

# Newsletter



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## Editorial - A Club on the Move!

What a bumper issue!

Yet again our members have not only been active on the water, but have made the time to write about their experiences and sent them to be published in the Newsletter for all to enjoy.

My sincere thanks to all who have contributed.

In this issue you will experience the rigours of a South Wellington coastline, explore Ponui Island and Waiheke, and relax to the hypnotic rhythms from our resident Poet Laureate.

You will learn of the hard work being done by all Committee members to update the Club information and in particular the new and exciting developments going on for the "new Look" Club Web site.

The new financial year starts on April 1st and in preparation for this the Treasurer has been setting up electronic payment systems for those who would like to use this method of payment. Even your subscription details will be able to be sent on-line to update the membership list.

Our Merchandising Officer is setting up an electronic form so that you can purchase items on line instead of waiting until you see them at a club meeting.

All of this is planned to "go-live" during March, so check the Club Web site regularly.

This issue also has details of the final **Swim Escort** for the season. No only are these events very enjoyable, but they are also the sole source of our fund raising each year. On Sunday March 5th we are escorting the swimmers back from Rangitoto to St Heliers starting at 10.00am from Rangitoto.

Your Committee has organised an overnight venue on Rangitoto on Saturday night for a shared evening meal, and is providing a "**Champagne Breakfast**" for all comers on Sunday morning. So, if you are paddling over on Sunday morning be sure to get there by 08.30am if you want breakfast! Then...

When you get back to St Heliers other members will have a BBQ lunch ready and waiting to satisfy the most discerning

Happy paddling,  
**Editor.**

## Exploring the Wairarapa coast Colin Quilter

In January I spent 18 days paddling the Wairarapa coast. It's an area I've never visited before, but it has all the qualities a kayaker might hope for: it is remote, rugged and unpopulated. I started from Wellington with no firm destination or finishing-point in mind, just determined to make the best of whatever weather I might encounter, and to have fun exploring the coast. Rather than give a day-by-day account of my trip, (which might fill a volume) I'll just summarise my impressions under a variety of headings.

**My route.** Leaving Wellington I crossed Palliser Bay, rounded Cape Palliser, and then headed northeast along the Wairarapa coast passing Castlepoint, Cape Turnagain and all the minor headlands in between. Once around Cape Kidnappers I followed the perimeter of Hawkes Bay and eventually finished my trip in Wairoa. Total distance 445km.

**Weather.** Always the critical factor! I had a lot of wind. On 6 days I had gale-force northwesterlies, and did not dare leave the beach. The New Zealand Pilot says of this coast, "northwesterly gales are common; beginning with a northerly wind the squalls blow out of the valleys with great violence," and this is a fair comment. Since these winds blow directly off the coast, I wondered if there might be a sheltered zone immediately in the lee of the land which would allow paddling along the shore; but there is not. Terrific gusts hit the water close inshore. Being blown far offshore in a northwesterly gale would be certain death.



**Smoking seas in Palliser Bay as 50 knot squall passes through. I spent two days ashore here, at a place appropriately named "Windy Point".**

On another 3 or 4 days I encountered northeasterly sea breezes which were headwinds, and cut the day short. Overall, the weather made paddling difficult or impossible for about 50% of the time I was away; (that compares with say 10 - 15% on a typical northland trip).

**Geography.** The southern Wairarapa has rugged hills

slashed by deep ravines which spew huge fans of detritus into the sea. Vegetation is sparse, and scorched by the hot northwesterly winds. The big sheep stations which occupy the coast send much of their stock away during the summer because there's nothing green to eat. Further north the land is lower and softer, but still very dry. The coast runs in a straight line; there are few deep bays or projecting headlands which might create sheltered water.



