

SCOUTING

New Zealand

**Sunnynook Scout Group Jubilee
1979-2004**

Fiona Halliwell

Group Leader

Inaugural Committee

Chairman: Mr B.Dron	Cub Leader: Mrs Rae Tupuke
Secretary: Mr D. Betty	Cub Leader: Mrs J. Vincent
Treasurer: Mr R Ingold	Assistant Cub Leader: Mrs A. Jenkins
	District Commissioner Mr A.K. Rickards
<i>First Parents</i>	
Abbott, Balsom, Beckett, Betty, Burchell,	
Cooper, Dron, Golding, Hunt, Ingold,	
Jenkins, Jones, Lee, Milne, Mitchell,	
McInman, McNab, Moody, Nicholas,	
Robinson, Rudolph, Spivey, Stephenson	
Tupuke, Thompson, Vincent, Vivian, Watkins	
Carton, Bentley	
First date 14 th August 1979	

12th June 1979

Sunnynook Scout Group began in 1979, A meeting was called for on 12th June 1979 to set up a Committee and Leaders for the Sunnynook Scout Group. They first meet in the Community Centre

According to the first Cub Records they held their First cub meeting on August 14th with 1 leader and 2 assistant leaders being invested. On 16th October they invested 12 Boys, with another 11 boys on 23rd October followed by 5 more boys on 29th October.

They attended Expo 1979 on 25th August Gang Show 28th August and 3rd September was 1st night back after August School holidays.

Akela called the roll, had an inspection, prayer and the Grand Howl, Baloo took a game in attendance was the District Commissioner aka Rikki and also Kea aka Edith Rickard. There were 30 cubs in the pack .The reward badges were Bronze, Silver and Gold Arrows.

The month of September was Programme building with Baden-Powell, Cub Law, Cub Promise and Know others in the pack.

October was taken up with Rules and Laws, Duty to the Queen, Abiding by the Law, School Rules and Home Rules.

November saw them learn Health, Water, Teeth, at a Camp, and a Games evening.

The cost was 10 cents per session.

Sunnynook Scout Group

The Mayor of Takapuna Wyn Hoadley turned the first sod at the site of the proposed Sunnynook Scout Den watched by members of the Scout group. Mrs Hoadley addressed the Cubs and Scouts saying that in years to come they would be able to look back at the den and remember the day it started.

Chairman of the Sunnynook scout group Committee Ron Bethune said that construction would commence shortly. The first stage would be the 'in Ground' construction. Stage 2 would take place on a Gala day planned for November when the remaining Structure would be erected. Mr Bethune thanked Mrs Hoadley for input to the project from herself and from council officers including providing the land.

North Shore Times Advertiser Tuesday July 7th 1987 page 23

Scout Den Opens November 12th 1989

On Sunday November 12 1989 in conjunction with their monster fair, the Sunnynook Scout Group opened its new Scout Den. Mrs Wyn Hoadley, a former Mayor of Takapuna officially opened the den and planted a Totara tree at the entrance to commemorate the opening.

Since the Scout Group began in 1979 the Groups aim was to have its own Den, and now that dream has been fulfilled.

Over the past three years the den has been in the Building Stages, with the generous assistance of tradesmen and companies and the voluntary help of hard working committee members and parents.

The den will be a welcome home to the 90 boys and their leaders, ranging from Keas to Scouts.

North Shore Times Advertiser December 7th 1989

Opening of the Scout Den

At the opening of the Scout Den, these words were penned....

First of all I must thank a dedicated, committed and probably insane group of people...The Committee without whom we would not have a scout Den. You believed we should have a Scout Den and that belief was galvanised into activity. This building demonstrates what can be done by doers, rather than talkers, and we do not need to be humble, we can all be very proud of ourselves.

Once again this has been a big and successful Team effort, I must apologise for not selecting names of our helpers but where do I start. You have all been magic in your help. We are having produced a permanent honours board to recognise your assistance.

Jo and Keith Duffin

One of the low lights of this year happened on 7th November 1998. This is when Jo and Keith Duffin tendered their resignations.

Keith has been involved with the group for 10 years. He started on the committee and was group Chairman from 1989 –1993. From there he became Scout Leader through to 1998. In 1995 he became Group leader. Keith was presented with his Chief Scout Award in 1997.

Jo has been with the Group for the past 6 years taking in various roles within the committee. She has been a keen member of the Committee and put tremendous amount of time and energy into making sure things were running smoothly.

