



# NOTES and NEWS

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## YOUR ZONE LEADER writes

Term 3 has started, the shortest day has gone, so here we are heading along the gradually warming road to summer and all the cool and exciting things that go with it.

UNI Regional Workshop was held at Motu Moana in June. It was a great opportunity to catch up with colleagues from other Zones and Groups. A very informative day indeed where the nuts and bolts of 'Better Prepared' were explained in great detail, resulting in a room full of very keen people with awesome ideas on how to grow Scouting and keep our youth involved and enjoying their time as Keas, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers. We were also treated to some interesting and useful feedback and ideas from a number of youth from around the region - Bravo - well done!

Not a huge turnout from Northland Zone, but well done to those who did attend. It was good to see you.

Kerikeri has wished a fond farewell to resigning GL Allan Wheatley. I was privileged to be asked to attend his farewell at the Kerikeri Den. It was a big event with all sections present. I don't believe this will be forever because, like campfire embers, Scout leaders have a habit of springing up just when you think they're out. I look forward to catching up again. I welcome Chris Fewtrell (new GL) and Bruce Larsen (AGL). They will do a great job and I believe Kerikeri is in very capable hands.

Lois Elliot has resigned her position as GL at Russell. I wish you all the best for the future and thank you very much for your efforts over the years. You will be missed.

OSM is underway. Most groups are on board and feedback to date has been mostly positive. The Zone Team will be out and about over the term, so if you have any issues don't hesitate to ask for assistance/advice.

WOSM has approved the re-expression of our Scout Law, and as noted in the National Newsflash this will be launched officially in term 4. However, information and resources will become available during Term 3. Again, the Zone Team will be out there communicating with the Groups and starting to talk about it to leaders and youth.

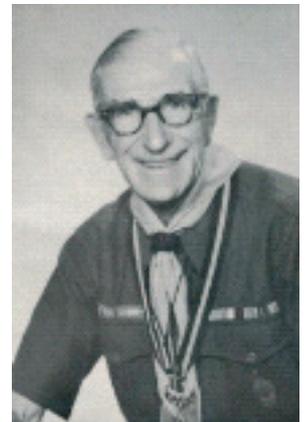
This looks like an exciting term and I can't wait to get into it - learn plenty, create and have adventures, tell your friends about it and get them involved too. Bring them along to your next meeting. You never know - there could be some new members for your Group.

**Wayne**

## JRH Cooksey 'Little John'

John RH Cooksey came to NZ and began work as a shepherd in Hawke's Bay. and soon formed a Scout Troop. His first Troop camp was in 1911 at Weka Point (a site that is still in use).

Before long he became Commissioner for Hawkes Bay. After attending the Arrowe Park Jamboree in 1929 he attended a Wood Badge Course at Gilwell Park and on returning back to NZ was appointed as Assistant Dominion Commissioner for Training in 1931. ('Uncle' Sandford was the Dominion Training Commissioner at that time).



JRH Cooksey became Dominion Commissioner for Training and held the post until in 1951 he retired when a full-time appointment as Director of Training was made..

However he did not disappear but accepted the post of National Commissioner (Special Duties) and as such organised a B-P display at the Jubilee Jamboree in Auckland in 1958. Many Scouting items were collected and put on display.

Another major undertaking that was accomplished by 'Little John', as was his Scouting name, was the part he played in obtaining Tatum Park as a training centre for NZ and one of his last Scouting appearances was when the new dining facilities were opened at Tatum and it was named in his honour the "Little John Bone House".

'Little John' was responsible for setting up a National Training Team and overseeing many training courses. It is thus very appropriate that the Venturer training award is named the 'Cooksey Award'.

His autobiography "My Job" is great reading and well worthwhile.

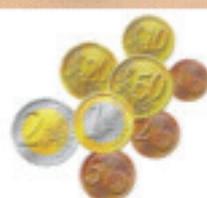


# Keas In Action Family Hike/Walk

The wind and rain didn't deter Keas and their families from Shackleton, Hora Hora, Kamo and Dargaville from attending the 2015 Keas in Action Hike.



