



NOTES and NEWS

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Your ZONE LEADER writes:

Another Notes and News, and another term almost consigned to the wastepaper basket of 2016.

Summer is nearly done. The weather is slowly starting to turn, and most Groups have done the summery activities and are looking to fun and interesting Autumn / Winter activities. It is good to see so many Groups taking advantage of Northland's wonderful climate, lifestyle and activity areas, to further their youth's experiences, skills and enjoyment levels - well done to you all!! Roll on the wet weather activities!!

Early February saw the resignation of Brian Corney from his position as RDM UNI Region - I would like to say thank you to Brian for all his experience, knowledge, skill, calming words where required, and his bottomless wealth of information, often available at any time of the day or night. UNI Region has lost a huge asset and resource - thank you again, and I hope, that like a campfire ember, you will pop up again in a senior position within Northland Zone. In the meantime, you will be missed but not forgotten by all the people you have helped over the last couple of years.

As usual, Founders Day was a great success. Unfortunately, both the northern area activities (Raft race, Cardboard Cup, Sandcastles), clashed with the Southern area activities, so not everyone (me included) was able to participate in both lots of activities. The tide had it's say, so the Raft race became a Catapult Pioneering competition - Some very interesting structures indeed!! That's Mother Nature for you - you can't mess with her.

TOP AWARD TO NORTHLANDER

Mike Rowlands of Kerikeri was awarded the Silver Tui in the 2016 Founders Day awards list.

The Silver Tui is the highest award for services to Scouting in NZ.



Its citation reads for 'Services of an Outstanding Level', usually for 30 years or more.

Mike began his connection with Scouting in the UK as a Scout and then as a Leader before joining the Glen Eden Group in 1988 as an Assistant Scout Leader. He continued in this Group as a Scout Leader and then Group Leader until 1993 when he moved to Bay of Islands and was warranted as District Commissioner for Bay of Islands District the same year.



Mike reflects on his Silver Tui Award

Since then he has served in posts on the Zone Team, including a period as Zone Leader before becoming an Associate Leader.

The Scouting call was strong and he returned to help out at Kerikeri Group as Asst GL (and Venturer Leader) until recently reverting to Associate Leader.

His service of 30+ years has been unbroken.

Northland Founders Day Award List

Medal of Merit

(Good Service for 10+ years)

Jenny Calder	Kamo
Chris Fewtrell	Kerikeri
Larry Gordon	Shackleton
Sara King	Hora Hora
Marty McCullum	Mid-Northern

Bronze Tiki

(Very Good Service for 15+ years)

Chris Rumens	Zone
Janet Lewis-Richardson	Kerikeri

Silver Tui

(Outstanding Service of 30 years)

Mike Rowlands	Associate/ Kerikeri
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The weather was terrific, and everyone enjoyed themselves, while also recognizing the birthday of our founder, Lord Robert Baden-Powell, which, after all, is the intention.

I was privileged to attend the Northern area event where I was (in one form or another) party to the presentation of Medals of Merit - Chris Fewtrell, Silver Tui - Mike Rowlands, and Bronze Tiki - Janet Lewis-Richardson. Well deserved all of you and a huge BRAVO for your efforts. Leaders don't get recognized enough, and this is one way of expressing our thanks to dedicated people performing an often thankless task day after day, week after week.

The other major event this term was Northland Regatta, held at Kai Iwi Lakes, again. Great weather, great fun and from what I saw, some fierce competition. Perfect timing to hone the skills for the Auckland Regatta. A big thank you to the Auckland Groups who supported the event. It was great to see you! I look forward to seeing you again next year.

Welcome to Doubtless Bay, starting up again after a bit of a hiatus. Join me in welcoming Ross Kitchen and his team. Make contact, offer assistance where you can, after all, we are one organization, so share our skills, experience and other resources where we can. The Zone is growing, let's keep it up!!

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Founder's Day 2016

Konstruktion Keas



Challenges

Construction



Water Slide



**Winner
Founder's
Day
Trophy
Kamo
Kea
Club**



Kamo Keas



Shackleton Cubs



Kamo Scouts

Trophy Winners at Whangarei Founders Day

Road Safety needs Roadworthy Bikes

Ist Dargaville Cubs had a safety check night when an adult checked each Cub's bike and helmet.

