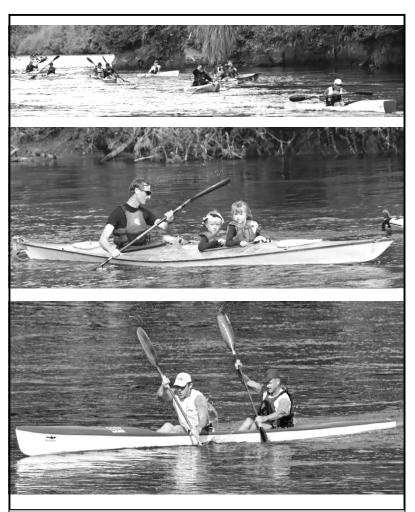


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Top Paddlers compete in the recent Cambridge - Hamilton Race & Cruise.

Centre The Van Lith Family of New Plymouth. Even with only Dad paddling they managed to beat many other paddlers.

Lower The fastest time was achieved by Grant Heim & Oskar Stielau on a double surf ski.

Photos courtesy of Sue Davidson www.adventurepica.co.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 call the trip leader. The Newstalk ZB Cancellation Service is no longer being used.

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 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

Editorial

Memories of. . .

- a great day with hundreds of paddlers on the Waikato River for the Cambridge to Hamilton Race and Cruise
- a visit to Vine House
- the swim escorts with the club
- evening paddles and exploring on weekend trips
- competing in the Coast to Coast

Summer has finished, the water is getting too cold for swimming. This issue reflects on stimulating trips, and reports on activities tabled at the AGM.

Thanks for all your encouragement and support. We are looking ahead to a prosperous year.

Peter Sommerhalder

Winter Lecture Series

Wednesday 20th June

Our winter series gets underway this year right on the eve of the shortest day. How appropriate then that the opening evenings topic will be a hot steamy South East Asian adventure.

Back in October 2006, club members **Kevin and Karen Woolcott** travelled through Vietnam. Their journey utilized a variety of transport, which included bus, train, over 700 kms of cycling and some kayaking of course. Along the way they encountered a destructive typhoon and a military coup. It's going to be an entertaining evening.

Meet at the Marine Rescue Centre (city end of Tamaki Drive) at 7pm for a 7.30 start. A \$2 door charge covers your supper and helps with a gift for our guest.

All welcome so feel free to bring along family and friends. This is a good opportunity to catch up with your club mates and it's a great time for new members to mix and mingle.

Need more info? Phone Roger Lomas 579-8799

The Winter Lecture Series are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The next date will be the 18th of July.

Regular Events

Vine House—last weekend of every Month

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 food for a shared dinner on Saturday night*.

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: Trevor 817-7357 (home)

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, Kohimarama or Mission Bay for a coffee.



Welcome

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

Robert Nicol
Kelly Grove-Hills
Gray - Jamie, Anne, Oliver, Rory
Sanders Family - Gill, Ray, Jeff and Rob

Scheduled Club Trips

<u>Trip Leaders Urgently Needed</u> Please contact Philip on 575 3493, thank you.

May 26 & 27 Waiheke Weekend.

Come and spend a great weekend at Otakawhe lodge. Paddle over from Omana on Saturday morning and return Sunday afternoon.

Phone Philip on 575 3493 for details of what to bring and departure time.

2,3,4,June Queen's Birthday W/E

We are spoiled for choice this year with two options.

Lae Taupo, meet at Kinloch 9am (leave cars there). Paddle to Waihaha (20kms), camp two nights there and then do day paddles from there up to the Waihaha waterfall and to the Cliffs optional, or stay in camp, relax, walk or fish.

You will need all your own camping gear, food alcohol etc.

Camp ground is privately owned and on waters edge with toilets. Drinking water is taken from the lake.

You must be able to paddle 10km distances between stops and have a sea kayak with water tight hatches, as well as all proper paddling gear.

I need to know several days before the trip who is coming, so please let me know.

Evan Pugh, phone (07) 883 6898

sheepskinsnstuff@xtra.co.nz

And,

Graeme once again will have his bach at Opito Bay open for club members. Come and enjoy some great company and some fantastic paddling destinations. Bring your Dolphin torch to explore the long sea cave at South Opito Bay, and some spear fishing and/or diving gear. The usual \$10 per night PP for upkeep of this gem.

