



New Zealand 00.3 Canoeing

Welcome! to the summer issue of NZ Canoeing.

Robin Rutter-Baumann - President

With the year drawing to an end it's time to reflect on some things and say a few "Thank You's". First, the rest of the Exec team has been beavering away and doing a great job in keeping us on track. Thank you team – I hope the river gods repay you in full. Its not always obvious what is done by the Exec, but to give you a taste:

We are working on river access and conservation from Hamilton to Haast, setting up a membership drive, negotiating investigation standards for kayaking accidents, updating our website, producing newsletters and making sure those safety course subsidies are still flowing out to members. In the midst of all of this, our Administration Officer keeps fielding queries from all over the country and overseas with admirable efficiency – thank you Lynne.

With Christmas, there are usually presents. Did you wish for easier access to a new river to paddle as a present this Christmas? How about the regular opportunity to paddle a river that long ago lost its water to hydro-generation? Or the freedom to not have to book yourself in for a limited access opportunity in a few months time?

In the back of the Macpac catalogue that comes with this issue of NZ Canoeing is a message from Mick Hopkinson that hints that you'd probably only need to have Christmas wishes like these if you lived in America. The sad truth is that each of these issues reflects work that the NZRCA has been undertaking on behalf of all NZ paddlers over the last few months.

The other day at Murchison I was asked to justify our \$30 individual membership cost and struggled for a while to think of reasons that would convince the other paddler. I mentioned this newsletter, the River Safety and River Rescue subsidies, and the fact that this summer the first 50 individual members also get a free T-shirt but they remained unconvinced. I listened to them tell me that rivers are free in NZ and that membership benefits to them are small, and then it came to me. I did not need to justify the cost of membership - the Buller River Water Conservation Order justifies it, as do the recreational releases on the Mangahao, Waikaretaheke, Pukaki, and Tekapo. On its own, the negotiation that's so close to completion with Genesis Power over the Tongariro Power Development Scheme would justify it. In the end I left my questioner with this – "How can you justify not joining?"

This brings me to my last "thank you" – to all of you who are strong supporters of conserving our white water resources and the opportunities to enjoy them safely. Thank you for your membership, please enjoy your paddling safely this summer and be proud that you are making this a great country to paddle in.

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Deadline for Autumn Issue: 1/3/2001

Hydro Scheme on the Arnold River

Glen Murdoch

In November last year Trustpower announced their intention to build a new hydro dam at Dobson, on the South Island West Coast. The original proposal outlined the project as the largest hydro scheme since the Clyde dam, at an estimated cost of \$100 million. The scheme proposed taking water from the Arnold River through a canal system to a storage lake behind Dobson.

Trustpower held a core stakeholders meeting in November 1999 to test the water and see what everybody's thoughts were. At the meeting, the two main opponents to the scheme were kayakers and anglers, and this has been confirmed by later newspaper coverage. At that meeting Trustpower indicated that the scheme would take 2/3 of the water out of the Arnold River. Concerns were expressed by kayakers that this would not leave enough water in the river for kayaking. Local kayakers estimate that a minimum of 35 cumecs is required for paddling the Arnold, but 65 cumecs is the best flow.

Since meeting in late 1999, Trustpower have been less co-operative in providing information to kayakers, despite our role as a core stakeholder. Maree Baker (NZRCA), Geoff Price (White Water Canoe Club) and I have been involved in representing the interests of white water kayakers when communicating with Trustpower.

In early August this year, three paddlers from the Westland Canoe Club met with Trustpower to talk about what they wanted to do and what we needed. The representatives from Trustpower talked about how they had done work with kayakers in the North Island, but they were fairly uniformed about the needs of local paddlers.

Options discussed to make up for the loss of the Arnold River included a slalom course and play wave in the release channel from the power station and scheduled releases with guaranteed minimum flows. These "benefits" are being protested by kayakers, as this scheme will essentially destroy the river for kayaking, and there is no alternative to the Arnold for teaching and learning in the Greymouth area.

