

NEWS & VIEWS

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GANG SHOW 2009

The whole Gang are progressing at a satisfactory rate, their skills in singing, dancing and acting are steadily improving with lots of energy and enthusiasm. The wardrobe team is creating the hundreds of costumes required with fittings expected to take place at Pinehill on Saturday 13th June. Stage Crew are also working hard to fulfill the Producers' action plan for scenery and props for the various items. The orchestra is formed, rehearsing weekly under the baton of our conductor Ian Hebbard. The 2nd camp will be held 19th-21st June at Waiora. The weekend will be extremely busy with the orchestra attending on the Sunday and the Formal Dinner on Saturday evening. The energy of all concerned with the Show is terrific and I am sure this will be another triumph for the Scouts and Guides of the

Southern Region. How the Producers cope with everything is beyond words!! Preferential booking forms are now available, with public sales commencing on Monday 22nd June at SCOUTS Office, 50 Filleul Street, Dunedin, from 11am to 5pm daily.

Don't forget to book early and tell everyone about

GANG SHOW 2009

Tuesday 7th July to Saturday 11th July
at the Mayfair Theatre
Adults \$18.00, children, 14 and under, \$10.00
Group bookings are available.

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Gang Show seamstresses working hard preparing costumes



Gang Show Rehearsal

23rd Asia-Pacific Region SCOUTS Conference Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 27 October—1 November 2009

SCOUTS New Zealand will be represented at this event. For about a week before the main conference a Youth Forum is held. The youth Conference is for anyone in the 18-26 year old age range and help is usually available financially to enable Leaders or Rovers to attend. The main conference is open to all ages whether Leaders or lay people. There is an accompanying persons' programme for those with a partner who would like to attend. Anyone interested in either the Youth Forum or the main APR Conference please contact "Hec" as soon as possible.

Morrington Group is 99!

No—not quite 99 members but 99 years since the Group started in 1910. They held a birthday celebration on Wednesday 10th June with a gathering for all youth members—Keas, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Group Committee and Parents. The Venturer unit organised and ran a quiz night followed by supper. Ashlee Hammond was presented with her Chief Scout's Award by "Hec" Browett the Coastal Otago Zone Leader during a break in the proceedings. Morrington is certainly the longest continuously operating Group in the Zone and one of the longest operating without a break in New Zealand. Do you know when your Group started? Do you celebrate your Group birthday in a fitting way? Morrington is currently bringing their history up-to-date and proudly have early photographs to help. Has your Group History ever been written? Have you named photographs which indicate the place, event and year?

Waiora Campsite and Training Centre

Once again we are having minor bridge problems; the recent heavy rains have managed to wash out the approaches to Long Field Bridge and the McKerrow one is in doubt. The insurance company has agreed to fix them and are checking with the design engineers regarding the material used in the approaches.

Neil Moyle has been very busy touching up various areas with painting, checking and replacing window catches, etc. He is also providing a check list for the cleaner. He has removed staples and blue tack and other marks from the walls. Several blue gums and some hawthorn trees have been cut out around the Troop Den and leading to the campfire areas. The wood will be cut up and stored for using in the Wardens' Cottage. Quotes to repair Mitchell's Cottage are being sorted to enable the committee to apply for grants for this project. This is the last report I will write for the Campsite Committee as I retire from my position as Chairman on 30th June. I have enjoyed my time with this committee and trust Waiora will continue to grow in the years ahead.

Clive F. Sims

2011 JAMBOREE

The 19th New Zealand Scout Jamboree will be held at Mystery Creek (Hamilton) during the early part of January 2011.

Many Jamboree troops are currently being formed and it is not too soon to start fund-raising to get to this event because there will be travel and spending money to find as well as the Jamboree fee which has yet to be announced.

NEW NATIONAL KEA LEADER

Heather Guptill of Waihi has been appointed as the National Kea Leader.

She has had lots of Scouting experience in many roles at Group, District and Zone levels.

Heather believes the training she received when she first joined this organisation was extensive and thorough and quickly gave her the tools to carry out the jobs she has taken on.

When she was asked what was most important in developing Keas she commented: "I believe the role of the National Kea Leader is a pivotal one to ensure the growth of this section and for the support and training of the Zone Kea Leaders and the Kea Leaders throughout the country."

All in Coastal Otago Zone wish her well in this new appointment.

