



# NEWS & VIEWS

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## From your Zone Leader

At last we have the June census figures. What has been sent to us from the National Office is reproduced on later pages. The comparison with last year shows a slight drop in numbers but we will not be too concerned as there were rises in the two years leading up to this.

Apologies for not supplying all this information sooner but some returns were very late after a very busy time for some, lost papers for others and a trying time generally to get it all collated. Thanks to Cynthea Corbett who offered to chase so many late papers and a request to Group Leaders to actually read your mail and take the action you should. Groups with no appointed Group Leader should aim to get someone to be what is the "Group Manager".

The 1<sup>st</sup> August celebrations went well. The Settlers Museum display was nostalgic and interesting. The Museum had many more visitors of all ages than they expected. They even kept it going for two extra days.

I hear some groups made no effort to attend and many of these had only a few kilometres to travel while others came from country districts.

I attended the South Otago Cluster gathering in Balclutha on 1<sup>st</sup> August and found it to be a wonderful get-together and celebration!

Thanks to all those who pitched in with displays, competitions and publicity all of which tied in with the launch of the Scouting in Otago History which has been many years in the making. By the way many groups have yet to offer these to their group for only \$10 per copy if bought through the group. These would make great end-of-year prizes and also Christmas presents.

Groups to re-open:

Grants Braes

St Clair

Lawrence

And Cromwell are all on the list. If you have any thoughts about anyone we can ask to be a leader or support team person in any of these, please give us a call.

I have been away for a couple of weeks attending an Asia-Pacific Region Conference in Tokyo.

To all I say: "Keep up the good work and the preparation for the coming Jamboree."

'Hec'

# The Scout Promise

The Executive Committee presented some proposals at the AGM for review of the Scout Promise. Actual wording for a new Promise could not be agreed but the meeting (the National Council) was unanimously in favour of reviewing and probably modernising the Promise. Informal polls were taken to get an understanding of what elements should be included in the promise.

These questions were put:

- Should the promise be the same for all sections of the Movement? A small majority said: "Yes."
- Should the promise refer to a God or alternatively: "respect for beliefs"? Members were evenly divided on the issue.
- Should there be an alternative promise for those with no strong belief in God? A small majority said: "No."
- Should youth and adult promises include "On my honour"? There was strong support for this.
- Should the promise specifically refer to the Scout Law? There was almost unanimous support for this.
- Should the promise refer to "Queen and country" or should this concept be expressed in more every day language? There was overwhelming support for finding other words to express this concept.

We would like to have wide debate and consultation on reviewing the promise with the aim of putting the matter to the AGM of the National Council in March 2008.

Submissions should be addressed to the National Secretary, PO Box 11348, Wellington 6034.

26 September 2007

## Annual National Registration fee for 2007-2008

The past twelve months have been an exciting and innovative period in the 99-year-life of Scouting New Zealand.

- Consultation and Conferences were held through 2006
- The Forward Planning Concepts Group completed its report
- New Scouting was launched in January 2007.
- National Programmes were launched in February 2007
- All 4 terms programmes for 2007 have been sent to all Scout Groups and Zones
- National Mudslide Event was held in February 2007
- Scouting sunrise ceremony was held on 1<sup>st</sup> August.

As well as these landmark events there have been several opportunities for youth members to take part in international gatherings and national schools and activities.

There has been unprecedented and, overwhelmingly positive publicity for Scouting in all media. We have seen more adults willing to come forward as Leaders and for the first time in 25 years the census of the Movement is showing an increase in membership.

When we look back at the priorities we set out in this letter last year there is great satisfaction in the fact that all of them have been achieved in large measure.

There is still work to do and we must keep this momentum going and ensure that we can service and support our managers and leadership from Group level right through to National.

The annual National Registration Fee is Scouting New Zealand's main source of income. It is spent on delivering the Scouting programme through professional staff and the volunteers carrying out national roles. National volunteers are supported with a budget for travel, meetings, communication, resource development and special projects. The Registration Fee does not cover the total cost of services provided. Grants, bequests, sponsorships and income from National Events, Schools and trading activities are other sources of income.

Scouting is a proven development and educational programme for young people. We have started on revitalizing the Movement and increasing support for Leaders at Group level. To do this and keep the registration fee affordable Scouting New Zealand is running a deficit budget and using present cash reserves as an investment in the future. We have been assisted this year by a grant of \$30,000 from the Scout Youth Foundation and we recommend that all those who can afford to do so should subscribe to the Foundation.

The Scout Youth Foundation grant is equivalent to about \$2.40 per youth member. This and the commitment of cash reserves allow us to apply only a modest increase to the national registration fee. Last year's fee of \$42.50 per youth member has been increased by applying a rate of inflation of 3% and rounding to the nearest 50 cents. The fee for the 1 October 2007 to 30 September 2008 year is:

**\$44.00 GST inclusive per youth member.**

It is an annual fixed expense of the Scout Group that allows it to operate as an entity of Scouting New Zealand for the year and have access to the advantages of membership of World Scouting. It is not adjusted during the year to take into account any fluctuations (up or down) in youth membership numbers.

