

The Cutter

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TE KARERE O ANAKIWA THE BI-ANNUAL ANAKIWA MESSENGER

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Alex Black 1914–2007

As written by Mac Morgan

MAORI WOULD SAY, “another mighty Totara has fallen”. So too will Outward Bound remember this quiet, unobtrusive, indefatigable supporter of the Trust.

Alex Black was among several prominent citizens invited by Lord Cobham, then Governor General, to form the Foundation Council of a Trust responsible for the foundation of a New Zealand Outward Bound School. Alex is one of few who has served the Trust from that day forward until his recent death in May this year.

Alex was a remarkable person - he was at one time a commercial fisherman, a successful business man, an internationally



Alex Black

acknowledged marine researcher and conservationist, a supporter and advisor to the natural history departments of the Otago Museum and the Wellington National Museum, and one time Commissioner of the NZ Sea Scouts Association.

He had a tall rangy physique which, coupled with a somewhat prosaic and economic style of speech, commanded an enormous measure of respect.

Alex was a keen and competent photographer, and in 1964 and again in 1974 he produced movies to publicise Outward Bound in New Zealand. In 1962 and in 1973, he organised vessels and crews to visit Anakiwa and provide manpower to assist in maintenance work at the school. In 1972, almost single handedly, Alex organised the Otago Association of the Trust in a funding drive in support of the first expansion project to expand the capacity of the school.

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Sir Roy McKenzie 1922–2007

As written by Russell Moller

SIR ROY MCKENZIE WAS ASKED, if he had the chance how would he like to be remembered “A humanitarian, I suppose, would cover it, or a community volunteer. A caring person.”

Sir Roy was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, an international sportsman, a leading New Zealand businessman, a hands-on philanthropist and one of life's true gentlemen.

In the early 1940s with NZ at war, young Roy McKenzie, abandoned his university studies and joined the RNZAF.

Thankfully Roy survived the war and on his return to NZ completed his accounting degree at University whilst working. He returned to England two years later for business experience and took the opportunity to hone his skiing skills on some of Europe's most demanding slopes, and to experience the challenge

and elation of climbing the Matterhorn; crediting this as the biggest challenge he completed in his life.



Sir Roy McKenzie

He acknowledged however that his greatest success of the trip was his proposal of marriage being accepted by a lovely young lady he had met on his voyage to the UK - Miss Shirley Howard of Nelson.

Back in NZ with greater business responsibilities Roy was selected for the 1949 Inter Dominion Ski Team and was then appointed Captain of the 1951 Team and the NZ Olympic Ski team to Oslo in 1952.

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Places available! Upcoming courses

3 – 23 NOVEMBER

21 day **Classic**
18 – 26 years

3 – 10 NOVEMBER

8 day **Discovery**
40+ years

31 JANUARY –
7 FEBRUARY

8 day **No Limits**
Mixed ability course
17 – 27 years

13 FEBRUARY –
20 FEBRUARY

8 day **Starlight**
Physical impairment course
18+ years

“Whilst running a 22 km ½ Marathon, I realised I do have the ability to do the things in life that I never thought that I was capable of, and even after about 21.5 kms, I can still sprint across that finish line.”

Angela, Classic student

Alex Black, as written by Mac Morgan continued from page 1

The project, on a per capita basis, was the most successful in the country.

In 1978 he was made a Companion of the British Empire in recognition of the huge contribution to conservation and marine research, to the NZ Sea Scout organisation, and to the Outward Bound Trust.

His maritime experience and seamanlike qualities led him naturally towards the School's sea schemes - safety at sea, standards of craft, seamanship etc. He played the major role in seeking and negotiating the purchase of 'Lady Cobham', of 'Dauntless', of 'Lady Fisher', of 'Matakana' and felt immensely honoured when the Trust named a subsequent vessel 'Alex Black'.

Alex was a widely known and respected sailor, a man of high principles, a man extremely generous in fact but prudent by nature, and a man whose word was his bond. He served the Trust loyally and honourably for 46 years as a foundation councillor, past president, an executive committee member, maritime advisor, honorary vice president and guardian. He will be sadly missed.

