



**“FROM THE HEART”:** As I hear of the passing of another man who devoted his life to Boys’ Brigade and invested his time, energy and talents in the lives of boys unknown to me, I think of all the untold stories, of boys who are now men, and through the input of men like Ray Rossiter, are men who have learned discipline, integrity, respect and tenacity along with what it means to be a true man of God. While we may feel inadequate recognising such men, God has no such challenges, welcoming them into the Kingdom with “well done good and faithful servant!” - **Michael Good – National Director**



## OBITUARY - Raymond (Ray) Edward Rossiter

BBNZ was sad to hear of the passing of **Ray Rossiter** on March 10. As a tribute we wish to publish the content of a special Service Award presented to him by the BB Waikato Battalion. Ray is survived by wife and best friend **Liz** and children **Steve, Leigh, Jane, Mark, Iain and Shelley**.

“Ray’s involvement in the Boys’ Brigade in New Zealand began in Timaru later moving to Hamilton and serving continuously and loyally for 45 years as a registered officer.

His record of Boy’s Brigade service includes:

- Appointed a registered officer in the Life Boys’, later Team Section in Timaru
- Registered officer in Hamilton in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Hamilton Company Team Section
- Registered officer 4<sup>th</sup> Hamilton Company - Team Section later Company Section
- Long-time Secretary for the Waikato Battalion to present
- Stalwart supporter of special activity programmes within the Waikato Battalion
- Founding Secretary of the BB Waikato Battalion Trust to present
- Member of local BB100 International Camp Committee at Mystery Creek 1983
- Assisted with numerous training courses at Battalion level”



## Welcome to our new ICONZ Unit in Whangarei at St Andrews.

A special welcome to leaders **Leon Olsen** and **Phil Cullen**, Chaplain **Lorne Campbell** plus their team of helpers as they have kicked off their ICONZ Unit in central Whangarei this term. We have one photo of their opening night and it is a mobile phone controlled timer!! This was to let leaders know when time was up for each activity. That’s what I call organised!! We’ll try and get some pics of the team and their boys!

**Chaplain Lorne Campbell and his wife Sue.**



## PROVIDING THAT HELPING HAND (DRUM STICK):

**Stu Thompson** and I met **Christopher Simpasa** from BB Zambia, at the BB World Conference in London about 2 years ago. He advised that they badly needed more equipment for their BB Band and could not get it in Zambia. They asked if we could send any old BB band drums no longer needed here in NZ. This was too difficult to organise from here, but we were able to send a bundle of brand new drum sticks last year by surface mail which would take 2/3 months to arrive. We have just received the good news that they all arrived safely in December last year. Hooray! BB Zambia uses the bands for village recruiting, musical skills and to have fun together in their programme. They said that “they came at such a time when we needed them most”.

**Richard Harkness – Tauranga City ICONZ**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR PATCH



The annual **Tauranga Sandwars Competition** reached a 10 year milestone on March 1st 2016 and it was appropriate that after ten years of washing ICONZ boys down with hoses at this event, the Tauranga Fire Service Volunteers included one of our Iconz Old Boys. Nathanael Hart pictured here holding the fire hose had been a member at **Bethlehem ICONZ** when we first started our Sand Wars programmes and he fondly recalled the days of being washed down Iconz style going back a few years.

For the record, the Sandwars Shield went to Otumoetai and City for 2016.  
– **Stu Thompson**



### FAIRFIELD ICONZ

The weekend of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of March saw the McLaren falls park in the **Kaimai Ranges** become host to eleven boys and five leaders of the **Fairfield ICONZ Unit** (Hamilton), for the annual summer camp. The boys enjoyed a range of cuisine (all cooked on the BBQ of course) and no one went hungry. Both boys and boys at heart spent hours Kayaking and swimming in the water which is kept flowing by the local damn upstream. During the weekend both boys and leaders took a couple of nice walks to check out the local flora and fauna. Many a laugh was heard around the campsite over the weekend and all boys and leaders enjoyed themselves. The year looks to be a great one with the recent welcome of both Anchor and Delta sections in the unit. This means we now have a full range of sections: **Anchor, Adventure, Xtreme, and Delta**. We look forward to God working through these new ventures and extension to our ministry. – **Ross Cochran**



### PRAYER & PRAISE TIME: Please pray...

- Pray for **Leon, Phil** and **Lorne** as they work with the boys God has given them in **Whangarei**.
- Pray for **our Leaders Retreat** at **CYC Ngaruawahia** in September that it will be a time of encouragement and refreshing.
- For our Development Managers **Andrew Marquet** and **Leon Schoeman**, **ICONZ Director Stu Thompson**, **Executive Officer Richard Ooi** and for churches in Alexandra, Cromwell, Queenstown, Wanaka, Blenheim, Kaiapoi, Elim & Chapel Hill (Hamilton), Putaruru, Greerton, Lower Hutt, Porirua, Titahi Bay, Elim Tauranga, Elim West, Titirangi, Glen Eden, Remuera (Aklid), Whangarei, Kerikeri, Kaitaia, Kaikohe, Dargaville, Ruawai, Maungatoroto, Caversham, Brockville, George St, Dunedin South, Oamaru.
- 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: John 11 v 25-26:

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" - **Michael Good - National Director**