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*Update about Boys' Brigade and ICONZ from around New Zealand
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LOGOS: Some of you have difficulty receiving 80 seconds. We have now removed the logos from the top of the page – they are large files and slowed down the send/receive process. I hope this helps.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: 1st Blenheim BB celebrated their 60th birthday with the 1st Blenheim Girls Brigade Company in March. Celebrations included a 'fund raiser dinner', a street march/church parade enrolment service followed by a fun barbeque. 1st Howick celebrated their 50th also in March – dinner Saturday night and church parade on the Sunday morning where the speaker was Rev Tim Pratt. 11 leaders stood to be prayed for and set apart for leadership of the Company.

WEB SITE: It was good to have a visit from Ashley Clarkson our web master at our office in April. Ashley has reported that for the month of May the BB web site had 3169 visits and the ICONZ web site 1875 visits. Some will be spam bots and search engine caches but many are from people typing in our domain name directly. Have you visited it lately? www.bb.org.nz

COMING EVENTS:

- NLDC course 2- 9 July at Nelson Lakes. Registration closes 2 June.
- Southland and Otago leaders meet 13-14 May for the Christian Leadership 'Practicals' course. Senior Company boys' are part of it this year.
- Northern Region CL2 training at Stedfast Park on 5-7 May
- Canterbury Team Section Skilton Trophy 20 May
- Canterbury Anchor Boy event 27 May.
- **Queens Award weekend** is tentatively booked for 9/10 December. Would you please advise Murray of likely number of awardees from your Company.

BB GIFT IDEAS: National Office have in stock a BB Pocket Knife – blue with BB crest. Cost is \$10 to Companies/units who can on sell for \$14.95 plus whatever the postage costs. The more you buy the cheaper the postage per item "everyone gets a bargain"! Also in stock is the BB key ring with calculator (not for the short sighted!). Only a few left – going for \$6.95 plus postage.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR FACILITATORS: The Following successfully completed the recent Christian Leadership Facilitators Training course led by Tim Pratt and Murray Thompson and are now qualified as facilitators of the Christian Leadership courses. Stu Thompson (ICONZ); Richard Harkness (5th Tauranga); Les Bouterey (President); Anna Seccombe (1st Papakura); Joe Fecteau(30th Wellington); David Young (1st Warkworth).(See Leadership Magazine for story and picture)

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY: Is your Company/Unit listed in the local telephone directory? By being listed in the phone book you also get a listing in the Yellow Pages.

A NEW ICONZ UNIT: Welcome on board to the new Omokoroa Iconz unit which commenced on Thursday 30 March with Leader Ray Lewis (rayclewis@hotmail.com) Four more units are due to commence in May – details next issue.

LONG SERVICE TO BB: Congratulations to Jim Marsters of 7th Hamilton who was presented with a Meritorious Services Award at the Waikato Battalion annual meeting in April, for over 55 years of service to BB. Jim's long service was also recognised at the AGM of BB NZ last year.

FOXTON CAMP SITE: If you have had some great BB camping experiences at the Foxton Camp site then please send an email to Diana Posthuma at: thebossys@gmail.com. The Manawatu District Council plans on taking back a large slice of the camp property – this would have serious effects on future camps. The Manawatu Battalion needs support and prayers.

QUEENS 80TH BIRTHDAY An aerial photo was taken of people forming the figure 80 on the lawn of Government House in Wellington on Friday 21 April. 17 attend from BB: – Feilding 7; Lower Hutt (10th Wellington) 6; and Upper Hutt 2. See Leadership Magazine for photo.

ANZAC DAY I have only heard from 7th Hamilton – I'm sure more of you featured in some of the Anzac day events. 15 members of 7th Hamilton attended the local service in uniform and distributed the 'order of service' sheets.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSE (NLDC) The Early Bird discount has been extended until the **19 May**. All Registration and Fees must be in by 2 June.

ROAD SHOW: Our first Road Show kicks off in Wellington at St John's Church, Willis Street, Wellington Central, on Saturday 24 June starting at 1:00pm – 4:30pm. All BB/ICONZ officers and leaders living south of Taupo are invited to attend. This is a great opportunity for updating of information and your chance to feed back to the National movement.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

“God has put the body together in such a way that extra honour and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. This makes for harmony among the members, so that all members care for each other equally. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honoured, all the parts are honoured”. 1Cor 12: 24 -26.

If your team members believe in the goals of the team and begin to develop genuine trust in one another, they will be in a position to demonstrate true teamwork. They will recognise that individualism wins trophies, but team work wins pennants. (*Developing the Leaders around you*).

Graham Creahan
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