



New Zealand 03.2 Canoeing

Winter issue / Annual Report

Welcome to the winter issue of the newsletter. This issue incorporates the Annual Report and business for the Annual General Meeting. Kupe Canoe Club are hosting the 2003 AGM, which is in Wellington.

NZRCA Annual Meeting

Date: Sat 6th September 2003

Place: PSA House on the 6th floor

10 Aurora Terrace

Wellington

Time: 9 am - 12:30 pm. Lunch will be provided.

All paddlers are welcome to attend, at any stage of the day. The AGM will be followed by an exec meeting from 1:30 pm to 5 pm, then we'll all be keen on a drink and dinner.

You'll find AGM Business, Remits to the NZRCA Constitution, and the Annual and Financial Reports later in the newsletter. You'll also find the first installment of our legends column, which is set to be a regular feature judging by the stories out there.

For those in the sunny north, hope those winter fronts are filling up heaps of creeks. In the south most of us are on solid water for a while, good luck to those tough enough to stay on a liquid diet.

Tony

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Vacancies on the Executive

The following positions are currently vacant, we are looking for candidates to be voted on at the AGM.

For all of these, contact Robin on 025 2121-62

- **Treasurer**
- **Fundraising**
- **Administrator**

Milli describes the Administrator role:

For the last 2.5 yrs I've held the admin officer position with the NZRCA which has given me the opportunity to meet and paddle with wonderful people all over NZ. It's been a fantastic role involving coordinating & taking minutes at meetings, responding to enquiries from members & the general public, sales & distribution of 2 paddling publications & maintaining a membership database. It has required 4-6 hours work per week. There is an honorarium of \$3,000.

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as elected at the 2002 NZRCA AGM

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Newssplashes

Air NZ lowers kayak baggage rate

Since November last year when Air NZ changed their domestic fare structure, NZRCA has been trying to negotiate down the increased domestic baggage rates for kayakers (up from \$20 to \$50). Obviously we are not the only ones, as in late April we received the excellent news that the increase has been reversed on all sporting gear. An Air NZ customer relations representative sent us the following:

"I can confirm that we have reduced our charges for oversized checked baggage items, including surfboards, bicycles, kayakers, windsurfers and hang gliders on the domestic network. Effective 17 April the standard charge for carrying these items as part of checked baggage will be \$20 per one-way journey"

They are also allowing camping stoves to be checked in providing they are 'nullified'. This is quite involved, eg: fuel must be drained, the stove left airing for 6 hours and then sealed appropriately. Check the airnewzealand.co.nz website for details.

Good Progress with MSA

After years with little progress, as fate would have it the comment in the last newsletter on the suitability of the Maritime Safety Authority's accident investigators was suddenly obsolete by the time of publication.

For the Waikaia accident MSA employed Ian Logie, a kayak instructor to do the investigation. A later accident at Kawarau Falls was investigated by another kayak instructor, Dave Ritchie.

NZRCA Safety Officer Glenn Murdoch met with Jill Dalton, Ian Logie, Ray Button and Steve Chapman of NZOIA in February to hammer out a combined approach to the problem. Glenn, Jill, Ian and Graham Charles then had a meeting with MSA in Wellington with some very positive results. First, MSA are now beginning to understand just

how much they didn't know about the moving water environment and recreation therein. Secondly, a Memorandum of Understanding is being drawn up between NZRCA, NZOIA and MSA, which formalises the employment of NZOIA kayak instructors for all such future investigations.

MSA are also advertising for a dedicated whitewater investigator. They are to be commended for their rapid turnaround.

NZRCA still has much work to do to halt the Orwellian regulating of our rivers however, eg: as of March 31 this year, theoretically we are all in breach of the law by wearing PFD's without lifejacket-style collars.

Gap in "Rock A" plugged

In late April around 25 bags of sand and cement were placed in the gap under "Rock A" (actually two rocks) on the Rangitaiki to partially block the sieve which killed Alex Miller in January. The RMA resource consent process was followed. NZRCA does not usually approve of riverbed modification but chose not to oppose the application in this case.

