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### Founders Weekend 19-21 February 2010

With Founders Day coming up very shortly we realise you will be busy making plans to get your group out there. We will keep you notified as to times and competitions. Campsite will be open on Thursday to set up tents from 6—7.30ishp.m. and again on Friday from 5PM.

We ARE holding the Scout Camping Competition and Scout Cooking Competition during the weekend. This is to ensure that we have patrols that can go to the Regional Competitions. Please take the opportunity to provide the skills to your patrols regarding camp set and etiquette and the chance to compete for the National Competitions later in the year.

### Situations Vacant

We are still actively seeking for a person or people to operate the **Zone Scout Leaders** position. If you know a past (preferably) or present leader that may be interested or that you think may be suitable and is capable of communicating with people please let me know.

We are also in need of a **Zone Treasurer**, **someone to apply for grants** in a structured manner and a **Zone Secretary**.  
**Zone Trainers**—Please ask people that you know. If everyone does a little then nobody becomes overloaded and burns out.

### SHELTER BOXES FOR HAITI

As a zone we thought that we needed a good public relations activity project which would involve groups in pulling together to support a common cause and to use as publicity for SCOUTS. We are aware that this year will involve fundraising for Jamboree but we hope you will remember your SCOUT Law to help others.

The idea is to sponsor a shelter box through the Rotary Club of Taieri for the people of Haiti who are in desperate need of assistance. These boxes contain the essentials for dry shelter, warm beds, clean water and cooking supplies for 10 people. Each one costs \$1,500.00.

With the 16 groups we have in Coastal Otago Zone that would only require each group to raise less than \$100.00 each and could involve all sections of your group doing an activity together to raise this money.

To start this project off we have a coin trail planned in the Octagon on Sunday the 28th February 2010. If your group would like to help with this please let Christina McConnell (phone 453 4746), Ruth Pearce or Peter Marr in SCOUTS Lower South Island Regional Service Centre (phone 477 6644).



## V10

As we assembled at the airport on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, we really didn't know what we were in for. As we arrived at Brookfield in Wellington, all we could find out was, it will be a fantastic time.

For the first five days we were split up into different units for activities which we had chosen when we registered. The activities ranged from dancing to rock climbing, caving to an "Amazing Race". But all were a new experience with units filled with complete strangers. After five days though no one was a stranger.

As we arrived back at Brookfield, from all over the show it was apparent that everyone was revved up for phase two, especially the parties. Each night there was a different theme, starting with the spectacular "Fluoro Party" and finishing with the fantastic band "Midnight Youth" playing live, and may I add "Danger". Other than the parties though phase two was a lot of "chillaxing" and sunbathing. If you could muster the energy there were plenty of on-site activities including paintball, air rifle shooting, Rock Band, broncking buck riding, Challenge Valley and then every ones favourite -the Rover cafe, an on-site shop, selling everything from chips to V, and all the other sugary fatty essentials that

teenagers live off. There was also off-site activities such as gliding, skydiving or just a day at the beach. We were also allowed to escape for one day to bombard Wellington city with a free day of city slickers.

Not only did we all get sunburnt, but we made tonnes of new friends, including a lot of Australians. (There were about 300 of them). The sheep gags did get a bit boring but at least nothing in New Zealand is meant to kill you. All jokes aside though without the Australians it would not have been as much fun. Venture Wellington was an awesome amazing experience, the only disappointing thing is Venturers normally only get to go to one Venture. Just remember all you have to do is "open your eyes".

By Keegan Burrow  
Roslyn Venturer Unit

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**6<sup>th</sup> March- Leaders BBQ and Award Presentations** - details to follow.

**21st March - Go Otago.** This is another stall type static display to promote SCOUTS. Please HELP us help you- get involved and volunteer some time to talk to the public.

**15<sup>th</sup> May – The Great Otago Indoor Campfire.**

## SANTA PARADE 2009

Another successful Santa Parade went by with very positive reports despite the fact it was postponed from the original date to Sunday 13 December 2009 due to the weather.

Again we had the volunteered help of a driver and truck from McCormick's Carrying Ltd. Nine adults and eight youth members from five different Scout Groups were involved. All looked very smart in uniform with Santa hats. Our float was decorated in a Christmas theme of Scouts family Christmas in the outdoors.

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the truck for 2 hours on Saturday and all afternoon on the Sundays both weekends and also to those who helped remove the decorations.

We hope to be involved again next year. If you are keen or have any inspirational ideas please let us know.