Phone Graeme on (07) 332 3112 for directions and further details.

Saturday 9thth. Whitford for Lunch. (Trip leader needed)

Choice of starting points, same destination. Meet at either Cockle Bay or Beachlands to paddle on the flood tide up the Turanga Creek to Whitford for lunch at 1.30pm.

Phone Philip for trip leader's number.

Sunday 17th June Howick Eastern Beaches

Choose to start either at Glendowie Boat Club or Bucklands Beach to paddle out the Tamaki Estuary, past the eastern beaches to Motkaraka Island for lunch. Return the same way.

Phone Philip for details 575 3493

Sunday 24th Rangitoto beckons again. (Trip Leaders needed)

Cut the cloth to fit the suit.

For those who want a challenge (26Km) and enjoy a fair pace, paddle round Rangitoto.

For those who want to mix it up, paddle across to the wharf and walk to the top for brunch, then paddle towards Islington Bay to meet the "rounders" for the return paddle.

Phone Philip for trip leader's number

Sunday 1st July. The Wreck of the Alice A Leigh at Moturekareka

An ideal tide to explore the wreck, and catch some fish if you're lucky. Depending on the weather and preference of the group we can head either north or south before returning to the cars at Wenderholm or Martins Bay by mid afternoon.

Phone Gerard 832 9720 for details

Trip leaders needed for July trips

7/8th. Camp the night at Whakanewha Reserve (Rocky Bay, Waiheke)

15th. Paddle round Tawharanui (Takatu Point)

Safety



High Visibility Vests

To be seen in our kayaks by other crafts remains a main safety issue. The club now has for sale a light-weight safety vest with reflective stripes, in fluoro orange and fluoro yellow. These sleeveless vests are worn over the buoyancy aid and available in sizes XL to XXXL. They are the similar to those used by road workers, cyclists and truck drivers. Price for club members is \$5.



Air Horns

Air Horn complete with pump \$30.00

Air horn without pump \$25.00

Can be inflated using any garage air supply to 80psi. One fill lasts approx 50 blasts. Total weight 100gm \$6.00 post and packing

Order your vest or horn NOW from Alison, Merchandising Officer, ph 09 579-0512, or email

Merchandise@AucklandCanoeClub.org.nz

Youngsters in Kayaks

By Rona Patterson

After reading the latest ACC Newsletter's notice that the Club has purchased a small kayak, I rang our Club President to check on the availability of the kayak.

It was my lucky day. I duly collected the kayak and put it on my roof rack beside my own and met my three grandchildren (2, 5 and 8) at Judges Bay on ANZAC Day. The two boys had been asking me for some time to get them a kayak but I was still not sure what would happen when they had the responsibility of having to actually make the kayak work. I was fully expecting this outing to be a five minute wonder. Not so!

Prior to meeting at the beach, they had arranged the pecking order between themselves — in age order. So it was that Josh was in the hot seat first. Five minutes was about enough to wear him out because in order to try to stop the kayak going around in circles, he opted to paddle **fast**. Then it was Ben's turn. Now he is the natural sportsperson and nothing athletic is going to beat him. The concentration on his face was a joy to watch. The kayak continued to go in circles, but he was going to beat it somehow. Isabel's turn was next and she also knew exactly what to do, but by the time she had her third attempt, she decided it was a lot easier to drop the paddle and let her brothers push her around.

Both Ian Calhaem and Peter Somerhalder had told me that if the children were going to learn, they must start off with being tipped out so that they would know what they were in for. Now I am a grandmother and could not do this to them, but I did tell them what was expected. So I was pleasantly pleased and surprised when Josh tipped himself out twice.

Following third turns each in the kayak with me walking around beside them in the water, the boys were eager for me to get into my own boat and paddle alongside them. This also gave the boys more time in the kayak because I put Izzy in the hatch where she was happy directing events.

With three hours on the water I was amazed to see the improvement of these young children whose previous experience had only been while in the hatch of my boat. We took home three tired, but very happy children and I thank the club for making this so. However, I had one tired little boy tell me on the way home that "I really want my own kayak". I think he thinks that telling me this — will make it happen.

