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MANUKAU ROVER CREW MOOT SMARTER

Easter Weekend 2012, and for Rovers that means only one thing. **Moot!** This year's Moot wasn't too far away from us, located in Kaikohe three hours North or Auckland.

For the first time in a while, Manukau Rover crew had 100% turnout to Moot, with 11 of us joining a total of 130 Rovers from all over New Zealand and Australia.



One of the highlights of the weekend was the service project at Ohaeawai Primary School, in which we put many hands and completed many projects for the school which had been pending for years. The schools staff were ecstatic at the progress and it gave us a buzz lasting the rest of the weekend.



Manukau Crew won a couple of awards, getting *Second* for the fastest boys in the *Cross Country* and *Third* in the *Shooting Trophy*, which is the award given for a day's competition with various types of challenges. Howick Rovers also won the Best Boys Crew Spirit trophy.

Overall, it was fantastic weekend, the weather held out and many friends were made. We are already looking forward to next year's Moot in the Lower North Island.
Brendan Vercoelen, Manukau Rover Crew



SCOUTS AND VENTURERS COOK FOR ROVER MOOT



Proud Leader Steve Graham (left) with three Venturers and 3 Scouts from Cockle Bay Group who cooked for the Rover Moot at Easter.

at what three Scouts and three Venturers were able to achieve. For the record, they turned out 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners for more than 130 people, in a kitchen suited more to catering for around 40 people.

They cooked in excess of 500 sausages, 500 rashers of bacon, 45 dozen eggs, 20 kgs of hash browns, chopped and sliced 20 kgs of onions, peeled and cooked 20 kgs of potatoes, cooked 20 Kgs of chicken and 12 kgs of beef in 6 bottles of white and red wine respectively. They boiled 15 kgs of pasta and distributed over 400 bread rolls, grated 10 kgs of carrots and opened dozens of tins.

Usually the Rovers cook for Scout and Venturer Training courses, but this Easter the tables were turned and the Scouts and Venturers from Cockle Bay Group helped Leader Steve Graham turn out top class meals for the Moot participants in Northland. They spent something like 24 hours just washing dishes.

Apparently, this Moot was the first one for more than 15 years, that has been attended by Venturers, and the first in the more than 70 year history of Moot that has been attended by Scouts!

Steve reports that the Venturers and Scouts worked tirelessly over the entire weekend, without complaining or getting irritable at any time despite starting work in the kitchen a little after 5am, and working more or less continually until around 8.30pm.

There were many compliments on everyone's attitude and work ethic from all sorts of people across the entire range of people attending the Moot, from the organising committee to ordinary Rovers. Many of those attending Moot were leaders as well as Rovers, and were quite frankly amazed



NATIONAL SCOUT REGATTA HELD

Some of our Bucklands Beach Sea Scouts and Venturers went to the 26th National Sea Scout Regatta at Lyttleton over Easter. They joined forces with Te Puru and Tauhinu Scouts, and came back with these awards:

- 3rd - Junior Ironman
- 3rd - Junior Sunburst
- 2nd - Aggregate Sunburst
- 3rd - Senior Boating
- 3rd - Intermediate Rowing
- 1st - Senior Rowing (Tauhinu)
- 3rd - Senior Swimming (Tauhinu)
- 1st - Intermediate Tug o' War



A great effort, and by all accounts it was a most enjoyable event.

SCOUT AWARD SCHEME BOOKLET



This A5 booklet is a slightly summarised version of the Scout Award Scheme and is great as a permanent record of a Scout's progress through the Award Scheme.

They are printed on high quality paper and are available from the Upper North Island Regional Service Centre

Contact Jill for price and details on:

jill@scouts.org.nz
or ring 09 827 5119

ANAZAC DAY 2012 PARADE BIGGEST TO DATE

The Howick ANZAC DAY parade at Stockade Hill saw record crowds attending both the dawn and the late morning service. While the parade of veterans gets ever smaller, the Scouts, Guides and Schools attendance numbers have exceeded expectations.

The Scout numbers from the local Groups in Howick and Pakuranga were the largest known, and the new uniforms looked smart.

Te Puru at Beachlands had 95 youth members attend their local parade which was a great response, and Scouts also paraded at Papatoetoe and Mangere Bridge in good numbers.



BUCKLANDS BEACH SEA SCOUTS AWARDS NIGHT

An awards night was held at the Group hall on Monday the 30th April to celebrate the awarding of several senior service awards to leaders and Award Scheme badges and certificates to the Keas, Cubs, Scout and Venturers.

The evening was attended by about 70 parents and 78 youth members and 18 leaders from the four sections.

Senior award were presented to the following leaders.

Chris Patterson - Silver Tiki

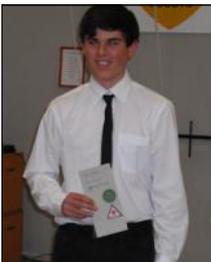
Finn Hansen - Medal of Merit

Hugh Leersnyder (Silver Tiki) was absent on the night and will be presented with the award at a later date.



Finn Hansen

Chris Patterson



Josh Martin holding his Chief Scout's Award.



Ten Cubs moving up to Scouts, with their Patrol Leaders at the back

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Scout pioneering projects for boys and girls

Main menu

This is a website we recommend for leaders in the Scout Section. Many very practical ideas for trying out at camp.

