



Koitiata Matters

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This collection of community Newsletters spans the period from December 1981 until November 2017.

A total of 264 pages in 119 issues collected, divided into six volumes, spanning 39 years. Each volume has a contents page listing the issues included, by year and month. There is no page numbering system. There are gaps in years and/or months but it does not necessarily mean there was no newsletter. There may be some that have not yet surfaced for this collection.

On each volume content page there are a few topic highlights that *'popped up'* from that volume's content.

Koitiata Matters is a very apt community newsletter title, first applied by Joyce Smith, an avid village wordsmith on the April 2001 issue. A continuing use for close to a hundred issues over the next sixteen years, earns it the rightful place as the encompassing title for this collection of records for Koitiata's history.

Differing formats and many authors over a period of 39 years. A quote from a resident: *"It is tempting to rate the content to help you to avoid reading some which are possibly a waste of time, paper, and space. But if the rating system was for effort on the part of the numerous 'Newsletter Editors' then they would probably all be 5-star. And if all the content, styles, and formats were rated as to their usefulness they would collectively rate 10 out of 10 for being an integral building block of the Koitiata community."*

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Highlights: This volume covers a very productive period of community facility development.

Dec 1981 (a) New Koitiata Community Council formed, the beginning of 'self-rule'. (b) New dump and new fire shed/hall.

Nov 1982 A summary of history of Koitiata.

KOITIATA COMMUNITY COUNCILCHAIRMAN'S NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 1981

On 10 March 1981, the seven nominees for seven positions on the newly formed Koitiata Community Council met. For personal reasons, one nominee withdrew. The remaining six signed the Declaration by Councillors, pursuant to Section 103 of the Local Government Act 1974. The extraordinary vacancy was filled by appointment, of the only late nomination at the July meeting. The seven members are A.J.L. McIndoe, J.H. Richards, D.R. Taylor (Mrs), L.J. Tremaine, M. Burberry (Mrs), N.N. Abbott and B.S. Bayley.

The Community has adopted a set of Bylaws. Each Councillor has a set and the public are entitled to view these on request. Also, all the Councillors are Honorary Rangers. They are all approachable people and will be willing to assist you in any way on request, with information etc.

The Rubbish Dump has reached the end of its useful life and the Council is in the process of hearing objections to the relocating of same just to the north east of the Domain. Hopefully, it will be in use at an early date. We notice that people are reluctant to dump their rubbish in the tip head, thus causing at times quite an unnecessary pile up. With the new tip, we hope everyone will try harder. Also, children use it as a playground. They love smashing anything glass, creating a danger to everyone. Before long someone's child will come home with a badly gashed foot and we are quite a way from a doctor. The remedy is in the parents hands.

Animal carcasses on the river and beach frontage: unfortunately, as long as we have a river outlet and there are farms along that river, we will have this problem. However, in the near future we hope to have material readily available so that this offensive matter can be burned under supervision.

While I am talking burning, we live in a fire restricted area, so if you wish to burn anything, you must obtain a permit to burn from the Forestry Fire Ranger, Mr Noel Abbott. This is important.

The Public Showers and Conveniences on the beach frontage are a target for vandalism quite frequently. A meter miser will be fitted to the showers to give them a timed flow. They will automatically "cut off" if left running. Our thanks must go to Mrs Leighton for her efforts in keeping these conveniences clean and usable and also for looking after the meter boxes at the caravan park. Neither chore being the most relished at times.

Some of you may have noticed a concrete slab on Lot 65 in Wainui Street. By the time you are reading this newsletter, there will probably be a shed erected on this site. This is to house fire fighting equipment for the village and forestry. The initial equipment will be supplied by the Forestry. The Council had hoped to see the building and equipment installed before Christmas. It could possibly still be but more likely to be in the New Year. Of course, equipment will not operate by itself so there will be volunteers called for later to train for fire fighting. But more about this when it is organised.

Unkept and undeveloped sections are a considerable fire hazard, particularly in the hot weather. So what about it you occupiers?

The freeholding of our sections had reached the "Land Settlement Board" immediately prior to the election. The Minister of Lands sits on this Board. Now the election is settled, I would hope the procedure continues immediately.

At a meeting on 14 July 1981, with the Assistant Commissioner of Lands, Mr Muirhead and Messrs Ogle and Briant from his office, also present Mr Henshaw from the Valuation Department, it was pointed out that the price fixing used for such sales was a long established formula followed by all Governments for many years. So our arguments to have the price reduced were of no avail.

Having accepted this fact, the decision of the meeting was to proceed with the freeholdings after the Valuation Department had reassessed the situation.

When the Council has definite information for everyone to consider, a general meeting will be called immediately, everyone receiving due notice. This meeting will discuss acceptance or refusal, along with prices and ways of purchase prior to a final decision being made.

Statements of other relevant information concerning the Koitiata Domain will be made and any questions answered where possible.

This concludes news etc to hand. I trust it will answer some of the questions being asked.

In closing, I would take the opportunity of wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year on behalf of myself and the Koitiata Community Council.

Brian Bayley
CHAIRMAN

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform property owners in the Community of some items of general interest.

Early History of Koitiata Recreation Reserve. The land constituting Koitiata Recreation Reserve was originally part of a pastoral licence held by Mary Ann Moorehouse of England. Her licence was for a term of 21 years from 1 March 1888.

In 1906 she applied for and obtained the Department's approval to subdivide the holdings and transfer portions to Mr. R. K. Simpson and Messrs C. W. & H. Wilson for the balance of the term. When the licence expired on 28 February 1909 it was offered for selection (as such licences contained no right of renewal) and the successful applicant insofar as Run 17 was concerned was Duncan Simpson.

In August 1913 your Council (County Council) made representation to the Department about acquiring an area of land at the mouth of the Turakina River for a seaside resort to meet the needs of the residents of Rangitikei. Council also indicated that the pastoral licensee, D. Simpson, was willing to relinquish his interest in 100 or more acres of his licence for such a purpose. This was shortly followed by written advice from Mr. Simpson in support of the proposal, conditionally that the proposed area be controlled by your Council.

After subsequent discussion between the three parties an area of 165 acres 2 roods was surveyed out of the pastoral licence.

Pursuant to Section 321 of the Land Act 1908 this area was set aside as a reserve for a public recreation ground. New Zealand Gazette 1916 page 642 refers.

As a result of the reduction in pastoral licence area Mr. Simpson's rental was adjusted proportionately taking effect from 1st September 1916. You will gather from this it is not strictly correct that Mr. Simpson gifted the land. The land was surrendered from his lease with his agreement and as a result of which he received a rental adjustment.

Subsequent to the gazettal as a reserve the land was by New Zealand Gazette 1917 page 789 brought under the provisions of Part 11 of the Public Reserves and Domains Act 1908 and named Koitiata Domain. By Gazette 1917 page 1120 the County Council was subsequently appointed to control and manage the domain.

The intention had always been that part of the domain be available for beach sections. Section 59 of the Reserves and Other Lands Disposal Act 1917 authorised the issue of leases for this purpose over areas not exceeding one quarter acre individually, the total area of the sections not to exceed one tenth of the total area of the domain. Forty one sections were surveyed out for this purpose (Rapakia Street) but very few were leased in the early days because of a sand blow problem. The problem however must have been resolved as all these sections are now occupied. Nevertheless because of the sand blow problem some residence were erected on an unsurveyed area (based on a scheme plan which showed an extension to the original surveyed area) and because of this owners of these residences latterly became known as squatters. The situation was finally sorted out in the 1950's when survey was completed to correctly fix the boundaries of all sections then occupied. In the early 1960's a further subdivision (SO 26255) was approved.

There are now 103 resident section in the Reserve.

