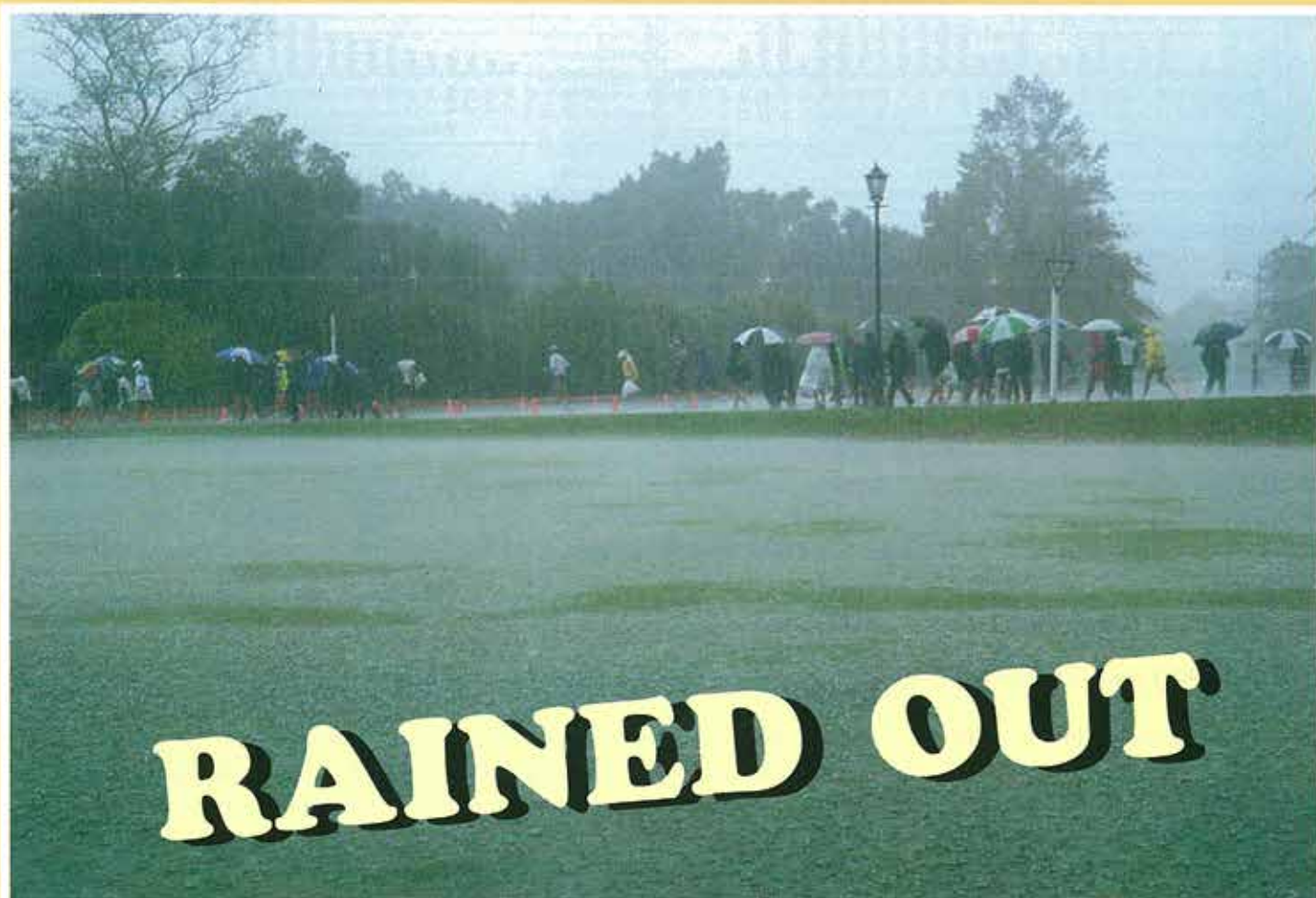




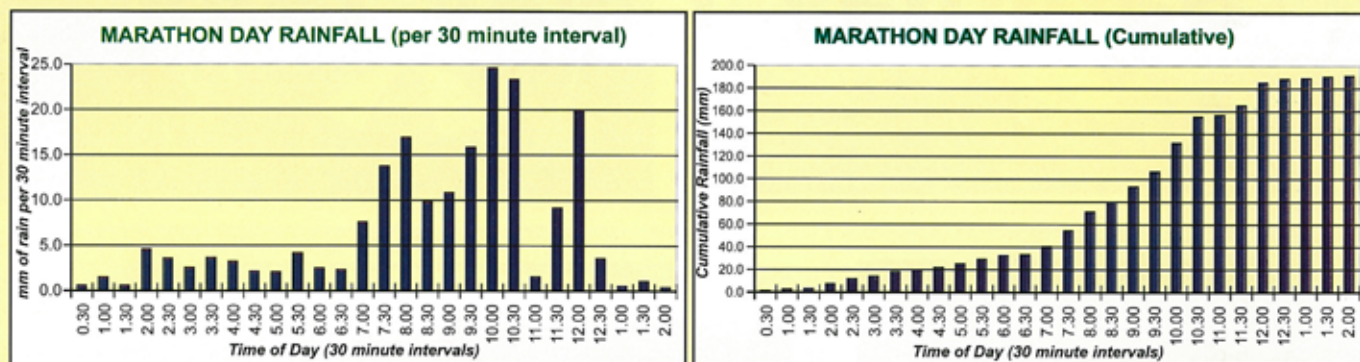
**Saturday 1 May 1999**





Like most things that have been associated with the Rotorua Marathon over the years, the race review book is yet another victim this year. The best we can do is to make a few comments for posterity on what turned out to be a most extraordinary day, print a few pictures of the deluge and its consequences, acknowledge our sponsors and supporters and record the names of those who won the major spot prizes. The latter were drawn from those who intended fronting up to the start line when the marathon was called off, 10 minutes before the scheduled explosion from the cannon that would have heralded the start of this 35th anniversary marathon.

What a day it was, for both the volume of rain that fell and the consequences that ensued. The following graphs show that rainfall (data supplied by NIWA). The graph on the left shows the level of rainfall in each half hour period from midnight Friday night to 2.00pm on race day, while the one on the right shows the cumulative level of rainfall for the day. A total of 190mm of rain fell in just a 12 hour period (that is 7.5 inches for the non-metric). As luck would have it for the marathon, the peak fall of 47.5mm (nearly 2 inches) fell in the hour between 9.30am and 10.30am - just when we were all contemplating the start of the marathon. It took until 12.30 for the rain to start to clear.



The pictures on the back page show some of the damage caused on the day. As anticipated by the organisers when calling the marathon off, there were a number of landslides around the back of the lake, including one large one which had a huge rock in it. Further, a large road washout took out about 10 metres of the roadway in the vicinity of the half way point. There were about half a dozen other washouts that were mere centimetres from the road's edge, just waiting for a further dumping of rain before taking more of the roadway down to the lake 20 to 30 metres below. One of the pictures shows the damage to the roadway in the area leading up to the steeper hills at the back of the lake. It was news of this undermining of the road surface that first alerted the organisers to the possible problems at the back of the course.

So that was the marathon or the "non-marathon" for 1999. The year 2000 event (the 36th!) will continue with the *Millennial Trilogy* theme and the chances to win the *Suzuki Jimny* (sponsored by *Asics*) and the special travel prize. All who uplifted their race number for this year's marathon will have one chance entered for the *Jimny* draw in 2001. They will also be credited with a "finish" for the purpose of the major spot prize in the same year (\$5,000 of air travel), to be drawn from those who finish all three events of the *Trilogy*. So mark those calendars and training programmes to ensure that you are in a suitable physical condition for the 36th (on 29 April 2000) and 37th (on 28 April 2001). We will try our best with the weather!

