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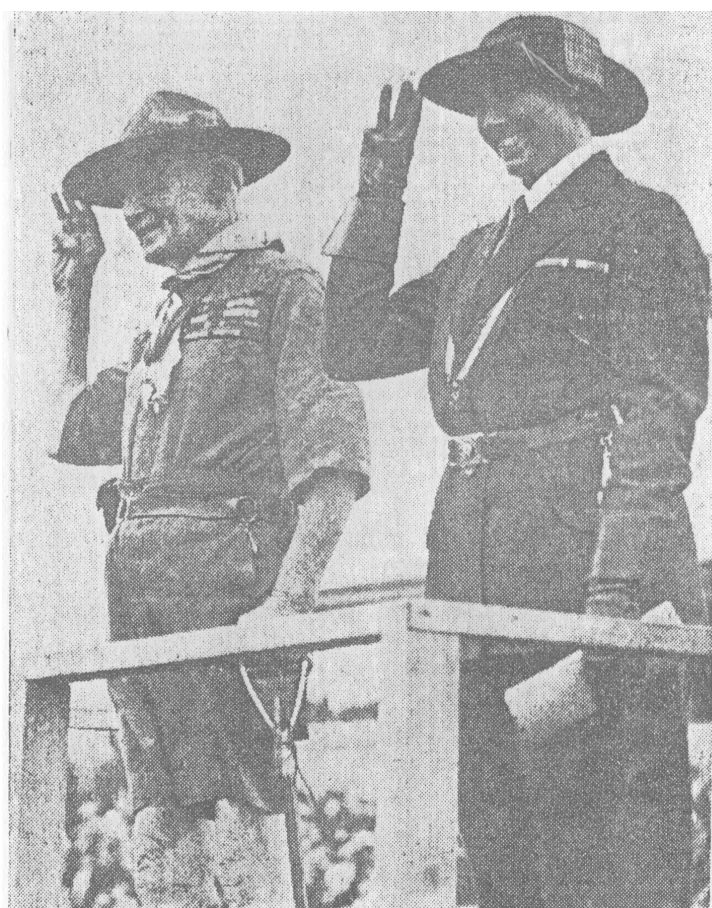
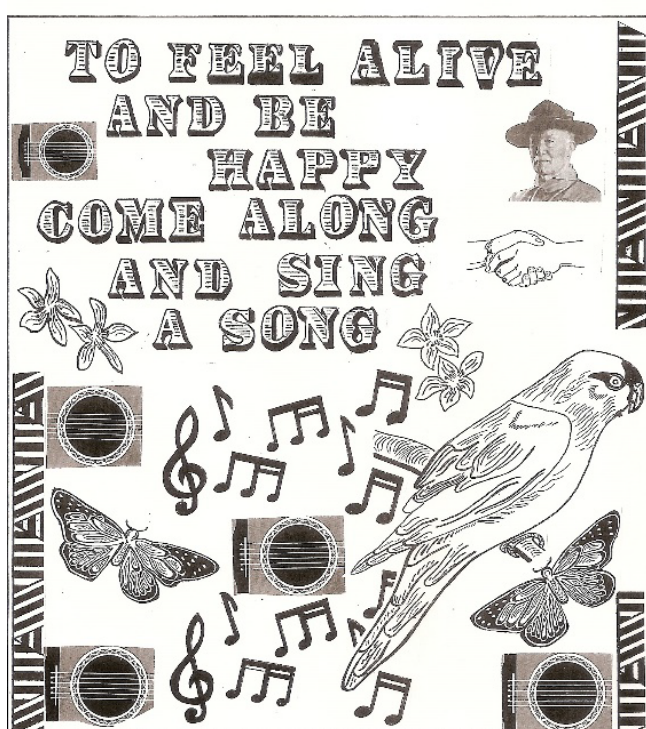
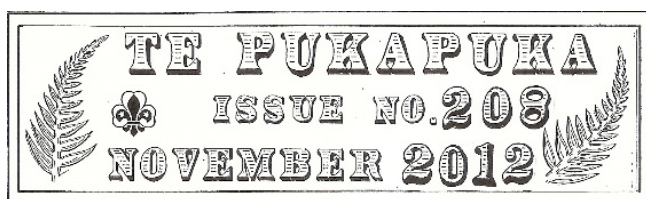
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Welcome to the B- P Guild: Issue #273 of Te Pukapuka

