

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacon

Omana Regional Park, Maraetai 5:00pm to 7:00pm June 4th 2012



Scouts and Guides collaborated to build a substantial beacon fire at Omana Regional Park on June 4th 2012.

The event which was to celebrate the 60 year reign of Queen Elizabeth was approved by the NZ Government and attracted more than 600 members of Scouts, Guides and the public.

The first of the 4000 Beacons in the world was lit by the Canterbury Scouts in the South Island and then beacons were lit throughout the North Island.

Once the beacon burned down, the crowd joined in the Scout and Guide campfire with a few favourite campfire songs being sung. The Campfire was led by Craig Bleakley who was MC for the event. The Scouts and Guides reaffirmed their promise led by the Scout and Guide Zone Leaders and members of their teams.

The Guest speaker was Queen's Scout Clarke Truscott who spoke on the Queen's role in Scouting and her commitment to service to the community.

The MJS Rovers sold hundreds of BBQ'd sausages and the coffee van was a great hit. The fire exceeded expectations and the size and heat generated was impressive as can be seen by the photo above. One motorist reported seeing the fire from some kilometres along the coast. A gold coin collection of \$325 and a large chocolate cake were given to the Beachlands Fire Brigade to acknowledge their help.

Scouts and Guides are grateful to the following:

- Auckland City Council who made the park, chairs and sound system available.
- Chemfreight Ltd of East Tamaki who supplied all the firewood.
- Beachlands Fire Service who provided safety services.
- MJS Rovers and members of other crews who organised the building of the Beacon and cleaned up afterwards.
- The Ranger Guides who managed the parking.
- The Omana Regional Park staff who assisted with advice and parking etc.

Our thanks to all who supported the event. It was a night to remember.



The Fire Service received a call 3 mins after the fire was lit, reporting a huge fire on the Omana Reserve.



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