

Important

Remember to let Mark and Gin know if you are going to be unavailable for any period of time.

- If you are going away: Contact Mark Sellers and Gin to advise the dates you will be unavailable.
- If you are unable to attend a training: Contact Matt Hassard
- If you are unable to attend a meeting: Contact Gin

Last Months Meeting

No January meeting

This Months Meeting — 21st February

- Hand out SAR shirts to those who have ordered them. Those who have not yet paid must bring \$30.70
- New field guide will be given out.
- Mark Hassett has sourced some self inflating pillows. These will be given away to members.
- We're hoping we will be able to make a visit to the hangar at the hospital for viewing & discussion around the Westpac helicopter
- Debrief for the 3 searches over Christmas - New Year period, Matarangi, Raglan & Maungatautari.

Monthly Training - 24th February updated

The monthly trainings that Matt organises will start again on the 24th of this month. The venue is yet to be decided. If you would like anything specific covered at one of the trainings please let Matt know.

Please txt or call Matt to let him know whether or not you will be attending the monthly training. It is expected that all members attend these evening sessions.

Raincoat Deposits Urgent

Reminder for those that have received a new raincoat to bring your \$120 deposit to the meeting. These should have been paid by now.

Missing Gear new

We still have gear missing so can everyone recheck their cars, packs and gear storage areas in case you still have it sitting at home and bring along to the meeting on Monday night.

Committee Members

Virginia (Gin) Peck (Chairman)

John Twizell (Vice Chairman)

Russell Lamb (Secretary)

Amy McDonald (Treasurer/Funding)

Matt Hassard (Training)

Barry Were (YSAR coordinator)

Ralph Goudswaard

Mark Hassett

Mark Sellers

Refael Whyte - Non-committee (Minutes)

Jake Crosby - Non-committee (Newsletter)

Callouts

Jan 3rd at Matarangi. Found deceased.

Jan 12th at Raglan, Te Toto gorge area.

Male Despondent: Friend found car at Te Toto Gorge carpark after 2 days missing. Search activated late afternoon and continued the following morning and was later found deceased.

Jan 12th at Maungatautari. Found alive about 5am.

SAREX new

This year's District SAREX, will be held the Weekend of the 19 & 20 of March, Pirongia.

Please fill in the form at <http://bit.ly/g3gKom> to confirm attendance (or lack of).

Gear Custodian needed new

Due to work commitments Mark Sellers is not able to guarantee he will be able to fulfill the requirements of gear custodian and phoning those on probation or with broken pagers when there is a callout. We need someone to take over this role for a while. Please talk to Gin.

Responsibilities

- Maintain an up-to-date list of those not available for searches.
- Maintain an up-to-date list of those on probation.
- Maintain an up-to-date list of those without pagers.

Once alerted to callout

- Phone those on probation or without pagers.
- Phone Gin to see if we need to phone around other members if low response
- Log all those who responded
- Log all those who did not respond
- Log all those who had already made us aware that unavailable.
- Log all those who had to be phoned

After search

- Stock take all gear and list what is missing.
- Make Police and Gin/Barry/committee aware of missing gear
- Take home and charge all radios and spare batteries
- Return all charged equipment to trailer
- Change over charger of house battery

LandSAR Polos - Second Order New

Those who have ordered a polo but not yet paid must bring \$30.70 to collect it.

Gin will be putting in another order for Polos. It will be money upfront before the order is placed.

- \$31
- Sizing is a bit larger than normal
- Fusion Cotton Backed Polo
- Bizcool™ 50% Cotton, 50% Polyester fabric
- Quick Dry - rapid evaporation of moisture through the fibres
- Hi-Viz Fluoro trims
- Ribbed collar with fluoro tipping
- Side splits with fluoro insert fabric
- 180 GSM

Farewell new

Farewell during uni terms for Tahi Fu & Hamish Carter as they are both going to Auckland for study.

Calculator Found new

At the Matarangi search John has picked up a calculator & bought back as it wasn't claimed. If it is yours please see John T.

Social Event new

Social event at Waveney Parkers on Thursday 24th March for a BBQ & swim (if still warm enough). Waveney will give us the address & directions at the meeting.

Mileage Claims new

Anyone is wanting to make a claim for mileage for the last 3 searches can you bring your details to the meeting or Gin if not able to attend on Monday.

The new rates for 2010 are;
Up to 1500cc: **48.8 cents/km**
1500 to 2000cc: **59.2 cents/km**
2000 to 3500cc: **73.5 cents/km**
Over 3500cc: **98.3 cents/km**

Minute Taker needed new

Our minute taker at committee meetings will be leaving later this year around July or August for further study. We are looking for a volunteer to take over this role. Committee meetings are the second Monday of every month at the police station. Please talk to Gin.

