

# Te Wānanga o Aotearoa Waka Ama Sprint Nationals

17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> January - Lake Karāpiro, Cambridge

**Ngā mihi o e Tau Hau! – Kohitātea – Pānui 3**

## PŌWHIRI -SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 8:00AM

Prior to the Pōwhiri on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Ngāti Koroki Kahukura will be doing Te Kura o te Awatea Karakia at 7:30am. This is the full traditional Pai Mārire karakia about 15 minutes long, to start the week – All are welcome to attend.

The Pōwhiri will take place at 8:00am Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January - Manuhiri to assemble in the car park at the Don Rowlands Centre at 7.45am.

We would like to encourage as many paddlers and supporters to attend the Pōwhiri. Everyone is welcome. There will be cup of tea/coffee and refreshments available in the Don Rowlands Centre after the Pōwhiri.

If it is raining, the Pōwhiri will be inside the Don Rowlands Centre – Manuhiri will still assemble in the carpark.

## MANAGERS MEETINGS

**All Mangers meetings will be held in at the Don Rowlands Centre.**

**We will be having 4 managers meetings this year. It is important that your club attend the relevant meetings.**

When	Relevant to:	Time	Where
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Taitamariki racing Sunday</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Don Rowlands Centre</b>
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>All other Junior grades</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Don Rowlands Centre</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>W1 Racing</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Don Rowlands Centre</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>J19 and Senior W6/W12 racing</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Don Rowlands Centre</b>

## ID CARDS

Pre –ordered ID cards can be picked up from Admin inside the Don Rowlands Centre by the designated Club Co-ordinator. Any replacements ordered after 8<sup>th</sup> January or at Nationals will cost \$15 each and must be paid for at the Admin Desk.

## COVID 19

While we are really fortunate to be able to paddle and come together for our Waka Ama Nationals, we must still remember that we are in Level 1 and we must make sure we all work together to keep all of Aotearoa safe.

Let's have an awesome week whānau — don't let COVID-19 stop the summer! Or stop Waka ama!

**Mā tātau  
katoa e  
ārai atu te  
COVID-19**

**To ensure our Waka Ama events don't stop, we all need to continue these behaviours:**

- If you feel unwell, please stay at home. Call Healthline or your health professional for advice on getting a COVID-19 test and where you can get a test from.
- Continue to use the NZ COVID Tracer app to check in to every business you go to while you are in Cambridge and make sure you scan the codes when you arrive at Karāpiro each day.
- Turn on Bluetooth tracing in the NZ COVID Tracer app.
- Keep your phone handy to make signing in to places quick and easy, and to ensure your Bluetooth tracing is keeping an anonymous record of other phones you come in close contact with.
- Pack that summer event 'essentials' bag. Include a couple of masks and take hand sanitiser everywhere you go.
- Practice good hygiene by washing or sanitising your hands regularly.
- If you are at the event and start to experience COVID-19 symptoms, head back to your accommodation. Symptoms include a new or worsening cough, a fever, shortness of breath, sore throat, sneezing and runny nose, or temporary loss of smell. Call Healthline or a health professional for advice on getting a test.
- To recap; keep doing these four simple things:
  - **Wash your hands**
  - **Scan QR codes**
  - **Turn on Bluetooth tracing on the NZ COVID Tracer app**
  - **Stay home if you're feeling unwell and get advice about a COVID-19 test.**



## FEES AND PAYMENTS

All club fees and outstanding accounts must be paid by **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January**.

All queries to the admin office which will be open onsite on from Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January @ 2:00pm

***Fees include Nationals Entry Fees, ID Cards and Club Affiliation fees.  
Cash, online bank transfer, eftpos and credit card payments can be accepted.  
No Cheques will be accepted.***

## CLUB TROPHIES



In 2011 Nga Kaihoe o Aotearoa awarded 2 new trophies. These trophies are perpetual trophies that will be awarded at future nationals and enjoyed by Generations of Waka Ama paddlers. The Trophies were carved by Matahi Whakataka- Brightwell who has been instrumental in the re-birth and growth of the sport of Waka Ama in Aotearoa.

