

KBC

KAWAU BOATING CLUB

JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER



View From the Tiller

The sodden, gale force Queens birthday Weekend, did little to dampen the closing of our 2020/21 season and what a season we have enjoyed.

Highlights :

- \$250,000 Jetty loan repaid
- 700+ members
- Fuel service now 24/7
- RNZYS native tree planting programme
- Davo and Robyn record best year ever
- Royal Yacht Squadron and New York Yacht Club presented burgees

ANZAC Service:

On 25 April Jill Hetherington arranged a moving celebration of the ANZAC commemoration. 200 Island residents, young and old KBC boaties and members assembled at the club.

Warwick Palmer our stand out MC told the audience of the “essence of ANZAC”. Tony Hatton and Kawau resident Kyle Revill represented the RSA and NZDF respectively and a moving thought provoking address by Jacqui McKay told the story of her father.

We thank Jill for her work in bringing ANZAC to Kawau.



UP THE RIVER RAID.

1 May saw a group of KBC members and Sandspit locals row, paddle or motor tenders from Sandspit Jetty to Matakana markets. The tide and weather were perfect and of course the markets don't disappoint.

We'll arrange another trip when the tide is right - the trip up only takes 45 minutes and the scenery is stunning.



MEET THE NEIGHBOURS

Hautaru (better known as Little Barrier Island). Its only 10nm from Kawau but we know so little about it.

Home to 350 native species of plants, and the largest population of endangered bird species in NZ- many are extinct on the main land. It's also home to the second largest insect in the world – the giant weta which can grow to 230mm in length. Hautaru has been a Reserve since 1895.

Landing is by permit only and access is currently closed. However, we are in touch with DOC and when access is open, we'll arrange a KBC club visit.

ELANA CONNOR

A special heartwarming highlight was Elana joining us on 8 May to regale us of her life journey, from extremely tough upbringing in USA, self funding her way through high school and university, then solo sailing to NZ in a 34 foot yacht.

If that's not enough Elana has solo sailed around NZ and raised awareness of foster children and their needs and dreams. She has raised nearly \$35,000 to sponsor 30 foster children on the Spirit of NZ. An amazing diminutive lady with a huge story to tell—very humbling to attend. It was especially pleasing to note the Mahurangi College Sailing team attend the address too.

You can follow her at www.peregrinasails.com



Classic yachts and launches are dear to many members hearts. Im sure most are aware of the wonderful web site –

www.waitematawoodys.com

A great source of treasure on classics and fun events to get involved with.

Right, middle - **Solo sailor Elana and her companion Zia speaking at the club.**

Bottom: **Mahurangi College Sailing team.**

Letters from the Foredeck...

The committee wants KBC to extend into the community. Our membership is diverse and while largely made up of Auckland boaties, we represent Kawau residents, and boaties of all shapes and sizes from all points of the compass

We need member input into what they want the KBC to offer. As suggestions

- Kawau Art fair is on in November – watch this space and get your creative talents out
 - Kawau residents meet at the club- an opportunity to meet new owners- there are several new owners
 - Yacht Races: Talks are afoot with the Squadron to hold fun races
 - Fishing tournaments?? Walking Groups?? Yoga classes
- Give us your ideas- its your club!

A colorful, abstract background poster for the KBC Inaugural Art & Craft Fair. The text is in a bold, orange, distressed font. A small logo of a yellow flag with a blue cross is visible.

KBC INAUGURAL
ART & CRAFT FAIR

13th - 14th November
10am to 7pm on Saturday
10am to 5 on Sunday

Generous audience choice awards for favorite artist and favorite crafts person.

Artists and crafts people must be members of Kawau Boating Club or residents of Kawau Island.

10% of proceeds from sale of art and crafts to Kawau Boating Club to upgrade Childrens activities area.

Live music from 3 PM each day.

Limited number of spaces for artists - contact Lin Pardey by email - lpardey@xtra.co.nz to register your interest.

Kawau Scallop Dredging Ban

At the last AGM of Kawau Boating Club those present voted in favour of supporting a ban on bottom dredging for scallops within Kawau Bay, in doing so we were joining a growing number of organisations that were and are calling for change in the way we look after the Hauraki Gulf for our families and all future generations. So the big news this week as far as Kawau Bay is concerned was the announcement by David Parker MP of the Seachange Policy aimed at revitalising the Hauraki Gulf and for implementation progressively over the next three years, that of course assumes the current government is still holding the reins. Three years is still a long way off as the local scallop fishery is under considerable pressure. NIWA recently undertook an assessment of the Scallop fishery in Kawau Bay and came to the conclusion that this fishery is seriously depleted. Clearly the need

for action in the Gulf is immediate.

The proposed sea floor protection areas are two tiered, High Protection areas and Seafloor Protection areas, It is the seafloor protection area that will see the end to bottom dredging. In terms of Kawau Bay the proposed protected area covers 100kms of coastline, is 14kms wide and covers approximately 159 square kms. If interested the following link will take you to the full document, <https://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/our-work/sea-change/revitalising-the-gulf.pdf>

It is worth taking the time to review this document. A positive step for the Gulf? Most certainly but why wait for that to be implemented, we all can influence how our fishery is maintained, fish with care, only take what we need and be mindful that our grandchildren will likely want to enjoy what we do.



KAWAU ISLAND TREE PLANTING & REFORESTATION PROJECT

RNZYS NATIVE TREE PLANTING

1st June saw the ugly pines being removed from above Lidgard House. The Squadron have earmarked \$150,000 to replant the land in Natives. Peter Burling and Nathan Tuke are actively involved via their LiveOcean campaign.

We encourage members to join the KBC to support this initiative with a "buy a tree" donation.

Visit the website for more information and where you can make a donation.

https://www.rnzys.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/kawauproject_brochure_v1.pdf

Lastly but not least....

Where would we be without Davo, Robyn and their team. Its not easy running a business for only 9 months of a year, especially on an island with unpredictable weather, dodgy deliveries, power outages etc.

Davo and Robyn grow from strength to strength in their service and commitment to Kawait, KBC and the boating community. Its been a privilege to work with them this season and we are already looking for ways to improve the offer next season.

A big thank you to Dave Crooks, 'Crooksy' who is KBC jetty ambassador and tender greeter. Always a welcome smile and a helping hand with dock lines and often dubious boat handling practices.

Finally, Fay Richardson has worked tirelessly on behalf of KBC handling all the memberships and database. She has decided it's time to let someone else pick up the reins. We can't thank her enough. It's these behind the scenes workers who are the essence and spirit of KBC.

Kawait Boating Club is a community asset. We support the Warkworth RSA, Westpac Rescue Helicopter with donations, bring events to the members eg: Kawait Art Show, Up the River Raid, Guest speaker programmes ... We maintain and expand the KBC assets eg: Fuel programme and new jetty - and we've only just begun!

Our only income is memberships, fuel sales and Bistro rental. So please join the club, get involved in the Club, bring us your ideas - without your support KBC doesn't and wont survive - and we cant imagine that!

SEE YOU ON LABOUR WEEKEND FOR THE SEASON OPENER- WATCH THIS SPACE.

AGM Another must attend on the social calendar! The AGM will be held at Sandspit Cafe, 28 September 2021 at 5.30pm. Nominations are coming in for committee positions, so please put your name forward. Its not arduous and a great project to be part of.