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FROM YOUR ZONE LEADER—'Hec'

Scout Pace

I can remember as a young Scout hearing of BP's suggestion that a way to cover a lot of ground quickly was to use "Scout's Pace". This involves running for about 20 metres and then walking for a similar distance. One does not get worn out quickly with the ability to keep going for a long time. Telegraph or power poles are usually almost equi-distant (it was said about a cricket pitch length apart(which was a "chain") 22 yards or about 20 metres. Something for you to try and an idea to pass onto our youth members. Perhaps you and they can try it!

Do we pace ourselves well? We go for a term and them have a "breather". We have at the

present the Gang Show Team who are going flat out in Scouting and the Gang Show being ready to put forward another wonderful performance which I hope all of our Coastal Otago members (youth and Adult Leaders) will support with their attendance. I am certainly looking forward to the Show. Each year is quite new!

Word has reached us of the sadness when a "Beaver" drowned recently in Britain. Beavers are the equivalent of our Keas.

All Adult Leaders have a terrific responsibility to ensure that their Keas, Cubs, Scouts and/or Venturers use the outdoor experiences we provide with great care. Remember to plan

carefully, always fill in the appropriate Activity Intention Form and have it approved by your Group Leader. If there is no Group Leader one of the Leaders is designated to act as such and has the added responsibility of checking that all activities are well planned and safely carried out.

We are awaiting word that the Zone Badge has been approved nationally at which stage we will order enough for a year or two's supply. Groups/Sections will be advised when they have come to hand.

Enjoy winter and the different outdoor activities it presents.

'Hec'

Queen's SCOUT Award

Hamish Mosley, a Venturer in the South Otago Venturer Unit, has been awarded his "Queen's Scout."

Hamish has worked very hard to achieve this award and the badge will be presented on a suitable occasion and the certificate will be presented by the Chief Scout, hopefully in Dunedin later this year. Of course you all know who the Chief Scout is! (His Excellency Sir Anand Satyan and in case you were unsure of the spelling!)

Jigger Racing Results 5 April 2009

Scouts

1st Clutha Scouts
2nd Terra Nova Monowai—Torea
3rd Macandrew Bay

Venturers

1st North Otago Pinkys
2nd Fairfield Pimps
3rd Fairfield Ian's Boys

Rovers/Leaders

1st Macandrew Bay
2nd Columba

Attention All Cub Leaders— try these

Visit:

- A museum - Gasworks, Early Settlers', Port Chalmers
- A park—Harbour Cone, Nichol's Creek, Organ Pipes
- A parent's work place
- An old Maori Pa site
- Observatory at Robin Hood

Make:

- A felt toy
- Sweets
- Leaf prints
- Plaster moulds
- Sand castle

Do:

- Climb a hill
- Obstacle course
- Fill a matchbox with 10 different things
- Soap carving
- Cook a meal in a strange place

The activities don't have to be limited to this list. Let us know the most unusual thing you have tried.

Badgeathon

Runs Term 3 - Monday 20 July 2009 to Friday 25 September 2009 - Term End.

How many badges can you collect, swap or earn over the period of Term 3?

Remember how spectacular SCOUT blankets and vests can look when they are covered in badges.

SCOUTS Lower South Island Region Plans to run a **competition** between all groups within the region ending with section prizes and an overall trophy for the winning Group.

The section prizes will consist of a SCOUT Blanket with a number of badges already on and an area set aside for the winner's own badge collection. These blankets will be available to the most successful collector in each of the Kea, Cub and Scout Sections.

Details—entry form and rules have been sent to each scout Group in June.

Give them some "HOMEWORK"...or is it PLEASUREwork?

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A WORD FROM THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

On the 1st of July the new Adult Training Scheme is to be released. These changes have been introduced as the movement moves forward with New Scouting.

Training is a key aspect in any organisation. If, as a movement, we are to deliver an exciting, challenging and relevant programme to our youth, Leaders need to know that they are going to receive the knowledge and experience to provide this.

In essence the new scheme ensures that new Leaders are warranted within the shortest possible time, and allows for Leaders to receive their training in many forms such as self-study, in-service training, peer training, experiential training or through formal courses. It involves various people in the training of Leaders including

Group Leaders, any suitably qualified Section leaders, outside organisations and so forth, and not only those who are members of a "training team". Furthermore the scheme uses and builds on the learners' experiences, and above all it places the attainment of the Wood Badge within reach of most.

Also, consider how the training received in SCOUTS can be transferred to other aspects of your lives. This training may help you in your personal lives or enhance your careers.

As the changes are released your Zone Training Leader and Zone team will be providing opportunities for you to learn about what is new and different about this new scheme.