If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody.

Chinese Proverb

Sir Roy McKenzie, as written by Russell Moller continued from page 1

The name McKenzie has been associated with philanthropy in NZ since the 1930s when Sir Roy's father set up the JR McKenzie Trust. The McKenzie Investment Co – Rangatira Limited – was also formed at that time.

Over the years Sir Roy progressively transferred by way of gift, significant blocks of his own Rangatira shares to form, in 1966, The McKenzie Education Foundation, and in 1986 the Roy McKenzie Foundation. Also by way of gift he transferred shares so that trusts and charities (including Outward Bound) now account for 70% of Rangatira's shareholding, and enjoy a significant annual dividend stream.

Roy was a private and modest person and neither sought nor expected recognition for the huge contribution he and his trusts made to so many worthy causes in NZ. Therefore, it was no surprise in 1986 when the Queen made him a Knight of the British Empire, and then in 1996 awarded him NZ's highest honour, the Order of NZ, limited to 20 living persons at one time.

For over 50 years, Rotary played an important role in Sir Roy's life. In 1996 he received Rotary International's 'Service Above Self' Award and the following year received the rarely given 'Paul Harris 5 Jewel Award'.

Sir Roy's involvement in Outward Bound goes back to when he was a member of a group of six prominent business leaders who, in the early 1960s, were challenged by Viscount Cobham to find a site and establish an Outward Bound school. By early 1962 they had purchased five acres of land on which the school now stands.

With his vision of Outward Bound's future needs, Sir Roy arranged for the JR McKenzie Trust to purchase 22 acres of adjacent land (now known as the McKenzie fields), which were then donated to Outward Bound.

He was the Trust's second President, and then Patron following the death of Lord Cobham in 1977, and from 2001 until his death held the position of Patron Emeritus. Outward Bound had a strong influence on Sir Roy. From the outset he was totally committed to Outward Bound and the Kurt Hahn philosophy with its strong element of compassion and caring, and this was reflected in the way he lived his life.

The names of Sir Roy McKenzie and the McKenzie family are enshrined at Outward Bound through the McKenzie fields, the Roy McKenzie Lodge and the McKenzie watchhouse. These will be a constant reminder, to us all, of his incalculable generosity and dedicated service over the first 45 years of Outward Bound's existence in New Zealand.

An enduring testament to him is in the changed lives of numerous young people he has personally sponsored on courses over the years and in the lives of others with disabilities, who have, or will get the same opportunity though trusts established for that purpose.

“Sir Roy, you will be hugely missed, but your incredible legacy will live on, thank you.”

For the full obituaries please go to www.outwardbound.co.nz/502.0.html

A Brief History of Watch Names

WHAT IS THE HISTORY BEHIND BAKER WATCH?

BAKER, Betty 1925 – 1990



BETTY WAS A WOMAN whose name was synonymous with weather information in the Sounds. In 1965 Betty and her husband bought a farm at Cape Jackson. Life at the Cape was primitive. “No power, one mail boat a week, and a terrible telephone.”

As ‘Cape Jackson Radio’ Betty and her husband communicated weather information and coordinated rescues from their home on the Cape until 1990. For much of this time they operated illegally as a shore based radio station and after many applications finally got official permission in 1982. Their most

famous rescue coordination occurred when the Mikhail Lermontov sunk in February 1986.

Their efforts that day prevented a huge loss of life.

After years of giving service to the boating community, Betty received the Queen's Service Medal in the 1988 New Year's honours list. Betty died at her home in July 1990. Familiar words echoed around the room one last time.

“This is Cape Jackson Radio closing down. Over and out.”

News from our CEO Trevor Taylor

OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS we will be launching our new fundraising programme, and I strongly encourage you to consider becoming an Outward Bound supporter. Why? Just have a look around Anakiwa and the work that our staff are doing today. Think about the costs we face - of the facilities, the equipment and resources, the training of our staff and scholarships to ensure that no person is prevented from coming to Anakiwa purely due to their individual financial circumstances. This is all provided by the generosity of our supporters and benefactors.

