



# 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,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You All

**Scouting Otago Area Office closes for the Christmas Break on Friday 23 December 2005 and reopens in the New Year on Monday 16 January 2006.**

November has nearly gone! We are still here and there are a few end-of-year things which need to be said:

1. Next year 2006 – Schools reopen for the year on Tuesday 7 February – the day after Waitangi Day. Let's get our exciting scouting year underway on Monday 30 January.
2. The Area Founders Weekend Camp will be held at Waiora on 17, 18, 19 February and those attending are best to be planning and helping youth members to plan in good time. Groups and leaders have been sent reminders and further details should be in your hands before long.
3. National Cub Day will be held on Saturday March 18. This will be another "full-on" event.
4. National Kea Day will be held on Sunday April 2.

These things will give all sections something to get their teeth into from the start. I hope they won't be false teeth.

We have had some interesting activities over the last few months, many well attended and I believe all well organised.

- The Labour Weekend Regatta at Cromwell with an attendance of about 150 from Southland, Otago and Canterbury.
- The Area Cooking Competition at Waiora with some participants traveling more than 150km to get there.
- The Effective Management of Young People Course – with about 20 leaders taking part. It was good to welcome presenters from Southland who helped us with this.
- The Area Swimming Sports held on a coolish night in November.

Thanks to all those who organised, ran or helped to run these events and those who supported them. Reports and results appear elsewhere.

Seasons Greetings to all leaders, support teams (committees), rovers, parents and to all youth members. Otago Area wishes you a peaceful and restful Christmas period and an eventful 2006.

Thank you all for your help, support and endeavours in 2005.

*“Hec” Browett*  
*Acting Area Commissioner*

## **Otago Southland Regatta 2005**

The weather was perfect, the setting idyllic, the food excellent, and everyone had a great time, at least according to the feedback from the parents and grandparents at our local church.

One hundred and forty-two Scouts, Venturers, Leaders and supporters camped at Rotary Glen at McNulty Inlet, Lake Dunstan, just north of Cromwell for Labour weekend. Groups represented included Andersons Bay, Jellicoe (Invercargill), Lyttelton, Mt Pleasant (Christchurch), Taieri Mouth Brighton, Tainui, Te Anau, Te Ara O Kiwa (Bluff), Terra Nova Monowai and Waitaha. Did you spot the odd one out? Yes, a patrol from Tainui joined in with Andy Bay. The regatta is not just for Sea Scout Groups, so think about it for next year!

Regatta competitions were divided into two divisions – main event and participation – to ensure that all scouts could have the opportunity to be involved. In both the Scout and Venturer sections, events included rowing, cutter sailing, sunburst sailing, swimming, practical seamanship and a seamanship theory exam. Due to the ideal weather conditions, calm in the morning and about eight knots of breeze in the afternoon, two rounds of boating activities in the main

event competition and one round in the participation competition were completed by Sunday evening. On Saturday evening some of us watched the final of the NPC on a big screen at the Boat Club, but that was not a highlight of the weekend!

The people and community of Cromwell have been most supportive of our regattas over the past few years, including Trevor Young, pool supervisor at the Cromwell Swim Centre, Cromwell Rotary Club, Lake Dunstan Boat Club, Cromwell College, that owns the Aquatic Centre, and last but not least the ladies of the Cromwell Golden Oldies Netball Club who cooked all the meals. We do not know how lucky we are! This year we also benefited from the generosity of a gentleman from PGG who brought (at no cost to us) a trailer-load of tables and chairs from Invercargill to supplement the dining furniture at the Boat Club.

Now for the results of the competitions. A total of thirty-seven trophies and cups were being competed for. The main results are as follows:-

Jellicoe Trophy	for Scout Participation Competition	Andersons Bay
Topi Family Trophy	for Venturer Participation Competition	Andersons Bay
Terra Nova Trophy	for Combined Participation Competition	Andersons Bay
Bill Penrose Shield	for Scout Main Event Competition	Te Ara O Kiwa
Monowai Cup	for Venturer Main Event Competition	Andersons Bay
Beryl Aker Trophy	for "Visiting" Groups	Mt Pleasant
Skipper Jenkins Bell	for Top Group in Main Event	Andersons Bay

The Mt Pleasant Group is very strong at present and would have taken home much of the silverware had it been "eligible". It is sending a crew to Hawaii to represent New Zealand sailing in an international Sea Scout Regatta hosted by the billionaire, Bill Koch, of America's Cup fame, something for us to aspire towards.

I would like to thank the leaders of all the Groups who assisted by manning the pick-up boats, starting and umpiring races, timekeeping at the pool, and generally looking after the welfare of their scouts, so that everyone could enjoy the weekend.

*Murray Body –Scouting Otago Area Water Activities Advisor*

## **Swimming Sports**

An evening of good fun was had by some youth at our annual swimming sports held at Mosgiel recently. There was a great fun programme organised for all age groups and catered for participants with varying abilities in the water.

