



NOTES and NEWS

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YOUR ZONE LEADER writes

Seasons greetings to one and all. I hope you all had a good, satisfying Christmas and New Year break. Well, another year has gone and a new one is here just waiting to throw a whole lot of new and exciting challenges our way.

I hope, like me, you are all ready and itching (probably the peeling skin from too much sun!!) to leap in and have a go at new things, polish up some old skills, complete some more training or badge work, help some friends/family (scouting or not), and generally have a good time in 2015.

It has been an interesting time for me, stepping out of my comfort zone and taking on the role of Zone Leader - I certainly have some big shoes to fill, so lets hope I can do the position justice and achieve the task I have been set of making Northland Scouts grow in 2015. One or two little things have already cropped up to keep me on my toes and give me a wee taste of what lies in store - can't wait!! Bring it on!!

This is not a one man job - it requires a lot of team work and cooperation to keep a zone running smoothly, and it is my wish that over the coming months, with communication and cooperation between myself and my Zone team, plus the very dedicated and capable Group Leaders and their teams, we can start down the track to do just that.

Work commitments prior to Christmas have meant that unfortunately, I was unable to touch base with all my Zone team before the end of the year, however, I intend to rectify that over the coming weeks, and will try my best to get in touch before the start of the new term.

I have been fortunate enough to meet up with some of our Northland team both in my new capacity as ZL, and also as a Scout Leader. I was invited to the Paihia Sea Scout Group AGM, and met some of their leaders and keen volunteers - suffice to say, no one is alone with the common problems facing most if not all groups. I look forward to meeting the challenge of helping to rectify these and smoothing the way for the next generation of Northland Scouters whether they are youth, leaders, or just willing helper. I

I got to see our youth in action on the recent Cossgrove and Cossgrove Gold camp - well done to Tamara for her organisation skills, and all the trainers and youth for their dedication, effort, teamwork and most of all their fantastic attitude!! a big BRAVO to all!!

Another unforgettable event was the Marsden Cross 200th Anniversary dedication celebrations - a fantastic effort under trying conditions by a small but determined team of Leaders, Venturers and senior Scouts, doing everything from pitching marquees and tents, to directing traffic and serving food and drink. I personally was witness to a great number of very positive comments from members of the public, clergy and politicians, commending the youth on their dress, manners, efficiency and again, their great attitude. They were truly a fantastic advertisement for Scouting and Northland youth in particular. Another big BRAVO!

I feel truly proud when I think on what I have seen in such a short time - what will I be like at this time next year?

Time will tell I guess, but, I tell you what, I'm looking forward to the trip - see you all there!!

Bring on 2015.

Wayne



Keas Founder's Day 2015 Wet 'n' Wild

Sunday 22nd February

Keas should come prepared to get wet.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN NORTHLAND

KERIKERI

Scouts- Kayak trip
Scouts – Cossgrove Gold @ Tangihua Forest
Venturers – Marsden Cross 200th Anniversary

KAIWAKA-MANGAWHAI

Scouts – Cossgrove & Cossgrove Gold @ Tangihua Forest

KAMO

Group – Kamo Christmas Parade
Keas – Kamo Rest Home visit
Cubs – Mair Park to Tiki Falls hike
Scouts – Beach Camp
Scouts - Scouts – Cossgrove & Cossgrove Gold@ Tangihua Forest
Scouts – Marsden Cross 200th Anniversary
Venturers – Beach Camp
Venturers – Marsden Cross 200th Anniversary

HORA HORA

Scouts – Cossgrove & Cossgrove Gold@ Tangihua Forest

PAIHIA

Scouts – Cossgrove & Cossgrove Gold @ Tangihua Forest

DARGAVILLE

Scouts – Cossgrove & Cossgrove Gold @ Tangihua Forest

SHACKLETON

Scouts- 27th National Regatta
Venturers – 27th National Regatta

RUSSELL

Scouts – Cossgrove & Cossgrove Gold @ Tangihua Forest

UPCOMING EVENTS

6th Feb – Waitangi Day
21st Feb – Founders Day (B of Is)
22nd Feb – Founders Day (Whangarei)
6th/8th Mar -Northland Regatta
15th March – National Cub Day
26th/28th June – Sandford Course
4th/6th Sept – Cossgrove & Cossgrove Gold Courses
20th/22nd Nov – Campcraft
Jan 2016 – Australian Jamboree



FOUNDERS DAY

This is an **IMPORTANT** Scouting Day. Please do your best to be present at one or both events.

Saturday, 21st February Paihia

(at Te Haumi Beach)

9.30am – Parade and Flag Break
10.30am – Cubs – Cardboard Cup
11am - Cubs & Keas – Sandcastle Judging
11.30 am - Scouts – Raft Race
These times may vary a little
because of tide times.



Sunday, 22nd February Whangarei

(at Otaika Park)

11am - Parade and short service
Full and correct uniform for parades.
Lunch
12.30pm - Sectional Activities
Keas – Wet & Wild
Cubs – To be advised
Scouts – Tower Building (Bring own spars and ropes)
2.45pm – Presentation of trophies
3.00pm – Flag Down



I have had great difficulty in preparing this issue of N&N.

