



## September 2011

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*An early morning departure on the Manukau from Cornwallis Wharf.*

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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.**

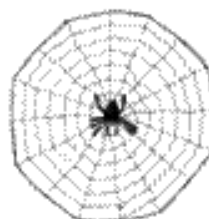
### Internet Banking

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

**Password** Rotopiro



## Deadline for Next Newsletter

**20 September 2011**

## 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 ...

**Lois Nixon**

## Regular Events

### Vine House – Last Weekend of Every Month

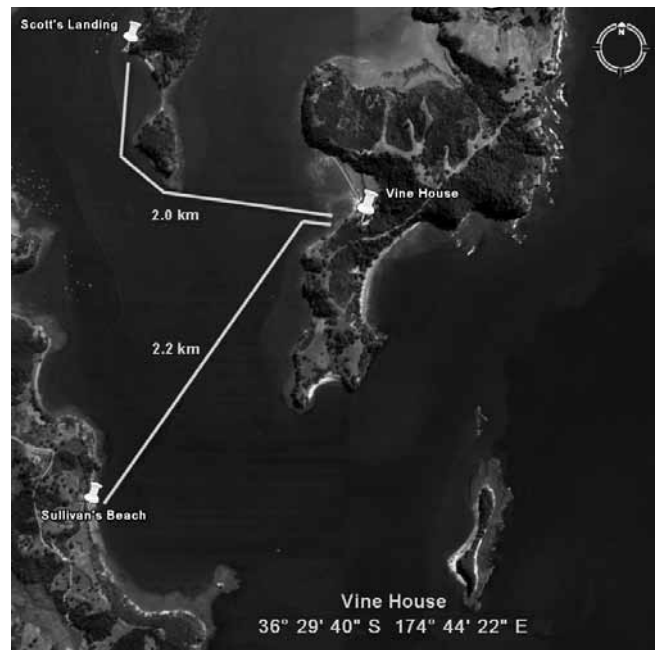
On the last weekend of each month we have the use of Vine House.

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!

For more information, go to:

<http://www.mapmyrun.com/routes/view/127561>

# Changes to Tamaki Drive parking from beginning of September 2011



**Auckland Transport would like to advise you that from 5 September 2011, sections of the westbound (city bound) side of Tamaki Drive will become no parking areas.**

Parking on this side of the road, particularly by boat trailers which extend into traffic lanes, are becoming safety hazards for vehicles and cycles travelling along Tamaki Drive. Public complaints have highlighted the high risk of accidents to cyclists due to the overhanging trailers.

There will also be parking restrictions for boat trailers on the eastbound side of Tamaki Drive due to the safety problems. Cars will be able to park in the identified parking bays on this side of Tamaki Drive.

There are a large number of dedicated parking facilities available for boat trailers at The Landing. All boat trailers should only be parked in the pay and display car park provided within The Landing.

These parking changes are aimed at making the road environment safer for all vehicles and cyclists using Tamaki Drive.

**Find out more:** phone 09 355 3553  
or visit [www.aucklandtransport.govt.nz](http://www.aucklandtransport.govt.nz)

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## Club Trips – September 2011

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*Fog over Bean Rock on a recent Saturday morning Coffee Cruise.*

PHOTO NEIL SCOTT

### August 24 and 25

#### Vine House Weekend

With the good weather on its way, take the chance to get away from the crowds for a laid back weekend with good company and good food.

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

### CLUB KAYAK FOR SALE

#### **CROSSWIND DOUBLE SEA KAYAK For Sale at \$1800.00**

As is where is

**For more information please phone  
Gavin Baker on 528 5188**

## Swim Escort Dates 2011 / 2012

The Auckland Central Masters Harbour Swim Committee has made the proposed dates for next season's harbour swims known.

27 November 2011	Herne Bay to Curran Street	9.00am start
11 December 2011	Chelsea Sugar Swim	7.30am start
12 February 2012	St Heliers Bay to Tamaki Yacht Club	10.00am start
26 February 2012	Rangitoto Wharf to St Heliers Bay	10.00am start

Please put these dates in your diaries. As these are popular days where large numbers of our members get together, and we earn some funds for the club, we would like to see as many of you as possible at these events.

*Eddie*

## Kawakawa Bay to Clevedon

By Roger Lomas



*Early morning departure from Kawakawa Bay.*

The Saturday morning paddle is an institution that I have indulged in for over 20 years since arriving in Auckland. On these early morning excursions I have been able to explore all the interesting little backwaters of the local coastline.

