



July 2009

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The dune wastelands at Cape Maria van Dieman, in the far north.

PHOTO COLIN QUILTER

Come to the second of our Winter Lecture Series on 21 July to hear about Colin's adventures (see page 8)

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. 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

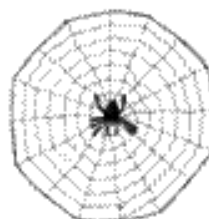
All major banks have set up Auckland Canoe Club as a registered payee for internet banking.

This means that you can pay to

Auckland Canoe Club

without having to enter the account number.

Check with your bank.



Club Website Access for July

Password Toranga



Deadline for August Newsletter

14 July 2009

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.

NEW MEMBERS



Welcome

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

Chris and Robyn Longston

WEBMASTER NEEDED!!

Is there a Club Member out there who would like to be the new Webmaster?

Phone Ian on 579 0512

KAYAK STORAGE VACANCY

If you want to store your kayak in the Club locker

Phone Gavin on 528 5188

Regular Events

Vine House – Last Weekend of Every Month

On the last weekend of each month we have the use of Vine House.

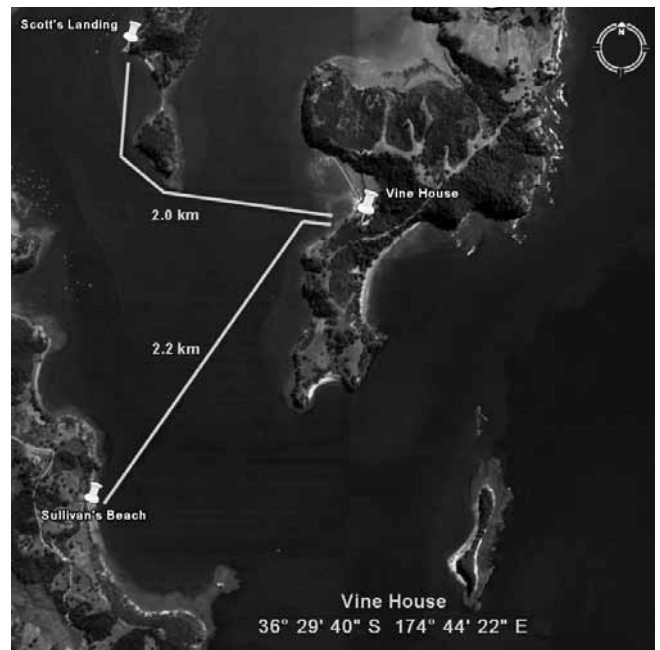
This gem in Mahurangi Harbour is a 2 km paddle from Sullivans Bay, which is the ARC park at the end of the Mahurangi West Road, first on the right past Puhoi.

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, eg 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 Sullivans 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, Matt 817-1984.



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 into 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 coffee.

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

PONU I ISLAND TRIP APRIL 18

by Evan Pugh

Gerard had his name listed as contact trip boss type person so I gave him a call and put my name down. He arrived on time, well a tad early just before 8am on Saturday at the Kawakawa boat ramp as heaps of boaties were off and about for the day.

It was just him and me. We could have waited but no one else was booked in, so after a bit of an introduction we headed off paddling directly to the SE corner of Ponui and up the east coast. With the forecast of SE 10 knot winds, we had metre high waves with the occasional larger ones near the points and reefs that we had a bit of fun surfing on while heading into the bays. Two of the Ponui Island donkeys were on the beach, but unable to communicate with them, we carried on while Gerard had a line out the back, as by the sound of it, he always seems to.



Both of us had paddled the island before but even then it is still a great day trip and place to learn much about paddling conditions while circumnavigating the coastline. We had several stops during the day, and after catching a small kahawai Gerard's sounds of joy notified me that he had a much larger flappy



thing on his line. Pulling in his catch there certainly was, being another kahawai but of great weight and length he proudly held his catch up and had thought of that night's dinner, shall I leave the skin on or not, perhaps try both methods and see the taste difference.

The whole east side was mainly side winds then we had a bit of a tail wind through the Waiheke channel before going into the marine reserve where Gerard pulled in his line before re-deploying once through the other side.

A debate took place between us re a reflection in the far distance westward of us, this went on for a while and I find it difficult to say but "Gerard you were right" it was a tall building in Takapuna 35 kilometres away. His local knowledge and judgment skills far outshone mine... on the day anyhow!.

