



"FROM THE HEART": During part of August and September (hence the 2 month edition), I had the privilege of traveling with my wife of 40 years, Lois, to Europe, to celebrate a significant milestone in our lives together. On October 4, as a movement we celebrated another milestone, 133 years since the founding of Boy's Brigade in Scotland. Recognising milestones allow us to do two things, recognise and honour those who have gone before, which allows us a new resolve to carry on their legacy, the second to focus again on the reason for our existence, "the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among boys..." We can be side tracked by all kinds of events and influences, however Jesus promises to be with all those who persevere to the end.

Michael Good – National Director

BBNZ NATIONAL EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

Dear All,

Very soon you will receive information from the National Office on the upcoming election of the BBNZ National Executive. Like me, there are a number of current serving members that constitutionally will retire at the end of this year following serving for three consecutive two year terms. Can I encourage you to prayerfully consider who should represent **your movement** going forward as we look to establish the new Executive? In doing so please consider the following two questions;

1. Do you know someone with the skill that should be standing for election?
2. Is that person you?

If your answer is "yes", to either question, then please contact Michael Good at the National Office (michael.good@bb.org.nz)

I also take this opportunity to say thank you to the support that has been extended to me during my 6-year term as National President. It has been an absolute privilege to be part of an Executive that is focused on seeing BBNZ well positioned for the future. I am more convinced than ever that God is not finished with the ministries of BBNZ. How do I know? We see His blessing regularly through the feedback and examples of lives being changed through the work that each of you are involved with directly, or supporting in one way or another behind the scenes. Keep up the great work and let's see the nominations for Executive flood in!

Blessings
Paul Blackler
National President



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR PATCH -

BBNZ LEADERS RETREAT – "Down is the new Up – Discovering the joy of letting go" CYC Camp, Ngaruawahia, September 16 – 18

33 men from all around NZ joined together for a weekend of relaxation, refreshment, encouragement, networking, with our speaker Richard Fay, from Centre for Men, Australia.

Outdoor activities such as paintballing and clay pigeon shooting provided opportunity to pit their skills against one another, as did the Quiz night run by Leon Schoeman. The purpose was to provide leaders with a special weekend for them to relax and enjoy with nothing required in return. Feedback from those who attended has been very positive.



Canterbury "Superhero" Winter Camp BB Team & ICONZ Adventure

97 Boys & Leaders from 6 BB Companies & 3 ICONZ Units attended this Year's "Superhero Winter Camp" at the "Waipara Adventure Centre" Activities included: Sunday Celebration Service, Air Rifles, Archery, LEGO Model Building, Confidence course, Waterslide, Gar-Gar Dodge Ball, Electronics, Movie (with popcorn), Treasure Hunt, Fancy Dress Competition. The weather was just like in the middle of summer (not winter).

A very successful camp!!

– Frank Morgan



MSC Outdoor Leader Training Courses

There are two courses scheduled for next year; **Waihi Beach 23-30 April 2017** and **Course Teapot Valley 14-21 May 2017**. Let me know whether you wish to attend one of these. Please log into this website for the course details and please see the prerequisite criteria. Only those who have the prerequisite criteria should apply.

<http://www.mountainsafety.org.nz/training/Bushcraft/Overview.asp>

I am calling for leaders who are interested in near free training to register their interest with me at william@bbwac.co.nz



Auckland Prayer Breakfast:

Organised by New Zealand Christian Network and supported by Auckland Church Leaders Meeting the Auckland Prayer breakfast is a gathering open to all who care for and work and live in Auckland City. BBNZ has been invited to attend and we would love some leaders from the region to join us at our table.

Date: Thursday October 27

Time: 7.00 – 8.40am

Price: \$35

Please register your interest with Michael Good at: michael.good@bb.org.nz

PRAYER & PRAISE TIME: Please pray...

- Pray for the National Anglican Youth and Children's Workers Conference in Nelson on Friday October 14, and for Leon Schoeman and Michael Good who will be running workshops for participants.
- Pray for men with the skills and commitment to offer their names for nomination for our BBNZ Executive for 2017 in the upcoming elections.
- For our Development Managers **Andrew Marquet** and **Leon Schoeman**, **ICONZ Director Stu Thompson**, **Executive Officer Richard Ooi** and for churches they are working to establish new Units with.
- Pray for the leaders and for the boys in Masterton and Dargaville as they look to commence their new ICONZ Units this term
- Our BBNZ/ICONZ National Executive: **Paul Blackler** (National President); **Ken Morris** (National Treasurer); **Shane Cross** (Upper South); **Ian Foster** (Northern Rep); **Brian Best** (Central); **Jorgen Hansen** (Lower South), **Cameron Schaw** (Youth Rep) that they would provide vision, innovation and direction to our movement.

If you have special prayer requests, i.e. upcoming events/camps, let us know so we can pray.

IT'S WORTH THINKING ABOUT: "The safest road to hell is the gradual one - the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts". C. S. Lewis - **Michael Good** - National Director

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