For Sale

- Backcountry ration packs – with breakfast, lunch, dinner and extras pack (tea, coffee, chocolate etc) they are a bargain for \$17 (incl GST). Remember – these are sold to our Group at this special rate on the understanding that they will only be used during SAREXs or SAR Operations. These will be available for purchase at the monthly meetings.
- Hamilton designed SAR cloth badge, \$6.00 (contact Russell).
- Whistles – Bright and Loud, \$12 (contact Barry).

Resignation - Dave Henderson ^{new}

Having thought about it for a while I think the time has come for me to resign from the Hamilton SAR unit. We (Vivienne & I) are down south working in a café in Makarora at the moment and it looks like we will be heading back to Ruapehu for another winter season in late May. This will see us through to November and the we have thoughts of heading overseas for a winter season or picking up some other seasonal work here in NZ, so we will not be back permanently in Hamilton for quite some time to come. We are enjoying the life of seasonal work and intend to travel with it for some time yet.

Up to now I've hung on to my HSAR membership as I value it, my involvement with YSAR and SARINZ and want to be a part of it, this is not possible at present with the lifestyle we have chosen so I've had a reality check and don't believe I'm adding value to the organisation by being a dormant member, SAR is for the serious not the well meaning. I have been privileged to meet and work with a team of knowledgeable and dedicated people in my time in SAR, have learnt lots from them and valued their support and patience. I will not list names as I'm sure to miss some out but would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you and those members of YSAR and other SAR groups that I've come in contact with over my time.

We don't know what the future holds so if there is ever the chance I may be able to help in any way please don't hesitate to get in touch (e-mail is the best).

- David Henderson

Pager Test Message

Reminder for all those members with pagers. The first of every month a test message is sent out to ensure your pager is operational, if you do not receive this message you should contact Matt.

Personal Details

Contact Russell if there are any changes to your contact details so the callout list is updated. Change of email address also needs to be passed on to Jake for the newsletter.

Discounts for Members

- Bivouac Outdoor – 25% discount
- Trek 'N Travel – 20% discount
- R&R Sport – 25% discount – Ask for Wayne Addison.
- Torpedo 7 – 10% discount – Email Barry for our discount code.
- Kathmandu - Free summit club membership

For a laugh

A Spanish teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine.

'House' for instance, is feminine: 'la casa.'

'Pencil,' however, is masculine: 'el lapiz.'

A student asked, 'What gender is 'computer'?

Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether 'computer' should be a masculine or a feminine noun.

Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation.

The men's group decided that 'computer' should definitely be of the feminine gender ('la computadora'), because:

- No one but their creator understands their internal logic;
- The native language they use to communicate with

other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else;

- Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval; and
- As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be Masculine

('el computador'), because:

- In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on;
- They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves;
- They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they *are* the problem; and
- As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model.

The women won.

February 2011				
19 th -20 th	Training	Tracking	Thames	Updated
24 th	Training	Monthly Training (TCA Practise, Thursday)	Hamilton	
March				
11 th -13 th	Event	SAREX	Whanganui	
12 th -13 th	Event	SAREX	Tauranga	
18 th -20 th	Event	District SAREX	Pirongia	Updated
24 th	Social	BBQ at Waveney's place	Hamilton	New
30 th	Training	Monthly Training (Wednesday)	Hamilton	
April				
9 th -10 th	Training	Track & Clue Awareness	Thames	
28 th	Training	Monthly Training (Thursday)	Hamilton	
May				
7 th -8 th	Training	First Aid (SARINZ)	Tauranga	
7 th -8 th	Training	Suburban Search	Tauranga	
25 th	Training	Monthly Training (Wednesday)	Hamilton	
June				
18 th -19 th	Training	Search Methods	New Plymouth	
25 th -26 th	Training	Suburban Search	Hamilton	New
30 th	Training	Monthly Training (Thursday)	Hamilton	
July				
2 nd -3 rd	Training	Track & Clue Awareness	Tauranga	
2 nd -3 rd	Training	Clue Processing	Tauranga	
9 th -10 th	Training	Track & Clue Awareness	Hamilton	New
9 th -10 th	Training	Tracking	Hamilton	New
9 th -10 th	Training	Clue Processing	Hamilton	New
9 th -10 th	Training	Search Methods	Taranaki	Updated
27 th	Training	Monthly Training (Wednesday)	Hamilton	
August				
13 th -14 th	Training	Tracking	Tauranga	
21 st -22 nd	Training	Search Methods	Hamilton	New
21 st -22 nd	Training	Team Leader	Hamilton	New
21 st -22 nd	Training	First Aid (SARINZ)	Hamilton	New
25 th	Training	Monthly Training (Thursday)	Hamilton	
September				
28 th	Training	Monthly Training (Wednesday)	Hamilton	
October				
27 th	Training	Monthly Training (Thursday)	Hamilton	
November				
30 th	Training	Monthly Training (Wednesday)	Hamilton	