We crossed over and along the west side of Pakihi Island then headed back into a dying wind to Kawakawa Bay to finish at the boatramp about 3.45pm after 35ks.

An enjoyable day, I was a bit dismayed that no others had put their names down in support of the trip as I thought there would have been a good turn out on this one.

Skills Practice

Skills / Rolling Practice – Okahu Bay

Come along to Okahu Bay on Sundays at 10am to brush up on your skills!!

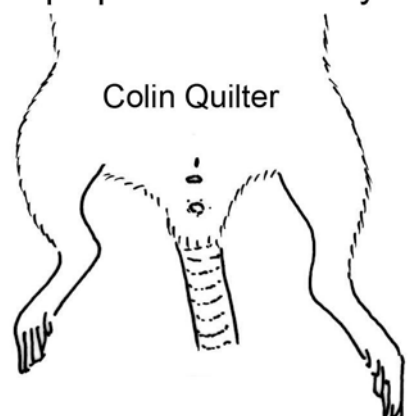
For more information please phone
John Williams on 021 131 0516

GOODBYE RAT



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In June DOC begins a four-month poisoning programme which, at some times, will close Rangitoto and Motutapu Islands to kayakers.



The rodent-eradication project is a first step towards removing all of the seven introduced mammals which live on Rangitoto and Motutapu. They are ship rats, Norway rats, mice, rabbits, hedgehogs, stoats and feral cats. If these species can be removed, and vegetation restored, then these two islands will join Tiritiri Matangi, Motuora and Motuihe as conservation islands close to the city and readily accessible to the public.

Poisoning will be carried out using helicopters to drop toxic baits on three separate occasions across both islands. The area to be covered is enormous, about 3,800 hectares. This will be the most complex such eradication attempted by DOC. The bait contains brodifacoum, a common ingredient of commercial rat poison. Only rats and mice are being targeted with the poison; other pest species will have to be destroyed by shooting, trapping, use of dogs and localised poisoning.

Each poison drop will be timed for good weather. It will take about three days to cover both islands, and the islands will be closed to public access for

seven days immediately following each drop. **This means that on each of the three occasions, for a period of ten days, kayakers will be unable to land on any of the beaches of Rangitoto and Motutapu.** The first drop is set down for 15 June, or as soon afterwards as the weather allows. Boaties will be advised by Coastguard radio (Nowcasting) when each drop is commenced, and what the closure period is. The second and third drops will follow at two or three-week intervals, depending on the weather.

For those who enjoy camping at Home Bay: **note that the campground there will be closed for the entire period 15 June – 31 October 2009.** If there are any hardy winter campers who feel this is an intolerable loss, then of course the campground on neighbouring Motuihe is available.



The campground at Home Bay. Sheltered, sunny, and closed until the end of October 2009.

PHOTO: PHILIP NOBLE

If the pest-removal programme succeeds, the long-term effects can only be good. With predators absent and the replanting of Motutapu, our children will be able to experience part of coastal New Zealand restored to its pristine state. However boaties will need to be very careful that they don't unwittingly re-introduce rodents to the islands. One could imagine, for example, that mice or rats might find a home in the dark recesses of a powerboat or runabout stored unused in a garage for some time, especially if there was bedding or old lifejackets on board. If not discovered they could conceivably get ashore when people and picnic gear are landed on one of Motutapu's beaches. I think the chance of this happening with a kayak is small, because empty kayaks don't provide a good refuge for rats or mice; but it might be possible, and we will all have to be vigilant.

In summary: listen to VHF Channel 21 (Nowcasting) before you plan any trip to Rangitoto or Motutapu during the next five months.

Club Trips – July 2009

Please phone Wednesday or Thursday to express interest.

Please contact Will on 550 3699 if you are available to take a trip to your favourite destination or one of the following.

Note: Trips will start at the time announced. Ensure you are on time or be left to catch up.

Sunday, 12 July

Tamaki River/Estuary

Ideal for beginners. Explore the upper regions of the Tamaki River. It's a very protected area of water. Just 2–3 hours for this trip, an ideal one for beginners.

Meet at Panmure wharf at 9:00 for a 9:30 departure.

For further details phone John Williams on 021 131 0516

Saturday 18, or Sunday 19, July

Manukau Heads

This trip is an old favourite combining paddling, walking (and a great place for a cup of tea). Departure will be from Cornwallis Wharf. We will be carried by the ebb tide down to South Head, picnic on the grassy slopes below the Signal Station, and take an unforgettable walk (which includes "Rona's Leap") over the headland.

