



News & Views

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This newsletter is to be distributed to all Leaders in all Scout groups, all Section Leaders and to all Commissioners in Otago,

Welcome back to a new year!

BEING KNOWN

How do **“they”** know about Scouting? “They” are those in the great yonder in New Zealand who do not know about Scouting, our aims, what we do, the Sections, the ages and all the rest.

How does your group let its existence be known in your neighbourhood?

I was thrilled to find in my letterbox a few days ago (January 2006) a leaflet about the local Scout Group. There were no phone numbers (Yes, I noticed that) but it had the section names, age ranges and when they met. I have since been told that a phone number contact was purposely left off and that several young people turned up. Yes, the Kew-Corstorphine Group is growing, sets out to entice people along and then welcomes them.

Well done to this enterprising Group. **Note:** They started meeting in January!

Congratulations to many leaders and lay workers who have been granted awards by the Movement for their efforts. The names are recorded elsewhere in this issue of News and Views. We will try to have a news item in the newspapers but will, going by past records, probably have little success.

Welcome to the Area Team.

- Peter Marr – Assistant Area Commissioner
- Laurie Troy – Assistant Area Commissioner

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We are pleased to have both back in the fold. Peter is Acting Area Training Leader and we are ready to allocate a few jobs to Laurie.

In earlier years both have been Area Leaders and involved in the Scout Section and in training.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Kaye Mowat. In the meantime, she is taking a break from Scouting where her most recent appointment was Area Training Leader. She finished this task on 31st January. Thanks for your efforts Kaye. Enjoy a break.

Founders Weekend seems set to be a good show. The organizers have planned a happy weekend.

The Cub Section celebrates 90 years of cubbing this year. National Cub Day is being held on Saturday 18th March.

Enjoy a wonderful year of active scouting with lots of outdoor activities.

Remember the “**OUT**” in Sc**OUT**ing.

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Awards

Last year awards were presented to the following people:

Herman Veltman, Terra Nova/Monowai: Bronze Tiki; Fiona Mackintosh, Grants Braes, CSC; Diane Paterson, Andersons Bay, CSC; Rachel Bellaney, Alexandra, CSC; Rosemary Bond, Alexandra, CSC; Lois Dick, Alexandra, Silver Tiki; Trevor Dougherty, Alexandra, M of M; Eileen Rosson, Milton, CSC; Patricia Vause, Alexandra, Silver Tiki; Alvin Swete, Taieri Mouth, CSC; Sandra Bassford, Green Island, Silver Tiki; Wayne Facer, Green Island, CSC; Susan Johnston, Fairfield, CSC; Sandra Lukeman, Green Island, CSC; Russell Reynolds, Fairfield, LSA; Vicie Smeehuyzen, Green Island, M of M; Brent Sutherland, Fairfield, LSA; Anthony Cuthbertson, Waitaha, CSC; Graeme Hoskins, Waitaha, LSA; Andrew Nailard, Opoho, LSA; Paul Rijlaarsdam, Waitaha, CSC; Kevin Soper, Terra Nova/Monowai, CSC; Graeme Templeton, Terra Nova/Monowai, M of M; Gary Turner, Terra Nova/Monowai, CSC; Francis Weaver, Opoho, M of M; Kristian Wilson, Opoho, LSA.

Awards have been granted to the following people:

Alan Stout, Ocean Beach: Bar to Silver Tiki
Bill Stanger, Columba: Bronze Tiki

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David Preston, past District Commissioner Flagstaff: Bronze Tiki
Raymond Smith, Group Leader Milton: Bronze Tiki
Douglas Graham, Patron and Treasurer Cargill: Silver Tiki
Fergus Sime, Assistant Area Commissioner: Silver Tiki
Kaye Mowat, Past Area Training Leader: Bronze Tiki

(CSC = Chief Scout Commendation, M of M = Medal of Merit, LSA = Leader Service Award)

New Acting Area Training Leader

My name is Peter Marr and I will be temporarily carrying out the role of ATL following the resignation of Kaye Mowat. Our thanks to Kaye for all she has done for scouting and we hope that she will return in the future after a well earned break.

