



**HEI MATAU
PADDLERS**
ROTORUA, NZ

Rotohoe Series 2022
Saturday, 23rd July 2022
Lake Rotorua (Kouramawhitiwhiti), Rotorua
Hei Matau Paddlers
Pānui 5

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 (Te Rotorua nui a Kahumatamomoe), Kouramawhitiwhiti

This significant area holds much history and love within the Te Arawa rohe especially to Ngati Whakaue. The Rotorua Lakefront was gifted to the city and was originally used as a waka landing within the tribe of Ngati Whakaue in the early years. Since then, the people of Rotorua saw tourism as a way to help the economy, therefore improvements and developments were always a priority. The first annual event held by the Lakefront started way back in 1902 and ever since then the rest has been history. The new architectural design of the Lakefront was planned around the connection with the land and water. Te Ara Tukutuku, is the name of the many bridges that connects land to the water alongside the Rotorua Lakefront sidewalk.

EVENT SCHEDULE

7.00am	Registration, waka drop off & safety checks
8.00am	Karakia
8.15am	Managers meeting
8.30am	Race & safety briefings for Race 1
9.00am	<i>Racing starts</i> Race 1 - 5km (W1, W2, W6 - J16, Novice & GM; Men, Women & Mixed)
10.00am	Race & safety briefings for Race 2
10.30am	<i>Racing starts</i> Race 2 - 1000m (Run it Straight - All paddlers keen will have names drawn from a Random Team Generator)
11.30pm	Race & safety briefings for Race 3
12.00pm	<i>Racing starts</i> Race 3 - 10km (W6 only - J19, Open, Master & Senior Master; Men, Women & Mixed)
2.00pm	Packdown
3.00pm	Closing Karakia

NB - You must have 4 entries in your division and category to qualify your race



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RACE DAY INFORMATION

Car & Trailer Parking: Parking is a bit all over the place for this event. Unfortunately, the Lake Front is currently under construction. But we are not going to let that stop us from enjoying a good paddle. You will see from the Car Parking Maps, that there is public parking all around the outskirts of the Lake Front and we will have one large paddock for the waka trailers to be housed in during the event.

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

We are providing some good hearty food on the day, you can order this [online](#) and pick up your tickets at registration when you check in for your race.

Toilets: Toilets are located in the Rotorua Water Sports Trust and a new block on the reserve next to the new playground.

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, back 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 6.30am 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 on the roadway outside of the Rotorua Water Sports Trust (as per the map), therefore please ensure you bring some tyres while rigging on the ground.
- Trailer parking is on Zone 1 as per the Parking Site Map

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.

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 NB - YOU CANNOT REGISTER FOR THIS RACE ONLY, YOU MUST HAVE RACED IN AT LEAST ONE OF THE PREVIOUS RACES	Mixed



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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 5](#) (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, 19th July 2022, 11:59pm**
- Rosters close on **Wednesday, 20th July 2022, 11:59pm**, rosters must be completed, no exceptions

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 online to:
 - Hei Matau Paddlers
 - 01-0414-0721211-00
 - Use your club, team name and division 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 Floatation Device (per person)
 - Bailers
 - Flare or cellphone in waterproof case



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- 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

- Sanitising 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 handed in when you register 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 Lakefront Site & Parking Maps x 3 - [Lake Rotorua - Site Map](#)

Lake Rotorua Race 1, 2 & 3 Race Course x 2 - [Race 1, 2 & 3 Race Course Outline](#)