

# The Rangitikei Advocate

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## At Turakina Beach

Reporting to the Kaitiata Domain Board yesterday with reference to the state of affairs at Turakina beach a sub-committee set up for the purpose stated: "The sand-drift has further encroached upon the portion of the Domain which was laid off for the erection of seaside cottages. There are, however, still six cottages intact in the locality and one cottage has been re-erected on privately owned land just beyond the boundary of the Domain. The high sand ridge which lay between the Turakina River and what was formerly the grass flats where the township was laid off, has now been practically levelled by high winds."

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## MARRAM GRASS AT KOITIATA

The monthly meeting of the Koitiata Domain Board was held at the County Chambers to-day, all members with the exception of Cmr. Stuart and Dalziell being present.

Mr H. S. C. Morrison (Fern Flats, Marton) donated £5 towards improving the road to the seaside resort and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr Morrison for his donation.

Mr S. A. R. Mair (engineer) reported that as Mr Stuart was unable to accompany him he made a personal inspection of the above.

The road from end of metal is in very fair order. The claying recently carried out by residents with council's assistance has considerably improved the smoothness of the long grassy flats.

The maram grass planted three years ago has grown well. That planted last winter has, on the whole, also taken well, but in several patches has been destroyed by the sand blowing away. He recommended that in the proper planting season, early in the winter, these patches be made good, in all amounting to about half an acre. It would also be an advantage to plant a further two acres at the north-western end.—The report was adopted.

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## KOIATA DOMAIN

### ANNUAL REPORT

Meeting as the Kōiata Domain Board to-day Rangitikei County Councillors adopted the annual report presented by the engineer, Mr S. A. R. Mair.

This Domain lies at the mouth of the Turakina River and for many years the problem of sand-drift had been a very real one, but the report indicated that the position was greatly improved.

"The access road has, as necessary, been maintained by filling ruts and fascining sand drifts, and is now in fair order," said Mr Mair. "The marram grass planted during the last three winters has taken very well, and the main portion of the township area is now fairly well stabilised. The Turakina River is now flowing along the south shore, and is forming a large flat sand bank of several acres adjacent to the township. This is becoming covered with marram grass, and if stabilised will be a valuable addition. I would recommend further planting of grass during this winter to the full extent of the funds available."

The balance-sheet showed a credit of £17 and it was decided to adopt the recommendation of the engineer.

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April 2, 1936

## KŌTIATA DOMAIN

### Possibilities As Seaside Resort

The following report on Kōtiata Domain (Turakina Beach) was submitted to to-day's meeting of the Rangitikei County Council by the Engineer, Mr S. A. R. Mair:—

With Councillor Stuart an inspection was made of Kōtiata Township. Messrs Wainwright and Wilkie also attended.

The marram grass stabilisation work was found in excellent order and the township area is now considered thoroughly safe for building purposes and reforestation. There are a few small blanks of a few square yards requiring planting, and this will be done during the winter.

The road down, owing to the abnormal weather, was found in worse condition than I have previously known it, and necessary repairs will be put in hand when conditions are suitable.

With the improved conditions obtaining at the township a demand is setting in for sections, and it is considered advisable to have the sections occupied on temporary lease and further allotments surveyed so that proper titles can be granted to present and future occupiers.

In the meantime the exact requirements of the Lands Department regarding the township sections is being obtained. When this information is to hand with the cost of the proposed survey, I propose to submit a more comprehensive report as to developmental work embracing all the available funds.

I feel sure, and Councillor Stuart concurs, that now the sections have been stabilised, if the road was improved and suitable trees planted, the sections would become very popular and would be a boon to the sea-loving public over a very wide area even beyond the confines of this country.