



**ROWING NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED**

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## **NOTICE OF 139th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**The 139th Annual Meeting of the  
Rowing New Zealand Incorporated will be held at:**

**Wellington Rowing Club Function Centre  
Taranaki Street, Te Aro  
Wellington**

**Saturday, 23rd May 2026  
commencing at 1.00pm**

**Workshops and Official Welcome commence at 8.30am - 11.30**

Please note : An official welcome will begin at 8.30am, followed by the Rowing NZ workshops at 8.45am that we encourage all delegates and members to attend following

**Notice is also given of the Annual Meeting of the NZ Rowing Foundation  
commencing at 12pm prior to the Rowing NZ Incorporation AGM**

The AGM Awards Dinner will be hosted by Wellington Rowing Association. More information will be provided by Wellington Rowing Association in the coming weeks.

## **THE FOLLOWING ARE NOW CALLED FOR NO LATER THAN 5PM, FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026:**

### **1. NOTIFICATION OF DELEGATES TO THE NZ ROWING ASSOCIATION INC. 139TH ANNUAL MEETING**

Please inform Rowing New Zealand (RNZ) of appointed delegates no later than **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026**. Names and email addresses of delegates appointed by the Local Associations (Associations) to attend and vote at the 139th Annual General Meeting (AGM) are to be entered through the online nomination form. This nomination form can be found below or via the RNZ website (Official/ Official Documents/ AGM)

Each Association is entitled to appoint **TWO** delegates.

[DELEGATE NOMINATION FORM](#)

### **2. NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Nominations are invited for the following Officers of the Association

- President  
(please note: the President is elected on an annual term - Jock Macintosh our current President is eligible for re-election)

Note:

- Her Excellency The Right Honourable Dame Cindy Kiro (Governor-General of Aotearoa New Zealand) will remain as Patron of the NZRA.
- The current Vice Patron is Fred Strachan QSM

Please send nominations to the RNZ Office Manager [teresa@rowingnz.kiwi](mailto:teresa@rowingnz.kiwi) in writing by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026**.

### **3. ELECTED POSITIONS ON THE ROWING NEW ZEALAND (RNZ) BOARD**

There are no elected members coming to the end of their term and therefore no elected member vacancies.

### **4. NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTED POSITIONS ON THE ROWING NEW ZEALAND (NZRA) BOARD**

The three-year terms of Jane Davel and Karen Raitt end at the conclusion of this AGM. Both are eligible to be appointed for another term.

Under the Rowing New Zealand Constitution, the Board is required to give notice of the Board's needs and criteria that will be considered in an appointments process. These requirements are outlined below.

#### *Rowing New Zealand – Statement of Board Needs*

The Board and the BAC have reviewed the Board's current composition, the requirements of the RNZ Constitution, and the capability needed to support delivery of RNZ's Strategy.

A recent skills assessment indicates that the Board has strong collective capability across most governance areas. The assessment also identified several domains where additional governance-level depth would strengthen the Board's ability to oversee key priorities over the next three years.

Based on this review, the Board has identified the following areas where additional experience would be beneficial:

- Governance leadership, committee leadership, and assurance
- Digital, data and technology oversight
- Commercial, sponsorship and revenue governance

These needs are indicative only and are not intended to preclude candidates with broader governance experience. The Board will continue to consider a balance of skills, diversity, and experience in line with the Constitution and criteria listed in Rule 23.8 of the RNZ Constitution.

23.8: **Criteria:** In undertaking its responsibilities the BAC must consider the needs of the Board (provided under Rule 22.1) and apply the following criteria in making its recommendations and decisions:

- a) the need to meet the Gender requirements in Rule 18.2;
- b) the preference for all Board Members to have prior experience as a director, trustee, or in other governance roles;
- c) the preference for a majority of the Board to have prior experience, in any capacity, in the Sport;
- d) the preference for a majority of the Board to have relevant occupational skills, knowledge or experience;
- e) the preference for some Board Members to have knowledge and experience in sport or not for profit organisations generally;
- f) the need for significant conflicts of interest to be minimised;
- g) the preference for a wide range of skills and experience on the Board; and
- h) the preference to have a Board which is diverse including but not limited to geographical spread, age, Māori and ethnic diversity.

Further details will be provided in due course.

## 7. **NOMINATION OF AWARDS**

Member recognition is important and RNZ offers the opportunity to Local Associations to nominate for two-awards:

- a. Volunteer Recognition Award
- b. Club of the Year

Each Local Association is invited to nominate ONE volunteer of the year and ONE club of the year.

Nominations close on Friday 10th April 2026. Online nomination forms can be found below or via the RNZ website (Official/ Official Documents/ AGM).

Note:

- Each nominated Volunteer of the Year will be recognized at the awards function post the Annual Meeting
- All nominees for Club of the Year will be acknowledged at the awards function with one Club being awarded the RNZ Club of the Year award.

[VOLUNTEER AWARD](#)  
[CLUB OF THE YEAR](#)

## 9. **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

As 2026 is not a rule change year (refer clause 42) there are no proposals to be considered at this stage. In addition to the Colours and Awards Regulation (Adopted 2025) there has been one further Regulation (RNZ Regional Areas) required under the new Constitution that has been recently adopted by the RNZ Board that will be notified and published shortly on the RNZ website to define Regional Association areas (Note: no changes have been made to existing regional associations').

## 10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Associations may wish by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026** to give prior notice of matters they wish to raise under General Business including nominations for individual awards such as RNZ Service Award Blazer.

The online form for general business items can be found below or via the RNZ website (Official/ Official Documents/ AGM/Awards).

[GENERAL BUSINESS](#)  
[LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD](#)  
[SIR DON ROWLANDS AWARD](#)

### PLEASE NOTE: HOSTING FUTURE NEW ZEALAND ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Please note: under the new Constitution (Clause 51.1) the decision to award National Championships is no longer made at the AGM and will be made by and notified by the RNZ Board.

#### 51. HOSTING RIGHTS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

51.1 The Board will award the hosting rights for the Championships. The location of the Championships will usually alternate between the North and South Islands, unless the Board considers there are significant reasons to decide otherwise.

The Board will consider expressions of interest to host the 2028 National Club Championships regatta and will likely confirm these at the AGM.

Any expression of interest can be forwarded to [teresa@rowingnz.kiwi](mailto:teresa@rowingnz.kiwi)

### APPLICATION TO HOST THE 2027 NEW ZEALAND MASTERS ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Please note: under the new Constitution (Clause 51.1) the decision to award Masters Rowing Championships is no longer made at the AGM and will be made by and notified by the RNZ Board.

The Board will consider expressions of interest to host the 2027 NZ Masters Rowing Championships regatta and will likely confirm these at the AGM.

Any expression of interest can be forwarded to [teresa@rowingnz.kiwi](mailto:teresa@rowingnz.kiwi)

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