## **First Aid Courses**

Red Cross has been advertising reduced prices (\$40) on 8 hour practical first aid courses. This course would be recognised as being equivalent to Scouting New Zealand's First Aid module. Call 0800 RED CROSS (0800 733 276).

## **Christmas Fun Night**

The training team invites you ( all Leaders in Scouting) to a Christmas fun night on Wednesday 7 December 2005 at Area Office at 7pm. You are asked to bring a Christmas hat and a plate to share for supper.

The training team wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and looks forward to working with you next year.

## **Scouting Advanced Course 21-14 October 2005**

The first of the three-day Scouting Advanced Courses was held at Tatum Park on the 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October 2005. A total of fourteen leaders attended this course - two from the South Island, Brian Mason (Saddle Hill Taieri District Scout Leader) and myself, Keith Moore (AAC Otago). On the 22<sup>nd</sup> October a 9am start was the beginning of this modular course. The fourteen leaders were split into two teams of seven leaders. Ten hours a day was the normal. Topics covered were: leadership skills, relationship awareness, planning and organising skills, managing people and change, Scouting values and working as a team. I personally found this new modular three day course very rewarding. The three days passed very quickly, the training team were very professional and friendly, the meals, great. I would recommend this Scouting Advanced Course to all stage four leaders.

*Yours in Scouting, Matai (the Yorkie Talkie). That's another story.*

## **Effective Management of Young People Course**

Twenty Scout Leaders enjoyed a great learning opportunity on Saturday 29 October at the Effective Management of Young People Course. It was ably led by John Baird and James McKay from Southland and was a busy full-on day as we learnt about self esteem, self image, assertive communication, discipline and punishment, making choices, setting limits and boundaries. It was well worth the time spent and I would really recommend it as a "must" course for any leaders to attend.

## **Cooking Competitions**

The Mystery Cooking Competition was held on 30 October with 5 registrations - 1 of which did not attend. With 26 groups in Otago and many sections this is a very poor participation.

Certificates were presented to:

Keas                Kew Corstorphine

Cubs                Millers Flat/Ettrick

Scouts             Kew Corstorphine

All sections were given a bag of food, had to set a menu, present it to the judge before cooking commenced and prepare the meal by a set time. All sections met the challenge. Keas and Cubs cooked on hobo stoves, - the Keas: sausage patties and eggs, the Cubs: mince balls with salad, instant pudding and fruit. Scouts used gas burners and cooked chicken and rice risotto, apples and instant pudding.

All agreed it was a totally different competition and would return next year if a similar cooking competition is run.

Congratulations to all participants, especially Millers Flat –Ettrick who traveled to Waioara and really enjoyed themselves.

*“Yoda”*

## **Letting of Scout Halls**

I have received a complaint about noise and bad behaviour following the letting of a Scout Hall.

Groups are reminded that unless they have a public hall license, which involves fire exits, toilets, and all manner of things, that they should not let out their halls for parties, for groups of people to stay and all of what goes with these. The income may look good, but a fine, bad newspaper publicity, the City Council taking action and the question of insurance are not pleasant outcomes.

It is okay for guides, brownies, and perhaps a dance class to use your premises. Read the terms of your lease and know the council rules if you are on freehold land. If you need help, Scouting Otago Area can help or advise you.

*“Hec”*

*Acting Area Commissioner*

## Kea Scouts

It is nearly the end of term already and most clubs are thinking about making things for Christmas and what they are going to do for their end of year breakup. I have included some crafts to make for Christmas.

Thank you to Columba Keas from Oamaru for sending a photo of their Kea birthday party they held. They included a "Bring a friend" night as well. They had balloon games, pass the parcel, party food, etc. It looks like it was lots of fun.

Balclutha Keas also sent me some photos of their trip to the punt at Tuapeka Mouth; it looks like they had good weather for their day on the punt and I am sure they all had a great time.

Remember, it is not too late to get your term 4 challenge in (to have a picnic in an unusual place). Send this to Ruth at Area office, with your report and photos.

I would like to thank all Kea Leaders for their work in the Kea section during the year and look forward to working with you all next year.

*Sue Smith*  
*Area Kea Leader*

### Safety and Care

There is a new abseiling facility under construction at Waiora above Bridge Field. Please do not use this as it is still incomplete and lacks all of the safety requirements.

To most adult leaders it is obvious that the area is not yet completed but some "leaders" have been using the area along with some scouts. We are at a loss to know how to protect some people from themselves. Please keep away from this area until it is complete and has all safety features installed.

*"Hec"*

### Founders Weekend and National Cub Day

Founders Weekend will be on 18, 19 February next year. Tell your scouts, cubs and keas about it now. An exciting program is being organised for the weekend.

