

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & SIMON MELGREN MEMORIAL RACE Held on Sunday 1 July 2018

It was a cold morning as eleven hardy souls lined up for the 10km Simon Melgren Memorial Race, but at least the tide was in and the water calm. Richard Couchman (Couchie) kindly did the timing. For the benefit of newer members and those who did not know Simon Melgren; he was club member who tragically lost his life in an accident at his workplace about four years ago.

Results:

K1	Andrew Mowlem	42.48 (timekeeper's note reads "course record")
	Sean Murphy	45.29
	Vaughan Reed	45.57
	Vlad Moldovan	47.14
	Phill Exeter	51.44
Ski	Jonathan Long	52.02
	Nick Devcich	55.20
	Katherine Rearden	63.30
	Kathryn Lydiard	65.19
Multi	Erika Currie	68.44

Reports & Summary of Annual General Meeting 2018

The meeting opened at 11.30am with 14 members present, and three apologies.

President's Annual Report – Vaughan Reed

I would like to start by saying a big thank you to the two people that have been a big driving force behind the club.

- *Sean who has organised the majority of the club races and his family (Carmen, Enya and Eliya) who have done the timing.*
 - o *We wouldn't have the great events*
 - o *Sean also organised this years' national marathon champs*
 - o *Can I get everyone to put their hands together for Sean and his family*

- *Erika does a lot of work to keep the club running smoothly. All the correspondence, paying the bills, processing the memberships, the club newsletter and that's just some of what she does.*

- *Looked back at my last years' presidents notes*
 - o *Thanking the same two people*

- *More people putting their hand up to help with co-ordinating events and help with the running of the club.*
- *As we have mentioned a number of times, the club doesn't run itself*

- *I would also like to thank the committee members that attended regular meetings:*
 - *Andrew Mowlem*
 - *John Nowak*
 - *Vlad Moldovan*
 - *Brenden Rolston*
 - *Terry Newson*
 - *Phil Exeter*

- *Looking back over the last 12 months, I wanted to highlight some of the things the club has achieved:*
 - *Gold, Silver and Bronze medal at the sprint nationals in February*
 - *At this years' National Marathon champs*
 - *1st & 2nd Place in the Women's Multisport*
 - *2nd & 3rd in Masters 35 – 49*
 - *1st, 2nd & 3rd in Masters 50 – 54*
 - *1st in Men's Master 55 – 59*
 - *2nd in Open Women's K1*
 - *2nd in Open Men K1*

 - *Revived the fleet of Club Boats*
 - *3 new Stellar kayaks*
 - *3 new entry level K1 & a new K2 (thanks to Terry)*
 - *Salvaged 2 good multisport boats*
 - *And gave away 6 old boats that were past their Best Before date**The club fleet of boats is looking in very good shape*

- *We surveyed our members to get a feel for why they joined the club and what they wanted from the club going forward. I just want to highlight two key points which will help when we talk about the Vision of the future for the club.*
 - *Primary reason people joined the club:*
 - *Improve kayak ability, access to the club facility and socialising with like minded people*
 - *What do you want to see the club do better:*
 - *More technique focused coaching sessions*
 - *More activities for newbies*
 - *Coaching and regular training sessions*
 - *More events but not focused around racing*

Treasurer's Report – Sean Murphy

The Club had a satisfactory financial year ending 31 May 2018.

The surplus for this financial year is \$4,945.00 - up on the previous years.

Membership numbers have increased for the year and a Grant of \$12000.00 was gratefully received from Foundation North, which enabled us to upgrade the club's fleet of kayaks. As part of the upgrade the club sold a number of the older kayaks that did not suit what the club was trying to supply to members, in the form of a fleet of progression boats from beginners to intermediate. These have been used by the members and there has been an increase of the hire of boats accordingly.

The club has also upgraded the accounting system to that of Xero which now means that it is easier and quicker to maintain the club's accounts. The setup took some time to transfer the old accounts over to Xero but the exercise has been well worth the cost.

Club racing, including the South Head Challenge, were operated under a fiscally neutral activity. "Profit" generated from the racing series was spent on related expenses – prizes, food and drink, timing and in regards to the Marathon Nationals that the club held this year, the club covered the entry fee for members to encourage participation on home ground.

The Club has finished the 2017/18 financial year in a sound position

Election of 2018/19 Committee

Vaughan Reed, Sean Murphy, Terry Newsome and Erika Currie were re-elected to the previously held positions. John Nowak has taken on the role of club captain, and Andrew Mowlem stepped up to Vice President.

