



## November 2014

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Auckland Canoe Club needs the support of its members by taking part in escorting the swimmers in the upcoming Auckland Central Masters Harbour Swims. Our involvement contributes to the safety of the swimmers involved, and the required ratio of kayaks to swimmers is set by Coastguard.

These events are the only fundraising activities we request members to assist with, and your involvement is central to our club's financial wellbeing and enables us to keep membership subscriptions at their current low level. Funding is based on the number of kayaks per swim, so please try to participate if possible.

*A schedule of the swims can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.*

## Auckland Canoe Club Information

### Postal Address

P.O. Box 9271, Newmarket, Auckland

### Clubrooms

Marine Rescue Centre, Mechanics Bay

### Website

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

### Officers

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(for questions about storing kayaks in the locker)

## 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

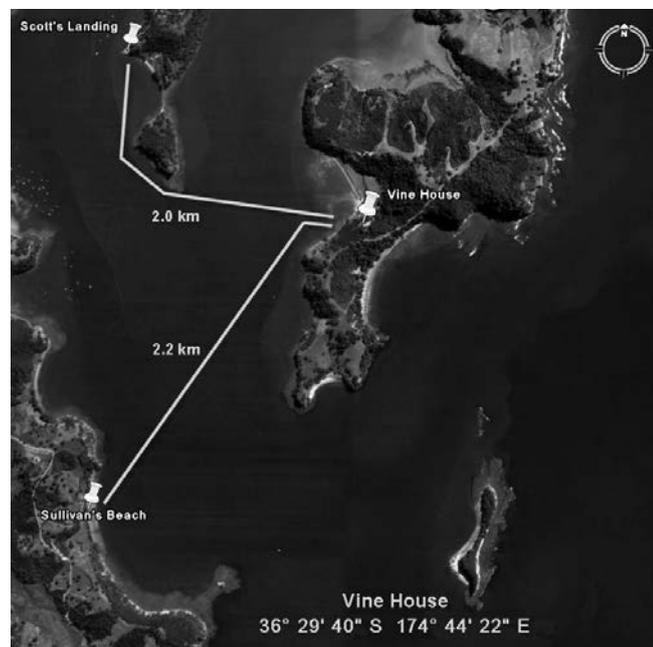
Daily hire – out am, back pm \$30.00

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.

## Regular Events

### Vine House Weekends



On one weekend each month we have the use of Vine House. This gem in Mahurangi Harbour is a 2 km paddle from Sullivan's 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, e.g. 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 Sullivan's 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 or Matt 817 1984.**

### Saturday Morning Coffee Cruise

Most Saturday mornings some club members do a short paddle from the club lock up at Okahu Bay.

We set off from the lock up at 9.00, returning by 12.30. The level is fairly easy and you can nearly always hire a club kayak. The route depends on the tide and the weather. We often paddle out to Bean Rock lighthouse and then stop at Kohi Beach for coffee in a local cafe before paddling back.

Join us for a relaxed paddle. It's a great way to meet people in the club.

Be aware: People don't go every week. You might go one week when no-one else happens to turn up.

You should have basic paddling skills to join this group, you will be responsible for yourself.

**Note:** Paddlers under 18 to be accompanied by a guardian!

**For more information, go to:**

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

## KASK NEWSLETTERS

I have a few dozen KASK newsletters dating back to 2004 that I would like to give away to a good home.

**Anyone interested, contact Erica on 021 043 8118**



## Deadline for Next Newsletter

**15 November 2014**

## Poet's Corner

*It was only a Weta  
 A large one with feelers  
 The length of its body  
 That appeared on my deck  
 Some metres from shore  
 Had eluded  
 My pre paddle looking  
 For livestock  
 So what did inspire me  
 To want to delay  
 This animal's trip  
 On journeys unknown  
 Flies I will kill  
 With seldom a thought  
 Ants are at similar risk  
 As are possums  
 Though I'll run off the road  
 Rather than hit one*

*Weta advances  
 What to do with this stowaway  
 So on to the paddle blade  
 Holding it high  
 While sculling one side  
 Weta slips into sea  
 One scoop and it's up  
 But again a great fall  
 Once more a wet Weta  
 Is lifted aloft  
 Hang in there I call  
 We are nearly there  
 Close to the shore  
 Gingerly landing  
 With great skill and care  
 I deposit the Weta  
 On a bush  
 Growing there.*

*Mike Randall*

## Master Swim Association 2014 / 2015 swim and swim escort details

The following are the dates and times for this season.

Kayakers need to ensure they are on the water 15 minutes before the start of each event.

*(If you have any queries please phone Philip or any of the committee members – numbers on page 2 of the newsletter.)*

| <b>Event</b>       | <b>Date</b>      | <b>Swim Start time</b>   | <b>High tide</b> |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Herne Bay          | 16 November 2014 | 2:30 pm <sup>1</sup>     | 3:18 pm          |
| Chelsea            | 23 November 2014 | 7:30 am <sup>2</sup>     | 8:43 am          |
| Judges Bay         | 8 February 2015  | 10:30 am <sup>3</sup>    | 11:22 am         |
| Rangitoto          | 22 March 2015    | 7:45 am <sup>4</sup>     | 9:42 am          |
| 10km Marathon Swim | 26 April 2015    | 7:00 am <sup>5</sup> TBA | 1:18 pm          |

1. Herne Bay swim runs from Herne Bay Beach to Masefield Beach via Watchmans Island. Kayaks launch at Masefield Beach at 1.30pm to paddle to Herne Bay for briefing at 2.10 pm.
2. Chelsea swim runs from Masefield Beach to the Chelsea Sugar refinery. Roger will be serving a hot breakfast from 6.30am at the car park in Curran Street Extension. Kayakers briefing at Masefield Beach beach at 7.10am.
3. We are swimming a Judges Bay circuit in lieu of the Bays swim due to conflicts with other events this year. Judges Bay is also the backup course for all the other short course events. Kayakers will paddle from Okahu Bay leaving at 9.30 am. Briefing at Judges Bay at 10.10am.
4. The Rangitoto Swim runs from Rangitoto Island wharf to St Heliers Bay. Kayakers leave from St Heliers Bay beach at 6.15am to paddle to Rangitoto for briefing at 7.25am.
5. The marathon swim runs from Mairangi Bay to Devonport Reserve. Details to be advised.