Akela –Carol Redgrove

A short message about a special lady who retires from Scouting in March 1993 after 13 years of amazing service to our community as cub Leader, committee person and latterly Group Leader of Sunnynook Kea, Cubs and Scouts.

10½ years ago we enrolled our son Phillip in the Kea Group then held at Sunnynook community hall, and like most people whose children were starting out on a new adventure, we had plenty of concerns and thoughts about what we were getting him into.

We soon got to know a bubbly, friendly and active lady called "Akela" who was the fountain of knowledge on anything that was keas, cubs and Scouting.

Akela is the lady who complained and teased us (the Parents) who, when after drinking a can or two etc of the "brown stuff" at a cub camp, we then proceeded to merrily snore our heads off whilst Akela probably counted sheep or such like.

Akela is the lady who supplied most of the plants and shrubs at our Scout fair in Sunnynook park and then proceeded to man the stall to assist in fundraising for our new den.

Akela is the lady who many sleepless nights after reminding the Chairman and Committee of Scouting rules and regulations when our Magnificent Scout Den by the "seat of our pants" in 1988 and 1989, armed with very little capital and a big dream. Some times we even had the audacity to think we better not tell Akela "about this plan or Scheme" to get our den up and paid for, although deep down she knew and "hoped" she gave her blessing to it.

Akela is the lady who made a difference in our lives and has enhanced the lives of hundreds in our community for reasons too numerous to mention.

Carol Redgrove. We sincerely say a Big thank you, and knowing the inadequacy of words, wish you all the best for yourself and family in the future.

Chris Reed – former chairman, Sunnynook Cubs, Keas and Scouts

Akela Shirley Dickson

Every now and then a person from nowhere joins an Organisation and over time becomes an integral part of a group. In September 1993, this person happened to knock on our Door, and has been with us ever since. Shirley Dicksons oldest son Ollie joined SSG after having his name on the list for quite some time. After Ollie started cubs the then leader tendered her resignation. With no one to carry on Shirley reluctantly became a Cub leader. Spending one term learning the ropes, she then was left on her own... initially doubting her confidence, but quickly grew into the role as Akela and flourished. She was a Cub leader for 8 years and during that time appeared in Gang Show as well as helping backstage. Shirley has been the mainstay for the group out lasting other key members of the Organisation through the 90's and has had a major hand in making the group what it is today.

She is a mentor to many leaders not only in our group but also at District level. She works tirelessly as the support committee, chairperson, garage sale co-ordinator, Camp mother Scout leader advisor to hubby Hughie and H, Cub leader Advisor to the Cub Leaders and right hand girl to the Group Leader.

At the Annual "World Famous in Sunnynook Gang Show" at the end of the Year Shirley took the Stage to welcome everyone, only to find many old leaders sitting in the front row. She had no idea that they had all come to see her be presented with her 10-year service medal of merit award.

Kent Robinson July 2004

2004 Committee and Leaders

Committee	Group Leaders
Group Leader Fiona Halliwell	SL Robert Hoeksema
Assistant Group Leader Shirley Dickson	SL Hugh Dickson
Secretary Joe Higgenson	SL Wayne Matheson
Treasurer Robert Hoeksema	SL Mauricio Vas
Catrina Shepherd	CL Stephen Crow
Sandy Roundill	CL Debbie Jenkins
Dianne Ruwhiu	CL Daphne Mellor
Donna Russell	CL Wesley Hendry
	CL Max Laloli
	CL Kevin Sanderson
	CL Steven Kose
	KL Dianne Everest
	KL Hugh Mackay
	PAL Samantha Russell

At the end of Term 2 Dianne Everest and Hugh Mackay have decided to leave keas. We wish them well, with Dianne transferring onto the Committee.

Max and Kevin are hoping to have another leader join them in the term three. In fact we welcome Steven Kose as our newest Leader. Mauricio is having a Term off with work commitments and Rob, Hugh and Wayne are up to their eyeballs with pre Jamboree Stuff.

Fiona will be running the Keas for term 3 with the help of Venturer Philippa McBride, who is doing her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh service award,

The Last Few Years

999 AGM 16th March

District Commissioner Warren Davis once again congratulated Sunnynook Scout Group and all their dedicated Leaders. Warren mentioned the Jamboree and said he had never seen two such dedicated leaders at Jamboree as Craig Richardson and Kent Robinson and congratulated them.

