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*Mid winter and some of our clubs early morning kayakers are up Westmere way exploring the local inlets. Ducking under the West End Road bridge at Cocks Creek, Matt Crozier is perhaps pondering the clearances mindful of the fact that the tide is still incoming. Jeff Amsden is already committed to the passage. We didn't venture too far upstream.*

PHOTO ROGER LOMAS

## Auckland Canoe Club Information

### Postal Address

P.O. Box 9271, Newmarket, Auckland

### Clubrooms

Marine Rescue Centre, Mechanics Bay

### Website

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

### Email event reminders

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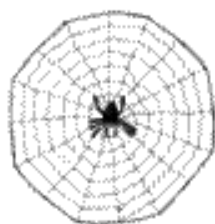
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## Club Website Access

**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.

## UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS

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

**Phone Pauline on 537 1507 or  
email [secretary@aucklandcanoecub.org.nz](mailto:secretary@aucklandcanoecub.org.nz)**

## 2013 KASK Forum

**Will be held at Raglan  
the weekend of March 8, 9 and 10  
Registrations will open in August**

**Or contact Evan Pugh  
[sheepskinsnstuff@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sheepskinsnstuff@xtra.co.nz)**



## Deadline for Next Newsletter

**20 July 2012**

## Regular Events

### Vine House – Last Weekend of Every Month

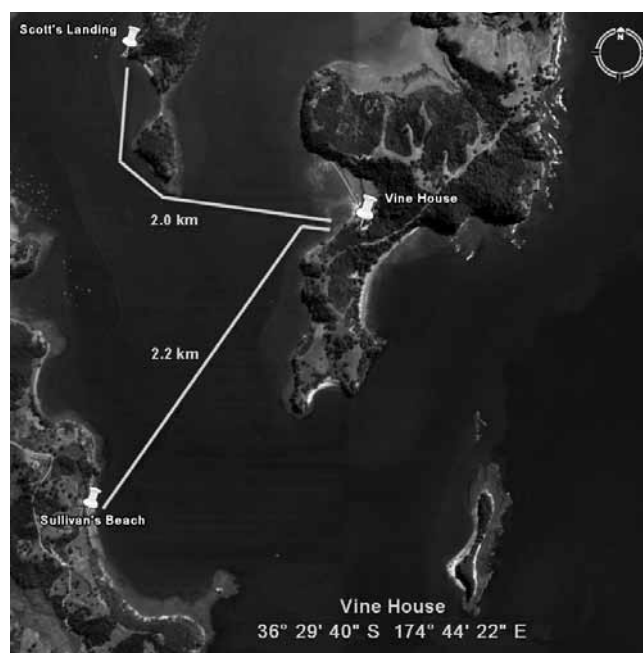
On the last weekend of each month we have the use of Vine House.

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>

## Up-Coming Club Trips and Events

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 – phone 634 5042.

### Saturday Morning Coffee Cruise

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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 7 July Explore Manukau Harbour

Meet at French Bay and explore Little and Big Muddy Bay inlets.

Morning start. High tide just before 10am.

**Call Trevor for meeting time and details 09 817 7357.**

### Friday 13 – Sunday 15 July A weekend at Hahei, Coromandel

The plan is to book a bach and have a weekend away exploring the islands, Cathedral Cove and a trip towards Hotwater Beach to explore the caves.

Bring sense of humour, a flexible attitude so if the weather is unkind we can walk, explore cafes and galleries. Lots to do around that area of the Coromandel.

Plan a shared meal Saturday night, so bring a bottle of wine. Share cost of bach rental. Will aim to car share where possible.

Please get in touch early as I need to sort out the bach to book.

**For details contact Jackie on 634 5042.**

### Saturday 14 July Cornwallis Wharf to South Head

Cornwallis Wharf to South Head for lunch, and a walk to a lunch spot. Return with the incoming tide. Suitable for intermediate paddlers.

The trip is somewhat weather-dependent – will not proceed if winds are forecast to get above 15 knots. Decision will be made Thursday evening.

Contact Erica by Thursday evening for more details if you are interested.

**Phone 812 8010, or 021 0438118. Or you can email [lawe@ihug.co.nz](mailto:lawe@ihug.co.nz)** Either way Erica needs to know your contact phone numbers (landline and mobile).

