

Stewart Rover Crew

Rover Scouts are the service section of Scouting New Zealand open to people aged between 18 – 25 years of age. Stewart Rover Crew is base out at the Fairbrother Rover Lodge at Scoutlands Campsite Wanganui. The crew is part of New Horizons Scouting Zone covering a large area including Whanganui, Rangitikei, Ruapehu and Manuwatu regions.

Stewart Rover Crew has four main focuses. The crew strongest 2 focuses are service to the Scouting community and service to the wider community in our region. We also have a focus on personal self-development within the crew. We have a programme of training that helps all members up skill in a variety of areas related to Scouting, the outdoors and everyday activities.

The final focus the crew has is a social aspect and to have fun as a group. We enjoy working together as a crew for the benefit of others and also enjoy interacting with other Rover Crews in the Lower North Island.

We are interesting in networking with community groups in our region and offering help where we can. For more information please contact:

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Proposal for the Hunterville Community Board.

The community of Hunterville is commonly referred to as the home of the Huntaway dog, and displays the statue of a Huntaway in the park. It also is the home of the Hunterville Shepherds Shemozzle.

I, after having visited Corrigin, a small town in Western Australia found one of its show case sites to visit, is a Dog Cemetery which now celebrates "man's best friend" the dog.

It was originally the burial place of one man's dog, and then a second local put his dog next to the first. To celebrate the life of this dog he made a grave similar to that of a human plot complete with headstone. And so it began, other dogs were buried there and many elaborate graves were designed.

This site is a huge draw card for the town and even has its own Facebook page.

From what I understand anyone may bury a dog at this site, after having gained permission from the Shire of Corrigin. The information I have found is that the cost to do so is the price of a bag of cement, which is used to make the plot. Headstones are often decorated and dedicated to the dog by its owners.

I put the proposal to the Board that several things be looked at.

- 1- That the possibility of such a Dog Cemetery near Hunterville be investigated.
- 2- That if there is some interest in this idea that a site be searched for. At this stage I suggest the area of waste ground on State Highway One, opposite the intersection of Feltham Street Hunterville would make such a site. It has car parking in front, is at the entrance to the township, and as I understand it was once a small park like area.
- 3- If such an idea has interest, then perhaps the Hunterville Community might approach the Shire of Corrigin with the proposal of becoming Sister/Twin towns. As I see it that both townships are small rural communities that place a high importance on its agricultural heritage. Such ties between communities can be used to build relationships and promote each other in their respective countries.
- 4- Corrigin is also the World record holder of "The Dogs in Utes". This is basically what is called a "Ute muster" where the proud owners of any type of Ute turn up to show it off. In Corrigin's case it was a Ute with a dog in or on it. The tally was set in 2002 of 1527 dogs in Utes. This novel event is used as a Fundraiser for Charities such as the Royal Flying Doctor. With the Shemozzle being Hunterville's main event, perhaps at some point this idea of Dogs in Utes could be contemplated, and even an attempt at the record. This would be a huge undertaking and may be more than the Community Board would do, it could be something to propose to the Shemozzle Committee. (It may or may not be something that would interest them as the Shemozzle is a massive event to organise already).

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