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KOITIATA COMMUNITY COUNCIL - JUNE 1988

CHAIRMAN'S HALF YEARLY REPORT

Carrying on from my last Report, to let Residents and Bachholders know what is going on in their Community.

CIVIL DEFENCE

As promised, a Civil Defence Meeting was held, and a film of the Civil Defence Emergency of the Bay of Plenty earthquake was shown, which was very interesting to all who attended. One of the main priorities for our Sector was to be issued with a C.B. Radio, incase telephones - road communications were out. Also a welcome to our new Civil Defence Wardens, your help will be appreciated.

Our next Civil Defence meeting will be held when the C.B. Radios are issued, and all Wardens will be trained in their use.

Remember, Civil Defence is people helping people.

KOITIATA FIRE PARTY

The team now consists of twelve men and two ladies, as telephone operators. With our new fire station and our appliance and equipment, we will prove to be a success if called upon. Please remember the fire alarm is situated on the front of the fire station. Break glass, turn on switch and leave on, try if possible to stay at alarm until first fireman arrives, so there is no confusion as to where the fire is. Please ring 111 first as this will alert New Zealand Fire Services, as the Koitiata Fire Party's job is to do as much as possible until Ratana or Marton Brigades arrive. We had a combined exercise with the Marton and Ratana Brigades on 18 June 1988. Thanks to the New Zealand Fire Services for our further training, also thanks to the wives of the fire party who put on a very nice morning tea after the exercise for the three fire teams.

CARPOOL

Is working most successfully. Please remember in an emergency, if hospital or doctor and transport is needed, use your Carpool telephone numbers.

COMMUNITY HALL EXTENSION

The interior of the Hall has been extended to take in the area that was used as storage. We now really have a good sized hall. Mr Cliff Fraser, who was in charge of organising voluntary labour and Works orders for materials has the following comment:

"A Special Thanks to all those people who helped with the alterations to the Hall and to those who made donations."

A Special Thanks to you, Cliff, for your effort and work.

CAMPING GROUND

Once again a special thanks to the Rangitikei County Council and our Riding member, Councillor T. Lethbridge, for the Rangitikei County Council Grant towards costs incurred as far on the camping ground. As recommended at the Community Meeting held on 29 May 1988, your Community Council has a priority purchase of the section next to the camping grounds. This will be for future extensions. The Warden and Caretaker of the Camping Ground and Toilet Blocks is Mr Ron Sargeant, phone 787.

COMMUNITY MEETING

This meeting was held on 29 May 1988, and it was very gratifying to see such a good attendance. It certainly gives your Council some idea of the community's wants and its priorities.

RECREATION NIGHTS

Every Thursday night, good attendances and a lot of fun with bowls. The Hall now takes three mats. A good night out and not far to go.

CHILDREN AND OTHERS

Last year, Julie Pritchard and Judy Wilson ran fun afternoons on a Saturday for our younger generation and others. These afternoons were enjoyed by those who attended. Thanks Julie and Judy.

This year they are being run again on trial by Mrs Julie Pritchard, starting on 23 July 1988 at 1.00 p.m. Please give your support to a worthwhile effort.

TELETHON APPEAL - 25 JUNE 1988

Thanks must go to some of our Ladies and supporters for the Cake Stall, Bring and Buy and Donations, which were held in the Community Hall on the Saturday afternoon, \$149.00 being raised and donated from the Community to the Appeal.

RUBBISH TIP

Some improvement has been noticed in keeping the Pit reasonable, but a few thoughtless people are still dumping rubbish, but not over at the pit head. One warning has been issued by the Rangitikei County Council for the dumping of raw offal. Remember, raw offal and fish bring flies and rats. This is a dry pit so please bring a shovel and bury your raw offal and fish.

RATES

A small increase this year, but when you consider its the first in three years. This has only been possible by Community effort in helping ourselves, voluntary labour etc, it's a real good effort by all.

BEREAVEMENTS

Mr Leslie Anderson, a bach owner for 30 years and past Chairman of the Turakina Beach Residents Committee.

Mr Robert Church, and we all knew Bob for his friendship, kindness and community spirit.

Our expression of sympathy and loss was sent to both families.

The Rangitikei County Council and its Officers and your Riding Member, Mr T. Y. Lethbridge and your own Community Councillors are always trying to do what is best for our Community. I know we can't please everybody, but we do try our best to please the majority.

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