Freeholding of Sections. Application to freehold sections had to be lodged with the Commissioner of Crown Lands before June 15th 1982. Those who made application to freehold their sections will have, or will in the next few days receive a Certificate of Title for their Section.

This is an important document and will need to be produced if the section is sold or a mortgage is raised on the property.

See that it is put away in a safe place and remember where you put it.

Community Centre. The building sited towards the end of Wainui Street, perhaps known as the Fire Station has been officiallt named as the Community building.

If is available for use by Community groups for meetings or functions. As funds become available the building will be lined and furnished and probably added to. A sink top has been offered to the Council by a resident. Matters being considered for attention are:-

1. Installing of heating points
2. Obtaining a tank - preferably 5000 gallons - to provide a supply of water for fire fighting and use in the hall.
3. Painting the walls and roof
4. Doing the necessary plumbing
5. Obtaining seats and a small table for the hall

In order that these jobs and others maybe undertaken a fund raising function such as (Housie) can be organised the Council feels a seperate Committee should be formed.

A note notifying property owners of a meeting to be held on Saturday 4th December at 2pm. for the purpose of electing such a committee is attached to this newsletter.

FUNDS. As a result of the efforts of some of the women in the Community and MesdamesBurberry and Leighton in particular approximately \$300 has already been raised. This money will be used on developing the community building.

Koitiaata Community Council People may wonder how this Council came into being. In May 1980 the County Clerk wrote the following letter to the Turakina Beach Residents Committee:- The General purposes of a Community Council are:-

- (a) To co-ordinate and express to the County Council the views of the Community on any matter of concern to the community; and
- (b) After consulting and obtaining the consent of the County Council, to take such action in the interests of the community with respect to any matter of concern to the community as is appropriate, expedient and practicable; and
- (c) To undertake encourage, and co-ordinate activities for the general well being of the residents of the community; and
- (d) To perform such functions and exercise such powers as may from time to time be delegated to it by the County Council under section 632 of this Act or under any other Act.

Under section 632 of the Act this County Council may delegate to the Community Council any functions which in its opinion could best. be handled by the Community Council except for the following:-

- (a) The powers under the Public Works Act and the Town and County Planning Act.
- (b) Power yo borrow money, to make a rate, to make Bylaws or to enter into contracts.
- (c) The power to own property.
- (d) The power to appoint or remove staff.

The Community Council is deemed to be a committee of the County Council.

A meeting of Koitiata Section holders held on 2nd August 1982 supported the constitution of a Community within the Rangitikei County.

A special Order constituting the Koitiata Community was confirmed at a meeting of Rangitikei County Council held on 9th October 1980 and the Community came into being on 1 April 1981.

The Council consists of seven members four representing permanent residents and three representing other property holders.

The Councillors were elected by postal ballot and will hold office until the next local body elections in 1983.

The present Councillors are:-

Mr. A.J.L. McIndoe JP.	Chairman	Wainui St. Turakina Beach
	Chartered Accountant	
Mr. N. Abbott	Painter	Wainui St. Turakina Beach
Mr. J.H. Richards	Photographer	264 St. Hill St. Wanganui
Mr. J. Tremaine	Contractor	14 Jackson St. Wanganui
Mr. A. McKenzie	Butcher	Rapaki St. Turakina Beach
Mrs M. Burberry		Wainui St. Turakina Beach
Mrs. K. Robb	Married Woman	133 Mt. View Rd. Wanganui

Fire Equipment. A portable pump and hose together with a siren and sets of beaters have been supplied by the Forestry Department. The equipment will be housed in the Hall building. It is hoped in the near future to get a light trailer for transporting the equipment in time of emergency. A system of calls by the siren is being arranged by Mr. N. Abbott.

In case of an emergency a key for the Hall will be placed in a glass fronted box beside the side door of the Community building. I understand several residents have offered to help make a trailer and our thanks go to them for their offer.

Cows. The Committee has had continuing discussions with County representatives about the dairy cows using the road daily. The Council had a meeting in the Turakina Hall last year with farmers using Beach Road with satisfactory results in all but one case -

Mr. Johnston now moves his cows through his own property and they only cross the road in one place.

The County levelled the sides of the road in one area so that the cows could be encouraged to walk on the grass. An employee on a motorbike was going to ride along beside the cows and encourage them to use the grass verge. This has not been done and as a result the tendency is to let the cows out onto the road and to wander along in their own way.

According to the County an alternative bridge was being prepared to keep the cows off the road bridge. Nothing seems to be happening as yet on this matter. Mr. Vincent the County Overseer assures in that progress is being made to improve the cow situation.

Domain. Camping grounds. Suggestions have been made to the County that the camping area be moved to a spot adjoining the present conveniences and that the flat area adjoining the conveniences be developed into a recreation area. The suggestion is that the present Domain area then be roaded and subdivided into building sections.

If the caravan area is left in its present location sooner or later pressure will be put on the Council to provide conveniences in the adjoining area. They could cost up to \$20000. By shifting the camping area nearer the present conveniences this cost would be avoided.

Conveniences. As seems to be a common occurrence the building is being dirtied and defaced. The Council would be pleased if anyone seeing any offences being committed would report it to a Councillor.

Notice Board. A notice board has been erected at the corner of Wainui Streets and in a few days a map will be placed in it and will be marked to show important spots in the Koitiata settlement.

Animals. Complaints have been made recently of stock being allowed to roam in the settlement and not being provided with sufficient food and water.

Will residents with stock please see that proper care is taken of them. The County By-laws have provision for action to be taken if necessary.

Christmas Gathering . In an effort to promote fellowship in the settlement it is suggested that a gathering be held at the Community Building 8 pm Saturday 18 December. Opportunity to discuss this proposal will be taken at the meeting to be held on 4th December next. It could well be an opportunity for the new Committee to organise its first function.

KOITIATE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
A.J.L. McINDOE. CHAIRMAN

MEETING

A MEETING OF SECTION HOLDERS AND RESIDENTS OF KOITIATA SETTLEMENT WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY BUILDING WAINUI STREET ON SATURDAY 4th DECEMBER 1982 AT 2.pm.

BUSINESS. TO ELECT A COMMITTEE TO ORGANISE FUNCTIONS AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING.

GENERAL

A.J.L. McINDOE
CONVENOR

KOHITIAPA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER NO 2. 26th May 1984

Community Council Members.

Mr. A.J.L. McIndoe	21 Wainui St. Turakina Beach	Chairman
Mr. A. McKenzie	Rapaki Street. Turakina Beach	Dep. Chairman
Mr. N. Abbott	Wainui St. Turakina Beach	
Mr. E. Ramsdale	Rapaki Street Turakina Beach	
Mr. R. Price	Wainui St. Turakina Beach	
Mrs. M. Burberry	Wainui St. Turakina Beach	
Mrs. S. Robb	Mt.View Rd. Wanganui	

The above Council members took office in November 1983 for a period of three years. There was no election as only seven people were nominated.

Messrs J.H. Richards and J.E.Tremaine retired in November 1983.

ROADS. In the 1983/84 estimates provision was made for sealing the remaining metal roads in the settlement. All roads in the settlement are now sealed and any roading associated with future subdivisions will be kerbed, channelling and sealed.

COMMUNITY HALL. The community council has been active since the last newsletter was in November 1982.

Work done has included:-

Extending the Hall to provide two toilets and a kitchen. This addition has been lined and it is the Council's intention to paint the interior in the near future.

The Toilet and kitchen block has been wired for light and heating. The labour has been done voluntarily by Mr. Newman the cost of materials was met by the Council.

A plumber was engaged to instal the toilets and do all the plumbing necessary for the kitchen. The total cost was paid by the Council.

