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*Club members on the recent Puhoi River trip (see page 10).*

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## Auckland Canoe Club Information

### Postal Address

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### Clubrooms

Marine Rescue Centre, Mechanics Bay

### Website

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

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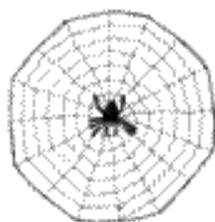
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## Club Website Access

**Password** Rotopiro

## 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

<i>Bank</i>	BNZ
<i>Branch</i>	Newmarket
<i>Account</i>	02-0100-0023453-000
<i>Name</i>	Auckland Canoe Club
<i>Particulars</i>	Your FULL name (Initials are not enough to identify some members with common names)
<i>Code</i>	Either <b>SUBS, STORAGE, HIRE, OTHER</b> (depending on what you are paying for)

If your payment is for several items, then please make **separate** payments for **each** item.

### 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.

## 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.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's that time again – time to renew your membership.

- Pay on-line (see Club Banking Details on page 2)
  - Use the form on page 11 and post or bring it to the AGM on May 15

### UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS

Please can everyone update their contact details, especially home and mobile numbers as many are now obsolete on our list.

Phone Matt on 817 1984 or  
email [secretary@aucklandcanoeclub.org.nz](mailto:secretary@aucklandcanoeclub.org.nz)



**Deadline  
for Next  
Newsletter**

**20 May 2012**

## 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>

## Wandering north (Part 2)

Colin Quilter

***In the last issue I described my trip north from Herne Bay to Whangamumu Harbour, just south of Cape Brett. Although bad weather held me up for four days at Tawharanui, on the whole the winds were favourable and I was able to use my sail more often than usual. So, not counting the time at Tawharanui, I reached Whangamumu in five paddling-and-sailing days from home.***



Coffee in the morning sun at Whangamumu. The ruins of the old whaling station should evoke memories of past slaughter; but time has softened them, and the bay is a pleasant place now.

There's always a sense of anticipation when approaching a major headland like Cape Brett. Big capes make their own weather. Whatever the wind strength is elsewhere on the coast, it will lift by 15 knots or so around the cape. So it was a happy paddler who emerged from Whangamumu and found himself on a glass-calm sea. I wandered slowly out to Cape Brett and made the obligatory passage through the hole in Piercy Island: (but cautiously, because there was still a sizeable easterly swell, and at one end of the tunnel waves rebounding from each wall clashed in a welter of white water. You wouldn't want to be there at the wrong moment).

Then I went in to the narrow channel below the lighthouse cottage to look at the old landing-place. There's a tower there with the remains of a crane (once used for landing supplies) and some steps cut into the rock. I've pulled kayaks ashore onto this rocky ledge once before, with many hands to make light of the work, but today, as I expected, the swell was too large to allow me to do it alone. However I was determined to visit the cape. About a kilometre westward there is a tiny cove with a shingle beach just wide enough to take a dinghy, so I landed there and scrambled up a steep gully to reach the walking track which runs from Deep Water Cove to Cape Brett. Once on the track it's a 40-minute walk to the cape.

To me, Cape Brett is one of the special places on the New Zealand coast. Standing squarely above a precipitous drop, the old lighthouse looks out across a wide panorama of sea and sky. 150 metres below, gulls in flight were white specks crawling above a wrinkled sea. Viewed from this height the horizon is



The landing below the old lighthouse-keeper's cottage at Cape Brett is arrowed. It is a difficult one for kayakers if any swell is running; and especially for a solo paddler with a heavily-loaded canoe.

48km away, and I had the impression that by scanning slowly across the horizon I could actually see the curvature of the earth. I sat in the grass for an hour or so over lunch. There was no sound except for the sigh of the wind, the faint shrieking of gulls, and the mutter of surf on the rocks far below. An hour like that is enough to heal the lesions of city life.

