



# New Zealand Canoeing

## Welcome in the new crew...

Welcome to this season's edition of New Zealand Canoeing and to a bunch of new faces. Whitewater NZ held the Annual General Meeting in Christchurch in July and elected a number of new exec members. Many thanks go to outgoing Executive members Duncan Catanach, Michelle Wallace, Sophie Ballagh, Ann Smith and Alan Bell. The new exec include Jo Dovey (Membership) Sarah Fawcett (Treasurer), Graeme Wilson (Vice-president), Jo Mair (Administration), Miriam Odlin (Newsletter), Nick Clendon (North Island Conservation) and Dave Annear (Safety).

Things are still humming on the conservation front and the fact that the 'canoeists' are often mentioned ahead of some of the other better funded groups in the list of those involved in the ever growing water debate is a credit to the WWNZ activists that are hardworking and astute enough to ensure that we punch above our weight and our views are a very visible part of that discussion. Big ups also to Josh Neilson and those who supported him for what was a sizable donation to Whitewater NZ from the proceeds from his film Realm.

Happy boating,  
Miriam

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*Kylie LB on the lower waterfall on the Wairoa*

*Photo by Lee Davies*

*Below*

*West Coast kayaking - Tim Abbot and Dave Kvant get the van out. Photo by Sam Hughes*



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# Conservation News

By Tony Ward-Holmes.

## Rivers in the Media

In Wellington the Dominion Post has had plenty of coverage of water issues lately. This is common in other newspapers around the country but less so for the Dom so hopefully this signals a rise in awareness of the issues. A few months back the fact that the Manawatu River was the most polluted of 300 rivers surveyed in the OECD made front page news. Later there was a feature weekend article about the benefits of the Stockton hydro-scheme and how SOE Solid Energy was opposing it, accompanied by a hard-hitting editorial. Not long after that there was a banner front page article about the declining health of lowland waterways, an editorial on the proposed National Policy Statement (NPS) for Freshwater Management; and the next morning Radio NZ interviewed Lachlan McKenzie (Federated Farmers), Russell Norman (Green Party) and Nick Smith (Minister for the Environment) about it. A couple of days later the feature article in the Environment page of the Saturday Dom was on dairying, and there have been many smaller articles and cartoons. Graig Potton has produced a series called 'Rivers' that is about to air on Prime TV.

Water policy is still driven as much by the politics as the science. As an example, despite proof of the state of the Manawatu River, Federated Farmers still refused to sign-up to an accord to clean it up. So this coverage in the capital's press is important. The NPS for Freshwater Management is a

very good science-based set of objectives. Media coverage creates pressure for the government to implement it without, um, watering it down too much.

## Hurunui River Moratorium

Whitewater NZ was given notice by Environment Canterbury (ECan) of the timetable for continuing the Water Conservation Order (WCO) under the new ECan commissioners and the new, considerably weakened, tests in the ECan Act. Whitewater NZ and Fish & Game responded by applying for a moratorium on new developments on the Hurunui River. The commissioners endorsed the application and cabinet approved it in late July. This means that no new consents will be granted for the catchment until October 2011, giving the national and regional planning processes time to get underway. While we're delighted that the proposal by the Hurunui Water Project to put two dams on the upper river has been put on ice, we're more cautious about whether a collaborative approach to water management is possible for the Hurunui.

## Mokihinui River

You may have heard that Whitewater NZ appealed to the Environment Court on the decision to allow Meridian Energy to dam the Mokihinui River on the West Coast. Subsequently, Meridian and DoC applied to the Court for the appeal to be adjourned while discussions continue regarding a possible "land-exchange" to take the land out of the conservation estate, thereby avoiding the necessity for a concession. We find it unacceptable that the consents be left unchallenged while Meridian takes as long as it pleases to work out a supposed land-exchange for one of NZ's top-10 rivers on biodiversity and conservation values. Consequently Whitewater NZ opposed the adjournment application. The Environment Court accepted our argument and scheduled the case to start early in 2011. We say "supposed" because we think the only possible exchange for the Mokihinui would be for Meridian to find a modified catchment in a nearby similarly bio-diverse area, and spend a few centuries rehabilitating it back to its pristine form, including the repopulation of all rare species to their natural range not to mention cloning extinct species from their mummified remains. Only then can we legitimately talk about a "land-exchange" to compensate for the largest inundation of conservation estate ever.



