

## Worlds 2012 Regional Hui

Hoe Tonga is calling for expressions of interest in the position of **Worlds Regional Coordinator**. This person would need to be a strong communicator both oral and written and be able to facilitate a regional hui asap! Discussion is required to gage the level of interest from clubs and individuals who may wish to trial and meet national quota in 2012 options and possible structures for our world's campaign 2012.

Send your expression of interest and brief CV to: [hoetonga@gmail.com](mailto:hoetonga@gmail.com)  
If you are interested in this position by 1 June 2011



### NOTICE - Hoe Tonga Annual General Meeting

Date: Monday 1 August @ 6.30      Venue to be advised  
Anyone interested in being nominated for positions on the executive should contact their club representative. Job descriptions are located on [www.hoetonga.co.nz](http://www.hoetonga.co.nz)  
In order for our regional strategic plan to progress we welcome nominations and involvement at committee level. The AGM is open to all in our region – details of venue and confirmation of date will be posted to all via the Hoe Tonga website.

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### Upcoming Events

#### Matariki Marathon *waka on the waterfront*

Saturday 4 June 2011

postponement date:

Sunday 5 June 2011

Distances: 10 km & 20 km

Wellington Harbour

Contact: Chris Fox or email [hoetonga@gmail.com](mailto:hoetonga@gmail.com) for further details. For up-to-date information and online entry see notices posted on: [www.wakaama.co.nz](http://www.wakaama.co.nz)

### CLUB UPDATES

Tai Tonga 41 OCC recently held their 12<sup>th</sup> annual Balena Bay Marathon which was a huge success.

Read more on: [www.wakaama.co.nz](http://www.wakaama.co.nz)

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# Hoe Tonga News

*Outriggering in the lower north island*

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### Mana Ocean Challenge – Downwind success!

The Mana Ocean Challenge kicked off in spectacular fashion on Saturday 30 April at Ngati Toa Domain. This inaugural 29km downwind event attracted a mixed field of surfski's, outriggers and sea kayaks. The competitors made their way from Mana to the finish line at Paraparaumu Beach with a moderate southerly wind at their backs and plenty of sun. This infamous and rugged stretch of coastline provided plenty of challenges along the way for all our competitors.

Congratulations to the organisers Joern Scherzer and James Sadler who executed this event with a great deal of thought and preparation. As a result the paddlers were well looked after throughout the race.

Nathan Faavae who competes in many endurance events both nationally rates this as one of the best. He challenged others get out there do as many events as possible building confidence, experience and looks forward to defending his title in 2012.

It was great to see competitors from Whangarei and Nelson who enjoyed the second regatta held in Wellington this month in perfect conditions.

Many thanks to all our volunteers Race Director Rob Taggart and Chris Fox who provided on shore support throughout the day. Support boat drivers Matt Archer and Murray Leacock who along with the Porirua Coastguard provided a safe environment for our paddlers. Others include Mike Martin, Tanya Scherzer, Dennis and Anna Ngatai, Tina Masoe and Kath Rimene. Competitors and volunteers enjoyed a meal at Monteiths Brewery Bar, Pare mata before prizegiving. Race sponsors: REMAX Trish Tamapeau, Groundswell Paddles & Ferg's Kayaks.

Results are as follows:  
OC1 1st Joern Scherzer 2:43:53, 2nd George Fa'alogi 3:06:57, 3rd Paddy Rimene  
Surfski: 1st Nathan Faavae 2:17:54, 2nd Aaron Cox 2:21:57, 3rd Marty McDowell 2:23:33  
Read more at [www.hoetonga.co.nz](http://www.hoetonga.co.nz)

## National Secondary School Competition 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2011

This year (2011) saw the 10th year of this event. Over 82 Schools and over 1300 paddlers entered, including a team from College de Pao Pao in Moorea Tahiti.

Over the past 10 years thousands of Rangatahi have been introduced to Waka Ama and many have gone on to paddle for clubs and win national and world titles.

There is no doubt that the Secondary School Nationals has had a huge impact on the massive growth that Waka Ama is currently experiencing as a sport.

None of it would have been possible without the time and dedication of Waka Ama Clubs and keen individuals who have coached, organised, volunteered, steered, taxied, and supported the students to take part. Big thanks to everyone who has been involved from Hoe Tonga and sports coordinators & Colleges who have assisted and promoted waka ama.



## Nationals 2011 – How do we measure success?

In terms of waka ama our sport is yes fast growing, but in reality is still in its infancy when compared with rugby, netball, and basketball for example.

One of the unique aspects of our sport is participation that spans the generations. I can think of few sports that allow whanau groups to participate at the same tournament. Training sessions include the youngest members of our whanau along with the oldest.

In addition clubs exist and flourish with knowledge and experience from interacting with its members of all ages. There are huge rewards to be gained from coaching and sharing experiences with others and ensuring development occurs.