**The lighthouse at Cape Palliser, looking south across Cook Strait**

Once around Cape Kidnappers and into Hawkes Bay the hills are generally lower, but the coast still runs in a straight line and is guarded by surf beaches. On the whole trip I found only one short stretch of shore which resembled the northland coast with sheltered bays, projecting headlands and easy landings; that was the 20km or so stretching north from Tangoio in Hawkes Bay. It was delightful. If you ever visit Napier, take a kayak and explore it.

**Walking.** When I realised that much time was going to be spent ashore, I decided not to waste it. Whenever I couldn't paddle, I walked. The big hills along the coast provide wonderful opportunities, and I had some great days scrambling along them. Actually standing on the ridge or summit was often difficult because of the wind, and I soon learned to carry lots of water.

**Sea conditions.** The prevailing swell is from the south, generating surf on the beaches all along this coast. Northwesterly gales flatten the swell, and the surf disappears. It's incredibly frustrating to be stuck on the beach, unable to paddle because of the violent wind, watching the surf die away to nothing, and knowing that as soon as the gale departs and paddling becomes possible, the swell (and surf) will return! The coast is completely exposed to southerlies, which soon kick up a lumpy swell. I knew that in order to make progress during onshore winds I would have to paddle in rough conditions, and I soon got used to it.

**Landings.** The beaches are mostly steeply-shelving shingle. Waves rear up and dump directly onto them so the breaker zone is a single line only 10 metres or so wide, but it's very difficult to deal with in a heavily-loaded boat. I knew how to land, but never became confident at it, and I took some hard knocks. Crawling up the beach spitting out sea water and gravel, expecting to find one's kayak in pieces, can be a bit demoralising.



**Camped near the Mohaka River Mouth after another hard landing. The kayak is among driftwood at right.**

The take-offs were easier, (I don't advance this as a general rule, it's just what I found personally). Sometimes off-lying reefs or small indentations in the coast gave protected landings, which were a joy; but difficult to locate from out on the water. Many of them are used by local people to launch small boats for fishing, so wheel-tracks on the beach or (better still) a tractor and trailer parked on the shore were signs of a good landing place. Camping places are virtually unlimited. If you can land, you can camp.



**A brief pause for lunch during a long day hurrying up the coast by sail and paddle. Black Point in the distance.**

## Exploring the Wairarapa coast - cont.

**Paddling and sailing.** Good paddling weather was so scarce that when it came, I was determined to make the best of it. I woke to get the coastal forecast on National Radio every morning at 0510, and if the weather allowed I was afloat by 0630. On the entire trip I got one whole day and another half-day of steady southerlies (a following wind) and on those occasions I hoisted my sail and stamped on the accelerator. On the whole day I covered 93km in 10hr of sailing (Akitio to Kairakau), and on the half-day 50km in 5hr before lunch (Pahaoa to Riversdale). It was just magic to be racing up the coast with the headlands slipping past as if I was on an escalator, after being pinned on the beach for so long. A huge morale booster.

The sail was an unqualified success, and I wouldn't contemplate another similar trip without it. I used the sail for shorter periods on other days when the wind allowed; it roughly doubled my speed through the water. Overall I covered 42% of the total distance under sail, (or rather motor-sailing, since I always paddled while sailing, for extra stability and speed).



**A happy kayaker drags his boat into Kairakau Camp Ground in the evening rain. He's smiling because he had breakfast 93km back along the coast.**

**(Photo: Dave Marett)**

**Transport.** I drove to Wellington and met a friend there. She drove me to Tarakena Bay, a small beach near Wellington Airport, and then stored my car for the next 3 weeks. That left me free to paddle independently along the coast with no fixed destination. At the end of the trip I left my kayak in the care of the camping ground in Wairoa and spent a long day travelling by bus to Wellington. There I picked up my car, met Ailsa and we drove back to Wairoa next day – another long journey which made me appreciate how far I'd paddled! Then we spent another day driving back to Auckland. All up, that was four days of car travel to make the trip possible.

So those are my impressions. I took plenty of photographs during the trip, and maybe Roger will organise a slide evening during the winter when I can show them to you.

