

Socialising the Village

It's not just the organising that has made Koitiata a community, it's the social stuff that does it too. From the beginning, social activities have always been up there at the top of the community's priority list, and what better way to have social activities than with a Social Committee to organise it!

With the new Community Centre upright in 1982, no time was wasted in organising a social function. *"Christmas Gathering. In an effort to promote fellowship in the settlement it is suggested that a gathering be held at the Community Building 8pm Saturday 18 December."*

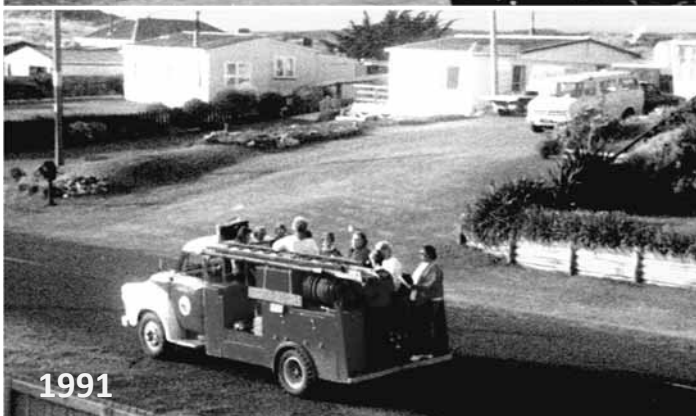
The hall became the centre for the community's organised regular activities and there has usually been a Social Committee behind it all. While the hall has been the hub, not all community activities were indoor.



When the river was just out the front, often a wide lagoon would form in front of the village. Some complained about how it restricted their ability to go fishing. Others just had fun having raft races.



A community event during the 1990's was the Xmas parade. People dressed up like clowns. Residents also decorated their tractors and motor bikes and bicycles.



And one of the community activities involved a fire engine which would drive around town while full of Xmas Carol singing ladies.

But one event is a mystery; from a 1985 newsletter *"...the group which organised the band function on the Domain a year or so ago ...permission given to organise similar band function on the Labour Day week-end."* Phoned Pink Floyd, it wasn't them.