



**Metua Ewart Memorial  
Buoy 2 Buoy Sprint Race  
11th October 2025  
Killarney Park, Pupuke Moana, Auckland  
Akarana Waka ama INC  
Pānui**

**EVENT SUMMARY**

*Akarana Waka Ama invites you to participate in the Metua Ewart Memorial Buoy to Buoy 3km Series at Pupuke Moana (Lake Pupuke), Auckland, 11th October 2025. The intention is to have a fun event that offers something to all levels of waka ama paddlers.*

*Metua Ewart was a vital member of the Akarana Waka Ama Club, dedicating his time to coaching, leading, and participating in Waka ama. Unfortunately, in January 2022, our brother Metua was called to Te Waka o Rangi. We host this event to honor his memory and celebrate the remarkable young man he was. This series is a chance to pay tribute to Metua's life as a young paddler while uplifting those who are still on their waka journey.*

*Metua started his journey, along with many others, at Pupuke Moana (Lake Pupuke). This race is designed to promote and empower paddlers in the very space where Metua began his Waka ama journey.*

*We welcome you and your whānau to join us for this event.*

**EVENT SCHEDULE**

<b>8.00am</b>	Registration, waka drop off & safety checks
<b>9.15am</b>	Karakia, Welcome, Race & safety briefings
<b>9.30am</b>	Racing starts
<b>1.00pm</b>	Racing finishes
<b>1.15pm</b>	Closing Karakia

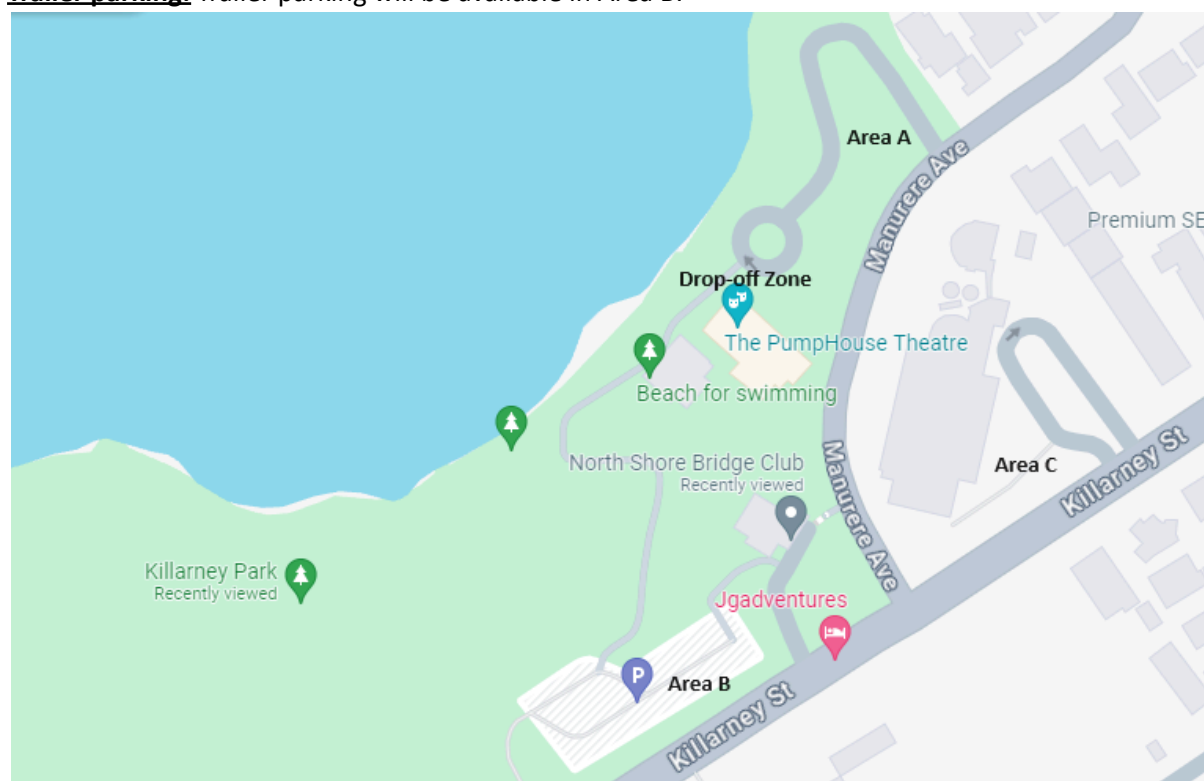
## RACE SCHEDULE

Time	Race
9.15am	Race Briefing - all races
9.30am	Race Start - W1 3km Int Race
10.30am	Race Start - W1 3km Junior 16/19
11.30am	Race Start – W1 3km Senior
12.15pm	Race Start - W1 500m Sprints (all categories)

## RACE DAY INFORMATION

**Car Parking:** Parking is available in the designated areas shown on the map. Please note all parking is under Auckland Council management, you will need to read the signs and park accordingly. Please see the map below for car parking. If you are a paddler or transporting waka please park in Area A and B. Area C is designated for supporters and whānau. Area A has 30 car parks including 2 accessible car parks for people with disabilities. Area B has 53 car parks, including 3 accessible car parks.

