



NOTES and NEWS

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YOUR ZONE LEADER writes

Greetings to all !!! Another N&N and another term almost to a close.

Daylight Saving ends soon and with it a temporary ending to summer activities. All the better to bring on Autumn/Winter activities; night hikes, stew on the campfire, hot Milo - can't wait.

What a busy Term 1 it's been!

New warrant applications coming in to be processed - great to see more people wanting to share in the great experience we call Scouting.

Founders Day and Northland Regatta have been and gone - what a wonderful experience! I had the privilege of attending both Founders Day events at Te Haumi Beach (Cardboard Cup, Raft Race) and Otaka Sports Park. What a fantastic turnout at both events. Great days were had by all.

Congratulations to Paihia for maintaining their record in the raft race, and also to Kamo for their win in the Scouting skills competition - a beautiful piece of pioneering skill.

The Cardboard Cup, as usual was an unqualified success, and the water slide on Sunday was a big hit with both Cubs and Keas - thanks to Brain Corney and the Venturers for that.

Regatta was a success despite the efforts of Mother Nature. Some gear failures and a couple of early departures took the shine off for some but, all in all, a trying but happy event. A big Bravo to Mike Bull and his team of organisers for putting together a successful event in limited time under trying conditions.

Looking forward to what Term 2 will bring - so let us know what's going on and do get out there. Just remember, a little cold and wet won't kill you - your not disprins (you won't dissolve).

Enjoy, Learn and Share. Most of all - HAVE FUN!!

Wayne

Founders' Day Honours

Northland was well served in the 2015 Founders' Day Honour's list.

The highest award, the Silver Tui, was awarded to only 9 people nationally and 2 of these went to Northland Zone leaders.



Gay receives her Silver Tui

The Silver Tui criteria states that it is awarded for services of an outstanding character in providing distinguished service that inspires others and promotes Scouting and its values to their community and at Zone level. While no specific period of service is stated it is usually of at least 25 years.

The Medal of Merit criteria is for service of a noteworthy character and demonstrating high levels of capability and appropriate skills. The service criteria is at least 10 years.

We congratulate our Northland recipients.

SILVER TUI

Warren Bunn
Gay Lang

Asst Zone Leader
Associate Leader ex Zone Leader

MEDAL OF MERIT

Debra Crook
Janet-Lewis-Richardson
Graeme Rowland

Shackleton Gp
Kerikeri Gp.
Shackleton Gp.

Well Done

Venturer Scout Mikayla Miskelly was awarded a \$1000 scholarship at the Walsh Memorial Scout Flying School held in January.

Sixteen year old Mikayla, from the Kerikeri Group, was the first course member to go solo and did so after only one week of the school.

She plans to use the scholarship money to further her flying at the Kerikeri Aero Club and obtain her private pilot's licence.

Who was he???

Lieutenant-Colonel David Cossgrove (also spelled Cosgrove) served in the Boer War with Robert Baden-Powell and brought B-P's ideas back to New Zealand and began a similar programme based around Christchurch after he found a Troop being run in Kaiapoi.

In fact he really was not the founder but the person who organised various groups into an organisation with a common programme as up to then each Troop had its own loose system and various forms of uniform.

He is credited therefore with being the founder of NZ Scouting while his daughter, Muriel, founded Guides (originally called Peace Scouts) in Rangiora.

At the end of 1908 a meeting of Scoutmasters was called and about a dozen Scoutmasters attended and NZ Scouting was born. Major Cossgrove (as he was then) was appointed the Dominion Chief Scout (later confirmed by B-P) and was given permission to have independent control of Scouting in NZ. By this time Troops were being formed in other parts of NZ and in 1909 following another meeting of Scoutmasters a formal Constitution was written and this became the basis form the UK Constitution and also for Sth Africa.

'Uncle David' retired from teaching in 1915 to devote all his energies to Scouting. As well as the starting Peace Scouts (for girls), he formed Bull Pups (the equivalent of Wolf Cubs) and also inaugurated the Sea Scout branch.

He was an avid journalist writing many articles for newspapers, but he also wrote the first training manuals for Scouting. His organisational plan for NZ was the envy of Scouting officials in many countries including the UK.

Lieutenant-Colonel David Cossgrove died on 9 September, 1920 at the age of 68 after a short illness.

As a tribute to his work the Dominion Executive decided that a Cossgrove Memorial Badge be instituted and awarded to Scouts who achieved a certain collection of proficiency badges. The Memorial Award was a purple badge with an embroidered gold C surrounded by a gold rope twist tied with a reef knot at the bottom.

The Cossgrove Award still exists today for Scouts who attend a course and show proficiency in various practical tasks.

