



## Northland Search & Rescue

August 2006

Hi All

It has been a bit quiet on the SAR front operationally wise over the last couple of months, though there have been a few things happening in the background.

One Operation for an overdue Hunter which fizzed as teams were in the process of being deployed from the Whangarei Police Station. Last contact from this guy was a cell phone call saying "he was lost" the night before about 21:30.

He managed to walk out & back home & didn't tell anyone which resulted in Police & SAR activation the following morning.

A few of the management team got together & are working at developing a 'pre-plan' for the Pukenui Forest (Western Hills) which seems to be an area of a increasing number of callouts.

A reduced grant of \$3,500 was awarded towards purchasing Mapping GPS's. This combined coupled with a some funds left in our meager bank account allowed the purchase of FOUR new mapping Garmin GPS60CSx GPS units.

We are still waiting on the remainder of the first Swazi clothing order, & also whether we have been successful on some funding applications.

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### Whangarei Lions Presentation

This went ahead & was a great evening where we managed to raise our profile by getting across who we were & what we did through speaking & a PowerPoint presentation.

Comments at the end of the presentation including "didn't know you existed", "thought the Police did it all", "you people do a great job", & "we should be able to help you" made us feel very warm & appreciated.

This evening was followed with a thank you letter to the Whangarei Lions who then decided at their next meeting to help support us by purchasing another TWO Garmin 60CS GPS's for our group.

These have now arrived; hence we now have a total of **SIX** of these GPS's.

What we also got from this evening (apart from the GPS's) was that 'we need to publicize more who we are & what we do' to the public, especially as we are continuing to chase further 'funding & support' for more gear.

The (Whangarei) Lions have also taken this on board & have offered us the opportunity to expose ourselves at the next November Fireworks display.

This allows us to wear our Hi-Vis Vests/Gear in front of up to 20,000+ people while also helping support the Lions in return for them supporting us.

It is likely that we would take a role in some form of security & would also be a good opportunity to utilize some radio comm's.

Please keep the first weekend of November free for this.

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### SAREX 2006

Has come & gone. Lots of positive stuff came out of this & a great Saturday night which gave the Far North & our group a chance to mix with a few members of the Auckland Police SAR squad who came up.

The management team sent out one Search party early Sat morning & managed to catch one lost party group still in their sleeping bags (not exactly the scenario), which meant the lost party on Sat night had to cook the BBQ. (Thanks Tiri & Shane).

One big point that did come out was that basic navigation skills with a paper map & compass were lacking. This is an area which needs to be looked at seriously.

This is a necessary skill that you must have to be in SAR.

There was some discussion in this due the availability of GPS's but One has to remember that the GPS is ONLY a tool & still has failings, i.e. Battery's going flat, Lost Satellite coverage, Lost/Broke GPS itself.

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#### AGM next Month

17:30 hrs, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept @ Window World

Yes, it is the time of the year again & all members are invited.

**IMPORTANT** - If anyone has anything they would like to bring up, Please send a note to c/o Glenn (23 Beasley Cres, Whangarei) so it can be put on the agenda.

**(if you are NOT on the agenda, don't be offended if you don't get heard)**

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#### SAR Presentations

This is a great way of publicizing ourselves, & also hopefully gaining further support in funding and/or membership. We already have two more of these coming up,

- One to the Venturers this week followed by another one, this time to the Kamo Lions Group next week.

**(Kamo Lions approached through the Police after watching the 'Search & Rescue' series on TV ONE. - Thanks Cliffy)**

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- We have received a Thank you card & donation from the Kerikeri High School who got stuck on the other side of a swollen River at Punaruku. Well done Shane & Grant.

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#### TRAINING

An opportunity has arisen to do a certified 4wd course at NO cost.

This is a One day event, so if anyone is interested, please get hold of Jenny ASAP to register. There is a maximum of 8 people per course so it is envisaged to run several courses as interest dictates. Pre-requisite is min. Class 1 licence held for at least 12 months.

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#### Future Events (next year...)

Already you ask ??

