



Meridian South Island Rowing Inc. Newsletter



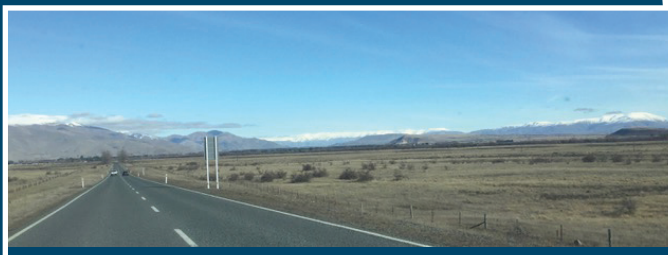
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As many will know, the weather dictates the level of activity at the Lake. Winter here has been quite severe with snow and rain coming in some quantities. The pictures (kindly supplied by the Wilsons) show the complex covered in snow at the peak winter time.

Recently the weather has improved and while there are still frosts, the clear blue sky and sun feel good especially behind glass. To demonstrate this, the picture (below right) was taken from the Pukaki canal overbridge on SH8 looking south on August 3rd.



Regatta Timetable

It seems that a number of people thought this year's timetable in the last newsletter was only tentative. This was not the case and it has been included again for clarity. While this only shows the regattas on Lake Ruataniwha, a South Island Pocket Calendar is to be produced again this year. It should include all the South Island Regattas. Current plans are to have it available in early September.

Date	Year	Host	Event
Sep 16-17	2017	South Island Rowing	NZ Masters Championships
Sep 30-Oct 1	2017	South Island Rowing	NZ Kayak Championships
Oct 7-8	2017	South Island Rowing	Interprovincial / R2K
Oct 28-29	2017	Timaru Rowing Club	Aoraki 1000
Dec 9-10	2017	Otago Rowing Assn	Meridian Otago Champs
Jan 13-14	2018	Canterbury Rowing Assn	Meridian Canterbury Champs
Jan 27-28	2018	South Island Rowing	Meridian S I Champs
Mar 3-4	2018	South Island Rowing	Meridian SISS
Mar 19-25	2018	South Island Rowing	AON Maadi

The next major regatta on Lake Ruataniwha is the New Zealand Masters regatta in mid-September.

Volunteers

Again, the Board of SIR is extremely grateful to those who voluntarily give up their time to support the activities at the Lake and again this year we are seeking volunteers to help us run the regattas.

Part of the reasoning behind putting the timetable out is to give each of you the opportunity to assess what regattas you are able to assist us with and to set up any personal arrangements for this. Perhaps you have a personal preference as to where you would like to assist.

**Could you please email the Secretary
(secretary@ruataniwha.co.nz) and let us know.**

Further, if you have any suggestions on how we could improve your experience with SIR, please include that in your note to the Secretary.

Elections

Working Bee

The Course Manager has advised he is planning to have some working bees this season and the first is on 26/27/28th August. If you are able to assist, please email the Manager (manager@ruataniwha.co.nz) or txt on +64 21 134 1073.

Man made Hill

Many of you will know about the “man-made-hill” here in Twizel. Returning recently after a six-week absence, it was quite a shock to observe that all the trees have been removed. It is understood many of the old trees were Wilding pines that are regarded as noxious weeds. It is also understood that the plan is to replace them with “natives”.

The two pictures below show the rather naked hill while the picture below these shows a rather pleasant view of Twizel and environs from the top.



From the Board

At the last meeting of the SIR Board a number of items were discussed and the position updated:

- Progress has been made on the Wastewater Project that is now nearing completion.
- The trolleys for the start in lanes 9 & 10 are under way.
- A quote for the container project was approved.
- Information for the SIR pocket calendar is being accumulated in readiness for printing and distribution in early September.
- The Chiefs for the NZ Masters Championships have been made and the conditions for the R2K/IP Regattas have been formalised.
- The MOU's agreements with Rowing NZ for the various regattas have been signed.



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