



# Debrief

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## Next Training - **SARINZ : First Aid - Full Course**

**Where:** Lonsdale Park, ±2km along Matauri Bay Rd. Junction with SH10 about 25 min north of Kerikeri

**When:** 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> June Kickoff promptly at 0800 Saturday until 2030Hrs, Sunday 0800 – 1600Hrs.

**What:** There are full kitchen facilities, cabins, hot showers, room service is extra.

You need to bring -

- \* Completed precourse material
- \* Breakfast/Dinners - Lunch and morning / afternoon tea as well as Coffee & Tea will be supplied
- \* Sleeping bag (Fluffy pillow, hot water bottles and teddy bears as required)
- \* SAR vest
- \* Boots. Gumboots are handy as we are in and out all the time.
- \* Wet weather gear – outdoor sessions will be held regardless of weather.
- \* First aid kit

**Who:** Everyone – This is a required skill for all SAR team members.

**IMPORTANT!** - Bring along a **photocopy** of your passport or birth certificate with proof of residency/citizenship if you have not enrolled for the Search and Rescue programme with the Tai Poutini Polytechnic, if you have an NZQA number bring that as well.

## Outside Training - **SARINZ: Search Methods – Whangarei**

Those travelling south to do this course, please liaise with Ian R for details if required.

Planning to car pool down on Saturday morning, camp out Sat night and car pool back Sunday.

## Next Meeting 7:30pm July 2nd - Proctor Library, Kerikeri

In the public meeting room, to the left of the main doors

## Standbys and Callouts

Phones still quiet...

## Last Training – **Waipoua Revisited 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> May**

No reports received on this one, so I'll try and make up something that sounds plausible – Apologies for any errors or omissions... As an exercise in planning and operations, teams headed off to Waipoua. Police files were revisited with regard to the unresolved 'cold case' of the disappearance of Mita Marsh, subject of an intensive search in October 2004.

Scenarios were created and assessed with the higher rated ones becoming the basis for search taskings. A lot of area was covered in hostile blackberry, gorse and similar blood-letting vegetation that seems to inhabit search areas up here. Several skeletons were discovered, unfortunately these belonged to cows, pigs, possums.... And a "Monkey skull" reportedly discovered by Eagle-Eye Oliver! Possibly due to the effects of blackberry intolerance? ☺

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### Parting Shot

**PICTURE THIS** ADRIAN RAESIDE



*Cheers!*

*Pete*