Tip of the month

By Gerard Fagan



How to load your kayak onto its trolley.

- **1:** Lie the trolley down next to the cockpit, facing the rudder (photo 1)
- 2: Connect the straps (photo 2)



3: Now lift the front strap first, then the back one (photo 3).

If the straps are too short it would be worth you're while getting them made longer.



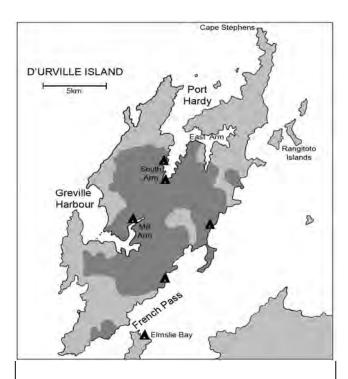
D'Urville Island

By Colin Quilter

Earlier this year I spent a few days exploring D'Urville Island as part of a longer trip around the northern coast of the South Island. I thoroughly enjoyed the island, and came to feel that D'Urville is one of the prime paddling destinations in that part of the country. This article contains brief notes about the island's coast, and some suggestions about what to see and where to camp.

A glance at an atlas will show why D'Urville is so interesting. It's an island intermediate in size between Waiheke and Great Barrier, which means you could paddle around it in just a couple of days, or you could spend a week exploring it thoroughly. It forms the geographical boundary between the wide, shallow waters of Tasman Bay and the deep inlets of the Marlborough Sounds. It occupies a weather boundary too, where the light breezes of Tasman Bay give way to the gales of Cook Strait. Both ends of the island have fierce tide rips; French Pass in the south and Cape Stephens in the north.

Like Great Barrier Island, the two sides of D'Urville are quite different. The exposed western coast has soaring cliffs, on which hardy scrub barely gets a foothold. The eastern side is more gentle. Much of the eastern side, and the northern and southern ends of the island, are farmed, (area shaded light



grey on the map). The central part (dark grey) is bush, most of it being in DOC's hands.

The logical starting point for kayakers is the road's end at Elmslie Bay on the mainland side of French Pass, where there's a DOC campground. Despite the tidal currents which are said to run at up to 7 knots, French Pass is not a serious obstacle. There are four slack waters each day, and even when the current is running swiftly the channel can easily be crossed by choosing a spot some distance downstream of the narrows. At full flow the pass is a nice playground for kayakers. You can ride the rough water through the pass, then paddle back against the flow by sticking right against the rocks and working from eddy to eddy.

I circumnavigated the island clockwise, so I travelled northwards up the west coast. At first there are a series of beaches separated by headlands,



A peaceful campsite at Mill Arm.

many with small sheltered coves. Wherever there's a shady corner in these coves, seals are sleeping. It's easy to walk along the beach and fail to notice a seal slumbering among the rocks at the top of the beach. When the seal wakes at the sound of your footsteps it will panic and charge straight for the sea; standing between a frightened seal and the water is not a good place to be.

Further north the cliffs begin, and very impressive they are. But I was surprised to find that even on the steepest parts of the coast, there are often tiny shingle beaches at the base of the cliffs. These coves make D'Urville a delight to paddle, because if you need a landing there is almost always one to be found.

Two deep harbours open onto the west coast. Greville Harbour is the southern one. Its entrance is partly blocked by a boulder spit; within that the harbour narrows and Mill Arm penetrates right into the heart of the island. It reminded me of the inner reaches of Port Fitzroy on Great Barrier Island. After several twists and turns one looses sight and sound of the ocean, and the still green water is overhung with dense bush. There were many eagle rays, either resting on the bottom or (to my surprise) cruising in small schools of 4-6 just below the surface of the water. They are graceful animals, always a pleasure to watch.

After a night at the DOC campsite deep inside Mill Arm (which was rough and, I think, seldom used), I headed north to Port Hardy. There are two more campsites in the South Arm of Port Hardy but I was tempted by good weather to miss them and get around Cape Stephens while I could. This is a noble headland. It looks across to Stephens Island and powerful tidal streams run between. The rocks near the cape are named Hell's Gate, which might be an apt description when a gale blows against the tidal stream. But a kayaker sneaks easily around the cape, staying close to the rocks in flat water while 50 metres offshore the sluicing tide pushes up impressive overfalls. Just east of the cape I found a cove with room for one tent, and spent a tranquil evening there.