Cheers, Colin

## Trip Reports

### **Kawakawa Bay – circumnavigation of Ponui Island – Kawakawa Bay Feb. 12** *Iris Wegmueller*

The fog was rising above the paddocks and fields early on Sunday morning, as I made my way to Kawakawa Bay. The sun started to get through the mist and the morning light was magic. Like so many times before, I was filled with anticipation of a days paddling – which would be - on that particular occasion - entirely depending on the wind and the tides and the inclination of the group.

Everyone arrived on time, cheerful and happy as usual about the day ahead. At 8.30 sharp we were on the water. There was no wind and the water looked like an enormous blue silk cover. We paddled north with the plan to circumnavigate Ponui island anti clock wise. The flock of birds on the water moved reluctantly, still sleepy and resting, as we paddled through. Little blue penguins popped up all over the place, nervously checking us out, then swiftly disappearing again. We paddled into a perfectly blue and still Sunday morning. Our first stop was on the other side of Ponui island, where some kept fishing, while others had a swim. Gerard was well and truly on his way to catch enough fish for the entire group.

Lunch was in an even more idyllic spot: under a huge Pohutukawa tree, in the shade, with a perfect view of the bay and the beach. It was so perfect, we had to actively resist the temptation of having a snooze. Instead, after extensively contemplating our luck to be here altogether and regretting that we had no wine to go with our lunch, we continued towards Pakihi island (fish filleting stop!) and onto the other side of Ponui where Gerard was hoping for a wild ride back into Kawakawa Bay. His hopes were not fulfilled, sadly, as the wind started to turn south west and was getting stronger. Still, the tide was coming in and pushed us back to our point of departure. The timing was perfect: just as we landed at Kawakawa Bay, the rain and the wind started to hit the coast. A perfect day had been had by all the participants of Gerard's trip. Just in case the reader wonders how many paddlers of the 276 were out there – there were just two – yes, and another 12 were paddling with Philip, they are excused of course.

As for the rest of you: You missed out on wonderful company, conversation, food and fish. It was a magic day!

## Waiheke Island Circumnavigation: Feb 10-12th Ann Schofield

After six years on my "to do" list, I eventually knocked off Waiheke Island last weekend. It was well worth the wait. We had a lovely group of people, fantastic weather, and a very well organized trip. Tony had been repeatedly saying to me "it takes longer than a weekend to do Waiheke", so I was quite fired up with adrenalin at the thought of an extremely long paddling day on Saturday. We left Omana just gone 6pm on Friday evening, and had a leisurely paddle over to Waiheke Island. The highlight of this was catching up with old friends on the water and paddling amongst a flock of half-penguin / half-bird like swimming creatures. It was still light when we arrived at the lodge in Otakawhe Bay. This lodge is managed by Jack Hadden (tel: 021 459 456; baylodge@clear.net.nz; www.baylodge.co.nz) and can only be hired out as the entire lodge. It is huge, but very cosy and very well equipped. It cost us \$20 a night.

We were on the water by 8am on Saturday in preparation for the big day ahead. The forecast was good and Phil had briefed us on the day's plan over drinks the previous evening. The day was to be split into 4 sections – each no more than 10kms apart. We got some tide assistance during the first section as we cruised past magnificent houses (with matching garages) on the eastern bays. We enjoyed morning tea near Garden Bay, and then continued around to Owhiti Bay for lunch. This is one of the most beautiful bays on the island, and it would be a perfect campsite if its owner allowed such activities.

The group explored beautiful rock gardening sites and caves along the northern coast. Brian Strid introduced us to the narrowest gap possible for kayaks! He startled us when he accelerated fast straight towards a cliff. Slightly closer in though we understood his strategy – he had his paddle raised vertical and was gliding through a 6m long passage with only 6 inches clearance either side of his boat! Very impressive.