Cow on flooded Mangokarengorengo. Photo: Chris Wright

### Mokihinui Stockton film

A short film contrasting the Mokihinui and Stockton hydro schemes has been made by Dave Kwant and Bill Parks for Whitewater NZ. "A Tale of Two Rivers" had its world premiere at the Wanaka Mountain Film Festival in July and has since been shown in Westport, Greymouth and Hokitika. The film was funded by Whitewater NZ and Forest and Bird and will be on the telly on TVNZ 6 in September during their conservation week. Keep an eye on [www.rivers.org.nz/a-tale-of-two-rivers](http://www.rivers.org.nz/a-tale-of-two-rivers) for details of the TV showing and screenings in other towns and cities.

### Central Plains Water

The commissioners have released their decision on CPW; wrapping up 2 years, \$10 million and 100+ days of hearings. We've had about a 90% win on kayaking issues, including a generally reduced take from the Waimakariri, and during summer and weekends particularly, plus alterations to the intake design for safety reasons. The decision has been appealed by Central Plains amongst others, so WhitewaterNZ has become a party to these appeals in order to defend its position. We don't think we'll lose any of the mitigation that we have gained.

### Land and Water Forum (LAWF)

At time of writing, the LAWF was due to report back to government in August. Whitewater NZ's rep Hugh Canard got himself appointed chair of the Water Storage committee (!) and has been extremely busy ensuring that future water management processes should be collaborative and conform to a national strategy rather than the current free-for-all under the Resource management Act (RMA). It's been a long hard road and paddlers should be extremely grateful to Hugh for the massive amount of time and energy he has put in.

### Nevis River Decision

A government-appointed Special Tribunal has recommended to the Minister of the Environment to amend a Water Conservation Order (WCO) on the Nevis river to remove conditions that allowed a dam to be built. The Tribunal agreed on this recommendation in order to protect the distinct local population of the native fish, the *Gollum galaxiid*. Forest and Bird, Fish and Game and WWNZ have welcomed the decision which offers extra protection for a river that is iconic in different ways for all three organisations. The Nevis River is a 'wild river' and was included in the 1997 Kawarau Water Conservation Order but this did not include a prohibition on damming in the Nevis valley.

## Respect to the Hutt Gorge @ 2.55m

By Ruby Kopelov.

26 June 2010

What may have been only 20 minutes felt like quite a lot longer than that, as I sat in my boat in a tiny eddy all by myself, holding onto a handful of fernlife sticking out from the gorge walls. Rising and falling with the surge of the boils around me, I had plenty of time to reflect on my present position. Hmmm...my third trip down the Hutt Gorge, and here I was in a short squirty kayak, with expert kayakers in creekers all around me....

As we put on at Kaitoke, Lea had taken a glance down the river and remarked: 'There is a bit of water here today....'. My brain was quite attached to the idea of paddling the gorge again and even the prospect of the ever-feared LOG was not enough to put me off. I figured it would be covered in water, and I had been mentally preparing myself to PADDLE HARD. So I didn't really like the idea that "possibly" the gorge was 2.8m.

After the first few rapids, as we all circled in an eddy just above the Flume Bridge, Ron declared

he'd been shown the ways of this river at this level before, and did not wish for a repeat performance. As he gracefully left the river, I asked my trusted paddling mentors to be honest with me--'Is this a stupid idea?' A bit of mumbling followed, but overall the consensus was that I could do it.

So off we went, Lea out in front, Arran and I jostling for position behind him, and Kei, Dean, and Sue completing our group.



Sue Robertson on the Hutt Gorge. Photo Garth Low



The second group, consisting of Melz, Jo, Hamish, Jason, Christina, and Matt, melded together into one long colourful mass around the last bend.

Lea paused at the top of one of the first major rapids and appeared less-than-decisive about the best line. He said he'd try the right side. As soon as I saw him get through smoothly, I shot out of my eddy to follow him before I had to watch anybody tip over and convince me to take a different line. I got through with just a touch of a tail-stand, grinning the whole way. As I found a safe eddy, I watched the rest of the group get through with varying degrees of success. I kept watching until I saw Jason bounce through and flip over, getting pushed up against the wall, then roll up. I figured his ordeal with that rapid was over, and continued downriver. We hooted and whistled our way through the next chute/slide/holey thing, then pulled up again on river right.