The first is a trophy that recognises clubs paddling excellence and achievement throughout the week. Points will be accumulated throughout the week from all finals and the club with the most points at the end of the week will be awarded this honour.

This trophy was last year awarded to **Horouta Waka Hoe** who topped the club points with 374.5 points.

Horouta has won this trophy 9 times in the past 10 years! A truly outstanding achievement and one that should not be understated.

[click here to see a full list of 2020 club points](#)

The second trophy was carved and named in honour of Ace Cuthers who we sadly lost in 2010. It is the “Ace Cuthers Memorial Club Spirit Award”. It will be chosen by the Volunteers and Officials at the event. They will take into consideration actions of the club throughout the week, their performance on and off the water. The club that optimises the values of Waka Ama; Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga, Hauora, Tu Tangata.

The winning club in 2020 was **Hei Matau Paddlers**, they were presented with the trophy by Louise Henderson and Matahi Brightwell.

<https://www.wakaama.co.nz/stories/read/1005223>



**Both trophies will be on display all week in the Don Rowlands centre and will be awarded at the final medal presentation on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.**

## VENUE MAPS AND TENT ALLOCATIONS

Tent allocation sites have been marked for each region (as per below). **Regional coordinators** are to ensure that tents for their region stay within the designated area and are erected in such a way that maximises space for everyone. Please make sure you are mindful of all the clubs from your region and make space for everyone.

(End closest to the tower)

<b>TPOTI</b>	<b>AROCA</b>	<b>TTPCA</b>	<b>TUOTR</b>	<b>TWOA</b>	<b>HTPWAA</b>
57m	59m	20m	41m	2m	22m

Here are the historic regional tent allocations for the past 6 years.

2021	TPOTI	AROCA	TTPCA	TUOTR	TWOA	HTPWAA
2020	TPOTI	HTPWAA	AROCA	TTPCA	TUOTR	TWOA
2019	TPOTI	TWOA	HTPWAA	AROCA	TTPCA	TUOTR
2018	TPOTI	TUOTR	TWOA	HTPWAA	AROCA	TTPCA
2017	TPOTI	TTPCA	TUOTR	TWOA	HTPWAA	AROCA
2016	TPOTI	AROCA	TTPCA	TUOTR	TWOA	HTPWAA



Tent's cannot be erected onsite until  
***Midday Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January***

Please note – these areas are prohibited for tent placement

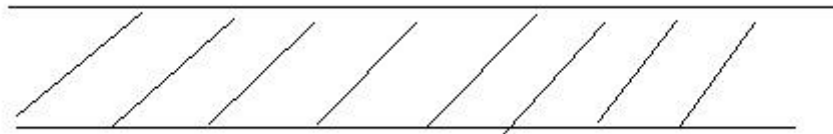
1. The entire hill behind the tower to the merchandise tent
2. Directly in front of the Podium Café
3. 5m pathway along the lakefront of the spectator bank
4. The walkways through the spectator area

***Any tents placed in these areas will be asked to move***

## SPECTATOR EMBANKMENT

Regions are to co-ordinate their space and ensure tents are erected in such a way that it maximises space and viewing for everyone. (The short side of the tents must face the lake).

We will be marking out an area of the spectator bank on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> (parallel with the lake) that must be kept clear of all tents, structures, or marques. This is to allow for safe walking passage. it will look something like this:



We will also be marking out an area at the lakes edge (just 5m deep) where there can be no tents erected.

Please remember that any tents or pop-up structures erected on the sloping embankment will need to be put down for prize giving each day.

If tents (club or otherwise) are erected in the wrong area or in such a way that it does not maximise space we will ask that they are taken down.

## PARKING

Large vehicles will be permitted to drop off passengers and gear each morning depending on the start times for the racing.

