
THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGING

Greetings fellow Scouters.

Camping is always interesting at this time of the year, isn't it?

How well you can cope in this sort of weather is an indication of the level of competence and experience that has developed within your Troop. I hope you are still getting out there and helping the young people to develop their skills.

New Scouting is happening, and you will find that there will be changes. How you cope with such changes is also an indication of how much you, as a leader, have gained through your Scouting experiences.

If you have undertaken all of the training that has been offered and feel comfortable in your Scouting role, then changes will be able to be taken in your stride. If, however, you have not kept up-to-date, then chances are you may feel threatened by what is happening.

Please remember that the Area Team is only a phone call away, and more than willing to assist you in any way they can.

One of the changes that is taking place immediately is Peter Bayne (Deputy Area Commissioner) taking on the role of Area Commissioner.

I wish Peter all the very best for this new challenge. I know he will bring to the role fresh ideas and enthusiasm, and I know that you will support him in every way that you can.

I will be concentrating on managing the *scoutingnorthland.org.nz* web site, and trying to get as much publicity into the media as I can – but I will need your help. More about that in future issues.

Meantime, enjoy your Scouting, embrace the changes, and continue giving our young people the best possible training they can get.

Yours in Scouting,



– (for the last time as) Northland Area Commissioner.

Greener Pastures and New Adventures

It is with great appreciation and thanks that we acknowledge the service that Barbara Herman has given to us in her recent role as Northland's Area Commissioner. Her term expired on 30 June 2006 and she has expressed a desire not to continue but to take on something different for Scouting.

Barbara started Scouting as a Venturer Leader in the 1960s, moving through to be National Venturer Commissioner in the 1980s. On the expiry of that warrant, she took on Northland as Area Commissioner when Des Olney retired from that position. At the same time, she retained her Training Charge as Leader Trainer, which also fitted very well with her day job as the trainer/instructor for the Order of St John in Northland. Both of these jobs have taken her all over Northland, meeting and talking to a wide spectrum of people.

Barbara has proudly represented Northland's interests in Wellington and has seen growth against the National trend and then the shrinkage that has occurred in recent times. She has seen in the Movement, in the last few years, changes in our staffing, the changes in the awards scheme and the evolving of new training patterns of our Leaders.

We acknowledge the time Barbara has put into Scouting (she was this year awarded the Bar to the Silver Tiki) both over the years and in her daily life. She has shown considerable patience and perseverance which I'm sure, at times, would have got a little stretched. Barbara is also an ideas person and has in turn challenged all of us in the Area.

Barbara is now looking at a new job as an Assistant Area Manager in the *New Scouting* programme with the specific tasks of promotion, marketing, imaging and information. She has recently completed the Internet Web-page for Northland Leaders to work on and so create further interest in the public and for our youth. Barbara will continue to be hugely important to Scouting Northland as our representative to the media and for the improvement of our public image.

Thank you Barbara for your time as Area Commissioner and we all hope you enjoy the new role you have taken on.

. . . Peter Bayne (Deputy Area Commissioner/ Acting Area Commissioner)



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TRAINING

All those Leaders who have completed modules towards their Wood Badge. Well done!

COMING EVENTS

JULY

1 Notes and News published
7 Census returns due to DC
16 Completion of Area AGM followed by Area P and T Committee Meeting
17 Term 3 star
26 Mid week Training
29 Rovers' Mid-Winter Dinner

AUGUST

6 Area Team meets
9 Mid week Training
12 Swimming Challenge (for all Sections) -Shackleton
15 Copy due for Notes and News
19/20 Training Weekend

SEPTEMBER

All Boat Surveys due
1 Notes and News published
6 Mid week Training
9/10 Cossgrove Course
10 Area Programme and Training Committee
16 Coach Course
16/17 Rover/Venturer weekend
17 Instructor Course
22 Term 3 ends
24-1Oct Snow School
30-2Oct Scout Advanced Personal Development Course (SPDC3)- Waiora, Otago
30- 6Oct Mountaincraft School
30 **Scout Financial Year ends for ALL**

AN APPEAL FOR ACCOMMODATION

10 Rovers from Brisbane are tripping around NZ in Oct-Nov and are wishing to stay in scout huts or camp cabins. Are there any in your area that might be suitable? Thank you

Dianne Pauling <didipauling@hotmail.com>

AREA A.G.M

The adjourned Area AGM will be held prior to the P&T Meeting at Tikipunga HQ on Sunday, 16th July at 1.00pm

A copy of Notes and News is provided for each Northland Leader either on-line or by hard-copy PLUS one copy for each Group Secretary.

