

# Kayaking for Child Cancer Challenge

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**What are these dudes up to now?**  
 (Group photo of L – R: Chris Dench, Steve Law, Guy Folster, Greg Dunning, Charlie Barker, Neil Watson, with insert of Dave Evans)

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**Last time Chris Dench from the North Shore Yakity Yak kayak club and friends got together as a team, nine set out to paddle from Takapuna Beach up to Cape Reinga raising funds for Child Cancer. Six made it. They paddled over 480 kms and raised \$18,000.**

This time Chris Dench, Guy Folster, Charlie Barker, Neil Watson, Greg Dunning and Dave Evans are aiming to raise the profile of Child Cancer and to raise \$75,000 which represents one dollar for each of the 75,000 treatments and procedures that children with cancer go through every year in New Zealand.

To do this, the boys will paddle from Leigh to Great Barrier, a distance of 60 kms, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October. At the time of writing this (July), they are shoulder tapping other long-distance paddlers or famous athletes and selecting a team of up to twenty paddlers. Plus, being prudent they are working on logistics and

safety issues and are out there training, putting in the K's to be paddle fit for the day.

**What can you do?**

The aim is to make this a fun day, with boat loads of supporters and child cancer children or siblings positioned every five kms or so, on launches or other vessels to cheer them on (and catch a fish whilst waiting).

**Boats and bachs -**

If you want to be one of those support vessels or people and offer the use of your boat, or bach at Great Barrier (after 60 kms, the kayakers will want to stay the night!) please phone Fleur Townsend 021 0431 521 or email:

fitownsend@hotmail.com

If there is some other way you'd like to help – maybe supplying lunches for the kids for instance, please phone too.

**Raise money -**

Get your boating, sailing, kayaking, fishing, (or tennis, bowls, Rotary etc) club and buddies involved – perhaps host a fundraising dinner, run a 'pub quiz'...

Perhaps get your work place or mates to challenge one of the paddlers to a dollar or ten per kilometre?

To put a personal donation into the pot and get the snowball rolling now - go to: [www.fundraiseonline.co.nz/kayakforchildcancer](http://www.fundraiseonline.co.nz/kayakforchildcancer)



*The eight paddle salute - Leaving Takapuna July 2006*







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