**Trailer parking:** Trailer parking will be available in Area B.



**Food:** We encourage you to bring your own healthy kai, however a small range of food vendors will be available onsite to purchase healthy kai.

**Toilets:** Toilets are located next to the Café end of all pathways.

**First Aid:** First Aid will be available at the registration tent

**Rubbish/Recycling:** We encourage you to please take what you bring. A rubbish bin is located next to the Pumphouse Theatre and we will also have a rubbish and recycling station next to the registration tent.

**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 7.00am on the event day
- Waka drop off will be on the lake side in front of the Pumphouse Theatre, accessed via Manurere Avenue (take the driveway on the left - please see map above).

### 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. This can occur at the drop off zone.

## 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 NZ Race Rules](#)

## AGE DIVISIONS & RACE EVENTS

WAKA	DISTANCE	DIVISIONS	GENDER
W1/W2	3km	Intermediate, J16, J19, Senior	Men & Women
W1	500m	Intermediate, J16, J19, Senior	Men & Women

## FEES

### PER PERSON BY RACE DIVISION *(charged one fee according to race division entered)*

Race Division	Cost per Race
Intermediate	\$10
J16 & J19	\$20
Senior	\$30

## ONLINE ENTRIES & PAYMENT

- Online entries are to be completed using the Waka Ama NZ online entry system.  
<https://www.wakaama.co.nz/racecalendar>
- 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 **8th October 2025 11.59 pm**
- Once entered, payment can be made online to:
  - Akarana Waka ama
  - 38-9022-0459403-00
  - Use your club name as your reference

## SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- All waka must be Safety Checked
- All intermediate-age divisions **must wear life jackets**
- All Junior (J16 & J19) and Senior paddlers must have the following safety equipment for their races:

- PFD - Personal Floatation Device (per person)
- Bailers x 1
- Spare Paddle – 1 for W1
- Leg leash (for sit on top W1)

### INDIVIDUAL & TEAM WAIVERS

- Individual waivers must be completed by all paddlers
- All paddlers U18 must have their waiver signed by their parent/guardian
- Waivers can be sent to ***akaranawakaama@gmail.com*** or handed in at the managers' meeting on the day
- Individual waivers can be found on our event page on the Waka Ama NZ website

### CONTACT INFORMATION

- All enquiries please email: ***akaranawakaama@gmail.com***
- All urgent matters please call: ***Sasha Beamsley 022 0423175***

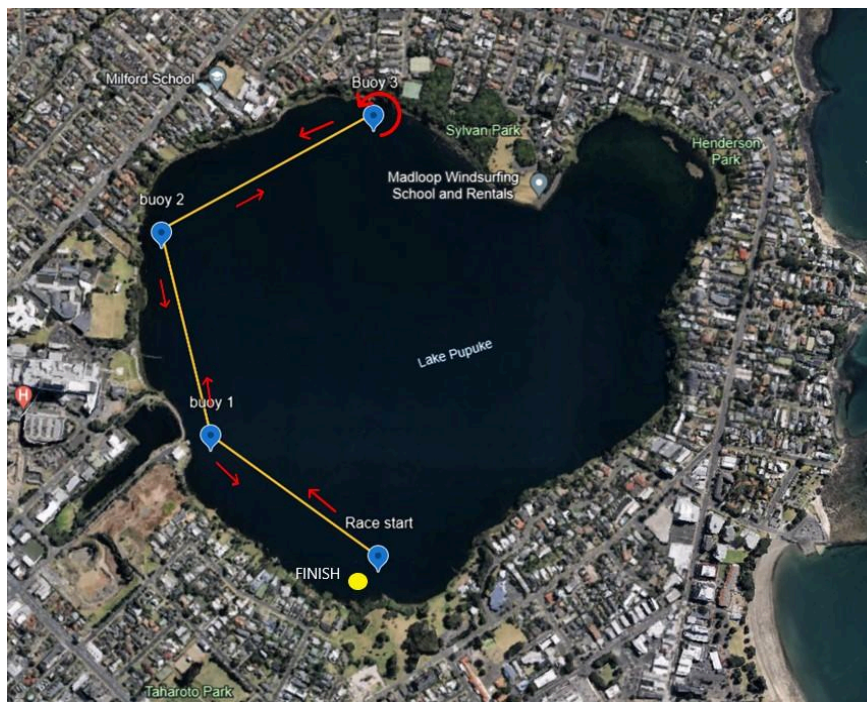
### COURSE MAPS

**MAP 1: Main 3km Racecourse**





**MAP 2 & 3: Alternative Racecourses**



MAP 4: 500m Sprint Racecourse

