

NZ Raft Team Selections 28-29 November

The stunning Tarawera River once again will host some of the finest rafters NZ has to offer as they negotiate the twists and turns of the river. Last years NZ representatives who competed in Bosnia at the World Champs will once again be challenging for the prestige of competing on the world stage, this time in Holland 2010. This event promises to be a fine spectacle and crews from the local community will be joining in the races to test there skills against the best NZ has to offer.



Kawerau can proudly offer the type of river course that is ideally suited for the selection of this year's NZ selection races. This will see the 1st Place Mens & Womens team earning the right to represent New Zealand at the 2010 IRF World Rafting Champs at Zotoemeer Holland.

In May 2009, *Okere Men*, last year's winners, took the challenge of competing in the 2009 World Rafting Championships (WRC). The event consists of four separate disciplines, including individual time trial, head to head knock out, slalom, and down river endurance. This year the competitions were held over seven days on the Vrbas River and Tara River in Eastern Europe, throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina.



This year's organiser Lance Roozendaal is encouraging competitors to test the river conditions prior to the event and gain plenty of practice before competition day. The time table for the two days will be jam packed with plenty of challenges for novice through to expert rafters.

Saturday, November 28th

9am–9.30am: Registration
9.45am: Race briefing
10am: Time trial sprint
11am: Head2Head sprint
2pm: Slalom x2

Sunday, November 29th

10am: Down River Endurance
12pm Awards & Farewell, Hot Pools

Not only can the Kawerau District Council offer top class River conditions to race on, but once the aches and pains set in after the final race there are the **free pools** in town to relax in.



Race entry fee:	Before 14 th November	\$10 per person
	After 14 th November	\$20 per person