

Lets talk Scouts

Mahurangi Zone



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The first significant scout activity of the 100 year centenary belongs to V07 and the venturers

The Venture has been and gone. If you didn't make it, you missed a great event. Over 2 phases, and lots of action. Phase one had expeditions of around 24 venturers in each, sailing boats, sea kayaking, tramping in the Waitakeres, climbing all over Auckland, Mountain Biking, exploring caves, water activities in Bay of Plenty, Rotovegas Venturer style, learning driving skills on a racetrack, being marooned on islands in the Hauraki gulf, OPC on Great Barrier, 4wd driving, Amazing Race all over and around Auckland, or just relaxing at a beach base.

A chance to meet fellow Venturers from all over New Zealand, from as far away as Te Anau in the south, Australia (lots of them), Venturers from Japan, Hong Kong, Germany and USA. Leaders, from UK, USA, Japan, and Australia.

Phase 2, you had so many choices you could do a full day or half day or just chill out at the Rover Café, or do the many on site activities that Rovers from all over set up for you, they did a great job in promoting themselves.

Be sure and check out the Venturer website for a chance to see some great photos.

We said goodbye to our National Venturer Leader Terry Wade as he steps down from his position and welcomed our New National Venturer Leader John Lawson.

Overall a great experience. Everyone seemed to be having a great time at V07. Thanks to the team that put it together for us. Looking forward to the next Venture...where ever that may be

Fiona Halliwell

Area Round up

Mahurangi Scout Zone News.

Welcome back to a New Year of Scouting and in particular welcome to the new Mahurangi Scout Zone. Much has been going on behind the scenes in establishing the new zone structure and new Zone Leaders and I am working towards the end of February as having the New Zone Team in place. The search goes on. Many of the old Area and District Leaders have taken up the challenge at Group level. For those leaders who have made the change, the following is an extract from the Wednesday National Weekly News:

"All Area and District positions were disestablished as at 31 December 2006 however the Adult Warrants for those in these roles will remain in place until 30 June 2007.

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One World One Promise

Good Service Awards

At that time if the person has taken up a new position this will already have been noted and the warrant will be renewed accordingly. If they have not chosen to take on a new position by this date their warrant will be cancelled. However, they will be contacted to ascertain if they wish to join the Scouting Associates Section.

Where the person taking on the new role has an existing warrant (Previous Area or District warrant) there will be no requirement for a new Warrant Application Form to be completed. If new to Scouting completion of a full Warrant Application Form will be required."

The Zone program was distributed to all. Sorry about the number of copies, I have a feeling it was an ISP problem.

The first major zone activity for the New Year will be the Raft Race and Big Dig on Sunday 25th Feb at Browns Bay beach. The National activity (mud slide) also falls on this weekend and we are looking at the possibility of providing some sort of slide on the day. Perhaps a sheet of plastic on the beach. Would a Group like to take up the challenge to organize this event- Please contact me 478 1912. Groups should be in possession of the Term 1&2 programs. If you require a copy of your sections programs please email me and I will provide a copy for you. (w_philip@xtra.co.nz).

At the last Mahurangi Executive meeting, discussion took place regarding having some sort of activity to mark the end of the Mahurangi Area. Once again any thoughts or ideas would be grateful.

That's it for the first Zone News

Safe and Happy Scouting

Wayne Philip
Zone Leader

Raft Race and BIG DIG

Sunday 25 February 2007

BROWNS BAY BEACH

Low Tide – 0815 High Tide - 1435

Start building your raft at 10am

Big Dig

This year's Big Dig is for Keas Cubs and Scouts!



At the recent Sunnynook Scout Group AGM , 2 leaders received their good Service Awards.

Hugh Dickson received his Medal of Merit for 10 years service to Sunnynook and Debbie Ringrose received her 5 year Chief Scout award for service to Sunnynook.

Fiona Halliwell
Group leader
Sunnynook Scout Group



Welcome to 100 years of Scouting.

We have so much enthusiasm for the promotional ideas of our groups why not let other people know about it. Let's put pen to paper and use today's technology to promote a concept and an idea which started 100 years ago.

Our Groups are the most important collective of people we have. They are the core group of Scouting. We need to nurture them, keep them enthused and promote their ideas.

Put the OUT back into Scouting and have some FUN.

Why not send me your ideas and plans for your group so we can maximise your audience. Advertise these in Scout Talk and School Newsletters. We will also advertise these on the Mahurangi Website.

If you have any Wacky ideas to promote your group I want to hear about it. I am happy to speak at any function you have planned relating to Centennial activities.

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Mahurangi Scout Zone Centennial Paver Promotion 2007

During this year, the Mahurangi Centennial Committee are planning a number of promotional activities to acknowledge Scouting's one hundred year history. One of them is the 'Centennial Paver Promotion', which has several objects in mind.