BADEN-POWELL GUILD Becomes THE NEW ZEALAND SCOUT AND GUIDE FELLOWSHIP

THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF TE PUKAPUKA FOR THE B-P GUILD IN FUTURE
IT WILL BE THE MAGAZINE OF THE NZSGF.



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Greetings from the Editor

Hi Everyone

AGM in Invercargill is just a few weeks away, if you want to go the team could probably fit you in.

The Baden-Powell Guild Facebook site is worth a visit so is the Scouts NZ site.

This is the last edition of Te Pukapuka for the B-P Guild, the next edition will be "Welcome to the NZSGF inc."

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National Guildmaster's Comments

Summer is now officially over and autumn has begun. But the weather hasn't really settled much over the last few months, in fact, many regions of New Zealand has had some pretty atrocious weather events, even having snow falling in February!!

B-P Guild Name and Bank Account Changes: These should all be underway by now. I am hoping this was a smooth process for everyone, because I have not had many questions. This must be completed by AGM 2026. As stated at the previous AGM and further correspondence, as of April 2026, the Baden-Powell Guild will not be registered with the Incorporated Societies, and you will have no protection, unless your name is changed to NZSGF. If you need a copy of the minute from the last AGM to help with this process, please let me know?

NZSGF: The New Zealand Scout and Guide Fellowship Council has been busy with updating processes ready for the transition.

There is now a draft set of Bylaws to go with the updated Constitution and these will be presented at the Invercargill Baden-Powell Guild National AGM as a final draft. These will then be sent out to all members for further consultation.

National Baden-Powell Guild AGM 2026: The 2026 AGM registration forms have been emailed out and as at 28 February there are 23 attendees registered. The AGM will be held 27th – 29th March 2026, in Invercargill, hosted by the Murihiku Branch. Let's fully support this Branch to ensure a very successful weekend.

There is still time for late registrations, if you register and pay promptly.

Note: Please don't book flights on the Sunday to leave Invercargill before 2pm, because the morning activities are not being held in the city.

Town and Country Branch

The Town and Country members are now part of their own Branch of NZSGF, with their own account. The name of the account is Town & Country B-P Scout & Guide Fellowship. Previously they were administered by National Headquarters, but as that will no longer exist by 2027, they need their own autonomy (the same as the current Branches).

At present Peter McInnes is Chairman, Glenys Kirby is Secretary and Cheryl Dalzell is the Treasurer.

Plans are underway to encourage better communication between members, as National AGM were the only times they got together for Fellowship.

Wanganui/Manawatu Branch

Due to age and increasing illnesses, it is with regret that I confirm that the Branch has decided to close. Hopefully some members will continue as Town and Country Branch members. They have been a very active Branch for many years and I thank them for their support by holding and attending AGM, being members of National B-P Guild and NZSGF Council and contributing articles to Te Pukapuka. In fact, Wanganui East Branch of 'B-P Guild of Old Scouts' was the first Branch to open in New Zealand.

Lesley Bowers, National Guildmaster

Patrons Patter

Patron's Patter. February 2026

Greetings All and welcome to 2026.

A new year bringing changes for our Guild. The merger with the Scout, Guide Fellowship has brought forward several changes which our National Team has given us all time to put forward any suggestions and which, with some of the finer details sorted out I am certain will be introduced smoothly.

Goodness the changeable, unpredictable weather, especially in the North Island is causing many problems. I do feel for any Members who have been affected by the uncontrollable force of nature.

The devastation the October 2025 storm caused in Southland can still be seen in many areas which are still in the clean-up stage three and a half months later.

