

### The BB/ICONZ Object

"The Advancement of Christ's Kingdom among boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-Respect and all that tends towards a true Christian Manliness"

### Our Vision

To have **every** boy in New Zealand participate in our Life Development Programme

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# 80 Seconds

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### A Huge Welcome to...

**2<sup>nd</sup>. RANGIORA BB COMPANY:** A big welcome to Samuel, Andrew, Daniel and John and the boys at Rangiora Baptist Church who kicked off their Company on June 26. Their story follows.. "I would like to thank all of those who have been praying for us, and for those that have been helping make this happen. The night kicked off at 6pm with a game of soccer with 15 boys (Anchor and Team section), followed by Toilet Warz Dodge Ball, and Toilet Ball. We did the usual housekeeping stuff, David Morgan presented the BB facts treasure hunt, We then had a short devotion from the RBC youth pastor teaching the boys that Jesus is always there for us. We then had a fuel stop as they boys (and leaders) needed some water, then we moved into the craft/skill. We made Popsicle stick catapults, the boys then spend the remainder of the night firing pom poms around the hall, trying to get them into the blue box targets. As always, the leaders re-engineered the craft to get a competitive advantage. A great night was had by all, we have a very enthusiastic leadership team, and an even more enthusiastic group of boys!!

### ICONZ Comes to the Coromandel

Since moving to NZ from Perth Robyn Balfour has worked tirelessly with local churches and the community to get ICONZ Anchor started in Kuaotunu on the Coromandel Peninsula. You have heard the saying it is hard while you are waiting for the pain to dry, well that's exactly what Robyn and the other leaders have had to do as they waited for the new polyurethane coating on the town hall floor to dry before they could kick off. We have placed a part of the article in the local Matarangi newspaper introducing ICONZ to the local community.



Kuaotunu resident Robyn Balfour is launching an ICONZ unit right here in the Northern Mercury Bay. For those who are not aware of ICONZ it continues the objectives and values of Boys' Brigade in New Zealand, with a whole new look and feel. ICONZ units have now been running successfully for more than 8 years under the umbrella of the Boy's Brigade who still successfully run 25 to 30 units across the country.

Starting June 21st Robyn and other adult volunteers from her church group will run weekly after school programmes that run for a couple of hours on Wednesdays from 6pm at the Kuaotunu Hall. ICONZ meets the needs of boys through adventure, and it gives them a sense of belonging. According to Robyn it does it in a way that the boys of today can jump on board with. "All this without watering down the Christian message or our D.I.R.T. principles - Discipline, Integrity, Respect and Tenacity," she said.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 29<sup>th</sup> Wellington BB Company

I was privileged to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration of 29<sup>th</sup> Wellington BB Company at St Barnabus Presbyterian Church, Plimmerton on Wednesday 5 April 2017. It was an honour to join Mike Batten as the original captain from 1967, and some of his longstanding BB Officers, as well as the current senior lads and Officers. I enjoyed catching up with the senior Company Section lads and their great Captain, Andrew Gamble.

Back in 1989 and 1990, I was the Youth Coordinator for Plimmerton Presbyterian Parish working with BB, GB, kid's programmes, youth and young adults' activities, camps and training. So it was a real pleasure to catch up with Mike Batten and his dedicated crew once again, many years later – and Wow!! To celebrate 50 years of BB was incredible . . . legendary.

**Richard Harkness - President BBNZ**

## EVENTS



**Back Row L-R:** Andrew Gamble (officer), Stephen Drummond, Lachlan Woodsmith, Campbell McLisky, Philip White (officer), Hamish Munro, Ashley Clarkson (officer). **Front Row L-R:** Richard Harkness (President BBNZ), Michael Penhey (long-standing Officer) and Michael Batten (original Captain).

### ICONZ TE PUNA LEND A HAND

Care of the widow was one of the fundamental ministries of the early church and that to which Jesus calls us. Andy Todd shares a story of how the leaders and boys of ICONZ Te Puna were able to lend a hand – Hi Michael - A widow in our Church that ICONZ have sought to bless. Her husband died two years ago from Motor Neurons disease. An 18 month demise. This woman, a doctor, supports her family, is an amazing person in the community, supports church youth group, encourages community get togethers, takes regular mission trips to Tonga and is generally a wonderful woman of God. I'd tried to help her but was just failing to keep on top of it all on my own. Church didn't come to the party in terms of support, so I took it to my



ICONZ leaders and they answered the call. Her son has been part of my Unit for three years. I've kept names out of it, but that's the back story.

### LET'S BE CREATIVE – A NEW GAME IDEA FROM ICONZ OTUMOETAI

Brett Worthington, Coordinator for ICONZ Otumoetai shares a new game they have developed with BBNZ's Stu Thompson.

Hi Stu - Have included some photos of the game I made last Year, a version of hungry hippos.

I have 4 boards with wheels on and hoops to hold the balls in place and scoop for the balls. All the balls start in the middle and then four lots of two play together, to get as many as you can. We changed the game many times, giving the balls different values and you could also rob someone else's. We even played it with the parents on prize giving night.

My boys are over it so if another group would like to use it happy to lend it out.

