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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* 12th 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

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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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