Stainless steel tops and cupboards have been purchased at a reduced price from Mr. Ted Brittain, Wanganui Demolition Company and together with a stainless steel sink top donated bt Mr & Mrs Redmayne will be used for the sink benches in the Kitchen. The whole interior of the kitchen and toilets has been lined. The Council paid for the materials which were obtained through Mr.R.Percival at a favourable price. All the labour in lining the kitchen toilets was provided by Messrs F.Jermy, W.Cornish, and E.Ramsdale free of charge. It is estimated that 200 hours of labour was donated.

The Septic tank was purchased by the Council, the pit was dug by volunteers and the tank is now installed and coupled to the toilets. A call will be made soon for volunteers to dig the overflow trench. The Council is also looking to purchase a 100 or so old tyres to be used to retain the sand from encroach^{ing} on neighbouring property at the back of the Hall.

Provision has been made in this years estimates for paint to paint the outside of the Hall. A call will be made for volunteers to do the painting.

The Council is considering extending the building westwards in the near future to provide a large enough area for Indoor Bowls and possibly other sports such as badminton.

A 5000 Gallon concrete water tank has been installed at the Hall and it will provide water for use in the Hall and also water in case of fire in the close locality. Suitable fittings have been installed to the tank to allow the fire fighting hoses to be coupled to it. A battery operated siren is to be installed at the cost of approximately \$700 half of this cost will be refunded by the Civil Defence authorities.

Applications for assistance in meeting the cost of the building have been made to:-

- (a) Local Recreation & Community Development Scheme, at the Rangitikei County Council and a grant of \$150 has been received.
- (b) To the Internal Affairs Department through the Local Authorities Community Facilities Funds.

This application will need to be approved by the Rangitikei County Council. A representative from the Internal Affairs Department is meeting me in Turakina on the 31st May and is coming to the Beach to see the project.

- (c) An application has been made to the Dudding Trust in Marton for a grant and I have been advised that the application will be considered next September.

Trailer. A trailer chassis to be used to carry the fire fighting equipment was donated by Mr. Sonny Reardon. Councillor McKenzie spent much time putting a deck on the trailer and it is now stationed at the Hall and has all the fire fighting equipment on board ready for immediate use.

Tractor Mower. The County have an old tractor and mower which they are overhauling. When the work is completed the unit will be stationed at the Beach and will be used primarily to keep the playing area in Te One St. cut. Councillor McKenzie has cut this area with his own motor mower for the past year or so.

Subdivisions. The County is going to cut up a further area to provide 27 sections for building. An earlier proposal was to subdivide the present domain but there were objections to this proposal. In late March a new proposal was made to all section holders and they were asked to make their choice of three options and reply by 30 April: 38 replies were received.

8 section holders preferred the original scheme

25 preferred the scheme to subdivide an area off Teone st. Adjoining the conveniences.

5 had no particular preference.

The suggested subdivisions to be done in three stages will create a new road around the outskirts of the settlement from Wainui St to Teone St. Rapaki St and OMANU St will be extended to join the new road around the outskirts of the settlement. In the letter of April 1984 Rapaki St was shown as ending short of the new road around the outskirts. Following discussions at the last Community Council meeting it has been decided to continue Rapaki St onto connect with the new road around the outskirts.

The County staff have been surveying the subdivision area and the County hope to commence work on the subdivision during the winter. Anyone interested in getting a section in the subdivision should contact the County.

Donations I think it is desirable that a record should be made of donations made towards the Hall project.

I list below ones I can think of, not in any particular sequence.

Marton Friendship Club	1 Large Zip heater and offer of wall heaters
Mr. F. JERMY	} Work on lining toilets, kitchen and building sinks and benches in kitchen
Mr. W. Cornish	
Mr. E. Famsdale	
Mr. Sonny Reardon	Trailer chassis and wheels
Mr. A. McKenzie	Fixing water supply and pump for Hall. Completing trailer donated by Sonny Reardon.
Mr. N. Abbott	Organising supplies for kitchen and liason with County
Mr. J. Blyth	Paint for undercoats and promises to lay tiles on kitchen floor.
Mr. Newman	Labour wiring hall kitchen and toilet area
Mr & Mrs. K. Huddleston	Windows
Mrs. L. McIndoe	Piano and Formica extension table and chairs- Tea Trolley and cups and saucers.

Mrs. M. Burberry

Large panel heater.

Rubbish Tip. The maintenance of the rubbish tip is a charge on residents at the settlement. Periodically we are charged for bringing a front end loader from Marton and also charges an hourly rate whilst it is used to clean up the pit. A flat turning area is kept metalled and clean so that ~~these~~ using the tip can take vehicles close to the edge and tip rubbish over the edge. Almost without fail within a day or two of cleaning the tip - people deposit their rubbish on the cleared metalled area. Recently a whole 5 ton truck load of old timber - chairs and fitting of a hall plus sundry signs and several large concrete ~~building~~ blocks were dumped in the middle of the metalled area. Two motor bodies were dumped in the middle of the metalled area. In the last few days a large rill of wire and stakes has been dumped on the metalled area, several large trees some of which have been chainsawed into 18" blocks have also been dumped on the metalled area.

If you are not prepared to dump your rubbish over the edge please keep away from the rubbish pit.

Cattle Residents are well aware of the mess on the road from Mr. Green's cows. Members of the Council, County Council representatives have met Mr. Green and discussed the matter.

Because Mr. Green's paddocks are scattered over a long length of the road the County cannot require him to move his stock through his own property as is the case with Mr. Johnston. The County is not prepared to enforce any requirements concerning the control of stock whilst on the road. Twelve months ago it was agreed that Mr. Green would construct a bridge over the stream in his own property and do away with the need for the cattle to use the one way bridge near Scotts road. Our Riding representative Mr. G. Bryant is going to talk with Mr. Green to find when the bridge will be made.

Garage Sale. Some members of the Council are going to ~~arrange~~ for a Garage Sale to be held in the Hall probably late in June or in July.

The object of the sale will be to raise money to meet the part of the cost of equipping the kitchen.

What about looking around to see if you have any items you are prepared to hand in for the sale.

Sincerely

Logan McIndoe
(Chairman)

KOITIATA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 1984

ROADS. All roads in the settlement were sealed before the end of the 1983/84 sealing season.

In the next few weeks they will be given another seal. The County will widen portions of Rapaki St. before the roads are given the new seal.

COMMUNITY HALL. Since the last newsletter the toilets and kitchen have been completed and painted. The whole kitchen and toilet area is very attractive.

Special thanks must go to Mr. Noel Abbott who painted the whole area - to Messrs Jermy and Cornish who finished the the lining and fitting in of sinks and cupboards, Messrs McKenzie and Ramsdale who were responsible for work on the spetic tank, fitting of pumps and the working of the water system.

→ The exterior of the building must be painted in the next few weeks. A call is made for volunteers to do this work, contact in the first instance should be made with Alan McKenzie (Phone 855). An early response to this appeal would be appreciated.

We await replies to our applications to various bodies for grants towards the cost of extending the Hall. The suggestion was that the hall should be extended by ten feet. The suggestion has now been made that the extension should be 20 feet rather than 10 feet. This would give the space for improved recreation facilities in the Hall plus an area 20x10 which could be used to house the firefighting equipment plus the County's tractor mower.

FIREFIGHTING. The Community Council wishes to form a Volunteer Fire Brigade in the settlement.

→ A meeting will be held in the Community Hall, on Sunday 14th October at 10.00am. Purpose to try and get a core of 9 residents to form a Brigade.

PARKING. In the next few weeks the Council hopes to be able to arrange for the area on the western side of the hall to be cleared and levelled for the purpose of providing a parking area adjacent to the Hall. Some of the sand removed will be used to fill in & level the area over the septic tank. Along the boundary of the property immediately behind the hall a wall of tyres will be made to stop any of the sand fill falling on to the adjoining property. The Council is grateful to Mr. Alan McKenzie for obtaining old tyres to be used for this purpose.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB VISIT. On Friday 26th October about 100 members of the Marton Friendship Club plus additional patients from Lake Alice Hospital will visit the settlement. The visitors will be entertained in the Community Hall. This is an Annual visit much appreciated by the elderly people in Marton.