### Saturday 21 July Matheson Bay to Goat Island and back

Round Cape Rodney and hopefully meet some friendly fish. Bring snacks, lunch, and camera. For intermediate paddlers in sea kayaks.

**Register with Peter Sommerhalder on 631 5344 for details, email: [psommerhalder@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:psommerhalder@slingshot.co.nz)**

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## Up-coming Club Trips and Events

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### July 27 – 29

#### 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 4 or Sunday 5 August To Be Advised

Likely to be a late email notification, so sign up,

Contact Jackie on 634 5042 to get onto the emailing list.

### Saturday 11 August

#### Club Social

#### Sullivan's Bay to Warkworth

Sullivan's Bay to Warkworth with incoming tide. High tide 3pm. We will do car shuffle for a one way paddle so that we can enjoy a pizza in Warkworth.

Anyone not wanting to paddle but just meet for pizza most welcome and even better if you can assist moving cars.

Contact Jackie by Thursday evening at the latest on 634 5042

### Last-Minute Paddling Opportunities email notifications

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

Contact Jackie on 634 5042 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 Jackie who will send an email.

## Winter Lecture Series

The Auckland Canoe Club's second winter lecture is on Wednesday 16th July.

**Venue** Marine Rescue Centre located on the foreshore at the city end of Tamaki Drive.

**Meet** 7.00pm for a 7.30 start.

### D'Urville Island circumnavigation by Gerard Fagan

Paddling around D'Urville Island had been on my list for a few years. I came close in January 2009 with Iris, but ran out of time. In January this year along with Matt Crozier and Ryan Whittle I succeeded in paddling around clockwise.

The island's western side is very rugged with the tall imposing cliffs adding to the feeling of isolation. The weather gods were smiling at us as we only had two days we couldn't paddle.

*Gerard*



Resting at Garden Bay.

PHOTO GERARD FAGAN

All welcome, so bring along some friends. The winter lecture series is a good place to network with fellow club members.

A hot cuppa and biscuits will be available.

### Need more info?

Phone Roger Lomas on 846-6799.

# Great Barrier Trip

*Evan Pugh*

May the 20th I awoke, checked the forecast, and think I said to Linda, see ya later I'm off paddling, don't forget to do the housework.

It takes 4 hours from here to Fletchers Bay at the tip of the Coromandel, a tad longer with a supermarket stop for a few bananas and other fresh fruit. I slept in the van after getting permission to leave the van near the office at the DOC camp and letting the camp managers know what I was planning.

Monday daylight about 6.40am so I was on the water at 6.10am paddling the 18.5kms across to the Barrier. I had some phosphorescence for a bit and a corker sunrise after a while, flat calm it doesn't get much better than this, mind you the last trip 4 of us paddled across in flat calm and back in some reasonable swells.

I intended to land near Sandy Bay but felt good so carried on east around Cape Barrier and landed at the southern end of Medlands Beach after paddling 33kms.

I hoped to text Linda to check in (make sure the housework was done) but no Telecom reception there so try again later.

After my short stop, on I went to Harataonga Beach. I knew the camp was back from the beach but wheeled the kayak about 500 metres to the camp and set up near the shelter as rain was expected, which it did as I put the last peg in so I sat under the shelter for an hour sorting dinner and reading until it stopped.

I take home made dehydrated food with me which takes 2 to 3 hours to rehydrate but is worth every minute of it. Plenty of nuts and chocolate treats for rewards too.

I moved my tent as the 50 odd hereford dry stock that appeared quite liked it, but moving it didn't do a lot they went too, but during the night they buggered off which was a relief.

After tea and tent time since it was 6pm and dark, next was the whimpering, so I opened my tent door and a farm heading dog tried to push his way in so I gave him a pat a push back out, I was content on my own thanks very much.

Today was 47kms on flat calm seas.

In the morning I used the stream beside the camp and only wheeled the kayak the short distance to the sea and headed off north at 7am. The forecasts were 10knot SW or SE for Colville for the next few days which is pretty good but it had been windy during the night and as I made me way up the coast and

out of the shelter of Arid Island I found the seas quite choppy which made me anxious as to getting through the gap at the top 16kms away.