Those who were in line to join the ranks of the Rotorua Marathon Survivors Club will have to complete next years event to gain membership. We were to introduce a 15 event qualification for female inductees next year but this change will be extended for one year. Thus, next year, female runners will still need to have completed only 10 Rotorua Marathons to gain membership. 2001 (the 37th Rotorua Marathon) will see the female qualifying criteria extend out to 15 completed events, the same criteria that has existed for males since the club was formed.

A special thanks to our sponsors and supporters (who are recognised elsewhere in this publication). Like the intending marathon participants, their expectations of marathon weekend were cut short by the weather. Despite that, they remain enthusiastic "partners" of the marathon and like us all, look forward to a more satisfying 36th marathon next year.

Finally, a big thank you to all intending participants in this year's rained out marathon. Your understanding of the circumstances and acceptance of the decision to call the marathon off, has certainly eased our own bitter disappointment. It will be a day that you will long remember, and it is quite possible that the endorsed T-shirt and medal given to you, will over time, take on a collectors' item status.



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(drawn from those intending to participate on marathon day)

Prize	Winner
A return trip for 2 to a longhaul destination via <b>Air New Zealand</b> (travel to a value of \$5000) plus \$2000 cash	Denise Adams Palmerston North
A <b>Hewlett Packard</b> Home Computer, Printer and Software	Anne Winter Stratford
A Home Entertainment System comprising TV, video, stereo and cabinet	Frank Hunt Kawerau
Return trip for one to the 1999 Honolulu Marathon	Iain Westphall Wellington
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An <b>Asics</b> Sports Pack plus \$500 cash	Judith Saxton Feilding
A Barda "Big Softie" Recliner Chair	Graeme Payne Hastings
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Travel and accommodation for one to the 1999 Gold Coast Marathon	Robin Kakahi Papakura
A Sanyo Microwave	Laurence Deane Kawerau
A Sanyo Dehumidifier	Peter Worthington Upper Hutt
An <b>Asics</b> Sports Pack	David Utumapu Wellington
Swiss Army Watch and knife, and pair of Jason Binoculars	Chris Wills Wairoa
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An <b>Asics</b> Sports Pack	Brian Clarke Tauranga
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A Nilfisk Vacuum Cleaner	Jeny Collins Waitara
A Range of Electrical Appliances	Mike Potter Auckland
A Range of Electrical Appliances	Murray Clark Tauranga
Aotea Souvenirs Gift Voucher to a value of \$600	Lynne Kroll Palmerston North



# Scenes from the 35th Anniversary Rotorua Marathon...



*... that was rained out!*