



# AROCA W1 Regional Event Pānui 2024



WAKA AMA

## W1 Regional Event

Lake Pupuke

November 9 – 10, 2024

Races start 8am  
Killarney Park,  
Takapuna Auckland

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# Introduction

Tēnā koutou ngā kaihoe o te rohe o Tāmaki Makarau. AROCA Regional Sprint Championships.

*This is the first pānui of the event more information will be distributed at a later date.*

The W1 events will be held over the normal Nationals distances, for all age grades. Medals will be awarded to podium finishers.

This is also the qualifying event for W1 paddlers wanting to represent AROCA region at the National Sprints.

Entries are to be made through the Waka Ama NZ website and will close on Friday 1st November 2024. Please note this is a regional event and only paddlers from the AROCA region member clubs are eligible to enter.

## KEY DATES:

- Monday 16th September Entries Open
  - Friday 1st November Entries Close
  - Saturday 2nd November (W1 weighing day) Location: Ian Shaw Park, 9am – 2pm
  - Sunday 3rd November (W1 weighing day) Location: Sylvan Park, 8am – 12pm
  - Sunday 3rd November (W1 weighing day) Location: Waitakere Outrigger Canoe Club, 1pm – 5pm
  - Wednesday 6th November (W1 weighing day) Location: Orakei Waka Ama Club, 4pm – 8pm
  - Saturday 9th November (Race Day 1)
  - Sunday 10th November (Race Day 2)
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**KAI:** We encourage you to bring your own healthy kai, however a small range of food vendors will be available onsite to purchase healthy kai.

**WHAREPAKU:** Toilets are located to the right of the admin tent at the base of the park field.

**ĀWHINA TUATAHI/FIRST AID:** First Aid will be available on site.

**TUKURUA/RECYCLING:** We encourage you to please take what you bring. However, the main rubbish and recycling station is located by the main toilet block.

**KORE AUAHI:** 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 will be available from 6.00am on the event day
- All waka will have to pass a safety check and be marked before racing. Any boats not marked will not be permitted to race.
- THIS EVENT REQUIRES ALL WAKA TO BE WEIGHED PRIOR TO THE RACE WEEKEND. PLEASE SEE THE WEIGHING DAY DATES AND LOCATIONS UNDER "KEY DATES" ON PAGE 3.
- RANDOM WAKA WEIGHING WILL BE DONE ON THE DAY TO ENSURE FAIRNESS

### **RACE RULES**

All sanctioned events including regional qualifiers must adhere to Waka Ama NZ race rules. All entrants must be familiar with the WANZ race and safety rules click on this link for more information: [Waka Ama NZ Race Rules](#)

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## AGE CATERGORIES

All age groups are outlined in the Waka Ama New Zealand Race Rules, rule 24.1. Age is taken as reaching the specified age in 2025 (i.e., next year). This enables you to race in the same division as you will at the coming 2025 nationals.

For more information visit:

- <http://www.wakaama.co.nz/agedivisionchecker>
- Email: [admin@aroca.co.nz](mailto:admin@aroca.co.nz).

Division	Minimum (Age as of 31 December 2024)	Maximum (Age as of 31 December 2024)
Intermediate	11	13
Junior 16	11	16
Junior 19	16	19
U23	16	23
Open	16	NONE
Masters	40	NONE
Senior Masters	50	NONE
Golden Masters	60	NONE
70 Masters	70	NONE
75 Masters	75	NONE
80 Masters	80	NONE

## ENTRY FEES:

All entries must be submitted by the Club Administrator. It is imperative that all entries belong to verified members of WANZ. The new season and registration will start October 1st, please ensure paddlers are affiliated for the new season. New paddlers are required to have finalized their WANZ ID registration. Entries submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

*This year there is an increase in fees by \$5.00 across all ages, we as a committee understand that times are tough and that the price increase can cause challenges. However, based on the feedback of previous years, we have proceeded to ensure we are providing the safest and fairest competition we can host. With the extension of time, we have found it can only be done by the additional spend. We hope for your understanding!*