About this time I heard Lea providing commentary on the upstream paddlers and an apparent swimmer. Then I saw Jason's orange Lil Joe float by upside down minus paddler, with Melz in hot pursuit. Apparently Jason had been sucked back into the hole multiple times, through many attempts to surf out between 3 rolls-in-the-hole, and finally gave up. Lea told Kei, Arran, and me that he was going to chase the boat as well, and I decided to creep out of my eddy just enough to see that Jason was making the fist-on-top-of-helmet 'OK' sign. Except I crept out a bit too far, and couldn't slide back into the eddy,

so I fought my way towards THIS eddy, this itty-bitty little thing with a rock in the middle of it and the beckoning fern reaching out from the cliff like a hand. Unfortunately, my new home had the less-than-desirable quality of making me invisible to all the other paddlers on the river. There was an intimidating rapid about 20 meters downstream and eddy options were limited. I heard that little voice in my subconscious saying 'Ruby, you are SAFE right where you are...do not create more problems!' So I didn't move.

After a few minutes, Kei catches an eddy I can see on river left. We nod and signal to each other that we are okay, and Kei points to me and signals to other people upstream that I am also okay. Over the next 10 minutes or so, I catch glimpses of what seems to be a pretty heroic rescue upstream involving lots of gesturing, throw-bagging and swimming across rapids. Soon Jo, Sue, Arran, and Kei paddle by, aiming successfully for an eddy just up to the right of the now blown-out-of-proportion-by-all-the-time-spent-gazing-at-it rapid below me. I decide it's time to shake out the frozen fern-holding arm, and commit to carving out into the current. My carve takes me a bit further river left than I'd hoped though, as I was wanting to be sociable with the others in their eddy.... Jo catches my look of 'Oops I am not going to make it' and yells 'GO LEFT!!' Whew. Give me an instruction like that, and I immediately relax; I have a job to do. I see Melz smiling down below the rapid, and I put on my game face--raaaah! Paddle hard, go left of the big rock, get around the hole, YUSSS, ahhh...whoops don't relax yet, spinning now in the boils, hmmm whoa my boat is definitely not supposed to be submerging me to my waist in the water, whew okay rising up again, c'mon backpaddle away from that hole--except don't get stuck against the wall either! Then safety at last, and I eddy out behind Melz.

This is a huge comforting palace of an eddy, replete with a gravel beach, and even a 10x10cm patch of CALM water. Precious! Perhaps another 20 minutes goes by. Jason has now somehow returned to river right, Lea carries Jason's boat to my eddy and a very cold Jason then takes his 3rd swim, and is finally reunited with his kayak.

The next section of the river passes quite quickly. At some point, I heard somebody say 'oh, um...isn't The Log up here pretty soon?' and I mentally filed the information. I probably should also have filed the comment Dean made shortly thereafter: something about how 'all the fun spots are totally washed out at this level'. I was expecting the meaty Pre-Log rapid, then The Log EDDY, then The Log. Things went by so fast that the next thing I remember was seeing Lea carve into an eddy on river left, and Kei and I in our little boats bunched up together aiming for it.

Kei made it through the strong eddyline. I tipped over. Nothing unusual there. As I roll up I blurrily see a big tongue of water



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from river-level and feel myself tipping back over...'Hmmm,' I think, 'I must be going over that Pre-Log rapid upside down--I'd better make this a snappy roll.' I waited for the inevitable washing machine hole. Not too bad! At least it doesn't like me much... good time to try that snappy roll now...whoops this is some seriously boily water wow that didn't work ugh hmmm it's getting a bit dark under here now, must be a wall nearby, just GO FOR IT and make it work, silly! Damn. Rolling up against overhanging walls doesn't generally work well, why should it work for me?.



*Hutt Gorge at something less than 2.55 m. Photo Garth Low.*

At least I got half a breath there,

no reason to panic...just switch to the off-side, hmmm yay a bit more light here, pretty quiet as well, gurgle gurgle gurgle, at least I'm moving right along...except wait a minute, I don't WANT to move right along 'cause the log has GOT to be right down here somewhere, JUST ROLL DAMN IT!