The First Annual Craig and Kent Scout Report " -1998

Kent and I were both warranted April last year after doing parent help for more than a year. Our first overnight Scout hike was mid winter to the pinnacles. We took 8 boys and had excellent weather with it raining most of the second day. 6 of the boys were whining about their packs being too heavy after about 2 minutes. They all finished and most of them wanted to do it again. The Jamboree 1998 was at Greytown 9 boys went with Kent and myself a great time was had by all. History was made, by taking our first Girl Scout. This seems to be working out very well.

Akela Totara Pack

Five years down, three to go, or should I rephrase that 3 sons down one to go – where has the time gone I can honestly say it has been a very happy, exasperating, exciting time – and that's only in the course of one evening.

Shirley Dickson 1998

Scouting/cubbing is all about adventure, trying new things challenging your own personal boundaries and having fun – *Shirley*

GL report Keith Duffin

A special thank you to our Chairman Kent Robinson for his help in securing some financial support, not only for our Group but also for the North Harbour District. This is my last report as Group Leader as I have decided to resign

After 10 years in the Group, in various capacities. I wish the committee and Leaders a great year for 1999.

Scout leader report for 1999/2000

Special thanks to Lisa, H, and Gary who are honorary leaders and have helped endlessly with various things throughout the Year.

H ...your warrant application is in the post – to Wellington!!! – We signed it on your behalf.

Craig Richardson, Stuart Emmitt, Kent Robinson

Group leader report 2000 *Carol Morris*

This last 18 months has seen many changes in Scouting perhaps most visible being the change to the uniform.

Since the last AGM, Chief Scout commendations and long Service awards were presented to Kent Robinson, Shirley Dickson, Judy Aitkin, and myself. To serve a Youth Organisation the way they have deserves an award from the Governor General.

I would like to welcome

Fiona and Peter Halliwell and Gary Turner as **Kea Leaders.....**

I want to thank Dean Williams and Graeme Holder for holding down the fort and welcome them into the Cub Section. Old Kea Leaders never leave – they just become cub leaders and some even become Scout Leaders.

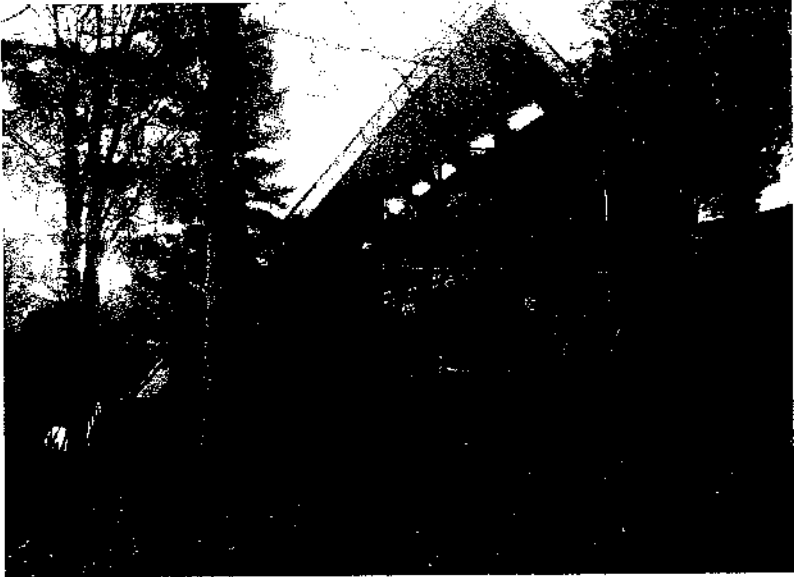
Chairman's Report November 2003 *Shirley Dickson*

After being pressed into this position upon my "retirement" as Akela from Totara Pack I accepted it – Somewhat reluctantly. But as chairperson I have to say that Sunnynook Scouts is in good hands with the Incumbent committee. Our mid year entertainment was a HUGE success with our banquet with Lord and Lady Farquar presiding over the Ceremonies and Lady Penelope cutting a fine figure in her Bustier. Thank you and see you all next year. – no resignations accepted.

