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Welcome to the first issue of *News from Karapiro Rowing*

Karapiro Rowing will use this style of newsletter to keep you informed of what is happening behind the scenes and also keep you up to speed with the Karapiro regattas. We welcome your input and comment to our secretary, Peter Britton tivertonnz@gmail.com or to Box 1052, Cambridge 3450.

Annual General Meeting

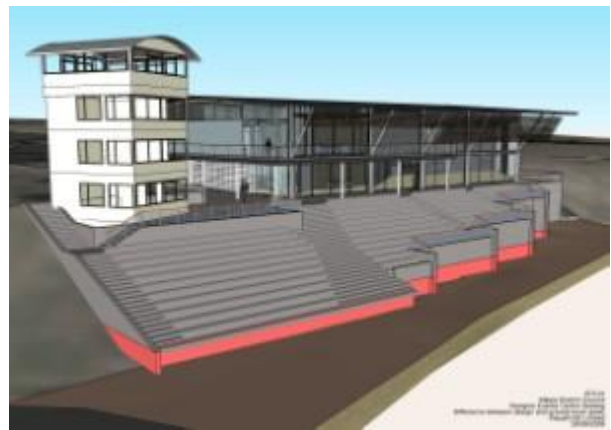
Karapiro Rowing welcomes the East Coast, Wellington and Wanganui Rowing Associations, as part of it's new constitution. The 1st AGM of the expanded organisation saw retiring Chair Don Swales final appearance. Tony Popplewell replaces him. Rowing New Zealand CEO Simon Peterson joins the Board, as does Roger Milne.

New Committees for Karapiro Rowing

Three new groups will facilitate the maintenance and development of the course, the funding and public relationships, and the regatta organisation. **The Facilities Team**, led by Warren Cole, administer, develop and maintain all the infrastructural assets owned by Karapiro

New Events and Community Centre

Waipa District Council is replacing the old water sports complex with a new events and community centre, to be ready in June, in time for the FISA World Rowing Championships, October 31st - November 7th 2010. Demolition of the old building was completed last June



and construction of the new building started immediately. During this summer's rowing season there will be some inconvenience to rowers and officials at Karapiro regattas, and due patience is required while we work with the trying conditions. The results will be worth waiting for!

New Boat Shed



The final task for veteran Chair Don Swales, was to officially open the new boat shed. After years of being stored in temporary sheds and local farmers paddocks, the umpire boats, safety boats and weed machine now have a new home of their own at Flynn

Cove, in the Don Swales Boat Shed ! Congratulations Don, and many thanks from us all for your input over such a long time.

Rowing. **The Event Management Team**, led by Richard Glenn, will manage the funding and commercial relationships, and some aspects of regatta days. And **The Regatta Team**, led by Murray Twining, will manage all aspects around the racing.

New course wires and buoys

In preparation for the 2010 World Rowing Championships, a working bee will make ten new course wires and 2,300 cube buoys required by FISA for the world champs. Making up the new wires presents a logistical exercise and if you can help with labour, please contact Peter Britton on 021 150 8062.

Funding

With the hosting of the BankLink New Zealand Championships in February, and six other regattas, including the NI Secondary Schools Championships, there are many opportunities for organisations to market to the rowers and their supporters. Anyone who would like to explore these opportunities, while supporting one of New Zealand's most successful Olympic sports, should contact Roger Milne on 021 636 601, milnerl@xtra.co.nz

Regattas

The second BankLink NZ Master's Championship Regatta, in conjunction with the Legion of Rowers, was held September 26-27 and there was plenty of good racing over the 1000 metre bouyed course with a free or rolling start. Underfoot conditions



were a little trying to say the least after some terrible weather combined with the upgrade of the retaining wall still in progress, and we would very much like to thank the patient Masters for their tolerance.

The North Island Interprovincial regatta also proved a great success, and we welcome crews from Wanganui and Wellington to next year's event. The points after the two days of racing showed Auckland and Waikato equal first! Hopefully this will be just a taster for a close and exciting season on the lake as we build towards the Rowing World Championships next year.

Coming up

November 7 *Te Awamutu Regatta*
November 21-22 *Spring Regatta*
December 5 *One Day Regatta* (Waipa District Council will not allow changes to the summer lake bookings at this late stage)
December 18-20 *Christmas Regatta* (starts on the Friday at noon)

KRI needs you.....

We are always on the look out for new and enthusiastic people to be part of our team and help deliver events at Lake Karapiro. We currently need a regatta secretary, race timers, judges, boat marshals, boat drivers, even race officials, etc. And we also need voluntary workers to help us prepare for the World Championships - with small but significant tasks like painting buoys! if you are interested, you can email Peter Britton at tivertonnz@gmail.com



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