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Dear Members

Once again the end of the year is upon us and if anyone knows how to stop the rains it would be a good time to step forward. The damage to the reserve and the channel from the weather events have been ongoing.

I would like to thank all our volunteer ramp wardens. In fact, we all owe a big thank you to our ramp wardens. These guys are the ones who make the ramp run smoothly – far too often without thanks from the users. They are the ones that give up their fishing days to make your lives easier at the ramp. They are often willing to give fishing advice (where to fish) and hold your boat when they aren't too busy.

After several months of having no honesty box a new one has been made and erected beside the ramp.

Last year we reduced our standard membership fee to \$50. As a result of this reduction, we have seen a massive increase in memberships. At the time of writing this newsletter we had 1975 members, an increase of around 600 on last year. Our launchings are remaining fairly static which indicates that a lot of day users have converted to members.

As noted above, the weather has not been kind to us this year. It was our goal to repair holes in the parking area but this has not been achievable and with the continued wet weather our roads have also suffered. We are looking at clearing the back of the ramp after the next rain system has cleared but will not dredge the entire river until September. I have continued to put videos out on social media advising the state of the channel.

Despite repairing the potholes in the access road several times this year, people are continuing to drive too fast in the reserve and the potholes are reappearing again quickly. Please ensure you keep your speed down to 5km/h in the reserve to minimise the damage to the roading.

Our AGM this year is on Sunday the 23rd July at the Thames Sailing Club at Tararu starting at 10 am sharp. This is a good time to raise any issues or concerns you have with your committee. If you are unable to attend please contact us via email on [wbrs2000@gmail.com](mailto:wbrs2000@gmail.com) if you have anything you would like discussed in general business. Where possible, we will answer these on the day as well as follow up by return email.

Our financials will be posted on the website prior to the AGM. With one exception (Membership Secretary), the officers and committee have indicated they intend to stand again. Although last year I indicated that I would likely stand down this year, my intention is to stand again and continue to maintain the relationship with Iwi. I look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Kind regards

Eric Carter, President, Waikawau Boat Ramp Inc. Society

## AGM – Thames Sailing Club, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 10.00am

### AGENDA

Apologies

Minutes of the 2022 AGM

Matters arising from minutes

President's Report

Treasurer's Financial Report

Election of Committee and Officers for 2023/24

General Business

*Note – A copy of last years minutes and the 2023 draft financials are already on the home page of our website – [www.waikawaboatramp.co.nz](http://www.waikawaboatramp.co.nz). We are just waiting for the financials to be signed off by the auditor and then the audited accounts will also be put on the website. Please ensure you take the time to familiarise yourself with the minutes and financials prior to the AGM. If you have any questions about them, and are not attending the meeting, please send your questions to [wbrs2000@gmail.com](mailto:wbrs2000@gmail.com)*

### A call for ramp wardens

Have you thought of becoming a ramp warden...well you can, it's so simple... Just talk to anyone of our existing ramp wardens or committee people and they will enlighten you on the joys of getting up at 4 30am, getting your very own high vis jacket and sun hat and meeting a couple of hundred like minded people one or two days a month. The pay is lousy and the hours are terrible but outside of that it's very rewarding. A perk of the job is that some people give you the odd fish. If you are interested, please email us.

### Membership sticker location

A few people have been asking about where to place your membership sticker. It should be stuck on your winch post so the ramp warden can see it when you are queued up for launching (refer below).



### Waikawau Boat Ramp Committee

President: Eric Carter

Vice President: John Sanford

Secretary: Eileen Ward

Treasurer: Matt Juby

Members Secretary: Bev Walker

Committee Members: Bruce Bogun, Rowan Christini, Bill Malcolm, Greg Ward & Russell Waterhouse.

If you have any issues or questions, please feel free to drop us an email ([wbrs2000@gmail.com](mailto:wbrs2000@gmail.com)) and

hopefully we can answer your queries. We hope to see you out there on the water soon, take care and happy fishing.

**Please observe the  
30 metre rule  
when fishing near  
the mussel barges**