Afternoon tea was at Opopoto Bay, and then the final leg to Hekerua Bay was the shortest section. Arriving at just gone 4:30pm, there were few complaints of sore limbs or tiredness. The entire group seemed to manage the more than 35kms very easily.

After an enjoyable evening, we slept well (despite the heat), and were again out paddling just gone 8am on Sunday. We explored the inhabited end of the island, caught the wake of 2 Fullers ferries, and enjoyed yet another dip in crystal clear waters. Morning tea was at the gorgeous Motukaha Island and lunch at Te Whau Point. We were back at Omana at 1pm in plenty time for afternoon tea in a café during the drive home.

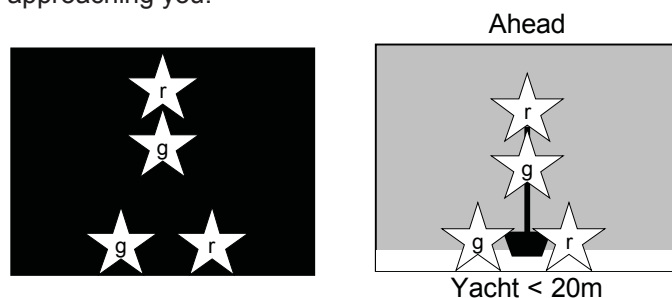
We had a very successful weekend in perfect conditions. Thanks to our dedicated leader, Phil Noble; and my paddling companions (Jodi, Sue, Tony, Debbie, Kevin, Erika, Judith, Graham, Rosie, Grant, Hugh).

## The Deliberate Mistake Ian Calhaem

It would be easy to tell you that the previous Newsletter article on Navigation lights contained a deliberate error, but in reality I just made a mistake... but, how many of you noticed?

On page 17 of the newsletter at the bottom right were two illustrations both illustrating the same lighting pattern. Then the answers were labelled a yacht > 20m from ahead and astern.

The navigation lights should have been as below and they are for a yacht less than 20m seen from ahead i.e. approaching you.



## Classified Adverts

### Barracuda expedition (single) and Crosswind (double)

both with skirts and paddles and in excellent condition. The Barra is one of the first built by Gordon Robinson and the Crosswind is five yrs old.

**Phone** John Cryer, home 09 4261169 or work 4889776 Mon to Wed only.

### Barracuda Safari

...3 years old, plus many extras including wing paddles, trolley, VHF Radio.  
\$3500.00.

