

Heathcote

RIVER DAY

Saturday 29th January 2005

A favourite local event! Home-made rafts, canoes and all sorts of watercraft journey down the Heathcote from the Waltham Park Pool to Hansen Park. Event categories include: Age-group (junior, intermediate and senior/family); best designed raft; best decorated raft; best dressed participants; fair play. **Pre-registration is encouraged! ALL ENTRIES ARE FREE!**

Return the registration form **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** to the counter at Beckenham Service Centre or mail to: Heathcote River Day Event, Beckenham Service Centre PO Box 12-033, Christchurch

Upon receipt of the registration form you will be sent an **event pack** with maps and information regarding start times, drop-off, finish area, pick-up, after-event function and a laminated number for your craft.

Alternatively, register on the day by 10.45am at the drop-off area/marshalling point.

General Information

General Event Rules:

- The **drop-off area/marshalling point** is on Fifield Tce near the Waltham Lido Pool. All participants to gather here prior to starting.
- Remain in areas designated with your craft.
- Enter river only when your group is instructed to do so. The Journey will be run in age-groups to avoid congestion
- Craft enter the water at the jetty and float downstream to the **start area** (by Ensors Rd bridge)
- All team members to stay in water or on craft for the whole course. If is essential that you exit the river before the completion of the course please ensure you inform an official. Event officials will be checking to make sure all participants have been accounted for.
- No interference with other teams or craft will be permitted.
- The **finish line** is the footbridge between Hansen Park and Riverlaw Tce. Officials will direct participants to the Riverlaw Tce side of the river to the **exit point** about 50m further downstream.
- Organisers will be selecting prize-winners for the categories listed above. The decisions of the organisers regarding disqualification and prizes is final.
- We recommend that participants have warm/dry clothes, shoes and towels available on the completion of the river journey.

- We recommend that participants have water bottles available on the completion of the river journey. Vendors selling drinks will also be present at the after-event function.
- All participants should wear suitable clothing (a polyprop or wool top is recommended) and a hat and **sunscreen** to prevent sunburn. **Hypothermia is still a threat during the summer.**

Safety Rules:

- Life jackets to be worn by all children and young people.
- Adults are also encouraged to use them.
- Under 10 years : Adult Supervision & Permission required
- Under 15 years: Adult Permission required
- Appropriate footwear to be worn by all participants (No bare feet or jandals). Organisers will organise the river to be cleaned prior to the event but be aware that there is always the possibility of broken glass on the bottom of the river.
- **Participants take full responsibility for risk to persons or property.**

To minimise environmental impact (including damage to river banks) please:

- Enter craft from the jetty on Fifield Tce , as directed.
- Exit river at point downstream of finish line as directed by officials.
- No unprotected polystyrene as part of your craft.
- Please remove all material used for your craft from the river and take it home.

Water safety:

- We recommend that all raft race participants avoid swallowing any river water, and that you rinse yourself as soon as possible after the race.
- All participants should wash hands with soap before consuming food.

Traffic Rules:

- Drop offs are to be **at least 20 minutes** before starting time for each category. There is often congestion at the drop-off area so allow plenty of time! The first race starts at **11am**. Be aware that the start line is downstream a considerable distance from the get-in point!
- All vehicles must not exceed 10 kph around drop off and pick up areas and have hazard lights flashing and trailer lights working.
- Event organisers ask all drivers to be patient with other vehicles and extra vigilant of children while dropping off and picking up crafts and participants.

Please for your own safety re-read the event rules and information. It is important for your safety and enjoyment that you understand all event rules. If you have any questions please contact Maria Moran (Community Recreation Advisor) on 941-5107

Please note there is **NO** postponement date. Cancellations will be announced on The Breeze (94.5 FM).

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Event Registration Form

(one entry form per craft please)

Team Name:

Contact Person:

Phone:

Team Category:
(circle one)

1. Junior (primary school age – to include at least one adult)

2. Intermediate (year 7 & 8 in 2005)

3. Senior (High School or youth); Family groups of mixed ages

Spot Prizes:

Will be selected on the day. Categories include fair play, best decorated and best designed craft, best dressed participants.

Participants Names

Ages

Phone

Consenting Adult (Supervisor)

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Declaration: I agree to abide by the event conditions and I agree that I participate entirely at my own risk. I hereby release the event organisers, their officers, volunteers and employees, sponsors or any party associated with the event of any liability, financial or otherwise arising out of negligence or otherwise, for any direct or indirect loss, injury or death which might be sustained by myself or the participants on/in my craft from participation or intended participation in this event or its related activities. I have read and agreed to the rules (see over for Journey rules)

Signature of consenting adult (child under 15) and/or "captain" of participants

Address: _____