Canoeing flow requirements on the Middle Rangitata

The NZRCA needs data on paddlers flow requirements for the Middle Rangitata (from the Klondyke irrigation intake to Peel Forest). If you have paddled this section and have kept a logbook, please send details of your trips (ie, dates, activity (racing, slalom, river touring, rodeo, teaching, etc), flow - if you have it but don't worry if you haven't, the dates are the most important thing along with your other comments - degree of difficulty, your level of paddling ability, level of enjoyment etc) to Doug Rankin (doug.rose.rankin@paradise.net.nz), who has volunteered to collate the reports.

The intention is to understand how flow affects the recreational amenity as we suspect the proposed residual flow after irrigation take will be too low for paddlers. We need this data

urgently to include in our case that we are presenting to the Environment Court in mid September for a Water Conservation Order for the Rangitata River. Thank you to those of you who have already sent data to Doug.

Canoeist of the year

Canoeist of the Year is awarded by NZRCA to recognize people who contributed to the sport of whitewater paddling and includes (but is not restricted to) conservation, access, safety, instruction, and club development. A nomination is a wonderful way to recognise a person who has assisted others.

Nominations for this award can be made by any member of the NZRCA and should be in writing. Nominations must contain the full name of the nominee and nominator with contact details for each, they should also clearly state why the nominee should be Canoeist of the Year.

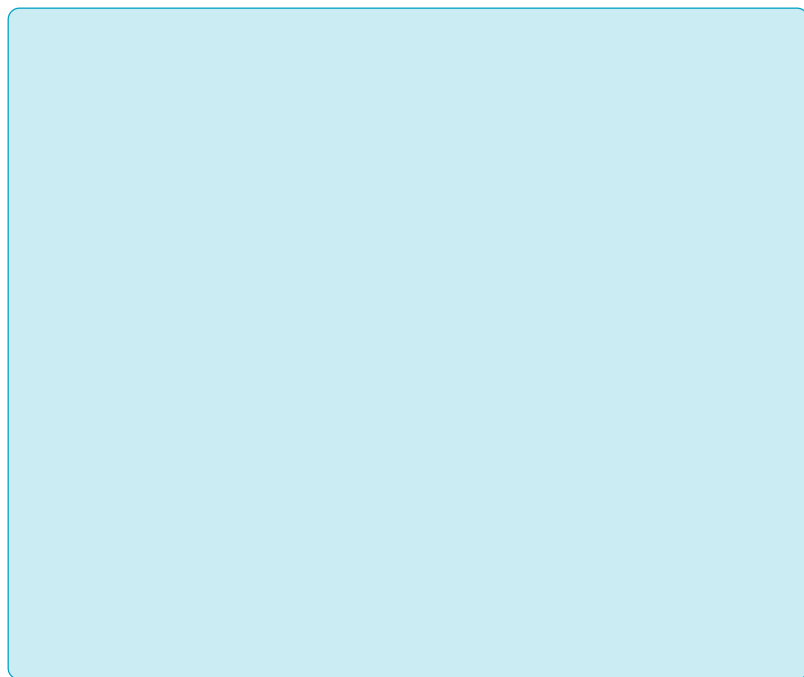
We have received a nomination already, from the deep south. Other nominations must be received by the Administration Officer by 1 September 2003. Send them to PO Box 284, Wellington or to nzrca@rivers.org.nz

Nominations will be voted on at the AGM, and the Canoeist of the Year will be announced in NZ Canoeing and on www.rivers.org.nz

Last years Canoeist of the Year award was supported by Top Sport Kayaking who donated a buoyancy aid to winner Maggie Oakley of Otago Canoe and Kayak Club. If you wish to sponsor the prize for this year please contact NZRCA on 025 21 21 621.

Legends of Aotearoa whitewater

One of the pleasures of paddling is the people you meet and the completely absurd stories that many of them spin. The NZRCA is full of such characters, like one who ran Sargood's Weir after one of those floods that drowns Queenstown. In one of the ensuing rodeo moves he became possibly the first kiwi to link more than 4 vertical ends.



Some nutter on a flooded Sargoods Weir. Story next issue.

Another member of the exec wandered a couple of days up the Modi Khola in Nepal without a trekking permit and was then forced to sprint down grade 4 and 5 water, without scouting, in order to escape gun-toting park rangers.

