



Peter's Ponderings

Hi Scouters

My first letter to "Notes and News" in this role of Area Commissioner has left me with a problem of what to call it. I've had suggestions of Peter's Posing or Peter's Posting or Peter's Position, or Bayne's Banter or Bayne's Business or Bayne's B---S----. Polite suggestions would be helpful.

CENSUS

It looks as though we have maintained our strength in Northland. Through the swings and roundabouts we have in many areas done really well. More about this officially later.

NEW SCOUTING

Anyway, from my perspective, we remain on the cusp of great and monumental change. We have only until 31 December to continue as we are, but to get prepared for new scouting at the same time. There are appointments to be made and new positions to be filled. It all takes time. Fortunately I think we are all mentally prepared but District and Area Leaders will be coming together shortly to discuss these things further and make plans.

GROUP SUPPORT

In one area of planning, I am looking forward to seeing Group Leaders and group management receiving better long term support and encouragement. New Scouting does not change the Group Roles in any way. But the emphasis on Programme Delivery rather than Programme Planning is expected to make scouting more exciting and acceptable than it ever has before. You can be assured that there will be more on this before the year is out.

100 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

I am pleased to hear that there has been some discussion on what we are going to do to celebrate our 100 year anniversary from August of 2007. A task force will be put together shortly to coordinate our Area efforts. I have also had some discussion with a sibling organisation, namely Rotary, who have just had their anniversary and may well support us in some way.

THE SWIM CHALLENGE

I attended the recent Shackleton Swim challenge and was very pleased to see the good number there and to hand out the prizes. Congratulations Shackleton on another grand effort.

JOTA/JOTI

I have been watching the organising group for the Jota/Joti Weekend to be held at Labour Weekend. I would expect maximum support and attendance for this event for all groups. The programme and purpose for the weekend looks exciting and has been very well supported by the Maunu School. Not only will scouts get a tremendous amount of fun and learning from it, but it will be a public show-case for scouting in the community at large.

ADULT TRAINING

I hope I will catch up with a lot of you at the upcoming Training weekend. It is imperative that you attend these events so that we can keep up-skilling ourselves to do a better job. Also, that we keep in contact with one another and maintain our unity and purpose and develop our communications. Read more on Willows notes.

Yours in scouting

Peter Bayne Area Commissioner (for now)

COMPUTERS!!!

I apologise for the shortcomings of this issue.

My computer died and the replacement will not yet accept my old files so this has been prepared on a lap top using a programme with which I am not very familiar. It's been an interesting, if frustrating, exercise.

Des Olney
Editor



ROVER
RAMBLINGS

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On Saturday 22nd July over 60 Whangarei and Auckland Rovers and Northland Leaders gathered at Marsden Bay Youth Camp for our annual Mid Winter Dinner. It was a fantastic night enjoyed by all that attended. We would like to thank everyone that came to the dinner; your support is much appreciated.

As mentioned in the last Notes and News one of our Rovers, Scott McSkimming, won a Scouting scholarship to attend Outward Bound. He would like to tell you all a bit about his trip.

Outward Bound is a great experience. It is more than just expeditions, they teach you to set goals in life and help you to make sure that you're living your life the way you want to be. The expeditions were awesome. We did two days kayaking, one day in the surf and one day on a river. We also did a two day tramp. We did a three day sailing expedition: we sailed to Ships Cove where Captain Cook landed. We slept both nights on the boat. On the last night it rained and the fly ripped which made it an interesting experience. We did 2 days of service at a local school and at Outward Bound. We also did a 3 night solo in the bush with 3 apples, 3 carrots, 3 muesli biscuits and some nuts and raisins. I got a lot of sleep. Our last expedition was a 3 day tramp; we ended up walking and sleeping in the snow. On the last day we walked into the night to make it back to camp. Every morning started with a 3km run and a very cold swim. This was to prepare us for a 22km run on the second to last day which I completed in 2 hours and 30 minutes, I was happy with this result. I enjoyed every minute I was there and met some good people who I keep in touch with. I would recommend Outward Bound to anybody.

Whangarei Rover Scout Crew

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.