Trustpower is currently completing an assessment of the environmental effects of the scheme, which includes input from local clubs. If you want to contact Glen Murdoch, who has been representing the views of recreational kayakers, phone; 03 738 0580.

REPORTS from the Maritime Safety Authority

Janet Nicol Safety Officer

Most of you will know of the two kayaking deaths that occurred during last summer, one on the Upper Hokitika and the other on the Nevis River. The Maritime Safety Authority (MSA) is the government body that provides an official "investigation" and Authority Accident Investigation Report into any drownings on waterways. I question the term investigation due to the apparent lack of any such process in one of the reports.

The NZRCA received these reports which were both written after the coroners' findings. They contain inaccuracies, one in particular lacks detail, and is misleading in some areas. When comparing the two reports there appears to be no consistent standard of reporting on incidents of this nature.

On behalf of kayakers, the NZRCA has written to the Chief Investigator of the MSA to highlight our concerns. We have offered assistance in developing guidelines as to what information should be gathered and suggested that "expert" opinions should be sought. We are currently awaiting their reply.

If you have any questions about the MSA Reports, contact Janet Nicol, Safety Officer at: safety@rivers.org.nz

Tongariro Power Development Update

Maree Baker, Conservation Officer

At the time of writing this, we are focused on preparing our case and evidence to be presented on 21 November, at the hearing for Genesis Power Ltd Tongariro Power Development application.

We have had very useful discussions with Genesis leading up to the hearing, but have not yet found a point of agreement as to how many releases and what minimum flows are sufficient to compensate for the loss of recreational opportunities in these catchments.

Our case will be generally consistent with, and supportive of other recreational submitters such as OPC, the Freestyle Kayak Committee, and local rafters. Watch this space for reports on how the hearing went, and the outcome for recreational canoeists. The Regional Council will probably come to their decision sometime early in the new year.

Rafting on the Yampa River

Mike Savory Access Officer

We have just had a cancellation for tomorrow she said. Could we organise a five day trip in 24 hours? Yes, let's give it a go! We'll call you back soon to confirm. There we were, two kayakers on the Colorado-Utah border, with no kayaks and a possible permit for the Yampa river trip through Dinosaur National Park.

I had just called the National Park Rivers Office on the off-chance that we could get to tag along with someone else on a river trip. I didn't expect there to be any cancellations. Permits for the naturally flowing river are allocated a year in advance on a lottery system, and the season for the trip is only two months long. Maximum group size for a trip is 35 people and I didn't think the Park Rangers would let two kiwi kayakers head off down the river on their own.

After a couple of calls to local raft companies we had found a Shuttle Service that hired rafts and had a 14 foot self bailer oar rig available. 14 foot sounded a bit small, but everyone is into smaller boats nowadays. We booked the raft and called the Ranger Station to confirm the permit. They said we could collect the permit the next morning on the way to the put in at Deerlodge Park. Phew! A few vital hours saved!

When we arrived at the home of the Shuttle Company in Vernal Utah, we found they'd had a last minute cancellation on a 16 foot raft. So we were back in the big boat league. Luckily Melanie and Ed actually had a huge four car garage full of rafting gear (four American cars that is) and were able to fit us out with everything that we required. Portable Toilets, First Aid Kit, repair kit, Coolers, Kitchen Box, Dry bags, water containers, raft, oars and US Coastguard approved Life Jackets. It was good to know that we would have all the right gear: we already had all our outdoor clothes, camping gear and VISA cards with us. Looks like it's going to work...

Image #1: Postcard of Echo Park

This is Echo Park, named by John Wesley Powell in 1869 during his first scientific expedition into the Colorado Plateau. It is here that the Yampa River, the last free flowing river in the Colorado River System, joins the Green River. This is home and critical habitat for the endangered peregrine falcon, bald eagle, Colorado pikeminnow, and razorback sucker.