→ A special appeal is made to all residents for a contribution towards the afternoon tea that day.

Housie - Cards. Mr. Eddie Ramsdale is keen to organise a housie or card evening possibly in November. The idea is to hold evenings at regular intervals during the summer and to hold functions during the afternoon in the winter period. Housie or cards could be organised dependent of the wishes of those attending.

Mr, Ramsdale offers the following proposals.

Subject to enough interest being shown among local residents it is proposed to hold Housie and card sessions or any other form of recreation at times to suit residents.

SUGGESTED Summer months (During daylight saving period) Evening meetings commencing 7.30pm. OTHER MONTHS Meetings commencing 2pm.

→ A meeting to discuss these ideas will be held in the Community Hall on Sunday 28th October 1984 at 2.30pm.

BUSINESS- To ascertain if there is sufficient interest to warrant holding regular Housie or card sessions.

SUBDIVISION. The Council has finalised the plans for the proposed subdivision of the area adjoining the conveniences. Work will commence about Easter 1985 and the subdivision levelling and roading should be completed during the winter and sections will be available for purchase towards the end of 1985.

CATTLE. We will have to endure the mess made by Mr. Greens cows. A start has been made at providing an alternative bridge for his stock adjoining the road bridge near Scotts road. During the winter girders were laid over the stream. The approaches were graded out and recently metal has been tipped on both sides of the stream. Maybe by the end of this season the bridge will be completed.

GARAGE SALE. A very successful garage sale was held in July and a net sum of about \$370 was raised. Our grateful thanks go to all those who donated items for the sale. A refrigerator donated for the sale was kept and forms part of the furniture at the Hall. Part of the money raised will be used to purchase a reconditioned stove for the Hall and to pay the cost of providing a heavier wiring from the street to the Hall.

GARAGE SALE It is proposed to hold a further sale towards the end of the year. When you are spring cleaning please keep any surplus items that could go to the sale.

A.J.L. McINDOE
CHAIRMAN

1 October 1984

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Community Hall.

When I wrote the last Newsletter we were waiting to hear the results of our applications for grants.

The J.B.S. Dudding Trust gave us a grant of \$500.

We received a grant of \$4000 from the Lottery Board. We are particularly grateful to Mrs. M. Clapham who came up from the Internal affairs Department, Wellington and recommended that this grant be made. I took her for a trip around the settlement so that she could see how well the sections were kept. She then went to the Community Hall and at that time Noel Abbott was painting the Conveniences. She was immensely impressed with the appearance of the settlement and what had been done on the Hall. When she left she said to me 'I am going to put in for the maximum grant of \$6000. I doubt whether you will get it as there are so many other applications. We got \$4000 and I think we were particularly fortunate.

We discussed with Mr. F. Jermy the plans we had for extending the Hall and asked him to consider them and give us his opinion.

He drew up plans for two different proposals - the County representatives took them to be considered by their building inspector. Two particular matters to be considered were the beam to join the extensions with the existing building and the funnelling of water to the existing tank.

The extensions to the building have now been built and we now have a Hall measuring 30 feet by 20 feet and 10 feet of the seaward end of the building has been enclosed to hold the firefighting trailer, County Tractor and trailer. The two sliding doors on the original building have been incorporated on the front and back end of the portion housing the tractor and trailer. It is now possible to drive right through this portion of the building.

The interior of the Hall proper is now 30 feet by 20 feet. This will allow for 2 indoor bowls mats to be used and a third at a real pinch. Mrs Burberry has put two mats in the hall, they were given by Mr. Bostock. We have been able to get two sets of indoor bowls and will be able to put the mats down in a few days. At the present time Messrs Noel Abbott and Arnold Nation are chipping away concrete to level the join in the concrete floor because it was laid in two portions. When the second portion was laid it was difficult to level off completely because of the wooden plate of the wall of the existing building. We are grateful for the tedious work ~~these~~ two are doing for our future enjoyment. A week latter the concrete join has been levelled and plastered.

During the year the Committee were able to buy at a bargain price windows that had been taken out of the Mr. W. Redmaynes home. In the last few days Mr. F. Jermy with the help of Messrs Abbott and Ramsdale have fitted the windows into the new building greatly adding to its appearance. There is still some work to be done on the windows. The next urgent job is to wash down the building and have it painted hopefully before Labour Day week-end. I would like to hear from any who would volunteer to help with that work. We maybe able to get the work ~~done~~ by some of the County P.E.P. Workers.

Before moving away from the Hall I must on behalf of all the residents thank Mr.F.Jermy and his assistants for the work and advice they have given with his whole project. In addition to the Hall the kitchen and conveniences are permanent evidence of the debt we owe to Mr.F.Jermy and his band of assistants Bill Cornish, Noel Abbott Ernie Ramsdale and others. Mention must also be made of Alan McKenzie and E.Ramsdale who were responsible for installing the septic tank water pump and water system.

A further application has been made to the Dudding Trust for a grant to help meet the cost of additional electrical wiring and lining of the Hall. Mr. Newman will give Voluntary labour for the wiring.

Subdivision. During July County staff worked on levelling the area beyond the existing conveniences. An area sufficient to provide 19 extra sections and a camping ground has been levelled and at present is over sown with lumpin to hold the ground until sections are sold. Kerbing and provision for underground wiring has still to be done. It is expected that the sections will be available for sale by Christmas. Any persons interested in acquiring a section in the subdivision should get in touch with the County.

Conveniences. A new roof and spouting has been put on the conveniences

Roads. Last year the remaining metal roads in the settlement were sealed and a few months later they were given a second seal. It is pleasing to know that all the streets in the settlement have been sealed.

Firefighting. We have a trailer and fire fighting equipment garaged at the Community Hall. A pole has been erected at the back of the building and a siren will be fitted in a few days. The siren will warn all the settlement in the case of an emergency. The Committee wants to form a firefighting group to act in emergencies. Will any interested in joining the group please contact Mr.N.Abbott.

Recreation. Two sections at the back of Mrs Rawcliffes residence in Wainui St, have been purchased by the Committee. It is proposed to use portion of these sections to provide a bowling green. The sections have been cleared of lumpin and it is intended to level them in the near future.

Cattle. The Green cows are always a nuisance on the Beach Road. During the year a race has been built in the Greens Property towards the main road - this will keep the cows off portion of that road. A low level bridge has been started beside the present one way bridge. As soon as sides are put on the new bridge we will be free of cattle using the present one way road bridge.

Cards. Over the summer and autumn some residents have attended card evenings held in the Hall. They have been enjoyable and will probably be revived after the winter. Once the additions to the Hall are completed some indoor bowls evenings will be started. An effort may be made to have some housie evenings too.

Donations. I think it is desirable that a record should be made of donations made towards the Hall project. I list below ones I can think of, not in any particular sequence.

Mtn.Friendship Club
Mr. F. Jermy)
Mr. W.Cornish)
Mr. E.Ramsdale)

1 large Zip Heater and offer of wall H.
Work on lining toilets, kitchen and
building sinks and benches in kitchen

Sonny Reardon
A. McKenzie

N. Abbott

J. Blyth

Mr. Newman
Mr & Mrs. K. Huddleston
Mrs. M. Burberry
Mrs. L. McIndoe (dec)

P. Young

Trailer chassis and wheels
Fixing water supply and pump for hall
Completing trailer donated by S. Reardon
Organising supplies for kitchen, painting
kitchen, conveniences and Liason with County.
Paint for undercoats & promise to lay tiles on kitchen floor.
Labour wiring hall, kitchen and toilet area.
Windows
Large panel heater
Piano, Formica extension table & chairs, tea-trolley, large alum. teapot, electric kettle cups saucers and plates.
Table tennis top and trestles

Labour Day weekend.