What's Been Happening in Northland

- o **Kerikeri**
Group - Founders Day and Regatta
Cubs - Sports Day, Navigation
Scouts - Aviation School
Keas - Swimming Sports, Top Team
Venturers Hiking, Paintball
- o **HoraHora**
Group - Founders Day
Scouts - Regatta, Scavenger Hunt, Otaika Valley walk, Eeling, My bounce.
- o **Kaiwaka-Mangawhai**
Scouts/Cubs- Founders Day, Waitangi visit
- o **Paihia**
Scouts - Regatta, Founders Day
Cubs - Founders Day
- o **Dargaville**
Group - Founders Day
Scouts - Regatta
- o **Shackleton**
Group - Regatta
Cubs - Kayaking, Swimming at Aquatic Centre
Keas- Canoeing
- o **Kamo**
Group - Founders Day
Scouts - Group Camp, Flying Fox @ Scow's Landing, Regatta catering
Cubs - Group Camp, Western Hills Hike, Swimming badges
Venturers - Flying Fox @ Scow's Landing, Group Camp, Regatta catering.
- o **Ruakaka**
Cubs - Beach Visit
Venturers - Founders Day
- o **Russell**
Cubs - Founders Day-

TRAINING COURSES

Proposed dates for Training Courses for 2015 are as follows. Confirmation will be sent nearer the date.

Sun, May 10th	Initial Training	Kerikeri
Sun June 21st	Initial Training	Whangarei
Sun, July 26th	Practical Training	Kerikeri
Sat, Aug 22nd	Initial Training	Whangarei
Sat, Aug 22nd	Committee Training	Whangarei
Sat, Sept 12th	Initial Training	Whangarei
T.B.A. Oct	GL, AGL & Zone	Whangarei
T.B.A. Nov	BALESK or similar for Leaders	



Keas

Founder's Day 2015

Wet 'n' Wild



Duck Racing

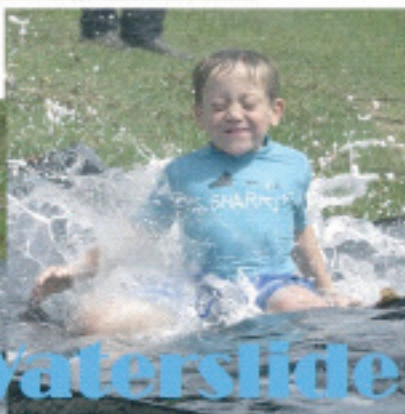
Relays



Fishing



Animal Smells Game



Waterslide



Orleam cup and boats





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CLOSING DOWN SALE

NOW IS A GREAT TIME
TO GET HUGE BARGAINS

Northland Regatta 2015

This year's regatta was once again held at Taharoa Domain on the kai Iwi Lakes. It is becoming a very popular event with over 400 people representing 20 Groups from around the UNI and CNI regions. As is becoming common, several Land Scout Groups were also present to join in various parts of the competition in what was a fun weekend in a beautiful environment.

This year the weather played more of a part than we would wish, but with several rearrangements to the programme we eventually managed to get through all the events, save for a couple of Open races. Many thanks must go to all the Leaders and Youth for accepting the multiple changes with good grace and enthusiasm despite somewhat inclement conditions at times.

As the last sailing event finished a mere 20 mins before final parade, there was not time to present all the trophies so the Sailing and Overall competition trophies will be presented at the Auckland Regatta on Anzac Weekend in April.

My thanks go to all the people who gave their time to making the event the success it was, and in particular Gay Lang, John van Veen, Deb and Ken Crook, Tamara Phillips, Jan Boyce-Bull, Paula Geard, Riaan Elliott, Karen Absil and Jenny Calder from the Northland Zone who took major roles.

ROWING

Jnr	Wilf Steele Trophy	Orewa	New Lynn	Shackleton
Int	Kaurie Aston Boat Hook	Shackleton	Orewa	New Lynn
Snr	Vauxhall Bedford Shield	Tauhinu	New Lynn	Orewa
Aggr	Northland Cup	Shackleton	Orewa	New Lynn
Open	Shackleton Old Boys Cup	Not competed for in 2015		

CAMPING

Camping Shield	Orewa	Owairaka/ Western Bays	Shackleton
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CANOEING

Jnr	New Lyn	Calliope	Howick
Int	Orewa	Hawke	New Lynn
Snr	Tauhinu	Calliope	New Lynn
Aggr	Norhland Cup	Orewa	New Lynn
Open	Hoeick	Orewea	Calliope

IRONMAN

Jnr	Waiheke	Motu Moana	Orewa
Int	Awatuna	Shackleton	New Lynn
Snr	New Lynn	Tauhinu	Orewa
Agg	Northland Cup	Motu Moana	Orewa
Open	Kerikeri	Tauhinu	Calliope

SEAMANSHIP

Jnr	Aotea	Shackleton	New Lynn
Int	Waiheke	New Lynn=	Shackleton=
Snr	Anne Grbin Trophy		New Lynn
Agg	Petty Officer Trophy	Orewa	Shackleton



New



KERIKERI CUBS GREAT TERM 1

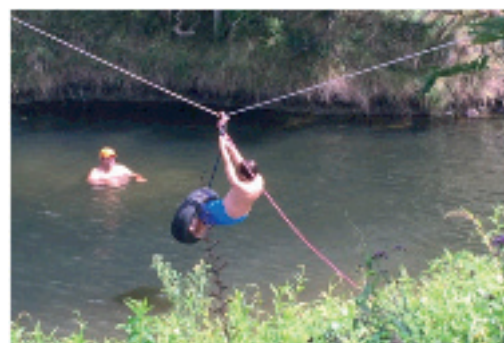
It's been a great start to the year for the Kerikeri Cubs. There was the Cardboard Cup, Mini-Olympics at Kerikeri High School, the Camp at Takou Bay, Cubs vs Wild and our Rugby 6s/cricket sports day. A special thanks goes to the Venturers for all their work with the Mini-Olympics. We couldn't have done it without you!

