

# Presidents Blog - January 2021

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## *Wishing you all an adventurous 2021 on the Water*



*Motu Makeover 2021 - Uta Machold*

Finally, the south-westerly breeze that has plagued most of the North Island over the past month has finally moved on with warmer weather which hopefully will hang around for some time.

Looking at Covid and the rest of the world, we are so lucky that we have the freedom to move around the country, catch up with friends and paddle with other like-minded paddlers.

Already 2021 has offered paddlers a variety of extreme conditions on which to hone their skills whether it be in surf, touring or rock gardening and it is great to hear of paddlers from around the regions being active and involved in training and coastal conservation, such as Motu Makeover - see above.

### **KASK – ‘Meet the People’**

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

The success of these events has been totally due to the drive and enthusiasm of such KASK ambassadors as, Allen Snowsill, Lynn Burson, Jay Howell, Dan O'Connor, Aidan Frew and Steve Flack.

To this end, the one in Waitangi was so successful that due to popular demand, Jay

has planned for one in Russell on Monday 25th Jan - totally above and beyond - thank you.

It is great to hear of a recent surge of interest in the Wellington event for Sat 30th Jan from paddlers around the region. Christchurch is also on Sat 30th Jan and reports of attendance are looking positive. If you would like to attend or assist, please contact Noel Pepperell on 021 0487521 for Wellington and Ian McKenzie for Christchurch on 027 2207251.

Future events are planned Whakatane on Sat 13th Mar and Nelson on Sat 20th Mar. If you would like to attend or assist, please contact Allen Snowsill on 021 902294 for Whakatane and David Welch for Nelson on 027 3639554.

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.

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.



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

One for the diary, it will be a virtual meeting using Zoom and will be held on Sun 28th Feb at 7.30pm - connection details will be sent to you all in the 3rd week of Feb. I encourage all members present to participate as this is your chance to have a say and be involved in the future and the direction of KASK.

All of the 2021 AGM reports will be available on the KASK website from the end of this month and will be able to be viewed by going to <http://news.kask.co.nz.agm>

### **Call for motions:**

If you have any motions for the AGM that you wish to raise, please contact me by **Friday 29th January** so that they can be included in the general business of the agenda

### **Quoting Mike Gilbert from KASK Magazine No 208.**

*"Ask what not your paddle club or association can do for you, but what you can do*

for them."

*"This is the time to ensure that you give as much support as possible to your local clubs and national association. Be sure they remain healthy and can serve their members needs, wants and desires. Their continued existence remains in your hands with your support".*

**Graham Egarr Awards** - a big thank you for the nominations already received, but there is plenty of room for more!

#### **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**.

#### **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**.



#### **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.

Now only twelve months away, 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.***

#### **New Zealand Sea Kayaker Magazine**

Edition 209 is planned for early February with submission cut- off for articles and photographs being Fri 25th January - only a week away.

If you have any material, articles, reviews, humour and any stunning 'portrait' photographs that should be on the cover, please send to [Jacquie@kask.co.nz](mailto:Jacquie@kask.co.nz)

**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/>



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