Please be sure your Group Committee sees its copy.



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The **Whangarei Crew** is hard at work again organising the Hobby Show and the Mid-Winter Dinner.

One of our Crew members, Ian, and his lovely wife, Nikki, took on the job of organising the Hobby Show this year and we greatly appreciate their hard work. Thank you. By the time you read this, Hobby Show will most likely be over for the year and I'm sure it was a great day. Thank you to all those Groups that supported this event. If for some reason you missed out on receiving information about Hobby Show please contact me at the address below so you don't miss out next year.

Our usual Mid Winter Dinner is to be held on Saturday, 22nd July at Mardsen Bay Youth Camp. This is always a fantastic evening and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attend - just ask one of those leaders who came last year. Our legendary caterers, Nick and Anne Grbin, are back again this year so the meal is guaranteed to be superb. The theme is Kiwiana so it's time to get out those jandals, swandris and buzzy bees. Dinner is a 3-course meal for \$25 + \$10 if you want to stay overnight. If you would like to purchase tickets or want more information contact the Crew Leader, Claire, at 435 5662 or clearbare@hotmail.com. We look forward to seeing many there.

One of our Rovers, Scott, was lucky enough to win one of the two Scouting Scholarships to attend Outward Bound. He spent 3 weeks at Anakiwa in the South Island and had an amazing time.

Breaking news is that there is a possibility of a **new Crew** being formed based on the Bay of Islands. Watch for more details next issue or contact the Area Rover Leader if interested..



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Hi everyone
A bit of a quieter month Scouting wise, but still lots happening

We still have some posters advertising upcoming Scout / Venturer Schools (Photography, Caving, Mountain Craft, Aviation, Snow and Canoe), together with a list of dates, locations and costs. If you would like one for your Scout Hall and your Leaders don't yet have one, please get in touch with us

NATIONAL SCOUT CONFERENCE

About 250 Scouts and supporters from all around NZ met in Wellington for the first NZ National Conference for 12 years. I personally came away with a very strong feeling that Scouting NZ had hit on a successful formula that would take it out of the doldrums that we are in at present. That formula was not especially a National Section Program, a new and common system of Award Schemes across all the sections, a new Organisational structure or any of the other excellent initiatives that have been put forward over the last few months. It is the use of a task force (Not again) to undertake some basic research into a problem area, report back, disseminate the results and suggestions widely, and then LISTEN and ACT on the feedback from those in Scouting.

As a result of what I heard and saw over this weekend, I have real confidence in Scouting to deliver to both the youth of our country, and to the adults working with them, a lifestyle full of values, fun, excitement and challenges. Bring on the next 100 years

Weekend Training Course 18 June 2006 Scout Section Programming

This was held at the Hora Hora Scout hall and headed up by Jim Neil ably assisted by Brian Corney and Graeme Gallagher. Ten Scout Leaders from around Northland braved the cold to learn how to provide better programmes for their Scouts. Leaders who attended are

Doubtless Bay : Peggy Morrison, Greg Beeson, Murray Wilson
Kamo : Jenny Calder, Jane Williams
Onerahi : Jodie Thorpe, Tony Gill, Darren Stenbeck
Shackleton : Heather Wright, Larry Gordon,

COSSGROVE COURSE 26 –28 May 2006

Contact Jim Neil for further information on this Course

USEFUL Email ADDRESSES

Animated Knots <http://www.animatedknots.com/>
A really excellent site that I have got a lot of value from.
Thanks to Mike Rowlands for the tip.

Remember, we are always available for help or advice, and if you would like mention made of an activity that you or your Troop felt was special, just drop us a line.

YIS .

Ross and Lucy.

