



# Debrief

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The Monthly Newsletter of

### Far North Search & Rescue



### NOTE - Feb training has changed

**Next Training** - **Navigation** - Waitangi Forest 10<sup>th</sup> February

**Where:** Meet at Kerikeri Skatepark, Cobham Road, for carpool to site.

**When:** **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 1000Hrs** Don't be late as forestry gates will be locked behind us.

**What:** Sun and Rain protection, Notebook & pen, water and lunch, compass & GPS if you have one please

**Who:** More the merrier. PLEASE contact Al or Sue to advise if you will (or will not) be attending

**Why:** Navigation is the cornerstone of SAR, Take this opportunity to learn how to drive the new GPS units, and more importantly, learn how to navigate without one – [\*Highly recommended for newer members.\*](#)

**Next Meeting** 7:30pm Feb 6<sup>th</sup> **Kaikohe HQ, Kaikohe Police Station**

We have got some more dehy food in stock. The price of the 2 serve mains has had to go up \$0.50 so prices are now:

1 serve mains \$5.00

2 serve mains \$7.50

24hr Rat packs \$14.00 (SAR only deal)

- See Al if interested.

Some subs are still outstanding for this year

**March Training** Sarex – Bland Bay 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> March

The presence of a helicopter this year is almost guaranteed to ensure a good turnout!

**Standbys and Callouts**

All quiet over the holidays.

**Last Training** - End of Year Party

Relocated to Lonsdale Park due to precipitation.

Rebecca beat off Skuds and Ollie for the 'bounce back' award and 'the G man' humbly accepted the golden boot for all his efforts this year and then mumbled something about FNSAR must be hard up for candidates if we had to give it to him.

Highlight of the day was Ollie climbing onto the roof after a possum only to be given the slip by the furry one and then Ollie slipping on the wet roof and rolling down, over the gutter and almost landing on a surprised Trev below, unfortunately cameras weren't working fast enough or he would be on Utube now.

**CONTACTS:** *Pres:* Roger Ladd 407 9559; *Sec:* Sue Field 407 7622; *Newsletter:* Pete McGhee 401 6660

Many thanks to our supporters: **Kerikeri Outdoor Shop & Glengarry Hancocks Wines, Auckland.**



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### Parting Shot

#### Membership Cards

At its December meeting, the LandSAR NZ Board, on the recommendation of the SAR Advisory group, has approved a national membership card for all LandSAR NZ members. We have been tasked doing this and are working towards mailing out to all our database members early in the New Year, a new LandSAR NZ membership card. The card will be issued from February 2008.

We are putting these in place with a national affinity programme which will benefit all LandSAR NZ members. This is an important step in the life of the new LandSAR NZ structure as the cards will be issued with your database ID number, your name, your photo, the group and region you belong to and an expiry date. There will be a magnetic stripe and a barcode on the reverse side. This is to allow for any card swiping technologies being considered for the future.

Police SAR Advisors will be the only group of people to have the Police logo on their card. Search Dog Handlers and Assessors and the SAR Advisory Group will be the only other members that will have their organisational position printed on the card.

**NOW THE TRICKY BIT!** We need your ID photo, preferably passport type (i.e. head and shoulders), sent to me electronically. If you have sent one in before please tell me so that I can check the files here.

**Get out your digital cameras everyone and ask your best friend to snap you looking formal! We need your photo by Friday 15 February emailed to [admin@landsar.org.nz](mailto:admin@landsar.org.nz) or [joanna.lj@landsar.org.nz](mailto:joanna.lj@landsar.org.nz)**

#### Quick Recap:

- Feb 6<sup>th</sup> – Meeting, Kaikohe HQ 1930Hrs
- Feb 9-10<sup>th</sup> - SARINZ 1<sup>st</sup> Aid, Whangarei (Contact Sue if you haven't done this and wish to attend)
- Feb 10<sup>th</sup> - Navigation, meet Keri Skatepark 1000Hrs
- Mar 5<sup>th</sup> - Meeting, Kerikeri Community meeting rooms, Proctor Library. 1930Hrs
- Mar 8/9<sup>th</sup> - SAREX, Bland Bay
- Mar 15<sup>th</sup>** - FNSAR have been approached to assist with DOC day at Puketi, Excellent opportunity to spread the word. Please contact Rog if you are willing to spend a couple of hours. More details at the meetings.

Unfortunately, due to technical problems I am currently unable to update the website (<http://farnorth.sar.org.nz>) at the moment, so if you haven't received the latest revision of the training schedule, please let either myself or Sue know and we'll get one out to you

Cheers

*Pete*