At the northern end there is Aiguilles Island and a gap near the main land which is perhaps 2 metres wide otherwise you need to go even further which I didn't want to with the sou-easterly heading straight for the gap and islands.

I watched the gap as I approached and then waited for a tad before shooting through the 20 odd metres to the western side and flat calm conditions, I then had a tail wind off the cliffs for a while and followed the shore and high cliffs to Miners Cove just south of Miners Head where I planned to and did camp. It was only 11am. I felt a bit guilty not paddling on in these conditions but liked this spot and enjoyed the afternoon relaxing and reading, even eating some of that chocolate.

From here you can see the Whangarei Heads about 70kms away and Little Barrier 20kms away, neat spot with a small stream. I had camped on the small stones on the beach at the southern end to get the most of the sunlight in the afternoon.

24kms today

Wednesday morning it was cold, and away again at 6.10am paddling out of the small bay and heading south, the temperature rose no less the 5 degrees instantly once around the corner. I think the cold air just hugged the valley I camped in (thanks for that).

Now as I got to the northern entrance to Katherine Bay which is Ahuriri Point there is an arch going the 50 metres through it. Last time we were here only two got through it. Myself and another didn't as it got all nasty in there for a while at the eastern end where it narrows, so I intended to get through this time, as I did without a problem.

Across Katherine Cove and paddling across Port Abercrombie which takes you into Port Fitzroy I had a Navel inshore patrol vessel coming from my right and a ferry coming from my left, which all went OK once the tinny zoomed past me without even looking. I was glad to get over to Kaikura Island.

I stopped on Flat Island which has a group of fishermen living on it, then away again to Sandy Bay near the southern end where I camped for the night after 42kms.

Thursday morning 6.15am on the water a slight head wind which died away leaving me to paddle back on flat calm water – 3 hours it took – on the way over it was 2 hours 44 minutes.

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## President's Report

Another year and a few new faces on the Committee – plus the old faithful! To both of these groups we must all give our sincere thanks. The older ones (perhaps more experienced would be more politically correct!) have a stabilising effect whilst new faces bring new and welcome ideas.

I mentioned in my AGM report (page 10, June newsletter), that the committee is looking at training opportunities for our newer members and it is hoped that we will be able to test ideas this term in one of the heated portable pools. A number of activities were tested in the pools at the recent Boat Show

and the pools appear to be large enough to support a small kayak practising paddle strokes, wet entries etc, and even rolling!

That brings me the Boat Show. Once again the Canoe Club presence at the Boat Show was well received by the organisers and the public – thanks to the hard work put in by our members under the guidance of Gavin Baker who did a fantastic job organising and manning the stand.

Keep paddling,

*Ian*



## Great Barrier Trip

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10kms off Fletcher is where the ships go through around about and I had a container ship which I had been watching for half an hour go across in front of me about 200 metres away on its way to Tauranga I presume (watch those reefs).

As I got back to Fletcher's Bay I had a chap come to greet me, he was a sit-on-top fishing guy and was impressed by my journey, I was impressed and grateful for his help getting the loaded kayak through the soft sand (good luck with your fishing).

I had limited time so couldn't do too much sight seeing this trip and was lucky to have great weather, a great club trip would be get the ferry across with vehicles so you can choose your spot dependant on the weather,

At Port Fitzroy you have the harbour, coast and Islands. At Herataonga you have Arid Island and some great coastline either side of it for exploring. This is a great sea kayaking destination.

