

Georgetown Scouts \$8,000 grant from ILT Foundation on 27 August 2009

SCOUTS ELATED WITH ILT FOUNDATION GRANTS

Scout leader Bridget McStay did a little celebratory dance when she found out the ILT Foundation had granted Georgetown Scouts \$8000 to renovate its camp at Otatara.

“I was just so happy. It really will be a huge help.”

The money will be used to replace roofing, spouting and fix broken showers, she said.

“We only had one shower working – when you get a big group staying there it just isn’t enough.”

The money eases the financial burden on one of New Zealand’s oldest Scout Groups (early newspaper articles record its existence as early as 1911) and its 50 to 60 youth members, leaders and 20 volunteers.

“Without the ILT Foundation I don’t think we would be around at the moment.”

The camp, which was built in the 1970s and can house about 32 people, has been used by Scouts both near and far with the most recent visitors from the Nelson area.

For the past six months volunteers had been “patchworking” the roof, to try and mend holes.

The ILT Foundation has also granted \$25,000 to help replace the roof of the Scout’s regional headquarters on Tay St in Invercargill.

Southland zone leader John Baird said the shop was used to sell Scouting merchandise and the rooms were used for training and to store records.

The organisation was still looking for a further \$18,000 before it could go ahead with the project, Mr Baird said.

ILT Foundation chairman Alan Dennis said Scouts provided a wonderful avenue for young boys and girls to learn some really important life skills.

“Our young people who attend such a great organisation learn skills such as team building and problem solving. These are skills which they will use for the rest of their lives.

“The ILT Foundation is honoured to be associated with the Scouts. Our financial support means they can focus on doing what they do best – encouraging the growth and development of our young.”

