

NEWS & VIEWS

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Founders Weekend 2009

Founders Weekend 2009 was a very wet one but in true 'Scouting fashion' the camp went ahead. The Kea's day was cancelled, although a few did turn up and were occupied with activities.

The cubs spent time in the MTC where guest speakers gave short talks on different disabilities. In the afternoon the cubs tried out an obstacle course and the weekend wouldn't be Founder's without the water slide.

The Scouts started off with an orienteering course followed by a Scouting quiz and a practical scouts skills tests. Saturday tea was a cooking competition, followed by indoor cricket and an amazing camp fire. Thanks go to Noel and Sue Walker for leading this. The singing talents of Craig Miller and Gareth Williams, past Gang Show members should also be noted. On Sunday there was Scout's Own and the Patrol competition winners' awards were presented.

Winners of the Mafeking Trophy:

- 1st St Patricks
- 2nd Andersons Bay Starboard Patrol
- 3rd Balclutha Patrol Two
- 4th Tainui Terminators Patrol

Puka Puka Drums (Best Patrol ex Cargill District)

St Patricks

Cooking Competition (a small shield which the patrol keeps)

- 1st Tainui Terminators patrol
- 2nd Tainui Titiens Patrol
- 3rd Kew-Corstorphine
- 4th St Patricks and Wakari

Indoor Cricket (a small volley 'volley ball' named shield which the Patrol keeps)

- 1st Wakari
- 2nd Terra Nova and Tainui Terminators and Titiens

There are too many people to list that gave up their time to plan and run the weekend which made it such an enjoyable fun-filled Founder's weekend, but you all made my job easier and my thanks go out to you all.

Murray Welsh

Scouting Lore

The salute, the sign, the handshake creates problems with some.

To help leaders who can pass it on—here is the "gen".

The Scout Salute

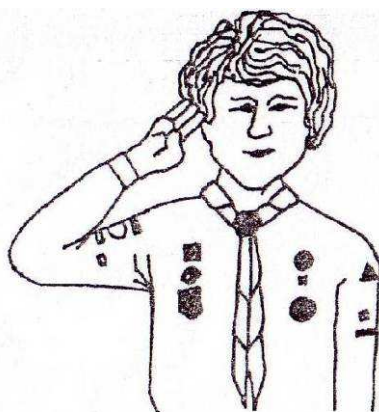
Hold your little finger down with your thumb and straighten the other fingers, and you have the Scout Salute—if you used your RIGHT hand. All Cub Scouts, Scouts, venture Scouts and Scouters use this salute. Make sure it's smart, and that your arm goes straight up and then down again. Don't forget to look straight at the person you are saluting.

The Scout Sign

This is our special "secret" sign, only used on one very important occasion—when you, or someone else, is making their Promise. It's similar to the salute except that your hand is level with your shoulder. Why three fingers? To remind you of the three parts of the promise.

Shaking Hands

Scouts shake hands in a different way to other people. They always shake hands with their left hand. This is a sign of trust, copied from the way it was done in Africa. There the spear was held in the right hand and the shield in the left. To shake hands with your left hand meant putting down your shield and leaving yourself defenceless.



THE SCOUT SALUTE



THE SCOUT SIGN





Regatta—October 2008

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FROM YOUR ZONE LEADER—‘Hec’

This year has been all “go”. Founders Weekend turned out to be a bit damp—at least we did not have any fire worries even though the total fire ban was officially still in place. The Memorial Training centre became a worthwhile haven for a few Keas and was invaluable for an indoor campfire again expertly run by Noel and Sue Walker. Gang Show auditions were successfully run after Founders Weekend finishing at Alexandra. The cast of 80 is evenly split between girls and boys and the first camp and rehearsals are under way. A successful mud slide was held at Alexandra and a Cossgrove Course has been run at Greenpark in South Otago.

Waiora Campsite and Training Centre

We now have a new brochure for Waiora. Pick one up from the Regional Service Centre and check it out. We plan to send one with an explanatory letter to every school and church group south of the Waitaki ASAP.

Bookings have been really great with the Edinburgh Folk Club starting off the new year, Tahuna Intermediate have had 3 weeks, others include Polytech, Pukerau School, Big Rock School, Dunedin Baptist Church, Taieri School, Founders Camp, Otago Youth Wellness Trust, St Patricks Cubs and the Gang Show Rehearsal Camp to name just a few.

Bookings are heavy until the end of May, but a lot of enquiries are in hand for later. I am sure the money spent on overdue maintenance bringing everything up-to-date is paying off. A short questionnaire is now given to our tenants to fill in to get feedback on what they think we can do to improve Waiora. So far the results have been very positive with no comments about pricing or lack of activities.