TRAINING

A Cossgrove Course was held on 13-16 March at Green park in Balclutha and attracted 25 Scouts who had a great time. A successful Sixer Leaders' Camp was held on 22-24 May. A Tools for the Job module for Scout Leaders' on 7 April was cancelled due to lack of numbers. A Campfire Explained Course on 3 June was enjoyed by 6 Leaders.

Upcoming Training and Events

Being Safe Module—1 July
Scout Skills Day—25 July
Module—subject yet to be advised—5 August
Cub Brass Monkey—8,9 August
Sandford Course—11,13 September—First notice will soon be out.

We are happy to hold a Scouting Advanced Personal Development Course at Waiora in early November and would love to hear from Leaders who would enjoy the personal satisfaction of achieving their wood badge. Early notification will give the Programme and Training Team time to organise any training modules that are needed by individual Leaders between now and November.

Peter Marr
Zone Training Leader

Register for courses by contacting Ruth Pearce or Peter Marr, Scouts Lower South Island Regional Service Centre, 50 Filleul St., PO Box 5380, Dunedin, ph 4776644, fax 4776648, email adminlsi@scouts.org.nz

Zone Cub Leader's Report

As this term draws to an end I would like to give you an update on events so far this term.

I have been busy with visits to some packs and helping out in others. I have found Cubs are having great fun and really enjoying the National Programmes, which comes down to having great Leaders presenting the programmes.

On 22nd-24th May 2009 we held a Six Leaders' Camp at Tirohanga with 34 Cubs attending from Clinton, Owaka, Oamaru, Tainui, Pitcairn, Roslyn, St Patricks, West Taieri, Corstorphine, Grants Braes, Opoho, Macandrew Bay. The weekend was on how the Sixers can help their Leaders and how we as Leaders can help them to grow in the roles of Six Leaders.

I found some were unsure of their role but as we talked about it it came down to respect for their Leaders and gaining respect from their Sixes.

Over the weekend they learned many things; this is just a quick summary of what they did.

Good Cub, bad Cub, team work, compass work, bush craft and safety in the bush. They all wrote a programme for a camp they want to run in the future with their packs.

We talked about Sixers being responsible for a Sixer box, which is a box with all the craft gear for their six in it.

We had a great weekend, it may have been wet but the camp was one of the best Six Leader camps we have had to date.

I would like to thank all the Leaders that helped Russell and myself over the weekend.

Upcoming Events

Cub Campfire 27th June at Fairfield
Gang Show 7-11th July (Hopefully all packs will make a group booking to see the show)
Cub Brass Monkey 8-9th August
Badgeathon for all Term 3
A pack raid (these are great fun)

Wayne Smith
Zone Cub Leader

Sixer Leaders' Camp 22-24 May 2009

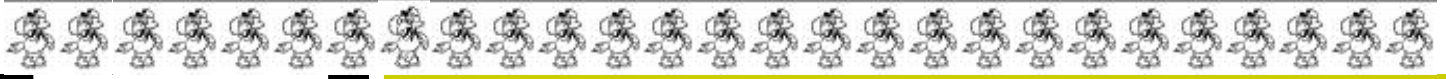


Keas 30th Birthday

Kea Clubs have been operating in New Zealand for 30 years come 1st October 2009.

This date falls in the school holidays so the celebrations will go on during the School Term 4 programmes and there may be other Zone (or even Region) get-togethers so all can kakkle like real Keas.





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SCOUTS New Zealand Insurance Cover

SCOUTS New Zealand provides insurance cover to its members as set out below. Please note:

- It is imperative that all **Adult Leaders** are warranted
- That all **Youth Members** are financial members of the association and their national levies are up-to-date and paid.

Without these provisions – you and your Group will not be covered!!

Public Liability—Sum Insured \$5,000,000.

Persons Insured—The SCOUTS Association of New Zealand and Scout Groups including Adult Leaders and Youth Members anywhere in New Zealand.

The Cover—This policy indemnifies the Persons insured for all sums which they shall become legally liable to pay as direct compensation consequent on

- Personal injury
 - Damage to property
- as a result of an occurrence in connection with the business of the persons insured.

This means **your** liability to other people for damage to their property through your negligence up to \$5,000,000.

Special Sublimits Care Custody and Control—\$50,000

Damage to property owned, occupied or held in trust by or in the custody or control of any of the persons Insured. This means **your** liability for other people's property under **your** control up to \$50,000.

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