



Melanie Grant arriving at the Ratimera Bay campsite this year.

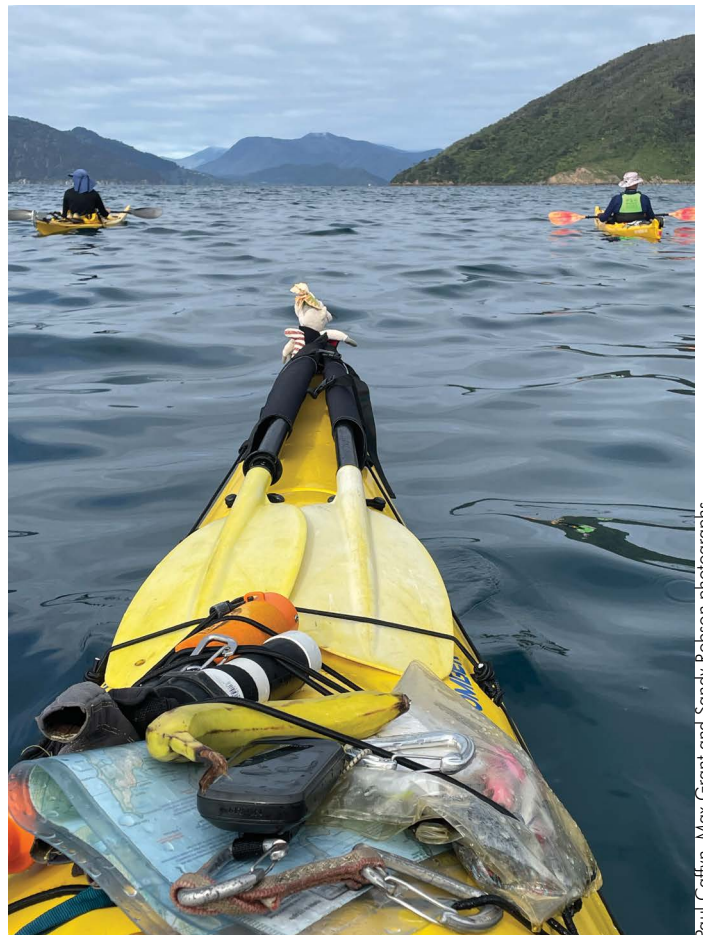


October this year, paddlers gathering at Ratimera Bay for the Sounds' Memorial Pilgrimage.

As James Elroy Flecker wrote:

'We are the Pilgrims, master; we shall go
 Always a little further; it may be
 Beyond that last blue mountain barred with snow
 Across that angry or that glimmering sea'

Paul Caffyn



It was not all partying. There was even time to fit in some serious paddling on the water.

Paul Caffyn, Max Grant and Sandy Robson photographs

with sadness for the loss of two of New Zealand's well known Kiwi sea kayakers.

I look forward to the return of our annual pilgrimages, when sea kayakers can once again gather annually at a remote campsite in the Sounds, catch up on life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and don rather good themed costumes for the Saturday night.

