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Brian Henry Drummond

Army captain and quartermaster, supply services manager at MidCentral Health, Lions Club member. Born Motueka, July 13, 1930. Died July 7, 2017, in Palmerston North.



For a man well known in Palmerston North for his service club work and organisational ability, it was his career in the New Zealand Army that came to the fore at Brian Drummond's funeral at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.

Drummond's casket was draped with a New Zealand flag, and he was honoured with a 10-person bearer party and 15-person firing party.

Born near Nelson, Drummond grew up near Riwaka until first joining the army in the late 1940s.

He worked for a time driving a delivery truck in Wellington before his army career began in earnest in 1955, when he enlisted as a signaller.

He was sent to Malaya as a member of the New Zealand Regiment in 1958 and to Bangkok in 1968.

From 1972, he was posted to the HQ logistic support group in Palmerston North.

He was awarded the long-service and good-conduct medal, general-service medal with clasp (Malaya), and meritorious-service medal.

Drummond retired from the army in 1982 and began working at Palmerston

North Hospital, initially as deputy supply manager, then as manager of supply services from 1991, until another retirement in 1995.

He returned on a casual basis, then worked part-time in commercial support services until 2006.

His Lions career began in 1974, when he joined the Middle Districts Club.

He served for a year as president in 1983.

His honours from Lions included life membership of the club, life membership of the Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust and a key membership from Lions Clubs International.

Fellow Lion Brian Watt said the service group became like a second family to Drummond. "His big heart, his inherent sensitivity and his empathy for the unfortunate and for the underprivileged shone through."

He was also a scout leader, holding the post of district commissioner for the Southern Manawatu Scout District, and was director of supply for 8000 scouts attending the national jamboree in Feilding in 1984.

Janine Rankin



Scouts sporting scarves for fun

A challenge has been issued to all Scout leaders and youth in the Volcanic Zone for World Scout Scarf Day.

The Volcanic Zone, which covers Rotorua, Whakatane, Taupo and rural areas has more than 290 youth members who are supported by nearly 100 leaders and other adults.

On Tuesday, Scouts New Zealand is celebrating the World Scout Scarf Day and all members are being encouraged to wear their scarves to work or school for the day.

Volcanic Zone leader Amanda Roberts has issued a challenge to all leaders and youth in the Volcanic Zone to submit photos for two competitions on the day — the most creative photo and the photo that has the highest percentage of a group's leaders in it.

She says the aim of the

competition is to encourage groups to take part in the World Scout Scarf Day, and have a bit of fun along the way.

“Our competition is aimed at complimenting the competitions the Scouts New Zealand National office is running. It will be interesting to see what the local groups come up with.”

Scouts New Zealand is a growing movement offering adventure and skills-based learning for both girls and boys aged six to 26.

Scouts New Zealand has 15,000

youth members and more than 5000 adult volunteers nationwide. It delivers a programme to youth in over 400 groups throughout the country weekly, which equates to

more than 23,000 development hours with youth each week.

Scouts New Zealand also offer

seven National Schools which include photography, snow, caving,

canoeing, aviation, mountaintcraft and the Walsh Memorial Scout Flying School where youth learn to fly a plane solo over a two week intensive course.

Core to the programme is the ability to gain badges in a range of diverse subjects including computing, art, campcraft, horse riding or sports.



ENVIRONMENT: Rotorua Scouts looked after the Steels Lane Reserve with the help of Keep Rotorua Beautiful.

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Cadets home after voyage of discovery

TIM O'CONNELL

The finer points of plankton research proved elusive, but a group of hardy young sailors have learned plenty about their own resilience in testing seas.

The team of TS Talisman Sea Cadets arrived home in Nelson yesterday afternoon after a life-changing fortnight on the Sea Cadets Voyage of Discovery.

As well as taking on the responsibility of sailing the 20-metre yacht Sh'khinah from Auckland to Suva, the cadets had intended to become honorary 'planktonauts' by engaging in scientific research for international research organisation Plankton Planet.

TS Talisman unit commander Lieutenant Milo Coldren said while only a small number of plankton samples were collected due to some rough sea conditions, the overall level of sailing skills and camaraderie gained on the voyage made up for any lost research.

Coldren said a "brilliant" support crew had ensured a smooth sailing, including Kat Holmes who was a mate on a previous cadet voyage to New Caledonia in 2010.

The cadets were welcomed to Fiji by New Zealand defence advisor to Fiji Lt. Colonel Josh Wineera, and military liaison officer Lt Sam Wilson.

While in Fiji, Holmes developed training for the cadets which culminated in the young crewmates running the vessel – planning passages from Suva to

the western side of the island through passes and into anchorages.

"Kat and I were always near the outside controls and monitored progress closely but tried to make the cadets feel they were completely in control," Coldren said.

"It was stressful for them, especially with the heat and humidity, but they really did learn how to work together as a team despite the stress."

Coldren also paid tribute to social media officer Stephanie

Chitty, who along with Holmes helped create opportunities for the cadets to discover more about themselves.

"I've never seen anyone take to offshore voyaging as positively as she did – always getting up for her watch with a cheerful smile regardless of the time of night or weather conditions."

For the cadets, the general consensus of their time at sea was that despite the challenges and frustrations of mastering seamanship, forging greater self-belief and closer friendships had been a worthwhile result.

"Being in the middle of the Pacific Ocean with no land in sight - It really helps you learn about yourself," said 15-year-old Flurina Gauler.

"It is a lot harder to do than most people think, but as you go it becomes easier and at the end you look back at what you learned and

how far you've come and it's an incredible feeling."

"The idea of sailing to Fiji seemed so [challenging] that we might be overcome by things like sea-sickness, group conflict, but you can accomplish anything you put your mind to," said 16-year-old John Paul Schryvers.

"I learnt that there's more to teamwork than just getting along with your team-mates. It's about exploring the differences between members of the crew and how to work with these differences in mind."

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Flurina Gauler, left, Luca Ware, John Paul Schryvers, Ashleigh Radford and Scout Myers on the bow of the yacht the Talisman Sea Cadets and Iron Duke Sea Scouts sailed from New Zealand to Fiji.

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