And then there is our patron Hugh Canard, who has more lives than a cat, the gift of the gab, and evidently the luck of the Irish to avoid being locked up in either Burwood or Sunnyside (you decide which). Over the next few issues NZ Canoeing will be re-telling some of the legends of kiwi river running, here are some of Hugh's.

Hi Hugh..

How about telling us about the Waipara, you know that dry ditch in Canterbury just before Waipara Springs on SH 1? A gang of us ran it in last year's summer floods, got two guys pinned on trees and another on one of the many bank-to-bank stock fences. But I heard, as usual, you were there first ...

Ah the cursed Waipara River. You'll wish you'd never asked.

October the 1st 1980, a huge SE storm and tons of water with snow melt. Three of us decided to paddle this river as we saw it bank to bank at SH 1. I had just bought a new fangled plastic Olympia (short, only 3.8 metres - wow!) and I thought I was indestructible too.

We put in up near Okuku pass where two little tributaries joined. Lots of willows in dumb places, fences everywhere and very sharp rocks with active slips due to the banks scouring. The odd deceased sheep, too. In one of the gorges I got into the second unscoutable rapid and then had to avoid a deer fence that had rolled down the river with half a tree wrapped in it. I got half way down the drop and capsized. While waiting for a calmer place to roll I got a big whack on the temple and came to downstream out of my boat, with the world swirling around like a film projector with a broken sprocket. I couldn't stand up for a minute or two and thought I had badly sprained my neck with a bit of damage here and there from the largely unconscious swim. It split my helmet and my skull is a different shape, and I am no longer attractive to beautiful women.

I had a really bad hangover type headache and could barely move from the spasm, but there were a couple of wee Grade 2+s to negotiate and no chance of a portage. I went to the doctor on the Monday and got physio. After two weeks I was still suffering so off to the radiologists - at my own expense. The doctor thought I was a hypochondriac and wouldn't put it on ACC.

Anyway ... I had fractured my C-6 vertebra into two discrete pieces and I am now about 10 mm shorter than I used to be. I spent 5 months in a brace and was told I was lucky not to be in Burwood on a machine (with all the rugbyheads and motorbike guys) for life.

I have a lingering fear of (a) shallow swift water and (b) any river called Waipara. I am immune to any sly glances when I decide to portage shallow drops. I had nightmares of being paralysed and upside down with the spray skirt on for about five years. I can't move my head around so I am in deep shit if I get facing upstream in fast steep stuff.

Ouch, that's heinous, especially about the beautiful women. Must have slowed you down exploring the West Coast rivers too. What did you get up to over there?

Well, I got back into paddling again on the bigger volume rivers which seemed to be permanently high in the 1980s (El Nino?), and then started taking an unhealthy interest in the West Coast virgin runs like the upper Taipo and the Arahura which we did at Easter 1985 after I scouted them both on foot. The road to the Kakapotahi was always locked so I missed out on that one. I abandoned the Waitaha gorge and walked most of the upper Styx, which I underestimated the gradient of from the chopper. I did the Turnbull solo from the power intake sometime in the late 1980s in

an inflatable (AIRE Lynx) when I was working at Haast. I suspect an inflatable takes one grade off as you can stand up to scout rapids, and in my case, use the 'abandon ship' manoeuvre if it looks too gnarly.

I really enjoy the exploration stuff, but there aren't too many Grade 3 virgin runs left, I suspect. I like the modern creek boats and creek/rec hybrids as they don't get pinned like Dancers did and you don't do uncontrolled tail stands backwards down unseen drops into horrible sieves. It scares me seeing modern playboats (like ironing boards) on serious wilderness water.

My paddling buddies from those days are scattered somewhere. Edgar Reese, who was about 19 at the time, did the first run on Moke Creek/ Moonlight Creek (trib. Shotover) and some other serious shit in the USA like Tumwater Canyon on the Wenatchee and then quit the sport. He was the Gareth Fryer of his day.



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What about even earlier... were you exploring before plastic boats came along?