MOUNTAIN SAFETY NORTHLAND COURSE DATES 2006

Bushcraft One	Basic	
19-20 August 2006		Trefoil Park
Bushcraft Three	Survival/Confidence	
6-8 October 2006		
Bushcraft Four	Above the Bush Line	
21-23 October 2006		
Outdoor Safety	Risk Management	
14-16 July 2006		Tangihua Lions Lodge
Outdoor First Aid	Two Day Course	
30-31 Sep 2006		Whatitiri Hall Maungatapere
Outdoor First Aid		
	1 Day Revalidation	
2 July 2006		Whatitiri Hall Maungatapere
5 Nov 2006		Whatitiri Hall Maungatapere
Outdoor Leader	Preassessment	
1 October 2006		
Outdoor Leader	Assessment	
4-5 November 2006		

If you or any in your Group are interested in doing any of these excellent courses contact Mike Rowlands 09 407 6336 or Mountain Safety direct at northland@mountainsafety.org.nz

NEW SCOUTING MOVING FORWARD

THE 3G CONFERENCE 2006

The conference in Wellington over Queen's Birthday weekend attracted 220 Leaders from NZ, two National Commissioners from Australia, 1 Leader from Germany and the Chief Executive of the Asia Pacific Region of World Scouting of which NZ is a member.

This summary of the Conference comes to us courtesy of 'Scout Talk - Counties-Manukau' and we thank them for it.

One of the more significant sessions was the report by the Forward Planning Concepts Group on the changes that have been made to the proposal as a result of written feedback from more than 130 Leaders. The changes are:

PROMISE

The Promise will be referred back to the Movement for further thought and consideration over the next year or so. The Laws will remain and the Code of Conduct will be a separate issue.

NEW UNIFORM

The uniform sessions were said to be very positive by those who attended them. This issue is also to be deferred for 12 months or so, but badges will be worn on the new uniform once settled upon. Badges will be worn on vests until the new uniform is available. The Australian Leaders modelled their uniform and it was well received by those present.

MEMBERSHIP FOCUS

The membership focus will be on Keas and Cubs for the first three years and then broadened to include all sections.

GOING UP

Going up to the next section will take place at the commencement of school term 4. However, seamless Scouting still stands and individual youth members ready to move up a section may do so at any time.

The section age ranges are to be:

Venturers	14.5 to 18.5 years
Scouts	10.5 to 14.5 years
Cubs	7.5 to 10.5 years
Keas	5.5 to 7.5 years

STANDARD OFFER

All Groups will be required to cater for Keas, Cubs and Scouts so that Scouting can make a standard offer to the community. Venturers may be Group or Zone based.

ZONES INSTEAD OF AREAS

Areas will be organised into Zones with an average of 15 Groups per zone.

PROPERTY REVIEW

The review of property will not commence until late 2007. It was noted, however, that the upper North Island will require a good number of campsites, probably more than we currently have.

HIGH VISIBILITY

It is essential Scouts are seen in public, preferably helping another organisation or completing a service project, no matter how small. There will be a new emphasis on community service in the youth programmes.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

There will be a review of the Leader's award scheme. There will be two streams; one recognising time served, the second recognising service of exceptional quality.

WORKING WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

A presentation by Ian Nicholson of the Mountain Safety Association highlighted the benefits of working with other organisations. Scouting will actively explore such opportunities.

SCOUTING ASSOCIATES

The formation of a new section called associates of Scouting is under review. This will enable adults who do not have the time for a weekly commitment to Scouting to retain membership and be informed about Scouting in NZ and overseas.

REVISED DOCUMENT

The revised Forward Planning Concepts document will be available on the Scouting NZ Website from June 30th.

Over 1000 copies of the original document were downloaded from the Scouting NZ website in 2 months, and 1200 leaders attended the Area presentations.

BRAND NEW BADGE

Be One of the First to Have a Copy

This badge, produced by the Whangarei Baden-Powell Guild, for use nationally, is available from 1st July.

The bound and backed badge measures 80mm in diameter and would look great on any camp-fire blanket.

Copies can be obtained by sending \$4 per badge (postage free) to the Guild Secretary, Maurice Arthur at 20 Alemain Avenue, Onerahi. Be sure to include a return address.



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Hi All,

It was good to get together with other Leaders from around N Z recently at the "New Scouting Moving Forward" National Conference. It was a pleasure to meet the Australian Leaders who attended and to admire their smart uniform that they wore with such pride. I was assured that it is lovely to wear - a nice design as well as a beautiful fabric. It is 3 years since they changed uniform and everyone now wears the same dark blue shirt except for the different coloured stripe on the sleeve that depicts which section (Cubs/Scouts etc) you belong to. Leaders' shirts are just plain blue with no stripe. I thought the Aussies were pretty smart choosing that colour because their Sea and Air Scouts were just as happy to wear it as the rest. The colour of the bottom half is left to the Groups to decide though it is usually the same as the local school uniform.

