



## NR29 Announcement #8

Kia Ora

### Regatta Cancellation Decision

The NR29 Organising Committee met tonight to consider the viability of holding NR29 on the planned dates in the light of the ongoing outbreak of Covid 19 in the upper North Island. In making that decision the committee weighed up the following factors:

- The large number of registered attendees that currently are unable to be vaccinated by virtue of their age
- The increasing likelihood that the South Island will not be at alert level 1 on the planned start date
- The current alert level 3 status for Northland, Auckland & Waikato making it impossible for approximately half the attendees to meet, practice or fundraise for the event for the next few weeks if not months
- A significant number of non-refundable cost items that need to be committed to in the next week for the event to proceed

Regrettably the NR29 Committee decided under the circumstances the only sensible option was to recommend to Scouts Aotearoa that the event be cancelled.

I will be meeting (via video link) with Joshua Tabor tomorrow afternoon to discuss with him that decision and what options are available for the future of the event.

After that discussion it is my intention to host a google meet session with the nominated Designated Contingent Leaders about what those options may be (dates, format etc). This session will be in the next 2 weeks.

The committee members are, as I am, gutted that after hours of work and over 4 years of planning to what we hoped would be a fantastic event has not come to fruition.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow committee members for all their hard work and for the registered staff, leaders, and youth of Scouts Aotearoa for their support for the National Scout Regatta.

Kia Kaha

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