Day	All vehicles must be removed from race venue by:	Race Starts
<b>Sunday (Day 1)</b>	7.30am	Pōwhiri starts 8.00am
<b>Monday (Day 2)</b>	7.30am	8.00am
<b>Tuesday (Day 3)</b>	7.30am	8.00am
<b>Wednesday (Day 4)</b>	7.30am	8.00am
<b>Thursday (Day 5)</b>	8.30am	9.00am
<b>Friday (Day 6)</b>	7.30am	8.00am
<b>Saturday (Day 7)</b>	8.30am	9.00am

There will be no parking within the race venue. All vehicles will be required to park in the Gate 3 entrance at a cost of \$5 per vehicle. Day passes will be issued if you wish to leave and return at no extra cost.

## DISABILITY PARKING

Disability Parking is via Gate 3, the parking spaces are located in the drop off zone and disability passes must be displayed at all times. Parking staff will direct you on arrival.

## WEEKLY PARKING PASSES

**Week Parking passes are available for \$25.**

Week passes must be displayed on the vehicles dashboard for clear viewing and must include the vehicle registration number.

Week passes will be available for purchase from the admin desk at the Don Rowlands Centre and online at the Waka Ama On-Line Shop <https://waka-ama-nz-shop.myshopify.com/> until Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm

**After 5pm on Saturday you will need to purchase directly from the Admin on Sunday.**

(Week passes will not be available for purchase at the gate or after Sunday).

**Any online purchases need to be collected from the Admin office inside the Don Rowlands Centre.**

## WAKA USE

As W6 waka are kindly loaned by clubs and Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, Waka Ama NZ will fine anyone who stands up in W6/W12. The fine is \$100 per individual, per infringement. No exceptions. The cost of the fine will be charged to the club concerned. Respect and care for all waka, paddlers, volunteers, and officials is paramount to the sport.

Any team causing damage to any W6/W12 waka at any time during the event will incur the cost of the repairs, which will be charged to the team's club.

All contracted W6 waka are used solely for competition. No contracted waka may be taken or used for training purposes while contracted to the event; this non-permitted use will incur a fine to the offenders' club of \$200 per incident.

## W1

A reminder to all W1 competitors:

- There is no restriction to the amount or type of W1 that can be used for this event.
- W1 must be weighed and checked-in on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> between 3pm and 7:30pm.**
- **Hull, Ama and Kiato will be weighed and must weigh a minimum of 16kgs**
- Space will again be marked out for each region.
- Each Region can appoint up to 6 Regional W1 Co-ordinators
- Regional co-ordinators are expected to monitor this space and ensure access-ways are not blocked.
- Paddlers are responsible for storing W1 in allocated spaces without causing damage to other waka.
- Your W1 is your responsibility.
- A limited supply of number holders will be onsite and can be purchased from the Admin building for \$5 each.
- Please bring your own duct tape.

Number Holders can be ordered online via the <https://waka-ama-nz-shop.myshopify.com/> and picked up at Admin at the lake.