We'd already been travelling from National Park to National Park in the south west USA for about six weeks living out of the back of our little Mazda 323 car. This meant we had a good supply of miscellaneous herbs and spices and cooking bits (even a two bowl kitchen sink substitute).

After a high-speed trolley derby at the local supermarket, we had the tricky sorting and packing session. Melanie and Ed were WONDERFUL! - plying us with cold fruit juice during the hot afternoon and forcing us to stop for a meal with them when it was dinnertime. By the time packing was done, we were really grateful for the offer of a bit of grass behind their house to pitch the tent for the night.

Up the next morning to load all the gear into the van and off to get the permit. Because of the number of people on the river each of your campsites are pre-allocated as part of the permit ballot. It was a rush to pick up our permit, get to the river and set up our new raft. Melanie and Ed's son was our shuttle driver, and a great source of experience and advice as to such important issues like which end of the raft is the front. Our allocated campsite for the first night Big Joe, was a relief to find as we'd had to cover nearly 22 miles on our first day.

The rest of the trip was far more relaxed and enjoyable. We had some great campsites all to ourselves and other campsites where we got to meet the neighbours. All were envious that we could have whole campsites to enjoy the wildlife without the noise of up to 35 people.

A riverbank tent site under an huge overhang with warm sand and dinner entertainment from the local troupe of amazing acrobatic bats flying within a foot of us...a big herd of rare bighorn sheep on the riverbank...our introduction to the game of horseshoes (with 50kg of horseshoes rafted in by the neighbours) with an after-match function as two drunken rafters brawled in the water.

Skinny-dipping in the brown water was much warmer than the cold Grand Canyon water released from the bottom of Glen Canyon dam. The sandstone canyons were very similar to the Grand Canyon but in a smaller scale. At the junction with the Green River, Echo rock forms an impressive end to the Yampa river. The next day and a half on the Green River we had almost three times the volume of water as the Flaming Gorge reservoir upstream on the Green River was releasing a record 12,000 cfs (400 cumecs).

There were quite a few rapids on the river with bouncy waves but they were only about Class II in difficulty. Warm Springs Rapid, on the fourth day, is a lot harder than anything else. For a kayak it would be Class III, but for neophyte rafters the holes at the top and bottom were pretty scary. Mike decided (against the advice of Ritz - who'd had a few Nepalese rafting experiences) to go for the right to left (kayaking) move to avoid the holes on the left at the top and right at the bottom. Once into the rapid it was a lot harder to get a grip with the oars, and a 16 foot raft has a surprising amount of momentum. Fortunately Ritz had put her foot down and insisted on planning alternative strategy before we left the bank. With more luck than skill, we just skimmed the shoulder of the lower hole, and with hearts beating fast pulled in next to another team who had just flipped a cataraft in the same hole.

Image 2: Ritz rafting on the Yampa River

Ritz Wood (giving up trying to keep out of the sun!) on the Yampa river. Photo: Mike Savory

The takeout suddenly appeared: we unloaded and washed everything down, including that special collection that you have to keep on various U.S. rivers: Human waste dump stations keep getting more space-age looking every year! Yippee! a chauffeured trip out and we're off to Yellowstone National Park.

Image 3: Warm Springs Rapid, Yampa River. Photo: Gerry Wolfe

To hire a raft like this or to organise river shuttles in the upper Colorado area contact Ed and Melanie Morrison of River Runners Transport in Vernal Utah; <http://www.eaze.com/riverrunners/> or e-mail rrt@easilink.com For permit information see the National Park website at <http://www.nps.gov/dino/>

A heavy flood down Warm Springs Draw in 1965 choked the river with boulders in 1965, forming the Yampa's largest rapid on the 71 mile 5 day trip. Photo: Gerry Wolfe.

Boating in Corsica

Alistair Quinn

Corsica, we had heard about it for years, a small island in the sunny Mediterranean, steep creeks, clear blue water and cheap red wine. Perception named a boat after the island so we knew it had to be a pretty good place to paddle.

