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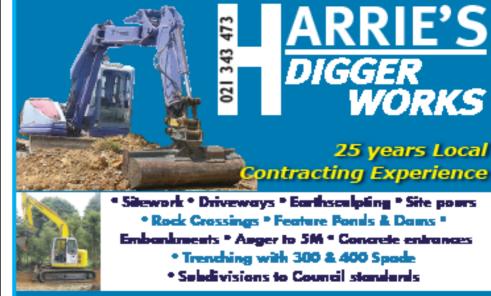






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# Teamwork takes cadet unit to national skills comp

produced outstanding results at the recent Northern Regional Skills Compe-

After training nearly every weekend for the last term and despite having several new members as older cadets, the younger ones stepped up and perform at an exceptionally high standard.

"In competition, individuals find they're 'on their own' in which case the discipline of cadets has taught them to lift their game," says unit commander Sandra grayson.

"On the other hand 'no man is an island' and the Mangawhai troop have learned, and learned well, the art of team play, team spirit and getting the best from each other collectively."

Few cadet troops around the country know where Mangawhai is, but when it comes to national competitions, the

Once again Mangawhai Cadet Unit Mangawhai team is almost always the team to look out for.

> Skills results in each discipline were: 1st Drill, 1st RFL (Required Fitness Level), 1st GSK (General Service Knowledge), 1st Toets (Firearm Safety), 1st Ratel (Radio Communication), 1st Observation, 1st Initiative, 1st Cas E Vac (First Aid and stretcher carry), 1st Navigation Theory, 1st= Equipment Carry, 2nd Shooting, 4th Navigation Practical.

> Competition this year was held in very cold, wet and windy weather.

"This is the seventh consecutive year that we have won Regional Skills," says Sandra Grayson. "We will now continue training every weekend for the national competition to be held in Ohakea, Palmerston North first weekend in November."

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gawhai Cadet Unit skills comp winners. At back, Locky Bonasich, Isaac Stocking, Jake Grayson, Caprice Howard. Front, Lewin Bull, James Neki-Saunders, Zach Robertson, Devon Pride, David Hames



# New track opens Labour Weekend

By Rob Pooley

Though none will attest to any great athletic ability, by the Mangawhai community they are all seen as 'track stars' - the 40-odd volunteers, mainly men but with a sprinkling of women - who meet regularly on a Friday to hone, hammer, chop and clear Mangawhai's growing labyrinth of walkways and cycle pathways.

One of the most recent completions is the Tanekaha Track, opening officially on Labour weekend, completing a loop from King Rd across the Brynderwyns and back down the Forest track, a hike of up to five

On the drawing board is over three kilometres of mountain bike and walking tracks on the 150 hectares of Browns Farm. Following two years of discussions the development plan has been agreed in principle by the Kaipara District Council.

Discussions are also ongoing with the Northland regional Council regarding the establishment of a beach walk including a boardwalk around Estuary Drive and Back Bay to the Pearson St inlet.

In the meantime, tracks around the Mangawhai Activity Zone are progressing with one running well away from the main road passing the treatment plant and the back of the golf course and coming out at Thelma Rd North. With the completion of the St John Station site both bike and walking track development will continue and it is intended they will link up to form a number of optional walks for all abilities and encompassing a variety of scenery.

A recent community meeting was attended by a crowd of over 60 people. Spokesman for the TRAX4U team, Gordon Hosking, said he was really heartened by the turnout at the daytime mid-week meeting.

"I thought it was a great show of commu-

nity support," he said.

Gordon, who has a lifetime associated with things 'forestry' is also the local 'go to' man for the reafforestation programme Project Crimson so being a part of the TRAX4U operation was almost a natural progression for him.

"We have a great team and those who can turn up for a few hours each Friday do so if they can," he said.

Work groups number anywhere from six to a dozen but it's surprising just how much can be achieved in a short time with a number of people - and even a break for tea and scones. There is great camaraderie

within the team says Gordon so it's as much a social event as a working bee.

Now divided into two groups depending on energy and ability there are those who manage the heavier work but no less important are those who attend to regular maintenance in keeping the tracks cleared of debris, especially after months of nasty

And the tracks are not just for locals either. Holiday and overnight visiitors are constantly looking to explore all the corners of Mangawhai which all helps to promote the



MANY HANDS: The Mangawhai TRAX4U trackers busy starting a new track extending behind the golf course.



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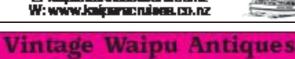
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# **Scouts benefit** from Mangawhai Club grant

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This jamboree incorporates all kinds of technology to contact Scouts on a global basis. The international event will see Scouts from all around the world get together on October 18-19.

The jamboree runs for two full days and with the financial support of the Mangawhai Club, local scouts are able to stay onsite and talk with scouts from the other side of the world during the night via the internet and amateur radio.

The troop will also be visiting Kelly Tarlton's Sea Life Aquariaum to learn about their

sea conservation initiatives and specifically how global warming is effecting sea life, and relating this to the Mangawhai coastline.

"It is really great that our lotheir Scout troop and we thank the Mangawhai Club for their very generous donation," says Scout leader Jenny Webb.

The local troop has become popular and is growing steadily with a new leader about to get his warrant, and some older members completing the Cosgrove and Sandford Scout training course are now assuming leadership roles.

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