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Greetings from the Editor

Hi Everyone

As most of you sending in reports have noticed, Spring is here. Lambs are about, flowers flowering and it rains most days between the showers with some sunny days. It is a glass half full rather than half empty time of the year. We went to the cricket at Mt Maunganui and ended up at 10pin bowling then came home.

Thank you for your contributions which will be used over the next few issues.

The change to NZSGF is progressing as approved at the last AGM. Lesley and Steve and others have been working extensively on this.

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

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National Guildmaster's Comments

Well, where do I start: so many things have been happening since the last issue.

B-P Guild Changes: Some of the Branches have begun the process of changing their names and bank account names. Don't forget to ask if you need any assistance with making these changes?

Survey: The survey for changing from Baden-Powell Guild to New Zealand Scout and Guide Fellowship has been completed with a very pleasing response from around the country. More details to follow.

NZSGF: The New Zealand Scout and Guide Fellowship Council have been busy with a zoom meeting and a face-to-face meeting on Saturday 27th September to discuss and finalise details pertaining to NZSGF processes in the future, to ensure a smooth transition. The NZSGF has been finalised to comply for the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, and the Constitution has been altered to fit the new Act. More will be forthcoming as the process continues, however, I will say that to comply with the Act requirements, the NZSGF Constitution now has 22 pages.

SYF Life Member: I can confirm that the Baden-Powell Guild will become a Life Member of the Scout Youth Foundation and the cost will be \$6,000.

AGM 2026: The 2026 AGM registration forms have been emailed out, and will be included as an attachment with this issue of Te Pukapuka. The AGM will be held 27th – 2th March 2026, in Invercargill, hosted by Murihiku Branch. Let's fully support this Branch to ensure a very successful weekend. Mark the dates on your calendar and get your flights booked. 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.

Asia Pacific Gathering: The Asia Pacific Gathering was held in Bandung, Indonesia on 15th – 19th September, 2025 and there has been a change in the New Zealand rep. on this Committee. I have resigned (time was up) and Helen Mitchell, Timaru has been nominated to this role. I'm sure you support me in wishing her the very best in this role. She is a member of both Trefoil Guild and Baden-Powell Guild.

I wish everyone a great Spring and hope the weather warms up where you live. The gloss wears off very wet, very cold and/or very windy after a while.

Lesley Bowers, National Guildmaster

Patrons Patter

October 2025

Greetings Everyone from the Deep South.

October already! Even the school children are commenting that it is almost Christmas again. Well, here's hoping the warmer weather will also come soon.

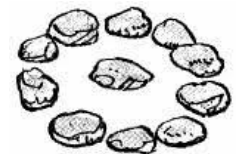
Daffodils blooming and many lambs frolicking around in the paddocks lift the spirits of most of us until we look at the weeds in the garden, amazing how they always thrive no matter how wet it is,

After 12 years Murihiku are hosting the BP National AGM 27 - 29 March 2026, This will be an important meeting as we move forward so, please do try to attend and help us make it a memorable weekend.

Some of us are not as mobile as we were but don't let that stop you, the organising Team are fully aware and will strive to make it easier for all to enjoy a comfortable and enjoyable weekend

Currently there are a lot of serious illnesses around the country, I do hope you are managing to avoid and stay well.

Thinking of you all,
Regards Margaret



TONY INGLIS – Gone Home 30 September 2025

Tony was born in Wellington in 1933. Joined Khandallah Cubs at 8 years old, and spent some time during WW2 tying hundreds of reef knots while putting strings on labels to help overworked farmers with their grain sacks. Other war efforts were for medicinal purposes. Black ergot was collected from Fescue grass seed and rosehips from wild roses growing alongside the railway line.

Tony has had many interesting and varied jobs, including dairy farming, Merchant Navy, teaching, and part-time jobs as interviewer for Statistics NZ, beekeeping and rural gate numbering around Marlborough for the emergency services. The latter was through Blenheim and Renwick Federated Farmers.

In Scouting, Tony spent 4 years as a Cub, then Port Nicholson Sea Scout Troop in Wellington. He has held numerous positions in the Scout Movement including, Cub Leader, Scoutmaster, District Scoutmaster, Assistant District Commissioner, Area Water Activities Advisor. Tony 's Group was awarded the Gilt Bravery Award after rescuing 2 yachtsmen and he was also awarded the Silver Tui, for service to Scouting.