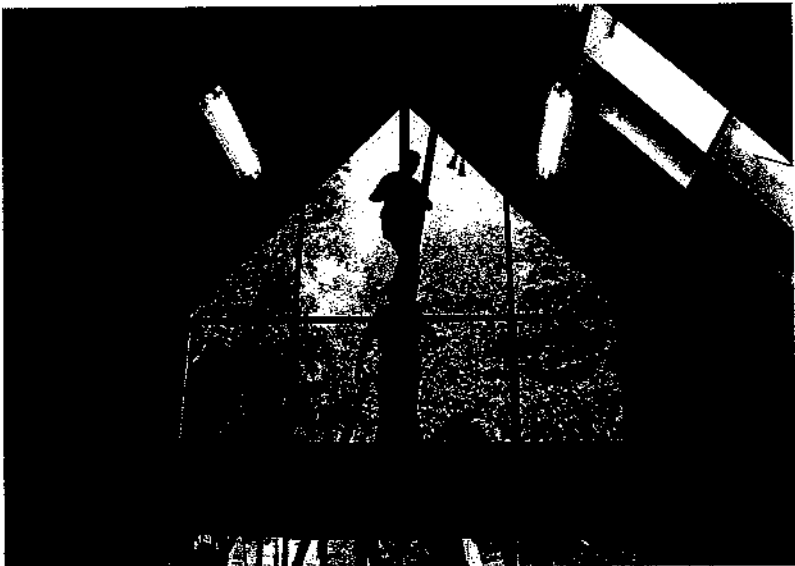
Group Leader Report 2003 AGM *Fiona Halliwell*

Another year over, and a busy one for Sunnynook. We have maintained our youth numbers and opened another section this year. Communities don't just happen they need input from people to make them work... We are setting the groundwork to make these scouts into people who will make a difference in their Community.

Sunnynook Scout Den 2004



Getting Ready for the Jubilee



Sunnynook 2004

This group just goes from strength to strength. Over the years it has maintained a steady stream of Children through its doors.

We have a dedicated group of Leaders and Committee that give their time freely as many in the past have done. Some of the traditions have stayed and some are new. "It's the Sunnynook Way". "World Famous in Sunnynook" are traditional sayings.

In my four years involvement, how could I possibly have lots of highlights... but there are. And nobody told me when I joined, of the friends I would make, like-minded people who wanted to give their Kids the "Scout Experience". Reading back through minutes I feel I know all the leaders and Committee that have given to Sunnynook. Their joys and frustrations. Some things change and lots of things stay the same. Dedicated committee parents. You build strong bonds with people, you share the successes. We may not be the oldest Scout Group, but our founders set good guidelines for us to follow.

Our Scouts have had an excellent year winning many trophy's including the famous "Le Roy's". The two cub packs have interesting programmes and have 18 and 25 cubs in their packs. We are still the only group in our district to offer Keas.

For a short time (6 months) we had our first Sunnynook Venturer unit. But to save the Takapuna Scout Den they became a District unit and moved to Takapuna.

We have built on Sunnynooks identity with our own Badge designed by the Scouts, our own Flag that is proudly flown whenever we are about. The cubs always take it Camping.

We have held Group Camps for all at Camp Maynard. Our mid winter Christmas "do" is legendary, with invites being sort after. And if you haven't seen our Sunnynook Gang Show that we end our year with, you are missing a treat. The trip to Ruapehu for Leaders and Committee has also become something not to be missed.

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This year is again Jamboree year and Sunnynooks forward planning each year has seen our 17 scouts and 5 leaders in a good position to start their Fundraising. This year we are heading to Feilding with Shirley Dickson doing a superb job as Jamboree organiser. Keith Marsh is the contingent leader for North Harbour. We will join in to make 9 leaders and 36 Scouts as part of North Harbour Contingent.

We have been fortunate with a grant from **ASB Trust** to see Sunnynook have their roof Painted, their floor resurfaced, 4 new tents for Jamboree, to finally put cupboard doors in the kitchen and take a much needed Gas fridge to Jamboree. Plus a new photo copier for all the 101 things that need copying for a Scout Group. We thank the **ASB Trust** for putting their trust in us and recognising the great job we do for the community (*their words*).

We also have to thank the **Lion Foundation** for a grant enabling our leaders to attend Jamboree. For without the contribution that Leaders make, the Scouts could not attend.

While compiling this booklet I have spoken to past members of the Group and seen for myself that they have good memories of their time and have also made life long friends. Lord Baden Powell all those years ago called it the "Brotherhood of Scouting", and it really is, even today when we have Girls and Boys. I hope you all enjoy this Celebration of our birthday. We really do want to thank each and every one of you for the contribution you have made to a fine Scouting Family.

Fiona Halliwell
Group leader

On The Record

Carol Redgrove received her Wood Badge in 1988. Only second time that a member from our Group has received this award.

