

# Remember to open the bung!

Congratulations to you and your team for taking on the challenge of competing in this event. We are asking for your help with protecting this venue and your venues at home for the future.



Unfortunately there are highly invasive freshwater weeds and pests around, like didymo, hornwort and lagarosiphon; and in Lake Karapiro catfish, koi carp, rudd and gambusia are all present. If these get established, they change lakes and rivers forever and spoil the fun.

You can help by making sure your team follows Check Clean Dry guidelines **when you move between lakes**. Then you won't accidentally take a nasty hitchhiker with you.

Steps:

- Start by preparing a cleaning mix: either dishwashing liquid or nappy cleaner in a 10% mix with water. Also, a spray unit could be handy and a good-sized bucket for soaking gear.
- Soak all items of footwear and other absorbent gear that has been in contact with the lake water in your cleaning mix for at least 10 minutes before rinsing with tap water (not lake water).
- **Check** the boat, inside and out, for any visible bits of weed and chuck them to the side of the lake where they came from.
- Use your detergent mix to **clean** all internal areas of the boat where water collects and it may stay wet for some days, harbouring weeds and pests and keeping them alive.
- Remove the bung from enclosed areas and check if there's water in there. If there is, pour in some undiluted detergent and mix it around.
- You don't need to clean the hull as it will **dry** when towed and then the weeds and pests cannot survive.

Thanks for your help! For more, see [thisisus.nz/check-clean-dry](https://thisisus.nz/check-clean-dry)