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Auckland Canoe Club needs the support of its members by taking part in escorting the swimmers in the upcoming Auckland Central Masters Harbour Swims. Our involvement contributes to the safety of the swimmers involved, and the required ratio of kayaks to swimmers is set by Coastguard.

These events are the only fundraising activities we request members to assist with, and your involvement is central to our club's financial wellbeing and enables us to keep membership subscriptions at their current low level. Funding is based on the number of kayaks per swim, so please try to participate if possible.

A schedule of the swims can be found on page 7 of this newsletter.

Auckland Canoe Club Information

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Club Trip/Event Policies

Visit the Club website for details of safety and other important policies.

Contacting trip/event organiser

You must notify the trip organiser in advance of your intention to go on a trip. Organisers need to know numbers and to be able to contact you if the plan changes.

You must also discuss with the organiser in advance any medical or other conditions (such as your experience and ability) that might affect the progress of the group.

Cancellation

If the weather looks uncertain call the trip co-ordinator.

Club Banking Details

<i>Bank</i>	BNZ
<i>Branch</i>	Newmarket
<i>Account</i>	02-0100-0023453-000
<i>Name</i>	Auckland Canoe Club
<i>Particulars</i>	Your FULL name (Initials are not enough to identify some members with common names)
<i>Code</i>	Either SUBS, STORAGE, HIRE, OTHER (depending on what you are paying for)

If your payment is for several items, then please make **separate** payments for **each** item.

IMPORTANT

If you are depositing money to the Club Account please ensure that you include YOUR name so that the Treasurer knows who deposited the money.

Internet Banking

All major banks have set up Auckland Canoe Club as a registered payee for internet banking.

This means that you can pay to

Auckland Canoe Club

without having to enter the account number.

Check with your bank.

Kayak Hire

To book a kayak, enter details in the diary. Check diary before taking a kayak.

Kayak Hire Rates

Single kayaks

Daily hire – out am, back pm \$20.00

Half day – out am, back am
out pm, back pm \$10.00

Double kayaks

Daily hire – out am, back pm \$30.00

Half day – out am back am
out pm back pm \$15.00

- Please enter details of hire in register and on an envelope.
- Put money in envelope and place envelope in honesty box.
- **No I.O.U.s!**
- Carry or wheel kayaks to water.
- No seal launching.
- Please wash kayaks before returning to rack.
- Report faults or problems on the faults/problems sheet.

Regular Events

Vine House Weekends



On one weekend each month we have the use of Vine House. This gem in Mahurangi Harbour is a 2 km paddle from Sullivan's Bay, which is the ARC park at the end of the Mahurangi West Road, first on the right past Puhoi.

The house sleeps 10 and has all creature comforts. Bring sleeping bag, pillow case and food. A shared meal and nibbles is the norm for Saturday night, so bring your goodies.

Lagoon Bay is very tidal, so bringing a kayak trolley is a good idea. The range of paddling is endless, e.g. Waiwera, Warkworth, Kawau Island, Motuora Island – your choice. Or just rest and read and enjoy this tranquil and special place. We recommend you take a carry bag to get all your gear up the track to the house. Secure parking is at Sullivan's Bay. Leave a note on your dashboard reading "Vine House Volunteer" when you park in front of the ranger's house.

Please ring to book a bed, and for detailed directions. **Trevor 817 7357 or Matt 817 1984.**

Saturday Morning Coffee Cruise

Most Saturday mornings some club members do a short paddle from the club lock up at Okahu Bay.

We set off from the lock up at 9.00, returning by 12.30. The level is fairly easy and you can nearly always hire a club kayak. The route depends on the tide and the weather. We often paddle out to Bean Rock lighthouse and then stop at Kohi Beach for coffee in a local café before paddling back.

Join us for a relaxed paddle. It's a great way to meet people in the club.

Be aware: People don't go every week. You might go one week when no-one else happens to turn up.

You should have basic paddling skills to join this group, you will be responsible for yourself.

Note: Paddlers under 18 to be accompanied by a guardian!

For more information, contact either Lester Miller on 575 5942 or Chris Dentith on 486 5599.

NEW MEMBERS



Welcome

The Committee extends a warm welcome to the following new members ...

Sam Richardson, David Dugmore and Mike Calver.



Deadline for Next Newsletter

15 November 2015

CHARCOAL BAY TO THE RIVERHEAD PUB – 18 October

John Hotham

We had nine people on our trip up to the Riverhead Hotel for lunch, but at the start at Charcoal Bay there was only Colin Quilter and myself. Philip and Sue said, “we will be late, we cannot stand to miss the last of the All Black match against France!” Owen said, “I will meet you down at my local ramp half way up,” Warren and Beth said, “we will launch from Herald Island” and Neal and Trish said, “we will launch at the bottom of our property at Beach Haven”. So along the way Colin and I picked up all the waifs and strays – it was quite amusing as we all got together.

The first stop was at Clifford Park to see the council’s carved macrocarpa which is quite wonderful, it should be, because it cost the council 60 thousand dollars to have the work done!



