



Update about Boys' Brigade and ICONZ from around New Zealand  
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**GOING FOR GROWTH:** 2007 has to be a “**YEAR OF GROWTH**” for all BB Companies and ICONZ units. We spend hours planning and working with our companies/units, but do little to tell the world what a great programme we have. **It is time for ACTION.** You will be hearing lots from me about growth this year. What is the target for your Company/Unit for new recruits? If you have no target...guess what?!

**WELCOME ON BOARD:** Welcome to Stephen Dodge who has been appointed to the role of Promotions Director for the Canterbury/West Coast Battalion as from Monday 22 January. Stephen can be contacted at the Battalion office.

**THE MANAWATU ROCK SLIDE TRAGEDY:** We were all shocked to hear of the tragedy at the swimming hole in the Pohangina Valley in December. Callum and his sister Keryn Langley and their friend Michael Liengme were tragically taken. Callum was a member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Palmerston North Team Section and had just been awarded the Purvis Cup for General Excellence. Our sympathy and prayers go out to the families. A letter was sent on behalf of BBNZ to Mr & Mrs Langley.

**CONDOLENCES:** To family members of Peter Booth who passed away in December. Peter was an officer of the 8<sup>th</sup> Christchurch Company. At Peter's funeral on the 23 December the Canterbury Battalion provided a 'Guard of Honour' and paraded the Colours.

**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT:** Congratulations to Graeme Rogers, the current Youth Rep on the National Executive, who has announced, with pride, his engagement to Ruth Brereton. Their wedding is being planned for September.

**CANTERBURY RAFT RACE:** This exciting Battalion event is schedule for Saturday 24 February set to sail on Lake Crichton, Dunsandel – whistle up time 9:30am

**FUNDING FOR YOUR COMPANY/UNIT:** There is no doubt that your Company/Unit can apply for funding for a project from COGS in your area – we have been told so! Money is available up to \$4,000 to \$6,000. If you need help with completing the application please contact us – we are more than happy to assist.

**STEDFAST ASSOCIATION:** Thank you to the members of the Stedfast Association (The Association of past BBers – “Old Boys’ of BB) for their generous donation of \$1,445 to Boys’ Brigade and \$20 to the Alford Dornan Memorial Foundation. If you know of any past BBers please refer them to the Membership Secretary, Mrs Yvonne Mardon, 27 Cotswold Avenue, Bishopdale, Christchurch 8053.

**A LADY GET'S RECOGNISED!** Congratulations to Daphne Lloyd (Daphne's husband is Bill Lloyd who also got a mention!) on being awarded a "Civic Award from the Christchurch City" for her contribution to Boys' Brigade and the Community. The award was presented by Garry Moore, the Mayor of Christchurch.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Warren Thorpe Captain of 4<sup>th</sup> Christchurch, for also being presented with his Community Services Award by the Mayor of Christchurch.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT:** Congratulations to Emma and David Diack on the birth of their son Joshua in November 2006. Emma was the founder Leader of Manurewa ICONZ – husband David has now taken over as Senior Leader.

**SUMMER CAMPS:** 257 people attended the "Brigades Family Holiday Camp" at **Waipara** - 45 youth 11-19, 85 younger children and 127 adults. Programme included archery, abseiling, craft, modifying old cars, card board boat regatta and devotions on the theme of friends led by Rev Alan Webster Chaplain of 14<sup>th</sup> Christchurch.

39 keen lads, 6 from Hamilton, 8 from Wellington, and 25 from Manawatu attended the BB Summer Camp at **Foxton**. There were 9 Officers and 3 Staff Sgts plus Chaplain and Cooks. Programme included a night out either camping or tramping, Uber wars coming complete with water balloons, eggs and flour, Blo-karts, whitewater rafting and the 'Amusing Race'.

**QUESTION:** Were there any other BB/ICONZ camps we do not know about?

**HONORARY SOLICITOR:** A big 'Thank You' to John Turner, who has been the honorary solicitor for BBNZ for many years. John and his family have moved to Abu Dhabi in the UAE to work for a law firm. If you know of any solicitor who might be happy to give the occasional legal advice to BBNZ, please let me know.

**ROAD SHOWS FOR 2007:** There will be a Road Show near you – please pencil in your diary now and plan to be present. **AUCKLAND** – Saturday 26 May; **CHRISTCHURCH** – Saturday 23 June; **BAY OF PLENTY** – Saturday 14 July; **GORE** – Saturday 4 August; **WELLINGTON** – Saturday 13 October.

**QUEENS AWARD:** 25 of our young men were presented with the Queens Award Certificate by our Governor General, His Excellency, the Honourable Anand Satyanand at Government House. Rodney Hide was the guest speaker at our banquet and gave an outstanding entertaining and challenging address. Sunday morning we joined with the Girls Brigade for a Church parade with an encouraging thought-provoking address by Ross Callaghan.

**YOUTH COUNCIL:** Encourage BB seniors to attend; 4 – 6 May at Silverstream.

**THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:** *"I am not able to bear all these people alone, because the burden is too heavy for me"*. Numbers, 11:14.

God's answer to Moses' cry for help was for Moses to share the responsibilities of leadership with a select group. When a leader called by God has a burden that becomes too great, God provides help... if the leader will ask for it. Not only will the Lord provide helpers to share the load, He will anoint them with His power, just as He did the 70 elders of Israel. (Leadership - Maxwell)

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