

Cadet and Community Combat Challenge 29th November 2015

This event was hosted by the Little River Wairewa Community Trust and organised by the Little River Emergency Cadets. This was a great collaboration of community groups coming together to provide opportunity and experience for our youth and community members.



This was a well-planned day with several 'stations' set up that the cadets worked through in teams – knots, ladders, first aid, navigation, hoses – fire-fighting, rescue holds and drill.



A BBQ lunch was provided with the general public/community members encouraged to participate in the 'stations' afterwards.

The day completed with prize-giving and raffle prizes being presented.

Experiences on offer were;

- Navigating through a maze to an 'address' with a fire extinguisher, then using it to put out a 'fire'
- Running out a hose and squirting it at a target.
- Assessing a medical emergency, bandaging and strapping a person to a backboard and carrying them to 'safety'.
- Putting up a ladder against a building to 'rescue' an object from the roof.
- Estimating a grid in metres
- Tying a variety of different knots and knowing when to use them
- Making and tying a harness that supported another persons weight
- Working as a team to carrying a person
- Marching drill



Although the weather was cold and damp, it was great to see such support and interest in what our local youth Cadets are learning. Members of the public enjoyed giving the different experiences a go. For many this was the first time they had actually used a fire extinguisher!

A very big 'Thank You' to Bianca McKinnon-Gee, the cadet Team organiser for allowing our children and community to learn and experience so much. You rock!!!