CALLING ALL TREASURERS

The Scout Financial Year for all, whether Group, District or Area, finishes on 30th September. All accounts must be balanced as at that date and audited annual accounts prepared and presented to an AGM of the Group or District by early December.

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COMING ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Notes & News published
- 9/10 Cossgrove Course
- 10 Area P&T Committee meets
- 15/17 Charge Certificate Course
- 16/17 Rover/Venturer weekend
- 18/25 KNZB Clean Up Week
- 22 Term 3 ends
- 30-2 Oct Scout Advanced Personal Development Course (SPDC3)- Waiora, Otago.
- 30-6 Oct Mountaincraft Course
- 30 **Scout Financial Year Ends for ALL**

OCTOBER

- 1 Daylight saving starts
- 8 Area Team meets (2007 Calendar prepared)
- 9 Term 4 starts
- 15 Notes & News- copy deadline
- 21/23 JOTA/JOTI
- 23 Labour Day
- 28-29 Pre-Charge Certificate Course
- 29 Area Kea Day

NOVEMBER

- 1 Notes & News published
- 5 Area P&T Committee meets
- 10 Award nominations for Founders' Day 2007 close with Area.
- 11-12 Charge Certificate Course
- 12 Rover/Venturer Link
- 15 Mid Week Training
- 25/26 Training Weekend



UPCOMING COURSES

If you or anyone in your Group is interested in doing any of these excellent courses contact one of the following:

- Mike Rowlands 09 407 633 rowlands@igrin.co.nz
- Ross Blayney 021 164 0482 rosslucy@snap.net.nz
- Pauline Kilsby 09 436 3132 northland@mountainsafety.org.nz

Bushcraft 3	Survival/Confidence	6- 8 October
Bushcraft 4	Above the Bush Line	21-23 October
Bushcraft 2	Overnight Camp	16-17 September
Outdoor 1st Aid	2 day course	30 Sept-1 Oct
Outdoor 1st Aid	1 day revalidation	5 November
Outdoor Leader	Pre-assessment	1 October
Outdoor Leader	Assessment	4- 5 November

ABSEIL TRAINING (for those with experience)

Part 1	Sat, 7 October	(12.30pm-5.30pm)
Part 2	Sun, 8 October	(8am – 5pm)
Part 3	Sat 14 October	(12.30pm-5.30pm)

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Keep New Zealand Beautiful is holding a Clean Up Week from 18th-25th September.

This is an excellent opportunity for your Group to join with others throughout NZ to help tidy up the community and at the same time get valuable media exposure. It is proposed that you advise in advance as many local newspapers as possible of what you are going to do and that you provide them with reports, photographs and the like of the event as soon as it is completed.

KNZB is willing to provide collection bags and gloves so get your order in smartly.

Contact details for KNZB are:

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Hi all

By the time you read this I should be getting close to leaving on my trip to Africa, which believe you me can't come soon enough. I fly out on Friday 22nd September and won't be back until Monday, 30th October.

What with working full time plus overtime, dealing with insurance companies after a speeding car took out my fence and some fast moving burglars took off with my T V, video etc, visiting Doctors, Dentists and Optometrists as well as trying to help plan Programme-in-action I am certainly in desperate need of some R and R.

I spent some time today with my team for P-I-A and I would like to thank Hugh Fowle (Asst Area Cub Leader) Marty McCullum (Kamo) and Bruce Mills (Horahora) for agreeing to help out with the planning and running of this weekend.

As one of the guys today commented it is always easier to do any sort of programme planning, whether for a pack night or a training course, when there is a few people to bounce ideas off. Admittedly a few of the ideas that bounced around my lounge today would have made for some VERY INTERESTING MOMENTS if they had been implemented - eh Marty!!!!

Even though National Headquarters intends to provide fully prepared programmes from 1st Term next year it does not mean that you can just put away YOUR IMAGINATION. Although the programmes will be in a format so that you can just take them and run with them, you may however choose to just use bits and pieces of them in conjunction with your own ideas, or you can choose not to use them at all. If you choose the 3rd option that is fine, HOWEVER you will be required to stick with the stated THEME.