For those of you who don't know me I have been involved with various scouting roles on and off since 1989, primarily in the scout section and more recently in area roles. I look forward to assisting you all with training in the future and my contact details are as follows: home phone 467 9944, cell phone 027 4907 117, email: lvconstruction@xtra.co.nz

Programme and Training Courses and Events Coming Up

Introduction to Training Course: Lesley Anderson, our National Training Leader is coming to take this weekend on 8, 9 April 2006 at Waiora. Saturday is for warranted Leaders and people who might become trainers to attend and the Sunday programme will have three modules for anyone to come. Sunday modules will be Scouting Principles, Communication Skills and When Adults Disagree. These three modules are essential training for Managers and Leaders. Group committee members would be welcome at the Sunday modules. If you have any idea you might be interested please let us know.

The Training Module on Wednesday 1 March at 7pm at Scouting Headquarters is to be Tools of the Job.

Training Module on Wednesday 5 April at 7pm at Scouting Headquarters is to be Being Safe.

Day Skippers Course: There are two courses available through Adult and Community Education Programmes – both at Kaikorai Valley College starting Wednesday 15 February 2006 7-9pm for 7 weeks – cost \$50 and a second

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course starting Wednesday 3 May 2006. Enrolment forms are available for Kaikorai Valley College or from Scouting Otago. Scouting Otago Area will reimburse the \$50 for scout leaders when the course is completed and you present yourself at Area Office with your receipt and certificate.

The Scout Skills Weekend at Waiora on 4 and 5 March 2006 has been cancelled as there were too many other things happening around the same time.

National Cub Day is on 18 March and looks to be a fun time for cubs and leaders. You should be receiving notices about it this week.

National Kea Day is on 2 April. Information will come out soon. It is planned to be a picnic type of day and will be at Chingford Park. It has the promise of being another fun day.

Out and About Weekend in South Otago on 25 and 26 March is being planned. Out and About is the new equivalent of the old Cub Step Outdoors course and is for all sections. Plan to be there if you need to know about taking your youth camping.

Useful website

www.community.net.nz/managingwell Resources for community and voluntary organizations

Funding calendar Jan - April 2006

Century Foundation, Grants Administrator, PO Box 1288, Hastings Tel: 06 873 5018 Due date 10 Feb, 10 March

Lion Foundation, www.lionfoundation.org.nz Tel: 09 488 7707 Always open

Lottery Grants Board, www.dia.govt.nz Tel: 04 495 7200 Various dates

New Zealand Community Trust, www.nzct.org.nz Tel: 0800 446 928 Always open

Perry Foundation, www.perryfoundation.org.nz Tel: 07 834 4899 Various dates

Pub Charity (Local taverns), Forms from local sites or call 0800 426 464 Always open

FOUNDERS WEEKEND

17-19 FEBRUARY 2006

Official Opening (Flag Break): now at 1pm on Saturday 18 February 2006

Campfires (2) Cubs and Scouts: 9pm on Saturday 18 February 2006

**Special addition to the programme 9am on Sunday 19 February followed by
Scouts Own at 10am**

Flag down (close) and presentations at 2pm on Sunday 19 February 2006

- Marshals and helpers will be wearing pink scarves
- Parent helpers will wear orange scarves along with the base helpers. (Scarves will be issued at the main gate at the Headquarters tent).
- All cars after unloading will be parked in the designated car park
- Only official cars will be allowed on camping areas
- A marquee will be available for leaders retreat. Tea and coffee will be available. Bring your own mugs.
- Section leader for Keas is Sue Smith
- Section leader for Cubs is Wayne Smith
- Section leaders for scouts are Jeff Burrow and Bryan Mason
- Section leader for Venturers and Rovers is Michael Smith
- Headquarters officials are Karl Power and Keith Moore
- Publicity officer is Christina McConnell
- Eight porta loos will be available and all groups will be on a porta loo cleaning roster

All groups are to report to the Headquarters tent at the main gate on arrival. A marshal will guide you to your designated camping area.

NO ALCOHOL is to be taken or consumed at any time at the Founders Weekend camp.

Our theme for this camp is: **TO HAVE FUN**

Yours in Scouting

Keith Moore (AAC) or Matai The Yorkie Talkie

Kea Scouts

Welcome back to another busy year. I hope that you all had a good break and are all ready for **Kea Activity Day at Founders** on the 18th February. Details are below. You should have all received a notice in the mail from me about this. I look forward to catching up with you all then.

This year we also have **National Kea Scout Day**. This is held every two years so each kea only gets to attend one. This is to be held on Sunday 2nd April 2006. This will be a fun filled day of activities. Please mark this on your calendars now. More info will be out soon.