Yes we tubed quite a few SWestland rivers in the mid 1960's but it's a bit dim in the memory banks. I even tubed Arika Falls in 1962 or so, without any flotation. Had no idea what I was doing at all. One is immortal at 19. We tried the Tatara, the river between Franz and Fox, Docherty's Creek and one of the semi-waterfalls running into the Waiho. We were scared of the Waiho as an English guy died right in front of us after falling in above the bridge. We swam up the Tatara and tubed the old goldmining tunnels - very dumb. I had a diving dry suit in those days and I found that I could inflate the suit and could then do quite a bit of down river floating. I got held up in slots and holes and found that I just had to bleed the air and I flushed through.

Nice move, maybe we should add it to the River Safety course...

How the hell we survived this stupidity I don't know. Ignorance is bliss. The only near death experience was in the Ashley gorge in a canvas canoe when I got snagged in splinters when I got "strained" and my feet went through the outer shell and I couldn't get them out against the grain. I kicked the boat to shreds and walked and swam out. It was compulsory in the 1970's for trip leaders to carry an axe on their front deck - to smash pinned kayaks and extricate the paddler within.

Somewhere there's a video of a guy in a cool store (a 3.6 m cube) doing the Rangitata Gorge. He spent an hour or so in the Pig's Trough and was knocked around considerably as the cube rotated and tossed him around inside. That and some of Garry Rae doing the Whitcombe etc in a tube in full flood must be serious archival gems. I've got the Whitcombe, Shotover, Upper Waiau and Dogleg on video.

We need an "Amazingly Dumb Buggers Do Whitewater Aotearoa" video, with the proceeds going to conservation. Just don't ask me to do a reconstruction.

Great idea about the video, in fact we're working on it now. No worries about the reconstructions, I'm sure we can find some hard-up Polytech students, or maybe Gareth. Any final words of wisdom for the younger generations?

I would like to get the message across that I was dumb, not brave. I am even less brave now, and this means that I have to build up my exposure gradually to be comfortable on the hardish runs. It helps enormously to be with good paddlers who know the river, like the Kakapotahi, for example. I am so grateful for the guys from the Whitewater CC who collect me from the retirement home of a weekend and get me out on the rivers again.

Thanks Hugh!

Annual Report to members 2003

Robin Rutter-Baumann, NZRCA President

It's been a year of stability and growth for the Association. The AGM in Christchurch saw the election of three new officers, which meant a full executive team for the first time in some years. The meeting also had a good turn out of members from around the South Island so the discussions helped guide us in our work in the 2002-2003 year.

The Executive, as ever, has put in a big effort to ensure that the message of the NZRCA is heard throughout the country and the interests of members are represented as strongly as possible. This work is voluntary and makes an enormous contribution to all NZ paddlers. We've seen membership remain stable this year and we thank our members for their support for the goals of the Association.

One person who stands out for me as having made a major contribution is Milli Lovell, our Administration Officer. Milli has been a driving force behind the scenes, keeping us all on track and acting as the first point of contact for the Association. She has indicated that she intends to step down from this role and will be sorely missed.

Conservation and Access:

This year we worked on issues ranging from re-consenting of power schemes that are decades old to fighting schemes that have only just hit the drawing boards, on rivers from Hamilton to Dunedin. Also a feature of our work this year has been the fending-off of challenges to important protection instruments such as the Buller Water Conservation Order, and supporting the protection of other outstanding rivers such as the Rangitata and Clarence

Late in 2002 we made a significant multimedia presentation to the panel considering submissions on Mighty River Power's hydro scheme on the Waikato River. A feature of this

presentation was footage of the Rainbow Reach section of this river which if it were around today would see the Waikato as a Grand Canyon-style paddling destination. Whilst the NZRCA accepts that it is not possible to restore the rapids lost by the damming of the river we are determined to ensure that current features do not suffer further damage, and that appropriate mitigation is undertaken. We presented a similar case in respect of the Clutha River in early 2003, highlighting the significant loss of iconic rapids such as Sargoods Weir.

Around the same time we also finalised our position with the Tongariro Power Development Scheme. Although we are still awaiting the agreement of other parties we are confident that our negotiations have secured minimum flows and planned releases on the rivers of the central plateau that will be of huge benefit in years to come. However because there are other Appeals to the Environment Court outstanding we are not sure when we will be able to put into action the releases. We will certainly let everyone know when these are to be scheduled. Also in the pipeline is an artificial play feature using one of the hydro canals.

