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Early morning kayakers depart from Westhaven pontoon

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## 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.**

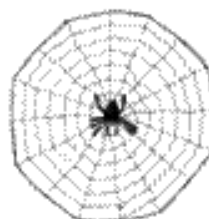
### Internet Banking

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 October

**Password** Waitakaruru



## Deadline for November Newsletter

**12 October 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**

## Regular Events

### Vine House – Last Weekend of Every Month

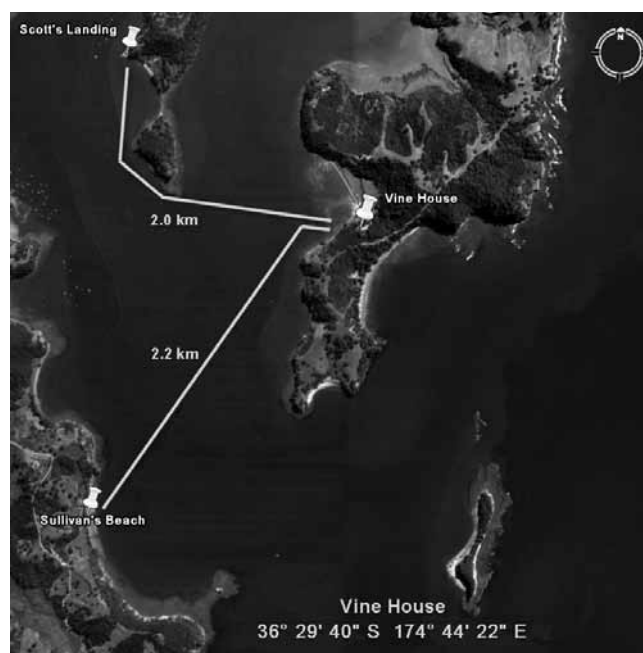
On the last weekend of each month we have the use of Vine House.

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!

## Poet's Corner

### SIGN ON TAMAKI DRIVE BETWEEN MISSION BAY AND KOHIMARAMA BEACH



*Be careful when paddling near Tamaki Drive  
Look out for things from the sky  
There's a good chance that people may fall  
on your head  
While you happen to closely pass by  
A wall by the Drive where climbers might climb  
Oblivious to things underneath  
Just Waiting to Happen this Accident is  
To cause a poor paddler's death  
I know there's a distance 'tween said wall and sea  
But climbers will try really hard  
To throw themselves out as far as they can  
So kayakers be on your guard  
When setting out joyously from Okahu Bay  
To enjoy a quiet Latte at Kohi  
Keep an eye on the wall off your starboard side please  
Lest a body flies into the sea.*

*Forget about Sea Slugs and fisherfolks' lines  
The sudden appearance of whales  
Just look out for people tumbling down  
From the wall they've been trying to scale  
And failed in the process thus causing a fright  
To innocent paddlers all  
I'll warn you again just in case you forget  
Beware of Climbers who Fall.*

*Mike Randall*

## 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 the 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.**



## Club Trips – October 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.

### Sunday 17 October

#### Narrow Neck to Rangitoto!!

Depart Narrow Neck beach and head for Mackenzie Bay. Walk to top of Rangitoto. BYO picnic lunch. Back to Mackenzie Bay and then Narrow Neck. Bring walking shoes!!!

Call Jodi on **021 942 896** or **445 3639**.  
email [jodi.yates@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jodi.yates@xtra.co.nz)

### Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 October

#### 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.

## 2010/2011 Harbour Swim Dates

Auckland Central Masters Swimming Inc advise that they are planning to hold their annual open water swims on the following dates:

Swim	Date	Start	Duration (approx)	Tide
Herne Bay Beach to Masefield Beach (Pt Erin)	28 Nov 2010	12:15pm	50 mins	1:15pm
Masefield Beach (Pt Erin) to Chelsea Sugar	12 Dec 2010	11:30am	75 mins	12:50pm
St Heliers to Tamaki Yacht Club	6 Mar 2011	8:00am	90 mins	9:28am
Rangi Wharf to St Heliers	10 Apr 2011	9:50am	120 mins	11:51am

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The N.L.'s got a trifle slim  
I hesitate to note  
So how about a bit of prose  
To keep the thing afloat  
Some philosophic poems  
Would help no end I think  
About the time you hit a whale  
And fell into the drink  
I know the Acts you write about  
Are really Hard to Follow  
But a story told that's soft on Facts  
Most of us would swallow  
I know Time is of the Essence  
With work and all to do

So a line of two with pictures  
Would flavour up the stew  
A case in point was Roger's  
Pics of Whangaparaoa  
It doesn't have to be about  
The sighting of a Moa  
The Club is full of Literati  
Just waiting to Come Out  
So now's the chance to do our stuff  
Just give Claire our Ed a shout  
Though here's a Word of Warning  
I won't be shy to note  
Don't let the writing interfere  
With getting in your boat.