The trip came together via email, Margie in London would provide the car, Chris and Graham would jack up boats from back here, and I would hide away from the limelight (and all the work) over in Canada. Chris and Graham did a superb job getting team boats from Necky, and jacking up a letter from United allowing us to transport the boats over to London for free. Margie came up with a trusty car, it blew up, so she came up with an even trustier one.

We arranged to meet in London at the end of April. I flew in from Canada, the boys arrived a few days later from NZ with three boats, four packs, two hangovers, and we were all go. A long trip across the channel, through France, onto a ferry at Nice and across the Mediterranean saw us finally arrive in Corsica.

Our first impressions were not as welcoming as we had hoped. The customs officials seemed to have a thing about kayakers and we spent an amusing few hours in the port of Calvi watching Rover the drug dog run around our car, chew up old polypro, some chocolate and Chris's hemp hat.

We had arrived in late April and from our conversations in Nice with returning French kayakers it looked like we would hit the last week of the season. Our first stop was the university town of Corte, and, as the guidebook boldly stated, the testpiece of Corsican paddling, the middle Vecchio River. At the put in there didn't look to be much water. But it proved to be enough and we were treated to 5 hours of fantastic creek boating, in crystal clear water, and 30-degree sunshine.

The Vecchion River was typical of Corsican paddling, the river followed an open gorge filled with huge boulders. The water flowed around (and sometimes under) these boulders creating a series of tight technical pool drop rapids. We ran most of the river eddy hopping and scouting from the boat. A couple of times we got out for a look from the bank and were very glad we had as the river definitely had a few surprises. These included a sieve where a good part of the river disappeared down a big plug hole into a boulder jumble and an undercut that took the river off to Never Never Land. The open nature of the gorge made bank scouting easy and the portages quick.

We spent the next few days in an olive grove campground in Corte and fell into a relaxed continental rhythm. Rise early(ish) walk into the local bakery for a bread and cheese breakfast, think about paddling, talk about paddling, read our books, sunbathe, and eventually... go paddling.

The rivers we paddled were similar to the Vecchio, steep, low volume, and FUN. We began to work well as a team with elaborate hand signals and quick scouting (one person out of the boat a quick shout, "run it left pointing left" then away).

Beside our campground was the Restonica River, which we had initially decided it would be too

Image # 4- Corte. Photo: Alistair Quinn

The town of Corte, Corsica. Photo: Alistair Quinn

Calvi is at the northern tip of Corsica, from here it is about 200 km as the crow flies to Bonafaccio at the southern end. In between are more than 15 steep low volume creeks, with lots good class IV – V boating and a few big photogenic waterfalls to test your kodak courage. There is a short, variable kayaking season in Corsica. The winter snowmelt fills the rivers for as little as two weeks anytime between mid April and mid May. After this it is too hot and the rivers are dry, before this it's too cold and the water is still locked up as snow.

Image # 5 - Margie Olds paddles the Fenneoibo River

Margie Olds paddles the Fenneoibo River. Photo: Alistair Quinn

low and bony to be worth a paddle. However after 4 days we had paddled all rivers within a few hours drive of our campground and decided to have another look. That evening with a glass of red wine in hand and many glasses in body we wandered up the banks. We discovered a river that fell straight from the sky. This was some of the most challenging and technical water we had seen so far. We ummed and ahed for a while, had another glass and decided it all looked all go for the next day.

The road up the valley closely followed the river and allowed us to scout most of the run from the car. It was more of the stuff we had seen the night before and seeing it in cold (sober) light of day had my nerves racing. Selecting a put in was a simple matter of driving up the road until things started to look too evil. We put on in a small eddy halfway down a long rapid, a brief talk to sort out river signals, a splash in the face to calm the nerves and this was it.

