

# Calliope



## Sea Scouts and Cubs

## PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

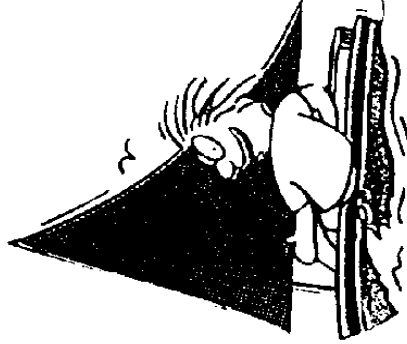
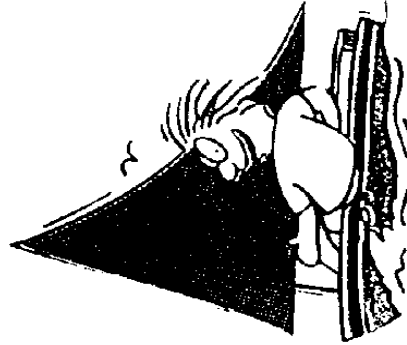
Calliope Sea Scouts and Cubs are lucky enough to have some terrific leaders who are involved in organising and running the weekly group meetings and also providing extra-curricular activities from time to time. However, such organisations cannot function without parental support and input

Listed below are some of the ways in which you will be encouraged and expected to support your child's activities -

- \* by providing transport from time to time, as required, for away-from-base activities
- \* by being available, if needed, as parent help on cub nights, for camps, etc.
- \* by helping occasionally with maintenance working bees for boats, building.
- \* by supporting (physically and/or financially) fund-raising activities
- \* by once a year being prepared to attend the Annual General Meeting to show your support for leaders and the current Committee.
- \* by being willing to serve, as able, as members of the Parent Committee.

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**If you have further queries the leaders are more than willing to talk with you and put you in touch with committee members if that is appropriate. We feel sure your child's time with our Cub Pack and/or Scout Group will be happy and beneficial.**

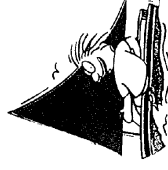
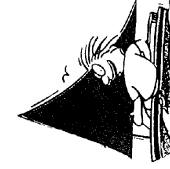


**We hope this booklet is of use to both you and your child as he begins his time with Cubs/Sea Scouts. We aim to cover some of the questions you might need to ask, and provide other useful background information.**

## CALLIOPE SEA SCOUT GROUP

Calliope Sea Scouts is a well established and successful scout group that offers a wide range of activities based around the training and development of young people, not only with regard to water activity but general life skills as well.

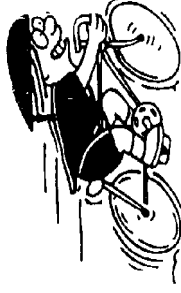
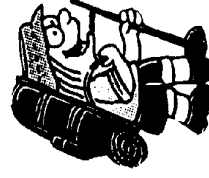
The Group is registered with the New Zealand Scout Association which makes available much resource material, equipment and training courses for both leaders and scouts. This ensures that your child is involved in a group which offers well organised activity led by adults who have been through Scout Association training.



## SEA CUB PROGRAMME

Children between the ages of 7 1/2 and 10 1/2 years are able to join a Cub Pack. Calliope Cubs meet at "The Ship" in King Edward Pde each Monday evening between 1700hrs and 1830hrs. "Akela" is the name given to the Cub Leader who is usually assisted by one or two other leaders and parents.

At "The Ship" activities include badge work (eg. entertainers, first aid, conservation), rope work, games etc. Outings are also organised to work towards other badges/projects, such as visits to the swimming pools, the library, fire station, etc. Over the summer months the emphasis is placed on kayaks and water based activities, especially swimming.



## SEA SCOUT PROGRAMME

Children of both sexes between the age of 10 1/2 and 14 1/2 years are able to join a Scout Group. Calliope is a Sea Scout group, with emphasis given to water based activities over the summer months. Calliope Sea Scouts meet at "The Ship" on Monday evenings between 1800hrs and 2000hrs. The Scout Leader (Skip) is in overall charge of the children and their programme, helped out by Assistant Leaders, and parents.

The programme provided is as wide and varied as possible.

Several outdoor tramping/camping weekends are usually arranged each year; there is an annual Sea Scouts Regatta where all troops in the region compete with their sailing skills; on summer evenings training and sailing experience is gained with the use of the Group's Cutter, Sunbursts and canoes.

Winter months see the children working on badges (covering a wide range of topics and skills including swimming, first aid, handyman's, etc.), rope work, games plus the inevitable

Boat Maintenance under the watchful eye of a local boatbuilder.

