



NOTES and NEWS

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YOUR ZONE LEADER writes

*"What's in a name? that which we
call a rose
By any other name would smell
as sweet"*

From Shakespeare's
Romeo and Juliet

This morning I picked a rose to put in a vase on my desk. As I looked at the rose I thought about the similarities between it and a Scout, both of which come in many shapes, sizes and colours.

A rose goes through a cycle that takes it from a bud (Kea) to a small flower (Cub) and gradually the bloom get bigger and bigger (Scout and Venturer) until it reaches its peak and is at its best (Rover). Unfortunately from there it will start getting a little crumpled around the edges (Leader) and eventually will slowly fade away.

However, even when it is no longer a living flower, there will still be traces of the beauty it once had, whether as a touch of scent in the breeze or petals scattered around the garden. It is the same in Scouting as long after any Leader has "gone home" the legacy left behind will live on within each and every Kea, Cub, Scout, Venturer or Rover that they have had the pleasure to walk awhile with, on life's path.

Always remember, that not all young people have a happy childhood or live in a family where it is OK to be ME and where they are always loved and supported through the good times and the bad. For those children the non-judgmental and supportive role that you as their Leader will provide may be a first for them and something that they will treasure for the rest of their lives. So never ever underestimate the difference that you as a Leader have made or will make in the life of any child or young adult whose life you have touched during your time as a Leader.

sleepover

Friday 18th to Saturday 19th November 2011
was Hora Hora and Shackleton Keas Sleepover
at the Tangihua Lodge.

On Friday night we did the Burma trail and had
a campfire.

On Saturday we played on the confidence
course, walked to the Kauri Grove and did a
picture orienteering activity.



Shackleton and Hora Hora Masterchef Competition

In the weekend some of the Zone Team attended the Adult Leader Forum held at Motu Moana. Also held at the same venue was the Youth Forum, at which the Whangarei Combined Venturers were well represented. The participants of the two Forums came together at the start and finish as well as at lunchtime.

I was so very proud of *Our Venturers*, whose behavior was impeccable, and who stood out because they looked so smart in their white shirts and black pants. They really are a credit to Helen, Glenn and Brian and show just what a great result you can get with young people when you are willing to put the time and effort in. I was glad that Ian Nicholson (Region Development Manager) made a special mention of them - well done Whangarei Combined.

I hope to see many of you on Sunday 4th December at Onerahi Den for the Zone AGM but just in case you are unable to make it I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and I trust that you will have a lovely holiday period with your family and that you will return to your Clubs, Packs, Troops, Units and Crew next year refreshed and rearing to go.

Gay

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In late September Claire (AZKL) and a local Brownie Leader joined Gay (ZL) to judge the competition, which was held this year at Shackleton.

Each patrol was given a mystery box (actually it was a bag) of food which included mince, cheese, eggs, vegetables, butter, can of tomatoes, dried fruit and milk powder. From these plus a few basic ingredients that one would expect to find in their patrol box they were required to provide a 2 course meal for the judges to sample.

There were some very interesting meals provided and the winners were:

1st Sarah's Patrol
(Shackleton)

Mince with Onion, Carrots,
Potatoes, Cheese & Oregano
Pancakes with Caramel
Vanilla Sauce & Fruit

2nd Thomas's Patrol
(Shackleton)

Mince with Onion and fried
Kumara & Fruit
Meringues and dried fruit

3rd = Sean's Patrol
(Shackleton)

Fried Bread with an egg in the
centre and mince on the side
Fruit Pancakes with
cinnamon sugar on top

3rd = Cory's Patrol
(Hora Hora)

Meat Balls, Vegetables and
Sauce
Pikelets

Special Presentation Award
- Finn's Patrol (Shackleton)

Meatballs and Stir-fried
Vegetables with Egg and Mash
Fried Bread and Caramel with
Dried Fruit