So, to reiterate, the "Content" of the programme is optional but the "Theme" is not – you will of course be expected to run programmes of a high standard which ever option you choose.

What National is trying to ensure is that whether your child attends Cubs in Stewart Island or the Far North or anywhere in between they can be sure to consistently be provided with good programmes which cover the whole spectrum of Cubbing. (i.e. they get to do outdoor cooking, go on hikes, learn about the Southern Cross and how to tie knots as well as playing games, singing songs and doing handcrafts) Unfortunately some Cubs Packs (hopefully not up here in the North) have become not much more than youth clubs playing games and doing crafts with very little real "Scouting" content at all.

So while I'm away try hard to put that "extra special something" into your programmes to give your Cubs the special Cubbing experience that makes them want to not only come back for more, but also makes them want to tell all their mates about it so they will want to join in the FUN as well.

Yours in Cubbing

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Hi everyone

Well we have been busy wandering the country and have spent some time in both Wellington and Christchurch with family and Scouting friends. On the way we have picked up a tremendous amount of information relating to Northland Groups and Queen Scouts. It will take quite some time to correlate this info with what we already have. We have got colour copies of the earliest Registration Certificates of all the current active Groups and will present them to the Groups as we visit over the next couple of months. Anyone that is interested in finding out about a particular Group and doing a little research please contact us and we will give you all the info and contact leads that we have

Our sympathies go out to Dean Abel and his family after he took a short cut off a ladder and broke both his heels. Currently Dean is back in Whangarei Base Hospital after being down in Auckland where he had surgery and lots of stainless steel added to his feet. He is hoping to get home soon but won't be walking for at least three months. Dean also showed me an early photo of Hora Hora Scouts outside the Whangarei library and the King Scout and other badges of Paul Newberry

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

OUT AND ABOUT Trefoil Park 19 – 21 May 2006

An excellent weekend with some very keen Leaders. Some thoughts from the Scouts Own held on Sunday morning

Welcome

Welcome: welcome to Out and About
Where we all learn how to be a Scout
The time we sacrifice is not always seen
Why do we do it-We are the ones that are keen

Away from family, underthanked, underpaid
All the sacrifices we have made
Why do we do it, are we all mad
No! We focus on the good, we aren't sad

We are here to help the youth learn life skills and have fun
When we see them achieve the best, we know our job is done
Nikau (Brian Corney)

SHACKLETON SWIM CHALLENGE 12th August

Another well organised and enjoyable evening put on by (and won by) Shackleton. An excellent spirit of competition and participation by those who attended. I was however disappointed at the low number of Groups who came. Well done to Doubtless Bay, Kerikeri, Kamo, Ruakaka, and Shackleton. Thanks also to the Whangarei Rovers for their help

SCOUTCRAFT WEEKEND September 1st-3rd

This training weekend will be held at Trefoil Park and cover the outdoor code and Environmental components in Scouting

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
I put it in again to emphasise that this really is a must look at site

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.

KING AND QUEEN SCOUTS OF NORTHLAND

(These details have been researched by Ross Blayney)