The first hour was a long continuous tight boulder garden, with small eddies and a couple of absolutely must make moves. The river mellowed out for while and we relaxed, all that was ahead now was the gorge that we had scouted last night. What had looked 'a goer' the night before turned out to be a 6 foot drop straight into an undercut rock. After a tricky portage we were on flat water and an easy five minutes later we were back at camp.

We left Corte the next day and headed south, but by this time the rivers had begun to dry up. We managed a low water paddle on the Liamone River, a disappointing look at the famous Rizzanse River (you could walk across it and not get your feet wet) and then it was over. The water had gone for the season.

Useful tips from the team...

1. Take Creek Boats, there is not a lot of playing in Corsica and you will be very grateful for the extra volume on the steep stuff.
2. Get the timing right, aim for mid April, try to get some local knowledge as the season varies. Have a back up plan such as the French Alps if you do miss the water.
3. Talk to the airlines, they can be pretty accommodating if you approach them BEFORE you have your tickets.
4. Don't be put off by the guide-book, which grades rivers all the way up to 8. This had us pretty confused for a while (what is '2 kilometers of solid class 7?'). We found most rivers to be technical 4+ and most of the gorges are open so portage is always an easy option.
5. Don't trespass. Access is a bit of a sore point with some of the locals.

Image # 6 - Graeme does a rail grab

Graeme Noble does a rail grab. Photo: Chris Sinclair

Public Liability: Could Clubs and their members be liable for kayaking activities?

Ken France, Christchurch Lawyer

This is a general summary of some of the issues involved in public liability. The possibility of civil claims for damages in New Zealand is developing all the time and will always depend on the specific situation. A good set of sensible and safe rules of operation, and a willingness to enforce them will go a long way to protecting clubs and their members.

It is important to bear in mind the distinction between a club that is an incorporated society which is a legal entity in its own right and a club that is unincorporated. An incorporated society can be sued in its own name. A club that is unincorporated is generally just a group of people who can individually be liable for the activities of the club. For that reason incorporation is an important and sensible step for any organised club to take.

In some circumstances the actions of an individual who is representing a club can be attributed to the club. Claims are therefore possible against a club for actions of its representatives.

The individual can also have a claim made against him or her for their own actions. If the individual expects the club to cover their own potential personal liability, generally agreements need to be reached in advance. That is something that can be dealt with in the Club's rules.

The question of whether a person is actually acting on behalf of a club at the time that a claim arises can be difficult. Clear rules about how club members are to behave when doing activities associated with the club can help. Clubs are entitled to require members to abide by their rules so long as the requirements are legal. The rules can set out what happens if they are broken. For example the club's rules can state that unless necessary safety equipment is used, the member cannot use club facilities or equipment. Clubs can lawfully exclude participants from club activities if they don't follow the club's safety rules. A club's rules can also provide that in extreme situations members can be expelled from the club.

Once a club has rules, the key to their usefulness is enforcing them. This is often the hardest part. From time to time it may require members to confront problems, but if the rules aren't enforced there is no point in having them.

Possibilities do exist for civil damages claims to be brought against individuals and clubs for accidents on club trips or instruction courses. In New Zealand civil claims for exemplary damages is a developing area. These claims are usually brought by a person (or a representative of that person) who has been injured or killed because of the conduct of someone who owed them a legal duty of care. A club instructor, particularly a paid instructor, could owe a duty of this type. Whether a duty of care is owed is a matter that has to be assessed in each individual situation. All the circumstances will be taken into account.

Even if a duty of care is owed, exemplary damages claims in New Zealand are only available if a claim has come about because a person's conduct was so bad

that it amounted to an outrageous and flagrant disregard for the claimant's safety, which merited condemnation and punishment.