1. To inform the public of this special anniversary.
2. To invite them to share the experiences of what Scouting has meant to them. As our records are by no means complete, we are inviting the public to tell us about themselves, or a father, or brother.
3. To sell the pavers to raise funds to support the Scout Youth Foundation.

We plan to do this by circulating a specially designed poster to be placed in key outlets throughout the North Shore.

This poster has been designed to appeal to senior age groups who have been in the movement, and, we hope, will persuade them to get in touch with us.

We plan to publicize their response in a couple of ways: Direct to the local, and national media (we already have some very interesting photos, letters, and data from a North Shore source, who was very close to the origins of the movement)

By also inviting all who reply to help fund Scouting publicity

Each respondent will receive by reply a letter inviting them to commemorate their Scouting experience, by purchasing an inscribed clay paver to form a permanent feature at Camp Maynard.

The money raised, we will point out, will go towards the Scout Youth Foundation, and our urgent need to spread Scouting training, and ideals, among the youth of today.

Further, they will be invited to attend a special "Commemoration Day" at Camp Maynard, later in the year.

The programme will give them a personal opportunity to view their own paver at the camp, and be presented with a specially designed--- "Centennial Commemorative Certificate".

In addition, we hope to include some Scouting entertainment, provide a tea, and perhaps a small exhibition within the buildings following a Scouting International theme.

We will be looking at getting possibly a well known person to act as MC, and the event could be of interest to the Auckland papers, and the likes of Triangle Television etc.

Many of us think that this project has real possibilities. Our colleagues on the Maynard Committee have given their approval, and already we have received serious enquiries.

As we go to press, there is a general consensus that the purchase price should be within the reach of all, and open to purchase by ex-Scouts, and Guides, as well as present warranted leaders.

We believe that, in setting the price at fifty dollars per inscribed Paver, we will offer really good value.

**Should you have any queries,
please telephone me at 479 4195.**

George Stevenson



All aboard for the Waitakere Rain Forest Express!!



We received photos and details just too late to be included in our December newsletter, but we simply could not afford to pass this one up!

Mairangi Rimu Pack Cubs went on a trip on the "Rain Forest Express" in the Waitakere Ranges, on 26th November. Cubs and adults assembled at Jacobsons Depot, Titirangi, to be briefed by 'Andy', the train driver, and his assistant 'Chris'. 40 excited cubs, and 16 Adults were on their way..

To quote Akela leader Dawn Clark:

"Each Cub had a question sheet--so it was eyes peeled--brains in gear--jump on board, the train is here!!

Going through many tunnels, all named after men that had built the the Waitakere Dam was exciting, and Andy gave us information as we approached places of interest.

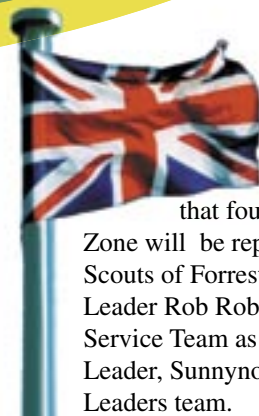
Approaching a huge ravine we stopped on the overbridge so that we could do a photo shoot. Soon after, Andy lowered a rope into the stream to do a water test, which really interested the Cubs.!

Soon after we reached the point known as 'Seaver Camp', the train stopped, and we all climbed out.

It was then a stiff climb on the dam face to the top. Others walked along the roadway to the top of the Nihotupu Dam. After so much exercise, everybody was ready to have a good lunch.

Chris, the other driver, then gave us a talk on how the dam was built. Soon after, it was all aboard once again only to stop in the largest tunnel, to view the Glow worms. This is just to name some of the activities of that day".

Congratulations to Glen, and Maxine Bond, for the photo, and to all other Mairangi Scouters, for organizing such a great day out.



United Kingdom Centennial Jamboree 2007

As we go to press it is understood that four members of the Mahurangi Scout Zone will be representing us at the Jamboree. Scouts of Forrest Hill Group, plus Zone Training Leader Rob Robilliard, will be in the International Service Team as well as Fiona Halliwell, Group Leader, Sunnynook, who will be in the New Zealand Leaders team.

Mahurangi Area Calendar 2007

January

- 1-Jan New Years day
- 29-Jan Auckland Anniversary Day

February

- 6-Feb Waitangi Day
- 7-Feb School Term Begins
- 19-Feb Scouting Unpacked
- 22-Feb Founders Day
- 25-Feb Area Raft Race/Big Dig/Mud slide

March

- 18-Mar Programme Seminar
- 18-Mar Zone AGM
- 27-Mar Being Safe Module

April

- 5-April School Term 1 Ends
- 6-9 April Easter
- 16-April School Term 2 Begins
- 15-April Tools for the Job
- 25-April Anzac Day

May

- 5/6 May Area Programme
- 13-May Mothers Day
- 16 May Scouting Unpacked Module

Theme for Term 1

Way 2 go H²O