National Cub Day is being held on Saturday 18 March next year. Some interesting activities are being arranged for this occasion as well and cubs are guaranteed a fun time on that day. Start planning to attend now.

## **Ian R. Scott**

Ian Scott was a life member of Flagstaff District, Scouting Otago and Scouting New Zealand. He passed away on 30 October 2005.

Ian became a cub when he was 7 (he should have been 8) and took part in a lot of outdoor activity in the 1<sup>st</sup> Dunedin Roslyn Scout Group. He had inspirational cub and scout leaders. There were 50 scout s (all boys aged 11-18) in the scout troop where Ian later became the scout leader. War service took Ian to the Pacific theatre in the RNZAF and post-war he supported his 3 sons in scouting at Kew-Corstorphine group and later at Roslyn.

Ian was greatly involved as an Otago representative on the National Council for some 25 years and also as a member and chairman of the Waiora Campsite Committee.

Scouting was well represented at his funeral which took place on 3 November 2005.



## **Walsh Memorial Scout Flying School Celebrates 40th School**

The "Walsh" will celebrate the 40th School with an Open Day and Reunion Dinner at Matamata on Saturday 14th January 2006.

Over 1600 people have been involved with the School since its beginning in 1967, most with a strong sense of loyalty, memories of the exceptional experience the School gave them and lifelong friends made.

Past Students, Instructors and Staff are invited to register their interest and update their contact details with Hannah Mallard 021 499 444 or [hannahmallard@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hannahmallard@xtra.co.nz).

Further details will be emailed as arrangements are confirmed.

## **Boy Scouts of America International Camp Staff Programme**

From Esther Scoggins, International Executive, Boy Scouts of America

"We look forward to receiving young leaders, between 18 and 30 years of age, from your association into the 2006 summer program. They will be paid a salary; however, they are responsible for their own round-trip airline fare and a registration fee of \$135 that will cover their medical/accident insurance. Payment of the registration fee can be made upon application or deducted from their

salary if they are selected for employment with the Boy Scouts of America. For this reason we ask that their completed applications be sent to our office as quickly as possible so they may be placed and begin planning financially for their trips.

Please note that travel and sightseeing before and after employment at camp are not allowed. Applicants should plan to enter and leave the country within two days of the start and end of the program. The Boy Scouts of America is not liable for the health and welfare of the camp staff counselor after employment at camp has ended.

Please advise all participants to read the application carefully and return ALL of the requested material with the application. APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNLESS THEY ARE COMPLETE. The applications may be duplicated should this be necessary."

Application forms are available from the SANZ National Office. More information and applications are also available at the following website:

<http://www.scouting.org/international/icamp.html>

## **RECORD YOUTH FORUM ATTENDANCE**

The 9th World Scout Youth Forum was held in Tunisia the week before the World Scout Conference. It offered young people the opportunity to discuss and exchange points of view on subjects of interest at local, national and global levels. Some 181 young people participated in the event in Hammamet, Tunisia, from 29 August to 1 September. This was the fourth Youth Forum which was held in conjunction with a World Scout Conference.

The principal themes of the forum were:

- The challenges for young citizens of the world. - the problems at global level and the objectives of the Millennium Development Goals: What can Scouts do?
- The challenges that young people face in their lives. Discussion on the principal challenges that young people encounter in their personal lives today, in the different regions of the world, and on the support they need to overcome these difficulties.
- The challenges in Scouting. Discussion of the agenda of the World Scout Conference, the Strategy for Scouting, and the development of youth involvement in WOSM.

This event was also an opportunity to meet representatives of UNICEF and of the UN Millennium Campaign, who helped lead several forum activities. The Scouts of the World, and Youth of the World programmes were launched and were well received by the participants.

Forum participants felt it was a fantastic event, and a good experience for their participation in the World Scout Conference. The report of the forum can be downloaded from:

<http://www.scout.org/wse/yf05docs.shtml>

## Calendar 2005 - 2006

<b>November</b>		
Wednesday	23	Programme And Training Committee Meeting 7pm
Wednesday	30	Campsite Committee Meeting
<b>December</b>		
Monday	5	Administration and Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday	7	Christmas Fun Night 7pm
Friday	9	Secondary School ends
Tuesday	20	Primary School ends
Friday	23	Scouting Otago Area Office closes
<b>January</b>		
Monday	16	Area Office opens
Monday	30	Scouting starts for the year
<b>February</b>		
Monday	6	Waitangi Day
Tuesday	7	Term 1 starts
Wednesday	8	Campsite Committee Meeting 7:30pm
Saturday - Sunday	11-12	National Executive Committee Meeting
Monday	13	AWA Committee Meeting 7:30pm
Tuesday	14	Admin & Finance Committee Meeting 5:30pm
Saturday - Sunday	18-19	Founders Weekend - Waiora

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