Every three years a

National Jamboree is held - this means that every Scout has at least one opportunity to attend whilst in the Scouting movement. Scouts gather from around New Zealand and the Pacific in one giant tent city where activities aimed to interest, challenge and excite are provided. The Scout Leader will provide a more comprehensive joining kit once your son/daughter has decide to join.

The Group also maintains a website, and this is to ensure that all those involved are kept informed of all activities, as well as with the normal Cub/Scout handouts relating to programmes etc,

## UNIFORMS CUBS

Recently the Cub pack changed its uniform to bring it into line with that worn by other Sea Cubs, The uniform is as follows -

Shorts (Summer)

Plain Navy Track Pants (Winter)

Sturdy Shoes

Black Calliope Activity Tee Shirt (Summer and Winter)

Dark Navy Blue Sweatshirt (Winter)

Black Calliope Scarf and White Woggle (supplied at investiture)

Black Calliope Cap (Summer and Winter)

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## SCOUTS

Navy Blue Shorts & Shirt. (Summer & Winter)

Black Shoes / Black Socks.

Black Calliope Polar Fleece Badge Vest. (Optional)

Lanyard. (Bosun & Coxwains)

Black Calliope Scarf and White Woggle (supplied at investiture)

Black Calliope Cap (Summer and Winter)

Uniforms shirts can be purchased new through the Sea Scout Group. However, we are in the process of organising a Second Hand Uniform Pool which we hope will operate in much the same way as the Soccer Boot Pool or School Uniform Sales. A (very) small surcharge will probably be made when an item of clothing is bought; the asking price being passed on to the parent who supplied the uniform items. Shorts and Socks are available via the Clothing Store in Devonport (Yarnton's). The shorts are the same as Belmout Intermediate.

If you are interested, ask the Secretary and they will put you in touch with the relevant leader.

## FEES

Fees are set annually by the parent Committee, taking into account the projected running expenses for the year. An annual levy of approx \$70 per person is made by the National Scout Association and this is included in the fee set. Fees must help cover the programme costs and some maintenance on building and equipment, insurance, leader training, etc. They cannot hope to cover upgrading and replacement of boats, the ramp, or other major projects. The Annual Fees for both CUBS & SCOUTS is \$175.00

Because the Committee is mindful of the need to keep the fees as low as is possible, further fund-raising activities are necessary to cover more major items of expenditure. Wherever possible financial assistance is sought from charitable organisations.

From time to time there are parents who feel unable - for one reason or another - to do their share with fund-raising activities. In this case may we suggest that a further financial contribution be made in lieu.

Over and above the annual fee there are special activity fees determined by the activity coordinator and helps towards the cost of running the these parts of the programme.

### **Group Leader**

Chris Leech - 4453602

### **Secretary**

Bev Diggle - 4454577

### **Treasurer**

Tony O'Neill - 4166157

### **Sailing Master**

Geoff Diggle - 4454577

### **General Committee**

Andrew Curham - 4459480

### **Scout Leaders**

Bart de Goux - 4450755

Nathan Male - 4453494

Maria Cantrell - 4458625

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### **Cub Leaders**

Karen Rosser - 4459463

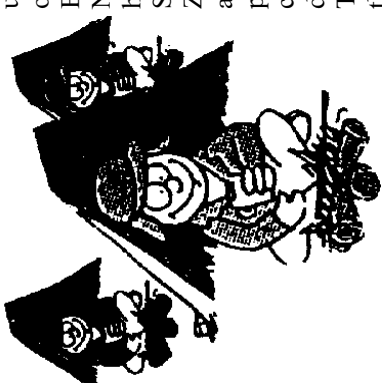
David Claridge - 4450668

Jonathon Lee - 4460856

Andrew Meredith - 4460085

### **Venturer Leader**

Chris Weissenborn - 4466496





The Calliope Sea Scout Group was founded on the 25th June 1921 by Capt R Woods who was the first scout leader. The groups name comes from the famous British Warship HMS Calliope, which was the only ship to outrun a tropical cyclone in Apia harbour. The building we use as “The Ship” was erected in 1903 for the North Shore Rowing Club, and became “The Ship” in 1966, before this the Group was run within the Naval Dockyard. In Dec 1922 The Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Jellicoe visited “The Ship” and signed the log book. Since then the Group has attended numerous Jamboree’s and Regattas, the latest of which was 2009, where we were awarded the Trophy for the most improved group. The groups cutter is named Jellicoe, and we are proud to be the oldest Sea Scout Group in New Zealand, and as such are entitled to wear the plain Black Scarf in recognition of this. So into the future we stride with confidence and strength from both the Boys and Girls, all the parents, committee and an ever supportive local community. We also maintain a strong bond with the Royal New Zealand Navy.

**CALLIOPE SEA SCOUT GROUP**  
**THE SHIP**  
**KING EDWARD PARADE**  
**DEVONPORT**  
**<http://www.calliope.org.nz>**