And I did. About time! Lea is nearby and points me into an eddy. Through ears full of cold water trapped behind hat behind helmet, I hear him say something like 'Well, that was certainly ONE way to do it!' I hear someone blowing a whistle upstream, and see Lea gesturing that I am okay. He's making comments...'Wow nice line!' 'OH--little to the left!' 'Oh no, that wasn't quite right...' Finally he says to me: 'Are you gonna come over here and watch this or what?!' It finally clicks. I just did THE LOG rapid upside down. The Pre-Log rapid must have been that last wave train before I tipped.

I start watching the action just in time to see Matt take a flying leap off the left side of the drop: extreme coolness in flight! But perhaps downright cold once he was upside down, and the boils got the best of him. Soon he's swimming downstream, Jo and Christina chasing him and his equipment through the Toilet Bowl just below our eddy. Shortly thereafter, Jason comes down as well, enjoying a few Underwater Encounters of the Boily Kind as well. The Log drop was a fully flushing chute today apparently. I obviously didn't get to enjoy the full effect. Arran was ecstatic with his no-flip conquering of the big drop--for the rest of the trip; his face was one big toothy grin.

After a relatively quick rescue of Matt, we continued, everyone a bit more relaxed now that The Log was behind us. Our group got into a bit of a groove, all of us spreading out across the wider section of the gorge to enjoy the wave trains and the non-existent rock gardens. What fun! The gorge narrows again, and we slide back and forth through chutes around

holes and corners. Lea surfs, Matt has another swim and is rescued. Sue, Kei, Arran, and I get a bit too far ahead, so we take a break on a little island and have a snack while we wait for the others to catch up.

Then Lea comes around the corner, towing someone on the back of his boat. Someone wearing full paddling gear. He doesn't look like anybody we know. Arran whispers in my ear 'Did I miss something?' We help him onto our island, and shove food at him. Boats are searched for extra polyprops and hats, and we wrap him in a reflective blanket. The rest of our paddling group shows up, and we are all questioning, prying. Why Who Where With-Whom When What???

We learn that the wide-eyed, curly-haired stranger is Mike, a paddler from Otaki who'd started down the river probably an hour before us with 3 others. One had walked out at the Flume bridge, and Mike had swum at The Log rapid and lost his boat. Loooong swim, then a long wait while his remaining 2 paddling buddies (Hayden and Josh) went for help. He'd seen some of us paddle by while he contemplated how to greet us...Lea got a bit of surprise when he saw him! Back into the water courtesy of Lea, he was one cold man when he pulled up on our island.

A frenzy of logistical planning then took place...what an admirable team we have! There was no reception in the gorge for Dean's mobile phone and not much daylight left, so who has the best dry gear to stay with Mike? Who's willing to paddle out if it's almost dark when a chopper comes to pick him up? Would they be prepared to spend the night here if no helicopter could come? Who will go for help now, and are there enough strong paddlers in the remaining group to ensure a safe paddle out? It was decided that Lea and Jason would paddle out FAST to ensure that the helicopter would know Mike's current location (just across from the only significant stream coming



in on river left). The rest of us gave all of our remaining food and extra warm gear to Jo and Hamish, who'd put their hands up to stay with Mike. Then 8 of us slipped back into the river. No more eddy-catching now. Just steady paddling through the many wave trains.

An exhausted Matt had another swim. I can't even even imagine how cold he was by this point. He coped well, though, as Melz and Sue rescued him and his gear. During all this, we heard, then saw the helicopter slowly heading upriver. It circled our group a time or two, worrying us a bit, so we pointed our paddles upstream. They moved on upstream. Matt's lips were a bit blue by the time we put back on. Unfortunately, we had given every last bit of our provisions to the 3 on the island. Soon the helicopter returned downriver with more speed. We hoped Mike was onboard, and were pleased at how much daylight was remaining for Jo and Hamish. A quick stop at the gauge revealed 2.55m as the level. We were all delighted to see a fully dressed-and-dry Mike greet us at the end along with Jason and Lea. WHEW! Not much later, Jo and Hamish pulled up safely as well. A few of us had been tentative to declare previously that it had been a great day paddling, but we let loose now--WAHOO AY AY AY AYYYYYY! A spectacular, if not EPIC day down the Hutt Gorge. I don't think we'll be organizing any more winter gorge paddling days to meet at the get-out any later than 10am (we met at 12 today). RESPECT to the river!