- **President:** Vaughan Reed
- **Vice President:** Andrew Mowlem
- **Treasurer:** Sean Murphy
- **Club Captain:** John Nowak (with assistance from Richard Couchman)
- **Secretary/admin:** Erika Currie
- **Multisport coordinator:** Hayden Pirie
- **IRB Manager:** Terry Newsome
- **General Committee:** Jonathan Long, Phill Exeter, Vlad Moldovan, Richard Couchman

Membership and Kayak Storage Fees for 2018/19 club year:

Annual Membership kayak storage fees are now due – and thanks to those of you that have already renewed! The access code to the club will be changed end of July/beginning August. Only those that have renewed their membership, and boat storage if relevant, will be advised of the new code.

The good news is that the fees remain the same, taking into consideration the increases made last year.

Annual Fees:

Individual \$150

Family \$200

Junior \$80

Rack Fee \$150 per boat

EVENTS CALENDAR

14 July 2018	Hawke's Bay Adventure Race (new) http://www.hbadventure.com.nz/
29 July 2018	Karioi Classic, Raglan
5 August 2018	Karapiro KayakKrazy 10km Series
11 August 2018	Whangamata Adventure Race
18 August 2018	10km Championships, Rotorua, www.canoeracing.org.nz/events
25-26 Aug 2018	Coromandel Classic
1 Sept 2018	Poor Knights Crossing, www.enternowonline.com/4331/events
16 Sept 2018	Cambridge-Hamilton kayak, www.theboatshed.net.nz/cambridge
13 October 2018	Motu Challenge, Opotiki
13 October 2018	Blue Lakes 1, Rotorua, National Canoe Sprints
27 October 2018	Canoe Showdown, Warkworth
3 Nov 2018	Waikato 100, http://www.waikato100.kiwi/
11 Nov 2018	Rodney Coast Challenge, www.rcc.org.nz
1 Dec 2018	Blue Lakes 2, Rotorua, National Canoe Sprints
16 Dec 2018	Race the Coast, Mt Maunganui
1-10 Feb 2018	NZ Masters Games, Whanganui – 30 th Anniversary Event
15 Feb 2019	NZCT Canoe Sprint Nationals, Karapiro

High Tides

Wed 11 July	17.42/3.2m
Sat 14 July	07.58/3.4m
Wed 18 July	11.33/3.4m
Sat 21 July	14.18/3.0m
Wed 25 July	17.59/3.0m
Sat 28 July	07.42/2.9m
Wed 1 August	10.18/3.0m
Sat 4 August	12.23/2.9m
Wed 8 August	16.18/3.1m
Sat 11 August	06.45/3.3m
Wed 15 August	10.19/3.5m
Sat 18 August	12.51/3.1m
Wed 22 August	16.38/2.8m
Sat 25 August	06.32/2.8m
Wed 29 August	21.35/3.2m

UPCOMING EVENTS UPDATE

South Head Challenge 2018

Unfortunately, we won't be running the South Head Challenge this year, but are aiming to be back next year if we can get the resources needed to help run the event. If you are looking for an event to fill the gap, make sure you check out the ever popular **Rodney Coast Challenge**.

Futureproof Life Rodney Coast Challenge – Sunday 11 November 2018 – Entries Open NOW

This being the 21st Birthday of this popular event, it's bound to be special. Organised by the Kaukapakapa Scouts Group, the race traverses the Rodney district from Muriwai beach on the west coast to Wenderholm Regional Park on the east coast. It's a family friendly event, with proceeds benefiting the Kaukapakapa Scouts Group.

Distances are; 10km forest run; 30km road bike; 25km mountain bike; 8km paddle down the Puhoi River; 100m dash to the finish.

Divisions are for individuals; and for teams of 2, 3 or 4 persons for both adult and youth categories.

All individual entry fees include an event T-shirt.

There is also the **Labyrinth Corporate Team Challenge** with a fantastic \$5,000 digital media package to be won!! ☺

For more information and to enter, go to www.rcc.org.nz

Poor Knights Crossing, Tutukaka – Sat 1 September 2018

The Poor Knights Crossing is a 30km open water paddle between the mainland and the Poor Knights Islands, which is also a marine park.

In ideal conditions, competitors and race craft are ferried out to the Poor Knights Marine Reserve on board Dive! Tutukaka boats and race a 30km course back to the finish line inside Tutukaka Harbour. But as the weather and sea state is an unpredictable beast on the picturesque Tutukaka Coast, there are several race course options depending on the prevailing winds. Paddlers could end up paddle out to the Poor Knights and get ferried back, or may even get to experience other secluded parts of the Northland coastline if conditions dictate a different plan on race day.

