

# President's Update: A New Year

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Diving into the New Year, the summer break was a big one for AUCC with groups heading around the country. Exec is now rolling into prep for March Madness, organising; Trips, Equipment, Merch and more

## Recent Events

### Pre-Christmas weekend missions

We hit the river twice with a number of Begg, Tarawera and Aniwhenua. Happy to report some good progression, we should have some new Seconds for the big three!

For our more experienced paddlers Xmas@Kaituna looked like a blast this year! Tight racing amongst AUCC at the back and a successful float with lots of downtime below Tutea :O

And there was the double A&E day with stitches in an ear (Whakatane hosp) and a leg fractured on the Waiari portage (Tauranga hosp). Good to see them both recovered, girls like scars right?

While many were stuck with their genetic family over Christmas, a few of us got away with the AUCC family and received some Christmas Treats @ Huka. With six first descents, piling down the rapid at 65cumeecs it was a sight to see.

After major FOMO Günther fired it up the next day XD



**Southern pilgrimage** was another good one this year - stoked to have a bit more water than last year with bluebird days. Starting out with six cars in Murchison, groups rotated through and split off. The Whitewater boys formed a crew and headed all the way south to Qtown for some real hard water. The Clarence crew did us proud calling a heli on day three and also making the hospital on day five. The last of us paddled in Murch through to the New Year, looping thru Nelson to drop off a couple of paddlers before picking up some sea kayaks for 3 days in Abel Tasman.



**Stuck in the North Island** there were some on call, at work, or music festivals. Groups summiting Mount Taranaki and paddling the Wairoa were highlights.

## To look forward to

**Wero Club Nights** see you out there for the 30th of Jan! Check your emails, flows back to weekly following Waitangi day.



## Weekend Missions

Auckland Anniversary gives us a three day weekend from the 26-28 of Jan, ask around for any groups heading out.

Feb Tongo is the 8-9 this year, it's the best opportunity to run it for the first time with warmer water, longer days, and less club rafts. There are a number of cars heading down, hope to see you all on A10 A13 and A14 this release!

Double Wairoa weekend is the 16-17th of February. I am slow, which means Gainz Tan you're going to have to rep the club and rip Wairoa Extreme Race in your new Zet Five!



**March Madness** With O'Week our new membership year comes in, and so does returning from trips to sleep through lectures. Pool Trainings, Puhoi, Fulljames, and Aniwhenua expect to hear of more as they start to get organised!

## Notable Firsts

Whitewater Boys - Sending \_\_\_\_\_ Falls!

Rakkas - Smashing into G3

Rayna - Wero G3 certified

Bron - Wero G3 certified



## Notable Swims

The Whitewater Boys have a range of stories to impress from around the SI, running drops blind, boats folding in half and more! Everywhere else was much more tame thanks to epic rescues like Mads holding on for a hand of god from the Mini raft.

Gainz Tan, I'm not sure that swimming to do a bootie with a girl is a way to her heart.

See you out there,

Josh

