



**HEI MATAU
PADDLERS**
ROTORUA, NZ

Rotohoe Series 2022
Friday, 24th June 2022
Lake Rotorua (Hannahs Bay), Rotorua
Hei Matau Paddlers
Pānui 3

EVENT SUMMARY

The Rotohoe Series has a very long history. It has been run by multiple clubs in the Te Arawa rohe over many many years, and we as Hei Matau Paddlers are very fortunate to have the opportunity to run five events in this next series. We take the opportunity to encourage paddlers from around the motu to come and indulge in our amazing spaces. Race, stay over, spend a bit of time here and visit some beautiful locations that Rotorua has to offer.

*This year sees the first ever Public Holiday for “**Matariki**”. We want to celebrate this, and bring you all along for that journey. So look out for the panui about this celebration, where we will share in a unique opportunity of celebration, **then** get down to business with some paddling.*

We welcome you and your whānau to join us for these events.

Race Location Korero - Lake Rotorua (Hannahs Bay)

Waikawau/Hannahs Bay Reserve is situated upon the Whakapoungakau Pukepoto Block, which runs the length of the Whakapoungakau Range from Pukepoto to Tikitere, and from the range down to the shores of Lake Rotorua. The Waikawau/Hannahs Bay Reserve is located on land, and in an area, that is of traditional and historical significance to the people of Ngāti Uenukukōpako. Uenukukōpako inherited the Whakapoungakau Pukepoto Block from his father Tuhourangi and during intervening years descendants inherited a shareholding in these lands. Inheritance came by way of 'ancestral right', occupation or muru.

The reserve is said to have been named by Ihenga who having inherited a sense of adventure and exploration from his koroua Tamatekapua (Captain of Te Arawa Waka) and his tūpuna Kupe, travelled inland from where the Te Arawa waka had landed at Maketu.

Prior to 1871 and during the years of tourist development, people were conveyed to and from the area by waka via landing places dotted around Lake Rotorua. Within the Ngāti Uenukukōpako tribal rohe, where today Waikawau/Hannahs Bay Reserve is located, the traditional Otairā tauranga-waka (landing place for canoe) was situated for people visiting Ngāti Uenukukōpako.

It is said that Hinemoa and Tutānekai, who lived on Mokoia Island, used the Otairā taurangawaka regularly having owned a cultivation at Waikawau and regularly visiting the area. On one occasion, after visiting their cultivation, Hinemoa and Tutānekai returned to Mokoia leaving Te Whānau-a-Ngāhika and Kaokao Paraoa on the cultivation. Te Whatu, a close relative of Tutānekai, assassinated both. Learning of the incident, Tutānekai gathered a war-party and advanced onto the mainland. Because of the kinship between Tutānekai and Te Whatu, Tutānekai did not take the life of Te Whatu but instead took possession of the land. The area around Waikawau/Hannahs Bay Reserve provided access to the Lake frontage and local fishing grounds where an abundance of koura provided a staple diet for Ngāti Uenukukōpako.

Matariki Celebrations 2022

Matariki is the Maori name for the cluster of stars, that rises in midwinter and for many Maori, herald the start of the new year. For the first time in Aotearoa, it will officially be celebrated as a “ra whakata a ture” on the 24th June 2022.

It is an opportunity for all people of Aotearoa to come together and reflect on the tau that has passed, celebrate the present, and plan for the future.

As this is the first acknowledgement of Matariki, we want to share that public celebration with you.



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EVENT SCHEDULE

8.00am	Registration, waka drop off & safety checks
9.00am	Karakia
9.15am	Managers meeting
9.30am	Race & safety briefings for Race 1
10.00am	<i>Racing starts</i> Race 1 - 5km (W1, W2, W6 - J16, Novice & GM; Men, Women & Mixed)
11.00am	Race & safety briefings for Race 2
11.30am	<i>Racing starts</i> Race 2 - 10km (W6 only - J19, Open, Master & Senior Master; Men, Women & Mixed)
1.30pm	Race & safety briefings for Race 3
2.00pm	<i>Racing starts</i> Race 3 - 1000m (Run it Straight - All paddlers keen will have names drawn from a Random Team Generator)
3.00pm	Packdown
4.00pm	Closing Karakia
NB - You must have 4 entries in your division and category to qualify your race	

RACE DAY INFORMATION

Car & Trailer Parking: Parking is available at Hannahs Bay Reserve. All parking is marked on the site map, be mindful of each other, and people walking around in the carpark area. This location has a scenic reserve walkway, so lots of foot traffic.

Food: We encourage you to bring your own healthy kai, however, there will be a Coffee vendor and a soup and food for paddlers after their race. Bring your *own* cup for soup.