The vision and generosity of these people goes right back to before we opened in 1962, when the Auckland Rotary Clubs, Sir Roy with the gifting of land and other benefactors set up Outward Bound, and has now seen over 46 500 people benefit from the Outward Bound experience.

We now need to ensure that as guardians of Outward Bound this same opportunity is available for the next generation, and the next after that, and onwards. The supporter programme, when it is launched, will be your opportunity to give back and ensure that the dreams and aspirations that Lord Cobham, and the other prominent businessmen had when they met at Government House way back in 1962, to talk about establishing Outward Bound in New Zealand continues, for the benefit of all New Zealanders.

I would like to tell you about an email we recently received from a student, who said:

"Thank you soooo much for the amazing news today. I am still in a state of disbelief. I feel completely gobsmacked and very humbled that someone would make such an incredibly kind and generous offer. It just blows me away that they would help pay for my course. I still feel that I should be making a larger contribution, or even maybe in the future I might be in a better position to contribute something back. I will certainly be giving it my all now to soak up all the insights and experiences of Outward Bound in honour of the great support I have received."

This is what the supporter programme will be all about. Please help us achieve our vision of "Better People, Better Communities, Better World."

Lastly, I would like to further mention the incredible contribution made to Outward Bound New Zealand by Alex Black and Sir Roy McKenzie. It was a privilege to know them both, this organisation and our society may struggle to see their like again. You will be sorely missed by us all, we will continue to make this organisation and our courses great, in your honour.



Trevor



Live and Impressive!

OBTAINS (Outward Bound Total Administrative Information System), the new Outward Bound database went live in September!

Approximately six years ago, Diane Leyten, Manager – Systems and Finance saw the need for a new system so a review of software systems began. Very Impressive Software (VIS), who have supported the Trust's finance systems for nearly 12 years, made the suggestion to custom design a programme that fitted into the current finance system, to suit the specific needs of Outward Bound. The road to OBTAINS began.

Diane said "It's been a long, hard road and without the support of VIS we would never have got there. This provides so many positive outcomes for Outward Bound with the overriding benefits being increased levels of customer service and being able to build better sustainable relationships.

It has been a joint venture project between Outward Bound and VIS, with their amazing support being integral to the successful development and integration of the system."



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Steve Marriott, Managing Director of VIS said "Providing support for the financial system was good, but being involved with the development of a totally integrated system, that streamlines the administrative processes is great.

By eliminating double or treble keying of information, by making sure the financial system gets most of its information from the booking system, we have been able to free staff from many tedious office tasks."

Working closely with the team has allowed us to create a sound platform to run the current business from, and for the expansion of the system into the future."

OBTAINS is a complete Customer Relationship Management System which will enable the integration of ten previously unlinked databases including financial and safety.

There is a long term intention to introduce OBTAINS, to other Outward Bound schools internationally and other NZ organisations.

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P R O F E S S I O N A L

Welcome to our new Professional Account Manager

SHANE WRATT HAS TAKEN OVER as Outward Bound Professional Account Manager from Rona Davidson, who left Outward Bound after four years in the role.

Shane brings a wealth of hands-on experiential and outdoor leadership and experience to this role. Born and bred in Blenheim, Shane managed two outdoor centres in Taranaki before, to further both his career and lifestyle, he and wife Denise, moved to Anakiwa, where they both became instructors.

Shane instructed at Outward Bound for over four years before making this latest move to Wellington. His real passion over his years instructing were adult courses and leadership including School Leaders, as well as mentoring new staff.

“For me in this role, I am in a position where I can effect change. Not so much each individual like instructing, but our professional courses as a whole, and that’s exciting.”



Shane Wratt, Outward Bound Professional Account Manager

For any Navigator or Custom Design queries, Shane can be contacted on (04) 495 1766 or email: swratt@outwardbound.co.nz

Demand for Professional Courses

With Navigator, our eight day leadership development course taking a sojourn over summer, you will need to be quick to book places for 2008.

