



Mount Pacific Downwind

Event Information

Remembrance Prize – In honor of Jonny Payne (local man & good sort who loved to paddle) who tragically suffered a heart attack and passed away whilst out running with a friend on Mauao in 2008, there will be a \$500.00 cash prize given for the first male over 40 Surf Ski paddler home – courtesy of Ohiwa Cove.

Bonus Prizes – The first local & first female paddlers to cross the line (irrespective of craft type) will each receive \$250.00 cash – courtesy of an anonymous nice guy.

Event – The Mt. Pacific Downwind is New Zealand's answer to the great Molokai Challenge in Hawaii. In a new totally innovative approach to ocean racing this radical event involves barging craft and charter boating paddlers (kaihoe) a total distance of 25km offshore and then setting them off on an exhilarating pure downwind race back to shore, finishing in front of the summer crowds on Mt. Maunganui Main Beach (to the sheltered side of Moturiki Island).

Start Time & Date – 1:00pm; Saturday 20th February 2010

Challenge – There's just one way to participate in this event and that's go the full distance.

Class of Craft – The event is open to the following three types of ocean racing craft:

- Single Surf Ski's – both NZ Life Saving Association regulation and Long Distance ocean racing Ski's [Wave ski's or sit-on-top pleasure craft are not permitted].
- Single (OC1) Ocean Canoes or Waka Ama [compliant with NZ outrigger long distance race rules].
- Single (SUP) Stand-up Paddle Boards

For safety reasons kayaks (such as Sea, K1 and Multi-sport) and sit-on-top pleasure craft are NOT permitted.

[Note: There are no length/width or weight restrictions on craft]

Category & Age Groups – There are two clear and distinct categories and age groups relative to the individual paddlers (kaihoe) sex and their age on the date of the event. These are:

- Male or Female
- Under 40 years or 40 years of age and over

Age Restriction – The event is open to anyone 18 years and over on the date of the event. Entrants under 18 years of age require parental consent.

Limited Entries – Entries will be initially limited to 75 competitors – the charter boats maximum passenger loading. Entries received once this loading has been exceeded will automatically be placed on the wait list unless the entry is accompanied by a motor powered support/escort boat (kaiawhina) or sufficient entries have been received to justify the hire of an additional charter boat. Please be sure to enter early to assure a start.

Entry Forms – Entry forms can be either downloaded from the website www.dare2sweatevents.co.nz or received by email request via info@dare2sweatevents.co.nz.

Entry Process – Entries can be printed out and posted in or downloaded and emailed in. Payment can be made by cheque, cash, or otherwise making an Online Banking Direct Payment - noting your name and the event entered (i.e., Mt. Pacific DW) as payment reference. Early entries close midnight Monday 15th February 2010. (Please be sure to mail or submit your entry with time to spare for postal delivery and online bank processing). Note: Entries are limited by relative passenger space on the charter boat. Please be sure to enter early to assure a start.

Entry Fee –

	<i>per paddler (kaihoe)</i>
Entry Fee (received on or before 15/02/10)	\$135
Rebate for provision of competitor Support/Escort Boat (Kaiawhina)	- \$35
Late Entry Fee (applies after 15/02/10)	+ \$15

Late Entries – Late entries will be accepted up to the close of late registration at 9:00pm Friday 19th February 2010 provided there is passenger space on the charter boat. Please phone the race organiser on (027)648-7546 to guarantee a race start is available before leaving home. Entries received once this space has been exceeded will be automatically placed on the wait list. However, late entries received with an accompanying motor powered support/escort boat (kaiawhina) will be permitted to join the event. A late entry fee of \$15.00 per person will apply after Monday 15th February 2010 - no exceptions. [Note - no late entries will be accepted on the morning of the event].

Support/Escort boat (Kaiawhina) provision rebate – Entrants who provide an accompanying motor powered support/escort boat (kaiawhina) to follow them in support are eligible for a rebate on their entry of \$35.00 per paddler (kaihoe). Support/escort boat (kaiawhina) can only be designated to support and assist one competitive craft but must render help to any other paddler (kaihoe) seen to be in distress.

Entry Conformation – A letter of entry confirmation will be emailed to all entrants/ craft captains (kaihautu) who submit a complete entry prior to the close of entries. Incomplete entries will be notified and filed until such time they are made complete.