Murihiku Branch have put in an order for a spot of sunshine at the end of March for our National AGM soooo fingers crossed. We are quite excited to be host Branch this year as it has been eight years since our last National gathering in Invercargill.

Before I close, with Duck shooting season approaching I thought I would share this story with you....

A high-flying Auckland Lawyer went duck shooting in back country Marlborough. He shot & dropped a bird, but it fell into a farmer's field on the other side of the fence. As the lawyer climbed over the fence an elderly farmer drove up on his tractor & asked what he was doing. The Lawyer responded "I shot a duck & it fell in this field & now I am going to retrieve it". The old farmer said "this is my property & you are not coming over here". The indignant duck shooter said "I am one of the best trial lawyers in NZ, if you don't let me get that duck, I'll sue you & take everything you own". The old farmer smiled "apparently you don't know how we do things down here. We settle disagreements with the Mertens Three Kick Rule". To which the lawyer asked "What is the Mertens Three Kick Rule?" the farmer replied "Well first I kick you three times & then you kick me three times, back & forth until someone gives up". The lawyer quickly thought about the proposed contest & decided that he could easily take out the old codger so he agreed to abide by the local custom. The old farmer slowly climbed down from his tractor & walked up to the "jaffa". His first strategic kick dropped the lawyer to his knees. His second kick sent the lawyers last meal gushing from his mouth. The third kick sent him face first into a fresh cow pat. The lawyer summoned every bit of his will & managed to get to his feet wiping his face with the arm of his silk jacket he said "Okay you old coot now it is my turn". The old farmer smiled and said "Nah I give up. You can have the duck."

*Look after yourselves, hoping to see you in Invercargill next month
kindest regards
Margaret.*

Auckland Scout & Guide Fellowship Report – for Feb issue.

Sunday 22nd of February started with the Raft Race on Browns Bay Beach, with 25 rafts racing. It was a great day for talking to people and passing out leaflets on the Auckland Scout

& Guide Fellowship.

Then at 2pm, we held our AGM at Columbus Cafe with 26 members attending. It was a great afternoon of friendship and fellowship for all and we have a great calendar for this year's events.

Thank you to Steve and Vicki for arranging the event.

From Cheryl Davey

Ian and Cheryl Davey were also presented with a Branch Life Membership Certificate for their hard work and support over many years with the Auckland Branch.



Little John Branch



Art Deco Festival was held 19 -22 Feb with members attending events. Loved seeing young ones in cute outfits looking back 30's & 40's. Dancing at Soundshell was fantastic and the ever-popular Steam Train journeys.

By invitation we joined estimated 80-90 at Waiapu Zone Founders Day Church Parade & Rangatahi Youth Mary's Catholic Church, Greenmeadows 26 Feb. A special farewell Margaret McKibbin on behalf Scouts Waiapu Zone Rangatahi & Kaiarahi was included as Margaret leaves Napier to be closer to



Scouts & Whanau Awards held at St presentation to Whanau.



The first Branch meeting 2026 we will be held this Saturday 29 including Annual Meeting.

Coming up Little John Branch 50th Anniversary we historic records and photos.



would appreciate any

Wekapoint Update

Fantastic news flash

The committee has received approval from the CE to go ahead with the replacement of Bridge allowing access into Campsite.

We are different pieces, shaped uniquely and fine,
Fitting together in a perfect line.
Without one, the picture cannot be seen,
Working as one to keep the vision keen

Little John Branch



Alan Craig, former Baden-Powell Guild member passed away on Thursday 19th February 2026. Alan and Margaret joined in 2019, and because of ill-health, resigned in 2024; however, Alan continued to be very involved with the Scout Camps until recently.

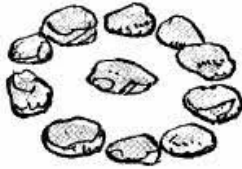
His funeral will be held at:

Grange Manor Chapel of Davis Funeral Care,
400 Dominion Rd, Mt Eden,
Thursday 26th February, 2026 @ 10.30a.m.

Our thoughts are with Margaret & family, at this sad time.