Following the 'all clear' some cycle safety events produced a fun evening.



A peaceful night scene at the Northland Regatta at the Kai Iwi Lakes

Shackleton Sea Scouts Cub Pack

In March the Shackleton Cubs went on camp to Kai Iwi Lakes, which coincided with this year's Northland Regatta. For those who attended the Scouts Whananaki training camp in January, this gave them a chance to see the Scouts competing in the various competitions, while the others had the valuable experience of attending a Scout camp before moving up the Scouts themselves. Our Cubs were competing only against each other for our own camp craft competition, and we hope to see other Cub groups attend Northland Regattas in the future.

Some of our favourite activities were kayaking, going on a hike, and swimming in the lake. We also enjoyed cheering on our Shackleton Scouts in their competitions, and congratulate them for all the trophies they won. Go strong, Shackleton!

Mark Buckland
Cub Leader





Sea Scout Regatta

was held at the Kai Iwi Lakes from the 11th—13th March. 16 Scout groups and 1 Young Mariner group participated in this fun filled weekend. They travelled from Whangarei, Auckland and as far away as Doubtless Bay and Hamilton.



Sunbursts
Meals
Kayaking



SeamanShip
Launching
Ironman
Buoys
Pitching



Rowing
Kai Iwi Lakes
Regatta
Campcraft
Weather
Cutters



The overall winners were:-



New Lynn 1st



Shackleton 2nd



Orewa 3rd

Bike Wise



Shackleton Keas held a 'Bike Wise' night. After a talk about bike safety we all walked our bikes and scooters across to the family BMX track.

We had the help of an expert to make sure all Keas had their helmets and bikes adjusted properly.



Keas were able to ride their bikes and scooters on the track or along a section of the Hatea walkway.

The Keas, siblings, parents and leaders were all Actively involved and enjoyed their time spent in the lovely weather.



Scouting Quiz

1. Where did B-P hold his experimental camp?
2. When B-P was made a peer he became Lord Baden-Powell of ...?...
3. What year was the first edition of 'Scouting for Boys' published?
4. Who is the current Chief Scout of NZ?
5. Who was the most recent Chief Scout of the World?
6. What were Wolf Cubs first called in NZ?
7. What was the name of B-P's home in Kenya?
8. The UNI Region has a camping ground at Green Bay called...?...
9. In NZ, Scout Jamborees are held every ...?... years.
10. In Australia Kea Scouts are called ...?...

(Answers on last page)

ASSOCIATE LEADERS

Northland Zone has a number of Scouting Associates so it is timely to look at the latest guidelines regarding Associate Leaders.

Firstly, Associates are not warranted but have a letter of appointment, and are not part of any particular Scout Group but are part of the Zone organisation. They do not wear any Group scarf but the special scarf of an Associate. They are not included on any Group census return but form part of the Zone one.

.It is a requirement that an Associate should be available to be called upon to share their expertise where required for at least 10 hours in a year e.g as a Regatta judge, Training Course tutor, Founders Day helper or emergency relieving Adult Leader.

Accordingly, Associates are eligible for Adult Service Awards as applicable considering the reduced input compared to a warranted Leader.

If service requirements have been met, where applicable, the appointment will be renewed each census.

Shackleton Sea Scouts

Anniversary weekend saw the group hold a 3 night camp at Whananaki School. With 9 leaders and 22 youth from Venturers, Scouts & Cubs we set up “Ship” in the school grounds on the Friday night ready to start our adventure on Saturday morning. With their patrol made packed lunches, the group walked from Whananaki North over the Souther hemispheres longest foot bridge, along the marked walkway south, past the end of the Whananaki Ocean Beach and headed inland slightly to climb up to the Capitaine Bougainville Memorial where everyone stopped for lunch and took the time to take in the wonderful views. After the hike back, everyone took advantage of the high tide in the estuary and went for a swim and for those brave enough bridge jumping into the channel. On the Sunday everyone got into either kayaks or the cutters and rowed up the estuary practising their rowing and kayaking skills, to Buckleys hole where they climbed on to the pohutukawa tree and jumped into the water hole. For many it was the first time they been to Whananaki and the estuary was an exciting place to visit. Two of the senior scouts set the three patrols task of cooking for themselves for the weekend with a mini campcraft scenario. A mystery box of food items was given to each patrol and a variety of recipes and packet mixes provided. Interestingly, the patrols mostly chose to cook without packet mixes and some very interesting and tasty dishes were created.