Founders

Where: Waioira Scout Camp, Evans Field
Time: 1:30pm – 4:30pm.
Cost: \$5.00 (This includes badge)
When: Saturday 18th February 2006
Reply by: Wednesday 15th February
Remember: Combined official opening at 1pm in Bridge Field
Gear List: Day Bag
Drink bottle
Snack/afternoon tea
Jacket
Togs and towel
Scarf and woggle/uniform

Remember if you have any photos or stories about what you are up to in your clubs please let me know and I can put them in our kea newsletter.

Enquiries: Sue Smith
Area Kea Leader
455 0144



If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap.
If you want happiness for a day, go fishing.
If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune.
If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody.
Chinese proverb

Keas' challenge for last term 2005

Mosgiel Keas took up the challenge to have a meal in an unusual place and went to visit the keas at the Botanic Gardens aviary. The keas put on a great show with lots of noise and showing off. Our scouting Keas were very impressed and enjoyed watching the show complete with props - a piece of wood. The Keas' meal was over and before they knew it it was time to go home.

Well done.

In the News

The Clydevale Cub group featured in the Clutha Leader on Thursday 24 November 2005. The group has been in recess for three years but has started up again and is now going strong. Feedback from the children included comments such as "cool, awesome and neat".

The Owaka Cubs also featured the same day with a photo of them working at cleaning up the Owaka Cemetery. Well done!

On Thursday 1 December 2005 the Owaka Cubs' building featured in the Clutha Leader. It is having an upgrade thanks to money from the Catlins Community Company and volunteer's time to do the work.

Again in the Clutha Leader the same day Cub Scouts featured again. The article was about a trolley cart derby held in Balclutha and attended by 40 South Otago Cub Scouts. The Cub Scouts built and painted their own carts.

With seven official cub teams competing in the derby, Balclutha yellow proved the fastest, followed by Milton Blue, and Balclutha White. In the distance challenge, Balclutha Yellow again proved the team to beat, while in second place was Milton Brown, and in equal third, Milton Blue, and Balclutha Red.

Well done South Otago Cubs and your Leaders!

90 years of Cubbing

With this year seeing us celebrate 90 years of cubbing it was interesting to note a report from the New Zealand Scout News as to how Cargill District Cubs celebrated in October 1986. The report reads:

Cargill District, Dunedin held a special day camp last October to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the formation of the cub section.

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By 9am on Saturday 11 October, 138 boys and 38 leaders were assembled at Portobello Domain. The day was formally opened by the District Commissioner and everybody took part in a grand howl, led by the Akelas.

The Cubs took part in energetic games for an hour while Leaders set up the activity bases.

Cubs could choose from 25 bases, but the Law and Promise activity was compulsory for those wanting to earn a specially printed blanket patch. Activities included: pony rides, archery, flying fox, confidence course, popcorn making, bark and leaf rubbings, mini pioneering and secret codes.

After a morning and an afternoon session, there was an inter-pack tug-of-war with some of the leaders taking part.

A "Cub's Own" was held, followed by a display by the local fire brigade. Then the cubs hiked to Shelly Beach, some 20 minutes away, and returned more than ready for a slice of the special anniversary cake. Each Cub was also presented with a certificate.

The local Rover Crew and parents of a pack on the Peninsula cooked a barbecue tea and the day was rounded off with a campfire – for those who had any energy left!

Water Activities

Water activities are not only for the Sea Scout branch. While some boating activities must be supervised by adult leaders holding Charge Certificates, many activities such as swimming, canoeing and rafting may be undertaken if the normal Scouting risk management procedures are followed. If you are unsure of our rules or procedures or would like some support, please feel free to contact me. Happy and safe Scouting in 2006!

Murray Body - Area Water Activities Adviser
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Cub Day 2006

When: Saturday 18 March 2006

Where: Wingatui Race Course

Cost: \$5.00 per cub (To cover necessary equipment)

Programme

9:30am	Registration
10:00am	Opening
10:30am	Base Activities commence
12:30pm	Lunch (Entertainment provided)
1:30pm	Base Activities
3:30pm	Afternoon tea
3:45pm	General cleanup
4:30pm	Away home

The event will be in the form of a "Mini " Commonwealth Games and will be run from 5 major bases organised by the 4 City Districts and the Area Rover Crew. The event also celebrates the 90th Birthday of cubbing and a special badge will be given to each Cub and Leader attending on this day.

All cub leaders are to ensure everyone brings sufficient food for the day, a full water bottle, sunscreen and sun hat. Full uniform should be worn to and from this event. Parent consents will be necessary for all cubs attending
Remember the ratio: 1 adult to 6 cubs.

