

# BLUE PRINT

NORTH RODNEY BLUE LIGHT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

January to June 2019



## OPPORTUNITIES

24 Years ago I received a letter from the new Wellsford Blue Light committee with the heading "Have we got the "Opportunity for You".

Well the Opportunities not only for myself and my family but the youth in the communities we serve keep rolling/flying in.

Recently I had the opportunity to attend as a teacher/ leader on the Spirit of Adventure 5 day Trophy voyage. A great experience with 40 year 10 students from various backgrounds.

A last minute opportunity for students to take up 24 seats on Take a Kid Flying event organised by the North Shore Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

Providing these opportunities takes a team and a community effort.



Spirit of Adventure

## BUSY BLUE LIGHT IN TERM 1 & 2 2019

Over a 1,300 handshakes on the variety of our outdoor activities that we have undertaken already this year. Shane our full time Community Youth Coordinator and volunteers are hot on making sure all the students get confident in introducing themselves before they undertake the challenges and activities we provide. "Wet fish" handshakes are not permitted. This simple exercise creates an immediate bond with the students gaining trust in us as leaders and instructors and teaching our culture. Remembering their name is also an important component. At a recent Take a Kid Flying event the seven pilots were most impressed with our 24 youth who went and shook each of their hands in appreciation of a great experience.

### Stand Up Paddle Boards & Other Outdoor Equipment

Through the generosity of the Mangawhai Opportunity Factory Trust we have been privileged to be able to purchase a further 9 Inflatable Stand Up Paddle Boards (SUPS) to enhance our popular kayaking activities. Together with spray jackets archery equipment, marquees and sponsorship for 3 students to attend Lifeskills camps. This support has been appreciated by so many youth and our volunteers.

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### *"Wet Fish Handshakes not permitted"*

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We have expanded our school camp activities to a number of new schools and community groups this year. The support from the Marsden Bay Christian Camp continues to be a popular venue for camp activities. Together with the canals at One Tree Point, kayaking and SUPs are a safe and fun place to teach youth the basics. Mangawhai Estuary continues to be popular, especially a trip to the big Sand Dune on kayaks.

We also take International exchange students for a day experience at Mangawhai. They enjoy a coastal tramp and Archery and they become very proficient in this.

Our local branch is seeking volunteers to assist with our mission of Empowering youth to make positive choices for themselves and their community.

Assistance on our committee as a branch secretary and help on maintaining our gear would be a couple of areas that we could use straight away.

All our staff, committee and volunteers are Police vetted and we meet monthly at the Wellsford St Johns Hall between 5.30pm and 6.30pm



*Fare well for Sgt Geoff Medland and Winny Medland popular Chairman and committee*



*Team Buiding for School Captains and leaders.*



*Take a Kid Flying North Shore*

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## VOLUNTEERS

Mike Hoare, Kristal Gould, Vicky Sheriff, Alan Batten, Bruce Nelder, Ray Hollis, Darryl Reardon, Mark Carrell, Sally Green

## VOLUNTEER OF THE TERM

Mike Hoare. Archery Instructor Wellsford School Camp

## STAFF UPDATES

Sgt Geoff Medland transferred to Auckland central to further his Police career and Winny as a Air New Zealand Flight attendant. S/Const. Bernie Watt continues to assist our operations for over 24 years now.

New Wellsford Police Sgt Rainier Coetzee is looking forward to supporting Blue Light locally as with S/Const. Garry Morning filling in as Youth Aid officer for Shaz Glen who is on the mend. Wellsford Constable Antony Searle attends committee meetings when he can.

Barbara Lane continues support in the Administration position.

Constable Graham Pashley transferred to Forensics team and Bruce Nelder will take over the role of our Safety Management Coordinator

## COMING UP

Life Skills Camp Whenuapai 22 -26 July 2019

Blue Light National AGM Wairekei 23-24 August 2019

Rainbows End Fun day Sunday 8 September 2019

## SPONSORSHIP

We are always seeking ways of obtaining sponsorship especially for salaries, operating costs and maintenence of our fleet of outdoor equipment.

## WE APPRECIATE OUR SPONSORS THIS TERM

Kaiwaka Sports Association for funding a bus from Maungatoroto for the forthcoming Rainbows End Fun Day in September.

Mangawhai Community Opportunity Factory. Outdoor Equipment.

**VISION** – Empowering youth to make positive choices for themselves and their community

**MISSION** – Providing fun and challenging activities to grow youth potential with community and Police partnerships

**VALUES** – Respect; Responsibility; Resilience; and Resourcefulness