The last two courses for 2007 are fully booked so your next opportunity is 2nd March 2008.

For more information or to book go to:
www.outwardbound.co.nz/professional

SERVICE INSPIRATION

SIXTEEN PAST STUDENTS, parents of past students, prospective students and other supporters converged on Anakiwa in May. This was the fourth volunteering pilgrimage since 2002, for these Wanganui locals.

The main focus of the weekend’s toils was the area between the new staff accommodation and the instructor’s climbing wall. A new carpark was formed, the surrounding area was planted and covered in woodchips and most notably a bridge was constructed across the stream towards the flying fox.

Margaret Sherriff (Course 111, 1973; OB Councillor) commented “so much was achieved in a short time by an enthusiastic bunch of people. Our reward was the great hospitality, and the admiration of the staff. It is great to be able to give something back.”

“Without the generosity of volunteers like these from Wanganui, many tasks like this would take much longer to complete, not to mention the savings in monetary terms” said Victor Koller, Maintenance Manager.

“This really has become something of an institution. We try to focus on one beautification project over the two days. It is really fulfilling for all involved.”



Our Major Supporters



Become an Outward Bound Supporter

MAKING A DONATION IS the most important way you can support our work.

For 45 years Outward Bound has changed the lives of thousands of New Zealanders – helping them reach their full potential through challenge and adventure in the outdoors.

Our goal is to make sure that Outward Bound is accessible to all New Zealanders who want to come, now and in the future. Most course fees do not actually cover the true costs. Now more than ever Outward Bound has to find additional funding to cover these costs, to maintain and constantly improve our equipment, facilities and courses, and to ensure our future.

As a charitable trust we have always relied on the generous financial support of the community. We'll be inviting you to support us and help people in our community to have a life changing experience. Your support will help maintain our long term financial stability and our independence, and your help will create a turning point in someone's life.

Contact us on www.outwardbound.co.nz/donate or **0800 688 927** to find out more.



MyWatchmates

It is now 18 months since the launch of the new MyWatchmates website. We really hope that you are enjoying connecting with old watchmates, keeping the flame alive with photo and scrapbook memories and reading our quarterly newsletter.

Below are some tips on how you can help connect people with MyWatchmates and in turn help get more people registered and keeping their flame alive:

- If friends, family, acquaintances, colleagues mention they have been on an Outward Bound course direct them to www.outwardbound.co.nz/mywatchmates
- Are there people at your school who have done Outward Bound? Ask your school if you can put a notice in your school newsletter.
- Does your workplace have a newsletter that you could put a notice or ad in? If you need help to structure the wording call the Outward Bound office.

If you have other ideas on how to help spread the word, let us know!



Merchandise Promo

If you would like to buy any Outward Bound merchandise go to www.outwardbound.co.nz/merchandise

Men's Microfleece Top

Lightweight and warm, this smart contrast top will keep you warm on cool summer nights and will become your favourite winter fleece.

*Black/Charcoal
or Charcoal/Green
Sizes S – XXL*

\$95



Men's Polo

This great summer shirt is 100% light weight and breathable. Perfect for the office or the golf course.

*Navy or Stone
Sizes L-XL*

\$50



Women's Microfleece Tops

Wear this sharp top on cool summer nights. It's lightweight, very warm and surprisingly soft. Looks great with anything.

*Avocado/Charcoal
Paprika/Charcoal
Sizes XS – XL*

\$95



Women's Fit Tee

This slim-fitting and classic round neck tee is versatile and practical. Great summer colour! Buy two in case you wear them out.

*Blue Steel
Sizes 12, 14, 16*

\$34



What's happening at Outward Bound?

New Chairman appointed

AT THE AGM on 16th September Dynes Fulton was elected the Chairman of the Board and President of Outward Bound Trust of NZ, Bruce Cardwell was elected Deputy Chairman and Vice President.

