

# Notes and News

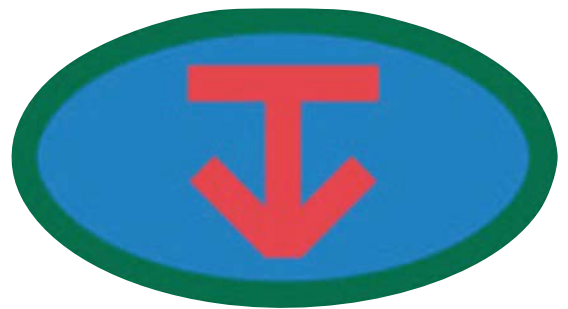
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### Northland Sandford

The weekend of August 17-19th saw the running of the Northland Zone 2018 Scout Sandford course.

It was held at Lonsdale Park in the Bay of Islands and was attended by 28 Scouts from Paihia, Hora Hora, Dargaville, Doubtless Bay, Shackleton and Kerikeri.



There was a great turnout of 16 Leaders including two from Auckland that assisted the presenters, Alex & Helen Warriner, in varied roles throughout the weekend.

The Sandford is designed to give patrol leaders, assistant patrol leaders and upcoming APLs/PLs the skills, confidence, and background knowledge to improve their ability to run their patrols within their home group.

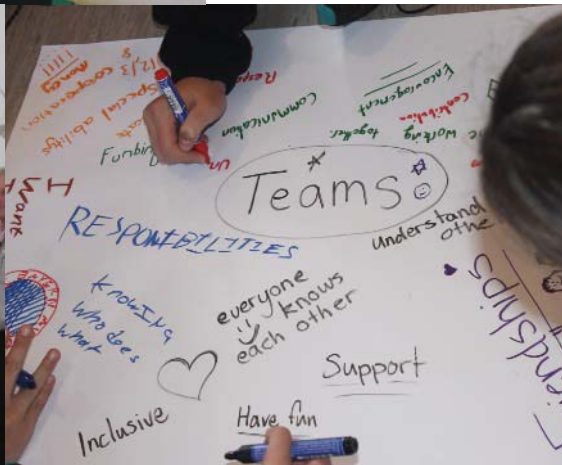
The weekend was busy with a mix of classroom and fun team building sessions. A high light was the formal dinner on Saturday night, and the hidden dancing talents of all that attended!





Fantastic food was served all weekend courtesy of Shackleton crew of Jo, Sarah, Dover & Chuck.

A big thank you to all those who helped organise & assisted throughout the weekend -even the weather co-operated. It is planned to make this an annual course to constantly keep up-skilling our youth.  
Karaka/Mark.



## Willow's Warblings

Hi Everyone,

I have found in this role there is little time to stand still and think, I constantly fight off the desire to put things off until I have a 'clear run' at whatever it is and inevitably end up having to do whatever it is in a far-shortened space of time. This creates anxiety and frustration that comes with hindsight.

It is quite scary how this 'malaise' sneaks up and takes over.

So here I am at last putting pen to paper.

Wow!! What a great team of enthusiastic leaders Northland has, having met many new Leaders on the Initial Training course and I look forward to seeing them come back for Practical Skills in September.

We have also had the Swim Challenge and it was good to see so many participants willing to come along and represent their Groups.

Sandford was also a tremendous course and full on (and no I cannot wiggle) but most of the youth and adults could by the

time they left ---ask them to demonstrate!!!

It was good to hear a new Leader on the course comment about the change in the Scouts between the Friday night and Saturday afternoon, noting how they had progressed and taken on board what they had been taught.

None of these events can happen without a Team of Leaders planning, organising and executing these activities. This team of Leaders in most cases are not just section Leaders but in many cases wear several 'hats' within their Groups and we should give them a special thanks for going that extra mile, so our youth can benefit.

We must grow our team of Leaders at Group level and pass on our skills and experience, not only to share our workload but also to build strength and succession in our Groups and Zone to ensure Scouting Northland grows and does not stagnate.

Many, many thanks everyone.

Mike, aka Willow.

# Kerikeri Kea Kites

On a wet and rainy night where we were meant to be out exploring the bush we had a quick change of tact and decided that indoor kites were a great plan of attack. The kids had great fun designing and constructing their indoor kites and then of course the most fun bit of all - flying them around the den!