We welcomed Neil Moyle to our staff as Campsite Co-ordinator just before Christmas and this has proved to be a very successful partnership.

Unfortunately we must say farewell to Bryan Mason as a Warden and committee member and wish him all the best upon his shifting to Australia. He will be missed.

We would ask all groups to use some care when using Rowallan Field as a water slide, the ground at the end of the slide has become saturated and will need some time to recuperate.

We have been having a certain amount of trouble with the water supply at the MTC; both Barry Dell Plumbers and McNeill Drilling have been consulted and we trust all will be fixed shortly. Unfortunately everything costs.

Some blue gums are about to be removed from the Troop Den area also the old pear trees. This will enable us to clean up and grass the area beside the Troop Den and stop wasps and possums being annoying. The containers and parceled tables and chairs will also be located correctly which will remove this unsightly mess.

Our Regional Development Manager, Kevin has run a Regional Council (Regional Representatives on the National Council need to meet) and there is a new focus on Leader Training with an emphasis on the roll-out of the new Youth Award scheme.

We have been fortunate in obtaining a grant to have booklets printed for Kea and Cub Leaders and also many more to enable distributions to Scout and Venturers as well as their leaders.

We are holding a series of seminars to ensure that everyone is “in touch” with the knew Scheme and it is operating well. At these seminars (many will have a choice of night) you will be able to get booklets and view the wall charts and other aids and the new badges. This will be a time for discussion and questions so that everything is running smoothly by early in School Term2.

During the weekend 27-29 March

there is the National conference and Annual Meeting in Wellington. At this the new branding and also the new adult Leader training programme will be launched. We also hope to hear that a Scouting Advanced course will be run in the South Island later this year. We hope that your leader training will have reached “Gilwell Woggle” stage so that you can attend. Leaders need to concentrate on ensuring they have reached a level in various areas to ensure that they gain maximum benefit from the residential “full-on” event. You will note that coming up we have Cub Day at Forbury Park and Scout and Venturer Jigger Racing at the Railway Station on Sunday 5 April.

Are you involved?
Keep up the good work.
‘Hec’

Cooking Competition Advance notice

The annual cooking competitions will be held on Bridge Field on Saturday 16 May 2009.

Keas, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers will be welcome to participate. Details will be advised to sections and Group Leaders within two or three weeks.

Grants

Grants were received by Scouting Otago Coastal Zone in the second half of 2008 from The Trusts Charitable Foundation (Inc.) of \$1,543.00 for Facilitator’s fees for the Sandford Course and from Pub Charity of \$886.25 for the hire of Waiora for the Sandford Course.

We have just received \$2,000 from Bendigo Valley Sports & Charity Foundation for travel and accommodation to National Conference for our Zone personnel. We have also received \$2,500 from Kingston Sedgefield Trust to print the Award Scheme handbooks.

We really appreciate the generosity of these organisations in granting us these funds.

Swimming Sports

On Saturday the 8th of November 2008 keas, cubs, scouts, rovers and leaders from the Coastal Otago Zone gathered together at the Mosgiel pool to battle it out in the swimming style, with every section having its own trophy there was varying results.

Keas – Tainui
Cubs – Green Island
Scouts – Wakari
Rovers – Crew Otago
Leaders – Green Island

While we only had five leaders actually in the pool the keas, cubs and scouts soon realized they had the upper hand when the leaders race had to be restarted not once not twice but three times due to leaders swimming off before the bell. After a lot of friendly rivalry between the groups it was free time which saw everyone jumping in the pool and having a good time splashing around while the scores were tallied up overall it was a great day at the pool and I’m sure everyone is looking forward to next year.

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KNOX CENTRE STUDENTS GIVEN SCHOLARSHIPS

Timaru accountant Allan Hubbard, and his wife Jean, are funding significant scholarships for Presbyterian ministry students.

Principal of the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership, the Right Rev Dr Graham Redding says the money will be used to provide financial support for foundation students, who are students completing their theological studies prior to entering the ministry internship programme. At the moment, foundation students receive no support from the Church.

Some of the money will also be used to provide financial assistance to parishes hosting interns.

The scholarships will be known as the Carrick Crombie Scholarships, after two of their close friends, both of whom were Presbyterian and, like Allan, were associated with Knox Church and the Knox Scout Group in Dunedin.

Allan says the scholarships commemorate lifelong friend Les Carrick, who was an elder at Knox and involved in the Boy Scout movement, and Ray Crombie, who was Allan's old Scout master.

The first scholarships will be awarded in 2009, and are in addition to the grant assistance already provided by the Presbyterian Savings and Development Society.