The Waitaki Power Scheme has been a hotbed of debate recently and the NZRCA is continuing to monitor Project Aqua, despite this seeming to present little threat to the already compromised kayaking amenity in Central Otago.

We have been working with Central Otago Whitewater and Otago Canoe and Kayak Club to reach agreement on enhancements to the Clutha River as mitigation for loss of whitewater features. This has been an interesting and challenging project, as amongst the people involved the type of mitigation desired has been a source of tension and debate. The NZRCA believes that within the kayaking community such debate is important as paddlers' interests are diverse and it's important to find a final position that is workable. It is equally important however to present a united front on such issues when in public and I commend all of the people involved for working to achieve this.



The Waikato back when it really was a mighty river

At the other end of the country another area of hot discussion was raised when a woman drowned on the Rangitaiki River (Bay of Plenty). Although



A still from the DVD of the 8mm film of the first descent of Rainbow Reach!

not a kayaking accident the proposal to remove the hazard that caused her entrapment was one that caused much discussion on the NZRCA rivers website Safety Forum and saw us having to formulate our policy on the removal of dangerous features. The crack in the rock that contributed to her death has now been blocked off after a resource consent process was undertaken. The NZRCA decided not to oppose the consent application.

On the Rangitikei (Manawatu) the proposed scheme to close off the lower grade 2 section of the river so that a commercial jet boat could operate appears to have fallen by the wayside. The NZRCA would like to thank all those involved in the Quiet Rangitikei Association who opposed this venture.

In summary it has been a big year for Graeme McIntyre (North Island) and Muzz Baker (South Island) who as our Conservation Officers have worked hard to keep abreast of the vast array of issues. Meanwhile behind the scenes Mike Savory has been beavering away to ensure that planned releases occur and access to rivers is maintained.

Membership

While overall membership numbers remain static there have been several encouraging developments including

the reformation of the Huka Falls Canoe Club (Taupo) championed by Mike Birch and more recently the old Rotorua Canoe Club is being resurrected. The river safety subsidy remains a useful incentive for membership. We now have support from several schools including St Hildas Collegiate, St Patricks College (Kilbirnie), Motueka High and Wakatipu High.

The overall membership numbers do not show the effect of some of these new members because several of our existing Clubs have reduced their membership.

Our membership remains firmly based on a dozen or so major active Canoe Clubs each of which has a significant whitewater component. These clubs include Northland CC, Different Strokes (Auckland), Kaimai CC, Hawkes Bay CC, Huka Falls CC, Ruahine WWC, Kupe CC, Hutt Valley CC, Nelson CC, Whitewater CC, UCCC, Waimanui and OCKC. A number of smaller Clubs also have rejoined NZRCA over the past year and they have potential to grow in membership status. These include Central Otago Whitewater, River City CC (Wanganui), Hamilton CC, Manukau Canoe & Adventure Club, Southland CC and South Taranaki C&KC and Westland CC.

There are still a number of active clubs

who do not support NZRCA. The areas we lack support from include Gisborne, New Plymouth, Wairarapa, Horowhenua, Palmerston North, Marlborough and Aorangi. The challenge for NZRCA is to convince more of these non-affiliated Clubs to join us before they need our support and that of other NZ kayakers. This year's droughts and power crises have brought back many long forgotten ideas for power schemes and we will need to be helping each other to retain our whitewater resources over the coming years.

Safety and Education

Glenn Murdoch returned from Japan to find himself picking up the long running issue of NZRCA's relationship with the Maritime Safety Authority. Along with representatives from NZOIA, Glenn travelled to Wellington to make a presentation to MSA outlining our concerns over the shortcomings of recent investigations. NZRCA has now drafted an agreement between NZRCA, NZOIA and MSA, which outlines the procedures to be followed in future. This should ensure that recommendations from MSA are much more useful to kayakers.

In addition to lobbying the MSA, the NZRCA has also worked with them to investigate two drownings, one on the Waikaia and one on the Kawarau. Both these investigations were greatly assisted by our expert input. In the case of the Kawarau drowning there have been changes to signage on river channels to improve safety for all river users.