An exemplary damages claim is essentially a signal from the Courts of society's disapproval of the conduct that is being complained about. Because of that, exemplary damages claims will be rare. That doesn't mean that they never occur. They will usually be associated with accidents involving serious injury or death where a chain of bad decisions was made by the people who should have been in control of the situation. Claims of this sort have been brought in recent years against commercial rafting operators. When these cases are examined in hindsight, it is often said that if detailed safety rules had been put in place and followed, then the accident may not have occurred. That is another reason for developing good club rules.

It may be possible for clubs to insure themselves, and their members, against these sorts of claims. If a claim is brought, it will almost inevitably involve expensive legal fees, and can lead to significant damages. Clubs should consider talking to insurance brokers about policies that might be available to cover this risk.

A clear exclusion clause for participants on organised club events may also help in limiting the possibility of a civil claim. Exclusion clauses are not fail-safe and need to be very carefully worded. They might not cover conduct that is so poor that it attracts an exemplary damages award, nor will they cover conduct that results in criminal prosecution. They need to be very specific in excluding liability for negligent conduct as well as any potential contractual claims. Often clubs feel that appropriately worded exclusion clauses are so daunting that they might scare participants away from trips. That is a balancing exercise, which needs to be considered along with the potential risks in not having such a clause. It may also be a

matter that a potential insurer wants to take into account in setting premiums.

Overall, a good set of enforceable safety rules, which are actively promoted and enforced, will go a long way to avoiding catastrophes in the first place. If a serious accident does occur, civil claims are possible. Insurance is potentially available to clubs to protect the club and their members from those claims. The scope for claims to be brought is increasing and will always depend on the exact circumstances.

It is worth clubs thinking seriously about their potential liability and making sure that they are informed about the risks involved and ways of limiting them so that the real business of paddling can be gotten on with.

This article is designed to be food for thought. It is not legal advice and if clubs or individuals are interested in taking the matters raised further, they should take specific advice of their own.

River Valley Party on the Rangitikei

Image # 7 - Miriam on the Rangitikei

Riverview Holiday Park, Murchison

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Miriam Odlin on Slip Rapid on the Rangitikei. Photo: Alan Bell.

Miriam plays on the Rangitikei on the second day of a great two day party. Kayakers from all over NZ met for the Mangahao release on Saturday, partied at River Valley on Saturday night, and paddled the Rangitikei on Sunday. Many thanks to Graeme McIntyre for his superb shuttle services, and to River Valley for their legendary hospitality.

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Excerpt from Letter to West Coast Conservation Board

This letter was written by Jonathan Hunt regarding the Submission on Westland/Tai Poutini National Park Draft Management Plan.

Dear Mr Miller

We recently received Martin Rodd's letter on behalf of the Department of Conservation (DoC), West Coast Conservancy regarding the Department's response to our submission on the Westland/Tai Poutini National Park Draft Management Plan. We were disappointed to read that the Department's response is that our proposed amendment to the plan (for a landing site on the Lower Karangarua) be rejected.

Our concern is that not allowing access for the 10-year life of the Management Plan avoids the issue by disadvantaging kayakers relative to other park users. We believe there is a tremendous opportunity to enhance the recreational opportunities for kayakers while monitoring and measuring user impact to minimise any detrimental impacts on other user groups.

To respond to the Department of Conservation's specific points (DoC points are given in italics)

1. *Few opportunities exist for tramping in valleys without aircraft*

We recommend this be treated as a management issue. It is not reasonable to ban kayakers and privilege some recreational pursuits over others. This should be managed by allowing air access at some times, and no air access at others, and by including the Lower Karangarua in aircraft impact research.

2. *There are other rivers on the West Coast suitable for heli-kayaking*

These cannot be guaranteed over the lifetime of the plan. Kayaking opportunities are under threat in the South Island.

3. *Aircraft landing site at head of Karangarua is for wild animal control*

The zoning is compatible with air access. It is already on a flight path and close to the State Highway. Usage will be insignificant relative to other groups - skiers, climbers, tourists.

4. *Disturbance of natural quiet is an issue to other recreationalists*

As with the first point, we suggest that there is an opportunity for innovative access management and research, to ensure user groups are not unduly affected.