- Cheers Brett





## A Warm Welcome to...

**ANDREW CARSTENS:** Andrew joined the **BBNZ** staff as Northern Region Development Manager, on June 26, and has completed handover training with Andrew Marquet, along with induction training with Stu Thompson and Michael Good. Andrew was born and raised in South Africa (company for Leon), joined the police force prior to emigrating to NZ some 14 years ago. He has been with NZ Police, was seconded to Iraq for two years to assist with training of Iraqi security forces, and then for the last two years has been employed by Air NZ as a security consultant for their operations both in NZ and overseas. Andrew was involved as a leader with Botany ICONZ in its first three years and has a good knowledge of the programme and how it is run. His desire is to help and support leaders in our Units and Companies and to meet up with new churches to progress our ministry to boys.

## PEOPLE



## IN MEMORY OF JEAN GRIFFITHS



The funeral to celebrate the life of Jean Griffiths who passed away at the age of 88 years was held at St Austell's Church New Lynn on Tuesday 6 June. Jean had devoted many years of her life to the Boys' Brigade Movement having been secretary and office manager to the Auckland Battalion. The Auckland BB office was at that time located in the Scripture Union Building in Queen Street.

At her home church St Andrews (now St Austell's) New Lynn, Jean served as Lieutenant-in-Charge of Team Section for the 17<sup>th</sup> Auckland Company from the 1960's up until 1994 when the Company celebrated its Diamond Jubilee. Subsequent to the establishment of the West Auckland Battalion, Jean was also very much involved in the running of Battalion events; camps, swimming, athletics, Founder's Day Parades, fund raising as well as representing the Company at Anzac Day Ceremonies and Santa Parades in New Lynn along with her 'Boys' (insisting the

spelling should always be with a capital 'B').

The purchase, establishment and running of Stedfast Park at Piha was made possible with the foresight and tireless work of the Stedfast Park Committee, Jean taking an active part especially with the many working bees involved. The more recent sale of the property has provided Boys' Brigade with funds to support the work of a full time youth manager.

Jean is survived by her family of three generations.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO: Liam Breach, Samuel Taylor and Alex Jacobsen.



Liam, Samuel and Alex (left to right) receive their Gold badges

Congratulations are in order for three young men from 1st Howick Boys' Brigade. Liam Breach, Samuel Taylor and Alex Jacobsen have put in many hours over twelve or more months to complete their Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Gold Awards. This award is well recognised among employers and young people across the Commonwealth as representing perseverance, discipline and growth of character and leadership skills. Liam and Samuel were presented with their certificates by the Governor General, Dame Patsy Reddy, during a ceremony held at Kings College on Sunday 9 July. Alex will attend a similar ceremony next year.

1st Howick Boy's Brigade leaders have supported these young men through all three of their Duke of

Edinburgh's Hillary Awards – Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each level requires regular participation in three activities: learning new Skills; Physical Recreation; and Service to the community. Participants are also required to complete an Adventurous Journey at each level – preceded by the necessary training and practice journey. The Gold award includes a Residential Project where participants spend at least five days away from home with people they don't know. Many participants describe this as their best memory from the award – a time of struggle and character growth. Samuel's experience was very positive:

*"Completing the Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award has been an incredible experience. I really enjoyed all of the physical aspects – playing sport, swimming and the amazing tramps. I got to know friends better and made new friends. I enjoyed encouraging those who needed it during the tramps. The community service enabled me to be more involved in the music group and local youth. However, the highlight of my award experience would have to be attending Boys' Brigade's National Leadership Development Course – learning more about myself and how to help others."*

#### BE IN PRAYER...

- For the leader and boys at 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rangiora BB and ICONZ Kuaotunu, for a fantastic start to their ministry.
- For new leaders needed at **Newmarket and Westgate ICONZ**.
- Praise for the provision of Andrew Carstens our new Development Manager for the Northern Region.
- For our Development Managers **Leon Schoeman, Andrew Carstens, ICONZ Director Stu Thompson, Executive Officer Richard Ooi** and for churches they are working with to establish new Units.
- Pray for a freshness and energy for our leaders to take them through the winter months.
- For our new BBNZ National Executive: **Richard Harkness** (National President); **Ken Morris** (National Treasurer); **Phil Mardon** (Upper South); **Phil Yeaman** (Northern Rep); **Brian Best** (Central); **Stefan Grigg** (Lower South), **Cameron Schaw** (Youth Rep) as they come to grips with their governance role that they would provide vision, innovation and direction to our movement.

**If you have special prayer requests, i.e. upcoming events/camps, let us know so we can pray.**



#### REFLECTIONS

The following reflections form the second part of our series on DIRT. Not what lies in our garden, but what we teach our boys each week, and for those ICONZ leaders forms the basis of the D. I. R. T Boy Badge. When we talk about imparting values that provide a foundation for life, these four are certainly right up there.

This month **RESPECT:**

*"Men are respectable only as they respect". - **Ralph Waldo Emerson***

*"That you may retain your self-respect, it is better to displease the people by doing what you know is right, than to temporarily please them by doing what you know is wrong". - **William J. H. Boetcker***

*"I firmly believe that respect is a lot more important, and a lot greater, than popularity". - **Julius Erving***

**1 Peter 2 v 17: Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of God, fear God, honour the emperor (Queen).**

**Michael Good - National Director**