Entry List – A list of entrants received will be available to view on the website www.dare2sweatevents.co.nz leading up to the event and at registration.

Accommodation – An extensive variety of accommodation options are available in the popular holiday township of Mount Maunganui, most all walking distance from the registration, barge loading wharf, finish and prize giving locations. A simply Google search will reveal.

Further accommodation is available a short drive away over the harbour bridge in Tauranga.

Pre-Race Fueling – There are a multitude of eateries (dine-in and take-out) located down the length of the Mt. Maunganui township, providing a wonderful variety of food sure to satisfy all tastes and budgets. Open morning thru to evening, there is no chance of going hungry.

Event Registration Venue & Times – Entrants will be able to register at one of the two following times.

1. Pre-entries (received by mail or email before the cut-off) and all late entries - between 7:00 - 9:00 pm on Friday 19th February 2010 at the Rip Curl Store, 138 Maunganui Road, Mt. Maunganui.
2. Pre-entries only - between 7:00 - 9:00am on the morning of Saturday 20th February 2010 onboard the Spirit Of Tauranga Charter Boat Birthed at Salisbury Wharf, Pilot Bay, Mt. Maunganui. *No late entries will be accepted on the morning of the event – there will be no exceptions.*

Please drive cautiously and park responsibly.

[Note: If you register it will be assumed you intend to start the race. If thereafter you decide not to start the race, you must inform the race organizer in person. This is an important safety issue].

Barge Loading Location and Loading Time – The barge (aptly named the ‘Deliverance’) will be birthed at Salisbury Wharf adjacent to the Mount Ocean Sports Club and the Port of Tauranga buildings at the south end of Pilot Bay in Mt. Maunganui. Paddlers (kaihoe) will be permitted to load their craft on specially constructed racks from 7:30 - 9:30am as directed by an official. Only the craft of paddlers (kaihoe) who are wearing a numbered race bib and carrying or wearing lifejacket/PFD, and who have passed the gear scrutinizing official will be allowed to board the barge. Please load you craft A.S.A.P in the morning to prevent a bottle neck and delays.

Charter Boat Location and Sign-on Time – The charter boat (named the ‘Spirit of Tauranga’) will also be birthed on Salisbury Wharf. Boarding will be permitted between 9:30 – 9:55am. All paddlers (kaihoe) will be required to acknowledge their boarding by signing on. Only paddlers (kaihoe) wearing numbered race bib and carrying or wearing a lifejacket/PFD will be permitted to sign on. Names of those paddlers (kaihoe) who have failed to sign on by 9:55 will be read out aloud to remind them they must sign on immediately. Failure to acknowledge presence on the charter boat or a personal accompanying motor powered support/escort boat (kaiawhina) will indicate non-attendance and withdrawal from the race. In such an instance a DNS result will be given.

Gear Scrutineering – Signing of the entry form indemnity clause signifies each paddler (kaihoe) has read, understand, accept and will adhere too the Race Rules (Tikanga) and Conditions of Entry. As such there is a requirement to wear and/or carry a compulsory list of equipment per paddler (kaihoe) and class of craft, plus any support/escort boat (kaiawhina); that craft are sea-worthy and competitors are competent open water paddlers (kaihoe). An official will be spot checking paddlers (kaihoe) and their craft comply prior too loading the barge. Any paddlers with missing compulsory items of equipment will not be allowed to board the barge.

Further Event Information, Race Rules & Conditions of Entry – Please refer to the website www.dare2sweatevents.co.nz for full detailed set of Event Information, Race Rules (Tikanga) and Conditions of Entry. Further details including the event map, start & finish diagrams and late changes are also available on the website.

Safe Open Water Paddling Skills Acquisition – It is paramount competitors are competent open water paddlers (kaihoe) and become a master of the valuable skill to affect an open water rescue (remount) of self or another. These skills can be obtained on courses run by experienced paddlers at good clubs and reputable training centers/retail outlets throughout the country. The organizer places all their trust in competitors to take personal responsibility for obtaining the necessary open water paddling skills to insure their safe and successful completion of the event.

Personal Responsibility - The organizers believe in the education of safe paddling practices. To promote this the organizers have chosen to inform all paddlers (kaihoe) [the captains (kaihautu) of craft], of their personal responsibility in the full event information, race rules and conditions of entry, and entrust this upon them. Paddlers (kaihoe) are also responsible for their

support/escort boat (kaiawhina) to comply. The onus thus lies with the paddlers (kaihoe) to adhere. Word of warning: Organizers will show no-leniency to those neglecting this responsibility.

