

# Presidents Blog - December 2020

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***Wishing you all a Merry and Safe Christmas  
and a Cracker of a New Year***



*Kayak Fest 2020*

As 2020 comes to a close, KASK would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout the year and wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season.

It has been a mixed year, but the events that I managed to attend around the country were full of fun and enthusiasm, both on and off the water and I look forward to more of the same in 2021, whether it be paddling amongst the rocks around Urupukapuka Island and or the open waters of Fiordland.



*Waihi SKISL*

### **KASK – ‘Meet the People’**

In 2020, KASK ‘Meet the People’ roadshow has been to Tauranga, Waitangi, Auckland and Napier with attendance continually growing.

I would like to make special mention of those who have given up their spare time to make these events such a success, Allen Snowsill, Lynn Burson, Jay Howell, Dan O'Connor, Aidan Frew and Steve Flack.

In early 2021, it will be in Christchurch and Wellington on Sat 30th Jan, Whakatane on Sat 13th Mar and Nelson on Sat 20th Mar.

The theme is presenting information to the public about how to stay safe on the water. It is a showcase of how and where to access current information that people may not be aware of. It also includes some basic on-water training and recommends further training with local clubs, networks and associations.



*Waitangi*

The training is applicable for all abilities, old and new and all paddle craft users. This is a great opportunity for local paddling groups to promote themselves. If you or anyone that you know who may be interested in assisting, please email [allenis1956@gmail.com](mailto:allenis1956@gmail.com)

### **KASK Annual General Meeting - 2021**

With the AGM only a couple of months away, it is time to think about nominations for the Graham Egarr Awards.

#### **Graham Egarr Paddle Award**

The Graham Egarr paddle award is for someone who has made a significant contribution to sea kayaking over the past year (or more). If you know of or are aware of, someone who is deserving, then please nominate them by getting in touch and sending a short portrayal to me at [shaun@kask.co.nz](mailto:shaun@kask.co.nz) by Thu 28th of January 2021.



### **Graham Egarr Bugger Award**

The Graham Egarr Bugger Trophy is awarded for the most humiliating, embarrassing, humorous sea kayaking encounter over the past year. If you would like to nominate someone for this prestigious award, please do so by sending a short description of the event to me at [shaun@kask.co.nz](mailto:shaun@kask.co.nz) before Thu 28th of January 2021.



### **KASK Kayak Fest 2022 - at Hahei on the East Coromandel Coast between Thu 10th to Sun 13th Feb**

It will be based at the Hahei Holiday Resort which has fantastic facilities and is located near the world-renowned Cathedral Cove, nearby Hot Water Beach with the sheltered waters of the Purangi Estuary nearby.

Planning is well underway and details on online registration and costs will be released within the next few months.

Please make a note of the dates, as it will be an event not to miss.



*Wellington SKISL*

### **Help us grow KASK**

If you have paddling friends who would like to join KASK as a member, please forward this link below to join online: <https://kask.co.nz/join/> or as an Affiliated Club, please click on the link below: <https://kask.co.nz/kask-home/clubs/>



Happy paddling and wishing you all a safe and relaxing holiday.

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