The east coast of D'Urville is backed by farmland at the northern end, then by native bush as one gets further south. It's pleasant, but not exceptional. I can't give a detailed report because I had a northerly breeze, so I hoisted my sail and slanted out towards the Rangitoto Islands in search of more



French Pass viewed from the D'Urville shore during the west-going stream. The deep-water channel is on the far side.

wind. Later when the wind moved ahead I closed the D'Urville coast and visited the northern of two DOC campsites (near Penguin Island). This was a wretched place, nothing but the top of a boulder bank covered with scrub. One would have to be desperate to sleep there.

The southeastern corner of D'Urville has scattered dwellings and one or two small resorts. It is the most sheltered part of the island. Across the channel is the road end at Elmslie Bay, which brings us back to our starting point. In this account I haven't said anything about the long and interesting history of D'Urville Island. There's plenty available on the web, including a useful article by Gerard Hindmarsh (try Googling "Discovering D'Urville"). It's a good title for an island which could be visited several times with something new to find on each occasion.

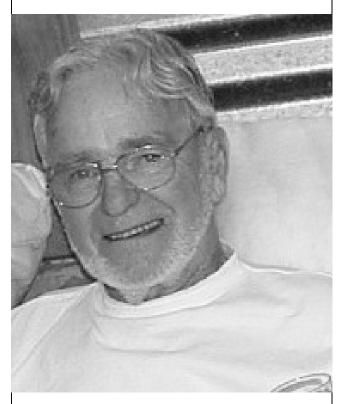


The cove where I camped, just east of Cape Stephens. Stephens Island is in the distance. My tent is arrowed.

The Evan Stubbs Memorial Award

By Roger Lomas

At the 2007 AGM **Peter Godfrey** was presented with the Evan Stubbs Memorial Award. This award is for services to kayaking and was presented to Peter on behalf of the club by our newly re-elected President Ian Calhaem. Peter was accompanied by his wife Liz (a previous recipient of the award) and was flanked by fellow life members Peter and Su Sommerhalder and John and Leonie Watts.



Peter became President of the Auckland Canoe Club in 1961 and set about implementing an era of activity that has now become legend. He has been chronicled in club history as a forceful outspoken dynamo with enterprise and a flair for organization. His philosophy was that the club members worked together for the betterment of the club as a whole. Industrious and inventive, he organised activities, which always had the club buzzing; midweek instruction sessions at the clubrooms, weekends that alternated between working bees and club cruises and a policy that ensured that new members were quickly embraced by good club ethics. Perhaps a lasting legacy of the Peter Godfrey era is the healthy financial state that the club now enjoys. Under his guidance the club overcame monetary difficulties and through enterprise, income streams began to flow. Some of the surplus from these efforts was wisely invested and this became the nucleus of today's substantial building fund.

AGM - Auckland Canoe Club

Our president, In Calhaem, was well prepared to run this year's Annual General Meeting smoothly. The room in the Coastguard building was full - club members new and "old" - taking an interest in the running of Auckland Canoe Club. Activities of club officers are not restricted to going paddling, but include planning and communicating with Coastguard, the Harbourmaster, Auckland Regional Council and the manager redeveloping The Landing, the marina at Okahu Bay, where we have our boat storage. The club plays an import part in communicating with these authorities, and proposals put forward through our Committee and President have been appreciated and accepted. We also have a prosperous relationship with Auckland Regional Council regarding the Vine House project.

The election of officers did not bring many changes, as most officers were prepared to serve another year. Wolfgang Pohl accepted nomination for Vice President and was elected. A highlight of the evening was the nomination of Peter Godfrey as the club's patron. This was in recognition of the enormous amount of work and effort Peter put in over forty years ago, to make Auckland Canoe Club into what it is today.

Peter was also awarded the Evan Stubbs Memorial Trophy. It is an authentic model of an Eskimo Kayak brought to NZ by an Auckland Canoe Club member many years ago. It stands on a plinth made by Peter Godfrey himself and graced Liz and Peter's mantelpiece for well over 20 years. Ironically, the trophy has come home to roost.