Barge & Charter Boat Departure – The Deliverance and Spirit of Tauranga will depart Salisbury wharf at 10:00am sharp.

Race Briefing – The race briefing will take place on board the charter boat between roughly 10:30 and 11:30am on Saturday 20th February 2010 whilst on route to the open water race start 25km's offshore. It is mandatory that all paddlers (kaihoe) are quite and listen intently to the race briefing (no exceptions). Any change to event proceedings, sea conditions and weather forecast will be conveyed within the briefing.

Course of Barge & Charter Boat – The Deliverance and Spirit of Tauranga will travel directly into the prevailing swell out to a distance of 25km offshore from the finish on Mt Maunganui's Main Beach.

Upon reaching its destination 25km offshore (estimated to be roughly about 12:00-12:30pm), the barge will turn stern to the swell and lower its ramp into the water.

Paddler (kaihoe) Transfer – If it is calm on the day the two vessels (barge and charter boat) may raft up side by side to affect the transfer of paddlers (kaihoe) from the Spirit of Tauranga to their craft racked on the Deliverance. Otherwise an IRB (inflatable motor boat) will affect the transfer.

Bib & Lifejacket/PFD Ruling – All paddlers (kaihoe) boarding the Barge and Charter vessel must be wearing their race bib for identity purposes, and either wearing or carrying their lifejacket/PFD. All persons boarding the IRB must be wearing their lifejacket/PFD. The lifejacket/PFD can be worn over the bib if the paddler (kaihoe) intends to attach the lifejacket/PFD securely to their craft before launching it onto the water; otherwise the bib must always be the outside garment when paddling.

Craft Launching, Start Order & Time – Paddlers (kaihoe) will be transferred in between the vessels and start in three waves based on the class of craft paddled.

1. Stand-up Paddle Boarders (SUP's) will be first to cross over to the barge and un-rack their boards. They will all assemble (irrespective of category) on the barge ramp facing in the direction of the finish and start on mass at the drop of a green starters flag and sound of the ships horn, by jumping off the ramp into the water with their boards. The rough start time for the first wave is 12:30pm.
2. Ocean Canoe or Waka Ama (OC1) paddlers will be second to cross over to the barge and un-rack their craft. They will be directed to unload their craft from the racks then jump of the ramp into the water with their craft straight away. Once mounted on their craft, OC1 paddlers (kaihoe) are advised to all immediately assemble (irrespective of category) on the water alongside of the barge, facing out to sea and paddling gently into the swell to maintain their position. The race start line will be an imaginary line between the bow (front) of the barge and an official safety boat parallel with this. All craft need to be gathered behind the start line facing out to sea into the swell, not in any other direction (no exceptions). A red starter's orders flag will be raised 1 minute before the start. 15 second before the start this will be replaced by a Green Flag. OC1 paddlers (kaihoe) will than start on mass at the drop of the green flag and sound of the ships horn. The rough start time for the first wave is 12:45pm.
3. Surf Ski paddlers will be third and final group to cross over to the barge and un-rack their craft. Like the group before them, they will be directed to unload their craft from the racks then jump of the ramp into the water with their craft straight away. Once mounted on their craft, Surf Ski paddlers (kaihoe) are advised to immediately assemble on the water alongside of the barge, facing out to sea and paddling gently into the swell to maintain their position. The race start line will again be an imaginary line between the bow (front) of the barge and an official safety boat parallel with this. All craft need to be gathered

behind the start line facing out to sea into the swell, not in any other direction (no exceptions). A red starter's orders flag will be raised 1 minute before the start. 15 second before the start this will be replaced by a Green Flag. All Surf Ski paddlers (kaihoe) will than start on mass at the drop of the green flag and sound of the ships horn. The rough start time for the first wave is 1:00pm.

Support/Escort motor boats (Kaiawhina) are advised to stay a minimum of 50m clear of the start.

[Note: As paddlers will be jumping of the barge ramp with their craft, it is most likely paddlers (kaihoe) will have to mount their craft from the water as they drift away from the ramp].