DATE COM	No	NAME		NOTES	P = I have a photo
BAY OF ISLANDS VENTURER UNIT (103)					
20 02 1987	6301	YOUNG	Allen John		
DARGAVILLE (Nth W 115)					
08 02 1959	1145	HEGLEY	Neville Ian		P Dargaville's QS Honours board
			Listed in Wellington as Heeley		Listed at Blue Skies as Heeley
20 06 1960	1397	BONE	Peter Charles		P Tiwakawaka Troop
09 02 1970	4090	WILSON	Ian Robert		P Dargaville's QS Honours board
09 02 1970	4091	TAYLOR	Brian Laurie		P "
14 11 1986	6293	WELLS	Graham Charles		1987 on Dargaville's QS Honours board
15 02 1987	6294	EDMOND	Robert Joseph		Dargaville's QS Honours board
15 02 1987	6295	SCHONEVELD	Andre' Peter		"
16 02 1987	6308	JEFFEERY	Stephen James		"
31 05 1989	6612	PEARCE	Megan Jane		Nth 6 th female QS "
30 09 1989	6635	SIMPSON	Wendy		P Nth 7 th female QS "
14 12 1989`	6674	WELLS	Duncan Ian		"
06 02 1993	7124	WELLS	Kathryn Jean		Nth 8 th female QS 1994 on "
HIKURANGI					
30 10 1998	6520	READ	Joel Ernest		Presented Church College 1 st Koromatua Lived 111 King St Hikurangi
HORA HORA					
		NEWBERRY	Paul		P King Scout. Copy of his badges
01 02 1963	2027	PLANK	Evan Wallis		
24 05 1989	6595	HORTON	Gregory Anthony		
1ST HUKERENUI					
02 10 1962	1902	MORGAN	Phillip Wenzl		
KAIKOHE					
06 06 1955	401	COMBS	Patrick John		
12 11 1955	477	EDWARDS	Malcolm Donald		
19 11 1955	476	DRAPER	Douglas Haig		
17 12 1958	1117	READY	John David		
28 08 1961	1626	HURLY	Brian		
28 06 1961	1628	JOHNSON	Thomas Kerry Grant		
28 06 1961	1629	PAUSINA	John		
22 01 1962	1743	KELLY	Patrick John		
30 09 1963	2155	MOSS	Christopher		
17 06 1966	2575	HYLAND	Athol James		
07 07 1978	5212	JONES	Donald Robert		
11 07 1978	5221	TAYLOR	Bruce John		

..... more next issue

QUERIES AND UNKNOWNNS IN NORTHLAND

1. If anyone has any information additional to, or different from the above, could they please contact Ross Blayney at PO Box 289 Whangarei 0140, or 021 154 0482 or rosslucy@snap.net.nz
2. I have only three King Scouts listed from Northland (Cameron and Whimp from Whau Valley and Hansen from Tutamoe). I have no idea how many we had but I am absolutely sure it is a whole lot more than three
3. I would really like to obtain copies of photos of any of the above receiving or showing their Queen Scout if they do not already have a P beside their name.
4. NATIONAL: Their records only cover from 1950 on. I will make inquiries at the National Museum at Blue Skies to see if they have any earlier records

CREATE A WILDLIFE HABITAT

Even a small home garden can become a habitat for birds — meeting the four basic requirements for wildlife: 1. Cover — provided by trees, shrubs, etc. 2. Food — provided by feeding stations, and the growing of flowering plants, fruits, berries, etc., plus the insect life in the vicinity. 3. Water — provided by ponds, birdbaths. 4. Living space — provided by natural nest-making facilities, plus the total environment.

- Careful planting is probably the best way to improve a garden for wildlife. When establishing a new garden or re-doing an old one, consider the following:
 - There are many attractive trees and shrubs which will provide food for — nectar, fruit, and foliage—feeding birds. Such plants will also harbour invertebrate life, which will attract insect-eaters.
 - A careful selection of food-bearing plants will ensure that some food is available throughout most of the year. Check the flowering and fruiting times of various species from a good reference book.
- Cover can be supplied by grouping plants in mixed communities. Plant thick, low-growing shrubs around the edges and try to achieve as much height variation as possible.
- A thick layer of humus will not only greatly benefit plants but will also maintain an insect population as a source of food for birds and small reptiles.
- A "wild" area where natural growth can be allowed to develop unchecked, will provide shelter and many possible nesting sites. Even in a small garden a thickly planted corner will be of value to wildlife.

MAKE, SET UP AND MAINTAIN A BIRDBATH OR DRINKING FOUNTAIN



A DUSTBIN LID OR LARGE PLATE MAKE EXCELLENT BIRD BATHS. PAINT DEEP GREEN AND SET INTO THE GROUND, THEN EDGE WITH STONES TO MAKE IT LOOK REALISTIC.



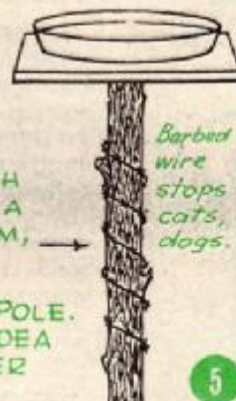
BIRDBATH MADE FROM BASIN CEMENTED INTO ROCK BASE. (BUILD IT HIGHER TO DISCOURAGE CATS, DOGS).

