

# RAKINO

RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2016

The summer's gone but, don't worry, you can swim way beyond Easter this year!

### General Meeting

Come to the Members' General Meeting in the Hall on Easter **Sunday, 27 March at 2pm** and hear an update on ferries, on things Green and much more.

Enjoy a drink after with the community.

### Round The Bays 2015 (Run. . .or walk!)

A record attendance ran or walked the Annual Rakino Olive Groves Round the Bays on 31<sup>st</sup> December.



A beautiful morning witnessed the famous North-South Tug-of-War and the RRA lolly-scramble.

Chief Race Sponsor Colin McLaren was caught polishing hard! <top, opposite>



Despite the usual winners taking all, younger competition is in the wind for next year!



## Dragon Boats - Cancelled

As the New Year broke, so too did the weather, requiring the deferral of the Annual Dragon Boat Race.

It was deferred until Easter but unfortunately the event has now been cancelled due to lack of Volunteer Support needed for safe running of the event.

Sorry, but we needed quite a few Volunteers to run this event – on the water as well as on land – and we couldn't make the numbers.

## Green Waste

Thanks to all of you who bought into RRA's Bokashi Bin promotion for composting domestic green waste.

Already, the volume of green waste being shipped off the island must be dropping! "To date, 40 sets of Bins have been distributed", says Rob Everall who's organized the scheme on behalf of RRA.

If you haven't yet got one, contact Rob on 021 996 796.

The cost is just \$20 (RRP \$112) and RRA now has the Zing composting catalyst available for purchase should you need more.

## Step aboard and help!

If you'd like to assist the Rakino Community, mention this to any of the Committee. We're looking for more Committee Members as at present we're on the bare minimum – 4 – for a quorum!

It's not hugely time-consuming – typically one 90-minute meeting each month.

Call John on 021 732 040 or make touch with any committee member.

## Phone Box

RRA has received a Grant to refurbish and

repaint the phone box. We'll be getting this completed just as soon as possible.

## Broadband

We await news on RRA's Application to be considered for the Rural Broadband Initiative.

## Ferries

You will no doubt have seen that some minor cuts in midweek services are planned over the winter. A review was expected after the first year of operation of the new Belaire contract as numbers using the service didn't quite reach expectations.

However, there's an upside. A once-a-month Stanley Point service on Fridays will be maintained through the winter!

Hear more at the RRA General Meeting on Easter Sunday.

## Long-term Plan for Island

RRA is planning to construct a long-term Strategic Plan for Goals to be targeted over the forthcoming years. We will need *your* views in order to complete this. Come to the Easter Meeting and hear more about this and what it will involve.

## Questions about this Newsletter?

Please email: [secretary@rra.nz](mailto:secretary@rra.nz)

On behalf of the  
Committee of RRA,

John Denton



**Committee:** John Denton (Chair), Rob Everall (Vice Chair), Laura Sutherland (Sec'y/Treas), Wayne Whittaker;

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