Peter was accompanied by his wife Liz at the AGM. The presentation was conducted by life member John Watts, who was present with his wife Leonie, and by our president lan Calhaem.

To finish the official business lan and Roger Lomas informed us about the progress of The Landing marina project, boat speed restrictions imposed in the Waitemata Harbour area, and the launching of a new safety night light for small craft.

Coffee, chatting and catching up with old friends finished off a very pleasant evening.

Peter Sommerhalder

President's Report

My report to the Annual General Meeting is published in this newsletter so I will not repeat myself here. However this is an opportunity for me to welcome back most Committee members for another year. On behalf of all Club Members I thank them for their dedication to the Club.

Brian Strid stepped down as Vice-President due to personal commitments and difficulty in travelling to Committee Meetings, but we do all thank Brian for his hard work during the year. I am sure that we will continue to see lots of Brian on the water.

We are delighted to have a new Vice President – Wolfgang Pohl. Most people know Wolfgang either in person or by reputation – think BBQs, delicious food, custom built kayak trailer for his double kayak, and the number plate Mr Wolf, and you will have Wolfgang. He is a long time member of the Club with a wealth of experience.

The other "new" addition to your Committee is Matt Crozier. Already a long time member of past committees, Matt has volunteered as Assistant Webmaster to support Claire.

This brings me to the announcement that I made last month – the website is now turned on and Matt will be closing down the Yahoo site over the next few weeks. The new site needs members to test and explore so that we can fine tune it. If you send comments to

<u>Webmaster@AucklandCanoeClub.org.nz</u> either Claire or Matt will be able to attend to them.

Remember the Committee is there to coordinate Club events and direction, but it is not the Club – The Club consists of the many individual members. The Committee cannot function without YOUR input and support.

Welcome to all for another exciting your ahead,

Jan

Tip of the Month - by Philip Noble

For those wanting to buy durable cooking pots, or any Stainless Steel items that need to resist the corrosion of salt water, take a magnet along. Pure Stainless is not magnetic, not like some lower grades that have steel in them.

Annual General Meeting 16th May 2007

President's Annual Report

The past year has been very successful due to the many dedicated Club members. It has been my pleasure to work with a professional enthusiastic Committee who have contributed so much and made the role of President so easy.

It is my belief that every member of the Committee has fulfilled their role admirably for the benefit of the Club Membership.

I realise that some members hoped that the web site would have been up earlier, but these things take time and It is my belief that we now have the beginnings of a fantastic site that will assist all members of years to come.

I thank all those who contributed and not least to Matt Crozier who started the ball rolling with the Yahoo site. I will speak more about the web site under General Business.

Our membership is slightly down from last year but significantly is changing. A number of younger members are now bringing their families into the kayaking fold. This is very positive as without these new members the Club cannot continue to grow.

Vine House continues to be a delightful venue for a weekend away from the hustle and bustle of Auckland. The Club is fortunate to have members willing to develop this resource and liaise with the Auckland Regional Council.

Club activities fall into two main groups – the first, the core activities comprises the Newsletter, Winter series lectures and general trips. These are paid for by the subscriptions supplemented by the revenue from the swim escorts. It is my pleasure to thanks the committee members who look after these activities; Peter Sommerhalder for the Newsletter, Roger Lomas for the winter Series and Philip Noble for the trip calendar.

The storage and hireage of kayaks continues to provide a great and well used service for members. My thanks go to Gavin for this and also to Roger his assistant. Alison has managed the Club merchandise and as you know new products have been introduced by popular demand,

We were able to partake in some quality safety training this year thanks to the initiative of our Safety officer, Erica. We do realise that we will need to organise more training for our younger members and this will be incorporated with the initiative to obtain suitable children's kayaks.

Our treasurer has worked hard this year to keep the finances healthy. Generally revenues are down a little from last year, but in proportion so the Club finances remain sound. The Treasurer has advised me that there is no need to increase subscriptions next year. The general activities are paid of by existing subscriptions and by Swim escorts; Hireage and storage is self maintaining, and the Building fund continues to take advantage of the high interest rates, On behalf of the membership I thanks Gerard for his hard work.