I thoroughly enjoyed some of the keynote speakers but the absolute highlight for me was a group of local Venturers - some of whom addressed the conference as well as taking a very active part throughout the weekend. They were very articulate and just so passionate about Scouting and how important a part of their lives it is. They were not at all backward in coming forward to state their views on all manner of Scouting issues and they, more than anything or anyone else at the conference, gave me HOPE for the survival of Scouting in N Z. - I really wish some of our Venturers could have been there and had the chance to have spent time with that awesome lot as I know that they would have arrived home absolutely buzzing and brimming with both ideas and ENTHUSIASM. Just one person like that around and you would see Venturers go ahead in the North in leaps and bounds.

Well I guess I had better get back to Cubbing (but it is IMPORTANT to remember that the Cubs of today are the Scouts/Venturers/Rovers of tomorrow if we can only ensure that they retain their love and enthusiasm for Scouting)

I held a "Programme Planning" course here at home this weekend (warmer here than at the local Scout Hall) - thanks go to the 5 who attended - I hope that you all learnt something that you can take back and use in your Packs.

Could you all keep the 1st weekend in September free (mark it on your calendar NOW 1st - 3rd) as I will be running the Scoutcraft modules. I am hoping to run them as a "Programme-in-Action"-one of these has not been run in years and years (I guess Gran Morgan at Mid-Northern and I are probably the only 2 who have attended one but in the "old days" we used to get huge numbers along and have a whole lot of FUN as well as LEARNING heaps and coming away with lots of new IDEAS)

This will be very much a "hands on" weekend where YOU, LEADERS, will be the CUBS and will get to do all the activities that CUBS do - that's right YOU will PLAY the games, SING the songs and DO the activities etc etc etc - a chance to see things from the CUB'S point of view. As with any good Cub Activity there will be a THEME - but I will provide more details at a later date - just PLEASE keep that weekend FREE and talk to your fellow Leaders to ensure a great turnout.

Remember - I am only a phone call, e-mail, snail-mail or yell away

Keep Warm and Keep Cubbing

Gay

CALLING ALL PACKS

I am an Akela at 3rd Windhoek, Namibia. I wonder if anyone in NZ can help?

As part of their Leaping Wolf badge our senior cubs are required to contact and correspond with cubs from packs from other regions/countries (penpal style). Is it possible for one of your Packs to take up this challenge? It would be really interesting for our cubs (we have boys and girls) to communicate with cubs from far away places such as NZ. South Africa is our nearest neighbour, and the attraction of contacts there is that the possibility of meeting at some stage is quite strong. However, a far-away contact is just as exciting because of the difference in cultures, games, camps, experience etc.

I do hope you can help.

Yours in Scouting
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Please let Gay know if you can help out a fellow Akela.

Venturing North

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I thought that it would be a good idea to introduce myself. My name is Alan Wheatley for those of you that I haven't met yet. I have agreed to take on the role of Area Venturer Leader for Northland. I have come to the Far North from Palmerston North where I was Area Venturer Leader for Rangitane for the past four and a half years. Prior to that I was in the Bay of Plenty as District Venturer Leader, and before that I have held warrants for District Commissioner and Group Leader in Taranaki.

I believe that Venturers is the best section of Scouting, despite what everyone else thinks, and as such I will try to drive Venturers to prove it. Our young adults must be given the best of opportunities, and as such I am a firm believer in growing Venturer Units that are functioning well and can be sustained. Small units usually fold because the members find that they are having to do too much, what with their schooling, extra curricular activities- girls / boys, cars and Venturer Scouts. New Units should only be formed if there are a minimum of 6 youth members and 2 leaders and more youth members coming into that 14.5 year age group for the next couple of years to follow.

Scout Troops must encourage their older Scouts, especially those members that are over 14.5, to join Venturers, even - dare I say it - if it means joining a functioning District Unit. To keep the older Scouts in a Scout Troop as a senior patrol to win all of the trophies for that Troop is unfortunately a very selfish way of treating these young adults. Most will return to the Troop to help out, but I believe that Venturer aged youth should not be helping with the Scout Troop on a regular basis, because they do not gain the respect of the Scouts. It is fine to encourage Venturers to help with the Cub & Kea sections.