*Cape Brett can be reached by kayaking to Deep Water Cove, camping there, and walking (2.5hr) out along the track. Or you can tramp (6-8hr) from near the road-end at Rawhiti. A branch track extends south to Whangamumu, so an additional night camping there could be included in the trip. The lighthouse cottage is now a DOC hut and you can pre-pay and get the door lock combination by phoning DOC Bay of Islands Area Office.*

On the way back, about to drop down from the track into my gully, I met a group of walkers from (they said) a big launch anchored in Deep Water Cove. "Where's your boat?" they asked. "There," I said, pointing at the cove below. "Well I can see that little canoe," one said, "but where's your real boat?"

Once back in the "little canoe" I wandered west to Urupukapuka Island. With only 20km covered today I might have gone further but, filled with a sense of lazy contentment from my time on the cape, I opted for an early stop. The wide grassy flats behind Urupukapuka Bay had just a scattering of tents, very different from the height of summer when, I was told, they were packed with nearly 300 people.

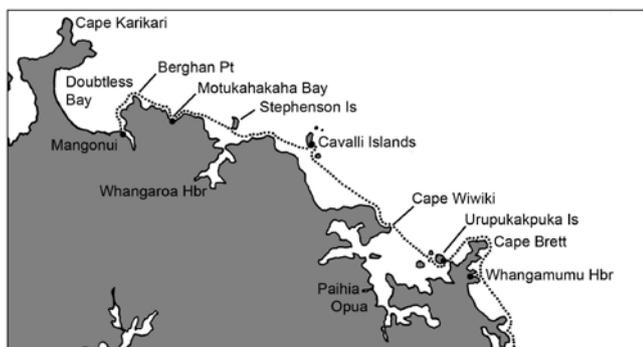
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## Wandering north (Part 2)

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Next morning was calm and clear. Since I had explored the inner Bay of Islands on previous trips, this time I cut straight across to Cape Wiwiki which is the northwestern headland of the Bay of Islands, (Cape Brett is its southeastern headland). Once there, I would have looked for a landing for morning tea; but a northeasterly breeze arrived. When the gods send a favourable wind they don't like to see it wasted, so I hoisted my sail and away we went. Lion Rock slid past a while later, then the wide expanse of Takou Bay which I crossed, well offshore, heading for the Cavalli Islands. At noon the wind began to ease and swing ahead but it lasted long enough to get me to Kahangoro Island, in the southeast of the Cavalli group, for a late lunch. Post-lunch inertia set in soon afterwards so when a grassy flat came into view behind a beach on the southeast side of Motukawanui Island, that's where I stopped. Rain during the night, but clearing skies in the morning.

*On my map the Cavalli group are described as a "recreation reserve" so I presumed that camping was allowed, but that is not the case. At the DOC hut on the other side of the island, which I visited for water next morning, the noticeboard states that camping is prohibited, and the hut is the only place one can legally stay.*



The next major feature heading north is Whangaroa Bay which has a large harbour of the same name opening into it. This harbour alone is worth a trip to explore. There are spectacular sea caves at the entrance, plus two useful campgrounds at Tauranga and Taupo Bays. However this time I wanted to visit Stephenson Island, offshore from Whangaroa Bay. The island is farmed and its western side has several small coves, some with farm buildings. Unfortunately I could find no-one to ask for permission to walk across the island, (today was a Sunday, not a working day), and I didn't feel like crossing the farm uninvited, so after lunch I paddled on to the northwest.

Next comes 15km of rugged coast between Karau Pt and Berghan Pt. My AA roadmap showed no public road access to this area, but there are several small bach settlements which are served, I suppose, by farm roads. In mid-afternoon I found a beautiful white-sand beach backed by farmland but no buildings, and I camped (discretely) for the night.



A lonely beach east of Berghan Pt; my camping place is arrowed.

