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Update about Boys' Brigade and ICONZ from around New Zealand
July 2007

OBITUARY: It is deep sadness that we note the passing following and accident on Sunday 10 June of a long serving BB Officer – Bill Hill of the 1st Christchurch BB Company. Bill was a current serving officer of the 1st Christchurch Company having served for 44 years. On behalf of all NZBBers and ICONZ people we extend condolences and our prayers to Bill's wife Muriel and grown up children Grant (Officer 1st Christchurch), Jennifer Blackler, Susan Ward and grandchildren.

NEW ICONZ UNIT: Welcome to Senior Leader Brett Otto and his team at our latest ICONZ Unit – Hibiscus Coast Iconz. 39 lads on the first night is a good start! They meet on Tuesdays at the Stanmore Bay Primary school hosted by the Whangaparaoa Baptist Church.

WELCOME: To Grant Warner our staff person based in Auckland. Grant is our ICONZ Programme Director responsible for developing the ICONZ Xtreme programme for 11-18 year olds. His email address is: grant.warner@iconz.org.nz

SOUTH ISLAND DEVELOPMENTMANAGER: Stephen Dodge who has been working with the Canterbury Battalion this year has been appointed to the new position of South Island Development Manager – for both Boys Brigade and ICONZ. This is a joint operation with Canterbury Battalion and BBNZ. Stephen's email address is: stephen.dodge@bb.org.nz

SENIORS GROUP: The Canterbury Senior Boys Social Night organised by Sam Glover went well. 10 guys showed up and we had fish and chips, watched Deja Vu (it's a great movie), and talked about BB stuff, and how we can be more involved in the Canterbury Battalion., The Senior Boys Group has been put in charge of organising the next Company Section event for the Battalion - 'Rock Climbing'. (Good to see senior BBers taking the initiative –ed). Later.....the Rock Climbing event was attended by 29 boys followed by obligatory Burger King!

NORTHERN TRAINING: 39 highly enthusiastic people turned up at the PACT building in Papatoetoe for a full training day led by Les Bouterey, Anna Seccombe and Stu Thompson. Thanks to Kay and John Seccombe for organising the day and the scrumptious lunch. These events are a must attend for all involved in BB and ICONZ – the enthusiasm, encouragement and new ideas make it all worthwhile.

CANTERBURY ROAD SHOW AND COUNCIL MEETING: 36 attended the BBNZ Council meeting and Canterbury Road Show on Saturday 23 June. The Annual report was presented by our President, Les Bouterey and Annual Accounts by Treasurer, Eric Russell. Guest speaker was Chris Martin who leads the 4YP programme for the Christchurch City Council

STEDFAST BRASS: It was a world class concert over 500 Cantabrians including the BBNZ Executive were treated to on Saturday 23 June. A packed Salvation Army Citadel feasted on a treat rarely seen and heard in New Zealand. The Stedfast Brass conducted by Kim Blackmore was joined by over 50 members of the Christchurch School of Music Sinfonia conducted by Neville Forsythe. Over 110 musicians joining together for their last number for the evening to present "A Salute to Brass" was an experience we will never forget.

NOTES FROM EXECUTIVE MEETING:

- Youth Council to be set as the weekend before Easter each year.
- Confirmed minimum age for NLDC as 16 years.
- Reviewing CL training programme to include practical and option to run one day courses.
- Plan to train more “trainers” for Officer and Leader training
- Red cloth to go under 1 year pips signifying church attendance certificate achieved.
- Agreed with recommendation from Stedfast Association to merge the two Alford Dornan funds
- BBNZ/ICONZ to join the Youth Network Association.
- Simplified the Officer and Leader Renewal of Registration form.
- New BBNZ/ICONZ National Data base expected to be up and running soon.

QUEENS AWARD WEEKEND: We have been advised by Government House that the presentation by the Governor General will be on **SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER** 2007 at 2:00pm
Details of our Saturday night banquet and Sunday church celebration to be advised. Please note that this date is one week earlier than usual.

NOTE FOR CAPTAINS AND SENIOR LEADERS: Statistical forms have been sent - PLEASE complete and return these to Murray as soon as possible – it is important that we have up to date information. We are about to start a new “funding round” and urgently need your information.
Thanks.

Captains who are planning to promote boys to NCO's, please advise Murray Donovan asap to ensure we have enough Chevrons on hand.

ASHBURTON: On Thursday 21 June I accompanied Frank Morgan (Battalion president) and Stephen Dodge (SI Development Manager for BB & ICONZ) to the Anchor Boys and Team Section meeting of the 1st Ashburton Boys Brigade. What a great night we had – Ashburton have 28 boys in Team Section and 10 in Anchor Boys – they sure were an enthusiastic group.

NLDC: Remember the 36 lads and the 15 leaders who are toughing it out at Lake Rotoiti (Nelson) this week. Pray for positive experiences.

PRF (Pacific Regional Fellowship) BBNZ with BB Australia is a member of this group with an interest in furthering BB in the Pacific Islands. A meeting was held this week and the project for writing and producing a BB manual for the Islands is now underway. Follow up training in the Islands will then be facilitated by Richard Harkness (Senior Leader Tauranga ICONZ).

1st WAITAKERE: On Friday 29 June 1st Waitakere Company Section presented the world premier of the play “The Runaway Slave” – based on Paul's letter to Philemon and the slave Onesimus. The play was written and directed by Captain Doreen Sunman. This was followed by an auction of wooden planters made by the boys this past term. I then had the privilege of presenting Corporal stripes to Andrew Carter and Alaric Eaton.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: “Reinvention is critical to survival. The solutions of the past are inadequate to address the demands of today. Leaders must have fresh, innovative thinking and new ideas to respond to the challenges the organization faces”. (“The Secret”, Ken Blanchard and Mark Miller.)

I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize, which is God's call through Christ to the life above.” Phil 3:13

Graham Creahan
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