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The Tokoroa Scout Hall is looking on the bright side again after having new lights installed.

With old, failing lights everywhere, the Scouts got in electrician Gofox Electrical to have a look.

What they found was that due to the age of the lights, most required repairing.

GoFox Electrical Director and Scout parent, Robbie Winterson said this was going to be a big expense for a community group like Scouts.

He went ahead and put the word out to the company's network of suppliers to see if they could get some help with re-

lighting the hall.

JA Russell's and Gerrard Lighting came to their assistance and were able to supply 20 free LED Light Battens.

The Scouts have been able to brightening up the hall for winter and also reducing their power bill and maintenance costs.

Gofox Electrical was so impressed with the offer that they decided to remove the old lights and install the new LED's for free as a way to support an important community group.

They had help on the day from Putaruru Scouts, Brody and Ashton Winterson.

Winterson said that he was always happy to support the Scouts Association as they are a great resource for the local kids.

“Gofox Electrical was so impressed with this generous offer that they decided to remove the old lights and install the new LED's for free.”

Robbie Winterson



Ashton Winterson handing a new LED light to Paul Walker from Gofox Electrical at the Tokoroa Scout Hall.

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CATHERINE GROENESTEIN

You don't need to be a bright spark to start a fire – you just need grate expectations and a flare for ignition.

As New Zealand heads into the dark, cold days of winter, many of us have stocked up on firewood, cleared out the chimney and brushed up on our kindling skills.

But, as the poor reality TV stars of *Survivor NZ* have shown in recent weeks, there can be plenty of smoke without fire – and there's nothing more miserable than staring at a cold hearth while fighting over the last rug in the lounge.

So, to help you brave the wintry chill – and avoid the shame of a cold, smouldering pile of kindling – here's a few hot tips from those who know how to start a blaze.

Former SAS soldier, survival expert and New Plymouth district councillor John "Horse" McLeod reckons everyone should know how to light a fire safely. "It's a basic life skill, like first aid."

Although a lot of his knowledge applies to inhospitable conditions, his bushcraft techniques transfer well to a suburban wood fire.

"Use what you've got for tinder – in the tropics, coconut husks are

excellent. In a survival situation, cloth or oil can be used, or dried cabbage tree fronds."

One key to getting a fire going is good air flow, McLeod says.

"You build the kindling up to a sort of teepee shape, with plenty of room for air to get in with your tinder. If you put too much kindling in you'll stop the air getting in."

Martin Barlok of Taranaki's Pekaren Pizza Restaurant grew up in Slovakia where traditional tinder included dry pine needles and birch bark.

"You have to have respect for fire, but you can't be afraid of it, you have to understand how it works."

Barlok learned to light fires as a 5-year-old, as part of the time

spent outdoors with his parents. He intends to teach his 3-year-old son the skills when he's older.

"I'll probably show him in two or three years' time when he gets a good understanding of what can go wrong, such as a spark on the carpet, you have to explain and show them, it's safety first."

Traditional teachers of outdoors skills, Scouts and Guides, also emphasise safety.

South Taranaki zone leader Tevai Barr said scouts had to earn the privilege of lighting fires.

"They must know how to use a fire extinguisher and a fire blanket. We also teach different ways of lighting fires, instead of just lighting with a match, they find out other things like how you can light it in wet conditions, how to keep it dry."

As well as skill and safety, regulations are another issue.

In Auckland, a new bylaw aimed at reducing pollution bans households from using wet, painted or treated wood in indoor fires. In Christchurch, Environment Canterbury patrols are back on the streets this month targeting the smokiest suburbs and, last year, Marlborough banned backyard burnoffs.



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Still great mates 60 years later, Scout's honour

RUBY MACANDREW

It was like no time had passed at all as members of the 1957 New Zealand Scouts reunited at Parliament yesterday, 60 years on from a "life-changing" journey around the world.

In 1957, 130 boys and a handful of girls left Wellington for the 9th World Jamboree in England, an event celebrating the Scouting movement.

George Fairbairn, who had been tasked with organising the reunion, said it was incredible to see so many of his fellow Scouts and reminisce about the good times they had together.

While the jamboree in Birmingham lasted only a few days, air travel was not a viable option in those days, so most of the Kiwi group's time was spent on a boat to and from England.

"The entire journey lasted several months, I think, with the ship

to and from taking six weeks each way," Fairbairn said.

Their ship, the *Monowai*, was the first passenger liner through the Suez Canal after the 1956 political crisis that had closed it to all shipping, but that wasn't what Fairbairn remembered most.

"I remember the Guides sailed on the ship with us on their way to a separate camp, so a few young female Guides and 120 young guys

was an interesting combination, but we were all innocent youth, of course."

Jane Lee-Smith (nee Blakely), one of the few Guides on board, remembered the journey well. "I was 16 and I had to have school lessons with the Scouts, which was pretty interesting, but really great.

"The whole thing seemed like a dream. It was unbelievable."

The jamboree honoured the 50th anniversary of the Scouting movement and the 100th anniversary

of the birth of Lord Baden Powell, who founded the Boy Scouts Association.

In attendance were some 33,000 Scouts from 85 countries and territories, alongside an additional 17,000 English Scouts, who were camped near the site and took part in daily activities.



The Scouts march together in 1957 before leaving. PHOTO: THE EVENING POST



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The Kiwi Scout contingent who attended the 9th World Jamboree in 1957 reunite at Parliament yesterday. PHOTO: FAIRFAX NZ



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Scout Hall up for grabs



The ex-Scout Hall in Seatoun is up for tender by Wellington City Council.

By Emma McAuliffe

After failing to sell at the end of last year, the ex-Seatoun Scout Hall is up for tender again.

The Wellington City Council owned building that was built in the early 1930s with a lean too added on in the 1960s.

It was damaged by arson in 2001.

Property advisor Paul Davidson said council believed the building to be the oldest purpose built Scout Hall in Wellington.

It is protected by its District Plan Heritage and cannot be demolished.

“You can’t make the footprint bigger or higher,” Paul said.

The front façade would also have to be retained.

Paul said there had been a bit of interest so far.

“Most people would be looking at turning it into a dwelling,” he said.

Closing date for the council to receive tenders is Thursday, June 15 at 5pm.