## EVENT PENALTIES

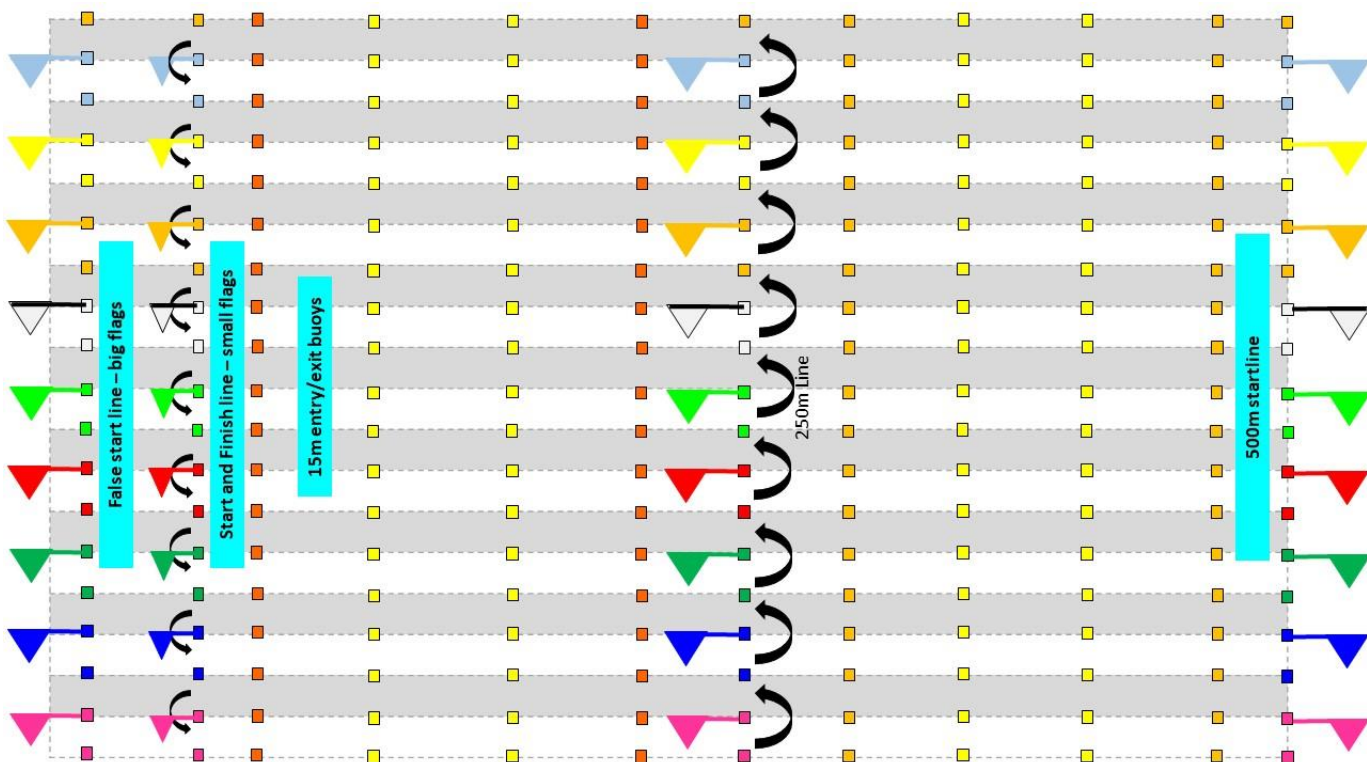
<b>Non permitted use of waka</b>	\$200 per incident
<b>Damage to W6 /W12</b>	\$cost of repairs
<b>Team additions after 21<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	\$50 (per team)
<b>Team withdrawals after 21<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	\$50 (per team)
<b>ID Card orders after 8<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	\$15 (Orders up to 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan = \$5)
<b>Team /Individual withdrawals after 7<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Full Entry fee plus \$50 Penalty fee
<b>New Paddler registration after 7<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	\$50 (per paddler)
<b>Protests (per incident)</b>	\$100 (refunded if protest upheld)
<b>Fines (Support W1 paddler crossing finish line)</b>	\$100
<b>Appeals (per incident)</b>	\$200 (refunded if protest upheld)
<b>Standing up in the Waka</b>	\$100 (per paddler)

**LANES**

**Straight Races from the 500m Start**



**Turns Races starting at the Start/Finish Line end**



Please contact [admin@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:admin@wakaama.co.nz) if you have any questions.



## RACE RULES

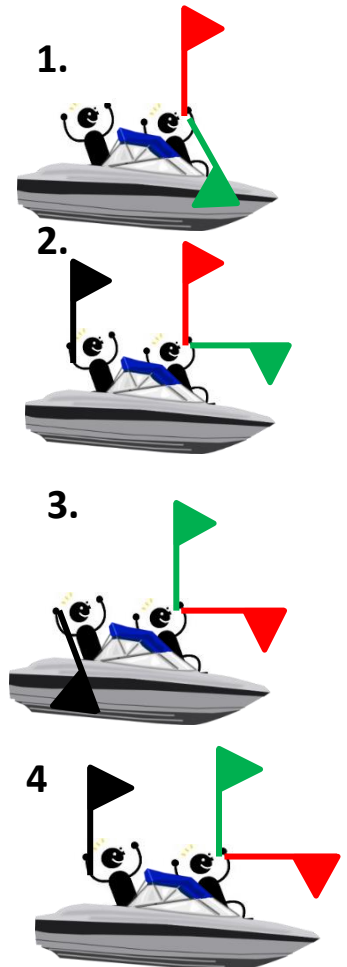
Please ensure you are familiar with the race rules. The race rules can be found here <https://wakaama.co.nz/pages/read/1005147>

## START FLAGS

Every race will approach the false start line and start line the same.