**Phone** Wayne Fitzsimons. Home: 298 5087.  
Mobile: 027 2913644.

### Club Merchandise

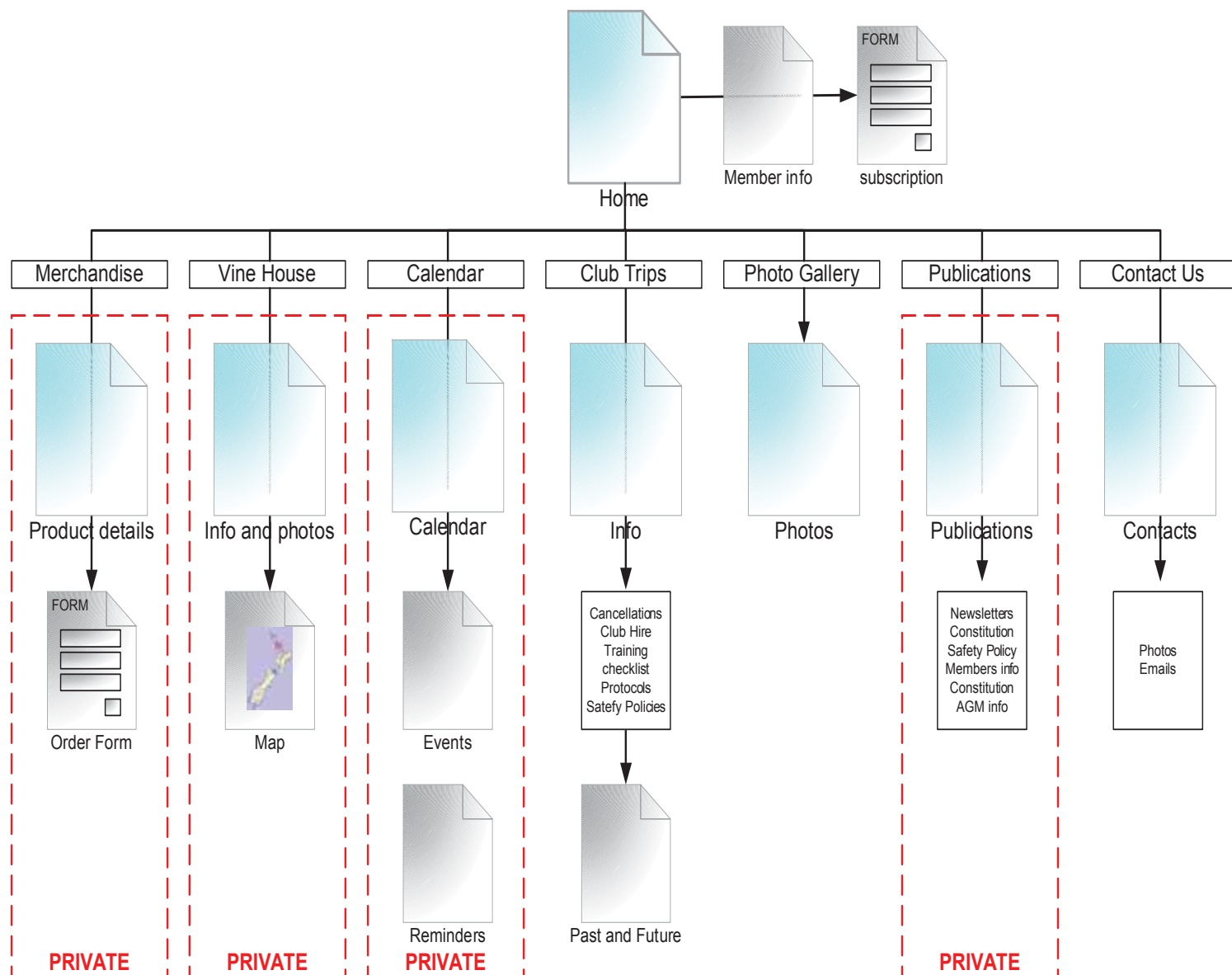
Club T-Shirts	\$ 20
Caps	\$ 20
Polyprops	\$ 35
small polar fleece	\$ ask Alison

**Merchandise@AucklandCanoeClub.org.nz**

Phone: **Alison** 579-0512

# CLUB WEBSITE

Webmaster@AucklandCanoeCLub.org.nz



The Club Web site is being re-organised to make the information more readily available to all.

It will be divided into two sections, an area where the public (non-members) can obtain information about our Club and get an idea about the type of activities that we do; and a private section for members where the details of Club activities will be found.

The private section will include the Calendar of Club events, trip details etc, and reminders; details of our Club merchandise; information about the activities at Vine house; and past and current publications.

Access to the Private areas will be by means of a user password that will be published in the Newsletter each month.

A photo gallery will be established to display recent and historic photographs from our trips.

The design work for this site is now completed and we hope that it will be made available progressively during March.

When the pages are available the password for March will be: **Wairarapa** in honour of Colins epic journey.

Two electronic forms have been included in the Web Site design. Don't be alarmed if you consider yourself a traditionalist - they will always be optional - paper versions will be available and will be included in April Newsletter and will also be available from the web site.