For more information, including our original submission, please see the website; www.rivers.org.nz/access

Flow dates on the Tekapo, Pukaki and Mangahao

For more information, contact access@rivers.org.nz or your local club
Mangahao River Autumn Release Dates

Saturday 17th March 2001

Saturday 14th April 2001 – This is a compensatory release to make up for the postponed spring 1999 release

2000/2001 Tekapo River and Pukaki River Release Dates

TEKAPO RIVER

9-10 December 2000, and 6-7 January, 13-14 January, 20-21 January 2001.

Saturdays	From 11.00am to 5.00pm	at 30 cumecs
Sundays	From 10.00am to 11.00am	at 30 cumecs
	From 11.00am to 4.00pm	at 50 cumecs

Combined Weekend 17-18 February 2001:

TEKAPO RIVER

17 February 2001

Saturday	From 11.00am to 1.00pm	at 30 cumecs
	From 1.00pm to 4.00pm	at 60 cumecs
	From 4.00pm to 5.00pm	at 90 cumecs

PUKAKI RIVER

18 February 2001

Sunday	From 10.30am to 1.30pm	at 140 cumecs
	From 1.30pm to 3.00pm	at 200 cumecs
	From 3.00pm to 4.30pm	at 267 cumecs

Membership Survey

Feedback from members is essential in helping us do our conservation, safety, education and access work.

All membership surveys returned by 1 March 2001 will go in the draw to win a Sick Line video by Olaf Obsommer featuring Bernard Sommer, Deb Pinniger, Andy Jackson, and Gunther Schuppan. All information collected will be completely confidential, and only aggregate data will be reported. Please circle the option that is most applicable to you. Attach separate sheets if you feel the need!

1. How many years have you been kayaking? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10+ years
2. What type of paddling do you do?

White water	Slalom Surf	Polo	Down river racing
Sea Kayaking	Multisport	Canadian Canoeing	
3. Have you visited our website at www.rivers.org? Yes No
4. How did you find out about the NZRCA?

Club	Newsletter	Website	Word of mouth	Banner
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5. Where are you located?

Northland/Auckland	Waikato/Bay of Plenty	Gisbourne/Hawkes Bay
Taranaki/Wellington	West Coast	Canterbury
Otago	Southland	Other _____
6. Are you a member of a club? Yes No Which Club? _____
7. Are you a member of the NZRCA? Yes No Don't know
8. What benefits of NZRCA membership are most useful for you?
9. What other benefits could the NZRCA offer members?
10. Kayakers often identify education or safety concerns and bring them to the attention of the NZRCA. What are the issues in your region that need to be addressed?

Name and address (to go in the draw to win a Sick Line video): _____

Post to: PO Box 284 Wellington - may the rivers flow for you! _____



Individual Membership Form

New Zealand Recreational Canoeing Association
 PO Box 284 Wellington
 Phone/Fax: 03 384 9301
 E-mail: nzrca@rivers.org.nz
 Website: www.rivers.org.nz

Annual Membership

Individual Membership (incl GST) \$ 30.00
 Includes three issues of *NZ Canoeing* and a Water Safety Subsidy of \$45 per person per year for River Safety and River Rescue Courses.

Donation \$.00
 Additional support for our work in Conservation, Access, Safety and Education is gratefully accepted.

Total \$.00

Method of Payment

Cheque Mastercard Visa

Exp

Name on Credit Card

Tick to receive a receipt

Please make cheques out to "NZRCA" and send to PO Box 284 Wellington. Welcome!

Personal Details

Name	
Ph (day)	Ph (a/h)
Address	
E-mail	
Fax	
Occupation	
Club	
Your membership details are managed by the NZRCA in accordance with the Incorporated Societies Act (1908) and the Privacy Act (1993).	

For NZRCA Use Only

Membership ID

Receipt #

Response Date

Deposited

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