One event stands out in my memory this year – one of the agendas for a committee meeting arrived via email much earlier in the month than usual and with it an apology for not being able to attend. – our secretary Alissa was not able to attend because so would be in hospital having her baby! This action typifies the service that our secretary has given to the club - even after the happy event Alissa continues to be ultra efficient. On behalf of everyone, thank you.

Finally I thank all Committee Members for making my task such as easy one this year. A lot has been achieved and I am confident that we move into a new year with enthusiasm from both Committee and Members.

Thank You.

Ian Calhaem President



Club Website Access

June RANGITOTO



Deadline for next Issue SECOND Tuesday of the month

11th June 2007

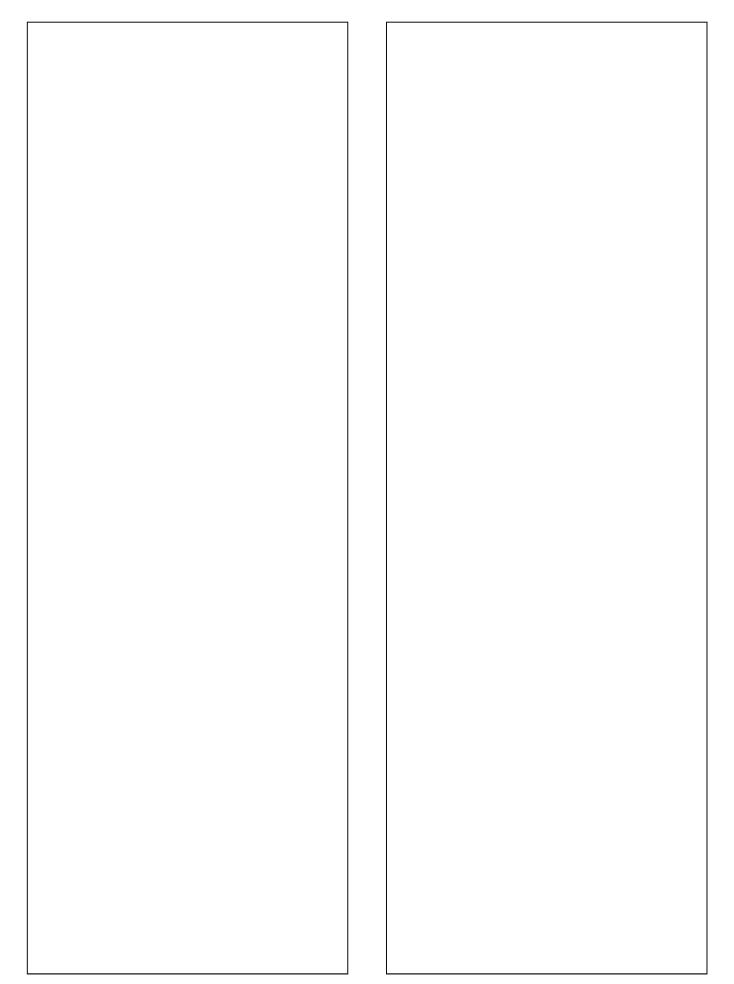
Balance

AUCKLAND CANOE CLUB INC. Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2007

Mar-06		Mar-07
139,633	Total Accumulated Funds at start of year	151,157
12,946	Plus Surplus from General activities	19,861
(1,421) 2,287 (866)	<u>Less Re-evaluation of Equipment</u> Depreciation Loss on disposal	(3,825) 2,211 1,414
151,157	Total Accumulated Funds	167,394
	These are represented by:	
9,324 6,948 - 62 	Current assets Bank -00 (General) Bank -67 Cash Box Debtors Swim escorts, Fergs Stock	11,818 2,242 5,759 14 2,595 1,209
10,107	<u>Fixed Assets</u> Club Equipment	7,891
132,027 32,688 43,803 55,499	Investments Term Deposit (3007) - BNZ Term Deposit (3004) - BNZ Term Deposit (3002) - BNZ	150,258 43,976 48,870 59,412
300	<u>Less Current Liabilities</u> Storage in advance Subs in advance	(2,574) 1,554 1,020
151,157	Net Assets	167,393

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AUCKLAND CANOE CLUB INC. INCOME & EXPENDITURE



From: Auckland Canoe Club, P.O. Box 9271, Newmarket, Auckland To: