

KOITIATA RESIDENTS' COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT

The 1992-3 year has been a fairly active one for your Committee. Thirteen meetings were held - all with satisfactory attendance - and a number of projects from previous Committee initiatives were carried on to completion or near-completion.

Early in the new year, upgrading of the children's swings and placing of a donated tractor improved the playground area. Later in the year, (August), work began on extensions and painting of the Camping Ground toilet block, with voluntary labour from residents, and finance by RDC. This work is not yet fully complete, but with help from willing hands to the paint-brush and some final carpentry, the block should be finished by Xmas.

On 13 March, a special meeting viewed and considered various plans for extensions to the Koitiata Community Hall. The vote of the 22 ratepayers and residents present went to plan "4" by E.Ramsdale. A tender from R.Gordon, of Turakina Beach, was approved at the July meeting, and work began in mid-September. The job is now nearing completion.

Another well-attended special meeting followed a February petition signed by 62 residents and ratepayers opposed to the sale and development of the Domain area. At the meeting, which was chaired by Councillor Tim Lethbridge a further vote declared to the RDC the firm opposition of Koitiata residents to commercial initiatives regarding the Domain. For the present the District Council has shelved the matter.

Concern over the future of the rubbish dump, and costs of alternative schemes have been discussed, but with small progress. Fears of future Department of Conservation moves in the political arena, to push legislation banning bikes and tractors from beach and estuarine areas, have increased with the apparent growth of bureaucratic interference with the New Zealand life-style. These people bear watching - closely!

The Social Committee became a separate body shortly after the last Annual General Meeting, with its own finances, and a successful 'garage sale' was held in conjunction with the Resident's Committee to raise funds to purchase a new refrigerator for the Hall. Proceed were shared, and the Committee later voted \$100 to the Social Committee to help pay for trestles for the Hall. On the failure side of the ledger, was our attempt to interest Telecom in installing a public telephone. Not enough prospective usage! However, we did manage to have traffic speed and fire signs replaced and renewed as required. And complaints of noisy RNZAF Airtrainers resulted in an explanatory lecture in the Hall by an Airforce officer, and a visit by a handful of residents to Ohakea.
(The whitebait were running - hence the disinterest!)

Altogether, it has been a reasonable successful year, during which we have tidied up some outstanding projects. May next year bring similar progress

Bruce Attwell
Chairman