### Secondary School entries from Hoe Tonga

Mana College  
Otaki College  
Porirua College  
Rongotai College  
Tawa College  
Te Kura Maori o Porirua  
Te Kura-A-Iwi-O-Whakatupuranga Rua Mano  
Wellington College  
Wellington East Girls' College  
Turakina Maori Girls' College  
Wanganui City College  
Wanganui High School

Participation and growth for many clubs is most prolific in the summer months building up to Nationals. This provides many challenges for clubs who with an inactive winter membership need to plan ahead and become much more efficient to cater for the increase and use of resources.

I congratulate the parents and committee members within clubs who provide the much needed coaching, planning, fitness and paddling programmes that enable participation.

Statistically speaking within our region we have an awesome success rate. Hoe Tonga is proud to have both the Open Men and Open Women National W1 champions represent us.

In addition the region has had great success in W6 Open Women, Master Women, Open Men, J16 Girls and Boys, J19 boys and Open 23 events this year just to mention a few.

Much of our success this year can be attributed to those from our region who also represented Aotearoa New Zealand at Worlds in Noumea 2010. Their clearly have shared their knowledge and enthusiasm for sprints.

*Chris Fox, Vice President Hoe Tonga*

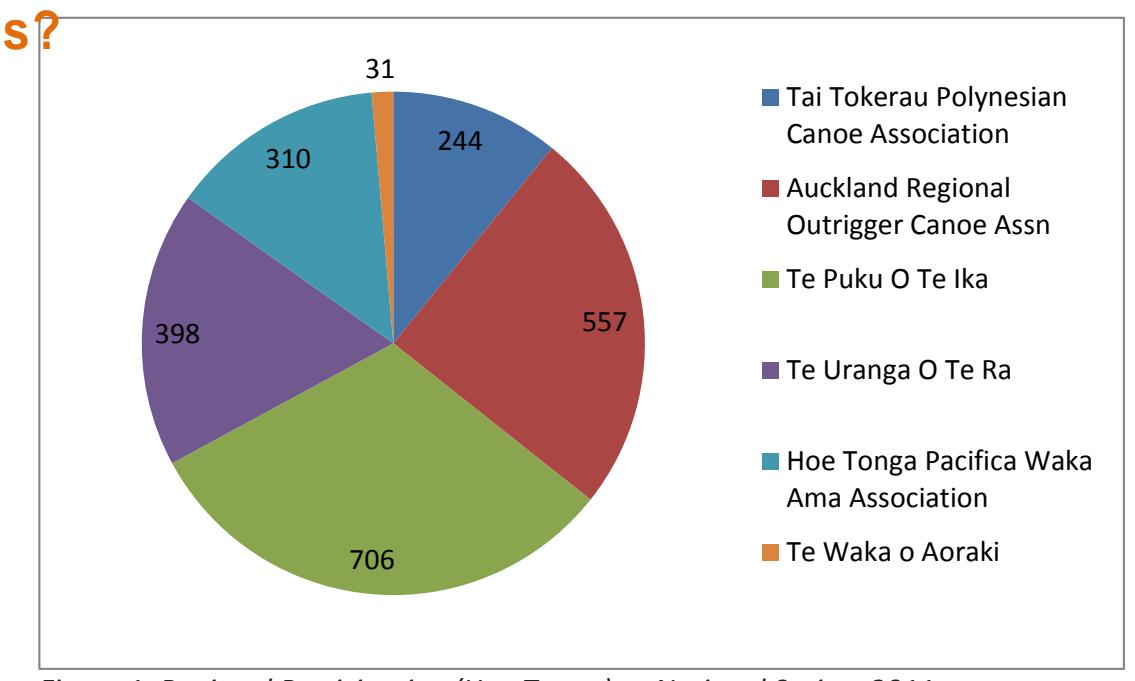


Figure 1: Regional Participation (Hoe Tonga) at National Sprints 2011

## Feedback ... What do you want to hear about?

### Are you interested in reading more about our:

- Paddlers – profiles
- Volunteers - profiles
- Committee members – who are they?
- Current projects
- Events and results
- Statistics regionally and nationally
- News from NKOA

### Would you like to attend?

- Coaching workshops
- Steering clinics
- Paddling technique
- Nutrition
- Long distance paddling
- Changeover races
- How to hold an event

### What priorities do you have?

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Committee news ... what's on our agenda?

### Regional Resources

Where are clubs at? What resources do we need to support clubs in our region? Where should we put our focus and what role does the committee really need to play?

The committee has asked clubs to assist with gathering this information in order to understand the assets that each club currently has and where the regional body can assist with club growth and where resources need to be increased

### Secondary Schools Hui Worlds 2012

**Matariki Marathon 2011 –** sponsorship received from Wellington City Council

**Affiliation** – clubs who have made an application and want to affiliate to Hoe Tonga are currently being considered. There applications are expected to be confirmed at our Annual General Meeting. These include:

- Porirua Canoe and Kayak Club, and
- Te Rau o Te Rangi ki Otaki

**Communication** - Key in every organization Hoe Tonga is keen to communication, increase awareness among clubs and our paddling community.