DIVISION	W1 500m	W1 250m DASH
INTERMEDIATE	\$15.00	N/A
J16	\$20.00	N/A
J19	\$20.00	\$15.00
U23	\$25.00	N/A
OPEN	\$25.00	\$15.00
MASTERS	\$25.00	N/A
SENIOR MASTERS +	\$25.00	N/A

# Parking & Layout

- Entry into event parking will be through the Killarney Park gate. For traffic management reasons, entry is via a left-hand turn only. If you are arriving from the other direction, please proceed to the roundabout 50 meters past the entrance and turn around. We will have volunteers managing this situation.
- All waka rigging is to be performed in the OC1 storage location NOT IN THE CAR PARK. Public parking bay is for kaumatua, whānau with disabilities, or the public that are not a part of the event. We please ask that all whānau support park at Parking Zone 1 if possible.



# Race Grid & Loading Bay

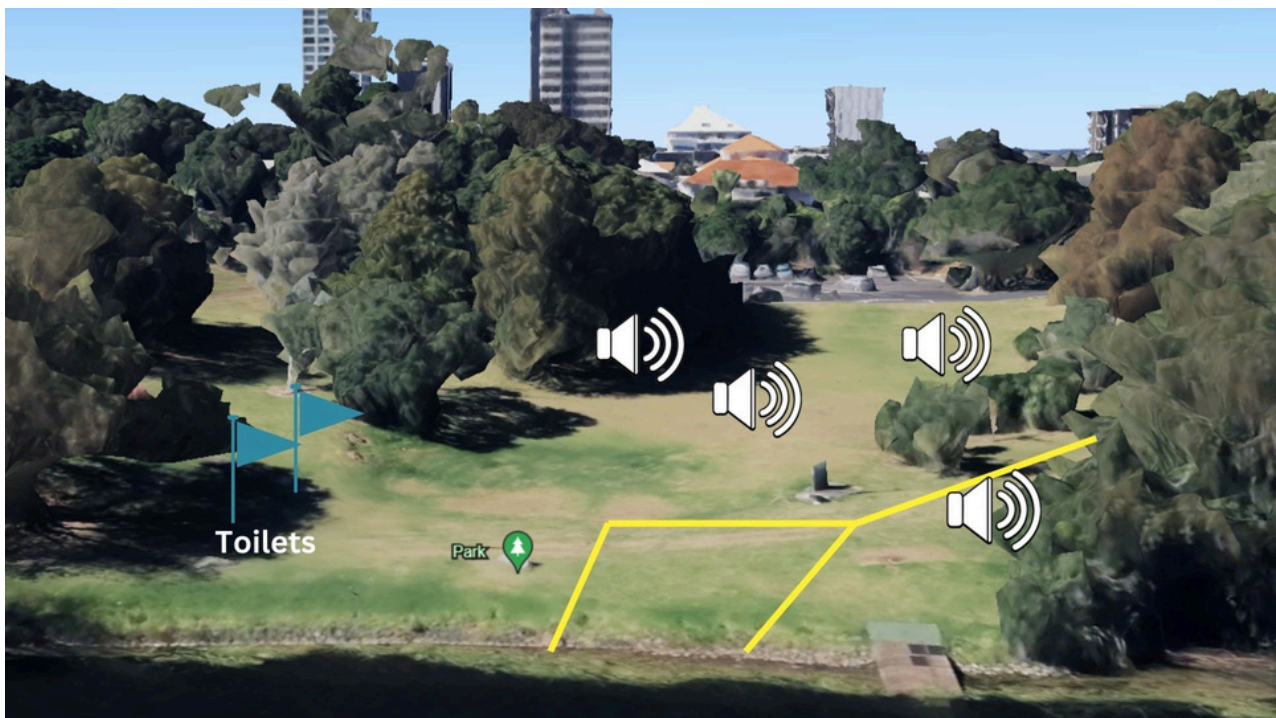
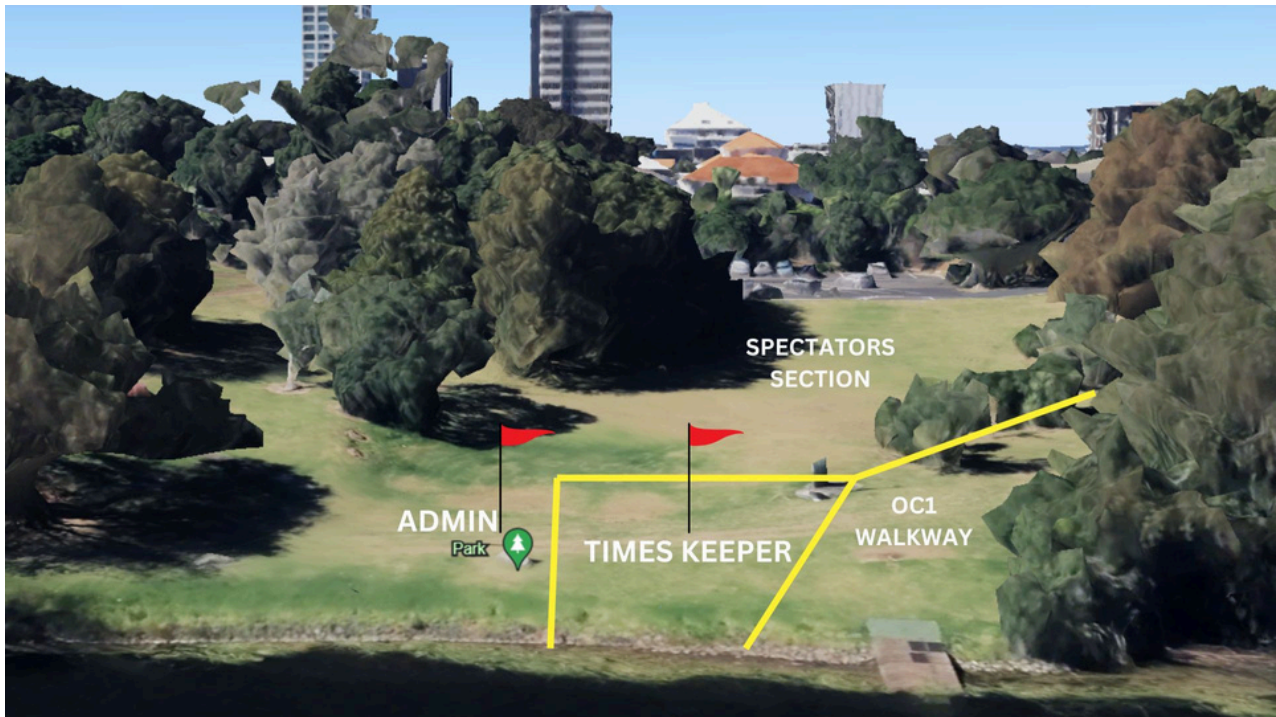
- The Race will consist of the standard 500m sprint with the finish point being in front of Killarney Park approx. 150m offshore.
- There will be 5 waka per heat, loading out 3 heats at a time and a fixed camera on the Finish Line.
- Green arrows in Loading Bay signal where competitors will paddle up to the Start line whilst the red indicate those that have finished returning to the Loading Bay.





# Amenities and Spectators Area

- Registrations will be located at the Admin Tent (as displayed below)
- OC1 Walkway will be fenced off as it is an area for paddlers only
- Gazebos are not allowed in the spectators' area unless a call is made 24 hours prior and it is deemed necessary for weather protection



# Event Schedule

09  
NOV

## Int, J16, Golden Master's, M70, M75 & M80

Event Schedule will be released closer to the time of the event with the first race being held at 8am. Day 1 will consist of Int, J16, Golden Masters and all categories above.

[Location: Killarney Park](#)

10  
NOV

## J19, U23, Open, Masters, Senior Masters

First Race of Day 2 will be held at 8am consisting of the categories J19, U23, Open, Masters, and Senior Masters.

[Location: Killarney Park](#)



# THE EVENT TEAM



**Alf Motu**  
Race Director



**Maruwhare Harman**  
Event Management



**Louise Henderson**  
Race Committee



**Jackson Tamaki**  
Race Committee



**Heremaia Rossier**  
AROCA Chair



**Cherin Murray**  
AROCA Treasurer



**Matt Appleyard**  
AROCA Secretary

*Whāia te mātauranga  
hei oranga mō koutou,*

Nāku noa, nā AROCA