REMEMBER... LOCATE ALL BIRDHOUSES, BIRDBATHS AND FEEDERS AWAY FROM COVER, TO PROTECT BIRDS FROM PREDATORS.



SIMPLE BIRDBATH A FLAT DISH ON A WOOD PLATFORM,

RAISED ON A HIGH POLE. USE SIMILAR IDEA FOR A FEEDER



Barbed wire stops cats, dogs.

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Are your HQ Surrounds attractive?

Most Scout halls could be made more attractive with trees, and even a small native shrubbery could be established. This is a task that your Group members could look at and do some research to see what plants would be most suited, considering the locale and also the use the grounds are put to. Don't plant that kauri in the middle of the 'British Bulldog' area or a poplar under the power wires!

If the scouts are involved in the planting they are more likely to take better care of 'their' plant. Often local authorities or the Forest Service have plants available that could be used, and their advice is also valuable when making a choice. Check them out.

Don't overlook the fact that communities often have local beautification projects and your scouts support and participation would be welcomed. It is a great PR exercise, besides putting some OUT in Scouting.



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Firstly Congratulations to those who attended the 'Trainer Course' in Auckland - not just a how to, but also enlightenment!

Congratulations:

Bronwyn Barker
Helen Hansen

Dean Abel
Trevor Falk

Hugh Fowlie
Brian Corney

John van Veen
Glenn Davies

We'll be seeing more of this 'super group' taking on adult training over the coming months, putting into practice all they have learned (and more).

Secondly

Thank-you's

Warren for facilitating a First Aid course. I assumed (yes I know -ass- U- Me) everyone would get cracking and organise their own courses. It is clear from Warren's response many of us want dates and times and just turn up.

So you have until the 11th August to register for a St John course at Ruakaka

Saturday 19/08/06 0900hrs - 1500hrs or Saturday 26/8/06 same time @ St John Station, Tamingi St Ruakaka.

Contact Warren Bunn on 09 437 483 ASAP

and Thank you all those who have already sent in their Scoutcraft application / medical forms:

This is going to be a BIIIIIGGGGG! Weekend

A chance to finish some Essential Training and Advance other Training.

Friday ----'Scouting for All' ----- self choice

Saturday ----'Communication Skills' -----Self Choice Advanced (Wood Badge) also Managers----- Essential Training.

Then of course we have SCOUTCRAFT for all sections ;

And to top off

For Managers ; 'Inducting New Leaders' and 'Interviewing Skills'

Contact : Mike on 09 407 6336 or rowlands@igrin.co.nz OR your Group Leader should have details

Finally for those who are Naughtically minded 'Charge Certificate'

Paihia September 15th to Sunday 17th Stay at Paihia Scout Hall

Contact ASAP Nigel Bowen nigel.bowen@paradise.net.nz

Phew and I thought September was going to be quiet!!!!

Also MSC are running an Abselling Instructors course ;

In Whangarei

Saturday 7/10/06 Sunday 8/10/06 Saturday 14/10/06

Please contact Northland MSC and or fill out a form and send it in ASAP, Pauline Kilsby

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I think that about covers the key points BUT, I need to say some more about Training: many thanks to those who have sent me copies of First Aid Certificates -- yes I do need them for the records.

I would still love to see some of the longer serving Leaders follow up and complete their Essential Training (old Stage 4) gaining their 'Woggle', and those who have their 'Woggle' moving onto Advanced Training. You do deserve the opportunity to learn and develop yourselves.

I am sure many of you through work may have completed the requirements for some of our advanced courses/modules please let me have details of the course content so we can consider recognition of prior learning.

Having said that, please come and join us on Scouting Courses and share what you have already learned; we need input from outside sources that help to further spice up our already 'Spicy Courses'.

Finally, got any questions about Training? Not sure of what is next? Drop me a line and we'll see what we can do.

YIS

Willow

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