

# PATHFINDER and ADVENTURER REPORT

## SOUTH NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE

January – June 2020



It has been a bit of a rocky start, not only with Covid-19 but also due to departmental changes. At the end of last year I was asked to take on Pathfinder and Adventurer Ministries for South New Zealand Conference. I have a passion for this ministry in seeing our young people grow their relationship with Jesus Christ and learn new life skills.

Throughout the year there are events run by the Conference P & A Ministries i.e. Rallies, Fair Days, Camporees and training camps, all of these events are aimed at building relationships with Jesus Christ, their peers and leaders, being challenged physically, mentally and spiritually. Our District Director team (who are appointed by the Executive Committee) all have a huge passion for this ministry and bring a variety of skills to the team.

In this report I will share what has been achieved in the past 6 month period, and what is being planned for the future of Pathfinders and Adventurers for our Conference.

**KNOW – LIVE – SERVE** fits into the ethos of Pathfinders and Adventurers as it is what we (Directors and Counsellors) are aiming to teach our members at every club meeting and Conference event.

To teach our Pathfinders to **KNOW** about Christ and to build a relationship with him as a personal friend and saviour.

To **LIVE** a wholesome balanced life style reflecting their Christian walk with Jesus.

To **SERVE** others within church and community.

### CLUBS 2020

It is a great privilege to work with the Club Directors who have been nominated by your church. Each Director and team I work with have a great passion for their Pathfinders and Adventurers. They work tirelessly to create a positive, happy learning environment, planning camps, fundraiser events, and imparting life skills that will last a life time for every Pathfinder and Adventurer. During Covid-19 lockdown the club directors tirelessly connected with club members to continue working through their class requirements and Honour work, all of this was done through emails, and Zoom meetings. All clubs are back meeting in their church halls preparing for Pathfinder Day 19 September, Pathfinder & Adventurer Fair Day 11 October and their Investitures in November/December.

I took a look back into my records in 2009 our Conference had 5 Pathfinder clubs 67 members and 3 Adventurer clubs, this is to give you some idea of how much this ministry has grown over the years.

PATHFINDERS	STAFF	MEMBERS	
Bishopdale	8	29	
Filipino	5	10	
Ilam	12	25	
Invercargill	2	5	
Samoan Addington	8	22	
Samoan Aranui	7	13	
Tongan/Fijian	6	11	
Wicklow	2	4	
Total	50	119	159

ADVENTURERS	STAFF	MEMBERS	
Bishopdale	10	34	
Dunedin	4	13	
Garden City	7	17	
Ilam	10	30	
Invercargill	5	14	
Samoan Addington	8	15	
Samoan Aranui	4	13	
Tongan/Fijian	5	15	
Total	53	151	204

### MASTER GUIDE and PATHFINDER LEADERSHIP TRAINING

21-23 February 2020

Pascoe Park

41 Master Guides      13 PLA      3 PLA refresher

#### Master Guides Training

57 attended the MG/PLA training weekend held at Pascoe Park. Master Guide training is the next step into leadership, many of those doing the MG training are Junior Counsellors for their clubs. Over the years we have found our MG's are not reaching Investiture as the course takes 2 years to complete, we have only been conducting one training program per year. I have introduced two training programs into the 2021 calendar to aid/encourage those doing MG to reach Investiture. It would be wonderful to see all 41 Master Guides invested at the end of 2021 – that would be a great achievement not only for the individuals but also our Conference.

## PLA TRAINING

We encourage all of our Pathfinder Directors to attend this training program as it is a weekend for those wanting to achieve their Pathfinder Leadership Award, it is also held to train our leaders in Health and Safety requirements, Risk Analysis Management Systems (RAMS), and checking we are covering Government requirements. It is also a great time for new Directors to learn from those who have been Directors for several years. It is not all about assignments and assessments, we add a practical element to their training also. This year it was learning to do an Open and Closing Parades and practicing their knots and lashing.

## ADVENTURER LEADERSHIP TRAINING

In 2019 we held an Adventurer Leadership Training day at Pascoe Park which was very successful. This year it was on our calendar to run in March. Due to many of the Adventurer Directors and counsellors doing the Master Guide Award, only two clubs would have attended the program, the program was cancelled and arrangement was made with the club leaders to do a personal visit to the clubs for training. The training covers Health and Safety, Risk Analysis Management Systems, resourcing, and to cover any concerns the Directors may have in the day to day running of their clubs. Bishopdale was the only club visited before Covid-19 for training. I am now in the process of visiting the other clubs who missed out on the training.

## DISTRICT DIRECTORS 2020

We are very blessed to have in our Conference such a dedicated passionate team of volunteers, our District Directors. They come with many skills and years of experience. They staff our Camporees, Fair Days, Expeditions, do club visitations in support of the Club Directors and conduct Investitures.

Chris Keegan  
Andrew Peddie  
Olivia Tooley  
Mike Proud  
Rosalie Proud

**TEEN EXPEDITION – Otago Rail Trail** cancelled due to covid-19

## LOOKING FORWARD

Events planned to year end:

Pathfinder and Adventurer Day 19 September (local church)  
Pathfinder and Adventurer Fair Day 11 October, Pascoe Park  
Club visitations by DD's (continual support for club directors)  
Investitures in November/December

I ask for your continued prayers and support as the Pathfinder and Adventurer Ministry grows in our Conference.

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