*Mike Randall*

## Judges Bay Improvements

*Roger Lomas*

Rehabilitation of Judges Bay began in earnest last month. An army of heavy earthmoving equipment descended on the small bay and began by removing the very small sandy beach just below the Parnell Rose Gardens. They then moved offshore on the low tide and began dredging up the slurry of sludge that has silted up this small enclosed bay over the last 80 years.

The problems began when Tamaki Drive was constructed in the late 1920s. A causeway was built across the head of the bay leaving only a small channel for a tidal inlet. This channel near the headland by

the Parnell Baths was then further constricted when the new rail line across Hobson Bay was completed in 1930. There were also plans to further reclaim the bay for a rail yard expansion but this was thwarted by the locals.

The dredging of the shallow bay will remove mainly stormwater sediment which has built up over all the years since enclosure. When the bay has been restored to its former depth a new enlarged beach area will be created. The new beach will have all tide access and will please both swimmers and kayakers.



▲ *Scooping up the slurry, Judges Bay.*

*Getting in the muck at Judges Bay.* ▼





## Hobson Bay Sewer Pipe Removal

The 98-year-old concrete sewer pipe that snaked its way across the middle of Hobson Bay is in the process of being removed. Already gone is a section that once blocked access to the Purewa Creek inlet. On a good high tide it is now possible to paddle over 2.5km past this former barrier up to the headwaters of the inlet.

An exploring kayaker can now venture up under the Purewa Bridge and Orakei Rd. The Orakei Basin is off to the right on the other side of the railway causeway. Up past the floodgates that regulate the water level in the basin and on into the bushland reserve where the inlet narrows to become the Purewa Stream. The Purewa Cemetery is up the bank to the right.

Further across the bay on the city side work continues on the pipeline removal. A temporary causeway has been constructed for trucks to haul the pipe line debris away. This is being recycled for new building aggregate. When all the rubble is removed kayakers will be able to venture up into the mangroves near Shore Rd. The more adventurous may attempt to paddle up under Ayr St and into the Basset Rd stormwater canal.

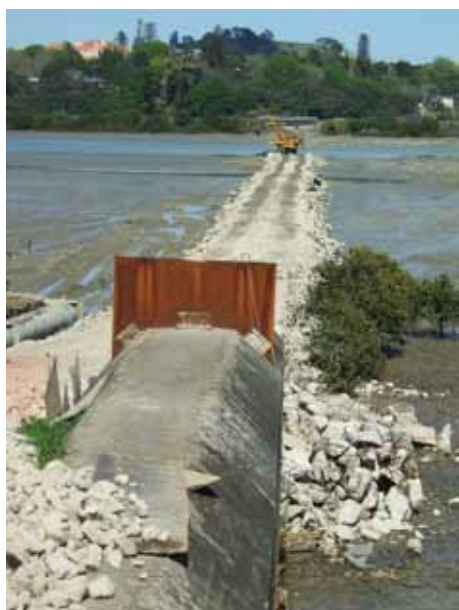
Many years ago I led a group of club kayakers on a mystery tour out of Okahu Bay into this region. This involved two portages over the old sewer pipe. The mystery tour was timed to coincide with a king tide. We paddled into Hobson Bay under the Ngapipi Rd bridge on Tamaki drive and then across to the

railway bridge behind the Outboard Boat Club. We made our first portage of the pipeline at an old wooden ramp up near St Kentigern primary School. A short bush bash through the mangroves on the other side led to a narrow gap where the pipeline passed under the railway line. We were now in the Purewa Inlet Channel. We paddled up this to the Orakei Basin floodgates which on the king tide had the seawater flooding over their top sill. We were able to just skim across the top and into the basin proper. We had time for a quick explore up the Orakei Creek inlet on the SW side. This leads up into a residential area of Meadowbank. We had a cuppa on a backyard lawn and chatted with some surprised locals.

A quick paddle back to the flood gates just in time to paddle across the top and catch the ebbing tide. On the return journey we made a second portage of the pipeline where it meets the shoreline at Ngapipi Rd. It was a good boys own adventure in our own backyard after launching at Okahu Bay.

Future plans for this area may involve some new floodgates. The rowing fraternity are keen to create a 2000 metre rowing course here. This would run from Point Resolution (near the Parnell Baths) up to the Orakei Railway Station. This would also be used for a 1000 metre kayak course and the outrigger paddlers would also have races here. This will no doubt be something that the new super city council will debate over.

*Roger Lomas*



*The last remaining section of the Hobson Bay pipeline will be retained for historical reasons.*



*Causeway pipeline removal Purewa Inlet.*