When I first kayaked along the Northland coast 24 years ago, deserted beaches like this were common. Now they are becoming a rarity. Sheep and beef farmers have always struggled to make a living from coastal land, and one cannot blame them for selling land to wealthy city folk who want a piece of paradise. This would be fine if the new owners built houses which nestled comfortably into the coastal landscape; but sadly they don't. The Northland coast has become disfigured with grandiose mansions which I suppose are thought by their owners to be striking architectural statements; but which appear to me intimidating and ugly. There is nothing about them which is sympathetic to the New Zealand landscape, or to our architectural heritage. Soon the only parts of the coast not disfigured by these monuments to conspicuous wealth and bad taste will be the farm parks managed by DOC or regional councils.

Well! Having got that off my chest I feel better. And so I did next morning, rounding Berghan Pt to find another beautiful beach, this time backed with bush and carrying signs warning that kiwi were about, and dogs should not be. I was now in Doubtless Bay and running out of time, so I followed the coast in to the port of Mangonui. After a night there I left my kayak in the care of a motelier and caught the daily bus to Kerikeri, and from there another bus to Auckland. That just left a long drive back north in my car a day later to pick up my kayak. Poor "little canoe," she's now 27 years old and has done more miles than I can calculate. Like her owner she has her share of scrapes and bruises; I wonder who will wear out first?

Happy paddling! Colin

## Up-Coming Club Trips and Events

I want to say thank you to everyone for their support, enthusiasm and guidance since taking on the role of trip officer. To those who have volunteered ideas and offered to coordinate a trip, a special thank you.

Please keep these ideas flowing and my phone buzzing.

If anyone has trips they have always wanted to do but don't know how to go about it – we can find someone to co-ordinate for you or help you if you just need a bit of extra support. Just Get Involved – it's what makes it fun.

I would be interested to hear if people are keen on doing some moving water (river trips).

### Car Sharing!

Due to the rising cost of fuel we should be smarter when going on Club trips. If you are interested in car sharing please contact the trip co-ordinator early to advise whether you are able to take another kayak or need a lift. This would enable the trip co-ordinator to put people in touch to share costs and/or driving.

Happy Paddling – *Jackie*

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### Tuesday Group

A group of retired kayakers (Colin, Rona, Mike & Peter) are meeting every Tuesday morning; you are welcome to join us. We decide what to do at breakfast time on Tuesday morning. If it's fine with light winds, we paddle, usually meeting at Kohimarama Beach at 9.30am. Destination Rangitoto, Browns Is or Motuihe. If it's too windy for kayaking, we cycle. Distance 30–40km, destination anywhere there's good coffee. We don't approve of rain, head winds, heavy traffic, battery chickens or the Republican Party.

Sometimes our trips last most of the day, sometimes just the morning. None of us want to get encumbered with organising these outings in advance, so they won't be advertised by email.

However if you would like to join us on a particular Tuesday then **phone Colin Quilter 360 6271 between 7.00 and 8.00am on Tuesday morning.**

### Saturday May 5 Riverhead Pub by Moonlight

Leave Herald Island using the incoming tide and full moon for an evening, paddle up the harbour to the Riverhead Pub. Enjoy some pub food and a pint before returning to the cars with the outgoing tide.

Lights essential, a bow line to secure your kayak and some clothes suitable for the pub.

Suitable for keen beginners.

**Contact Trevor on 817 7357 for details.**

### Saturday May 12 3 Peaks Waitemata Trip

A trip for confident fit paddlers who want a full day on the water. Leave Okahu Bay early to paddle to Browns Island with a walk to the summit, morning tea before heading to Rangitoto for lunch on the summit. Cross to North Head for afternoon tea and a final summit bagged before returning to Ohaku Bay. Carrying lights essential

**Contact Ryan Whittle on 419 2672 for details.**

### Tuesday May 15 Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday May 15 at the Marine Rescue Centre, Tamaki Drive.

Meet at 7.00pm for a 7.30 start.

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## Up-coming Club Trips and Events

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### **May 19 and 20**

If you would like to co-ordinate something on either day, **please phone Jackie on 634 5042**. We can alert members via the notification email.