Just as normal the **WHITE FLAG** will be used to signal to the Waka they are aligned and to proceed to the false start line.

1. As per normal once the Waka are aligned on the false start line the **RED FLAG** will be raised to proceed to the start line.
2. If during this time at least the bow of **one** canoe is over the start line – the **BLACK FLAG** will be raised.  
*(This allows for canoes to correct themselves if they find they are over the start line.)*
3. If the canoes are corrected the **BLACK FLAG** will be lowered and the **GREEN FLAG** will start the race.
4. If after a reasonable amount of time the canoes have not been corrected the **BLACK FLAG** will remain raised and the **GREEN FLAG** will then start the race.



This makes it clear:

- If the **BLACK FLAG** is **lowered** when the **GREEN FLAG** is raised – *No teams will be disqualified for START LINE FAULTS*
- If the **BLACK FLAG** is raised and then **remains risen** as the race starts – *There will be at least one team disqualified for a START FAULT.*

## EVENT SCHEDULE

<b>FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> - SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup></b>	All W6 Waka to be delivered to site and rigged <b>Admin will be open from 2pm Saturday 16<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Managers Meeting for Taitamariki teams 4:00pm Saturday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup>  DAY 1</b>	Pōwhiri  Taitamariki Start Racing  <b>Managers Meeting (All other Junior grades)</b>	8:00am assemble at 7:45am  First Call 10:00am First Race 10:30am <b>6:00pm - Don Rowlands Centre</b>
<b>MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup>  DAY 2</b>	W6 & W12 races  Medal presentation at the conclusion of racing	All Taitamariki, Int, J16 <b>7:00am Karakia followed</b> <b>7:30am First Race call</b> <b>8:00am First Race Start</b>
<b>TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup>  DAY 3</b>	W6 races  Medal presentation at the conclusion of racing	Int, J16 <b>7:00am Karakia followed</b> <b>7:30am First Race call</b> <b>8:00am First Race Start</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup>  DAY 4</b>	W1 weigh-in and storage  <b>Managers Meeting (W1 Racing)</b>	Between 3pm and 7pm  <b>6:00pm - Don Rowlands Centre</b>
<b>THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup>  DAY 5</b>	W1 races – All Age Groups  Medal presentation at the conclusion of racing <b>Managers Meeting (J19 &amp; Snr)</b>	<b>7:00am Karakia followed</b> <b>7:30am First Race call</b> <b>8:00am First Race Start</b>  <b>6:00pm - Don Rowlands Centre</b>
<b>FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>  DAY 6</b>	W6 & W12 races - J19 and older <b>Premier Regional W12</b> Medal presentation at the conclusion of racing	<b>7:00am Karakia followed</b> <b>8:30am First Race call</b> <b>9:00am First Race Start</b>  <b>Throughout the day</b> <b>6.30pm Don Rowlands Centre</b>
<b>SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>  DAY 7</b>	W6 races W1 Dash Medal presentation at the conclusion of racing  After Party!	<b>8:00am Karakia followed</b> <b>8:30am First Race call</b> <b>9:00am First Race Start</b>  Onsite at the Don Rowlands Centre 8:00pm till 12:00 midnight

## KAIMAHI - VOLUNTEERS

We have a dedicated team of volunteers for the entire week. We are very grateful for all those who have offered their time to volunteer during the week, thank-you.

We would request all regions to assist at the end of each day to remove the Waka from the water. Many hands make for light work and an announcement will be made calling for your assistance each day.



## 2021 WAKA AMA – OUT OF THE HOUSE PARTY!!

Come and celebrate the first Waka Ama Nationals out of lock down with us!!

It will be held onsite at the Don Rowlands Centre on Saturday 23rd January from 8.00pm until midnight.