The wind was gusting quite strongly at times, but with the incoming tide we finally arrived at the wonderfully refurbished Riverhead Pub. As the nine of us sat around our lunch table enjoying the wonderful food and the view out across the water we reflected on the depth of experience that our small group contained.



Philip has in the past paddled the whole (288 miles) Grand Canyon and last year he and Sue went and rafted the white water section (180 Miles), Colin Quilter has sailed to England and has canoed around most of New Zealand, Neil builds wonderful boats and he was rowing his 6-metre dory that he has won many races in. His wife Trish sailed solo in the New Plymouth to Mooloolaba (above Brisbane) yacht race in her 26-metre yacht – and she had to sail from Auckland to New Plymouth just to get to the start!! Owen Sprosen sailed his yacht *Rasputin* right round New Zealand and over to Fiji and Tonga. John Hotham was the third person to canoe Auckland to Cape Reinga and has been down to Wanganui River nine times. Warren Hardley was a founder member of Hauraki Kayak Group, has paddled nearly everywhere and is a bee keeper, Beth his partner makes medieval clothing – so step forward Guinevere!!!

This is by no means an exhaustive list of achievements, but were just a few of the pearls gleaned over lunch – how interesting was that!!!

Finally we got back into our canoes and with the outgoing tide we headed back towards Beach Haven with everyone dropping off at their appropriate places.

What a great day!!

Whitford Paddle

Sue Noble

The paddle to Whitford has become something of a tradition in the ACC, and as always, Kevin had made a good choice with the trip timed really well to fit in with suitable tides. On arriving at Cockle Bay one Sunday in September, it was only a small group of four who left the beach for the paddle to Whitford. Getting away from the beach was in a light rain, which fortunately lasted only briefly.

It was in really pleasant conditions that the group paddled across the bay and into the entrance to the Whitford Inlet. The reflections in the calm water were stunning. The paddle is an easy one, so ideal for novices and keen coffee cruisers to join next time.

The inlet soon narrowed as Kevin led us between the mangroves and a short distance further, boats were pulled onto the ramp at the Lime Tree Café, only a few metres from the edge of the water. There must be no better way to spend an hour or so, than sitting at a table on the grass overlooking the water, enjoying good company, warm sunshine, a cup of coffee, muffins, and some of Karon's great baking.

Before heading back to Cockle Bay, we used the remaining high tide to meander up Turanga Creek and under the Whitford Maraetai Bridge, where we found a couple of kowhai trees that were in full bloom. A gentle paddle back to Cockle Bay Beach was the end of a good day.



More photos on page 6 ➤

Whitford Paddle



Poet's Corner

*Stepping onto air
One Tuesday morning
My moving shin
Encountered solid wood
Stitched up and bandaged
And instructed
Keep out of water boats
And bikes forthwith
Until such time
As leg is nearly mended
A gentle walk
No substitute for bike
The sea looks
Never more alluring
The kayak sits*

*More patiently than Mike
The upside is of course
The heaps of reading
Windows never cleaner
Than before
I did have plans
Which I had kept a secret
Not wanting God
To break out into mirth
And Burns of course
Put it quite succinctly
The best laid plans
Of mice and men traverse.*

Mike Randall

November 2015 to January 2016 - Trips and Events

Please be advised that next month's (December's) newsletter will be the last newsletter of 2015. During the year end break, trip notifications will be posted on the club website.

Sunday 15th November – Herne Bay to Masefield Beach. Swim Escort. See below.

Sunday 6th December – Year End Picnic and Barbecue. Venue and details to be advised

Sunday 13th December – Bays Swim Escort. See below.

Sunday 21st February – Chelsea Swim Escort. See below.

Master Swim Association 2015 / 2016 swim and swim escort details

The following are the dates and times for this season. Kayakers need to ensure they are on the water 15 minutes before the start of each event. (If you have any queries please phone Philip or any of the committee members, see phone numbers on page 2 of this newsletter.)

	Event	Date	Swim Start time	High tide
1	Herne Bay	15/11/15	10.00 am	10.44 am
2	Bays	13/12/15	8.00 am	9.38 am
3	Chelsea	20/02/16	6.00 am	7.16 am
4	Rangitoto	10/04/16	7:45 am	9.32 am

Notes

- 1 Herne Bay swim runs from Herne Bay Beach to Masefield Beach via Watchmans Island. Park your car on Curren Street Extension and wheel your kayak to Masefield Beach to launch by 8.30 am to paddle to Herne Bay for briefing at 9.30 am.
- 2 The Bays swim runs from St Heliers Beach to Bastion Point boat ramp. Briefing at St Heliers at 7.20 am.
- 3 Chelsea swim runs from Masefield Beach to Chelsea Sugar Refinery. Park your car on Curren Street Extension and wheel your kayak to the beach. Kayakers' briefing at Masefield Beach at 5.40 am.
- 4 The Rangitoto to St Heliers swim starts at Rangitoto Wharf at 7.45am. Briefing will be at 7.15 am. Kayakers have two options: to paddle on the morning of the swim to Rangitoto or paddle over on Saturday afternoon and camp on the deck Saturday night. More details nearer the event.