Starting instructions – With exception of the Stand-up paddle boarders (who jump from the barge ramp at the sound of their start horn), OC1 and Surf Ski paddlers will have to effect a 180 degree turn around the official safety boat upon the sound of the their respective starters horn, before beginning their journey downwind to the finish.

A photograph will be taken of each mass start and any paddlers (kaihoe) judged to be jumping their respective start will be penalized with a minute added to their time at the finish.

Course Description – After following the starting instructions, paddlers set a direct straight line course paddling and riding the swells 25km back to the finish line located on Mt. Maunganui Main Beach - to the sheltered side of Moturiki Island (or otherwise know as Leisure Island). Paddlers (kaihoe) must paddle within 20 meters of land when rounding Moturiki Island on route to the finish.

[Note: There is a contingency plan and if need be a postponement day to insure a favorable tailwind paddle in the unlikely case prevailing winds on the day are forecast to be directly offshore.]

Official Course Map – The official course map is available to download from on the event website www.dare2sweatevents.co.nz . Otherwise refer to LINZ Nautical Navigation Chart NZ5413 – Approach to Tauranga for reference points.

Start & Finish Diagram's – Start and finish diagrams are available to download from on the event website www.dare2sweatevents.co.nz .

Cut-off – In the event any entrant fails to reach the finish before 5:30pm (otherwise 5 hours following the start of the first wave) they will be withdrawn/pulled from the event by the official tail end charley safety vessel.

Course Conditions - Conditions that can be encountered when paddling on the Pacific Ocean in the Bay of Plenty include (but are not limited too) anything from breathless flat-water, a gentle breeze and small chop or swell on a good summer days, up to gusty winds/squalls of up to 25-40 knots and white caps rising up to 1 meter plus tall on top of 2-3 meter swells on the odd bad day. The prevailing wind and weather in mid-summer is 5-20 knots from a North, North Easterly or North Westerly direction, however on occasion can come from a Southerly direction. The tide (outgoing in the afternoon of the 20th February 2010), ocean currents, backwash and boat wash can also all add to the complexity of the conditions.

Competency in this type of open water is essential. You must be confident of your ability to paddle open water in all conditions up to 20 knots in the craft of your choice.

Any decision to insure the safety of entrants in respect to the nature of conditions forecast will be made in conjunction with the local Coast Guard and Harbour Master.

Other Users - Other ocean users likely to be encountered include (but are not limited too) anything from recreational and commercial motor boats, sailing yachts, wind/kite-surfers, water skiers and jet-skis; to swimmers, surfers and shoreline/rock fishermen.

Land Based Finish Line – The finish line will be located to the sheltered side of Moturiki Island (otherwise known as Leisure Island). Entrants are expected to dismount their craft at the water's edge and run a short distance (no more than 30 meters) up the warm sand through the shoot to the finish line directly in front of the timekeepers table. Paddlers (kaihoe) numbered bib must be visible to the timekeeper. Please remove your craft from the water's edge ASAP to allow room for other entrants to beach and exit their craft.

Bib collection – Bib's must be handed in immediately following completion or withdrawal from the event. Failure to return race bibs will result in a \$50.00 bill to replace the item.

Expected Times - The fastest paddlers (kaihoe) are expected to be on surf ski's and take under 2hrs to complete the 25km downwind journey from the barge back to land (i.e., predicted finishing time in favorable conditions dependant on actual start time is a shade before 3:00pm). The slowest paddlers (kaihoe) are expected to be on stand-up paddle boards and take over twice this time – approximately to 4-5hrs (i.e., predicted finishing time in favorable conditions dependant on actual start time is around 4:30 to 5:30pm).

Race Records – The race winners of each class and category will have their name recorded in the event results history as the inaugural record holders.

Sub 2 Hour Club - An illustrious club will be set up for Surf Ski and Waka ama paddlers/crews breaking the 2hr barrier. To view a complete list those who are inducted into the Sub 2hr Club, visit the event website www.dare2sweatevents.co.nz.

[Note: New Sub 2 hr members are entitled to a 10% entry discount for their personal use the following year]

Massage – Tend to your sore muscles post race with a sports recovery aid massage. An experienced therapist will be onsite at the finish line between 4:00 and 6:00pm to cater for competitor needs. A booking sheet will be available at registration for those wishing to secure a massage appointment. The charge is \$10.00 for 10 minutes with payment made in advance.