### **May 26 and 27 Vine House Weekend**

Take the chance to get away from the crowds for a relaxing weekend with good company and good food.

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

### **Saturday May 26 Cockle Bay to Whitford**

Come and enjoy a leisurely paddle with Dorothy along the coast and up the river to the Whitford Café. Return with the outgoing tide.

**Contact Dorothy on 376 1986 or email [fitzcox@yahoo.com](mailto:fitzcox@yahoo.com) for details.**

### **June 2, 3 and 4 Queen's Birthday Weekend**

Volunteers / ideas needed.

**Please phone Jackie on 634 5042.**

### **Saturday June 9 Matakatia to Tindall's Bay**

Join Will to circumnavigate Whangaparaoa Peninsula. Matakatia to Tindall's Bay, 20kms one way, with a 600m walk overland to collect your car after the paddle.

**Call Will Henden for launch time 550 3699.**

### **Sunday June 10 GeoCaching on the Waitemata with Matt**

**Contact Matt on 817 1984 for details.**

### **Sunday June 17 A Morning Paddle on the Manukau**

Launch point to be advised.

**Call Jackie 634 5042 for details.**

### **Wednesday June 20 Winter Lecture Series begins**

Details in June newsletter.

### **June 23 and 24**

Volunteers / ideas needed.

**Please phone Jackie on 634 5042.**

### **June 30 – July 1 Vine House Weekend**

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### **Last-Minute Paddling Opportunities email notifications**

You can be notified by signing up for the Club emails.

**Contact Matt on 817 1984 to get onto the emailing list.**

Mike Randal has kindly offered to look out for last-minute paddling opportunities for beginners, so look out for any email posts on Thursday/Friday advertising a Saturday or Sunday paddle.

Or If you are planning a trip and want company, send details to Matt who will send an email.

### **Mid-November**

Waitemata Canoe Club have suggested a joint kayaking venture on the upper Mohaka River. Plan would be to leave Friday lunch time for the long drive.

Not for Novice kayakers, need to be competent in grade 2 rapids. There is one grade 3 on this stretch of river. Rigid plastic boats only.

Sunday will paddle lower Mohaka (likely 2 runs).

I just want to gauge the clubs interest in arranging a trip like this.

**So if interested or to discuss, please contact Jackie on 634 5042.**

# Auckland Canoe Club Annual General Meeting

**7:00 for 7:30 start on Tuesday 15th May 2012**  
**Marine Rescue Centre, Tamaki Drive**

If you have any ideas for General Business items and/or Motions, please phone Matt Crozier on 817 1984 or email [secretary@aucklandcanoecub.org.nz](mailto:secretary@aucklandcanoecub.org.nz)

We particularly need a Secretary, now that Matt is taking on the Treasury! This is an admin role and doesn't require kayaking skills. Duties are mainly keeping the agenda and taking minutes at committee meetings, receiving correspondence from the PO Box and email and replying to correspondence where appropriate

## Agenda

- Welcome
- Apologies

- Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 19th May 2009
- Reports
- Remits (*Please submit remits*)
- Election of Officers
  - Patron
  - President nomination: Ian Calhaem
  - Treasurer nomination: Matthew Crozier
  - Secretary nomination: **Vacant**
  - Committee nominations: Jackie Hillman, Roger Lomas, Claire O'Connor, Trevor Arthur, Gavin Baker
- General Business

## Computer Savvy Members

We are looking to updating the website using a standard sports club package but need someone to take on the project and keep the site updated.

We must have club members with this expertise!!

Please put your name forward if you think you can help and maybe teach someone else to assist too.

Please contact a committee member and volunteer.

## We Need a Secretary

**Not too big a job!**

### Involves

- Collecting club mail from the Newmarket PO box,
- Taking minutes at monthly Club meeting,
- Answering and drafting any letters when needed.

If you think you can help, the club needs you!

Please contact a committee member and volunteer.