If anyone wishes to discuss Venturers further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Alan

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An Ode to Scouts Own

We gather here
For our Scouts Own
To stand and reflect,
Not alone

Keen Leaders are we
From near and far
We stand united
Under the stars

The things we have learnt
We take back today
To train tomorrow's Leaders
To meet another day.

Some thoughts from the
Scouts Own
held at Trefoil Park
19 – 21 May 2006

Reflections

T Trust
R Respect
E Environment / Emotions
F Fire / Friends / Focus
O Outdoors
I Inspiration
L Laughter / Leadership
P Participation / Promise
A Adventure
R River crossing
K Keen / Kinship / Kai

The History of Notes and News

Last month I was asked when did *Notes and News* start so I did a bit of searching back in dusty boxes. I think the first issue was in about 1972 when I became Area Training Leader. It didn't really have a name then and was just headed 'Training News' in Jan 73 and was produced on a gestetner duplicator.

By 1978 the name had changed to 'NATION', short for Northland Area Training Items of Note and had the masthead as pictured here. It was in the early 1980s that it became 'Notes and News' and was published in an A5 format which changed again a year or so back to the A4 format we use today. It was only in February of this year that we went electronic and began distribution on line.



It has been my privilege (and nightmare at times) to have edited and produced it throughout its life.

SOCCKER TOURNAMENT

The Kerikeri Scout Group is holding a soccer tournament on **Saturday 15th July**.

Teams must be registered by email by the 1st July. (<stewart@fraser.net.nz>)

Entry fee is \$20 per team.

The competition is open to all Northland Scout Troops.

All players must be invested Scouts.

Nine-a-side rules apply.

Referee's decision is final.

Teams can have as many (rolling) subs as they like.

Troops can enter more than one team, or combine with other Troops if there are insufficient numbers. Once in a team a player has to stay in that team for the entire tournament

There is a pool of reserve players so let us know if you need additional players or have scouts who can be included in the reserve pool.

All games will be played at Kerikeri High School. Kick-off is 14:00 so please be there from 13:30. Anticipated finish time is 17.00. A list of fixtures will be published nearer the day .

Please make every effort to support the competition.



CENSUS TIME

Every Group must complete a census form showing the ages/numbers of members plus an accurate list of Leaders whose warrants are to continue beyond 30/6/06.

The warrants of any Leader not listed will be cancelled automatically. If a warrant expiring in 2006 is being renewed, a new Letter of Appointment is needed to be completed.

Please be sure to have the completed forms back to your District organiser no later than 7th July.



SHACKLETON SWIM CHALLENGE

The Swim Challenge for 2006, organised by the Shackleton Sea Scout Group, will be held in the heated pool at Whangarei on Saturday 12th August.

This event is open to ALL Scout Groups, with activities tailored for each Section.

If you haven't already received info, and would like to be part of this great fun adventure, please contact Mike Bull at 437 7588 or <mike.bull@clear.net.nz>



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AREA TEAM ADDRESS LIST

Thanks to all those who attended *Out and About* - all those helpers (especially Nick and Anne Grbin for the catering and their input generally) and all those who attended and joined in the experience.

It is clear weekends are worthwhile. Thanks to your families for allowing you the time away from home .

For essential training I am getting lots of questions regarding First Aid requirements. Are **NZQA Credits 6401 and 6402, (Contain CPR, Bleeding, Shock, Fractures, Sprains and Burns)** acceptable?

Just send a copy of the current or renewed certificate so that I can check them out and give the credit where applicable. I don't want to hold up Gilwell Woggle presentations because I do not have the paper work!!

By the time you read this you should have attended 'Section Programmes' for your particular section. If for any reason you have missed out, let your Area Section Leader know (copy to me) and we will endeavour to do a catch up before the end of the year (probably evening modules).

As *Out and About* was successful in that we squeezed in some 'Self Choice' Modules as well as some Managers' Modules, I propose we do the same during the **Scoutcraft w/e (September 1st - 3rd) again at Trefoil Park.**

Scoutcraft --All sections :

Aim: to provide the basic information required to ensure adults in Scouting understand the Outdoor Code and how environmental concerns can be incorporated into the section programmes.

Activities will vary according to section.

I propose we also slot in Self Choice Modules --Scouting for All (Friday night), and during Saturday (am) Communication Skills. Also for Managers (Saturday) Interviewing Skills and Inducting New Leaders .

What do you think, please? G.L's and Leaders give me some feedback as soon as possible so I can get the planning underway.

Enjoy

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