



## September 2010

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### **WINTER LECTURE SERIES** Tuesday 21 September

**Kayaking: Multi Days / Multi Ways – an Interactive Slide Show Talk** – See page 4 for details.



Lake Waikaremoana Campsite

## Auckland Canoe Club Information

### Postal Address

P.O. Box 9271, Newmarket, Auckland

### Clubrooms

Marine Rescue Centre, Mechanics Bay

### Website

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

### Email event reminders

send blank email to

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

### Officers

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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

*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.**

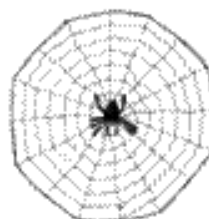
### Internet Banking

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 September

**Password** Waitakaruru



## Deadline for October Newsletter

**14 September 2010**



## 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.

## 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**

## NEW MEMBER



### Welcome

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

**Lynda Langridge**

## Regular Events

### Vine House – Last Weekend of Every Month

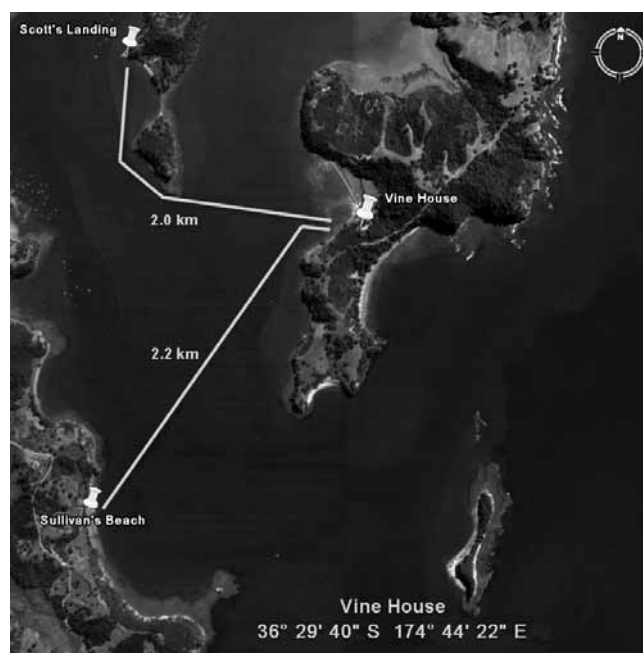
On the last weekend of each month we have the use of Vine House.

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.**



### 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!

## Winter Lecture Series

Our clubs winter series of informative talks concludes for this year on Tuesday 21st of September.

**Erica Law** will be along to conduct an interactive evening with us. Erica has a good knowledge of trip planning ranging from day trips through to multi week expeditions.

*“My multi-day trips are generally the highlights of my paddling year, giving the opportunity for a real holiday from my normal routine, exploring further afield. This talk will cover a range of multi-day trips building up from local to regional, national and ever further afield.*

*“Multi-day trips are possible for anyone willing to devote a little time and energy into properly equipping themselves, and researching and planning their adventure.*

*“It would be great to see all our experienced members, and I’d particularly love to see some of our newer members. If you’re keen to do more, bring pad and pen for noting ideas. There will be the opportunity to ask questions (of me and the many other highly experienced club members).”* – Erica

The winter series is held at our clubrooms at the Marine Rescue Centre which is next to the harbour side heliport. It provides the ideal venue to catch up with fellow club mates and is also the perfect place for newer members to become more involved.

This year’s series has been running from June through to September. Our usual format is to meet at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 start.



Erica at the Northern Cavallis

PHOTO IONA BAILEY

The Winter Lecture Series is open to everyone, so feel free to bring along friends. A small door charge of \$2 will cover your supper and a gift for the presenter.

The company of fine friends and the useful knowledge garnered at these evenings is priceless.

