



Notes and News

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A newsletter for the Scouting community in and around Northland
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A Message from our NEW
Zone Leader, Mike Rowlands:

Hi Everyone

For those who do not know me, my name is Mike Rowlands and my Scout name is 'Willow' -and there hangs a long shaggy dog story for one night after a Training session.

Background - I have lived in Keri Keri for 25 plus years and have been involved in Scouting all that time - I seem to have accumulated a lot of Scouting skills and experience, some good some bad and some that still needs refining. During that time I have had the privilege to be involved in many roles.

Firstly, I would like to say **THANK YOU** for your support and confidence in my ability - I trust I and all Northland Leaders will come together as a vibrant team to grow Scouting in Northland.

Like many of us, I have watched and wondered over the past months what needs to be done and how can it be achieved.

Northland Training Courses

Two important courses are being run this year for our Scouts in Northland:

COSSGROVE COURSE:

A practical type course based around a camp, and bases and general training sessions.



To be run on **5-6th May 2018**, maybe including the Friday night too. Will be run at the Ruakaka Den. Programme and cost to be confirmed.

- Aimed for middle/older Scouts if they haven't been on one.
- Limited to 24 youth.
- Hasn't been one run in Northland for a couple of years.
- Please see attachments for details and letter below from Steph the NZ Training Co-Ordinator.
- Requires probably 2 leaders / patrol.

Secondly, THANK YOU to all of you Leaders who have gone the extra mile to make sure activities and events have happened and continue to happen for both Leaders and Youth.

Much as I would like to turn back the clock and have the energy and enthusiasm to recreate the past, it is gone and we must now create a new future for Northland Scouting.

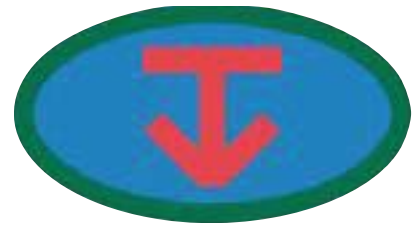
What plans we make as a Zone and what we achieve for Northland youth will be and must be a team effort with every-one contributing and playing their part, however small.

Finally, Scouting is a movement, we have to learn from our past mistakes but look to a positive future. It is important we discard our old baggage and make this a fresh start for Northland Scouting.

Yours in Scouting
Mike, aka Willow

SANDFORD COURSE:

A brilliant 'thinking' Scout course, based around fun classroom and



outdoor activities, promoting leadership, team work and personal development.

To be run at Lonsdale Park **17-19th August 2018**. Never before been held in Northland, always had to travel to Auckland.

- Aimed at youth in or heading towards PL & APL positions.
- Limited to 6 patrols of 6.
- Run by Helen & Alex Warriner, both very good trainers.
- Will require Leaders to operate bases and supervise.

TO MAKE THESE HAPPEN, WE HAVE TO MAKE THEM HAPPEN!

Our Northland Zone training is not strong and it is UP TO US leaders to organise and run these courses. We need Leaders to commit and make them happen. There is likely to be an initial meeting in a few weeks

with the other Northland Scout Groups to sort out how/where the Cossgrove course will function, and will require everyone's input. There are Scouts going through our program and out the other side without going to these courses – let's make it happen for the current and future intakes.

For more info, contact:

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Action in Dargaville



Colin Gilligan Receiving the Chief Scout Award December 2018 by Brian Burnett with Scout Section Leader Reuben Gilligan

BRAVO!!

Christmas float 2018

Cubs leaving the Cub section to move up to the Scout Section December 2018



End of year celebrations of 1st Dargaville

Leaders on our xmas float 1st Dargaville 2018



Casting about for some fun



Although the weather looked gloomy in the morning of March 1st, it brightened up in late afternoon ready for a beach fishing evening on Opito Bay beach for 21 young Kerikeri Scouts. Many Scouts remember planting little trees at Opito Bay on Matariki when they were Keas, learning canoeing when they grew into strong Cubs. They were all excited to be at Opito Bay again

trying fishing, instructed by Leaders like Sparrow, Karaka, Hawk, Sparks and Koru; of course, also parents like Denese, Robert's Mum and Shaun, Matilda's Dad.

Scouts were all so eager to cast their fishing lines when the tide was in, so hope was high. A little patience was needed for Scouts to learn how to set up fishing lines, the sinkers and the



“yummy but stinky” bait.

Two important safety rules were re-enforced to make sure that there would be no human casualties before catching fish. Firstly, always organise fishing lines and hold rod vertically when walking around; secondly, make sure other “fishermen” were at a safe distance when casting a fishing line.

A bit of good luck landed upon Sean Larsen very soon when he got two snappers in a roll. Such good luck was contagious. Rees and Guide, two boys originally from Asian





countries, who were fishing right beside Sean also started to catch snapper. For Rees, this was his first time ever to catch fish in New Zealand. He could not contain his excitement and kept saying, "This is the best night out ever." After Sean's Dad Bruce (Koru) changed the bait from squid to soft bait for Rees, he got a few more snapper. Six was the record for the night (Rees). Of course, any undersized "babies" were carefully returned to the sea. Jack Sadgrove, a seasoned Scout, was very busy all evening but not at fishing. He has been running left and right of the beach the whole evening delivering bait to other "fishermen". Jack earned a well deserved badge for the "Scout of the night".



Fish or no fish, it was a fishtastic night out thanks to great effort of all the Leaders and parents.





Keas At Northland Regatta

On Saturday 3rd March, Keas from Shackleton and Dargaville visited the Scouts at Northland Zone Regatta at the Kai Iwi Lakes.

The Keas visited Shackleton's 'Ship', their campsite and learnt about how the Scouts camp during a competition.