By Amanda Wells

A WORD FROM THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

A number of us from the Lower South island Region were privileged to attend SCOUTS national conference in the weekend. An update on the information we learnt at the conference will be shared with you later but I wanted to address one concept that was raised a number of times and often from people outside of the organisation. Paula Bennett Minister of Youth Affairs talked about people being "that someone" to kids. Billy Graham, Champion Boxer and motivational speaker spoke about the effects of having a mentor as a boy. Rob Hamill Olympic Rower, mentioned support of others in achieving his goals. They were talking about people who make a positive change in someone's life and helped them make a contribution to society rather than being a cost.

I think we have seen it many times when we have a bit of a "hard case" child that it only takes a certain connection with a particular leader to put them on

the path to success and contribution. How many times do we hear achievers say that they owe a lot of their success to SCOUTS. This is because we have leaders willing to provide the opportunities for youth to test themselves and go outside of their comfort zones.

Stuart Fleming said at one of his parent seminars that society often focuses on the achievement of the individual rather than the qualities of that individual. I think in SCOUTS we do a great job of seeing the qualities of youth and providing the experiences where they can use those qualities to do great things. Please keep on being "that someone" who makes a difference in a child's life. And even though you may not see the reward of your endeavours today I hope that in 10 or 20 years time you have the chance to say with pride, "I took that boy in cubs" or "that girl was in my scout group."

TRAINING

Effective Management of Young People Course was held on Saturday 28 March. The following leaders completed this course: Mike Aluesi (Macandrew Bay), Keaton Bryant (Kew-Corstorphine), Blair Olsen (Andersons Bay), Roslyn Saunders (Andersons Bay), Lisa Clearwater (Andersons Bay), Michael Thompson (Mosgiel), Sharee Hill (Mosgiel), Samantha Evan (Mosgiel), Stephanie Linnell (Wakari).

Being Safe Module is on Wednesday 1 April 7-9pm. This is part of the Essential training for all new Leaders in all sections.

This course will be held at Scouts Office, 50 Filleul Street, Dunedin.

Register for courses by contacting Ruth Pearce, 50 Filleul St., PO Box 5380, Dunedin, phone 4776644, fax 4776648, email trainingsupport.otago.org.nz

Raft race winners November 2008



SANTA PARADE



The Zone Annual Meeting will be held in the McMillan Lounge of the Salvation Army at 575 Princes Street South on Friday 17 April 2009 at 7.30pm followed by a light simple supper. We will vacate the building by 9.30pm.

Please note that this does not include the Campsite Annual Meeting.

Campsite Annual Meeting

Campsite Annual Meeting will be held at the MTC at Waiora on Thursday 23 April at 7pm.

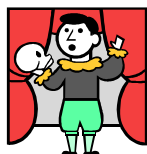
Cub Day 09

Leaders—have you put in your advice yet? Don't forget wet or fine—Sunday 5 April at Forbury Park.

Jigger Racing

SCOUT TROOPS AND VENTURER UNITS

Are reminded of the Jigger racing being held on Sunday 5 April. Entry Forms were sent to scout Section Leaders and Venturer unit Leaders and entries close on Friday 3 April but would be appreciated earlier. Teams of 3. Good prizes for the fastest on the day. The event will be held rain, hail or earthquake!



Gang Show 2009

Gang Show is starting once again, auditions have been held and 80 youth members have been successful out of auditioning 129. Thanks to all who tried-out, don't give up, maybe try again in 2011.

The first rehearsal camp at Waiora has just finished and it was truly outstanding to see the youth members from Scouts and Guides getting stuck in learning the songs and meeting the rehearsal leaders and one another over the weekend.

Noel and Sue once again had everything well planned, thus the whole camp went like clockwork.

The thanks of Scouting and Guiding is due to all the Leaders, Parents and supporters who assisted with the camp, this includes

our cooks who kept everyone very happy with great meals at all times.

All Keas, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders should be "talking" Gang Show and encouraging their Groups to arrange to see the show commencing 7th July 2009.

Bookings open at Scout Office on 22nd June. Posters will be sent to all Groups when they come to hand.

Rehearsals will now get more intense with every Sunday afternoon from now until late June. This is a very substantial undertaking for all involved, whether in cast, wardrobe, stage crew, advertising, orchestra or administration. The management committee thanks all involved for their commitment.

We regret to announce that **NOEL WALKER'S FATHER** Died in Invercargill on Sunday 22nd March.

The Zone has sent a message of sympathy to Noel and Sue and Hec represented the Zone at the funeral on Friday 27 March.

Clive Sims, Gang Show Chair was also present as well as a strong representation of Gang Show executives.

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