



Waikawau Lines

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Members Newsletter # 1

It was raised at the recent AGM that members wanted more communication from their committee and it was agreed that we would put out a newsletter at least quarterly. The newsletter will be emailed out, on our website and we hope to have a copy at the ramp for those who don't do technology! So welcome to the first edition.

The AGM was held at the Thames sailing club on the 27th of July and there will be a draft copy of the minutes on the website shortly.

The meeting was attended by 60 members and the existing office holders and committee were re-elected unopposed.

An area of concern was the number of people using the ramp and the queues of traffic backing out on to SH25. **Please keep the entrance way clear at all times.** If this means forming multiple lines then so be it, but please keep the entrance way clear. We are working on a new roading layout and payment system and are just awaiting the go ahead.

We did a small clean up at the base of the ramp a couple of weeks ago to get the ramp operational which has worked a treat. However, recent rain has dumped some more material at the bottom of the ramp so we are advising members allow at least an hour either side of low tide when launching / retrieving. You need to allow longer on days when there are big tides.

Our annual dredging is planned for late September and we will notify you on the website and our facebook page when this is going to happen.

At this time we hope to fix the potholes in the road and have a general tidy up before the onslaught of summer

We have also been busy streamlining our resource consent with regards to the monitoring and reporting and we hope to have it done by December.

You will notice that there have been no ramp wardens onsite recently. This is due to level 2 Covid-19 restrictions and the fact that the majority of our volunteers fall into the vulnerable category and they are very hard to replace. They will be back at level one.

We are also looking for a permanent solution for the busy afternoons. Our ramp wardens are on site till around midday and issues with launching / retrieving and ramp etiquette generally start once they leave. We hope to have a solution by labour weekend.

If you have any issues or questions, please feel free to talk to ramp wardens or drop us an email (wbrs2000@gmail.com) and hopefully we can answer your queries.

Take care out there and happy fishing

Waikawau Boat Ramp Committee