### Waiora Scout Camp

The Campsite Management Committee for Waiora was confirmed at the AGM on November 2009 as follows:  
Dean Wilson – Chairman  
Greg Verhoef – Treasurer  
Bev Boyd - Secretary  
Stephen Manning  
David Crerar  
Howard Brockie  
Herman Veltman  
John Graham  
David Connor

Other roles:  
Stephen Manning – Groundsman  
Neil Moyle – Voluntary Co-ordinator

## FROM YOUR ZONE LEADER— Sandra

Welcome back to the start of the year 2010. I hope that you have had a great, relaxing break & managed to catch up on family and friends or at least relax.

Over the Christmas period a number of our youth and young at heart were privileged to attend a variety of activities. These may have been a simple Patrol Camp, a tramp, a walk or simply enjoying the wet & dry school holidays. Some lucky people have been able to go to the Australian Jamboree & others to the Wellington Venture. I have heard many stories & read the blogs & viewed the photos online all of which is worth viewing- especially if you are considering attending the next event on the calendar- Adventure Jam in Mystery Creek at the end of the year.

The Australian Jamboree runs differently to our own in that the entire Troop attends the activities. This gave our New Zealanders the chance to bond & form great friendships that are still being Face booked. It has also led to hopes of hosting the members of the ACT Troop that come over for the next Jamboree.

Venture is another great experience to encourage the older youth to attend. Many great, fun, & very challenging activities were provided to cater to a variety of interests. It is really amazing how much of the gear list you can pack into your 20Kg check in luggage & 7Kg carry on bag. Don't be daunted- it is sooo much fun. The online bits & pieces on the Venture website make great reading especially if you are contemplating going or sending the youth.

### How well do you know Waiora?

When we think of Waiora we often think of the MTC, Troop Den, Evans Field or Bridge Field. But there is far more to Waiora than first meets the eye. When was the last time your group camped on Birchall Field or used The Terraces or even Rovers Park? Has your section completed the Nature Trail or hiked up to the Lookout. Have your Scouts tramped up the Chalkies, a track accessible from the Campsite.

Perhaps as a Kea section you might be interested in using the cabins and breakout room for an overnight adventure. Or Scouts and Venturers might like to rough it in Mitchells Cottage.

Or what about going out to the campsite on a programme night? With the streams, bush, birdlife and wide open spaces there is plenty of scope to run a great programme there for the night. You could even have a BBQ for tea.

Call into the Regional Service Centre to find out more about what Waiora has to offer. And just for fun answer these questions. We will have the answers in the next newsletter.

**What is the largest population of native tree at Waiora?**

**What is the Parson Bird also known as?**

**Name the native owl and explain how it got its name?**

**What is the rarest bird at Waiora?**

**Who was County Commissioner for Scouts in Otago at the time Waiora was purchased?**

## A & P Show

We would like to thank everyone involved in helping with the A & P show. The tents, marquee, BBQ, old Scout setup, rope bridge, youth & adults that were on display promoted SCOUTS very well. The rope bridge, pikelets and craft were very well received by young and old, big and small. The team work involved in setting up and dismantling the site meant the work load was minimal and every one was home in due time. We were fortunate to have the Topp Twins visit our site. They were impressed and showed much interest in the old scout site. Levi the Mitre 10 man was more adventurous and crossed the rope bridge although the timber bowed, threatened to break and within 3 steps was walking on the ground.

The Rovers were offered the job of sentry and security duties for the weekend. As we knew they would the Rovers kept night time security tight. They impressed one of the organisers when they came in late one night by stopping them and questioning the person's right of entry. The following night the Rovers were responsible for stopping some wayward youth from entering and creating havoc. The organisers have sent their feedback – they were very impressed. Big Ups to the Rovers for a great job well done.



### Zone Keas

First up for the year is **Founders Activity Day** for the Keas on Saturday 20th February at Waiora from 1-4p.m. Meet in Evans Field. Bring: day bag, drink bottle, snack, jacket, togs/towel, sunhat, uniform/scarf.

**National Sleepover:** Due to not finding a suitable venue to accommodate all the Kea Clubs together under one roof, we will not be holding a combined sleepover for the Keas. Instead we are asking that you join together with another Kea Club and hold your own Kea sleepover at your hall or their hall. This will also entitle your Keas to the National Sleepover badge which will be available from the SCOUTS Service Centre.

**Photos:** When your Club is going out and about doing exciting things in the community or at your halls, please send in some photos that we can print in our newsletter, we would love to see all your happy Keas in action.

Sue Smith  
Zone Kea Leader

# Scouting About—Volume 13 Issue 1—February 2010



## From the Regional Manager's Desk

There is one concern of leaders that is repeated pretty much everywhere I go. There are not enough leaders.

And as I read reports and articles from the past this problem has been with SCOUTS pretty much constantly since the movement began.

