



# Debrief

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The Monthly Newsletter of  
Far North Search & Rescue

**Next Training** - **Team Leader** - SARINZ 17,18<sup>th</sup> November

**Where:** Trefoil Park, approx 13km south of Kaikohe on Mangakahia Road.

**When:** **STARTS** at **0800Hrs** Saturday through to around 1500Hrs Sunday afternoon

**What:** Full kit including wet weather gear, white SARINZ folder. Indoor Marae-style accommodation  
You also need to provide your own meals, FNSAR will supply morning tea and nibbles

**Who:** Any field team members who haven't done this course previously

**Why:** This course doesn't come round very often, so grab it while you can. It deals with the generic key leadership principles and practice found within the diverse contexts of search and rescue. Participants study dynamic leadership, motivation, conflict resolution, effective team structure, situational awareness and the effective management of subjects. Principles of decision-making, minimising critical incident stress while providing leadership, task management and managing timeframes are also explored. The course is a mix of practical and theoretical issues and involves the students being interactive and exploring the issues in the context of a SAR team leadership role.

**Next Meeting** 7:30pm Dec 5<sup>th</sup> **Kaikohe HQ, behind the Kaikohe Police Station**

Also:

**End of Year BBQ on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Te Ngaere beach, near Matauri Bay 11am - 3pm ish.

SAR provides BBQ meat and drinks

Bring a plate - salad or dessert

Bring togs and any water toys you want - e.g. boats, kayaks, boogie boards, snorkeling gear, windsurfers...

We may have a boat available for waterskiing and tubing.

We need a couple of BBQs - so if anyone has one they can bring let Rebecca know.

RSVP to Rebecca (rclay@xtra.co.nz or phone as per phone tree) by 2nd Dec, including if plate will be salad/dessert

**December Training** **Kayak – Bland Bay** 1<sup>st</sup> or 2nd December

At this stage looking at a one-day trip based at Bland Bay, with Plan B of Whangaroa if weather is dubious. Please contact Pete (number at the bottom of page) by November 25th if you are interested so plans can be finalised – To avoid pestering non-yackers, only those who register interest will receive updates and changes to plan depending on weather and other factors.

**Standbys and Callouts**

16 Oct - 3yo female, Kerikeri

Sent to her bedroom after being scolded by her mother at 0900, discovered missing at 1000Hrs.

Mother and son "searched" the house and immediate surroundings then called Police.

Due to the high urgency considering her age and proximity of significant water hazards we were called out immediately.

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The child was found soon after the callout and a classic case of re-searching areas that family have already checked - the girl was located sound asleep in a bedroom under a duvet, which is why she didn't respond to calls.

10<sup>th</sup> Nov - 20yo Male, Paihia

Coastal search for swimmer who disappeared while swimming about 100m offshore. Subject was last seen about third of way between Motumaire Island and the Paihia foreshore and extensive surface searching immediately after his disappearance failed to find him. Working with Coastguard, we were called in the following morning to conduct a coastal sweep and also clear the islands in the immediate vicinity. No sign was found and surface search was called off at midday pending arrival of Police divers.

Dive squad located subjects body at around 1500Hrs, a very short distance from PLS.

Thank you to those who gave up the better part of the day to assist.

### **Last Training – Clue Processing - Lonsdale Park**

What can I say - CSI meets SAR.

This is an excellent course which takes all the TCA and tracking concepts then builds rapidly from there.

48 hours ago our team may well have reported that they had found a fireplace...

Now the skills are there to potentially state how many were there, gender, physical and mental condition, equipment carried, body positions, sequence of events, and so on.

It was certainly tough going in the brain department and I think few would have said that they weren't pushing the comfort limits at times. The whole exercise was really worthwhile and a thoroughly recommended experience, our thanks go to Ross and Nick from SARINZ for sharing their expertise with us once again.

Anecdote of the trip has to be the surprise arrival of a large eel out of the darkness and landing on someone during the evening campfire. Careful questioning of attendees will bring forth the full saga, improving as it ages no doubt!

### **Parting Shot**

Possibly a variation on the sound line for those of us with musical talent?

### **Tourist rescued thanks to her flute**

9:40AM Saturday October 27, 2007

French tourist Aurelie Rosset has her flute to thank for her rescue after getting lost in bush in Taranaki.

Ms Rosset, 28 lost her way after going for a walk in dense bush, on the boundary of Egmont National Park near New Plymouth on Thursday night.

When darkness fell she called police on her cellphone.

She remained in constant contact with police throughout their search and when they approached the bush she started to play her small flute.

"I play the ocarina and the police find me," she said after her rescue.

- NZPA

Cheers

**Pete**

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