# Simon Townsend is in town!

Simon from Triple One Care giving First Aid training to Kerikeri Land Scouts

Both leaders and young Scouts were excited about seeing Simon again. Not only because Jacinda Ardern's bodyguards had to fly to where Simon was to receive his training, but because many of the

Kerikeri Scout Leaders and a few Scouts have met him before and loved hearing him talking about his 20 years of real life experiences as a top professional paramedic.



clips to demonstrate to Scouts, e.g. what are essential items in each first aid kit; how to apply Israeli bandage; why traditional recovery position is no longer working; how

to turn anyone injured in a safe position, what is the first thing to do when someone gets burned; how to stop bleeding; when to or not to apply antiseptic cream etc.

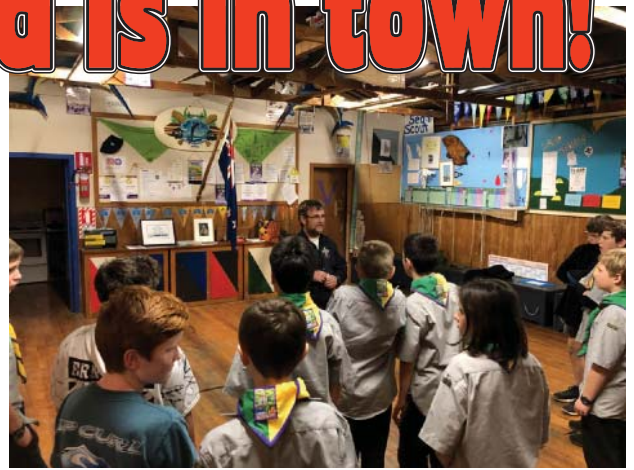


Simon loved asking questions, Scouts loved answering them. Since we have many Scouts living on farms, Simon tested them with one challenge: one calf stuck in mud with no machines or adults around to pull her out. What should young Scouts do if there were on the farm to save calf's life while waiting for help to arrive. "Covering her with tarpaulins"

Jessica suggested, "continue to feed her" said Rees. In reality,

the kids on the farm used aluminium and plastic sheets underneath and on top of the calf to keep her warm. She survived eight hours in the mud. Simon introduced the thinnest and lightest Survival Blanket by wrapping a Scout like a mummy. He then shared a story on how a mother stopped her son from getting hypothermia by using the Safety Blanket while her son's serious burn was being dealt with very cold water.

It was such an informative and interactive evening of training. Scouts got to try a few things while learning the essential lessons on First Aid that will one day save lives. Thank you



# Kea and Cub Hobby Show

We had another successful Hobby Show on Saturday 18th August. Thank you to the Keas, Cubs and their leaders and parents from Shackleton, Hora Hora, Kamo, Dargaville and Kaiwaka-Mangawhai who supported us. Our judges were very impressed with the high quality of the exhibits. Thanks again to Hora Hora Scout Group for the use of your den, your support is always appreciated.

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Overall Winning Kea Club - Hora Hora Keas



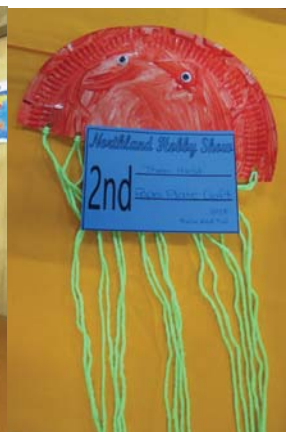
Overall Winning Cub Pack - Shackleton Cubs

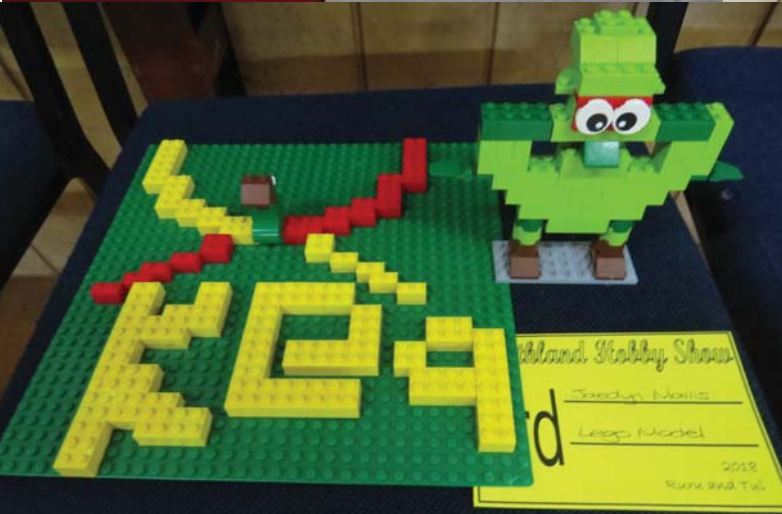
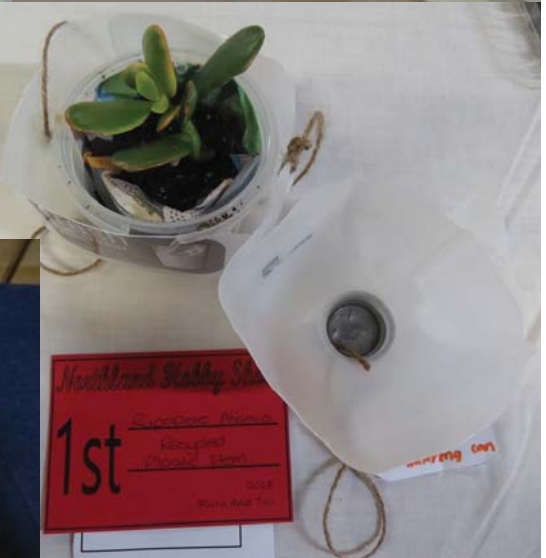