But where do we find these people. We know they're out there, after all we found you didn't we? And you are doing a pretty good job, so why can't we involve others from our communities.

In the forward to One More Leader, a guide to recruiting leaders produced by the Scout Association of New Zealand, the Chief Executive Commissioner at the time, Dan Cotton wrote.

*I once read a description of the differing attitudes of two men faced with the task of selling Life Assurance in a certain town. One Man looked out over the town and said: "How can I find any people who need Life Assurance" The other looked out and said: "How can I cope with all these people who need Life Assurance?" I will leave you to figure out which man went on to achieve record sales!*

*I'm convinced that the same principle applies in the recruiting of Leaders for Scouting. We have something very worthwhile to sell and the customers (or prospects) are out there waiting.*

*Another selling catch phrase comes to mind. - "See the people". It means that you will never sell the goods if you don't see the people.*

*How do we achieve a state of mind suitable for recruiting?*

*Through confidence in Scouting, faith in the people of our community and the will to get out amongst them and ask the question. I'm sure you know people who you think would make a good leader. Don't worry if you aren't comfortable in approaching them; pass their name onto your Group Leader or Zone Leader. Let them use your name by way of introduction. You would be surprised to find how proud it makes people feel when they're told that someone thinks they have the skills and temperament to make a good SCOUT Leader.*

We also know that people are going to say no. That's fine as long as we are given the chance to ask the question. A piece of advice I learnt in my selling days was "They can't say no if you don't ask the question." Here's another idea. At your next group council meeting each leader writes down five names of people who they think would make a good leader. Do the same at the committee meeting. Even ask your parents to do it. I would be surprised if you don't find that there are one or two names that more than one person thought of. They're the first people to talk to.

So, who do you know that would make a good leader?

Kevin McRae  
Regional Development Manager

## ST PATRICKS KEAS CUBS AND SCOUTS...

### an awesome start to 2010 and exciting times ahead!

2010 will be a great year for us with numbers of children increasing in every section and enthusiastic leaders and helpers all fired up! We have started the year with 7 Keas, 13 Cubs and 12 Scouts. The children are looking forward to Founders Weekend (19-21 Feb) at Waiora and the many fun activities on offer there.

**Keas:** This term our theme is Waves...we will be making a huge wave poster using a mixture of media, with each kea having a sea wave to put on the wall. We will learn about beach and water safety and also what to do in an earthquake. Sock puppets, origami boats and lot of games centred around water are the order of the day. Our new Kea leader, Mel, is excited and keen to share her enthusiasm with the children. As several of the Keas are new, she has plans for lots of cooperative games - including soccer and tug of war to ensure all children feel welcome and part of the St Patricks team.

**Cubs:** With Waves as the term topic, Raewyn our Cub Leader has planned an exciting term of water wave and sound wave events, including excursions to the Museum Reserve/University area, Moana Pool, and a fishing trip! Upcoming activities include: Wave artworks, treasure maps, can phones, and much much more!

**Scouts:** Blair, Amy and Hannah have a whole year of fun planned... and with Jamboree at Mystery Creek at the end... it will be an awesome year with lots of fundraising towards meeting the Jamboree costs. Term 1 upcoming events include: Founders Weekend camping at Waiora, Hall sleepover before attending Anzac Day Parade, a 4-day tramp in the Te Anau area for the more experienced (and fit!) Scouts, and of course 101 activities each week!

The Keas, Cubs and Scouts are always busy working towards achieving their own personal challenge badges and enjoy earning these to sew on their uniforms and cub/scout blankets.

The term will end with an Easter get-together for all sections.

We will be asking a different Group each newsletter to provide a report (hopefully done by a youth member) about what the Group is doing/ has done. It is a way of keeping in touch with each other and giving ideas to other Groups of things that can be achieved.

## TRAINING

I hope you all had a good Christmas and welcome to 2010 and another busy year culminating in a Jamboree for the SCOUT section.

We are going to kick off the Leader Training year with the National Programmes and Award Scheme modules and following several requests from Group Leaders for further training we will also include this on the March 3 night.

Over the forthcoming year we hope that flexibility such as this will improve the training delivery and support to our adult Leaders. Youth training will also be to the fore with Sixers camps, Cossgroves, Sandford and Velocity courses filling the calendar, so make sure you have allowed for them.

Peter Marr, Zone Training Leader

## Zone Cubs

We hope everyone is back from a well deserved holiday and are all refreshed and looking forward to another busy year in Cub Scouts.

**Founders:** We hope to see all Cub Packs attending Founders Weekend, either for the whole weekend or just for the day. The Cub programme will start at 9.30a.m. and go until 4.30p.m. on Saturday 20th February, with a campfire at 8.30p.m. Don't forget to bring your togs.