# Kea and Cub Hobby Show



**Date: Saturday 15th August 2015**

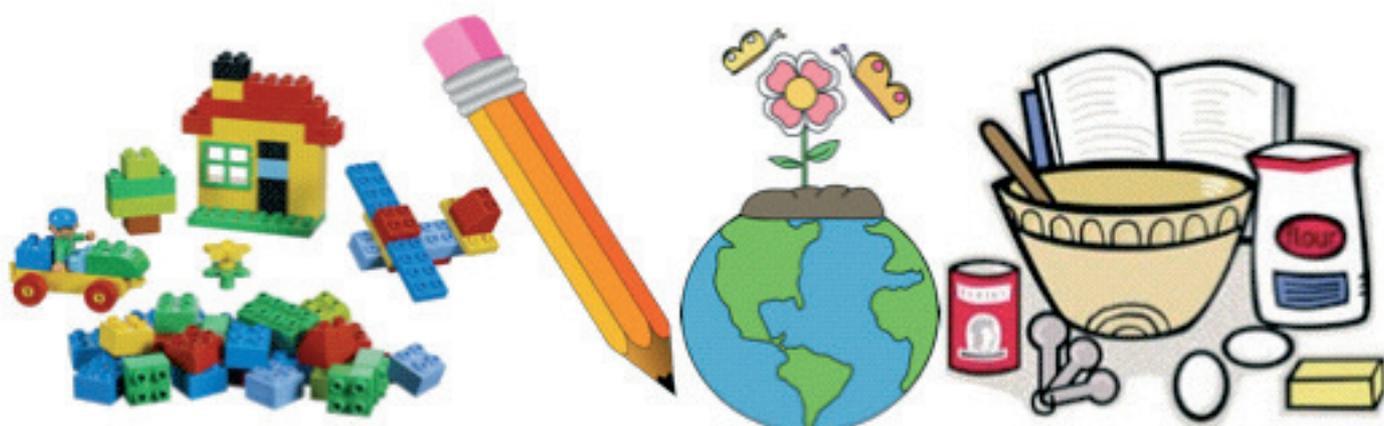
**Place: Hora Hora Scout Den, Te Mai Road  
Whangarei**

**Time: 10.30am—2.00pm**

**Cost: \$2 per child (not per entry)**

For more information or a list of the competition  
categories please contact:

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**LEADER SERVICE AWARD**

10 Years  
 Larry Gordon                Shackleton

5 Years  
 Chris Rumens                Ruakaka  
 Claetun Delani                Kamo

3 Years  
 Bruce Larsen                Kerikeri  
 Ian Sizer                      Kerikeri  
 Reuben Ward                Shackleton  
 Paul Tornquist                Kaiwaka/Mangawhai

**NORTHLAND CERTIFICATE**

2 Years  
 Geoff Alderton                Hora Hora  
 Hayden Parr                 Hora Hora  
 Paula Geard                  Shackleton  
 Todd Horton                 Kerikeri  
 David Staps                  Kerikeri  
 Gillian West                  Kerikeri  
 Linda Bramhall                Kerikeri

**SWIM CHALLENGE**

Sorry I can't give you any details of this annual event.

Despite a request for info I have received nothing except that it is being organised by Kerikeri Venturers so suggest you contact Bill Miles (ph 09 407 7796) or <bill@thefishingshow.co.nz>



**NATIONAL SCOUT SCARF DAY**

This is being observed world-wide on Fri, 7th August

All members, past and present, youth and adult are urged to wear their scout scarf on that day.

Various posters and letters for schools are available on the Scout web-site.

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**What's been happening in Northland**

- o **Kamo**  
 Group - end of term campfire  
 Scouts - Whanau Festival- community assistance  
           Paihia Mud Run  
           Mid-Winter Camp  
 Cubs    Night Hike
- o **HoraHora**  
 Cubs-    Camp-Whg Heads school  
 Scouts - Fire Station visit  
           Western Hills walk
- o **Shackleton**  
 Cubs -    Limestone Island visit
- o **Ruakaka**  
 Venturers- Paton's farm cam

**Upcoming Events**

- 7th Aug -                Scout Scarf Day
- 8th Aug -                Swim Challenge at Kawaawa
- 15th Aug -              Kea,Cub Hobby Show
- 17-23rd Aug -         National Scout Week  
                               (Scout/Venturer link)