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REPORT FROM NOEL ABBOTT, CHAIRMAN, KOITIATA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - HALF YEARLY

Since my last report, several items of interest to all have eventuated.

Firstly, we now have our own Fire Appliance, a new Fire Station and eight very willing men in our fire team, who give their time and effort to attend practices and are on call for any fire fighting in our area. Our special thanks must go to these men; also Wanganui, Marton and Ratana Fire Services for all their help and support. Our thanks also to the Rangitikei County Council, who maintain the machine. By the way, the appliance has been used at a real fire here, and I am sure the residents all agree the appliance and fire team made a good "save".

To remind everybody, in case of a fire DIAL 111 or go to the Community Hall where next to the side door is a glass with a key behind. Break the glass, unlock the door and our siren switch is in the storage area just inside the door on the lefthand side (far wall). Turn the switch on and leave on. Stay, if possible, until the first fireman arrives.

Emergency Carpool

Has been used three times since the last report - may I add with success. So this is proving to be a great asset to our Community. Our thanks to drivers and those who helped.

Garage Sale

This proved to be a great success, over \$700 being raised for Community Projects. Many thanks to the organisers, the givers and buyers, and to those who made donations, and of course to all the helpers and Jim Mant for the raffle.

First Project

The electrical wiring of the Fire Station lights and hotpoints etc. This has been completed thanks to Martin Pritchard who did all the labour at no charge. Thanks Martin. We are grateful also to Frank Jermy and his helpers for boxing, digging and levelling and floating the poured concrete for the erection of the firestation. To Trevor Jurgens as well for making up the brackets for the suction hose (he charged for the cost of steel only) and to those who dug the trench for underground power and levelled off the back of the firestation. The Community Council agreed that seeing that so much has been done by Community effort, we will be holding an official opening of the Fire Station on *SAT 12<sup>th</sup>* December 1987 at 1.30 p.m. The programme is as follows: Official Opening, inspection of Station and Appliance, and demonstration of fire team. After this, there will be afternoon tea and a few drinks in the Community Hall. All householders are welcome. If you and yours intend coming along, (and we hope you will - and ladies a plate please), ring or contact Noel Abbott or Ray Vicars. This is for catering purposes only.

### Civil Defence

The team has been brought back up to full strength again. Our thanks to the Old Brigade for past services and welcome to our new team members. A special afternoon, early in the New Year, is being arranged with a get-together afternoon tea and a film about the Bay of Plenty Earthquake. While on Civil Defence, a reminder that the Civil Defence Siren call is a short blast of 30 seconds duration. The siren is checked every second and fourth Saturdays monthly at 9.00 a.m.

### Bereavements since last Report

Mrs Rangī Hunt and Mrs Sylvia Hammond. We offer heartfelt sympathy to all their families from our Community.

### Camping Ground

This is being mown down to the front next to the toilet block including power points. Mr Ron Sargeant is the Camping Ground and Toilet Block Warden and is also responsible for the booking of camp sites (No Camping overnight except in Camping Ground).

### Recreation Afternoons

These are held at the Community Hall for children and others on Saturday afternoons 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. (games and refreshments). This is being tried out by Mrs Julie Pritchard and Mrs Judy Wilson for the betterment of the Community and deserves our support.

### Rubbish Dump

This is your dump! Please try to keep it tidy by dumping over the pithead. This will help to improve the look of the area.

### Recreation Nights

Eddie Ramsdale, Arnold Nation and Hilton Farr are the Committee to run these nights every Thursday at 7.30 p.m. They prove to be a lot of fun.

In finishing this report on behalf of all the Councillors and myself, best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

N. N. Abbott  
Chairman

KOITIATA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Members of the Turakina Beach Fire Brigade were pictured at the official opening of the beach settlement's new fire station last Saturday. The firemen are [from left]:—

Back row: Peter Fraser, Bob Willis, Brian Bayley, Rob Newman, Martin Pritchard, Ron Sargent.

Front: Fire Chief Noel Abbott, Arnold Nation.— "Mail" photo.