



News & Views

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FROM “HEC”

Census

The hard work paid off. A 12% increase in uniformed member numbers in Otago area at 30th June was great. From the 30th September head count it appears that there may be a further increase. Thanks to all of the devoted leaders who have worked so hard to bring this about.

It was nothing to do with “New Scouting” which will present its own challenges but rather growth within existing groups and the re-opening of some closed sections and groups. Good leadership is the key.

Training

We have a core of leaders who work very hard at training. Peter Marr is leading this at present and Ruth Pearce at Area ensures that all whom we know about are invited to attend training. Please keep the Area office up-to-date with Leaders, their addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. To Peter and his team, thanks.

The Scouting Advanced Course held at Waiora 30th September and 1 and 2 October was “full” (28 leaders and team) and “full-on”. Thanks to Lesley Anderson and her team who came south and certainly delivered the goods. New Zealand is most fortunate to have high quality training leaders.

Thanks to Groups and Districts who paid the candidate’s fees. The “pay-back” will show in the future.

Thanks also to our Otago people who worked very efficiently in the background to make the show tick and do so successfully – Peter Marr, Ruth Pearce, Jeff Burrow and Clive Sims.

New Scouting

At the time of writing all I can advise is that it appears that the present Otago Area will become three zones in 2007. North Otago will become one zone. Central Otago/Lakes will become one zone. South Otago and Dunedin will become another zone.

A lot of this is based on geographical (distance by road) factors as well as the number of groups involved.

Clusters of groups can be formed (say in South Otago) with a Cluster Coordinator (or will it be an Assistant Zone Leader looking after a cluster?)

Each zone will have the following:

- Zone Leader – plus some assistants
- Zone Training Leader
- Zone Venturer Leader
- Zone Scout Leader
- Zone Cub Leader
- Zone Kea Leader
- Zone Activities Coordinator
- Zone Treasurer

There will also be a support committee to help with buildings and leases. Remember a committee can consist of one person!

To me it is obvious that there will have to be a doubling of jobs in many instances.

A key to success will be having a Group Leader in every Group. This must be a person who can manage his or her Group and gather a team of uniformed Leaders along with a Support Team (Group Committee) to work for the common cause – building or maintaining a strong group.

Hec Browett
Acting Area Commissioner

Cub Brass Monkey

Cubs from the Tainui, Ocean Beach, Andersons Bay, Pitcairn, Wakari, Mornington and Mosgiel Scouts Group joined in a Cub Brass Monkey at Waiora on 5, 6 August and had a wonderful time. The weather was hot and sunny and the ride was a warm one causing a lot of stops for cool drinks and rests. Some of the leaders had stiff sore muscles afterwards.

Pinewood Derby Results for 25 June 2006

inners

Wacky Car

First – Grace O'Neill – Columba

Second – Lissy Millar – Columba

Kea Buggy

First – Grace O’Neill – Columba

Second – Shavaughn McKeown – Columba

Third – William Sinha – Columba

Fourth – Rachel Anderson – Andersons Bay

Cub Car

First – Alexandra Hill – Columba

Second – Kris Campbell – Columba

Third – Aykla Millar – Columba

Fourth - Nicolas Krsnic – Alexandra

Hard Luck

Winner – Sophie McSkimming – Tainui

Pack Award

First – Columba

Second – Tainui

Third – Fairfield

Leaders’ Race

First – Neville Corry – Columba

Second – Brent Sutherland – Fairfield

Third – Steve McKeown - Columba

Trophy Winners

Wacky Car – Aroha White – Tainui

Kea Buggy – Grace O’Neill – Columba

Cub Car – Alexandra Hill – Columba

Leaders’ Race – Neville Corry – Columba

Hard Luck – Sophie McSkimming – Tainui

Pack Trophy – Columba

CAMPSITE NEWS

The MTC interior is now complete with new carpet, tables, chairs, curtains, hot water, polished floor, etc. It is really looking great!

The concreting of the barbecue area and new footpaths should be complete by the end of August and the first application for a grant was sent to the Community Trust of Otago at the end of July. Further grants are also being applied for.

Grants permitting, the MTC should be painted by the end of September, early October!

We now have about 180 old stacking chairs to be given away, also inner sprung bunk mattresses at \$5 each. (If you want some contact Clive on 454 2442) Otherwise they will be dumped.

The damage to bridges, fences, water pipes, etc is awaiting okay by the insurance company but we expect this to be cleaned up by early September.

KEA NEWS

Well, we are nearly at the end of term three already. Soon we will be thinking about the end of year activities.

It has been great to catch up with so many Kea Leaders through either Scouting Unpacked or Tools for the Job that have been running over the last few weeks. It was great to finally catch up with the Oamaru Kea Leaders when we ran Tools for the Job in Oamaru.