TREE PLANTING INVITATION Motuihe Island

Each year Bucklands Beach Sea Scouts travel by ferry to Motuihe Island to help with the tree planting project run by the Dept of Conservation. This involves the Cub, Scout and Venturer sections.



This year the Group is extending an offer to other groups to join them and send a six or patrol along with a leader and parents, to enjoy the adventure and help with the planting.

The planting will take place on Sunday 17th June.

Contact Group Leader Evan Lyon on **09 576 5439** if your Group is interested.

SCOUT AND VENTURER TRAINING

COSSGROVE PRACTICAL OUTDOOR SKILLS

A Cosgrove Course for all Scouts and Scout Leaders is running on

the 25-27th May at Waingaro Scout Outdoor Camp. This is a great outdoor campsite just a few kilometres from the Waingaro hot pools and leisure centre out towards the coast from Huntly. The course is all about learning camping and tramping skills, and includes cooking and learning to look after yourself in the outdoors.



VELOCITY INTRODUCTORY COURSE

This course is for new Venturers

and should be attended within 3 to 6 months of joining the unit. You learn how to plan a unit programme, get along with others, how the award scheme works and how to have a great time in Venturers. The course is being run over the weekend of the 27th to 29th July. Venue is near Tauranga.



COOKSEY LEADERSHIP COURSE

This Venturer course is for those charged with leading the Unit such as

the Unit Executive members and others wanting to develop their leadership skills. The course is being run over the weekend of the 27th to 29th July. The venue is near Tauranga.



Bookings for all courses go to Angela at 0800SCOUTS or angela@scouts.org.nz

MANUKAU KEA ACTIVITY DAYS

- The Manukau Kea Hike day is scheduled for the 27th May 10am to 1pm
- Kea Day for both Zones is scheduled for the 18th November. The theme is 'Circus'.

Contact Donna 09 278 0286 or Helen 09 536 5981 for more information.



MANUKAU LEADERS MID WINTER SOCIAL EVENING (It's FREE)



All Manukau leaders are invited to a social evening at the Farm Cove Sailing Club Hall in Bramley Drive, Pakuranga.

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: Farm Cove Sailing Club, off Bramley Drive, Pakuranga

Date: To be advised but most likely in July.

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

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE BEACON

The UK Scouts have asked SCOUTS in the Commonwealth countries to become involved in Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee by building and managing a series of beacons (bonfires) across their respective countries on Queen's Birthday weekend.

The Zone Team are currently consulting the Auckland City Council and the Fire Service as to how we might achieve this. Regulations may mean the best we can do is a large campfire to which the public are invited. We will keep you posted.



Meanwhile perhaps leaders can start planning on bringing their sections to the event which at this stage in the planning will be: **7pm on the Monday the 4th June**

Waikato Zone are well advanced with theirs which will be a public campfire and sing-a-long at the Hamilton Lake.

CAMPFIRE SONGS WITH TUNES

49th Croydon Scout Group
 Christchurch Methodist Church, 114 Lower Addiscombe Road, Croydon, CR9 6AD
 Group Scout Leader: Martin Atkins
 Enquiries: info@49thscoutgroup.co.uk

Alphabetical List Of Songs
(Most with midi files)

[Download Windows Media Player - free](#)

Alice the Camel An Austrian went vodelling Animal Fair Aunty Monica Baby Bumble Bee Barges Be kind to your web-footed friends Bingo Black Crow's Spirit Black Socks Campfire's Burning Canadian Vespers Charlie had a pigeon Coca-Cola came to town Cocoa Crazy Moose Did you ever see a penguin come to tea? Donkey Riding Do Your Eats Hang Low? Dum Dum Diddy	My paddle's keen and bright My reindeer flies backwards My ship sailed from China National Anthem Noah's Ark Song Noah's Ark #2 O-a-lay-lay On Ilkley Moor Bah! 'At On top of Spaghetti Once a Boy Scout Went To Camp Pizza Hut (and variations) Quartermaster's Stores Shalom Chaverim She sat on a hillside and played her guitar She threw it out the window She went into the water She'll be comin' round the mountain Singing in the rain Snar (like an eagle)
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LOOKING FOR A WORTHWHILE OUTDOOR ACTIVITY?

Here are the tree planting dates for this winter at the Auckland City Southern Sector Regional Parks:

Sunday 24th May – Tapapakanga Park

Saturday 26th May – Ambury Farm Park

Sunday 10th June – Duder's Park

Sunday 17th June – Tapapakanga Park

Saturday 23rd June – Duder's Park

For more information email:

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WAIHEKE GROUP SAILS TO MOTUTAPU



Waiheke Island Sea Scouts sailed to Motutapu Island for the day on Saturday the 28th April and had an adventurous day.

Any guesses as to how the Scouts

came to be 'walking on water' ?

For those not familiar with the Gulf islands, the red dotted line shows approximately where the Scouts sailed from and returned to.



Here's a very useful web site. Dozens of campfire songs complete with words and a tune that you can use to teach yourself and others the new songs.

Click the website image opposite to access the site or search for www.49thscoutgroup.org.uk Scroll to the foot of the page and click on the Campfire Songs Database link.

Two songs that caught our eye were: 'The reason I'm a Scouter' and 'The Annoying Song'. Check them out and have a smile.

You can search the database alphabetically or by tune.