- Cape Brett Run - NLSAR have been approached to provide safety check-points/stations for the annual Cape Brett run next April 21<sup>st</sup> in return for as donation.

A good opportunity to go for a walk & proberable camp overnight in a relaxed (for us) scenic area.

- SAREX 2007 – Venue tba, 2007 is our turn again for the Helicopter. Planning is starting.

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#### Latest Searches/Events

- Jun/Jul 2006 – Lost Hunter – Walked out & arrived home as teams were being deployed from Whangarei Police Station, One team to be winched in by NEST helicopter.  
(Helicopter Training does pay off, well almost...sorry guys)
- SAREX 2006
- Whangarei Lions Presentation – Result two GPS's

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**Proposed Changes to NZLSAR out** – See attached details

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**IMPORTANT** Please let us know of your change of address, phone number, or e-mail address.

This is to update the DATABASE (so we can call you for call-outs) & for sending out the NLSAR Newsletter (help us save money so we can put it back to you i.e. One day? No cost to active members for attending courses?? )

Email Kevin, [kevin.bell@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kevin.bell@xtra.co.nz) with details or phone Glenn.

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## TRAINING 2006

Month	Date	Day	Training	Time	Loc	Instructor/s
Apr	23/04/06	Sunday	Tracking	1300- 1630	Otaika Walkway	Grant /Glenn
May	08/05/06	Monday	Radios	1800- 2030	Radio Club Rooms	AREC
May	13- 14/05/06	W/end	TCA / Tracking	TBC	Lonsdale Park, Matauri Bay	SARINZ
June	23- 26/06/06	W/end	SAREX	TBC	Waipoua	-
Jul	23-23/7/06	W/end	Suburban Search	TBC	Kaikohe	SARINZ
August	20/08/06	Sunday	Ropes	TBC	TBC	Glenn
September	23- 24/09/06	W/end	Outdoor First Aid		Puketi Forest HQ	SARINZ
October	15/10/06	Sunday	GPS / Nav	1000 - 1600	Heritage Park	Mike - GPS
November	04/11/06	Saturday	Fireworks/Radio		Okara Park	
Dec			Xmas Function		TBC	Santa

**NB: for Training suggestions:**

Contact Jenny 09 437 0939 (hm), 430 4200 etx 8864 (wk)  
email: jenny@wdc.govt.nz

**NB: For SARINZ Courses run by FNSAR:**

Contact Sue Field 09 4077622, 027 4202  
748  
email: otassue@hotmail.com

**NB: For Mountain Safety Council Courses:**

Contact 09 435 2885  
email: northland@mountainsafety.org.nz

# Mountain Safety Courses

## Northland Branch Courses 2006.

### **Bushcraft Courses**

Bushcraft One - ~~1/2<sup>nd</sup> April (includes Friday evening)~~  
 Trefoil Park, Kaikohe 19/20<sup>th</sup> August (includes Friday evening)  
 Cost \$80

Bushcraft Two - ~~6/7<sup>th</sup> May~~  
 Pukenui Forest. 16/17<sup>th</sup> September  
 Cost \$50

Bushcraft Three - 7/8<sup>th</sup> October (includes Friday evening)  
 (Survival/Confidence)  
 Cost \$40

Bushcraft Four - 21/22/23<sup>rd</sup> October  
 (Above the Bushline)  
 Cost to be advised.

### **Outdoor Leader**

Preassessment - ~~22<sup>nd</sup> January~~  
 1<sup>st</sup> October  
 Assessment - 11/12<sup>th</sup> February  
 4/5<sup>th</sup> November

### **Outdoor First Aid**

**2 day Course -** ~~6/7<sup>th</sup> May 2006~~  
 Cost \$120 30/31 September 2006  
 Whatitiri Hall, Maungatapere

### **1 day Revalidation -**

Cost \$60 ~~12<sup>th</sup> February 2006~~  
 Whatitiri Hall, Maungatapere. ~~9<sup>th</sup> April 2006~~  
~~2<sup>nd</sup> July 2006~~  
 5<sup>th</sup> November 2006

### Thank you Card from Kerikeri High School.

