

Karapiro Development Update

Events and Community Centre

Construction continues to progress well, with the roof being completed before Christmas. Wall framing is well underway, and initial wiring is taking place. Completion in May is still targeted.

Other works

The maintenance shed (previously located behind the site office) has been relocated to the end of Judd Lane near the Water Treatment Plant. This releases a further flat area of upper terrace which can be utilised for events and the programmes that currently run from the Rob Waddell lodge.

Work is expected to start on the refurbishment of the Boat Ramp pontoon early this month. The existing structure is not in good condition and work is required to upgrade and improve it.

Funding

Council has lodged an application with the Lotteries Significant Fund to provide funding for projects beyond the development for the World Rowing Championships including increasing the chalet accommodation on Mighty River Domain, an extension to the dining facilities provided within the Rob Waddell lodge and walkways through and beyond the Domain site. It is anticipated we will know in March if the application was successful.

World Rowing Championships

As you know, this major event runs from October 31 until November 7 this year. There will be around 70 countries involved, approximately 1200 competitors. Adaptive rowing is part of the event, and it is estimated that 80,000 people will attend.

Each ticket includes access to the Park and Ride bus system to and from the site. It will operate to the north from Leamington, Carlyle Street and in the south from properties near Luck at Last Road. Residents and businesses between these two locations on Maungatautari Rd and adjoining roads will be supplied special Resident Passes. Further information will be available closer to the event.

If you haven't already got your tickets to this once in a lifetime spectacle, get in quick to ensure you don't miss out. Check out the website www.wrch2010.com for more information.

Lakeside reserve plan change – Mighty River Domain and reserve land south of the Domain.

Over the last few months a process to change the planning rules and zone associated with the Mighty River Domain and reserves to the south of the Domain has been underway. The zone change will recognise the special characteristics of the Mighty River Domain and better reflect activities which currently take place there. A draft decision with amendments has been published and is subject to appeals which closed at the end of January.