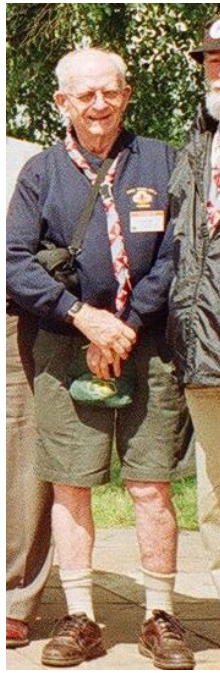
Tony attended the 1957 World Jamboree in England and the 2007 Scout Centennial celebrations with the tour support party. He attended 2 Australian Jamborees and 17 NZ Scout Jamborees.

Tony joined the Baden-Powell Guild in 2001 (No. 1787) with Blenheim and then Christchurch Branches. He was a very active member of both Branches and also became a fixture at the National Scout Museum.

Another true Scout, Gone Home.



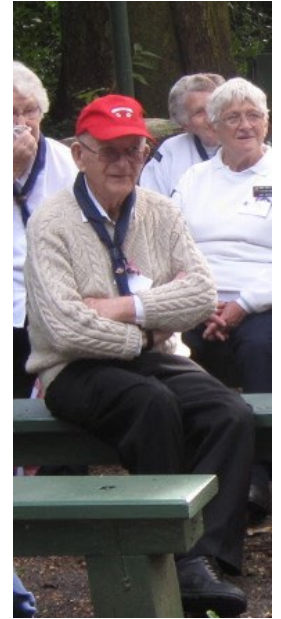
2007
Gilwell UK



2007
Sutton Coldfield UK



2011
New Plymouth



2012
Tatum Park

ASPAC REPRESENTATIVE

Helen Mitchel At the end of my 6-year term as a committee member of the AsPac Region Committee, Helen Mitchell has been nominated and accepted to take on the role for the next 3 years. Welcome to Helen.

Helen started Guiding life as a Lone Brownie in 1952. She has been a Trefoil Guild member for over 45 years and was a Provincial Trefoil Advisor for many years. She has attended ISGF Conferences and an Australian Trefoil Gathering. Helen also attended the Singapore, Malaysia and Sri Lanka AsPac Gatherings as an observer. On joining Town and Country B-P Guild in 2022, she became a member of both Branches of New Zealand Scout & Guide Fellowship. She has been a keen participant at many Trefoil Gatherings, B-P Guild AGM and NZSGF Triennial Conferences in New Zealand over many years.

Helen has also been the Stamp Bank collector for the South Island, NZ.



World conference will be held in Kuwait, October 2027

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National Secretary Report

Where is Spring. Hopefully it will make its appearance soon. The Census, and Survey went well. Thank you to all those who participated in the Survey. I would like to put out a challenge to Branches to post their activities and photos on the B-P Guild Facebook page. Most of you would have received the registration form for 2026's National AGM to be held in Invercargill. If you are interested in attending, now is the time to look for cheap fares. A few of us are looking at going over to Stewart Island by boat. A worthwhile trip to take while down there.

Yours in Fellowship
Glenys

MURHIKU

Announcing the 2026 AGM in Invercargill 27 – 29 March 2026.

An Exciting Programme Awaits!

We're delighted to announce that, after thorough research and discussion with Lesley, we have reached an agreement to host the 2026 AGM in Invercargill. Margaret's ongoing enthusiasm and dedication have truly kept us moving forward—no wonder she is our National Patron!

Our team has developed an exciting programme, designed to make this AGM a memorable experience for all members. We're also pleased to suggest several additional tour options. You might consider adding a few days to your trip to take an excursion to Stewart Island, a breathtaking trip to Doubtful Sound, or a local tour exploring the unique highlights of our region. There's something for everyone, whether you're seeking adventure or a more relaxed exploration.

We warmly invite all members to consider joining us and to take advantage of these fantastic opportunities. For those travelling from Auckland, there are direct return flights to Invercargill—just be sure to book early to secure the best fares.

If you're interested in extending your stay or trying out some of our famous walking tracks, please let us know. Some of our members are enthusiastic walkers and would be delighted to share their favourite routes with you.



Murihiku Baden-Powell Guild AGM, Invercargill

A little about the Murihiku B-P Fellowship. We are small in numbers but big in hearts. Enthusiastic, great hosts and want you to have an experience that you will talk about for years to come.

Invercargill has many exciting venues to offer you a range of experiences.

The number one attraction is the Bill Richardson Transport Museum. You may think this a place for the guys, but we can assure you that all members of your party will have a wonderful time. We can look at group discounts and there is a Gold Card discount. We thought if you get to Invercargill around lunch time Friday this would give you an opportunity to have a look around the museum.

For the adventurous guests there is an opportunity to drive a big digger at Dig this, Invercargill.