Showers – Open air showers are available on the boardwalk and grass area at intervals along the length of the beach for competitors to use to get cleaned up post race. Otherwise full changing facilities are located in the wonderful relaxing Hot Pools at the base of Mauao (Mt. Maunganui)

Official Safety Boats – There will be a number of official safety boats (including the barge, charter boat, private motor boats and inflatable's) on the water, each with different roles. Whilst they are there to help those in distress, they cannot be everywhere at once. Therefore all paddlers (kaihoe) should be competent at self rescue (remounting their craft). A private lead boat will accompany the leading craft and the 'Deliverance' barge will act as the tail end boat accompanying the craft at back of the field. The Spirit of Tauranga' charter boat (along with other possible escort boats) will be around to continually monitor and sweep the field, assisting with pick-up of anyone in need. The Coast Guard & Harbour Master may also be on the water, with a watchful eye over the field during the race. The Mount SLSC inflatable Rubber boat (IRB) will also be on duty in the finishing stages close to the shore. Your personal safety is their priority, it is not the duty of safety boats to recover craft or gear and they will not take responsibility for any damage or loss to craft, paddles (hoe) or gear in the event of assistance or non-assistance. Those picked up by an official safety boat, and/or items of equipment recovered, will be transported to within a short distance from shore in the calm waters of Pilot Bay. Paddler's (kaihoe) who are picked up must immediately report their withdrawal to the officials or timekeepers at the finish on Mt. Maunganui Main Beach before reuniting with their support crew.

Support/Escort Boats (Kaiawhina) – All entrants have the opportunity to provide their own accompanying support/escort boat (kaiawhina). Every paddler (kaihoe) entering with their own

sole designated accompanying support boat (kaiawhina) will be given a rebate on their entry fee. An additional course map will be provided to all support/escort boats (kaiawhina).

[Note 1: Please refer to the specific support/escort boat requirements and conditions of operation in the Race Rules and Conditions of Entry].

Support Crew Coffee To Go – Coffee carts and café's will be on the esplanade and open though-out the day to cater for support crews gastronomic cravings/addictions.

Support Crew Scenic Walking Route – from Salisbury Wharf where the barge and charter boat depart, support crew may wish to proceed:

- Through Mt. Maunganui Town for a spot of shopping and a café experience.
- Via Mt. Maunganui Hot Pools at the base of Mauao for a relaxing soak.
- On groomed tracks over the summit or around the base of Mauao.

Spectator Viewing – Great spectator view can be had from three fantastic vantage points.

1. For a long range view of paddlers (kaihoe) approaching from afar, make the climb to the summit of Mauao with a pair of binoculars.
2. For short close range action of paddlers riding swells, take a stroll out onto Moturiki Island (otherwise known as Leisure Island) with a camera in hand to capture them as they pass by.
3. Otherwise wait on the beach to cheer in the paddlers (kaihoe) as the ride waves to shore and run up the beach to the finish.

[Note 1: Spectator viewing spots are indicated by the binocular symbol on finish diagram].

[Note 2: Once again, please show consideration for other members of the public when driving and park vehicles around the often busy summer holiday destination].

Prize Giving – The prize giving will take place in the courtyard at Mondo Mexicano restaurant – 147 Maunganui Road (the access way is a few doors along from the Mount Post and Copy Centre), beginning approximately 6:00pm.

Prizes – Cash and merit prizes will be awarded to winners and place-getters (dependant on numbers entered in each class category – i.e., 3 to 10 = 1st only; 10 to 19 = 1st & 2nd; and greater than 20 = 1st to 3rd). If there are fewer than 3 entrants in a category age group (i.e., female over 40) in a specific class of craft, then they will be merged with the other age group (i.e., female under 40) of the same class of craft so a place-getter is recognized.

Club Challenge Champion – Points will be allocated to all finishing entries that align with a club based on their respective overall finish time/place (irrespective of class of craft). First place will receive maximum points (based on the number of craft entries racing i.e., 75 points) and last to place will receive the least points (i.e., 1 point). The club who accumulates the highest tally of points from members competing will be crowned Mount Pacific Downwind Club Challenge Champion of the year.

Spot Prizes – All paddlers (kaihoe) that start the event will also have the opportunity to win one of many great spot prizes.

[Note: paddlers must be present at the prize giving to claim their spot prize].