Camp and National Cub Day

The Camp started off a bit wet and gloomy on the Friday night but we were up early on Saturday and off we went for a bush walk where we saw a lot of wonderful bush and learnt about different trees, animals and plants.



Then, after lunch, our activity programme kicked in with map and compass training and Scouting pioneering tasks using knots and lashings to make a rock catapult and fire rocks across the river. We still had time to get in the river and have a go on the flying fox.



The day finished with a campfire complete with skits and songs.

Sunday was National Cub Day and after breakfast, and starting to tidy up ready for going home, we had a surprise. We found that a big water slide had been set up down the hill. It was great fun and we didn't want to stop, but all good things come to an end so we had lunch and finished packing up in time for flagdown.



We took all the gear back to the den and helped unpack and put things away before heading home.

Thanks go to all who helped.

(Thank you Koru for supplying this good report of your fun activities.)

Founders Day Scenes

Groups from Kerikeri, Paihia, Russell, and Kaiwaka/Mangawhai joined together at Te Haumi Beach on Saturday 21st February while Groups from Mid-Northern, Dargaville, Hora Hora, Kamo, Ruakaka and Shackleton met at Otaika Park on Sunday 22nd February to celebrate Founders Day.

At Te Haumi beach thirteen Keas from Kerikeri made trash boats which they sailed in the sea and then they produced magnificent sand sculptures. The Cubs built fantastic cardboard boats. They had taped, glued, painted and decorated their masterpieces beforehand. Fourteen boats in total competed in the race where they paddled on a course in the bay. The Scouts used knotting skills and ability to work as a team when they had to construct a raft in 1 1/4 hours and then paddle it on a course.

At Whangarei the Keas were fully involved in Wet-n-Wild activities while the Cubs tried their hand at orienteering. The Scouts with knotting and pioneering skills constructed a tower to fly a flag. Members of the patrol then had to be able to be supported on the finished tower (with varying success). The Venturers built the main flagpole then set up and supervised the ever popular water slide.

This day was a reminder to Leaders, youth and parents that we not only look back to the time of B-P but also forward when the youth of today become the leaders of tomorrow.

TROPHY WINNERS

Bay of Islands:

Kea Trash Boat	W Edwards	Kerikeri
Kea Sand Sculpture	Team Turtle	Kerikeri
Cub Carboard Cup	Red Waka	Kerikeri
Scout Rafts	-	Paihia

Whangarei:

Kea	Hora Hora
Cub	Mid-Northern
Scout	Kamo



Clockwise from above:

Cub Cardboard Cup,
Scouts are off!,
Kamo Scouts,
Hora Hora Keas,
Mid-Northern Cubs



Northland Regatta 2015 Kea Activities

Visiting Shackleton's Campsite



Kayaking and Swimming



Walk & Nature Observation



**Thanks
We had fun!**



Silver Tui

Warren BUNN Zone
Gay LANG Associate

Medal of Merit

Debra CROOK Shackleton
Janet LEWIS-RICHARDSON Kerikeri
Graeme ROWLAND Shackleton

5 Years

Wayne CRICHTON Zone

3 Years

Chris WALLIS Paihia
Jessica WALLIS Paihia

The Gang Show

It's Gang Show time again, but what is a Gang Show?

Somewhere in the world a 'Gang Show' is being produced every day of the year. Since the first 'Gang' took a bow in 1932, this unique entertainment has throughout the world raised more than 5 million pounds for the Movement. The creator, writer and producer of the 'first Gang Show' was Ralph Reader CBE. He sacrificed a brilliant career in the theatre for an ideal which grew and continues to grow and spread throughout the world.

Ralph Reader met a bunch of lads, the Holborn Rovers, and it was for them he wrote the first sketches and songs for a single concert.

He was determined this was to be more than a Scout Concert and so began the tradition. The first real gang Show was at Scala Theatre One night during rehearsals they had stopped for a cup of coffee and as they finished Ralph told one of the scouts to call the cast back to continue rehearsals and when he asked "Are they all back?" the lad answered "Aye,aye,Skipper. The gang's all here."

The rest is history, Each year sees a new gang but many tunes and sketches persist, especially the signature tune "We're riding along on the crest of a wave."



A treasured possession is the Gang Show scarf- red with the initials GS in gold - which can only be worn by a participant from a GangShow.

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