*And now for something completely different... Jess Brown on the Perth river. Photo: James McLafferty*

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# Kiwi Kayakers Excel at Home and Overseas

## The Boys from the Bay clean up

Mike Dawson, Sam Sutton and Johann Roozenburg returned from extreme kayaking events in the USA and Italy laden with trophies.



*Johann, Mike and Sam in Italy*

Sam won the steep creek competition at the Teva Mountain Games in Vail, Colorado. Johann and Mike came 6th and 7th respectively, while Mike narrowly edged out Sam to win the downriver race on Gore Creek giving NZ the double at the Teva Games.



The trio then hooked up at the Teva Extreme Outdoor Games

in Ivera, Italy to dominate the kayaking competition. Mike and Sam came 1st and 4th respectively in both the long distance race and the “King of the Falls” race. This was held on the Val Chiusella river on whitewater that pushed many competitors well beyond their comfort zone resulting in swims and broken paddles. The Sprint, Slalom and Boater X were held on the pushy slalom course in down town Ivera. Mike won the Sprint and Johann came 2nd in the Slalom. The overall winner was decided by combined results from all the events. Mike took away the overall individual men’s title, with Sam in 5th. On top of all this, our heroes from the Bay of Plenty took the teams title for New Zealand after a close race just seconds ahead of Slovenia and Czech Republic.

## Mikey makes the International Whitewater Hall of Fame

Mike Abbott was inducted into the International Whitewater Hall of Fame in the explorer category this year. Mike is “paddling’s first truly global adventurer having completed multi-day self-supported expeditions in all major mountain ranges in the world.” Mike has led and participated in expeditions and first descents since the 90’s. His role as co-leader in the audacious Yarling Tsangpo expedition in Tibet, won him enormous recognition for his leadership abilities. He has also excelled in freestyle and extreme races for more than a decade, and made an extraordinary contribution to the sport as a guide, adventurer and instructor. In 2005, he was elected Canoeist of the Year by the (then) NZRCA. He currently spends most of his time in Norway.

The International Whitewater Hall of Fame is a program of the Paddlesports In-



*Po Tsangpo, Tibet. Photo: Allan Ellard*



dustry Foundation, a non-profit organization whose mission is "to recognize and honor individuals who have made significant contributions to whitewater related activities." Mick Hopkinson has also received the award in the past. Other categories are champion, advocate and pioneer. See <http://www.iwhof.org/> for details.

## Canoeist of the Year

Hugh Canard is Patron for Whitewater NZ. Whitewater NZ's purpose is to preserve New Zealand's whitewater resources and enhance opportunities to enjoy them safely. While the organisation's particular interest is whitewater recreation, whitewater



*Hugh Canard in his cataraft on the Waitoto Photo: Tony Ward-Holmes*

recreation relies on the preservation of New Zealand's precious river environments. New Zealand's whitewater resource is regarded as internationally significant attracting many international paddlers each year. Whitewater NZ has been a strong and successful advocate for the preservation of these river environments and Hugh has been at the forefront of this. Hugh has been involved with Whitewater NZ and its predecessor organisations as a volunteer for well over 20 years. He has held numerous executive positions, attended and given evidence at many Resource Management hearings to protect environmental values, and has participated in many policy forums (e.g., the Sustainable Water Programme of Action Reference Group) over this time and engaged others in support. Hugh has had key roles in securing the Kawarau, Buller, Grey, Rangitata and Mohaka water conservation orders and was even known to buy land alongside Granity Rapid on the Buller River to prevent inappropriate development and retain access (an extreme but certainly innovative action) - all actions with demonstrable and measurable environmental benefit.

Hugh was also involved in the exploration of New Zealand's river environments achieving first descents of several iconic rivers (e.g., Arahura, Taipo and Turnbull Rivers on the West Coast) opening up whole regions and making kayakers (New Zealand and international) and others aware of New Zealand's stunning river environments and the importance of preserving them.

In short, Hugh has done much to promote not only kayaking (as recognised by being a recipient of New Zealand's highest award from the New Zealand Canoe Federation) but also the river environments which kayakers inhabit.