Working with the tide and being mindful of the weather, has made these outings into a pleasant experience which I have been able to share with fellow like minded paddlers. Although there is a hardcore nucleus of regular attendees, over the years more than 100 different paddlers have accompanied me on these early morning adventures.

For last Saturday in the first weekend of spring I had intentions of paddling around Rangitoto. A big tide late in the morning was perfect for a passage through Gardiner Gap. Unfortunately by Friday the forecast had diminished chances for this paddle and plan B was advanced. On Friday evening the call went out to meet at Kawakawa Bay for a paddle to Clevedon. This would involve a small car shuttle.

Kawakawa Bay is always an interesting boat ramp to launch from. It sometimes seems that half of South Auckland has turned up for an aquatic outing. At the nearby boat club ramp they even have marshals to control the influx. Our early morning launch times always ensure that we obtain the premium waterside car parks.

Our flotilla of four was soon underway and our first port of call was the new Waitawa Regional Park, some 3 kilometres way.

This Park is so new that it is not actually officially open yet. We were going over to check out the area that has been designated for a sea kayakers campsite. We found it tucked into a bay, snug below an old fortified pa headland. We all thought it looked promising with its sheltered beach and a small flat area and some trees at the bottom of a grassy gully. Important in this area was the fact that it had all tide easy access and as a bonus a nice sunny North-East aspect.

Around the corner we ducked under the old concrete ICI explosives wharf. The new regional park takes over land leased to the chemical company for storage of mining explosives. It was pleasing to note that some of the large concrete industrial storage bunkers that used to blight the bay have now been removed.



*Ducking under the wharf at Waitawa Regional Park.*

The tide was flooding in and it helped to push us along the coast. So far the conditions were calm and near perfect with the forecast gusty Southwester yet to arrive. We were able to paddle close inshore on the rising tide and spooked a few large stingrays in the shallows. What a performance.

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## Kawakawa Bay to Clevedon

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We arrived at the long sandy sweep of Wairoa Bay to be greeted by the resident mutt who chased us along the beach for a way. There are some magnificent houses at the far end of this bay. In the next bay is the Clevedon Oyster Farm. It is very shallow even at high tide and we skirted in between the vast oyster racks of the shellfish farm and the tidal shell bank that guards the onshore oyster processing facility.



*Time for a cuppa.*



*The boat ramp at Clevedon Bridge.*

By now we were approaching the mouth of the Wairoa River that meanders up to Clevedon. It was almost halfway and time for a cuppa. We hauled up on a sunny shell bank beach and gazed out at the broad estuary of the Wairoa. This area is a designated low flying zone for the nearby Ardmore Airport aircraft. This morning a helicopter was buzzing about and then a Cessna did a few sea skimming passes.

Whilst we were relaxing in our sunny sheltered spot the wind had picked up as forecast.



*Heading up the Wairoa River.*

We scampered around the headland and into the shelter of the Wairoa River and its mangrove lined banks. The big 3.4 metre tide was still pushing in. As we wound our way upstream we passed a string of boats tethered to pile moorings midstream. At first these were older less lavish craft, but further up we encountered the C.C.C. vessels. These were a bit more upmarket and seemed proud to display their Clevedon Cruising Club registration.

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## Kawakawa Bay to Clevedon

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Further up the river were numerous ramps, slipways and boatyards, all positioned on the deep water side of the sweeping river bends. The mangroves had now given way to farmland on the rich floodplains of the lower river. Rural smells wafted past us and we saw a variety of livestock. One paddock had it all. Black and white sheep, cows and a flock of alpaca. They all turned their heads to watch us paddle past. Their gazing days may be numbered as there is a push by developers to build residential canal waterways similar to those at Pauanui and Whitianga here. Already there are lifestyle blocks with lavish houses creeping onto the rural land.

Closer to Clevedon we saw groves of large trees and the hills closed in a little on the river valley.

We passed on old timber trawler that had ended its days as a waterlogged hulk on the riverbank just below the Clevedon Polo Ground.

Soon we saw the Clevedon Bridge and our exit point. The last remnants of the old Clevedon wharf survives as a solitary rotting river pile. A new jetty and stairs has been built along with a boat ramp and riverside park.

After a quick car shuttle back to Kawakawa Bay we returned to load up and then enjoy a leisurely final cuppa. Fellow paddlers were Matt Crozier, Ryan Whittle and Jeff Amsden.

Roger



*Journey's end. Left to right: Jeff, Ryan and Matt.*



# 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 2012

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

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

## Total Payment

- Cheque**  **Bank Transfer**

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



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