Roof raising breakfast 21st May 1989. Roof cost \$7792.00 *10 April 1989*

ASB Trust Grant \$10,000 1989

90 Chairs were bought from Masonic Lodge for \$5.00 each *October 1990*

Den freehold November 20th 1990 as a result of fair profit of \$7,200

Project took 2 years from time hole dug till den opened. It cost \$105,000 And worth in excess of \$200,000 in 1990

John advised that \$50,000 was re invested with **ASB** for another month at **13.25%** *October 16th 1990*

Six long serving members were resigning from committee

Chris Williams, Bob Kershaw, Dave Rogers, Pam Aspinall, Maureen Anderson and John Hills **Feb 12th 1991**

A special word of thanks to Chris Williams, who has given hours and hours of his free time to the group over the past 4-5 years and been the driving force and motivator behind the Den construction and maintenance. *Richard and Carol Redgrove report 12 Feb 1991*

Mrs Redgrove suggested that after 10 years involvement with the group 1991 would be her and Richards's final year. Richard Redgrove congratulated Simon Mulcahy, Mike Stefek and Olivia Neuenswander for gaining the **Enterprise Award**. This is the first time that the award has been presented in this area for 10 years. The object of the award was to tramp away from home for 4 nights. Three different forms of transport were used. The tramp took the scouts to **Levin** and back.

National Levies 1991 were \$17.00 per youth member

Wendy Campbell stepped down end of year after 8 years as a Cub leader of Totara Pack *25 May 1993*

AGM of Sunnynook Scout Group held 8th February 1988 **Sunnynook Hall**. November fair raised \$8,000. Derrick Betty stepped down as Group Leader. Fundraising saw \$17,645.10 net raised.

It was mentioned that a Scout in our Group saved a life at Lake Pupuke Raft Race. He should be mentioned on Honours Board.

Linda Bell mentioned that we are the only Kea club in our District.

Chairman's report 1995

Good Evening and welcome to the 1995 Sunnynook Scout, Cub and Kea AGM its good to see so many parents here tonight. My name is Kent Robinson.....

Cub leader Totara Pack

Wendy Campbell wrote "I finished as a leader at the end of 1993 not without some sense of regret, but I am very pleased to be able to hand over to such a capable, cheerful and nice person as Shirley Dickson. 7½ years with Sunnynook, we had a lot of fun. I will miss these people who have become my friends.

11th March 1997 District Commissioner Warren Davis presented group leader Keith Duffin with the Chief Scout Commendation.

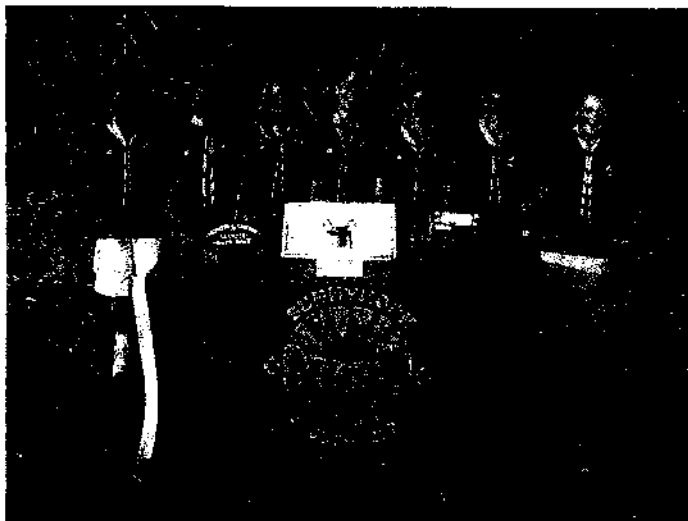
Chairman's Report 1997

The honours board was completed and installed in the den. Richard Saysell retiring and heading to Sea Scouts. Richard spent 4 years with Sunnynook before moving to Wairau Sea Scouts. National levies \$27.00 per youth member. (*Honours board broke and was replaced 24th July 2004*)

AGM 1997

The scouts also competed in the annual North Harbour Raft Race up the Puhoi River. Sunnynook garage sale raised \$2552.00. The group extended a very big thank you to Kent Robinson our chairman and Scout helper for the many donations received by the group through his business connections.

The Winning Patrol



From Left Jae Woong Chung, Joel Dickson, Katie Hoeksema, Chris Lamb, Cole Jenkins, Chris Higgenson, Kent Shepherd

Over the last 12 months this patrol has entered various Scouting events and has had a very successful year. The Le Roy's competition (*silver cup in front*) was won as a lightweight camp and has been competed for since 1923. It was the first time that Sunnynook had won it. The annual Mahurangi Raft race (*left hand side*) also produced a winner in February of this year, with our second patrol; also doing well. The Mahurangi pioneering competition was also won. The shield *on the right hand side* is the Cooking competition trophy.