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Your news...

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

Didymo

As we speak, drivers from all over New Zealand have been steering trailers backwards and forwards to and from Lake Ruataniwha for the 2010 Aon Maadi regatta. From Karapiro Rowing, all the very best of racing and please, please, please.....Wash, Clean and Dry your boats before you leave the south to stop the spread of Didymo.

The North Island Secondary Schools Champs.

March saw the final regatta for the '09/10 season at Lake Karapiro, and what a finale it was – brilliant weather, brilliant racing and a brilliant crowd. We were privileged to have the Thompson Memorial Shield presented by the sons of Mr Thompson, Chris and David, who had not seen the Shield for 50 years !

Rubbish

At the Mighty River Domain, there are several rubbish recycling stations, and

Volunteers - a Thank You

Now the season is over, the Board would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all those who have donated their time to this great sport. Without you, the regattas would not happen.



We have had some great regattas and where else in the world can you volunteer for a small regatta and see so many world champions – or indeed future world champions – in action?

We are always looking for new folk to help us run the regattas at Lake Karapiro – there are as many as 90 volunteers working at each regatta, so if you would like to be more up close with the racing, please contact Peter Britton, our secretary - tivertonnz@gmail.com

Cambridge Town Cup - What-er Regatta!



Will a regatta ever be remembered for the rain like this one ?

Those of you who were there experienced a downpour of record breaking magnitude – and here's photographic proof!

numerous bins for general rubbish. Domain management have asked us to thank you for your cooperation this year, and that you ensure that the area immediate to you is clean before you leave, every time you visit. This will ensure we do not have to pay any extra cleaning charges, which result in higher fees to you.

North - South Cooperation

The managers of the two major venues are continuing their discussions on how they can work together for the advancement of the sport. A package of benefits to supporting companies and organisations, to be delivered at both venues, is already in place, and we welcome your interest in this initiative.

BankLink New Zealand Championships

This was another fantastically successful regatta thanks to all the volunteers, race officials and the athletes. Even though we had to work around building reconstruction the event went off without a hitch and we saw a some great rowing and good performances on the water. Having crews from Germany and Australia here and Polish officials on the bank gave a little of what we can expect to see in November.

Finish Tower

The Don Rowlands' Tower which has served us so well for the last 30 years may have seen better days. With new building standards and compliance requirements in place, a decision has been made to look at rebuilding the tower before the World Championships. All we need now is some working drawings

For the record, we also had 33mm in 30 minutes on the Thursday night before the regatta, resulting in a flood at Flynn Cove which made getting the umpire's boats into the water at the start of the day almost impossible – a big thanks to all who got stuck in and made it happen. A big thanks to the Cambridge Brass Band for providing us with some musical entertainment during the Town Cup Regatta.

For the record West End were the winners of the Cambridge Town Cup, Cambridge won the Karapiro trophy and West End the ARC Centennial Oar.

Boat Park Etiquette

With the construction going on this year, the Boat Park has been stretched to the max, and we thank you for your cooperation in coping with the cramped and sometimes difficult conditions. Here's a few notes for next season :

- The function of the boat park during the regatta is to park boats and transfer rowers and boats in and out of the water. A number of clubs have commented that they prefer to only have coaches, managers and rowers in the boat park, and that it is not an area to set up a base camp.
- If it is a hot day and you wish to debrief your crews, do so under the trees behind please.
- Access is also important; be mindful of other users and if you are not working on a boat then "rack it " .

Board Vacancies

The board of Karapiro Rowing will have two vacancies arising at its annual meeting in August this year. Murray Twining comes to the end of a nine year term and is not available for re-election, and Dave McCowan, has indicated he does not wish to seek re-election.

Board membership is an ideal way to become involved with the management and organisation of the regattas at Lake Karapiro and we welcome fresh faces and new ideas to the Board table. If you are interested please contact a current Board member, or someone from your local Rowing Association to arrange nomination.

and of course funding, both of which are being pursued to see if we can make this a reality.

Forthcoming dates

May 15 - AGM of New Zealand Rowing Association at Invercargill.

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

Review of the 09-10 season



Your Board has appointed a subcommittee of Richard Glenn, Murray Twining and Roger Milne to review the current season and report back at it's May meeting, to set the platform for the '10/'11 season.

Any clubs, schools or coaches, who

would like to have an input, please channel your comments through our secretary (whose email appears above) by the 15 April. Race programmes are confirmed at our annual meeting, so we would like to have an agreed format in place before then.



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