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Next Training - **Navigation** - **Sunday 18th April 1300Hrs**

Where Akeake Reserve, meet at Opito Bay Boatramp

When 1300Hrs 18th April

What Map and Compass, navigation practice.

Bring: Your SAR day pack, first aid kit, Personal medications, SAR Hi-Vis vest, snacks and liquids. Strongly recommended for new members, and as brush up for the old hands.

Contact Grant with any questions

Next Meeting **7:30pm** **Wednesday 5th May** **Kerikeri**

At Proctor Library on Cobham Rd. Meeting room to left of main library doors.

Callouts:

CALLOUT: 14/04/10 - Farmer in a Tree.

Mobilised at 1930Hrs with a brief of "man in a tree, 10m down a cliff". Okay...

First arrivals were deployed prior to arrival of trailer and reflex tasked with locating LP and assessing situation. By the time they had fought their way through the undergrowth to the foot of a small spur under the LP, made voice contact and got a GPS fix on the location, the trailer and rest of group had arrived. Locals then advised of a nice quad track leading to the top and the second team strolled merrily up. By the time they had arrived in the area, a couple of hunters had hauled the subject up with 'some rope' (which explains why T1's voice contact disappeared!), so all that remained for Team 2 was to walk a small crowd out of the bush. Only injuries sustained were to a girl in the lost party who incurred a couple of bee/wasp stings. Subject and party had been caught out by failing light, when subject approached edge to get bearings (he knew about the bluff) his feet slipped out from underneath him, landing him in the aforementioned tree. With no light source, and not knowing what was under him, or more importantly, how far underneath him, he stayed put and they made the call.

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Last Trainings

First Aid full / refresher, March 27th, 28th.

What can you say? Another first aid course, more patients strewn through the undergrowth (most survived their first aid treatment), frowns and head scratching interspersed with "Aah, that's right" as the memories kicked in. A good session with some interesting discussions. Thanks to Northland for the catering, Kane for organising, as well as Andre and Lovin for coming up. If you missed this course and need to keep your ticket up to date (statutory requirement for operational members) then MSC have a course coming up next month. See below.

MSC Training coming up

Bushcraft (Intermediate) 1/2 May

Outdoor First Aid 15/16 May **(Recommended for those who missed out on the above 1st Aid training)**

Risk Management 22/23 May

FNSAR will cover costs for members to attend, but you will need to contact MSC in the first instance for bookings etc. Email Pauline at northland@mountainsafety.org.nz

Parting Shot

Coastguard SAREX, Monday 26th April, briefing at Kerikeri Cruising club, Doves Bay Marina at 1700.

We get to play this time, and form a shore based team(s) to be deployed on one of the islands.

Please turn up if you can to make the tasking effective. Day pack only, and likely to go until approx 2100.

Please contact Ron if you can make it.

Just a reminder of the two local retailers supporting us with generous discounts :

Stirling Sports, Klinac Lane, Waipapa: <http://www.stirlingsportskerikeri.co.nz/index.html>

And

Kerikeri Outdoor Shop, Main Road, Kerikeri: <http://www.outdoorshop.co.nz/>

Cheers!
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