## Poet's Corner

*Ferry to left of us  
Ferry to right of us  
They've seen us we wonder  
If you're not careful  
You'll find yourself under  
A galloping sea bus  
A salutary warning  
As you stay inverted  
To keep holding your breath  
I'm kidding of course  
But they do move so fast  
One can only but hope  
They've got a good lookout  
We do our part  
In being quite visible  
With our hi vis apparel*

*And reflector taped paddle  
But as one member said  
You've got to keep going  
Our speed in relation  
To theirs  
Makes no difference  
Well the sea's pretty big  
And we're rather small  
The chance of collision  
Is really sod all  
So bearing in mind  
The above I should say  
Just keep on paddling  
But remember give way.*

*Mike Randall*

## Waitemata Harbour Trip

*Evan Pugh*

Sunday morning April 15th after staying at the Orere Point camp ground I wheeled my kayak to the water's edge thinking, "bugger, steep road for when I get back and have to drag the kayak back up, but that's a couple of days away".

It was about 6.10am and still darkish when I departed the beach and headed along past Tawhitikino before crossing to Ponui Island. Being a Sunday in the middle of the school holidays and a corker day the Kawakawa Bay boat ramps were in full swing with sets of 3 to 5 small motor boats heading out every 5 minutes but it was daylight by now and the sun was hidden behind cloud otherwise I would have been difficult to spot but no problems as I got to Ponui safely on flat calm water.

Up the eastern side with my first stop on the NE corner of Ponui before heading directly to Tarahiki Island, doing a lap (didn't take too long) and continuing to Kauri Point on Waiheke along past the nice Hooks Bay and around Thumb Point, the calm conditions were relaxing, too relaxing suddenly I had a rock in front of me, but wait no it wasn't a rock but a dolphin had popped out of nowhere then the other 10 odd appeared and cruised along slowly so I joined them for a while before carrying on my way.

On to Owhiti Bay for a look but turned back about one kilometre to land on a stony beach that was about 20 metres wide and 20 metres long. There were lots of boats offshore so I did not assemble my tent until just before dark as this is all private land and many no camping signs about, but not on my little beach.

For two hours I had kawhai and some other fish rounding up pilchards onto the shore, every time 40 or 50 pilchards would end up high and dry. It was quite a scene and worth watching. I also swore to bring my rod next time as even I probably would have landed some. 35k today

Next morning on the water before daylight again I carried on west along this real good rock gardening area especially in the conditions I had. My wife and another paddler were here a month ago in 20 knot easterlies so had no time to play about as I did, just my luck I suppose.

When I was half way across Onetangi Bay I headed NW directly out to the Noises. Once out there I

paddled around 6 or 7 of them and also had 160 million dollars worth of Helicopter fly over me (2 new choppers) as the military choppers I think used me as target practice as they did a second round and where obviously testing them out, a lot quieter than the old choppers also.

Lunch was had on Otata Island while out there before doing a lap of the Haystack, down the western side of Rakino Island and onto Motutapu for the night. I had Home Bay all to myself as I did my other camp sites. 38k today.

Tuesday on the water usual time and back across to Waiheke and along the northern side again with a dash into a small bay to watch a king fish rounding up food, certainly plenty of fish life about as I saw lots of work ups about and heaps of penguins.

A stop at Owhiti Bay before heading back around the eastern end of Waiheke and a stop on Pakatoa Island then down the side of Rotoroa Island and over to Ponui.

Down the eastern side again I camped at the southern corner for the night, walked up the hill for a view and a check on any Ponui donkeys that may be in my area. I saw a couple but they didn't make their way down to my camp site during the night. (May have woken me up.) 44k today.

Wednesday away in daylight after a bit of a sleep in I paddled west and around Pakihi Island and Karamuramu Islands while two top dressing planes spent the entire time top dressing (bit noisy).

Then I headed back to Orere Point into a stiff south-easterly. I had a quick stop at Tawhitikino camp site as it has changed a tad since I was last there – it now has a cooking shelter and tap.