A trip to Stewart Island either prior to or after the AGM would be an amazing experience. You have travelled this far, get the gorse out of your pockets and visit our third largest Island. Doubtful Sound is one the wonders of the world, even better than Milford Sound, (my opinion). There is an option to do a day trip or better still the overnight cruise. Expensive, but wonderful. Depending on your itinerary you could travel to Manapouri on Monday and pick up either of these options.

We will be doing a mystery bus tour on the Sunday and you will see some of our wonderful Province. Bluff and the Catlins are not included in this tour so it may work for you to fly out of Dunedin after visiting the Catlins?

Bluff is only half an hour from the city so you may like a brief trip down there during some free time. We will have drivers available for Friday afternoon, Saturday before dinner or Sunday afternoon.

A walk through Queens Park in the early morning is great and if interested Park Run starts at 8.00 a.m. on Saturday morning so a walk or run would be a perfect way to start the day.

We will have a Guild's own on Sunday, but for local church information just ask one of team and we will do our best to get you there.

Our new Invercargill Central Mall is amazing. It opens early and closes late.

Stay tuned for more updates on the AGM and programme details—we look forward to welcoming you to Invercargill 27-29 March 2026!

John MacManus - Kotare
Guildmaster

Auckland Scout & Guide Fellowship

August Meeting

24 members travelled by Car or Train to the Swanson Café Railway for Lunch & Fellowship. We all enjoyed time together chatting & Steve advised us on NZSGF updates. Steve also welcomed & invested Christine So Choon as a new ASGF member. Though a little chilly, a great time was had by all.

September Meeting

13 members attended the Auckland Central Gang Show; we were all very impressed how such a young cast came together to present a wonderful show & showcased Scouting & Guiding.

After the show 12 members then enjoyed a wonderful dinner at the Manukau Lone Star restaurant. Looking forward to getting together at our October meeting at the Auckland Botanical Gardens in Manurewa.



Christchurch Branch

Christchurch Branch continues to meet on the 4th Monday each month, with business discussion and a topic of interest, then sharing our lunch.

This year we have Quizzed, been reminded of ACC Tips for safety at Home and practiced Brain Gym exercises – example: Fold your arms naturally then try changing so your other arm is on top! Good for a laugh as arms go this way and that! We have enjoyed some nostalgia by watching 'Von Ryan's Express' with others at New Brighton Museum.

Occasional 'Coffee Meets' have continued but these now tend to be 'Lunches Out'. We've been to Paris for The Weekend, via Kaiapoi, and tried Milieu Cafe in an industrial area, that took more brain gym to find!!

We remain in touch with members who have left the Guild and visited Tony Inglis. He was comfortable needing Respite Care following a fall, but he's still full of his interesting stories. Sadly, Heather Cartmell has Gone Home, she was farewelled with a beautiful Requiem Mass.

Christchurch is magnificent right now, Spring is Special. Be in touch if you come this way. In Fellowship. Jean Bell

Intoxicated?

Gone too far?

That's when you're drunk, rat-faced, mulleted, munted, trashed...When you've gone too far we can't serve you and it's time to go home, mate.

That's the law!

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

Little John Branch July – September Events

Greetings from our Branch members to you all as we share on our “Winter Journey” Members enjoyed a lunch & time of fellowship at the popular Rose & Shamrock Pub, Havelock North.



Zone Events

By invitation from Waiapu Zone Team our Branch members attended Dinner & Founders Day, Kaiarahi and Rangatahi award presentations. It was a very full eventful evening with 75 attending.

Special Guest included Glenys Kirby representing National Baden Powell Guild.

Margaret McKibbin presented Bronze Tiki Award to Westshore Kea Leader, Daniel McSweeney.

Barbara Taylor (GM) and Rosina attended Zone Keas & Cubs at Annual Jamboloree on two separate evenings at Hastings Super Strike.

Collectors / Hobby Afternoon was held at the home of Graham and Valentina.

Items included Nail Cutters, Pinecone Christmas Craft, Large collection of Watches, Quilt designs, Scout Campfire Blankets & Badges & Porcelain Dolls.

It was interesting listening to when & their story on their collector's item.



Rosina attended Zone Campfire representing Little John / Zone Leader. The Campfire had an International Flavour with Campfire Leaders from South Africa. Always a delight to see our Rangatahi present Skits & Songs.



GONE HOME

Brian Jones member of Little John Branch journeyed home reunited with his beloved wife Laraine. We acknowledge Brian (BJ) during his time with Little John for the organised Bus Tours for members attending Guild National Annual meetings. Helping in Kitchen organising afternoon teas.