Activity Permits Received

Kerikeri

- o Kea Bike Trek (Okaihau Cycle Trail)
- o Cub Camp (Jenkins Road Farm Kaeo)
- o Scouts Auckland Canoe Carnival (Orakei Basin)
- o Kea Walk (Rolland Wood)
- o Scouts Shooting (Kaikohe Shooting Club)

Doubtless Bay

- o Boomstop (Mangawhai)
- o Scout JOTA Camp (Doubtless Bay Den)

Ruakaka

- o Cub Hike (Mt Parahaka)
- o Scout Hike (Mt Manaia)
- o Cub Camp (Drinnan's Farm Waipu)

Maungaturoto

- o Scout Overnight Camp (Bull Road Paparaoa)

Shackleton

- o Scouts/Venturers Waikato River Trip
- o Scouts/Venturers Auckland Canoe Carnival
- o Cub Sailing Lessons (Parua Bay)
- o Kea Sleepover (Tangihua Lodge)

Hora Hora

- o Kea Sleepover (Tangihua Lodge)

Upcoming Events

- o 13th/19th Nov - SunSmart Week
- o 25th/27th Nov - Sandford Course
- o 3rd Dec - The Great Annual Kiwi Camp Out
- o 4th Dec - Zone AGM
- o 16th Dec - National Office Closes
- o 20th Dec - Term 4 ends
- o 3rd - 8th January 2012 - Waitawheta Summer Scout Camp
- o 10th - 14th January 2012 - Waitawheta Summer Cub Camp
- o 19th February 2012 - Founders Day
- o 26th February 2012 - People in the Park
- o 2nd/3rd/4th March 2012 - National Cub Day
- o 9th/10th/11th March 2012 - Northland Regatta
- o 30th/31st March/2nd April 2012 - Campcraft/BALESK
- o 31st March 2012 - National Kea Sleepover
- o 6th - 11th April 2012 - 26th National Scout Regatta Lyttelton Harbour
- o 21st/22nd/23rd April 2012 - Cossgrove Course
- o April/May 2012 - SAPD Course (Northland) ?????
- o 5th/6th May 2012 - Leys Camping Competition
- o 26th/27th May 2012 - Velocity (Northland)
- o 2nd/5th June 2012 - Queen's Diamond Jubilee Week



Kea Chatter

Zone Kea Leader- Anne Grbin 09 4323053

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Kea Day 2011

On Saturday 29th October Keas from Shackleton, Hora Hora, Mid Northern, Kerikeri, Kamo and Ruakaka along with their parents and siblings met at Hora Hora Scout Den for the 2011 Kea Day.



The theme was KEAS, so all the activities started with the letters K, E, A or S. The children had great fun finding bugs in slime, searching for letters to make a sentence, making edible popcorn hands, colouring in sea animal masks, playing simon says and other 's' games, blowing air bubbles, tying knots and climbing in, over and through an obstacle course.



The Keas were set a challenge prior to Kea Day to make a Kea Club Flag. Congratulation to Shackleton Kea Club for their winning flag, featuring colourful smiley faces.

Thank you to all the Keas, their leaders and families for making this such a successful day.

Ruru (Anne) and Tui (Claire)



Venturer Viewpoint

Another full-on term for Venturing in the North.

Queen Scouts

On Tuesday the 15th November I had the pleasure of travelling to Kerikeri to present Kayne Ferguson with his Queen Scout Pin. A huge B.R.A.V.O to Kayne who has been a keen Scout from his "Greasy Grimy Gropperguts" days as a cub. I also conducted Chelsea Jones's Queen Scout Panel so we should shortly have another Queen Scout in the North. We have another two Venturers closing in on this pinnacle of youth scouting achievement.



Our latest Queen Scout, Kayne Ferguson displays his QS badge (right) and with his proud parents (left). He was a Cub in Kawakawa Pack and a Scout in Paihia and Kerikeri Troops before becoming a Kerikeri Venturer.



Note: If you are working on your Queen Scout Award it is a good idea to organise a meeting with your Unit Leader and myself early on at the Gold Award level just to make sure you are on the right track as this will avoid disappointments and delay.

Regional Forum.