Apple Mac has updated my Operating System and I can no longer use Appleworks to set things out as previously, so have had to experiment with unknown publishers, with limited success and much frustration!!

Please excuse any errors or omissions.

Des Olney Editor

CALLING ALL SCOUTS

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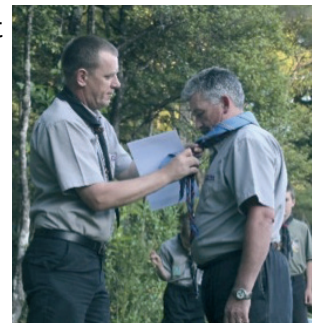
Wow, another busy two months has passed. But what a successful one as well.

Over the weekend of the 5th-7th December we ran a **Cossgrove and Cossgrove gold course** at the Tangihua Lions lodge. A Cossgrove gold course is a course based around advanced scouting skills not covered in a normal program. Chris Wallace, Jenny Calder, Jessica Gibbs and Wayne Crichton ran the gold course based on advanced survival skills and this proved to be a major hit for the 12 scouts from 6 groups (Hora hora, Russell, Paihia, Kamo, Kaiwaka-Mangawhai and Kerikeri) who attended. The scouts came home buzzing from the experience and were re-energized in regards to scouting, especially as this course was designed for those scouts who have been in for a long time, done almost everything and working through the final stages of the award scheme. I would like to give a BRAVO to those leaders listed above who made the course possible.

The Cossgrove course also was a success, with 17 scouts from 6 groups (Dargaville, Russell, Paihia, Kamo, Kaiwaka-Mangawhai and Kerikeri) attending, we were able to have three patrols working through scouting skills associated with troop based camping (these scouts had the honour of trialling the new training scarfs with the gold course wearing yellow scarfs, and the three patrols being green, red and black). Each scout that attended went home with a list of 37 parts of the bronze, silver and gold award scheme that they could get signed off, so well done. This course couldn't have run without the assistance from Brian Corney, Bruce Ferguson and Shane Reynolds. Thank you so much for your help.



Also at the beginning of the two courses, the scouts and leaders present were privileged enough to see our new zone leader Wayne Crichton getting invested into his new role by the regional development manager Brian Corney. I wish Wayne all the best in the new role and look forward to working with you in the future.



Over the summer I was lucky enough to attend the CNI **Waiwheta scout camp** as the contingent leader for the mahurangi zone and the cub camp as staff, and what awesome camps they were. The scout camp was 7 days and followed the following timeline

Day one – set up camp, campfire at night

Day two – Leave on two night expedition (choice of mountain biking, canoeing, bushcraft, survival, tramping)

Day four – return and start base rotation (pioneering, fires, craft, shooting, abseiling and rock wall)

Day five - Bases all day

Day six – Leave on one night expedition (choice of mountain biking, canoeing, bushcraft, survival, tramping and horse riding)

Day seven – return and camp pack up

During free time the scouts had the opportunity to swap badges, visit the trading post and develop the camping standards required for jamboree. There was also an amazing swimming hole with a bridge to jump off in our free time. On our site we hosted the national commissioner for dinner on night 4 and held a quiz night for the 4 patrols and leaders on night 5. Lots of fun had by all who attended.

The cub camp arrived the day after the scouts left, and their camp lasted 5 days. They also had the chance to go to the swimming hole, trade badges and go to the trading post in their free time. But NO bridge jumping. The Mahurangi contingents camp was structured as follows

Day one – arrive

Day two – water base – the cubs got to collect bugs from the stream, learn about water safety, set eel traps, swim, kayak, build rafts etc.

Day three – earth and wind base – the cubs got to make woggles, kites, learnt first aid, learnt the environmental care code etc. Evening activity - campfire

Day four – fire and ice base – the cubs got to build fires, cook their lunch, use slingshots, hunt for marbles in ice etc. Evening activity - performance

Day five – pack down

Each night the cubs had a display by a different emergency service as well. And each cub went home from the camp having earned the silver award scheme, sun smart, swimming stage one, etc. Great fun was had by all that attended

Tamara Phillips
Northland Zone Scout Leader.



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LEADER SERVICE AWARDS

3 Years

Christine Crichton Kamo
Bruce Ferguson Kaiwaka-Mangawhai

10 Years

Graeme ROWLAND Shackleton



**Badges
for
Campfire Blankets
(District Badges, etc)
will be on sale
at the Whangarei
Founders Day
Just \$1 each.**

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32. TROOP OUTDOOR AWARD

Planning your year – have you heard of this?
(It's out of the Management Procedures publication)

On the recommendation of the Zone Scout Leader the Zone Leader may approve the award to a Scout Troop, which in any year ending 31 December holds the following conditions:-

1. Hold at least one Troop camp during the year.
2. Each Patrol in the Troop to complete at least one Patrol Challenge Award. There must be at least two different Patrol Challenge Awards completed within the Troop.
3. Each Patrol to hold at least one Patrol Camp, and one day activity, apart from those used in 1 and 2.

By 31 December each year the Zone Scout Leader will report to the Regional Scout Leader on the number of certificates issued to Troops within the Zone. Certificates will be made available by the Regional Scout Leader.

I would love to see some of our scout troops earning this award in our zone, so let your Zone Scout Leader know if your troop is working on it and if you require any assistance at any point.