At the Capitaine
Bougainville Memorial



Our 'ship' at Whananaki



Kayaking and Rowing on the Whananki estuary
while Alex and Max turn their hands to cooking.



BADEN-POWELL GUILD of NZ

The Baden-Powell Guild membership is open to any adult with an interest in Scouting or Guiding. The Guild is affiliated to Scouting NZ but is separate from it. It is also affiliated to the International Scout and Guide Fellowship.

Members renew, or take, the Scout promise, Guide promise or the Guild promise on joining and pay a small membership fee each year. There are Branches throughout NZ with a Northland one based in Whangarei. Members who live remote from a Branch become Town & Country members.

Formal Uniform is simple; white from waist up and navy blue below with a special Guild scarf of navy blue with the Guild Badge on the peak. This badge incorporates both the Scout and Guide emblems.



The Whangarei Branch meets on an afternoon every second month with a varied programme of activities. Service can be given to Scouting by volunteering to assist at Scouting events, supporting fund-raising activities, and attending events such as Founders Day.

I would like you all to join me in a huge BRAVO to Claire McSkimming and her team who organised this year's regatta. What a great effort, and her first time too!! A fantastic job, I can't wait to see next years!.

Next big event for Northland is ANZAC Day, the time of year where we get up in the dark and march at dawn, wet or dry, in honour of our fallen, wounded, retired, and still serving, veterans of war and conflict. Our chance to express our thanks to those brave men and women who have, in far too many cases, given their lives to allow us to have the freedom to think, act, vote, choose and live as we do without fear of oppression and restriction.

Join me at the Whangarei Dawn Parade, or your own community parade, and make ANZAC Day the success it has been for many years, and will continue to be for many more.

Let the public see Scouts in all their glory, - show them we are more than just a Youth Group, and that we are OF the Community, FOR the Community.

Okay, that's enough from me.

Get planning, get fundraising, get your Jamboree on!!
Keep the AI Forms coming in!!

Until next time.

Yours in Scouting

Wayne

What's been happening?

Shackleton Sea Scouts - Group - Northland Regatta, Founders Day

Keas - Bike wise, Beach visit, Out and About in the community

Cubs, Scouts, Venturers - Whananaki Camp

Kerikeri - Group - Founders Day

Keas - Aroha Island visit, Opito Bay, Tauranga Bay

Keas, Cubs - Cub Camp - Tauranga Bay

Venturers - Puketi Forest Walk

Kamo - Group - Founders Day, Moe Show Camp

Keas - Walk / Ride - Hatea loop

Cubs - Swim Badges, Parihaka walk

Scouts, Venturers - Explore Bay of Islands camp, Rafting

Jamboree Fundraisers - Toll Stadium, Hurupaki School
Truck show

Horahora - Group - Founders Day

Cubs - Fishing, Community clean up

Cubs, Scouts - Rafting

Ruakaka - Scouts, Venturers - Rafting - Ruakaka river

Paihia - Group - Founders Day, Northland Regatta

Doubtless Bay - Group - Northland regatta

NEXT ISSUE

Articles for issue 168 (June) must be received by 15th May.

Mark this date on your calendar
NOW.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Brownsea Island, in Dorset.
2. Gilwell
3. 1908 (24 January)
4. The Governor General of NZ
5. Lord Baden-Powell
6. Bull Pups
7. Pax (Peace)
8. Motu Moana (forest by the sea)
9. 3 years
10. Joeys

JAMBOREE SPECIAL

A new supply of Zone badges has arrived..

A special offer of Zone Badges for the purpose of providing Jamboree swaps will be sold to Groups at the special price of \$1 each (payment with the order).



Note that badges for normal Group use remain at \$1.50 each.

Shirley Olney
(Zone Badge Secretary)

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