Vicki Hurley

Auckland Branch Scout and Guide Fellowship



It is with much sadness that I report that Gladys (Glad) Carlin has 'Gone Home'.

She passed away on Friday 20th February, 2026 at the age of 90 years in Palmerston North. (Born 14/04/1935).

Gladys joined the Baden-Powell Guild on 12/01/1978 (No. 668) and was previously very involved in Scouting, having 3 sons and a very active Scouting husband.

Glad was an active member of the Wanganui-Manawatu Branch, including holding many Office Holder positions.

She was also the National Baden-Powell Guildmaster from 1990 - 1998.

Gladys was made a Baden-Powell Guild National Life Member in 2015.

Gladys has also served on New Zealand Scout and Guide Fellowship Council.

RIP Gladys

AS I AGE, I REALIZE THAT:

1. I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.
2. Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.
3. I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off.
4. My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.
5. The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
6. When I was a child, I thought nap time was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.
7. The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about.
8. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound!
9. Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller.
10. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.
11. When the kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please. I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes."
12. At my age "getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

CAMP SLADDIN 1963 until today.

Back in the dim dark ages of 1963 The then DC of South Auckland Skip Browne and his trusty assistants ADC Chil Watson and District Chair Owen Benson heard a rumour that the then Manukau District Council were investigating various uses for the now disused quarry and the adjacent hundred acre Crown Reserve in Clevedon they quickly formulated a cunning



plan to create “Camp Sladdin”, as a District Camping Base, and as a home for the Clevedon Scout Group then run by Len Sladdin, who in his younger days in England met Baden-Powell on a number of occasions back as a scout.

By 1965 they had secured a Perpetual Lease for the land at a cost of one pound a year. They had also then negotiated for free, the Headmasters House and I believe the Library from the Clevedon School and had them delivered free to the Thorpe’s Quarry Rd site where they were assembled together to form the original single hall kitchen and bunkrooms unit.



They had been originally brought from Australia on a sailing scow and delivered to Clevedon right up the Wairoa River over a hundred years before.

About Christmas 1965 there began a continuous series of Saturday working bees to build the rest. The Rovers built a concrete block shower block and several old baths were set up under a lean to as a dish washing up area. As an older scout I built the first entrance ladder for the front door so that we could get inside easily.

The Camp was opened a couple of years later with a District Camp catering for a couple of hundred people ably led by Skip Browne.

Not long after the then World Chief Scout Sir Charles McLean, visited with a second District Camp of similar size.

Floods were frequent, on the first occasion Skip Browne was notified by someone swimming across to higher ground and phoning from a locals house. No mobiles in those days. He called out the Papakura Sea Scouts to come and rescue those affected.

In the 1980’s we moved the Toi Toi Scout Den from Papatoetoe to provide a second hall for the camp and to assist Clevedon Scout Group who had a couple of Cub Pack’s and Scout Troop’s as well as a very successful Venturer Unit.

On one regular working bee during morning tea my then ADC Richard Bently came to me and quite sheepishly said, Bob I’ve had a small oops with the mower (an old 1.2 metre-wide power drive unit), what’s up I asked, well, unfortunately I’ve parked it in the river he replied, and I can’t get it out. Ten strong men later all was well.

In the 1990’s we had a visit from April’s Angels, a TV programme that many will remember. They all turned up in a bus and proceed to help by doing specialist maintenance jobs, like painting the buildings insides purple, etc but the end result, new toilets etc was a great help.

Like all things there were the odd hiccups but all survived intact due to the able community members, to name a few, The Duder Family, The Munroe Family, the Karl Family, The Balemi Family and many many others.

As the city developed and the council became Manukau City Council, then Auckland City Council, and things became more regulated and less adventurous, (they took away our bouncy bridge and flying fox), but we received lots of help from the council, such as a proper sewerage system, town water, car parking areas, a lockable gate and regular security patrols etc and who extended the area for wider public use.

It’s still all in use today.

Bob Appleby,
Scout to Retired Zone Leader.