Race is open to surf ski, Waka Ama and SUP. Entries are now open: www.enternowonline.com/4331/events

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/search/str/zest+brokers+poor+knights+crossing+2018/keywords_search

Training for Cambridge-Hamilton (16 September) and/or Waikato 100 (3 November)

Sean is organising a training paddle on 21 July on the Waikato River. It's ideal training for the above events or the Coast to Coast.

He can take up to 10 boats on his trailer, and max 6 passengers. \$20 boat only; \$50 per person and boat. He will have a driver. Seats and kayak spaces on first come first served basis. For more information see Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1796293663788943/> or email Sean on admin@absoluteaccounts.org to reserve a spot.

APMG2018 - ASIA PACIFIC MASTERS GAMES 2018, 7-15 Sept in Penang, Malaysia

More than 3000 participants from over 44 countries involved in 9 days event with 22 sports – but it appears there is no kayaking ☹️ But there are various running events. Entries extended to 31 July 2018.

<http://36km2.r.ca.d.sendibm2.com/mk/cl/HdWvzUmc5Uw_kN4KHNNJWPltefxOdHOAsEfykW3OynyuFBdk-1_2LQ8Pt6ke-A29nJaR3HF1D0ESNIm0vE-xMtSLiultfjWlyBrKpyeqq-3eKYZSR8Abg>

Want to keep up with the latest? Join us on Facebook

If you have not yet joined the club's Facebook group, please make a member request to be added – it's the best way to keep up to date on what's going on, last minute changes, and who is doing what and when. For example, if someone posts about doing a river trip it may be your opportunity to join in and get some extra training or put your Grade 2 paddling skills to test.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/waitematacanoeandmultisportclub/>

CLUB KAYAK TRAINING

Wednesdays is Club night; 5.30pm during winter, Wednesdays – usually 6km race, but maybe drills especially at low tide. **(New time for winter!)**

Saturdays: 8:00am sharp – join a small but keen group for a good and varied workout. Maybe go for coffee and chat afterwards at a local café. All welcome.

Don't forget to check Facebook for changes, additions and short-notice training changes.

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COACHING

A multisport and paddling workshop was held on Saturday morning 23 June, which proved popular for new and not-so-new members alike. The club was fortunate to have club member Stuart Lynch, one of the world's most experience adventure racers share his knowledge and experience, plus a number of other members with extensive paddling and multisport experience including Coast to Coast.

Plans for further coached paddling training sessions are in the pipeline. We will bring you more information when the details are finalised.

2018/19 MEMBERSHIP & RACK FEES are now due

Individual Membership	\$150
Family:	\$200
Junior (under 18 at 1 June)	\$80
Rack Fee (kayak storage)	\$150

Please see website for Membership form and Bank Account/payment details www.wcmc.org.nz/membership

HIRING CLUB BOATS

- Use from the Club (on Henderson Creek) is free.
- Please treat club kayaks and gear as you would treat your own – or better.
- Please return all club kayaks to their corresponding racks
- Please do not sit in kayaks when making adjustments while they're on cradles - it will damage them
- Kayaks and surf skis with under-boat rudders require extra care – no sitting in them while on grass, ramp, on gravel – and don't run them up onto mud or sandbanks at low tides. Use pontoon for getting in and out of.
- Daily Hire away from the Club is \$50 per day, with the inclusion of buoyancy aid, paddle and spray deck.
- Fibreglass boats must NOT be taken on rocky rivers.
- Club boats that have an under-boat rudder must NOT be used on Grade 1 or Grade 2 rivers

Club Hire Rules

- You must fill out the online form here: <http://wcmc.org.nz/club-info/kayak-hire> or contact the Club President – Vaughan Reed 021 612 753 (this is important to avoid double booking - even for club events.)
- Pay for the hire before you take the boat and accessories.
- Return all gear promptly after use.
- Report any damage so that it can be fixed and the boat returned for others to use
- Air bags are the hirers' responsibility

TO HELP YOU SELECT A KAYAK APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR SKILL LEVEL, PLEASE REFER TO THE CLUB BOAT CHART ON THE CLUB GEAR WALL, OR THE FOLDER ON THE CLUB ROOM BENCH.

CLUB EXECUTIVES 2018/2019

President	Vaughan Reed	021 612 753
Vice President	Andrew Mowlem	
Treasurer	Sean Murphy	
Club Captain	John Nowak, with Richard Couchman assisting	
Secretary/Admin	Erika Currie	027 4345946
Multisport	Hayden Pirie	
RIB Manager	Terry Newsome	021 0748485
Email	club@wcmc.org.nz	

New Members: please contact any of the Executive for general information or assistance on club matters.

SUBMARINES

Had an unintentional swim lately? Don't forget to tell the club administrator: erika.currie@xtra.co.nz