Bands on Domain - On the Saturday of Labour Day weekend the Committee has given the group which organised the band function on the Domain a year or so ago permission to organise a similar function on the Labour Day week-end. Definite requirements have been laid down for the function and before final approval is given the group organising the function is to report progress to representatives of the County, Police and the Kaitiaki Committee at a meeting to be held later this month.

The proposed activities will be :-

Saturday 26th.	Bands till 1 am Sunday stalls to be erected on Domain.
Sunday 27th	Stalls to operate. No further band functions.
Monday 28th	Organising committee to be responsible for cleaning up Domain. Any profits from the weekend to be used for improvements in the settlement.

Opening of Community Hall. The Community Hall is to be opened on Saturday afternoon 26th October. On the same afternoon we will have our Annual visit from members of the Marton Friendship Club and some inmates from Lake Alice Hospital. A large bus load will come from the Friendship Club and a minibus load from Lake Alice. All local residents are invited to be present at the function - a very entertaining afternoon is assured to those who attend. In addition you will get personal pleasure in seeing the enjoyment the elderly residents from Marton get from the visit.

Mesdames Rawcliffe, Leighton and Burberry are making arrangements for providing afternoon tea for the visitors. Help is needed for baking cakes, saviours for the afternoon tea. Items such as Pikelets, Scones Cakes, sponges, sandwiches, will be needed. Would any who are prepared to help in this matter please contact Mrs Leighton Ph 702
Mrs Rawcliffe Ph 828

On the afternoon assistance will be required in arranging the afternoon tea and the serving of it. Some men will be required in the morning to set up the hall.

Yours sincerely,

LOGAN McINDOE
CHAIRMAN

5.9.85

KOITIATA COMMUNITY COUNCIL - MAY 1987CHAIRMAN'S REPORTFOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1987

The purpose of this Newsletter is to let residents and Batchholders know what is going on in our Community, I hope for its future and benefit. First of all, on behalf of you all, special thanks to Mr Logan McIndoe for all his work while he was Chairman.

Since the last Chairman's Report, the current Hall programme has been completed.

CAR POOL.

A Meeting of the Community was held on the 1 December 1986 and it was agreed, by all, that to get people to Doctors or Hospital in the event of an emergency, a car pool would be a big asset to our Community. It was moved, seconded and passed that the car pool be formed. Since then, all residents have been given a typed list of phone numbers of the six people in charge, and back up phone numbers as well, so there should be no reason to lack transport.

If you are a weekender and have a real emergency, contact a permanent resident and they will know who to contact, and will phone for help. I must say the response to form the car pool was terrific, and the Council is really grateful to all those people who attended, and to those who put their names forward for cars and drivers. Also special thanks to members of the Wanganui Health Board Watch Committee for their help.

The three sections your Council purchased for future development have been levelled for a recreation area. Unfortunately the levelling was completed much later than was intended, which caused a few problems.

RECREATION AREA.

Owing to the late levelling completed at the end of October, we never had a chance to put some dirt on top of the area to try and stop sand blow, so Massey College recommended we sow grass seed and keep it well watered. Unfortunately, the day after sowing, we struck a strong nor wester and we lost a lot of new seed. But with the continual watering some seed came up, and with the wet sand, stopped our sections finishing up on Wainui Street. At this point I must thank all those who helped with the watering. Bill Cornish for the use of his water bore and time, Ray Vicars for the loan of his water pump, Martin Pritchard for wiring up the power to the pump and installing a time switch. Special thanks must go to Arnold Nation for the loan of his sprinklers, alkathine pipe, and fittings.

During the watering, the half horsepower motor burnt out and Arnold at his own expense, brought us a new motor (approximately \$300.00), so the watering would not stop. Also we thank him for all the time he has spent watering and doing running repairs on the gear and with Eddie Ramsdales help sowing seed etc.

FIRE TEAM.

A volunteer fire team was formed of seven men and we have had quite a few practices together and on the 28 February 1987 we had a combined exercise with the Marton and Ratana Fire Brigades, which was a big help to us, and I am sure this exercise was a big advantage at our recent fire. I must thank the ladies who put on a wonderful morning tea for the three fire teams after the exercise.

NEW ZEALAND FIRE SERVICES.

As your Chairman, with the big changes taking place at the Forestry Depot which is now practically unmanned, I together with the Rangitikei County Council Secretary, Mr Stringfield, wrote to the New Zealand Fire Services explaining our concern at the fire protection of the Community. The New Zealand Fire Services District Fire Officer (Wanganui), Mr Peacock, Regional Fire Officer (Palmerston North), Mr Smith and his Deputy, Mr Christensen, paid the area a visit and with myself made an inspection of the residential area and fire equipment. They explained that our Community can not come under the New Zealand Fire Services because of Marton and Ratana Brigades being so close, but we all agreed we definitely deserved help and they placed us on a priority list for fire gear and a fire appliance, as one became available surplus to their requirements. Since then the gear has arrived and the fire appliance is at Palmerston North awaiting book clearance. The cost for the engine is twenty dollars for Change of Ownership so I hope this appliance will be another asset to the Community. To make use of that asset we will need more people to know how to handle and maintain the machine. The New Zealand Fire Services will put on two one day courses on fire fighting, one in May and one in September. Anybody wishing to attend, please contact me for further information.

BEACH ROAD STOCK.

It gives me great pleasure to thank the Rangitikei County Council for their efforts with the up grading of the Beach Road verges, so that the cows are now driven off the road where possible. A big improvement for us and our cars and, of course, the road.

RUBBISH DUMP.

Over the last two months there has been a big improvement and with a little more thought from everybody by dumping their rubbish over the pit head, the improvement can continue. Also, being a dry dump, if dumping fish or meat etc, take a shovel and dig a hole and make sure it is buried. This means less flies and smell.

Special thanks to Ron Eustace who lately has been giving his time, keeping the dump clean with tractor and blade.

FIRE.

As stated earlier, there was a fire at Mr and Mrs D. Taylor's on the 11 April 1987. The fire team and helpers did a wonderful job of fire fighting and I have been asked to pass onto the fire team and helpers from the Deputy Fire Officer, Marton, the Chief Fire Officer Ratana and the District Fire Officer, Wanganui, congratulations on their efforts. The following day after the fire, residents helped clean up the mess and gave bedding and household items etc and installed a builders box for power. The ladies supplied morning and afternoon tea to all who helped - a really wonderful Community spirit. It really made me feel humble and proud to be a resident of Koitiata Beach Settlement.

BOWLING GREEN AREA.

There will be a Meeting on Monday 1 June 1987 at 10 a.m. at the Koitiata Community Hall for all to discuss the viability and costs of any future development on the area. This concerns everybody, so please attend.

Last but not least, I wish to thank the Koitiata Community Councillors for their ideas and help, and also the Rangitikei County Council and their representatives who attend our Meetings. Also our Riding Member, Mr T. Lethbridge. Without their help and interest in our area, we would not have made the progress we have made.



Noel N. Abbott
CHAIRMAN

5 May 1987

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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
KOITIATA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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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.

N. N. Abbott
CHAIRMAN

N. N. Abbott

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 succesful '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 an 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 succesful year, during which we have tidied up some outstanding projects. May next year bring similar progress

Bruce Attwell
Chairman

KOITIATA RESIDENTS' COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT 1995

Although the 1994-5 year has not been an easy one, the Committee has accomplished a great deal, working under difficult conditions arising from difficulty in filling positions on the Committee. The loss of our Secretary early in the year was no help, and this position has not been filled.

A Raft Race was organised on 18 February to raise funds, but because the event clashed with others, attendance was down, and the Committee actually incurred a small loss, due mainly to high advertising costs.