Dynes replaces Dave Tibby who has elected to pass on the baton after four years as Chairman and President. Dave will continue to serve as a Board member. In addition Ron Faber has stepped off the Board. Ron who has been involved with Outward Bound since 1968, will continue to extend his wisdom with the Executive Safety and Advisory Committee (ESAC) and as a Trustee of the Outward Bound Foundation.

Dynes Fulton

DYNES HAS BEEN A MEMBER of the Board of Outward Bound for nine years, an Outward Bound Councillor for 21 years, and previously served six years on ESAC. In his professional life Dynes is a dairy farmer and a Waikato District Councillor. Dynes completed his Outward Bound course in April 1983.

Bruce Cardwell

BRUCE HAS BEEN A MEMBER of the Board of Outward Bound for two years, an Outward Bound Councillor for 6 years. He also currently serves as the Chair of ESAC and a Trustee of the Outward Bound Foundation, and has previously worked at Outward Bound as an Instructor and as School Director. Professionally Bruce is the Manager of New Zealand Extracts Limited, based in Blenheim.

Congratulations to Steve Hall

STEVE HALL, SCHOOL DIRECTOR, has received one of the 2007 Sir Peter Blake Emerging Leader Awards. The award presented by the Governor General, Anand Satyanand and Lady Pippa Blake aim to recognise younger leaders of considerable potential.

In one of the many nominations received for Steve, the entire staff at Outward Bound wrote: "Steve's influence cannot be solely attributed to charisma. He is a visionary leader who adopts a systematic, clear, thoughtful and empowering way of doing business - that's what is so inspirational."

Steve was one of six Emerging Leaders recognised in 2007. The award and recognition will give him access to appropriate mentors and experiences to add depth and breadth to his leadership capability.



Anand Satyanand (Governor General), Steve Hall (School Director), and Lady Pippa Blake.

Human Rights Commission Award for Outward Bound



IN AUGUST OUTWARD BOUND WAS

THRILLED to be acknowledged by the Human Rights Commission as an outstanding contributor to the New Zealand Diversity Action Programme.

This acknowledgement was summarised by the following citation:

"For promoting intercultural understanding and community leadership through outdoor educational courses. In February Outward Bound ran their fourth annual three-week Southern Cross course for a multi-ethnic group of young Aucklanders in association with the Human Rights Commission. While having many of the characteristics of standard Outward Bound courses, the Southern Cross course includes a mix of Maori, Pacific, Asian, Pakeha and other participants, and learning about each other's cultures and discussing issues of diversity in New Zealand are a special part of the programme. The success of the Auckland course, has enabled Outward Bound to develop a sister Southern Cross course for Christchurch in association with the Human Rights Commission and the Christchurch City Council, for the first time this year. They have also, in partnership with Ngai Tahu, developed Aoraki Bound, a specially tailored 20 day course within a Ngai Tahu cultural context available to Ngai Tahu members, members of other iwi and non-Maori participants. Four Aoraki Bound courses have been organised for 2007."

OB International Staff Symposium

ON 23-27 OCTOBER, THE WORLD CONVERGED ON ANAKIWA! The

Outward Bound International Staff Symposium's are held bi-annually in different locations around the world. They provide an opportunity for Outward Bound staff from throughout the world to meet, share ideas on best practice, and to partake in seminars by world leading industry experts in the field of experiential and adventure based learning.

Registrations were received from 85 staff from our International Outward Bound sister organisations who were joined by a further 50 staff from Outward Bound New Zealand. Thirty delegates representing a wide cross section of New Zealand based experiential and adventure based learning providers also registered.

Workshops and presentations addressed common issues around diverse populations, facilitation, safety management & systems. A day of experiential learning was built-in to provide opportunities for delegates to experience how OBNZ facilitate programmes, and to reflect on personal and professional practice.

Special thanks to guest speakers, Norm Hewitt, Mark Inglis, Mark Orams plus the host of presenters offering their time and knowledge to help Outward Bound get better at what we do on a global scale.

For more details, visit www.outwardbound.co.nz/symposium

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