As indicated in last year's Annual Report, changes to Lottery Grants Funding in 2002 meant we did not receive our usual financial assistance for River Rescue and Safety Courses this last year. Our relationship with Water Safety NZ continues to be strong and despite the lack of funding we have still managed to provide course subsidies to all members who have applied for it. WSNZ has been positive about the prospect of making

funds available to continue this subsidy for the coming season but as at the time of writing this has not been confirmed.

Communications

One of the aims of the NZRCA is to foster the development of the kayaking community and promote participation in all aspects of kayaking. In this regard the communication to members and between members is vital. Traditionally we have used a newsletter to spread news of what has been achieved and more recently have been using web-based methods, both of these have been developed further this year.

Discussion Forums on www.rivers.org.nz were made available for the first time this year. This expansion of the "Buy, Sell & Swap" forum format has enabled paddlers to easily communicate amongst each other on a wide range of topics. Postings have alerted people to new river hazards, conservation and access related issues as well as generating a lot of general discussion on other topics. The NZRCA is currently attempting to use a web-based system to redevelop its strategic plan and welcomes contributions from all members, to find out more go to openstrategies.com or email webmaster@rivers.org.nz.

Webmaster, Jonathan Hunt, leaves NZ shortly so has also been doing a lot of general tidying up work on the site to ensure it remains stable and workable in his absence. Jon's plan at present is to attempt to maintain the site from overseas in conjunction with Mike Birch. However, if there are any web gurus who want to lend a hand I'm sure either Jon or Mike will be pleased to hear from you.

Polly Miller handed over most of the *NZ Canoeing* editing work to Tony Ward-Holmes and his first issue had the usual difficult gestation but was well received. Thank you to the advertisers, whose support is invaluable in ensuring the newsletter is not a drain on our finances. The NZRCA can see a time when *NZ Canoeing* may be circulated electronically. For now the print medium will remain as it ensures easy (although slow) communication of our work as well as being a tangible recognition of a membership.

Finances

Lynne Fuggle has significantly tidied up our financial processes this year and with the use of Mind Your Own Business software has really had her finger on the pulse of things.

We finished the year in a sound financial position although our income has been much less due to difficulties obtaining funding from Water safety NZ and SPARC (was Hillary Commission) via the NZ Canoeing Federation.

This positive financial result has been made possible due to:

- Your membership (thank you)
- Donations from members (over and above their membership fees)
- Recovery of costs for the Buller Water Conservation Order
- Increased sales of Whanganui River Guide and NZ Whitewater
- Sponsorship from advertisers in *NZ Canoeing*
- The generosity of the members of the Executive who continue to absorb costs personally rather than bill these to the NZRCA.

Membership fees are our key source of funds but with member numbers remaining static, fundraising will need to occur if we are to grow our service to paddlers and ensure we are in a secure position to protect rivers in the future. If you are able to assist with fundraising please contact us on (025) 21 21 621.

We are also looking to appoint a new Treasurer as Lynne now has other projects to put her energy into so is standing down at this AGM. Thank you Lynne of all your hard work on what is often a thankless task.

Thank you's

I am grateful for the support and dedication of the whole of the NZRCA Executive team - their commitment to NZ kayakers is outstanding.

Being part of the paddling community has innate rewards. River people are a diverse and yet unified bunch. Within the paddling community members of the NZRCA show, perhaps, more community spirit than other paddlers. Thank you for your membership and your participation, working for you is as special as being on a river with you.

As well as to the various people mentioned elsewhere I'd also like to note my thanks to Hugh Canard (our patron) and to Mike Birch. Hugh has continued to be a great figurehead for the NZRCA; it is great to have his unconditional support for our work as well as his wisdom to draw on. Mike was elected Vice-President last year, he has been a wonderful person to work alongside and his work dealing with the NZ Canoeing Federation has been invaluable.