Then if time and weather permits we'll cross the channel to land at Whatipu, before getting a tide-assisted ride back up the harbour.

Paddling time will be 1.5 hours each way; return by about 6.00pm. Bring drinks, snacks, lunch, shoes or sandals, warm clothing and a camera; plus a small pack to carry your stuff. This trip is suitable for intermediate and experienced paddlers (if in doubt phone Colin to discuss). It is weather-dependent.

To find out the date and time of departure, listen to the message on Colin's answerphone anytime after 6pm on Friday 17 July, tel. 630 2219.

To discuss the trip with him phone that number or 360 6271. If the forecast is bad, we'll have a shorter trip somewhere else; details on Colin's answerphone. In that case we will attempt to run the Manukau Heads trip again on the weekend of August 1 or 2.

Saturday 18, or Sunday 19, July

Waitemata Harbour

We'll meet at Kohimarama Beach. The plan is to paddle into the wind in the morning, have lunch and hopefully cruise downwind back to the cars. But the plan could change, like the wind. So come along anyway!

For trip details phone Gerard Fagan on 832 9720, Mob 0210 715917

Saturday 1, or Sunday 2, August

Cup of tea on Crusoe Island

Crusoe is a tiny island in the channel between Motuihe and Waiheke Islands and well worth a visit.

Interesting features include the smallest beach in the Hauraki Gulf; a great place for a cup of tea!

Departure will be from Bucklands Beach fairly early on Saturday or Sunday in order to catch the outgoing tide. The trip home will also be tide-assisted.

Paddling time will be 1.5 hours each way, return by mid-afternoon. Bring lunch, snacks and a thermos.

To find out the date and time of departure, listen to the message on Colin's answerphone anytime after 6pm on Friday 31 July, tel. 630 2219. To discuss the trip with him phone that number or 360 6271.

This weekend is also the back-up date for the Manukau Heads trip planned for 18/19 July. To find out what's happening listen to Colin's answerphone on Friday evening.

Saturday 8, August

Kaukapakapa River

We will explore this river which borders the Kaukapakapa Estuary Scientific Reserve on its flow into the Kaipara Harbour.

Paddling upstream with the incoming tide, we will find a place for lunch and then return downstream when the tide has turned.

We should be off the water round about 3.15pm.

Bring your togs for an optional post paddle swim at the Parakai Hot Pools.

Meet at 10.30am for an 11am start at the Springs Rd Jetty and boat ramp at Parakai. (Drive through Parakai and just past the Hot Pools and Domain area, take the first road on the right (Springs Rd), and follow it down to the Kaipara River.)

For trip details phone Helen Orchard 444 1397

President's Report

Dear All,

Another year is well under way and your committee is working hard to make this yet another memorable year.

Our Winter Series of Lectures started last month and as you will read in this Newsletter another is organised for this month.

I have busy this month continuing to investigate the history of the Landing at Okahu Bay. As you may know Okahu Haulage Inc., who have operated on the Landing for over 30 years and have a valid licence to operate there, have received a notice from the Council evicting them. It is believed that the Council is trying to convert the Landing into a fully commercial site and then sell it off together with Westhaven.

Okahu Haulage is important for all users of the Landing as it is their work that assists to keep the boat hulls clean and thus to keep the water in the bay clean for other users such as kayakers. The Committee wrote a letter of support to Okahu Haulage and this has been lodged in the High Court supporting the contention that the Landing was created for the members of boating clubs and not for commercial operations. A similar letter has been lodged from the Chairman of the Ngati Whatua o Orakei Trust Board.

A number of readers will be aware that since researching the design of the wave break some years ago I have been investigating the formation of the Landing and found that it is subject to a long forgotten Act which forbids any development without getting prior approval of the Governor General. My research indicates that the Act was last used in 1940 for the creation of the Landing itself, but that subsequent building and constructions have not complied with the law and lack official approval.

Of great significance was the discovery this month of the original plans that were sent to the Governor for his approval in 1940. These clearly marked the Landing as being for "Clubhouses". Contemporary maps show the haul-out facilities being only on the ramp and stopping at the row of clubhouses at the top.