**AUCKLAND CANOE CLUB  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**



- New Member  
 Rejoining

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name(s) (If family, please list all names) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (work): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Rate your Experience:  I have completed a basic skills course.  
 No Experience  
 Novice (confidently forward and backpaddle, paddle for 30 mins without rest)  
 Intermediate (able to brace, perform a deep water entry, paddle for at least 2 hours or 25 km)  
 Advanced (self rescue in all situations, thorough paddling experience)

Do you own a kayak?  Yes  No If YES list type(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please select the types of kayaking you are most interested in:  
 Sea kayaking  Polo  Sea kayaking racing  
 Whitewater  Surf/rodeo  MultiSport

Kayak trips: Are you interested in co-ordinating kayak trips?  Yes  No

To comply with the Privacy Act 1993, please read and complete the form below.  
 I Agree  I Disagree  
To let the Auckland Canoe Club publish my name, address phone Number or any other information concerning me in the Club Newsletter or to National Canoe Associations. I accept responsibility for correcting this information where applicable.  
The Auckland Canoe Club and its officers take no responsibility for any injury any person may suffer, or any damage to equipment, while participating in the Club's kayaking activities. Any Person, who does participate, acts at his or her own risk.  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fees for the year ending 31 March 2007**  
 Member \$30  Family \$35  Life Member  
**Total Payment**  
 Cheque  Bank Transfer  
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Bank: BNZ, Newmarket  
Acct: 02-0100-0023453-000  
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Code: **YOUR NAME PLEASE**  
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**AUCKLAND CANOE CLUB  
PURCHASE ORDER**



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Description	Colour	Qty	Unit Price	Amount
T shirt with logo		0		
Poly-Prop with logo		0		
Polar Fleece (XS only)		0		
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Bank: BNZ, Newmarket  
Acct: 02-0100-0023453-000  
Name: Auckland Canoe Club  
Code: **YOUR NAME PLEASE**  
Print Form Submit by Email

The advantage of electronic forms is that the information that you enter can be captured and automatically entered into the Club membership list, thus minimising that chance of getting your details wrong.

An option is also included on the form for you to indicate if you are paying by Internet Banking (or Telephone Banking). This is a new feature for the Club in response to a number of enquiries.

The Club Banking details are given on the inside back cover of this Newsletter. If you bank with the BNZ then that bank has already set up the Auckland Canoe Club as a registered payee. This means that you only have to choose "AUCKLAND CANOE CLUB" from their drop down list and they will automatically fill in the account details etc. Other banks are in the process of setting up our details, so check before you enter the details manually to see if your bank has the Club details already registered.

***If you do decide to pay by Internet Bank transfer, it is very important to make sure that you enter YOUR details into the transaction. This is the only way that the Treasurer can know who put the money into the Club Account.***

Finally, I would like to thank all those members who volunteered to test this new procedure. So far the testing has worked well and without any problems.

## The Landing *Ian Calhaem*

*The Landing is the triangular area containing Fergs Kayak shop to the east and the Akarana Yacht Club to the West.*

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You may remember the discussions held last year with the City Council about the future of "The Landing".

The early discussions were preliminary and were based on the thoughts of the Council plus inputs from various groups.

Detailed planning meetings were held over several months and then the Council staff disappeared! Contrary to popular belief they have been working hard and a Revised Concept Plan has now been produced.

The Plan is split into three stages so that work can start on some areas whilst further design and consultation continues. Access fees from the Marina users will be put towards the redevelopment costs.



The major changes for the Canoe Club, along with other small boat users, will be development of the eastern end of the Landing. Ferg's Kayak shop and the adjacent buildings disappear (including our present storage) to be replaced with a multi-purpose community building with clubroom and changing facilities, meeting room/reception lounge, and small boat storage lockers for existing user groups to replace the existing buildings.

The area vacated by Fergs, our building, and the Sailing Club will then be landscaped and a large grass area provided for kayak and small boat rigging.



### **Stage One**

Stage one development will start in early 2006 to coincide with Orakei Marina's land based construction works, due to begin in February and be completed by October 1 2006. Stage one includes the entrance and part of the access road adjoining the public parking area, underground trenching and stormwater services under the hardstand (required for the marina), and contribution to the construction of the hardstand office adjoining the Royal Akarana Yacht Club

### **Stage Two**

Stage two implementation of the hardstand area and associated entrance, storage and launching facilities will follow in June 2006. In order to minimise disruption to the operation of the hardstand and public facilities, it may be necessary to work within 'seasonal envelopes' between April and October.

### **Stage 2A: June 2006 to October 2006**

Including: access road and car parking, services and drainage, footpath and landscape works, launching ramp and pontoon improvements, long term boat and trailer storage, open space and gateway artwork.

### **Stage 2B: April 2007 to June 2007**

Including: hardstand excavation, surfacing and drainage, launching ramp improvements, new pontoon.

### **Stage three**

Stage three encompasses the multi-purpose building and small boats area. The concept plans for this area are still to be finalised and current user groups will be invited to participate in a consultation workshop taking place around the middle of 2006. This workshop will help to determine the size, layout and location of the building and associated storage and parking areas. Feedback will be sought from key stakeholders and other interested parties in this process.



## Scheduled Club Trips

### 5 March Swim Escort Rangitoto to St Heliers

The biggest of the 4 harbour swims and consequently a good turnout is asked for. (approximately 70 kayaks are required)

Two options are open to us, namely to paddle over to Rangitoto Wharf on Saturday afternoon and socialise, dine (**Shared dinner**) and sleep on the deck (bring a mozzie net). No tent required but mattress suggested. A group will leave from St Heliers at 4.00pm

The second option is to meet at St Heliers at 8.15am to paddle across to Rangitoto Wharf to meet the overnighters, then escort the swimmers back.

BUT...

The Club has organised a "**Champagne Breakfast**" at Rangitoto Wharf for all comers, SO...

If you want breakfast on Rangi, then get up a little bit earlier and arrive at the wharf no later than 8:30am.

Roger and helpers will welcome us back with the traditional lunch time **BBQ** on the beach.

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### Sun 12 March - Waitemata Wander

Meet at St Heliers 8 am. The trip destination will be dictated by the prevailing wind and tide directions. Paddling into the wind till lunch stop, then surfing downwind back to St Heliers. 20 –25km.

Organiser:

**Gerard Fagan** 832 9720. Mob 021 0715 917

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### 17 to 19 March Coastbusters

Weekend of fun, seminars, workshops and discussion panels. Held at Milford Primary School, Lake Pupuke, North Shore, Auckland.

To register:

<http://www.coastbusters.org.nz>

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### Sun 26 March -Waitemata Wander. (Ideal for novice paddlers)

Meet at St Heliers at 8a.m. The trip destination will be dictated by the prevailing wind and tide directions. Paddling into the wind till lunch stop, then cruising downwind back to St Heliers.

Organiser:

**Gerard Fagan** 832 9720. Mob 021 0715 917

### 1 April Night paddle to Browns Island (not April Fools Joke)

Meet at St Heliers at 5.00pm and paddle over to Browns Island, climb to the top and have dinner and absorb the view of the Auckland lights.

MUST have a night light and/or Dolphin torch as boat traffic use the channel. Use the tide to return to St Heliers

Contact **Philip Noble** 575 3493

## Regular Events

### Vine House - last weekend of every month

Working Working bees for the rest of the year will be held on the last weekend of every month. We are now mainly doing interior work i.e. sanding and painting. There are always lovely people that come along, so I promise you good company. We now have beds for 10, so I promise you a good night's sleep. Bring \$5 for Saturday night's dinner and you will eat well too! As always, be aware of the tides and bring a canoe trolley if you have one. Bring also a pillow case and sleeping bag

Phone: **Stephanie** 09 8345 769

### Tuesday Evening Paddles

A small group of informal paddlers usually meets at the Okahu Bay ramp at about 5:30pm on Tuesday nights.

### Saturday Morning Paddles

If you are in to good coffee, good company and usually a leisurely paddle then these are the trips for you. A small but growing group meet about 9:00am on Saturday mornings to paddle to one of the beaches, St Heliers, Kohimaranara or Mission Bay for a Coffee.

