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## Iiro Kakko

Iiro Kakko has been an Observer and Member of IRF Council representing Finland and northern Europe since 31 October 2000. He has been a strong advocate and supporter of rogaining in Europe, an advocate of elite rogaining, and a source of sound words and advice for the IRF Executive throughout. He has not been one to broadcast loud messages widely through the IRF, but has been willing to send concise but pertinent messages directly when he feels matters are

important. For several years he spoke on behalf of reasoned courteous discussion amongst rogainers which led to adoption of our Code of Conduct in 2007. One of Iiro's important roles was alerting the Executive to trends in European rogaining since the mid 1990s and identifying areas where we might add our support to local events and leaders. He is a former World Rogaining Champion (Kamloops 1998 partnering the late Nigel Aylott). On behalf of the IRF Executive and Council, thank you Iiro for your valued contribution.

## WARA event history

The Western Australian Rogaining Association was formed in 1980 and has run well over a hundred rogaining events. Jim Langford, former WARA President, has compiled results from all those events including the make-up and position of every team in every rogain. See the WARA website via [rogaining.org](http://rogaining.org) links.

## Rogaining in New Zealand

### Wellington Afterwork Series, April to November

A series of 3hr after work rogaines at monthly intervals from April to November in the Wellington area and under the auspices of O Hutt Valley. The next event is on 7th May. See the Maptalk calendar, <http://www.maptalk.co.nz/events/default.cfm?t=Rogaine>.

### **Auckland Bivouac Rogaine Series, each Sunday of May**

Organised by North West Orienteering, Auckland Orienteering, and Counties-Manukau Orienteering Clubs, this series of 3 hour and 90 minute rogaines will be held at a different location each Sunday in May with the first event on the 6th May. Consult the website, <http://www.rogaineseries.co.nz/> for complete information and entry.

### **Taylor's Mistake Autumn Rogaine Afterwork Series, Port Hills**

This series has been cancelled due to ongoing earthquake risk and consequential limited land access.

### **T'Walk (24hr Walk), Canterbury, Sat/Sun 5/6 May**

This will be the 46th running of this iconic event, organised by the University of Canterbury Tramping Club, the pioneer of long distance foot navigation events in NZ. Teams navigate their way around up to 5 pre-determined routes returning to the HH at the end of each loop for sustenance (the students are great cooks) and rest. Emphasis is on fun - T'walk is low-key and as such is a magical introduction to 24hr Rrgaining. The event is fully explained on the T'Walk website <http://www.cutc.org.nz/twalk/>

### **Navquest Series, Sunday 6th May through Sunday 24th June**

The NavQuest is a series of four 3hr rogaines aimed at secondary school students, their families and teachers. Members of the public are more than welcome to join in by entering in the open category. Go to <http://www.opc.org.nz> for more information and to register a team online. The NavQuest is organised as a partnership between The Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre of New Zealand (OPC) and North Island

orienteering clubs in **Rotorua, Auckland, Wellington** and **Taupo**. Coordinating organiser is Darren Ashmore.

### **Highland Events Autumn Rogaine, Lowburn Hall, Cromwell, Saturday 12th May**

Ed Stevens and Terry Davis are again organising one of the few regular 12hr Rogaines in NZ and as usual it is in historical Central Otago. There will be a 6hr option as well. So get your team together for what will be a great day in the Otago tussocks (and rocks). After Ed and Terry's last rogaine president Peter Squires wrote:

"The Highland Events 12hr Rogaine on 17th September was a classic. For anyone who has memories of 'hidden checkpoints' or 'cryptic clues' or 'matagouri bash', forget it. This event was as good as it gets'. For more of what Pete had to say see <http://www.rogaine.org.nz/main/Results/EarnsleughRogaine.htm>.

See the Highland Events website, <http://www.highlandevents.co.nz/rogaine> for complete event information, some pictures, and online entry.

### **Heights of Winter, Canterbury, Saturday 30th June**

Prepare yourselves for some mid-winter fun. Information on the annual Heights of Winter in North Canterbury is now available on the NZRA website, <http://www.rogaine.org.nz>. The date coincides with a full moon. There are 12hr and 6hr options. The terrain is varied ranging from gentle hills to steep and rugged hill-country with an elevation range of 500m. Vegetation is a mix of clean open grassland, scattered scrub, open native forest and some plantations. An enthusiastic organising team is out planning the course in North Canterbury as we speak. On-line entries will commence in mid-May.