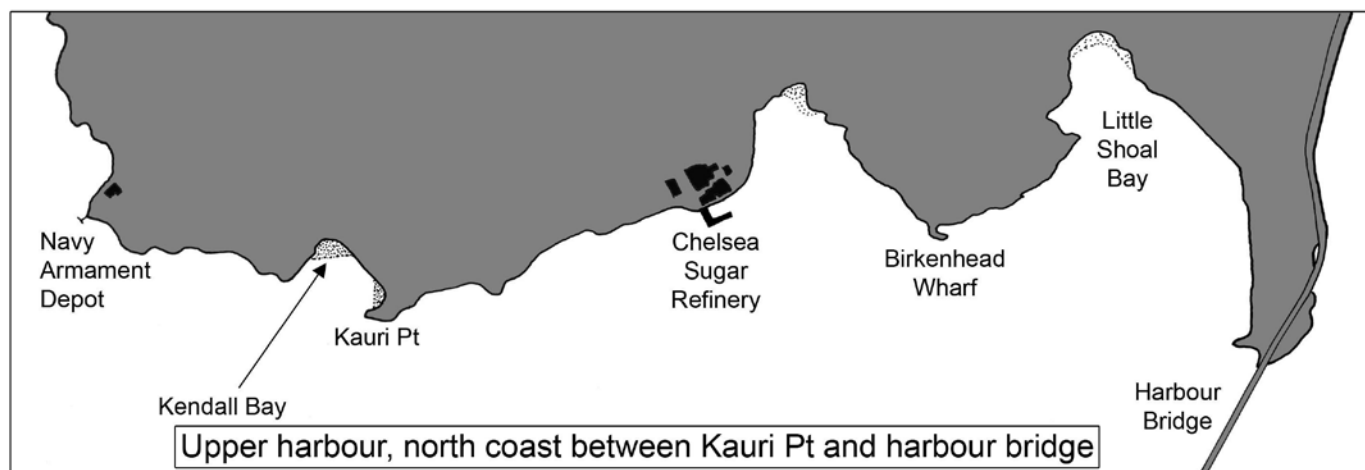
## More good places to go for a cup of tea

Colin Quilter



*It is accepted that one of the best things you can do in a kayak is to paddle somewhere for a cup of tea, and then paddle home again. Good cup-of-tea beaches share certain characteristics. They are small and secluded. They offer shade in summer but get the sun in the winter. They are protected from the wind. They are never crowded, so they are certainly not accessible by car and preferably not on foot. If they are on an island, so much the better. And if they are in a forgotten corner of the harbour you haven't noticed before, or haven't visited; well, why not?*

### Kendall Bay



This bay was known to Maori as Rongohau (“sheltered from the wind”) and was used as a refuge by canoe parties during northerly gales. It was also used by Maori as a base for shark fishing in the upper Waitemata Harbour, and in the early part of last century was called “Shark Bay” by European families who camped there during summer holidays.

**Where to go.** On the northern coast of the upper Waitemata Harbour, just west of Kauri Pt. This semicircular cove surrounded by bush actually has two beaches, of which the NW one gets the sun earlier in the day while the SE beach is prettier. Take your pick! There are walking tracks to Kendall Bay, but we won't disqualify it on that account.

The beach is shallow at low tide, but good anytime between mid and high tide. Tidal currents run strongly along the coast between North Head and Kauri Pt; this will influence the timing of the trip.

**When to go.** Kendall Bay is an excellent destination when northerly winds are forecast; it is well sheltered then, (but windy and cold in southerly winds). If paddling from one of the Tamaki Drive beaches such as Okahu Bay you should launch about 1.5hr before HW; then the flood tide will carry you swiftly up the harbour past Devonport and the city wharves. After a cup of tea you will get assistance from the ebb tide on the return journey. Two easy trips for the price of one!



## Poet's Corner

*When it's time to say goodbye  
To this strange place we're in  
To all the people left behind  
Those well loved kith and kin  
Take me down to the shoreline  
Dump me in my shell  
Point the bow to the furthest shore  
Knowing that all is well.*

*Before that time there's heaps to do  
And only now to do it  
So get in the boat or on the bike  
Whenever you see fit  
To spend some time this winter  
Doing your favourite thing  
Bike paddle swim or walk  
Oh what pleasure these bring.*

*So don the hat the thermal top  
A flask of tea at hand  
Dip the blade and pull it back  
This is the magic wand  
The shaft with blades  
That casts a spell  
But won't let on  
For whom tolls the bell.*

*All sounds a bit pretentious  
I hear you paddlers say  
So I'm racking my brains at the moment  
To put it another way  
Finishing off these ramblings  
I'll end on the usual note  
Take all this with a mugful of salt  
And just get in the boat.*

*Mike Randall*



*At the 2012 AGM, Ian Calhaem was presented with the Evan Stubbs Memorial Award for services to Canoeing. Ian has been recognised for his long service as club president and the enormous work load that he has undertaken whilst holding the office.*

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