The Keas went kayaking, walked some of the tracks up and around the lake, completed a nature observation activity and participated in a scavenger hunt.

Thank you to Raewyn, Janneke and Rebecca who ran the Kea's activities for Ruru and Tui, your help is greatly appreciated. Photos by Julie Hirst.



Northland Zone Regatta

As seen in Wednesday 21st March Whangarei Leader

Scouting skills on display at annual Kai Iwi Lakes Regatta

SCOUTS New Zealand is for boys and girls aged between five and 18 years across four sections - Keas, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers.

On the weekend of 2 to 4 March over 250 Scouts and Venturers from Northland, Auckland and as far south as

Hamilton, travelled to the Kai Iwi Lakes for the annual Northland Zone Regatta which has taken place for nearly 20 years.

Scouts compete in two age groups - junior 10.5 to 13years and intermediate 13 to 15.5years and the Venturers compete as seniors 15.5 to 18.5years.

Saturday morning saw the Scouts and Venturers participating in a three-person kayaking relay. The rest of the day was a rotation of theory and practical

seamanship challenges and cutter and sunburst sailing. Sunburst's are sailed by two, while cutters have a crew of approximately three to four depending on age and experience.

Sunday started with everyone competing in an Ironman competition. Teams of five



kayaked, swam and ran through the water and up and down the beach. For the rest of the morning the Scouts and Venturers competed in cutter rowing races.



Throughout the weekend the Scout Groups were also judged on their camping standards. The groups were judged on a variety of elements including their gateway, tent setup, hygiene and safety. Doubtless Bay Scout Group won the camping standard competition with a near perfect score.

1st Dargaville Scouts, a land-based group, also participated at Northland Regatta. They won the Saturday pioneering challenge to build a lookout tower.

The Top Non-Sea Scout Group trophy was won by Puhoi Air Scouts and the Top Visitor Group trophy went to New Lynn Sea Scouts from Auckland. The overall weekend and the Shackleton Harpoon was won by Whangarei based Sea Scout Group Shackleton Sea Scouts.



Shackleton Sea Scouts attended the 28th National Regatta in Wellington over new year. They competed as a combined Shackleton Bucklands Beach Contingent, placing 3rd in New Zealand out of 21 contingents.

For more information about SCOUTS New Zealand visit

www.scouts.org.nz





SHACKLETON SEA SCOUTS NORTHLAND ZONE REGATTA KAI IWI LAKES 2-4 MARCH 2018



This year Shackleton Sea Scouts took out the 1st place position at the Northland Zone Regatta at Kai Iwi Lakes being awarded the Shackleton Harpoon. A final count of 20 place pennants and 8 trophies in total were won during the regatta. Well done Shackleton. We are super proud of you all.

The regatta started on Friday afternoon when scouts and leaders started to arrive to set up the campsites, Saturday morning saw the start of the competition with kayaking, cutter sailing, sunburst sailing and seamanship rotations. Unfortunately, the wind became too strong for the juniors so their sailing was cut short. Sunday started with ironman, followed by rowing and a prize-giving at final parade.



We were also joined on Saturday by our Cub Pack for an overnight camp and on Sunday our Keas Club came for a visit and hike as well. It was great to have the whole group there.

Other winning groups were:

Camping Standard
Pioneering Challenge
Top Non Sea Scout Group
Top Visitor Group

Doubtless Bay Scouts
Dargaville Scouts
Puhoi Air Scouts
New Lynn Sea Scouts



A big thank you to Claire McSkimming and her amazing team of staff along with the entire scout and young mariner group leaders, youth and parents – this wouldn't happen without you all. See you next year.



Kerikeri Cubs getting dirty

In November 2017, the Kerikeri Cub pack converged onto our Leader Koa & her husband's garden to spread around a truck load of mulch. What could have been a chore was turned into a very slick operation with the Cubs distributing the mulch quickly and efficiently and learning a bit about gardening on the way.



and busy



and helping out!

JOTT 2018



JOTT, or Jamboree on the Trail, is an annual day for the World Scout Movement to hike together. All Scouts, whatever their age and wherever they may be in the world, are invited to participate in whatever way they can.

Internationally, it is held on the second weekend in May, which clashes with Mothers' Day in New Zealand. Therefore, we are looking at holding a JOTT the following weekend on **Sunday 20th**

May around the Pukenui Forest Loop Track

starting from the end of Amalin Drive in Kamo. If you are interested, please let me know approximate numbers, and I can liaise with section leaders. The hike is suitable for Cubs and Scouts, but not for Keas (there is a Zone Kea hike being planned for 27th May). Go to jott.org.nz in the coming weeks for more info.

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Northland Cub Leaders

At the last Northland Zone Council meeting, one of the topics of discussion related to the lack of Zone leadership for Cubs and Cub activities. The other Cub leaders present and myself thought that creating a network of communication for Cub leaders would be a good start, and an event for us to meet each other could be organised. Our initial thoughts are for a moderate hike/walk in a central location to encourage as much participation as possible from all Northland groups.

If you are a Cub leader in Northland, please get in touch with me and we can build our network. And as something of a teaser, the planning for a Zone Cub Camp later in the year has begun - watch this space!!

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Shackleton Keas Scout & About



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Thank you to everybody who sent in submissions for this issue - it would not exist without everybody's input. If you sent in something that is not in this issue, rest assured I will put it into the next issue, number 173 which will come out next term.

If there is anybody that would like a copy of Notes and News sent to them, please let me know, and I will add them to the list.

If you have any questions or comments, or have any more content for the next issue, please get in touch with me at northland@scoutmail.org.nz or mbuckland@hurupaki.school.nz

Happy scouting everybody!! :)