A pool table was purchased in May, and this has proven a popular attraction at games evenings. A cover was made for the table by Tom Dooney, permitting its use as a stall table-top on Market days. Additional bowls lockers were made for the main Hall, and these were finished and painted by the generous effort of Mr Ron Eustace.

A microwave cooker was purchased for the kitchen, and a First Aid kit and a step-ladder for use in the hall, were also bought. A new Zip water heater was also installed in the kitchen. A sign-board was placed on the outside of the Hall, and dead-locks were fitted to the outside doors, the locks being kindly donated by Mr Hugh Knowles.

Co-operation with the Rangitikei District Council was, on the whole, fairly good. Due mainly to the efforts of Mr Barry Mortimer, requests were actioned quite quickly. Mr Mortimer also acted as Secretary to the Committee when nobody in Koitiata was prepared to do the job. This enabled the Committee to keep functioning during the year. In the last few months, after Barry was required to withdraw from the position, I have been forced to carry on this work myself. This is difficult - and probably not even lawful; but the alternative was certainly the collapse of the Committee.

A General Meeting was called for 19 April to determine if the residents of Koitiata did, in fact, want a Residents' Committee. A vote of 14 to 1 in favour resulted in a decision to combine the Social Committee with the Residents' Committee in an effort to ensure meetings obtained at least a quorum. A further decision to hold meetings on a two-monthly basis to take some of the load off the Chairman-cum-Secretary-Treasurer, was also passed. This worked well enough for the rest of the year.

Levelling of the Hall floor, and painting of the Hall, are two projects currently under consideration. A tender for the levelling of the floor has been let, and the RDC has indicated next year's maintenance estimates as funding for the painting.

As I intend to stand down from the position of Chairman, the positions of both Chairman and Secretary will need filling. If the Committee is to remain operable, residents will have to show more enthusiasm for such work in future. The few who are active now have worked well, but they cannot continue carrying the load indefinitely. Attitudes must change.

B.T. Attwell
Chairman

KOITIATA BEACH COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

The time has arrived for this Committee to look first, back over the last nine months assess the shortfalls, come to terms with repair policy where required, and secondly in the remaining three months prepare for the handover to the new Committee due for election in November.

The time has really flown, it was hoped to produce a half term newsletter, but being observant type residents, only one has been seen. Your Committee is practising conservation.

To the "New Residents" of the area, the Committee extends to them and their families a very warm welcome, for any local information relating to life in the Community feel free to ask your neighbour. A very helpfull lot we are, friendly too.

A Public Notice Board is available to the Community for notices, For Sale, Swap, etc., Local functions, Church services and the like, this is on the front wall of the Hall, inside the front foyer of your Hall, is the Committee Notice Board, to publish the Minutes of Meetings.

RUBBISH TIP

As this area is a cost to ratepayers, it is in all our interests to ensure the area is used correctly:

1. NO dumping of OFFAL of any type,
2. If any refuse of a high aroma is dumped ensure it is buried deep in the face,
3. Ensure refuse is thrown OVER the face, NOT on top or sides

Working Bee's under control of various Committee members have:

Repainted exterior of your Hall, Renovated Noticeboards, Reproduced and updated "Koitiata Residents", Removed grass hazards bridge approaches, Tip clean ups, Various Residents projects, etc. etc

PROJECTS UNDERWAY:

Tip area tree planting, windbreak,
Recreation equipment beachfront, Re-roof toilet block
Availability of Community funding,
Listings of projects for Reserve Fund,

FUTURE PROJECTS:

Production of a "short list" Reserve Fund,
Complete Beachfront equipment, Upgrade Camping ground area, (additions and alterations accepted, even errors)

Another subject dear to all of us is "Neighbourhood Watch" and we have had another reminder from the Authorities to sharpen our observation skills as a group of people are carrying out burglaries on Coastal Areas 2 in 1 week at Tangimoana.

On the Social side your Social Club Committee has a achievement list, of which it can really be proud. This Committee has a function every two months and some real creative people fill the Committee chairs eg a wolf in sheeps clothing, Poet Lariate, even another cow!

Enough. Come along see for yourselves, you can be sure of a welcome.

Finally on a more sombre note, the AGM is in November, come along and nominate your Candidate for Committee, then support him or her in the following 12 months, and by supporting their efforts.

G.T. Howatson, Chairman.

NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 1997.

POSTAL ADDRESS, c/- SECRETARY,

Mrs J. Nation,

50 Wainui St.,

R.D.11,

WANGANUI.

KOITIATA RESIDENTS' COMMITTEE (TURAKINA BEACH)

UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED

WE HAVE A GOOD CHANCE OF
FALLING.

CHAIRMAN, MR GORDON HOWATSON, PHONE 3273884,
SEC/TREAS, MRS JOAN NATION, PHONE 3273841,
COMMITTEE, MRS TRISH DOONEY, PHONE 3273770,
MRS KATE SMITH, PHONE 3273690,
MRS MAVIS HOWATSON, PHONE 3273884,
MRS EDIE HURINUI,

and MR. ARNOLD NATION, PHONE 3273841

Greetings, from your newly elected committee. We are here for you, to try and solve any problems you may have, (within our powers,) and to do our very best for this little community of ours, and to let YOU know, that there is support available, if and when needed.

Just a few things perhaps you didn't know. The hall and camping ground custodian, is Mr Tom Dooney, see him for bookings, phone 3273770.

The noticeboard at the hall is for residents use, and is free for advertising, lost/found, buy/sell, etc. But please, no business advertising.

The minutes of meetings are displayed for you all to read, plus the date of committees next meeting, to which you are entitled and most welcome to attend.

This community has a CAR POOL for EMERGENCIES, the following are among those available-----

All of the committee members, plus anyone who could or would like to go on an updated list to be arranged as soon as possible, so please let the secretary know, as several on the present list are no longer in the area. also, all social committee members are available. An 'events list' is in the hall window for you to see what social events are planned for the year. Please support these functions, they are great fun.

PLEASE WATCH YOUR SPEED AS YOU ENTER THE BEACH SETTLEMENT, AS IT IS 50KPH, BUT THIS IS TOO FAST EVEN, AT TIMES, AS WE DON'T HAVE FOOTPATHS, AND THE SPEED IS OFTEN MUCH FASTER. SLOW DOWN, PLEASE.

Neighborhood watch is 'alive and well' but could do with ~~more~~ recruits, if you require further info. please phone Gordon Howatson 3273884, Your local co-ordinator

KOITIATA RESIDENTS COMMITTEE MEETINGS, ARE HELD ON THE 3rd WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH, AT THE COMMUNITY HALL, 7-30pm. All residents are welcome to attend.

The following was contributed by Mr Peter Fraser, Secretary and deputy Fire Chief of our rural fire brigade.

'NOT DADS ARMY'

For some years both within the village (and in fact the brigade) the image of dads army has been bantered around. The real situation however, is completely the opposite and our Rural Fire Force (constituted last July) is regarded the most efficient and effective in the total Rangitikei area. So much so that the Principal Rural Fire Officer has indicated he will place us on first standby/call outside our own area, to fight fires from Himitangi to Hunterville. Our reputation has been further enhanced by recent excellent efforts at both the Whangaehu Beach fire, and a two day course at Wanganui, involving firemen from as far away as Manunui and Ohakune. Fighting rural fires is a specialised area, and is regarded more dangerous than urban, by professional firemen. All our members are now outfitted with special fire resistant overalls and the latest "Hi-tech" helmets/visors, (envied by Wanganui professional firemen) giving us a professional appearance, to match our professional skills. We welcome enquiries from the community regarding our activities, and wish to advise we are currently seeking additional members. Here is an opportunity to join a worthwhile local organisation.

