

Subdivision. The subdivision at the end of Te Ono and Laithwaite Streets is now complete.

The County is accepting applications for sections and when sufficient applications have been received the County will complete the work on the subdivision.

The work remaining to be done is (a) providing a sewerage scheme for the sections in the subdivision. An oxidation pond will be set up on ground adjoining the Forestry area. Provision will be made so that the oxidation pond can be added to if required at a future date. (b) Providing underground connections for power and telephone. (c) Providing kerbing and completing the roading of the subdivision.

I understand that some applications have been received to purchase sections in the subdivision.

Community Hall. The Community Hall is now complete and I will endeavour to give a summary of stages of the whole project.

The idea of having a Community Hall in the settlement was first thought of several years ago. The first action towards getting one was the holding of raffles each Christmas, residents taking an active part in running the raffles and providing goods for the raffle were Mesdames Burbery, Rawcliffe and Leighton.

Monies raised by these raffles were used in more recent years to provide facilities for the Hall. I will refer to this later. The first step towards having a Community Hall was taken in 1981 during the first year of the Moitiata Community Council.

A concrete slab was put down on section 65 Mainui St and early in 1982 a garage was erected on the concrete slab. This building was then used to house the fire fighting equipment provided by the Forestry Department.

Later that year serious thought was given to make provision for a Community Hall in the settlement. The thought was to use part of the garage for social activities. When discussing the proposal with Mr. Max Griffiths County Clerk he said to me if we called the garage a fire shed for the purpose of housing the equipment, the shed would be taken Fire Authorities if at some future date a Fire Brigade was formed. We would not get any compensation for the building. It was then decided to call the building the Community Hall.

An application was made to the J.E.S. Budding Trust for a grant and Mr. Rex Krice suggested an application be made to the Lottery Board for a grant. I contacted the Internal Affairs Department on the matter and got a reply to say that a particular form had to be used when applying for a grant. They said a representative for the Department would be in Wanganui in a week or so and would contact me. I met her in Turakina and brought her to the Beach. Firstly I took her for a drive around the settlement and pointed out one or two things. We then went to the Hall just as Mr. Abbott was finishing the painting. She was very impressed by what we had done and said she would recommend the application for a maximum grant, of \$6000 but did not think we would get that much as there were many applications to be considered. We were granted \$4000 by the Lottery Board.

After getting these grants the Council decided to double the size of this building by adding another garage. The interior lining of the wall and ceiling and the painting has been done by voluntary labour.

With the completion of this project it will be appropriate to mention some of the residents closely associated with the project.

Mr. F. J. Jerry. He supervised and organised all the work associated with the kitchen, conveniences and lining of the ceiling and wall of the hall.

Mr. M. Abbott He arranged and did the painting of the interior of the hall, hanging of curtains - obtained prices and quotes for materials used

Superannuitants and others who assisted with work on the interior of the hall and kitchen, Bill Cornish, Arnold Tation, Vicie Langdale Alan McKensic, Sydney Arthur, Jack Redley, Milton Farr, Len Sergeant Bob Church. Len Smith

Electrical work and shifting of wiring was done by Rod Newman who donated his labour free.

Messmates Abbott and Tation provided morning and afternoon teas to all the workers in the hall.

To all those people we express our sincere thanks for what you have done for the Community and my apologies for anyone that I may have missed.

A summary of expenditure on the hall is:-

First Garage	3777	
Installing power	535	
5000 Gallon Tank	1420	
Septic Tank	545	
Extension Toilets & Kitchen	2875	
Sundry	55	
Lining Kitchen & Toilets	660	
Additional Garage	4500	Est.
Materials for lining walls	1700	Est
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Voluntary labour	???	

Recreation Area. Three sections are being purchased by the Council to provide a recreation area in the settlement. The sections are at the back of ones in Takakai and Tainui Street and access to the sections is from a right of way between Mrs Rowcliffe and Miss Wainwrights property in Tainui st. It is the intention of the Council to level the sections and use a portion of the area as an outdoor bowling green. The Council will be able to have the use of County machinery when the subdivision is completed, and the machinery will be used to level portion of the sections. Work on making a bowling green will probably extend over two or three years and will be the next major project.

Garage Sale. It is intended to hold a Garage sale in the Community Hall on Saturday 30th August to raise funds for Community projects. Donations of any items for the sale would be appreciated and can be left with Mrs. Purverry or be delivered to the sale on the morning of the 30th August.

We look forward to seeing you at the hall on that morning.

Elections. Local Government elections will be held on Saturday 11th October 1966. Nominations for members of the Waitiata Community Council close on Friday 29th August at 12 noon. 7 members are to be elected to the council. Persons nominated for a position on the Council are not required to be a residents in the settlement, but they are required to be qualified as a Parliamentary elector. Persons nominated for a position on the Council must be nominated by two permanent residents of the Waitiata Community.

A deposit of 20 dollars must accompany each nomination form. The deposit will be refunded if the person nominated is elected.

M. M. Luce, Chairman
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