parking on the road side. All vehicles must be parked within the start line's boundary fences - but the track down has had an upgrade, so its not a problem. And please remember, Gate 1 is for mini busses, Gate 2 officials and sponsors, and

## Working together

At a recent meeting facilitated by Rowing NZ CEO Simon Peterson, Karapiro Rowing Chair Tony Popplewell and Karapiro Rowing Board member Roger Milne met with South Island Rowing's deputy Chair James Sheehan, Domestic Manager Kevin Strickland and Marketing Manger Richard Gee, to discuss how the two organisations could benefit by working a little more closely together.

Unfortunately Cliff Buchanan, South Island's Chairman could not make due to weather difficulties. At the end of the afternoon, there was consensus that there were many areas of overlap, and that the sharing of ideas would be of great benefit to both venues and the sport. Already there is close cooperation in the area of race sponsorship, offering a variety of benefits to potential supporters, which can be delivered at both venues, with one point of contact for the supporting organization.

Other matters covered included combined support grant proposals, interchange of people in managing regattas and assets, common branding for all volunteers as distinct from the Rowing Race Officials Assn members, payment of entry fees and penalties by participants and approach to third party merchandisers. Further meetings are planned.

## More development - marshall's unit



A mobile unit has been built to enable the boat marshal to operate more effectively, and to enable the building to be put away. The Lions Club of Cambridge have helped finance this project - which will help us further enhance the delivery of regattas and other

events at the Mighty River Domain.

## New community facility on

Gate 3 general parking at a charge of \$5.00 per vehicle.

### **New oar racks**

Karapiro Rowing is about to lease most of the former Rowing New Zealand boathouse. One of the conditions of this lease is that all of the infrastructure must be stored away after each regatta. We intend to make the six new oar racks telescopic so we can slip them inside the shed along with the boat racks and the new marshall's unit.

### **Are you the new voice of Karapiro?**

Like to commentate? Now's your chance, come and join the Karapiro commentary team, see the races from the best vantage point at Lake Karapiro. Just drop an email or text through to John Howard on 021 928956 or at [johnsueho@xtra.co.nz](mailto:johnsueho@xtra.co.nz)

### **Coming Events at Lake Karapiro.....and dates to remember**

December 18-20 Christmas Regatta – starts 1pm Friday – safety briefing 10.30am.

January 29-31 The Cambridge Town Cup - starts noon Friday – safety briefing 10.00 am.

February 16-20 BankLink New Zealand Rowing Championships.

February 27-28 Karapiro Junior Regatta.

March 12-14 North Island Secondary Schools Championships.

March 22-27 Aon NZ Secondary Schools

## schedule

Following a recent meeting with Waipa District Council, we can report that progress on the new building at the Mighty River Domain on Lake Karapiro is virtually on schedule, with the whole job due for completion in late May/early June 2010. This includes the new seating which runs in front of the new building and the judge's tower.

Whilst rowing will not have a designated room as it had in the old structure, it will have access to a modern facility which will serve us very well in the future.

## Help - always welcome and always needed

Come regatta day, there is always a need for a large number of helpers to perform all sorts of tasks. These tasks range from selling programmes, catering for the volunteers, weighing the coxswains and lightweights, judging in the finish tower, driving umpire and safety boats, marshalling, commentating and announcing just to name a few! There are always jobs to do.



If you quite enjoy sitting on the bank watching, then this is your chance to be more involved - and it's actually a whole load of fun. The company is great, and the friendship enduring and it's no wonder that some of our older volunteers have been literally part of the scene for decades!

If you think you could help, for all or part of any day, at any future regatta, we'd just love to hear from you. Please contact Karapiro Rowing secretary Peter Britton on 07 827 4204 or 021 150 8062 or via [tivertonnz@gmail.com](mailto:tivertonnz@gmail.com)

## Grubs up!

Food at the Christmas Regatta and the Cambridge Town Cup regattas will be provided by the Hamilton Rowing Club, using a mobile facility on the road edge, near the coffee caravan. Plenty of good wholesome food and cold drinks will be available and coming from a rowing club - we're sure they'll hit the spot perfectly!

## Here's a suggestion...

Have you got a great idea, or even just a good one? Well, if you have, we want to hear about it and to help ensure we do we've just installed a Suggestion Box in the secretary's office. Don't hold back – we'd love you

Championships (at Lake Ruataniwha).

May 15 AGM of New Zealand Rowing Association at Invercargill.

October 29 – November 7.  
FISA World Rowing Championships, Lake Karapiro.

to share your good ideas with us!



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