There are two options for paying the Annual Registration fee:

- A) A Full One Off Payment. Groups who choose this method of payment will be allowed a 3% discount on the total fee due for payments received no later than 30 November 2007.
- B) By Installments. The fee can be paid in four installments as follows:

Invoice Date	Amount per youth member	Payment due date
1 October 2007	\$11.00	30 November 2007
1 February 2008	\$11.00	31 March 2008
1 May 2008	\$11.00	30 June 2008
1 August 2008	\$11.00	30 September 2008

We can also arrange for fees to be paid by automatic payment authority. If you are interested in this option please contact the National Office.

### **How is the money spent to support Scouting?**

The National Budget covers the activities undertaken by the national management and governance team, i.e. the National Council and Executive Committee, National Office staff and the senior volunteers in support of all youth members, adult warranted leaders and lay supporters.

National Programmes are distributed free to all Scout Groups. The national budget covers the cost of task force meetings, production, printing, CDs and website support.

Scouting Direct is also managed by National Office to distribute official uniform, clothing accessories, badges, books and programme resource materials.

In the year 2007/8 the efforts of the national management and governance team will be focused on building on achievements so far and consolidating the new Scouting delivery model and membership priorities:

- Further grow the youth and adult membership
- Improve Scouting's internal and external image
- More work on making it easier and more satisfying to be an Adult Leader
- Further enhance Scouting's relevance and acceptance by Youth and their families
- Resource and support the major focus of the movement; programme quality and delivery
- National programmes for terms 1 and 2 will be distributed in early 2008
- Support Zone and Regional Leaders in their responsibilities to actively support Scout Groups

Let's work together to provide better Scouting for more young people'

Yours in Scouting,  
Chris Hooper  
Chief Executive  
The Scout Association of New Zealand

## **New Zealand Mountain Safety Council Inc Outdoor Leader Programme 2008**

Below is an outline of the annual programme run by the Dunedin Branch of MSC. On successful completion of the Outdoor Leader assessment, in addition to holding a nationally recognized outdoor qualification, you achieve Whitireia Certificate 1 – Maintaining Safety in the Outdoors. This certificate is comprised of 41 credits (mostly at Level 3). The credits also count towards the National Certificate in Outdoor Recreation (Instruction, Level 5).

Please note that the following prerequisites must be met prior to registering for the course (supported by a logbook):

- At least 10 days experience on day tramps or fixed camps
- Additional experience of at least 5 days as leader or co-leader on such trips

- A good knowledge of the outdoor environment and procedures required in an emergency

Should you be interested in attending this course, please, in the first instance, forward a copy of your logbook to Karen Free. If you do not currently have a log book a very simple format can be downloaded from <http://www.sfrito.org.nz/files?outdoor%20logbook.xls>. If you have any further queries please contact Karen Free by leaving a message on phone 470 1410 or email [dunedin@mountainsafety.org.nz](mailto:dunedin@mountainsafety.org.nz).

**Introduction Evening**      27 February      Venue to be confirmed

This evening will be attended by MSC Dunedin instructors and Gareth Lawson (Dunedin Branch ODL Co-ordinator). We also hope to have Chris Tews (National Outdoor Leader Programme Manager) and Colin McGilvray (Southern Regional Representative on Council) attend. This evening will be a chance to explain the programme, review logbooks, explain the enrolment process and answer any of your questions.

**Risk Management Weekend**      8/9 March

The Risk Management Course is likely to be a non residential course held locally (venue to be confirmed). The course will be self catering. The course will commence Friday evening at approximately 7.00pm, concluding around mid afternoon on Sunday.

Unless you have attended another recognized risk management course (certified copy of certificate required), this weekend must be attended in full to attain the Outdoor Leader Qualification.

**Pre-Assessment Afternoon**      9 March

This will follow on from the Risk Management course where instructors will help participants understand what is involved in the assessment weekend of Outdoor Leader.

**Bushcraft Evenings**      12 and 19 March      Deer Stalkers Hall, Leith Valley

Two evening sessions (approximately 2.5 hours each) covering theory aspects of the syllabus. Topics covered will include environmental care, clothing and equipment, navigation, weather, water safety, trip planning, leadership, and instructional techniques.

**Paperwork Evening**      2 April      Venue to be confirmed

The assessment involves some written assignments. This evening is to assist in the completion of these tasks.