Results & Race Report – Results will be emailed to all paddlers (kaihoe); advertised on www.sportzhub.com and published on the website www.dare2sweatevents.co.nz within 4 days of the event. A race report and will also follow the results within the week. Please be patient.

Photos / Video – A remember to smile as action shots will be taken by Lorraine Wagg. These made available for everyone to view and download for free on her www.photochick.co.nz website. A video of event highlights will be edited by www.sportzhub.com and posted to view on www.sportzvibes.com.

Postponement & Refund Clause – Due to unforeseen events, acts of god, and/or unfavorable weather and sea conditions prevailing on race day, the organizers reserve the right to alter the course or postpone the event to the following day if they deem it unsatisfactory or too dangerous to hold the race. This decision will be made early on Saturday morning and conveyed to all paddlers (kaihoe) or designated entry captains (kaihautu) when arriving to load the barge and board the charter boat. In such instance of postponement the event will run as planned, however one day later on Sunday 21st February 2010.

If in the unlikely circumstance unfavorable weather and sea conditions are forecast to prevail on the postponement day, the organizers reserve the right to cancel the event.

No refunds will be offered in the event the event postponement date is used or the event does not take place due to weather and/or competitor safety issues.

Withdrawal Policy – Withdrawals received prior to Monday 15th February 2010 will be refunded their entry fee less a \$35.00 administration charge per person. A cheque will be mailed out in the post to the paddler (kaihoe). Entrants who withdraw after the above date and before the close of registration will receive a 50% credit towards the next year's entry fee. (No cash refunds are offered).

Organizer's recommendations:

- The Mount Pacific Downwind is a race of roughly 2hr + duration for most paddlers. The course direction is set so it is a pure downwind paddle regardless relative to the prevailing conditions on the day.
- Paddlers (Kaihoe) are encouraged to practice paddling in a range of open water ocean conditions. Becoming familiar paddling with a tail and occasional side winds, and competent on swells, lumpy water, chop, boat & back wash is imperative. Ideally if the opportunity arises, one should practice paddling around the later of the part of the course in training in the company of others.
- Learn to navigate using a compass or GPS, you may need it.
- Always take to the water prepared/equipped. Carry a PDF and wear bright coloured paddling top (vest); dress accordingly to the conditions; take liquid and solid sustenance on longer paddles; consider carrying a handheld flare and mobile phone in a dry bag.
- Do not paddle alone on unfamiliar water or beyond your comfort zone. Remember, to inform others of your whereabouts and paddling intentions so they can raise the alarm if necessary.
- If you are unsure of the conditions, do the wise thing and stay close to shore. Use a leash if you have any doubt about your ability to safely paddle, and always in windy/rough conditions or when paddling a good distance offshore.
- Check the current Marine Forecast and Weather, plus wind and swell conditions for the sea area on the following webpage's before venturing out training.
MetService - <http://www.metservice.co.nz/public/marine/recreational-forecast-bay-of-plenty.htm>!
- Surfline - http://www.surflines.com/surf-report/mt-maunganui-north-island_7366/
- Be mindful of other activities scheduled to take place on the water before setting off.
- Remember be environmentally conscious – do not litter.
- Slip, slop, slap. Sunglasses will be essential to combat glare of the water when paddling. Wearing a hat and applying ample sunscreen is recommended as protection from the midday sun's rays. Remember to always be mindful of harsh reflecting rays of the water so apply sunscreen under ears, chin, arms, legs etc.
- Don't forget to rinse your hands after applying sunscreen, so you can grip your paddle.
- Above all have fun and enjoy yourselves.

Enquires – If you have any questions/queries not answered on the Entry Form, Event Information, Race Rules (Tikanga), Terms and Conditions of Entry or Indemnity Clause, please

do not hesitate to contact the race organizer: Neil Gellatly on 0064 (27) 648-7546 or info@dare2sweatevents.co.nz

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Volunteers & Sponsors – Events like this would not happen without the wonderful help from volunteers and keen boaties, as well as generous support from sponsors. If you would like to be involved in the event from a volunteer, safety boat and/or sponsor perspective, we would love to here from you. We endeavor to rewards all volunteers for there assistance and are very appreciative of any sponsor support received. To inquire please contact the race organizer: Neil Gellatly on 0064 (27) 648-7546 or info@dare2sweatevents.co.nz