PLEASE NOTE as from 22nd April, the FIRE SIREN will be sounded/tested, at 7pm and then each fortnight Tuesdays from that date, which coincides with our practises. CONGRATULATIONS go out to Mr Peter Bamford, and

MR Brian Bayley, on passing their Fire service, (rural) CREW BOSS course, and receiving their certificates. Well done!!! Thankyou Peter, for your contribution about our dedicated Rural Firemen, Keep up the good work, you guys. (ed)

Any Fireteam enquiries, to Mr Bill Wills 3273794, (Fire Chief) or Mr Peter Fraser 3273754, (Deputy)

CIVIL DEFENCE CO-ORDINATOR Mr Bruce Attwell 3273874.
Area Headquarters Koitiata community hall.

KOITIATA INDOOR BOWLING CLUB, Mrs Nola Eustace 3273790

KOITIATA SOCIAL CLUB President Mrs Pat Perry 3273600
Secretary/Treasurer Mrs Nola Eustace 3273790.

CRAFT AFTERNOONS Tuesdays 2pm Community hall.

All welcome. (bring a small plate for afternoon tea.)

THANKYOU to Kevin Dais and Jack Pedley for your effort in distributing the pears (courtesy Mr Timber Woods) throughout the village, very much appreciated. Well, residents, thats about it for this letter, a repeat will follow, if, and when, necessary. If you know of any news suitable for general/area reading, or if there is something you would like discussed at committee, please submit it to Secretary or any committee member.

IF you would like your name and number to be on the HELP LIST, (Future) please let the Secretary know, as a fully updated list will be printed in the near future. That's all folks, please don't throw this away, until you have read it and marked the phone numbers and relevant names, on your call list.

Signed-- Secretary Koitiata residents Committee

NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 1997.
POSTAL ADDRESS c/- SECRETARY, Mrs J Nation
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K. Smith Phone 3273690, M. Howatson,
p Phone 3273884, E. Hurinui, and Mr A.
Nation. Phone 3273841.

Here we are, back again for our second newsletter.
We had such positive feedback to the April one,
that we knew we had to keep up the info to
you all.

This month we feature the local CIVIL DEFENCE TEAM.
Headed by Mr Bruce Atwell Phone 3273874.

The following was contributed by Bruce,
for insertion in this newsletter.

CIVIL DEFENCE EXERCISE

On the evening of 7 May, we held a brief Civil
Defence exercise to test our system under
realistic conditions.

Assuming a major earthquake, at night, had dis-
rupted power and telephone links, We conducted the
exercise in the dark, using only torches and
chemical "cold light" sticks. I (Bruce) removed
the base radio from my house to the community
hall (by torchlight) and set up using car battery
power. Contact with both Marton and our two hand-held
radio operators, (Ted Sheraton and David Coronel)
was maintained as they covered the village, report-

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ing on "damage".

Our three first aiders, Pat Perry, Nola Eustace and Peter Smith, set up the aid station, also by torchlight. Rangitikei Civil Defence Officer, Ian Fraser, watched our exercise, and was impressed with how it went. We learned a lot about the difficulties of working in life-like conditions.

Signed, Bruce Atwell, CD Warden.

Thankyou Bruce, it 's good to know we would be in "GOOD HANDS" should the need ever arise.

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS. Hey, wasn't the oldtime dance night, a good one. If you missed it this time, make sure you don't miss the next function. June 19th is the senior citizens afternoon tea, and then on 20th July, is the "pot luck" dinner and BYO, Then the Country and Western Special on August 23rd. This will feature the family from last year, with the STAR of the show being "FLORENCE PHILLIPS" the star seen yodelling on McDonalds Young Entertainer show, on TV. She is just SO O O O good. Don't miss it, Door Donation of \$1 per person, and a plate for supper plus BYO. You can dance, sing, tap your toes, or just sit there enthralled.

September, a raffle will be run.

October, Labour weekend, Market day, start sorting your 'able to be sold' goods, and potting those

cuttings, to donate to the village stall. OOPS!

the typewriter is going wonky, sorry for the ups and downs. Better luck next page.

November, (date to be announced) Senior citizens afternoon tea for Christmas.

December, Childrens Christmas party 13th.

December 27th, A Mardi Gras is planned, with all kinds of entertainment, and for all ages.

All these functions are detailed on the notice on the Community Hall Functions board, in the window, and nearer the time of each "do", on the whiteboard, but if you require more details, a phone call is all it takes. President Mrs Pat Perry, 3273600, Secretary/Treasurer Mrs Nola Eustace 3273790, Committee members, Mr Frank and Mrs Ngaire Bostock 3273619, Mr Bob and Mrs Maureen Shearman 3273636, Mrs Nola Fraser 3273754, Mrs Jeanette Bamford 3273644 and Mrs Joan Nation 3273841.

The social club appreciates the support you give with raffle tickets, some really excited winners sure show THEIR appreciation. Results are always posted on the Hall notice board.

Continued support of these functions, makes it all worth the time and effort put in to the organising of them.

SUBMISSIONS TO COUNCIL'S DRAFT PLAN.

Your Residents Committee, has submitted three submissions, which it feels are necessary and it will be only time will tell, whether we are successful or not. Issues felt important, are upgrading and repairing the playground at front, clearing the drain which takes all storm water from the village, and upkeep on hall, (which had been already partly passed and never done) Of Course there are things you feel are important, probably, but if we're not told, sorry, if we don't all think

alike but your thoughts or suggestions are most welcome, as there is usually more action if things are done as a group.

REMEMBER our meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7-30, and YOU are welcome to attend.

All names and phone numbers in these newsletters, have given their support to be contacts in emergencies, so if and when you are in need, please feel you can phone, and also remember that if oxygen is needed in a hurry, you can phone Trish or Tom Dooney 3273770.

Some temporary repairs have been done on the hall, thanks to the council "finding" a small amount of money, and volunteers doing the necessary work.


Should you ever find dead dolphins or sea birds on or near the beach area, please phone D.O.C. or c/o Nola Eustace.

SANTOFT FOREST, has stopped milling in our area, and tresspassers WILL be prosecuted. ABSOLUTELY NO ACCESS TO FOREST WITHOUT PERMIT. PLEASE PHONE CHRIS, 3220977

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Mrs Trish Dooney. Phone 3273770.

Mrs Mavis Howatson. Phone 3273884.

Mrs. Edie Hurinui ---

Mr Arnold Nation.

Secretary/Treasurer, as at top of newsletter.
Committee meetings held in the Community Hall
on the third (3rd) Wednesday evening of each
month at 7-30pm. ALL RESIDENTS WELCOME.

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SPEEDING VEHICLES THROUGH THE VILLAGE!!!!!!

This is definitely the number one concern
of residents in our village. The speed limit
from the sign at the entrance to the village
IS 50 kph. SLOWER IF NECESSARY. There is also
a sign which shows that it is a high pedestrian
area, A-N-D only part of one street has a proper
footpath, so PLEASE, PLEASE, SLOW DOWN. Tell your
friends and visitors as well. There are many
children and elderly residents here, Before the
"authorities" are called in by some concerned
resident/s, let's show we can do it. SLOW DOWN!!!!

This committee thank you for your co-operation in
this serious matter.

KOITIATA RESIDENTS' COMMITTEE

A reasonably good attendance at the Neighborhood watch meeting, ensured that you (most of you at least) wish this service to continue, but please remember to contact your particular co-ordinator, if you want your property looked over on a regular basis, as, without your permission, especially, anyone seen on your land will be actioned. This is up to you, as you have all had the notice telling you who your co-ordinator is, and since we are such a caring little village, we care about each other. Any queries, please phone Gordon in the first instance.

SOCIAL CLUB DIARY. Please remember to check the list of upcoming functions in the hall window. Remember to organise your families for the children's Christmas Party December 13th. Time etc. will be notified at a later date, but if you are wanting further news please phone a social club member, as notified in last newsletter.