I would like Kea Clubs to keep me informed of some of the special activities that you are doing in your Clubs or with other Clubs that I could print in the News and Views each term, or maybe you have a craft or idea to share. Photos also welcome.

Why not try one of these ideas in Term Four:

Join with another Kea club for an outing/activity.
Have an indoor campfire
Invite another club for a sleepover at your hall
Have a bring a friend day (badges available from Area)
Make a kite, then fly it
Attend a J.O.T.A. (Jamboree on the Air)

The Kea section seems to be going through a growth spurt at the moment as our numbers are away up on this census. This is great news. This is all due to the dedication of all you Kea Leaders running great programmes. Keep up the good work.

Sue Smith
Area Kea Leader
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Congratulations

Fiona Sinclair attended the Scouting New Zealand National Photographic School from 2-9 July and won second place as well as being recognised as the most improved photographer. Well done, Fiona.

21st World Jamboree – July 27th to August 8th 2007

Scouts and venturers plan now to attend.

Sign up now to attend the 21st World Jamboree. The experience of being with scouts from around the world is not to be missed. Scouting New Zealand is sending a contingent. We are still accepting applications from youth members. Scouts and Venturers born between July 28th 1989 and July 27th 1993 may take part in the Jamboree.

If you require further information contact the Programme and training National office at pandt@scoutingnz.org.nz or download an Ops 23 form from the web page and post completed to the office, PO Box 151029, New Lynn, Auckland with a \$500 deposit.

The theme of the jamboree is “One World, One Promise.” Be part of a scouting event which will give you the opportunity to share your fun with fellow scouts from around the world.

14th Nippon Jamboree in Japan

Nick Harper, a Scout from the Tainui Scout Group, has been in Japan at the 14th Nippon Jamboree. He had an 11 hour flight which was long and boring and traveled by bullet train to his home stay. He visited a museum and absolutely loved it. It was full of electronic stuff like robots, etc and he virtually had to be dragged out. He had a great time.

Programme and Training Team

The Cossgrove Course held on the 9-11 June was a very busy full course and went very well. This is a very popular course where the scouts learn about leadership and have a great time.

The scouts again had a great time on 1, 2, July at the Scout Brass Monkey.

There were no enrolments for Scouting Principles modules in either June or August. The September module was Being Safe and 6 leaders attended. The October Tools for the Job module was attended by 9 people. The November module will be Scouting Principles.

The Sandford Course on 25-27 August was very full and a great weekend by all reports. John Williams and Jeff Burrow were the main leaders at this weekend but they could not have made it such a success without the help of all the other Leaders and Rovers and Venturers and cooks who helped. Jeff would like to say thanks to all those who helped by doing their bit.

We ran an Effective Management of Young People Course on Sunday 3 September and there were 11 leaders attended this day.

Venturer Velocity was a great weekend for 22 Venturers and senior Scouts from all around Otago.

There were more applicants than places for the Scouting Advanced Personal Development course at Waiora on 30 September to 2 October. This was another full-on busy weekend of training and growing for the leaders attending.

We have next year's calendar planned and it is on our website. We are happy to have information about any events you would like us to include in this. Contact Ruth Pearce at Area Office with the details. Registration forms will be available soon for the Swimming sports on Saturday 4 November.

Scout Brass Monkey

Lots of scouts enjoyed the Scout Brass monkey at Berwick Forest Lodge early in July. The Opoho patrol won the trophy and is pictured above having been presented with it.

18th NZ Scout Jamboree. C-JAM. The Centenary Jamboree.

28 December 2007 – 5 January 2008. Christchurch.

The forms for Troops to registration their interest in attending the Jamboree are now downloadable from the national website. They are highlighted on the Home Page. The sooner you register your interest the sooner communication can begin.

To laugh often and much, to win the respect of intelligent people and affection of children, to earn the appreciation of honest critics, and endure the betrayal of false friends, to appreciate beauty and find the best in others, to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition, to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived: this is to have succeeded.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Calendar

October

Wednesday	11	Campsite Committee 7:30pm
Saturday-Sunday	14,15	JOTA/JOTI
Monday	16	Area Water Activities Committee 7:30pm
Tuesday	17	Administration and Finance Committee 5:30pm
Friday-Monday	20-23	Regatta Cromwell
Friday-Sunday	27,28,29	Scout Camping Competition - Waiora

November

Wednesday	1	Area Training Module 7-9pm
Saturday	4	Swimming Sports
Saturday	4	National Executive Meeting

Wednesday	8	Campsite Committee 7:30pm
Saturday-Sunday	11,12	Scout Skills Weekend South Otago – Training Course
Tuesday	14	Administration and Finance Committee 5:30pm
December		
Wednesday	6	Campsite Committee 7:30pm
Wednesday	6	Area Training Christmas Event
Tuesday	12	Administration and Finance Committee 5:30pm
Wednesday	20	Term 4 ends

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