Back at Orere Point a bit of a drag over the stones before hitting the hard surface and yep up that darned steep little hill I had several stops on the way before carrying on to camp. 22k today.

Funny how when I first stayed at camp the office lady gave me two tokens for the shower but when I got back after 4 days away in hot weather she only gave me one, should have been the other way around.

*Evan*

## Puhoi Trip 15 April

Pauline Franks

We went there and back on Sunday. The weather was nice to us, the company was great and the bird life was a pleasure to see.

With the tide helping us we paddled our way up the Puhoi River. Ducks paddled along the sides of the banks flapping their wings and making the odd squawk. Shags rested on the low branches of trees waiting for the right time to go fishing. Is there a right time to go fishing? Obviously, if you are a bird, feathered variety, there is. Maybe if you are a human, no.

I saw four blue herons and thought of my Bucket List. Yes I am going to Okarito in Westland to see a Kotuku (white heron). It was very peaceful paddling up that river. The odd bit of chitchat back and forth about kayaking, life, the universe, employment, unemployment, weather vagaries, whether one accesses the newsletter via the modern technology or reads it in print, and how far was Puhoi up that river. (Some of us have never been to Puhoi – has always been the turnoff on the way to another place).

It was quite amazing to watch the road traffic making its way up to the tunnel or via the scenic Waiwera route. We paddled past Puhoi until we came to a part of the river we could not navigate so we turned around and started back again.



Three of the ladies Jackie, Jodie and Trish had decided that they were going to have Devonshire Teas for lunch. Sounds odd I know but ask Jodie about her previous expedition up the Puhoi River for Devonshire Tea – it's pretty awesome! Anyway they river-banked their kayaks and scrambled out and off for their treat.

The rest of us carried on down the river to Puhoi. I was amazed at how dirty the river was. My fear was all to do with falling into it. We beached our kayaks and pulled them up the bank and then went off to fuel our stomachs. A couple of cups of coffee and filled bun later we sat and chatted and waited for the tide to turn so we could all get back to Wenderholm.

The cream tea eaters had rejoined us. Jodie put her kayak on her car and went off home. The rest of us discussed at length how to launch the kayaks into the water. This bit concerned me as I had visions of ending up in the dirty water. There were a few people watching what was happening and we did not want to provide the afternoon's entertainment. Fortunately for us Des was the man and we all managed to get ourselves into the kayaks and into the river without mishap. I have never been so RELIEVED. Do not get me wrong, I like water, I respect the water and I can swim but I do not like dirty brown, sludgy, muddy water. Thanks Des.

Our trip back down was peaceful. There were a few others doing their own thing and we chatted to them as we passed. We seemed to be back at Wenderholm before we knew it. There were a lot of people using the regional park which was pleasing to see.

Everyone helped lift the kayaks onto the respective cars for the trip home. Jackie provided afternoon tea making pancakes. Thanks to Jackie, Jodie, Trish, Kathy, Des, Mike and Pauline and Paul for a great day's paddling and companionship.



Jodie demonstrating how to shower with a kayak!

# AUCKLAND CANOE CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM



- New Member  
 Rejoining

Surname: .....

First Name(s) (If family, please list all names): .....

Address: .....

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 30mins without rest)

Intermediate (able to brace, perform a deep water entry, paddle for at least 2 hours or 25 km's)

Advanced (self rescue in all situations, off-shore paddling experience)

Do you own a kayak ?  Yes  No If Yes list type/s: .....

Please tick the types of kayaking you are most interested in:

Sea Kayaking

Polo

Sea Kayak Racing

Whitewater

Surf/rodeo

Multisport

Kayak Trips: Are you interested in co-ordinating kayak trips  Yes  No

**Fees for year ending 31 March** (Please tick amount being paid)

Member \$30

Family \$35

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$.....**

To comply with the Privacy Act 1993, please read and complete the form below.

I Agree (Please tick one)

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 .....

**Please return to: Auckland Canoe Club, P.O. Box 9271, Newmarket, Auckland**