On behalf of all the users of the Landing, Okahu Haulage has lodged documents in the High Court claiming that the Landing was created and exists solely for the various clubs. They are now awaiting a response from the Council before it is heard in Court in July. Watch this space – I will keep you updated when we have any developments.

Safe paddling,

Ian

Poet's Corner

*Saturday morning in Auckland
The sky looks the colour of lead
Rain coming down in large buckets
You think I'll just stay in my bed.*

*Meanwhile in the shed there lies waiting
Your kayak just itching to go
To the beach for a quiet little paddle
While its skipper cries silently no.*

*Now if you think this all a bit silly
Alone you are not dare I say
Including this writer bereft of ideas
To get this month's poem underway.*

*Underway is a word meant for boating
A nautical term from the Dutch
So get out there and get that boat moving
That rain's not going to be much.*

*In no time at all you're down at the beach
With a mate that you called up to meet
The weather's not really as bad as it looked
When you peeped out from under the sheet.*

*Many a time we're really put off
By a forecast of twenty knot winds
My name in the middle is Caution
To yourself just make sure that you're kind.*

*There's always a spot round our coastline
For that fix that we paddlers surely seek
So why be put off by the weather
When we've been waiting for this all the week.*

*This is mainly addressed to new paddlers
Us folk who are new to the game
A few feet off shore we can practise our skills
Those we know then more of the same.*

*To those already converted
Will know what I mean when I say
A wet winter's day in the briny
Is rewarded with that cup of tea.*

Mike Randall

Winter Lecture Series 2009

The second of our Winter Lectures will be held on July 21st at the Marine Rescue Centre.

This year's series will once again showcase the adventures of our own club members who, as ever, are out there doing it. Over consecutive months from June through till September our winter series will recount an array of outdoor activities and adventures. These will include coastal kayak exploration at a variety of locations around the homeland shores and cycle and trek adventures that go well off the beaten track in foreign lands.

Our club rooms at the Marine Rescue Centre on Tamaki Drive provide the ideal venue to catch up with club mates for a pre show chat. It is also a great opportunity for newer members to rub shoulders with the old salts and become more involved in club activities. If you would like to bring along some friends they will be more than welcome.

There is a positive energy of inspiration generated at these winter talks that often goes on to motivate future expedition endeavours. A little bit of crafty networking with fellow attendees may well garner your involvement in something exciting next summer.

Tuesday July 21st 2009 Two great kayaking locations in NZ

– Colin Quilter

I've spent the past few summer holidays exploring the extreme northern ends of the North and South Islands. Both offer all that a kayaker could wish for: remote coastlines, isolated beaches, and grand headlands.

My talk will be based on two circumnavigations of D'Urville Island and two of Cape Reinga/North Cape. I will identify easy landings, campsites and scenic highlights; and I hope I will be able to persuade you that anyone with a reasonable level of confidence can paddle these areas safely and have a wonderful time.

– Colin

Meet at the Marine Rescue Centre at 7pm for a 7:30 start.

A \$2 door charge covers your supper and helps with a gift for our guest speaker.

Need more info? Roger Lomas 846 6799



Black Reef Bay, on the rugged west coast of D'Urville Island.

PHOTO COLIN QUILTER



Early morning striders along Tamaki Drive were the first to see Kevin Woolcott's new kayak-bicycle trailer combination.

Kev trialled the 'Bi-Yak' a couple of weeks ago and now uses it for the short haul from his Kohimarama home to the beach and back.

PHOTO R LOMAS

AUCKLAND CANOE CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM



- New Member**
 Rejoining

Surname: _____ **First Name:** _____
Family Name(s) _____

Address: _____ **Suburb:** _____ **City:** _____
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, off-shore paddling experience)

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

Please select the types of kayaking your are most interested in:

- Sea kayaking Touring Sea kayaking racing
 Whitewater Surf/rodeo/polo 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 2010

- Member \$30** **Family \$35** **Life Member**

Post to: Auckland Canoe Club, PO Box 9271 Newmarket, Auckland

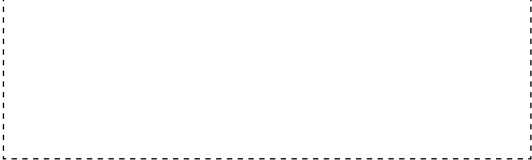
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Bank: BNZ, Newmarket
Acct: 02-0100-0023453-000
Name: Auckland Canoe Club
Particulars: **Your name & initials**
Code: **Subscription**



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



To:

