

# ADVENTURE PLUS!



**SCOUTS**  
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Manukau Zone News

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## MARCH WILL BE A BUSY MONTH

SCOUTS have got off to a great start this year with a number of great activities in the pipeline. Here are a few we know about:

- The Scout Adventure Weekend** on Motutapu Island 3rd and 4th March. Starting with a chartered ferry ride or in a Scout Cutter, the Scouts make their way to the island, set up camp and then head inland to find a suitable location and set up their activity base. Once set up, the Scouts head off to visit each others bases and attempt the challenging activity set up for them. On Sunday mid morning they strike camp and walk to the public ferry or board their cutters and sail home.
- Water Activity Charge Certificate Course** at Waiheke Island Scout Hall on March 9th and 10th. A great venue for those wishing to upskill and lead sailing and rowing activities. Graham Harris is the contact person. 027 275 4396
- Kea Sleep Over** on March 9th and 10th. A fun weekend for the Kea in your life. Keas learn to stay away from home, often for the first time. Camp Sladdin at Clevedon is the venue, Zone Kea Leaders Helen Rutledge and Donna Bagley are the contact people. 09 536 5981 or 09 278 0286
- Rescue Boat Drivers Course** at Torbay Scout Hall, 17th March, 8:30am til 3:00pm. A must for leaders who man the rescue craft in a Group. The contact person is Andrew Stevens: andrew@newlynn.seascouts.org.nz
- Auckland Region Regatta** at Shakespeare Bay, Whangaparaoa from 23rd to 25th March. One of the biggest Sea Scout activities in the country. A full on camp with sailing, rowing and camping competitions, along with heaps of other fun activities. 09 827 5519
- Manukau Raft Race and Mud Slide day** on Sunday 25th March at Cockle Bay. Racing runs from 9:45am till 11:30am and the water slide starts at 11:30am til 1:00pm. Note that Keas will hold a sand dig and treasure hunt during the Cub, Scout, Venturer, Rover and adult races. The venue is the Cockle Bay Scout Group Hall on Shelly Beach Parade, Howick. Just turn up.
- Manukau and Counties Zone Initial Training Course** on March 24th at Capt Musick Scout Hall in Pigeon Mtn Road, Half Moon Bay. Runs from 9am til 4:30pm. All new leaders should attend and gain a thorough understanding of the aims and objectives of SCOUTS and the methods we use to achieve those aims. The contact is Angela at 0800SCOUTS.
- NZ Police Blue Light Camp** at Camp Sladdin on March 31st. Scouts will be running the Saturday activity programme with Farm Cove Cub Leader Brendan Waters running a canoe expedition on the Wairoa River at Clevedon.

Pukekohe based leader Phil Allen is running a survival base that includes skinning rabbits or possums, plucking chickens and cooking them on either a rocket or sawdust stove.

## THINGS TO BE AWARE OF

### SCOUTS DIRECT

The Scout shop has advised that the recent increase in freight has been reversed and Groups who received increased charges may claim a refund if they haven't already received one.

### ZONE RESOURCES

The following resources are available to all Groups and are kept at the locations listed below:

#### Laptop PCs

Anne-Marie Wilkins (new) 09 534 9007  
David Thorpe (OK to run a slide show) 09 576 7933

#### Projectors 1 and 2

Contact Anne Marie Wilkins 09 534 9007  
Or Jim Macdonald 09 274 5910

#### Banners

2 Large white PVC Banners 3m x 1.6m  
1 large blue 6m x 1m banner

4 small blue banners 1m x 1m  
All at Cpt Musick Hall 09 534 9007

#### Large Photocopier (not portable)

A4 copier (supply your own paper)  
Kept at Cpt Musick Hall (not colour)

#### BBQ Gas fired

Kept at the Cpt Musick Scout hall.

### NATIONAL PROGRAMME PANEL

A panel to review the National Programmes approach has been appointed. Lesley Anderson (National Leader Special Duties) has been appointed to chair the panel. Local appointees are **Sue Gould** of Counties Zone and **Helen Rutledge** of Manukau Zone. **David Thorpe** has been appointed to help coordinate the outcomes with the Section Award Schemes. Their first meeting is in March at Wellington.

### CUB DAY

Manukau and Counties Zones will combine to hold Cub Day on April 1st at Barry Curtis Park near the St Pauls Church on Chapel Road, Flat Bush. Leaders from each pack attending are expected to run an activity base while parents escort the Cubs from base to base. Leaders from other sections are encouraged to assist the Cub team and spread the work load.





Trinity Cubs went for their annual visit to Waiheke Island on Saturday 11th February. Once again we were lucky with the weather and were able to spend all day Saturday in the water, sailing, kayaking and swimming. Saturday night the Group had a campfire, then the Cubs slept in the Scout Den. Sunday we had more water activities and the Cubs even learnt some new rowing techniques. After lunch we packed up, walked to the ferry terminal then caught the ferry home at 3pm. The Cubs were absolutely exhausted by the time they got home but all had a wonderful time and are looking forward to going back next year.

## SERVICE AWARDS ANNOUNCED

We are pleased to announce that The Scout Association of New Zealand has announced the following Founders Day awards to Leaders in Manukau Zone.

### Silver Tiki

**Chris Paterson** Group Ldr Bucklands Beach Sea Scouts  
**Hugh Leersnyder** Asst Group Ldr Bucklands Beach Sea Scouts  
**Pauline Keesing** Zone Kea Leader Manukau Zone

### Medal of Merit

**Finn Hansen** Scout Ldr Bucklands Beach Sea Scouts  
**Craig Bleakley** Zone Scout Leader Manukau Zone  
**Phillipa Wallace** Associate Rover and former Kea Leader

Congratulations to the recipients. We appreciate their efforts and value the service they have contributed to SCOUTS



The Medal of Merit is granted by the Zone Leader to Adult Leaders and persons holding lay appointments who have given several years good service and have undertaken appropriate training for the appointment which they currently hold. While the length of service taken into account may vary according to time commitment and achievement, ten years service is suggested as a guideline and the Medal should be granted by the time ten years service is achieved.



The Silver Tiki is an award for distinguished service. It is granted by the National Office at its discretion to adults who have several years' good service and have undertaken appropriate training for the appointment that they currently hold. An indication of the length of service expected is 20 years or more.

### Video Tape to DVD skills

Our zone has inherited a small number of video tapes of Jamborees, Cub Camps and training courses. We wondered if anyone has the technology to convert these to DVDs or can show us how to do it so we can keep them for historical use.  
 Contact David Thorpe on 09 576 7933

### Panasonic Copier technician

The Zone owns a largish Panasonic copier that is mechanically sound, but has had toner spilt in it when it was moved recently. Is there anyone amongst our members who is familiar with these types of machine and would be prepared to donate some time returning it to a usable state please? We have a spare toner cartridge and the wiper blade etc.  
 Contact Anne-Marisce on 09 534 9007

### Zone Scout Leader Position

The Zone needs to fill the Zone Scout Leader position fairly soon and would welcome calls from interested leaders. The role could be shared between two people who enjoy working together. The Zone reimburses fuel and any phone expenses.

Experience in the section is desirable but not essential. The role would suit people who are experienced team leaders of adults in a work or voluntary environment etc. In simple terms the role is about:

- Periodically ringing and calling on Scout Leaders throughout the Zone and keeping in touch so that they are well informed on matters and events to do with the section and feel valued.
- Encouraging the Scout Leaders to attend training where needed and helping do the training if you have the appropriate skills.
- Supporting new Scout Leaders during the first three weeks of their appointment if they are in a sole charge position.

Contact Zone Leader Brian Usher on 027 55 99 648 to discuss the role.

## MANUKAU ZONE DIRECTORY

### Zone Leader

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### Zone Water Activities Leader

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