Rosina Wong-Hughes
LJB Secretary

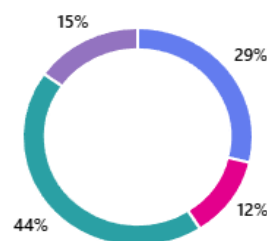
B-P Guild Survey Results 2025

The National B-P Guild Team acknowledge that some of the questions in the survey were somewhat unclear, and because you didn't know what the next question was going to be, by the end, it became quite confusing for some members. The survey was not compiled by the National Team. However, we were still able to get a sense of what your overall wishes were. All members of the B-P Guild will benefit in some way from the funds held, on your behalf. These funds have been raised by you and other members over many years, by holding successful AGM, from membership fees and from fundraising, raffles at AGM and Shop sales.

Branch Holder Name – can be either Chairperson, Chair or Chairman

Currently each Branch of B-P Guild has a Guildmaster that chairs meetings and represents the Branch. What should we call them as Branches of NZSGF?

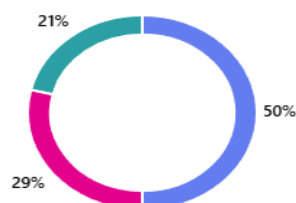
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● Chairman	8
● Chairperson	29
● Other	10



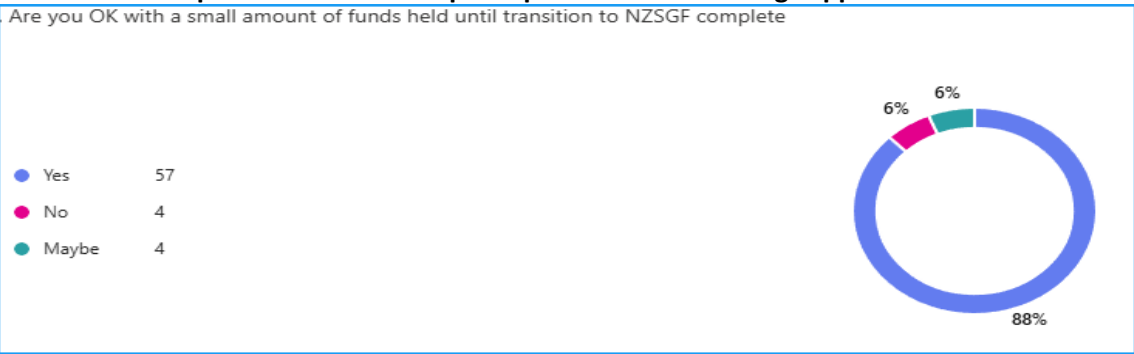
Life Member of SYF – to support members of Scouting into the future, this is not used for Admin

Would you like to see a portion of the funds used for the Baden-Powell Guild to become Life Members of the Scout Youth Foundation?