**For further information contact Roger Lomas: 846 6799**

## Recently at Vine House

*Beautiful Canadian-style breakfast repast courtesy Will and Chantal.*

PHOTO GARRY SCHRODER



## Poet's Corner

*I'm just a common old Sea Slug  
With celebrity status I hear  
We went for a visit to Kohi  
Which caused an outbreak of fear  
Among owners of dogs and small children  
That go looking for us in the sand  
The fault's not with us that we're toxic  
And we really don't want to be found.*

*Not our fault we carry the poison  
Tetrodotoxin I think  
That's news to us simple Sea Slugs  
'Cos we always seem right in the pink.*

*Pleurobranchaea maculata  
We'd never heard of that name  
I always thought we were Sea Slugs  
Must be Greeks and the Romans to blame.*

*Down at our Cafe Dotoxin  
The place is awash with this news  
We are suddenly dangerous monsters  
Enough to give Sea Slugs the blues.*

*Our pictures are there on the foreshore  
Dire warnings about not to touch  
Us with just what to do when confronted  
By us lying still on the beach.*

*Well I **was** a sedentary Sea Slug  
Getting on with my life as we do  
But now I'm a known sea monster  
I think I'll be one of the few  
With my picture all over the papers  
To join the celebrity group  
Put it about that I'm famous  
At last I'm a Slug in the Loop.*

*You paddlers have nothing to worry about  
Unless you like grilled slug for tea  
Stick to your mussels and oysters  
Or anything else in the sea.*

*I really don't like the name Sea Slug  
Connotations of a sluggish life style  
The Latin and Greek I could bear with  
But how about calling me Lyle  
Or Molly or Sebastian or Sam  
Or Jennifer – or Braveheart – aaarrrr -  
that would frighten you kayakers.*

Mike Randall

## Club Trips – September 2010

Please phone Eddie on phone 480 5623, mobile 027 271 4679 or email [Eddiev@blacktop.co.nz](mailto:Eddiev@blacktop.co.nz) Wednesday or Thursday to express interest in any of the trips listed below.

### Saturday 4 September

#### Red Beach to Te Muri Beach

Easy paddle along Orewa beach front, past Waiwera and Wenderholm. Bring lunch.

Call Eddie 027 271 4679 if interested.

### Saturday 18 September

#### Beach Haven

Depart Island Bay Road. Paddle along the coast towards Chelsea Sugar Works, maybe across to Herne Bay (weather depending), along the coast to the reef, and back to Island Bay.

Call Eddie 027 271 4679 if interested

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For further information contact Roger Lomas on 846 6799

### Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 September

#### Vine House Weekend

A chance for a laid back couple of days with good company and good food.

Call Trevor 817-7357 to book a bed and for detailed information

## Club Updates its Kayaks

Every year the committee reviews the usage of the club's hire fleet to ensure that the members have a wide choice of kayaks to test before purchasing their own. As new models come onto the market we review their suitability taking into account their performance – suitability for beginners or more advanced paddlers, robustness, and other features.

We recently decided that one of the existing double kayaks should be replaced with a new lightweight double kayak and by next month we should have this in our locker. We will be able to give you more details in next month's newsletter so watch this space!

It is timely to remind members again of the purpose of the hire fleet.

The Club provides these kayaks so members, old and new, are able to test a range of different kayaks before purchasing their own. For a new member just getting in to kayaking, the choice of kayak can be daunting as there are so many different models to choose from and they do not all perform the same.

The secondary reason we have the kayaks is so that members are able to take potential new members out for a trip to introduce them to our wonderful activity.

We do ask however, that Club kayaks are treated with all the care that you would take if it was your own – after all as a club member you do own it!

We ask that Club kayaks are only used with all the appropriate safety gear and encourage members to ask advice before venturing out.

If you are planning on taking a club kayak out of the Auckland area we ask that you get approval from the committee first. This is a simple process of putting a request to the Committee and then one of us can advise you on the suitability of a particular model and on how to safely transport it.

*Ian Calhaem*  
President

## Membership Update

The Club is updating its accounting system and as part of that process we are checking the accuracy of our membership database. Whilst we send out a membership renewal form each year, few of us actually fill it in and send it back to the secretary. We are interested in keeping your details up to date so we can contact you about events etc.

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (mobile): \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Experience:  none  novice  intermediate  advanced

If you own a kayak (type): \_\_\_\_\_

Your interests:  sea kayaking  touring  racing  whitewater  surf/polo etc  multisport

**Please help us to help you by taking the time to provide us with confirmation of your details.**



## Whangaparaoa Sea Caves

*Roger Lomas*



On the southern side of the Whangaparaoa Peninsula there are a series of caves that are accessible on a high tide and calm conditions. At the end of August a small group of club kayakers explored this region.

Most of these sea caves occur between Matakatia Bay and Arkles Bay. These include a 15 metre tunnel cave that you can paddle right through if you breathe in!