**Outdoor First Aid**      11/13 April      Venue to be confirmed

The Outdoor First Aid course is residential Friday evening through to Sunday afternoon. At this stage it is likely to be self catered. Timings and venue may fluctuate depending on instructor preference/availability. Unless you have attended another recognized first aid course (certified copy of certificate

required), this weekend must be attended in full to attain the Outdoor Leader Qualification.

**Bushcraft Skills** 19/20 April Silverpeaks

An overnight tramp in the Silverpeaks covering some of the practical skills required for assessment. This will commence around lunch time (12pm) on Saturday and will conclude around lunch time Sunday (12pm).

**Presentation Evening** 14 May Venue to be confirmed

Each participant is required to present a topic to the rest of the group (approximately 10 minutes). The paperwork assignment will also be due on this date to allow marking prior to assessment.

**Assessment** 23/24/25 May

The assessment is likely to commence with a brief session on the Friday evening. You will then return to your homes for the evening and leave on Saturday morning for an overnight tramp with the assessor.

## Letter from National Commissioner

1 August 2007

To every New Zealand Scout (whether youthful or experienced):

### Are you crazy too?

"You must be crazy!" was the response of a non-scouting friend when I explained my appointment as National Commissioner.

This was the same reaction as when I took a Venturer Leader warrant in 2002. "Why on earth would you want to be involved in Scouts?"

Because we help prepare New Zealand's youth to be confident, courageous and compassionate adults, that's why.

It's no secret our organization is in the middle of tremendous change. Yet every week across the country, thousands of young people continue to explore, challenge themselves and grow. Every week committed adults willingly give of themselves to support, encourage and lead.

It's been like this for the past 100 years. Imagine it continuing for 100 more...

I've heard people say that Scouting in New Zealand is doomed, destined for extinction. I've heard them grizzle about the 'system', about certain Leaders, about the cost of running a Troop or attending a Jamboree. These people will surely wonder what happened as this next century of Scouting begins.

For dedicated volunteers are stepping up, determined to return this organization to the forefront of youth development. Devoted committees and Leaders continue to deliver stimulating programmes. Parents around the country are asking: "Where can our children safely test their physical, emotional and spiritual boundaries?" I see the increasing number of Queen Scout Awards presented in recent years as testimony that the tide is beginning to turn.

I put my hand up for the National Commissioner role because I want to help the youth and adults who are leading the way. I want to help those people who see the potential in Scouting.

I'm a coach by profession, guiding parents and teens towards stronger, more respectful relationships. I support and encourage people as they move from the status quo to their desired destination. I passionately believe honest communication and sturdy, supportive teams are vital for the months and years ahead.

Do I know exactly how this whole process will turn out? No.

Will there be challenges and mistakes and difficult decisions and hard work? More than likely.

Might we experience fun and laughter and adventure and a feeling of accomplishment? Yes.

I aim to do my best to ensure that more young Kiwis benefit from this powerful movement.

Will you join me on this mission?

Yours with Scouting smiles,  
Stuart Fleming  
National Commissioner

### **Quote about Fear**

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.  
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond  
measure.

It is our light not our darkness that most frightens  
us.

We ask ourselves, who am I to be - brilliant,  
gorgeous, talented, fabulous?

Actually, who are you NOT TO BE?

Your playing small does not serve the world.

There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so  
that other people won't feel insecure around you.

We were born to make manifest the glory that is  
within us.

It is not just in some of us, it is in every one of us.

And as we let our lights shine, we unconsciously  
give other people permission to do the same.

As we are liberated from our own fear,  
our presence automatically liberates others...

*Nelson Mandela*

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## Calendar 2007

### December

Wednesday	5	Zone Training Christmas Event
Wednesday	12	Campsite Committee 7:30pm
Friday	14	Secondary School Term 4 ends
Tuesday	18	Administration and Finance Committee 5:30pm
Thursday	20	Primary School Term 4 ends
Friday-Saturday	28-5 Jan 08	NZ Jamboree
Sunday-Saturday	30-12 Jan 08	Australia Rover Moot

## Calendar 2008

### January

Monday 14	Zone office opens
Monday 28	Scouting starts for the year
Tuesday 29	Term 1 starts

### February

Wednesday 6	Waitangi Day
Wednesday 13	Campsite Committee 7:30pm
Saturday 16	Coastal Otago Zone Group Leaders' Council
Tuesday 19	Admin and Finance Committee 5:30pm
Friday-Sunday 22-24	Founders Weekend
Saturday 23	Mudslide Day

### March

Sunday 2	National Children's Day
Wednesday 5	Zone Training Module 7-9pm
Saturday-Sunday 8-9	Scouts Camping Competition
Sunday 9	Commonwealth Day
Wednesday 12	Campsite Committee 7:30pm
Monday 17	St Patrick's Day
Tuesday 18	Admin & Finance Committee 5:30pm
Friday-Monday 21-24	Easter
Friday-Monday 21-24	Rover Moot
Monday 24	Otago Anniversary Day