## Saturday day trip to McKenzie Bay

Philip Noble

Rona, Lester, Colin, Chris, Sue, Kevin, Rosemary and Philip and apologies to Matt who didn't get the update of change of plan, but fortunately still had a good weekend at Home Bay!

Flexibility seems to be required with trip planning, given the unpredictable weather this time of the year in Auckland. On Thursday, given the high wind warning for Sunday and favourable conditions forecast for the Saturday, the decision was made to replace the overnight trip to Motutapu with a day trip to McKenzie Bay.

A group of eight of us left Kohi Beach shortly before 9.30 am in perfect weather and headed across the channel taking advantage of the ebb tide for some current assistance. We were soon cruising past Coastguard Bay on the western side of Rangitoto, with the lighthouse ahead of us, along with its distinctive jumble of rock formations and it was not long before we were paddling into McKenzie Bay. The weather was idyllic and conditions perfect for kayaking.

This pleasant sandy bay on the west side of Rangitoto is generally well used by boaties and day-trippers exploring Rangitoto and is a good spot for lunch or a cup of tea or both. After our first cuppa most of the group headed a short distance along the coastal road to Coastguard Beach. This road passes through a spectacular grove of tall pohutukawa trees and provides glimpses of the turquoise water and the mainland at some points making the walk most enjoyable. We took a couple of detours onto the beaches along the way and Colin described some interesting features of the island.

Back at the beach, lunch was accompanied by serious discussion of matters dear to kayakers' hearts such as fishing in the Hauraki Gulf, the ideal paddle and bread recipes (look out for an upcoming article – Chris' Bread Making Secrets – in a newsletter soon). Other discussions followed – too deep and serious for publication, punctuated by Colin's mantra "It's a hard life being a kayaker, but someone has to do it". We all nodded sagely in agreement about these profound words and poured another cup before heading back to Auckland.



*Philosophising on the beach.*



*Colin and Lester.*



*Philip and Rona.*

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## Saturday day trip to McKenzie Bay

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Looking across from a beach on Rangitoto.



Kevin leaving the bay.



Lester.



Matt's tent at Home Bay.

## NEW MEMBERS



### Welcome

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

Richard Butler and family, Michael Bell, Mike Coughlan,  
Peter and Kristine Kuyk

## Whangaparaoa Peninsula Trip (leader Owen Sprosen)

Sue Noble



Starting a kayak trip at Matakatia Bay on the southern side of Whangaparaoa has some advantages from a logistical point of view, allowing one to finish the day's paddle some 600 metres from the starting point at Tindall's Beach. On a cool August morning a group of us met at the beach at Matakatia, where the bright yellow Sommerhalder bus was parked on the foreshore. The cars were swiftly shuttled the short distance to Tindalls, and the group were seen off from the beach by Sue S, with tempting promises of coffee and cake at the end of the paddle.

We were soon paddling past the distinctive rock in the bay, as we headed along the shoreline and towards the end of the peninsula. On the way Gary paddled ahead of the group and, using soft baits soon had a bag of fish, including a beautiful snapper. Philip also picked up a few kahawai on the lure behind his boat.

While enjoying lunch a group of three kayakers joined us on the beach, and included a friend of Peter and Sue's who had bought her first kayak from Peter many years previously. On the way back a few of us who were paddling together, unwittingly startled a seal on nearby rocks, causing it to hastily and noisily launch into the water right alongside the kayakers before swimming under one of the kayakers and performing a couple of rolls to eye us out. By the time the other kayakers passed by, it was back up on the rocks with a companion.

Arriving back at Tindall's Beach, we received a warm welcome from Sue who had spent the day in the bus at Tindall's Beach. We were soon all enjoying a cup of coffee and cake before setting off back to Auckland.



Joe on the beach at Matakatia.

More photos on page 8 ➤

## Whangaparaoa Peninsula Trip

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Heading out from Matakatia with Rangitoto in the distance.



Lunch stop.

## Upcoming Trips and Events

### Sunday 9th November

#### Waiake to Dacre Cottage

Paddle from Waiake Beach (Torbay) to Weiti River mouth with a stop for morning tea at Dacre Cottage. An excellent paddle through the Long Bay Marine Reserve.

Call Will for details 550 3699

### Sunday 16th November

#### Herne Bay Swim Escort

See schedule of swim escort details on page 4

### Sunday 23rd November

#### Chelsea Swim Escort

See schedule of swim escort details on page 4

### Sunday 30th November

#### A pleasing inner harbour ramble

Starting from Devonport, cruising past the Naval Base, under the bridge. Lunch stop and further course details by consensus on the day!

Please phone John Hotham 482 1417

### Sunday 7th December

#### Christmas Party

Join us for the Club Christmas Party at Browns Island. Bring a picnic lunch (remember no fires, but gas appliances allowed if you want a fry-up or barbecue).

If you want to participate in a "Secret Santa" gift, bring a wrapped gift of less than \$5

Suggest we leave from St Heliers Boat Ramp at 10.00am

Phone Philip, 575 3493, on Friday or Saturday if the weather is unfavourable.