Overall Winning Kea - Levi Walker from Kamo Keas



Overall Winning Cub - Amelia Vun from Hora Hora Cubs





On 15 August, the facebook page Whangarei Way Back When! shared the following piece of Shackleton history - the occasion of Shackleton's victory at the 1965 National Regatta near Wellington.



## Shackleton Sea Scouts Triumphant

The Shackleton Sea Scouts came triumphantly home to Whangarei after attending the National Sea Scout Regatta at Paremata, near Wellington, last month. They won the Jellicoe Trident and a number of other awards for rowing and swimming. Not the least of the "treasures" brought back was the Talent Quest Shield, won by Laurie Ward.

Above: The boys were met at the station by some 200 people, including the Mayor, Mr J.F. Johnson, pictured here with the leader of the group, Mr Jack Murphy, and some of the scouts.



Laurie Ward with his Talent Quest Shield.



Mr Murphy is congratulated for the group's success by the chairman of the Shackleton Group committee, Mr G.D. Gray.



Alison Gray, daughter of the chairman, had suitably adorned her pet spaniel "Kim" for the occasion!

# WILD FOOD IN KERIKERI



Finally, It was the SHOW time! After a few evenings of brainstorming, discussion and practising at home, Tui, Huia, Takahe, Kahu and Kereru, the five Kerikeri Scouts patrols were ready to present their wildest dishes possible to the three honourable Judges.



The Scout Den was heating up quickly. Each patrol had at least two stoves burning at the same time. Cutting, marinating, and dumpling making kept everybody busy as well. The Judges were amazed at how cool each Scout was under such stress. They kept dialogues going among them as well as humour.

Vee Larsen, one of our Judges was not only impressed with how delicious the dishes were, but also at how organized everyone was. There was no panic (like those in master chef programs), no frowning and no blaming.

Huia created some Asian style dishes from one wild turkey: butter turkey, turkey and celery dumplings and turkey bone soup. Their fried wild worms were pretty crunchy.

Kahu made some incredibly juicy burgers with goat meat. All three Judges claimed that they would love to buy these burgers and have them everyday.



Takehe was the biggest winner on the night for gathering a big variety of wild ingredients including wild "pig" nuts. Even their ice cream was wild garnished with wild berries.

All Scouts learned how to plan, work together and cook some delicious meals with what's available in the wild. In that sense, everyone was a winner on the night.



# KEA DAY 2018

## SUPER HEROES

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>  
November 2018

10am - 2pm

Hora Hora Scout  
Den

Te Mai Road,  
Whangarei



Keas come  
dressed as a  
Super Hero.

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Kea Club Project:

Transform Koa Kea into a Super Hero

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This term, 1<sup>st</sup> Dargaville Scout Group held a "Spies and Secret Agents Training" Sleepover for their Keas.

# SPIES AND SECRET AGENTS IN DARGAVILLE



Fingerprints, morse code bracelets, training to get their firearms licenses, maps and compass reading and building shelters were all part of the activities they did.



They ended the night by "interrogating the enemy" who stole their supper box and making smores over the fire.



# SHACKLETON CUBS AT



This term, the Shackleton Cub Pack visited the Whangarei Salvation Army to help at their food bank. We were welcomed by Heather when we arrived, and she told us all about the services they provide at their base on Aubrey Street.



She had hundreds and hundreds of cans donated by Hurupaki Primary School as part of their "Cans for Good" initiative. These needed to be sorted, a job that would normally take her all day.

We also helped to make up pamper packs for mothers, sorted tea bags and coffee into smaller packs for including in food parcels.



It was a pleasure and our honour to visit, learn and help a community service so valuable to Whangarei - we look forward to the next time we can help.

