



Debrief

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The Monthly Newsletter of
Far North Search & Rescue

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Next Training - **JULY** Team Management etc Trefoil Park

Where Trefoil Park – 13km south of Kaikohe on Mangakahia Road.
When July 25th/26th (or part thereof)
What Open format, centred around team roles.

Note: Due to a clash with the 42nd traverse, the Night Navigation training scheduled for June 13th/14th has been postponed.

Next Meeting **7:30pm** **July 1st** **Kerikeri**

It was recently moved and passed unanimously that all future meetings other than the AGM and Special Meetings be held at Proctor Library, Kerikeri.

Other Training See Sue if interested in attending any of these (assuming places available), funding is available in most cases.

SARINZ – TCA refresher

Organisation: Auckland SAR
Date: 18th July
Venue Auckland.

SARINZ – Suburban Search Refresher

Organisation: Auckland SAR
Date: 19th July
Venue Auckland.

MSC - GPS

A practical one day course in basic GPS, incl track and route following

Organisation: Mountain Safety Northland
Date: 27th June 2009
Venue: TBA

FNSAR – 42nd Traverse

A combination of mountain biking and navigation “On average, all downhill”

Organiser: Roger
Date: 12th – 14th June 2009
Details: See Roger (Possibly one space available)



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Callouts

16th May 57yo Male Poss. Suicide.

The morning of the tracking training saw a good turnout in central Kerikeri for a despondent/possible suicide. As a priority, teams were deployed along the multiple walking tracks along the edge of the river and around the end of the reflex tasking phase, a Police dog handler spotted the agitated subject trying to hide in the scrub on the opposite side of the river. A couple of teams were rapidly placed in confining positions and the man was collected shortly afterwards. After a short break, people headed up to Puketi for the scheduled training....

Last Training

Tracking Evening - Puketi - 16th May

Submitted by Roger (thanks!)

Recently a live tracking weekend was held at Forest HQ, Puketi Forest. Keen, sharp-eyed trackers arrived mid afternoon and after a quick refresher were deployed onto a series of recently laid tracks. A bed of Kauri leaves and debris made quite a difficult start for some teams but once they were focused and the chatter started good progress was made with most teams finding a large quantity of the rare and highly prized Mintius trackius.

After a warming dinner the teams were tasked to decipher a series of sand traps and puzzles. Using torches and a fair amount of imagination most teams correctly interpreted the unusual habits of the Puketi Mountain folk and were scored appropriately.

To win the trifecta, teams then had to navigate the tricky waters of a hastily prepared trivia session before the points were accumulated and the champion trackers cleverly disguised as Rebecca and Ollie stepped forward to claim the "Trackers Cup".



**That's it for now,
Until Next Month,
stay safe...**

Cheers!

Pete

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