Toilets: Toilets are located in the reserve as per the site map.

First Aid: First Aid will be available at the registration tent, check out the site map.

Rubbish/ Recycling: We encourage you to please take what you bring, away with you.

Alcohol/ Smokefree: Alcohol, smoking, vaping and any other substance use is not permitted at this event, including all premises of the event.

WAKA DROP OFF & SAFETY CHECKS

Waka Drop off:

- Waka drop off will be available from 8.00am on the event day, there is no overnight security, so leaving equipment on site, prior to this time and after the event is at your own risk.
- Waka drop-off will be in the reserve (for 4WD's only). All other waka will have a special area to park, for unloading, and then required to move as per the Site Map.
- Wardens will be available to assist as trailer parking guides, please be patient.

Safety Checks:

- All waka will have to pass a safety check and be marked before racing. Any boats not marked will not be permitted to race.



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RACE RULES

All entrants must be familiar with the Waka Ama New Zealand race and safety rules.
Refer to the following link for more information: [Waka Ama Race Rules October 2019](#)

No protests will be accepted at these events, all rules need to be adhered to. Look after your fellow paddling whanau, on and off the water.

AGE DIVISIONS & RACE EVENTS

WAKA	DISTANCE	DIVISIONS	GENDER
W1 & W2	5km	J16, J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Boys, Girls, Men, Women, Mixed
W6	5km	J16, Golden Master & Novice	Boys, Girls, Men, Women, Mixed
W6	10km	J19, Open, Master, Senior Master	Men, Women, Mixed
W6	1km	Any paddler registered in the previous races <i>NB - YOU CANNOT REGISTER FOR THIS RACE ONLY, YOU MUST HAVE RACED IN AT LEAST ONE OF THE PREVIOUS RACES</i>	Mixed

FEES

Fees: Fees for this event are *per person by event*

PER PERSON BY EVENT (*charged for each event entered*)

Event	Cost
W1 & W2 – 5km – J16	\$5.00
W1 & W2 – 5km – J19 upwards	\$10.00
W6 – 5km – J16, Novice, Golden Master	J16 - \$5.00 / Novice & Gld Master - \$10.00
W6 – 10km – J19, Open, Master, Snr Master	\$10.00
W6 – 1km Run it Straight	\$5.00

ONLINE ENTRIES & PAYMENT

- Online entries are to be completed using the Waka Ama NZ online entry system. [Rotohoe Series - Race 3 \(Top right hand corner for Members Area\)](#)
- All entries to be completed through your club admin – contact your club admin to process your entry
- No entries on the day, no exceptions
- Entries close on **Tuesday, 21st June 2022, 11.59pm**
- Rosters close on **Wednesday 22nd June 2022, 11.59pm**, rosters must be completed, no exceptions



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Organisers are only accepting **one CLUB payment**. Therefore please ensure that you go through your club to pay your race fees. Any personal fees paid into the club account, will be accepted as a koha with thanks...

- Once entered, payment can be made by your CLUB online to:
 - Hei Matau Paddlers
 - 01-0414-0721211-00
 - Use your club as your reference

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- All waka must be Safety Checked
- All J16 paddlers must wear life jackets
- All Junior (J16 & J19) and Senior (Open and above) must have the following safety equipment for their races:
 - PFD - Personal Flootation Device (per person)
 - Bailers
 - Flare or cellphone in waterproof case
 - Spare Paddle - 2 for a W6, 1 for W1/2
 - Spray Skirt (W6)
 - Tow Rope (W6)
 - Leg leash (for sit on top OC1)

COVID-19 INFO

- Sanitizing stations will be set up around the event, please use these frequently
- This event is subject to cancellation or postponement depending on Covid levels
- Where possible, please do not share equipment
- If you are sick, have been feeling unwell, or have travelled overseas recently, please stay home

INDIVIDUAL & TEAM WAIVERS

- Individual and Team waivers must be completed by all paddlers/teams
- All paddlers U18 must have their waiver signed by their parent/guardian
- Waivers can be sent to ***heimataupaddlers05@gmail.com*** or handed in at the managers meeting on the day
- Individual & Team waivers can be found here: [Website to access Waiver forms](#)

CONTACT INFORMATION

- All enquiries please email: ***heimataupaddlers05@gmail.com***
- All urgent matters please call: ***Event Director, Kelley Korau, 0212441170***
- Facebook: [Rotohoe Series 2022](#)

COURSE MAPS

Lake Rotorua (Hannahs Bay) - [Course 5km](#), [Course 1km](#) & [Site Map](#) Links