### Saturday Morning Rock and Roll

Every Second Saturday morning our Safety Officer, Mike Randall, organises a session to assist you to get comfortable in your kayak whilst up side down, and to generally learn or improve your paddling skills.

The details are emailed out a few days before the weekend.

## President's State of the Club address



As you can see from this newsletter, a tremendous number of Club activities are underway.

I was impressed at how well organised the last Swim Escort was. I certainly had the impression that everyone enjoyed themselves and it appeared to run so smoothly. That can only be due to the planning and efforts of so many of our members prior to the event. Our usual BBQ host, Roger, was out of town so Philip Noble and helpers stepped in and made the day a huge success.

Next weekend is the final Swim Escort for the season and the Rangitoto Swim is always very popular with both swimmers and kayakers.

This year will be no exception. There are two groups being organised, a Saturday late afternoon departure for those planning on staying the night on Rangitoto, and an early morning group leaving from St Heliers at 8:15am or earlier (see below!).

This year one of our members has offered the Club the use of an inflatable Rib and this will be used to transport equipment and supplies for a Champagne Breakfast on Rangi for Sunday morning. (Actually non-alcoholic as we must be in a fit condition to rescue and not be rescued!)

On Saturday evening there will be a shared dinner and a chance to explore Rangitoto.

When we return to St Heliers Roger will be back delighting us with his culinary skills for a BBQ lunch.

Finally, I wish to publically express the Committee thanks to Claire Vial for all the hard work she is putting in to redesigning the Club Website.

Hoping to see you all on Rangitoto Saturday evening,

*Tan*

## Poet's Corner

Well, it's been a corker summer  
At least, the bits that I remember  
And even those that weren't so good  
Were probably in September.

But I do recall some windy days  
When it really blew and blew  
It put the cap on Vincent's trip  
If only for a few.

On the beach post paddle  
A wild and stormy day  
In the debris cast about  
One dead penguin lay.  
Little Blue, Korora  
Call it what you will  
I stared at it for quite a while  
Its tiny corpse quite still.  
The previous calm and balmy days  
Saw many a Little Blue  
Enjoying life like penguins  
As they are wont to do.

What else is there to rhyme about?  
Ah, that time, when through a gap  
A sudden surge, then chaos  
My kayak wrong way up.  
Yet after all my practice  
At getting out of strife  
What did I do but pull the strap  
No roll to save my life.  
So back to practice practice  
Maybe a change in style  
Perhaps more time spent underneath  
To collect my thoughts the while.

And then there's all that other stuff  
You never hear about  
The littlest adventure  
Is worth a quiet shout  
To be printed in the Newsletter  
Once a month the thing comes out  
So if you've never writ before  
Be in, don't hang about.

Mike Randall

## Auckland Canoe Club - information

### Postal Address:

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### Clubrooms:

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### Website:

<http://www.aucklandcanoeclub.org.nz>

### Email event reminders, send blank email to:

[subscribe@AucklandCanoeClub.org.nz](mailto:subscribe@AucklandCanoeClub.org.nz)

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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 don't call the trip leader but listen to Newstalk ZB Cancellations on 1080AM or 89.4FM, Saturday and Sunday from 7.00am.

## Club Banking Details

Bank: BNZ  
Branch: Newmarket  
Account: 02-0100-0023453-000  
Name: Auckland Canoe Club

### 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 are in the process of setting 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*



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To:

From: Auckland Canoe Club, PO Box 9271, Newmarket, Auckland

**SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE NEXT MONTH:**

**Next month's Newsletter will contain the Annual Subscription Form which includes an opportunity for you to ensure that your details are correct in the Club's Membership records.**

**We will also be trialing an on line renewal form for those interested in updating their records on line and also paying directly into the Club Bank Account.**



**Philip Noble assists kayakers after the Swim Escort**