Well done to Whangarei Combined for getting a team of Venturers down to the recent Regional Forum. You looked impressive.


Cooksey Course.

Northland will be running a Cooksey Course on the 22nd January 2012 to catch up on any Venturers that were affected by cancelled courses in 2011. This is a great opportunity to get your new Exec Members along too.

Yours In Venturing

Brian Corney

Northland Zone Venturer Leader




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Boomstop !!!

Sadly 5 teams pulled out of the competition in the 2 days before hand.

Saturday was Pitstop with the teams having one of the most challenging days of their lives. To make up team numbers; Whangarei Combined Venturer Unit (the hosts) entered a team. The day started with a 2km stretcher race, followed by carrying your team's weight in water up a sand dune. Next up was the hole digging - the equivalent of 4 cubic metres of sand to be shifted - tug of war and sock pit wrestling before a run back to camp for lunch. Lunch was cruelly followed by a beep test. The dedication of St Judes couldn't be questioned with one of its Venturers emptying his stomach from competing so hard. A 1.5km fireman's carry, rope climb and mud run started to see the field tire quickly. Then it was a quick swim and a run to the finish.

The comradeship in Scouting was very evident than in the final run as the teams in third and fourth decided to pair up and cross the line together so as not to affect their points standing in this final event.



The big heave

Everyone was off to bed early with Boomerang looming on the Sunday. For Boomerang the teams had to plan and manufacture a functioning children's playground. Boomerang was won by Doubtless Bay, with St Judes Pinky Pies in a very close second and the St Judes Pinky Puffs came in third.

It was an excellent weekend but it was a shame more units did not participate as Whangarei Combined hosted an awesome event. Well done.



A 'child' tries out the children's playground

Well done, too, to Doubtless Bay and we look forward to your event in 2012.

FOUNDER'S DAY

Now is the time to organise what your Group will be doing for Founder's Day 2012.

Founder's day is actually February 22nd, but as usual it can be observed on the nearest Sunday,

For 2012 this means February 19th.

Founder's Day is the most important day in the Scout calendar and EVERY Group must make EVERY endeavour to hold some event to observe the day.

Groups could hold their own event, combine with other nearby Groups or attend the gathering being organised by the Northland Zone team (see page 6).

Be sure your Group does something.



Northland Zon

Annual General Meeting

ALL (that means you, too)
are invited to the AGM of the Northland Zone
to be held at the Onerahi Scout HQ (Beach Rd)
on Sunday, 4th December
starting at 1.00pm prompt.

Uniform (with Scout Awards)
is the correct dress for this event.

Following this short meeting and presentation of
Leader Service Certificates there will be
a very interesting guest speaker, Richard Harris.

Richard and his wife, Carole (an ex Cub
Leader), now operate a B&B at Parua Bay and
he will be speaking on his experiences of
tramping in the Himalayas while he was a VSA
tutor in Bhutan. He was accompanied on this
tramp by our friend, the late Nigel Bowen.

The afternoon will end with an afternoon tea
so please
let Gay know whether or not you are coming
so she can make arrangements. for catering.



I'll need you to sign this indemnity form
before I can consider helping you
across the road.

ZONE FOUNDERS DAY TROPHIES

Groups holding these are
reminded they must return
these at the AGM, or bring
them on Founders Day



FOUNDERS DAY ZONE GATHERING



Sun, 19th February, 2012



Otaika Reserve
(Blue Goose)



Approx 10am - 3pm

Full details of programme, etc
will be sent to all Groups shortly.

Zone Trophies will be up for
competition



ALL WELCOME



Season's Greetings

to all

from your

Zone Team



QUEEN SCOUT

FERGUSON Kayne Kerikeri

LEADER SERVICE AWARD

5 Years

FRASER Stewart Kerikeri

3 Years

CRAWFORD Andrea	Hora Hora
OFFEN Saffron	Hora Hora
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NORTHLAND CERTIFICATE

CLOTWORTHY Rachel Shackleton

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Happy Everything

Now leave me alone until next year!

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