Robin Rutter-Baumann President

Financial Report

Lynne Fuggle, NZRCA Treasurer

New Zealand Recreational Canoeing Association (Inc) Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2003

	Year ended 31st March 2002	Year ended 31st March 2003
Assets:		
Current Assets		
ANZ Cheque Account	\$13,603	\$10,257
BNZ Finance Account	\$14,886	\$14,618
Accounts Receivable	\$593	\$5,956
	\$29,082	\$30,831
Fixed Assets	\$184	\$329
Total Assets	\$29,266	\$31,160
Liabilities:		
Current Liabilities		
GST Account	\$0	-\$112
WSNZ funds	\$3,003	\$3,643
Grants Received in Advance	\$2,658	\$7,049
Accounts Payable	\$0	\$269
Total Liabilities	\$5,661	\$10,849
Net Assets:	\$23,605	\$20,311
Retained Earnings:		
Opening Balance 1 April	\$20,311	\$18,150
Plus Surplus/(Deficit)	\$3,294	\$2,161
Closing Balance 31 March	\$23,605	\$20,311

Some of the highlights of this financial year have been:

- We de-registered for GST as we were no longer benefiting from registration.
- We applied to the IRD for charitable status, but our application was turned down on the grounds that the aims of the Association as defined in our constitution show that our prime purpose is the promotion of the sport of kayaking, and we therefore did not fall into any of the acceptable categories.
- At the time of writing this report, we are in the process of consolidating all our banking accounts at one bank, and to structure our accounts so that they work better for us. This process should have been completed by the AGM.

Lynne Fuggle
Treasurer

Our financial position has remained stable this year and once again we have made a small profit. Fortunately substantial increases in the donations received during this financial year and in the revenue from sales of the Whanganui River Guide made up for the absence of funding from SPARC (formerly Hillary Commission) so that our total income exceeded that from last year. Once again we had no major conservation projects to fund this year, so our overall expenses were on a par with last year's expenses. However, it is in our interest to slowly build up our financial reserves, so that the money will be available should we be required to fund any major conservation or access projects in the future.

AGM Business

The AGM will include opportunity to ask questions of each of the current officers of the Executive, vote in the Executive for the coming year and guide the work of the NZRCA by discussing the work you would like focused on during the coming year.

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In addition to the positions mentioned above we are also seeking an Administration Officer.

There is also a remit to amend the constitution for consideration at this years meeting. This remit is from the NZRCA Treasurer and is intended to tidy up our financial procedures.

RARE OPPORTUNITY
AGM 2003

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Constitution
There is also a remit to amend the constitution for consideration at this years meeting. This remit is from the NZRCA Treasurer and is intended to tidy up our financial procedures.

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Huge thanks to our outgoing Treasurer, Lynne Fuggle, and Administrator, Milli Lovell. You will both be sorely missed !

Remit to change the NZRCA constitution

Purpose:

To enable the NZRCA to be granted tax-exempt status by the Inland Revenue Department

Background :

As a non-profit organisation, the NZRCA is exempt from paying Resident Withholding Tax on Interest and Dividends earned. This does not mean that we are exempt from paying income tax. It only means that that we have a certificate that we can present to Financial Institutions so that they do not deduct RWT at source.

The Inland Revenue Department has advised me that the NZRCA could be granted tax-exempt status as an amateur sports body under Section CB 4 (1) (j) of the Income Tax Act 1994 if we add a proviso to the Constitution to ensure that the association's aims, personal benefit clause and winding up clause are restricted from being amended and if we ensure that our funds will be used for non-profit purposes only.

Remit:

I propose that the following changes are made to NZRCA Constitution:

1. Rule "42" is renumbered to "42a".
2. Addition of Rule "42b" as follows:
No addition to or alteration of the objects, personal benefit or dissolution rules (ie rules 2, 52b and 55 respectively) shall be approved if the change alters the exclusive charitable nature of the organisation. Furthermore, the provisions and effect of this clause shall not be removed from this document and shall be included and implied in any document replacing this document.
3. Rule "52" is renumbered to "52a".
4. Addition of Rule "52b" as follows:
No member of the Club or any person associated with a member shall participate in, or materially influence any decision made by the Club in respect of the payments to or on behalf of that member or associated person, of any income, benefit or advantage whatsoever. Any such income shall be reasonable and relative to that which would be paid in arms length transaction (being the open market value).
5. Rule "55" is amended by adding the following sentence between the sentence ending "... property of the Association." and the sentence beginning "Notice of such resolution ..."
Any surplus assets upon winding-up will be distributed to another tax exempt organisation.

Proposed by: Lynne Fuggle

Seconded by: Robin Rutter-Baumann

Date: 20th June 2003



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