In the last three years or so, his already significant contribution to the improvement and maintenance of river environments has taken a quantum leap up. Hugh has been on the Steering Group for the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) and one of five NGO members of the Land and Water Forum (LWF) "small group". In the latter group he is the only representative - industry, sector or NGO - who is not there in a professional capacity: Hugh is an economic development and tourism consultant by trade, not a professional advocate for whitewater recreation.

Hugh has been highly innovative in his approach. He uses his professional expertise and relationship building skills to bring greater understanding amongst different parties, find common ground and alternative solutions with traditionally opposing or indifferent parties. For instance, while water storage can destroy whitewater kayaking values and the river environments that kayakers recreate in, Hugh recently chaired the Water Storage forum for the LWF bringing together different parties to seek appropriate solutions where both environmental and economic benefits can be improved. Hugh - by taking a collaborative approach based on trust and mutual understanding - has been able to forge new directions for water management regionally and nationally which will have a hugely positive impact on the

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environment.

Hugh has continued to provide input in other forums apart from LWF and CWMS. He continues to play an active role as a kaumatua in New Zealand's kayaking community and encourages, manages, advocates or participates to further kayaking and the preservation of river environments that kayakers inhabit. Hugh has done and continues to do it all - whether it be national and regional policy level forums (e.g., LWF and CWMS), national sport organisation administration (e.g., patron of WWNZ), individual WCO (e.g., presenting at the recent Hurunui WCO tribunal) and consent hearings (e.g., Mokihinui, Matiri in the last few years) in all parts of the country, negotiating access to river environments (e.g., Upper Waiau river through Conservation land), right down to grass-root club trips (e.g., organising trips on "endangered" rivers to raise awareness of their plight e.g., Mokihinui - hydro and Waiaototo - access).

The benefits for the environment from all Hugh's works is strongly measurable - a water management strategy for Canterbury, progress towards the LWF recommendations, submissions recognised by commissioners at RMA hearings, a recommendation for a WCO for the Hurunui - the list continues.

Hugh spends days (and nights) contributing to the preservation and enjoyment of river environments largely unpaid - he recently mentioned that the number of days spent in either the CWMS or LWF forums outnumbered his paddling recreation days by 5:1. He has certainly gone the extra mile.

Finally, Hugh has raised the awareness of the importance of the river environment for recreationalists (and whitewater kayakers in particular)

through his activities, particularly the LWF and CWMS forums. Whitewater kayaking up until recently was sometimes seen as a "fringe" sport. Kayaking is now recognised for what it is - a strong and vibrant sport and a key part of our cultural, sporting and not the least our environmental heritage. He has often taken key stakeholders down rivers in a raft or similar and has let the river environment speak for itself - the experience from the river cannot be replicated. He has been instrumental in changing the mindsets of paddlers and other stakeholders to recognise the value of maintaining and enhancing New Zealand's precious river environments for the benefit of all New Zealanders.

Nomination by Duncan Catanach



river, boof, waterfall, sieve, huck, drop, paddle, rock, loop, cartwheel, air, nature, float, explore, canoe, white water, buffer, travel, experience, rescue, slide, spin, ferry, attain, eddy, whirlpool, cataract, gorge, swim, blunt, kayak, fun, scout, hydraulic, play, portage, creek, slalom, grade, carve, inspire, power, pourover, stroke, slice, pfd, donkey flip, helmet, race, wave, expedition, friends, lines, camping, throw-bag, movies, trips, adventures, knife, ecology, fitness, life, lateral, gate, undercut, lifejacket, carry, challenge, pour-over, competition, breath, crank, shuttle, mission, sunshine, passion, road-trip, events, prizes, tips, techniques, pin-drop, seal launch,

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Tongariro River Release  
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Whakapapa River Release  
25 September 2010 08:00 - 16:00

North Island Women on Whitewater (Taranaki)  
2 - 3 October 2010

Managhao River releases  
9 October 2010 08:00 - 14:00  
30 December 2010 08:00 - 14:00

Piripaua River releases  
10 October 2010 09:00 - 15:00  
12 December 2010 09:00 - 15:00

Piripaua and Whakamarino releases  
6 - 7 November 2010 09:00 - 15:00

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Photos by Miriam Odlin: Alex (top) and Greg Nicks (bottom) on the Waterfall and the Roller Coaster, Wairoa River release.

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