**Pack Raid:** We will be planning another Pack Raid later in the term, more information will be out nearer the time.

**ANZAC Day:** We are hoping to see as many as possible Cub Packs attend the Dawn Service on ANZAC Day. Maybe you could hold a sleepover the night before at the hall and attend altogether.

**Campfire:** The Zone will be holding another giant indoor campfire again this year on the 15th May. Put this in your diary now.

**Six Leader Camp:** We will be running another Six Leader's Camp in June this year.

We look forward to catching up with all Cub Leaders at Founders.

Wayne and Russell  
Zone Cub Leaders



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We started off on our trip to the Australian jamboree in Dunedin, where we boarded a van for Christchurch airport. In Timaru we had a laugh as we walked through the drive-through. At first the lady didn't want to serve us but we persuaded her. We were the first of the New Zealand contingent to arrive in Christchurch. Within two hours we were greeted by the Invercargill troop & we filled in our time by playing poker and pushing each other around the airport in the trolleys. We also spent a considerable amount of time on the merry-go-round at Time Zone where we got a few wondering eyes from the tourists. That night I don't think anybody from the Otago area got any sleep. At 6.30am we boarded the plane to Sydney, I had a window seat, just as well because I was stuck in the seat right beside my own dad. But once every body found out how to use the touch pad entertainment system in the back of the seats we were all quiet and had settled down. About half way through the flight we were disturbed by Vincent Rijlaarsdam calling out for help to aid Taylor Rhodes for a bleeding nose which dripped all over his New Zealand contingent uniform. When we arrived at Pennant Hills we were shocked to find that the Otago people were the first onsite. We were then given money and a selection of places to go for the day but we decided to stay home and 'rest up', which meant walk around and explore & get first pick on the bedrooms there. While we were staying at Pennant Hills we went to Paddy's Market and the Sydney Aquarium, Manly Beach. We also attended the New Years celebration at Sydney Harbour, which was entertaining.

### AJ2010 Onsite

We had arrived on the bus at Cataract Park where we were taken to our campsite in sub-camp 10. We were astounded to find that our whole campsite had nearly been set up, then we were sent back to the bus stop to help our hosts from Canberra ACT back to the camp site. Within an hour we had already managed to mix and merge with our Australian counterparts. We got along with these people very well and were looking forward to spending the next ten days with them, as we set up the rest of our camp to know these great Australians even more which was a good opportunity to bond with them. We had many activities to do onsite such as two giant water slides, lazer skirmish in the bushes and trees, skills village where we had activities such

as welding, adventurous activities such as BMX, high ropes and low ropes, these are all some of the options, we thoroughly enjoyed all of the activities that we were set to attend. The opening ceremony was awesome; there were spectacular acts by many countries and a flag ceremony uniting each of the different people that were at AJ2010. A picture of the Kiwis was taken and put into the Sydney newspaper and I stood out the most. There were many performance items such as BMX jumping or motorbike jumping at the main arena. We also had scout idol, international night and comedy nights. Each of these were enjoyable. The closing night was **AWESOME** with the acts of many countries like Poland or Norway, but the highlight of the night was indeed the New Zealand performance. The girls sung one song and the Maori version of the national anthem with backup, then we all sang the English version of the national anthem. After this the girls had left stage and the guys were left standing, when we shed our tops with our face paint on and all the cheer was louder than when any of the acts were finished. The feeling of being part of this onstage was incredible, you felt powerful and strong compared to on normal ground. We had megaphones and a degree of stage shock when we started, At this point the cheer was unbelievable. We had lights and smoke in our eyes so we could just see the person in front of us, it was described as a scary authentic haka by the Jnn paper & Jamboree newspaper. As we finished the cheer was the only thing we could hear. the crowd was going nuts, I couldn't hear a thing (and Vincent was shouting in my ear). As the large screen zoomed in on my face I thought it was time for me to get offstage. On the last day when we had to part with our Australian friends with many tears shed by them and us, we promised to keep in touch with one another, then we boarded the bus to the Sydney airport as we waved what we hoped wouldn't be our last goodbyes. On the way to the airport memories were exchanged as we shared our highs and lows of the Jamboree. When we arrived at the airport we got lunch and had to take turns looking after the bags. We all eventually ended up there. We had many onlookers as we built a fort out of our baggage. One of our Scouts by the name Simeon Ramsay had put his sleeping bag in his carry on luggage so he decided to get some sleep for a laugh in our little fort we had made. Over all we had an excellent time at the Australian Jamboree and we will never forget about it. I can easily say it is the most fun I have ever had in my entire life and I will treasure these memories for the rest of my life. AJ2010 report written by Michael Thompson

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