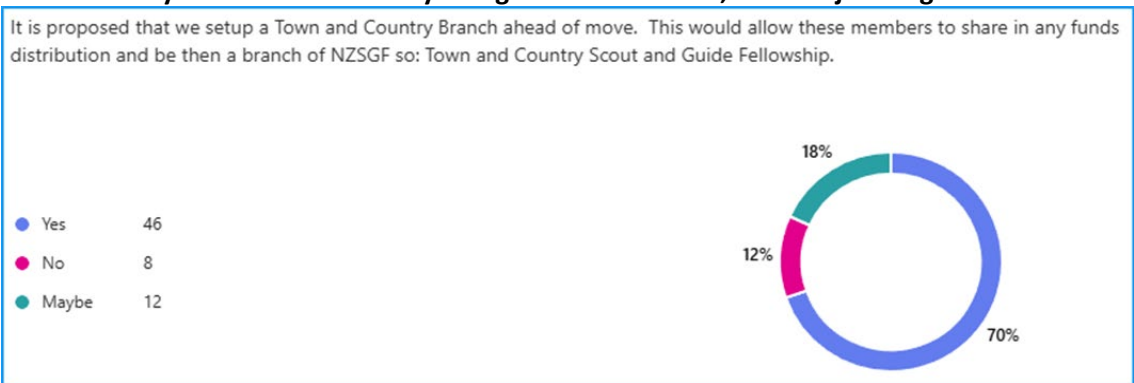
● Yes	33
● No	19
● Maybe	14



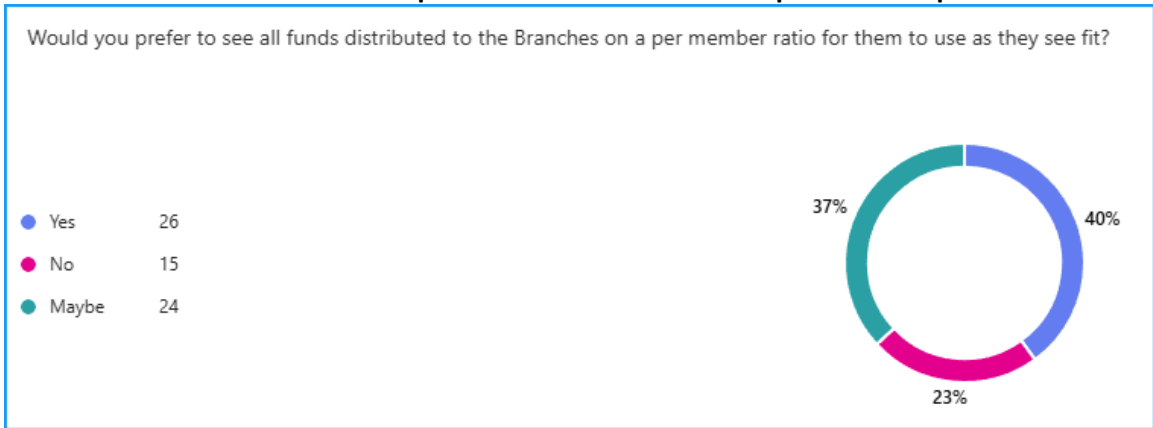
Keep funds until wind -up complete – overwhelming support for this



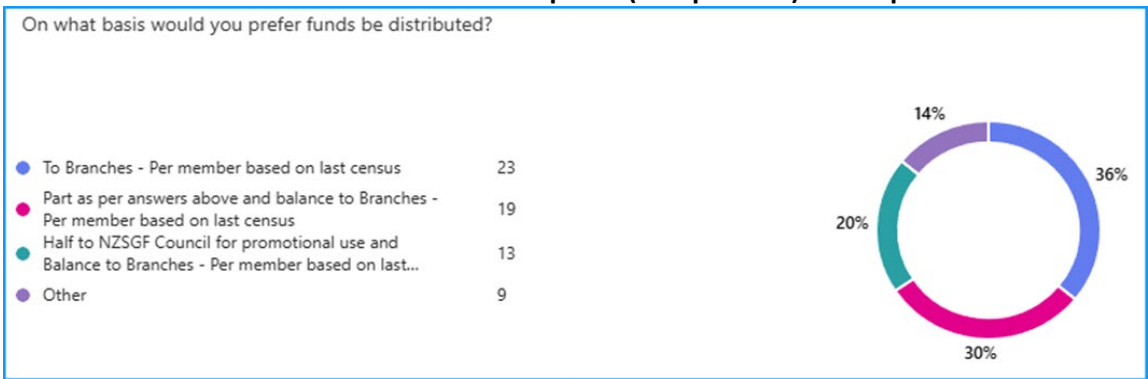
Town & Country Branch – be officially recognised as a Branch, and not just to get a share of funds



Funds to Branches on per member ratio – an even spread of all options



Funds distribution – an even spread (except other) of all options



A monk joined an enclosed order which was silent.

He was only allowed to speak 2 words every 5 years.

After the first 5 years, he appeared before the Abbott and said 'FOOD COLD!'

Another 5 years rolled by and he appeared before the Abbott agains and said 'BED HARD!'

Five years later, he appeared before the Abbott again and said "I'M GOING!"

To which the Abbott replied 'And a jolly good job too because you have done nothing but complain since the day you arrived!'

A Holborn Rover

This title, first formulated in 1932 as a precautionary move, actually started a Scouting activity that is still being carried on today.

We are in London where in that year it was decided to have a concert to raise money to build a Swimming pool at Downe Scout campsite in Kent. A 29 year old Rover from Holborn (suburb in London) who was involved in the theatre was asked to help stage this concert but was asked to make it special and not a normal Scout amateur concert.

This first show was called "The Gang's All Here" and was a variety show with songs

and sketches all especially written by this Rover. The first show didn't fill the theatre, but Lord Baden Powell asked for the show to be produced again the following year because he thought it was good promotional value for Scouting. As so in 1933 "The Gang Comes Back" was staged.

The Holborn Rover was Ralph Reader, and he used that title as a precaution in case the show flopped and it may effect his professional career in the theatre. A good precaution, but he did not need to worry because his show was a success and he continued to write and produce shows for many years. See Scouts Aotearoa Alumni News for full article. Article written by Paul van Herpt. To request a copy or add news, please contact: alumni@scouts.nz. Alumni produced by David Thorpe, member of Auckland SGF.

