

# **Manukau Scout Zone - June 2012**

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## **Queen's Jubilee Beacon**



Scouts and Guides collaborated to build a substantial beacon fire at Omana Regional Park on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The event which was to celebrate the 60 year reign of Queen Elizabeth attracted more than 600 members of Scouts, Guides and the public. The evening finished with a campfire led by Craig Bleakley. [Full article and photos...](#)

## **Thanks to MJS Rovers**



I would like to thank Andrew Christini and the MJS Rover Crew for the work they did in making my dream of holding a Zone Jubilee Beacon Event come true. They took on the responsibility for collecting the firewood, storing it, transporting it to site and building the beacon fire. Afterwards they cleaned up the ashes and returned the site to the Park Rangers in a tidy condition before going home. My sincere thanks team. *Brian Usher, Zone Leader.*

## **New Kea Section**

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## About the Zone

Manukau Zone is part of but not all South Auckland in the North Island of New Zealand. For more information about the Manukau Scout Zone go to our website:

[www.manukauscouts.org](http://www.manukauscouts.org)

Send updates for the website and articles for this newsletter to [dmthorpe@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dmthorpe@xtra.co.nz) please.

## Database



At the recent Practical Skills Training Alan Chant from Trinity Group demonstrated the

electronic system he has developed for recording Keas progress through the Award Scheme - everyone who was there thought it was just fantastic. Since then he has refined it even further...and it really is wonderful. People wanting to try it should contact me. *Helen Rutledge ZKL*



## Kea Hike attracts 165

Zone Kea Leaders, Donna Bagley and Helen Rutledge, were delighted with the turnout of Keas to this family activity – the first Manukau Zone Kea Hike. 100 Keas and their families from Howick, Bucklands Beach, Te Puru, Papatoetoe East, St George’s and Ormiston Kea Clubs joined together on the hike which took them through 4km native bush and

**GROUP REGISTRATION 2011**

GROUP	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st	Total	
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forest. [Photos and more info...](#)

## Census Time Again

It’s that time of the year again when we count heads and look to see how the last 12 months has shaped up membership wise. A reminder to all Group Leaders if we may please. Don’t wait till the end of the month to fill out the forms. In case you are wondering, we had 664 uniformed members in the Zone five years ago and 1014 last year. *Brian*

*Usher, Zone Leader*

## **Beacon Event Planning**



A recent meeting to plan this event was held at the Howick Club with both Scout and Guide Leaders present. In about 90 minutes the event was pretty well sorted and with 24 hours, emails had flooded in confirming that the arrangements were in place, including a Coffee vendor. The depth of our respective community networks is startling and the help we received from the community is heart warming. We enjoyed working with Carole Smith and her Guide Team. *David Thorpe Asst Zone Leader*



## **St Peter's Centenary**

St Peter's Sea Scout Group held their centenary in Hamilton this month and had an enjoyable afternoon down at the Hamilton Lake and at the Scout Hall in the evening. One attendee has since said "There were some good reminiscences later after dinner, from a number of 'old' Scouts. Really interesting. Inspiring I think, for our Venturers to hear some of those tales and realise they are part of an ongoing and very durable history". Former Group Leader Ross Murphy and his committee organised the day. *David Thorpe and Steve Anderson*

## Cossgrove Course Held



26 Scouts and 6 leaders from Scout Troops in Howick, Bucklands Beach

and Pakuranga completed a Cossgrove Outdoor Practical Skills training course at the Central North Island Region's Waingaro Scout Campsite on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May. Our thanks to the Waikato and Counties Trainers who helped run the course. [More info and photos](#) .....*Anne-Marie Wilkins, Zone Training Leader*



## Life After Gang Show

The 'Joseph's

Technicolour Dreamcoat' stage show produced by the Harlequin Theater in Auckland recently has had great reviews. It was interesting to note that the following SCOUTS Leaders and Gangshow members were in the cast: *Craig Bleakley, Kelly Bleakley, George Everts and Sarah Venville. Jess Moverley* a Papakura Ranger was a sound operator in the show as well. [More info and Photos...](#)

## Recent Leader Appointments

- We are pleased to announce that Merv Hotter, Scout Leader at Trinity has been appointed to

fill the Zone Scout Leader role.  
Merv will take up the  
appointment fully in September  
this year.

- Trudie Graham, Venturer Leader at Ormiston Group has stepped into the Group Leader's role following the resignation of Karena Togi. Trudie is retaining the VL role. *Brian Usher, Zone Leader*

## Practical Skills Course



The Manukau and Counties Zones Practical Skills Training Course for Kea and Cub Leaders

was held at Camp Sladdin in Clevedon on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2012. Twenty one leaders attended from both Zones and worked their way through the skills needed to run their Clubs and Packs up to Silver Award Level. Our thanks to the instructors from Manukau and Counties who ran the course. [More info and photos ...](#). *Anne-Marie Wilkins, Zone Training Leader*

## National Schools - Vacancies



Photography School,  
Wainuiomata 7 - 14 July  
Mountaincraft School, Mt

Ruapehu 7 - 12 October

Walsh Memorial Scout Flying School,  
Matamata 8 - 22 January 2013

***(Hint: There are several funding  
scholarships available for this school***

– *ask about them*)

Canoe School, Wanganui River 13 - 20  
January 2013

Slide shows promoting these Schools  
are available on CD. call 0800SCOUTS  
for a copy.

## Manukau Social Evening



All Manukau leaders are invited to a Zone social evening. There is no entry charge as it's a thank you from the Zone Team to all Leaders and partners in the Groups and Rover Crews for all the work they do for SCOUTS. Groups are invited to book a table and endeavour to win a prize for the best dressed Group following a "Movie Theme". Come as your favourite or eye catching movie character.

**Supper:** is provided, but drinks are BYO.

**Time:** 7:30pm—midnight

**Place:** To be advised shortly, Pakuranga

**Date:** 28th July 2012.

Bookings for a Group table: to Jocelyn Gardner [team.gardner@xtra.co.nz](mailto:team.gardner@xtra.co.nz) or 09 537 6358

## And It's Farewell

It's shortly to be farewell to the Clevedon Group which has been having a tough time for several years. Group Leader Emma Green moved to Waihi recently and former Group Leader Jo McAllister has retired after many years of service to

Scouts in a variety of roles. Victoria Johnson has also retired after several years with the Scout Section and Tony Francis their Scout and Venturer Leader and Former Zone Scout Leader is shifting to Whangarei at the end of this month as a paramedic.. We wish them all well and thank them for their service to the community, in Tony and Jo's case, for many decades. *Brian Usher, Zone Leader*

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