Important: it is essential that the number of cubs and leaders be notified to Area Headquarters, PO Box 5380, Dunedin 03 477 6644) by noon on Friday 3rd March 2006.

Any enquiries: Wayne Smith Phone 03 455 0144

Clive Sims 03 454 2441



RNZN NAVAL RECOGNITION

Sea Scout Groups have “been in the know” for a while about the new Naval Recognition which has just been announced. We think it is a good idea for the movement generally and DCs with Sea Scout Groups to know that a workable scheme has been devised to enable the Recognition Scheme to be re-introduced.

Sea Scout Groups complete a Naval Recognition self-assessment using form NRA2005. Only 15 Naval Recognition Awards will be granted at any one time. Recognition will be retained by a group for a maximum of two years. Some may have to apply again after 1 year.

The scheme works on a points system. Even the Group Committee is involved along with their annual audited Group accounts.

In the meantime Sea Scout Groups should keep records of numbers attending events such as Cub Day, Kea Day and Founders Weekend. Evidence may be needed, so copies of activity forms along with photos would provide good proof.

Most of our Otago Sea Scout Groups could qualify but others will need to

- Open more sections
- Have more leaders (active and trained)
- Attend Area water and non-water events.

ARE YOU LONELY?
WORK ON YOUR OWN?
HATE HAVING TO
MAKE DECISIONS?

THEN HOLD A MEETING

YOU CAN GET TO SEE OTHER PEOPLE,
SLEEP IN PEACE, OFF LOAD DECISIONS,
FEEL IMPORTANT AND IMPRESS (OR BORE)
YOUR COLLEAGUES AND ALL IN WORK TIME.

MEETINGS – THE PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE TO WORK

Learn from the geese

Like the geese, we have to move with the seasons. It doesn't matter how well we flew last year, there will be new challenges to face this year. When you drop out of formation you lose the lift provided by your fellow members and they do not benefit from your experiences.

As each goose flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird following. By flying in a "V" formation the whole flock adds 71 percent more flying range than if each bird flew alone.

Lesson: People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

Whenever a goose falls out of formation it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the birds immediately in front.

Lesson: If we have as much sense as a goose we will join in formation with those who are headed where we want to go.

When the lead goose gets tired it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies at the point position.

Lesson: It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks, sharing leadership and becoming interdependent with one another.

The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

Lesson: We need to make sure our honking from behind is encouraging – not something less helpful.

When a goose gets sick or wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of the formation and follow their fellow member down to help and provide protection. They stay with this member of the flock until he or she is able to fly again or dies. Then they launch out either on their own, with another formation or catch up with their own gaggle.

Lesson: If we have as much sense as the geese we'll stand by one another.

Calendar 2006

February

Monday	6	Waitangi Day
Tuesday	7	Term 1 Starts
Wednesday	8	Campsite Committee 7:30pm
Saturday-Sunday	11-12	National Executive Committee Meeting
Monday	13	Area Water Activities Committee 7:30pm
Tuesday	14	Administration and Finance Committee 5:30pm
Friday-Sunday	17-19	Founders Weekend- Waiora

March

Wednesday	1	Area Training Module Tools of the Job 7-9pm
Wednesday	8	Campsite Committee 7:30pm
Tuesday	14	Administration and Finance Committee 5:30pm
Saturday	18	National Cub Day
Monday	20	Otago Anniversary Day
Friday	24	National Executive Committee Meeting
Saturday-Sunday	25-26	National Annual General Meeting
Saturday-Sunday	25-26	Out and About South Otago – Training Course

April

Sunday	2	National Kea Day
Wednesday	5	Area Training Module Being Safe 7-9pm
Friday	7	Otago Area Annual General Meeting
Saturday-Sunday	8,9	Introduction To Training Course And Modules
Wednesday	12	Campsite Committee 7:30pm
Thursday	13	Term 1 Ends
Friday-Monday	14-17	Easter
Friday-Monday	14-17	Rover Moot
Monday	17	Area Water Activities Committee 7:30pm
Tuesday	18	Administration and Finance Committee 5:30pm
Sunday	23	St George's Day
Tuesday	25	ANZAC Day
Wednesday	26	Term 2 Starts
Saturday-Sunday	29,30	Scout Skills Central Otago – Training Course

**Everyone on earth has a treasure that awaits him.
Wherever your heart is, there you will find your
treasure.**

From "The Alchemist" by Paul Coelho

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If you always blame others for your failures, then do you also always credit them for your successes?

Character is not made in a crisis – it is merely exhibited.