Tickets are \$15 if you buy them online here: <https://waka-ama-nz-shop.myshopify.com/> or at the Admin Office during the week of Nationals, there is the option to purchase the tickets online from the admin desk for debit and credit card holders. There are limited tickets so don't leave it till the last minute and miss out!

Approved ID will need to be presented at the door for young people 18+ to enter the social

i.e. Current drivers licence, passport, 18+ Card or Kiwi Access Card

NOT your NKOA ID card, this is not approved by the licensing authority.



## VENDORS

We have over 40 vendors and promoters who are going to be onsite. The full list of vendors is uploaded online here:

[https://wakaama.co.nz/content/files/5ff5301973462/Vendor%20Site%20Map%202021\\_FINALv2.pdf](https://wakaama.co.nz/content/files/5ff5301973462/Vendor%20Site%20Map%202021_FINALv2.pdf)

## HEALTHY KAI

This year we are again sticking with the kaupapa to be a healthier event. There will be no fizzy drinks or deep-fried food available for purchase onsite. There are multiple water stations available onsite to re-fill your bottles during the week.

## MERCHANDISE

T-Shirts and Hats will be on sale from **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January from 11:30am.**  
We have limited supply so get in quickly!!! Available in various colours & styles



## CAMPSITE RULES

**For those staying in the campsite:  
Campers at Mighty River Domain, Lake Karāpiro.  
Liquor Ban information**

There is a SITE WIDE LIQUOR BAN at Mighty River Domain for ALL events with the exception between 5.00pm - 9.00pm in the campground where liquor can be consumed if you are a registered camp guest.

There is an additional 24HR SITE WIDE LIQUOR BAN at Mighty River Domain on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021. There will be NO 5pm-9pm exception on this date.

Mighty River Domain liquor ban calendar: <https://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz/page/calendar/>

If you have any questions regarding the Campsite area please contact the Lake Office

## ATM

The ANZ ATM container will be located in the middle of vendor lane for all cash out needs.



## ROADWORK UPDATES IN THE MAUNGATAUTARI AREA

### Roadworks update SH1 Maungatautari - Pavement resurfacing activities January 2021

Just a heads up for those travelling from Tauranga & Rotorua to Sprint Nationals, there will be some roadworks on SH1 just north of the Maungatautari Road turnoff. Waka Kotahi are encouraging people travelling to the event to allow additional time for their journey or consider an alternative route. You can find further travel information on the website at the following link:

<http://www.journeys.nzta.govt.nz/traffic>

**The Karapiro Dam Road will be closed** for Intake Stop Log work Tuesday 19th January – Friday 22nd January from 7:30am to 6:00pm daily.

There will be no access across the dam during this time.

This will affect people travelling to the Waka Ama Sprint Nationals so plan your route and journey time carefully.

## WASTE MINIMISATION

We are working with the Mighty River Domain to reduce the waste from our 7-day event and with your help, we ask that you **Reduce, Reuse** and **Remove** the rubbish you create. Multiple water stations are located around the venue to refill your reusable bottles. There are recycling stations on site and we request you take any other rubbish away with you.

## TE ARA WAI JOURNEYS

If you get a chance to check out Te Ara Wai: Journeys is a free self-guided tour of culturally significant sites throughout the Waipa district. Experience places of local and national importance and discover unique stories told by local experts: <https://www.tearawai.nz/>

## CLUB/REGIONAL COORDINATORS

All Clubs and Regions are to submit details of Club/Region Coordinators Name, email address and cell number to [admin@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:admin@wakaama.co.nz), subject heading COORDINATOR.

This will ensure that urgent messages, correction of entries or any other issue is dealt with urgently it is important that National Event Organisers can communicate to Regions and Clubs. This will also prevent delays and/or disappointments. These individuals will be given an identification pass.

**Finally: We will be onsite at the Lake setting up from Thursday 14th January. So please do not expect prompt responses to emails. For matters of an urgent nature please call or text, Lara on 0275484612.**

**The Admin desk will be open at the lake from 2:00pm- 7:30pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

Look forward to seeing you all at the Lake, please drive safely.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