YeeHA, what a great night we had with the Country and Western show, Didn't we ?? WOW. We were really spoilt.

NEXT EVENT.!!!!!! Labour Weekend, Saturday 9am Community Hall. Stalls, craft, bring and buy, sausage sizzle, plants, second hand clothing, pink elephant, etc. To book a stall for yourself, phone Pat Perry, 3273600, or for donations of any saleable goods towards the community stall, most appreciated.

THIS IS ALWAYS A POPULAR EVENT, SO TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY, SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER. (Labour weekend)

Hall bookings, phone Trish or Tom Dooney 3273770.

THANK YOU.

WELL DONE! May we offer sincere and much appreciated "THANKS" to all who helped with the sand carting, filling job. The area has not been full of water since, so the area south of the play ground will be done as well, just as soon as we can obtain permission to do it. A working bee will be called for, but you could register your willingness to help, by phoning Arnold and asking for your name to be put on the list of volunteers. Thanks. Hopefully all this will assist us to gain more and updated facilities for the families and friends of residents. Planners at Works Civil, are on our case already, and if we can show our enthusiasm by helping prepare, then it surely will show how much we really care for our "little piece of paradise".

WELCOME , WELCOME , WELCOME, to all new residents. Several homes have sold in the past few months, and we welcome newcomers, whether "permanents," or "week-enders." Please avail yourselves of the "services" offered in the village. We have a rural Fire team, Chief Mr Bill Wills Phone 3273794. Civil Defence headed by Mr Bruce Atwell Phone 3273874, Neighborhood Watch, Chief co-ordinator Mr Gordon Howatson Phone 3273884. Social Club President Mrs. Pat Perry, Phone 3273600, Craft afternoons held in the hall each Tuesday afternoon, Games, cards, darts, pool, etc. every Thursday evening. Times on notice board at the hall. Get well wishes to all suffering illness - ess at present. May you soon be "up and running."

MARDI GRAS!! MARDI GRAS!! 27th December 1997.

By this date you will be over the Christmas rush, and really looking for something to do, and this is it. Music, Music, to suit most tastes, stalls, sausage sizzle, bring your own picnic tea, heaps of entertainment for all ages, this is yet to be finalised, but it's all happening "down the front" near the camping ground. Mark the date in your diaries.

The following item, contributed by Mr P. Fraser, on behalf of our Rural Fire Team.

We wish to remind Residents, that the local Fire Brigade does not pump out water tanks or transfer water from one house to another, when water is in short supply. Rumour in the village has it, that, the Fire Chief, Mr Wills, was approached approx. two weeks ago to provide this service for a resident, and that he refused. This rumour is completely unfounded, as he has not recently received such a request. Hoping this will clear up this matter.

Signed P. Fraser. Secretary/Treasurer, Fire Team.

Residents please remember, that the domain (access from Omanu St.) is available as a recreational reserve, rugby, cricket, etc for your use, or the use of your families, adult supervision is recommended for youngsters. Please USE IT, in case we LOSE IT!!!

Well, that's it for now, please support the services that support you. Ignorance, and remember to check the Hall notices on planned events etc.

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WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON, AND
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NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 1997.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK THE NOTICEBOARD AT
THE COMMUNITY HALL, FOR DETAILS OF EVENTS,
AND SPECIAL NOTICES

POSTAL ADDRESS. C/- SECRETARY,
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AND MR ARNOLD NATION.	PH. 3273841.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES WHICH WE MAY BE ABLE
TO HELP WITH, PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THE ABOVE.
SOCIAL CLUB ENQUIRIES TO-- MRS PAT PERRY,
PRESIDENT, PHONE 3273600, OR MRS NOLA EUSTACE,
SECRETARY, PHONE 3273790.

HALL OR CAMPING GROUND INQUIRIES, TO MR & MRS
TOM AND TRISH DOONEY, PH 3273770.

FURTHER INFORMATION INSIDE-----P T O.

KOITIATA RESIDENTS' COMMITTEE
(TURAKINA BEACH)

Here is just one of many tales able to be told, as a result of the whitebaiting season. (The silly season) that is. This is quite "lighthearted" whereas some are definitely NOT for publication. STOP PRESS. 5th October, Mr P.B. went for an unscheduled swim, when his stake broke whilst putting in his wing, much laughter from his "baiting mates", and especially Mrs P.D. B_U_T_---- guess who did exactly the same trick???? on the very next day. You're right, Mrs P.D. Can't you just imagine it, Sweet revenge eh? ? ? (Guess the little critters are worth it, when made into patties.) No pun intended.



Yep! we just get over one happy season, and here's another, hot on it's tail There's plenty out here to keep all ages occupied, the "natural" surroundings, ie the river, the sea. the bush walks, plus plus plus. Your local social club, has been

busy organising the children's christmas party, (those of you who made the effort and replied to the invitation, which was delivered to EVERY household, will know to bring a named parcel with your childs name on, (for santa to give) Please, please DO NOT spend any more than \$5.

per child. The party begins with a parade from 11am leaving from the forest gates. Childrens fancy dress included in parade, NOT A COMPETITION, BUT ALL CHILDREN REWARDED.



Those of you who have indicated that you will enter a "decorated float"(tractor, bike, three or four wheeler, trailer etc etc,) also please be at forest gates ready to move by 11am.(named parcels to hall prior 10-45am)
THE DATE TO REMEMBER OF COURSE IS THIS COMING SATURDAY 13th December. In conjunction with the children's party is the Residents Christmas get together, those who have replied to the invitation, will receive a plate of light luncheon food, and a 'cuppa. It's a shame that more in the village didn't reply, but never mind, those that did are bound to enjoy themselves. It really ~~was~~ necessary for catering reasons, to reply, as this is not a "pot luck" function. (HELD IN HALL)

SATURDAY 27TH DECEMBER.(The day after boxing day)
MARDI GRAS picnic day. Another social club function, but one where you bring your own picnics, gas barbecues or buy a sausage sizzle (\$1) Please also bring cold drinks, thermos's, rugs or fold up seats. ^{+ SUN UMBRELLAS.} The area will be the frontage, Te One Street, near the camping ground. There will be live music,(Rhythm and Keys band,) and hopefully some country music, The object of the afternoon is for families to be together, outdoors, and meet up with residents or holiday makers, who you may not otherwise get to know. The afternoon's entertainment will begin at 3pm and go till approx 7pm. If wet, the function will be transferred to the hall. Come, sing-along, plenty of space for the children to play, enjoy!!
Sat. 27th Dec.

RESIDENTS COMMITTEE, NEXT MEETING, 18th FEBRUARY 1998.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MARCH. EXACT DATE TO BE ARRANGED

REMINDER!! KOITIATA IS A "NO OPEN FIRE AREA. (NOT EVEN AN INCINERATOR)
THERE ARE RULES. PHONE FIRECHIEF 327.3794

The following items are submitted by Bob Major, and Jim Henderson. Thankyou guys, for your input to the village. Wednesday 17th December Christmas carols . Meet at the hall, if nice weather we will walk the village singing for those unable to come, if not so nice, we will remain at the hall. All welcome, please try and make this a joyous night to remember. Gather at 7-30pm. At the hall.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE, in the hall 10am. this is open to everyone. Come along and share this time with your family and friends. All welcome.

January 18th. Green area near the camping ground in Te One Street. "AN AFTERNOON OUT" 2pm.

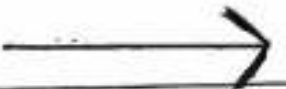
A relaxed mixture of Christian music and speakers, for the whole family. A contemporary service, Gospel songs, and Testimonies. If wet, transferred to the hall.

All welcome, bring your families and friends, and a rug to sit on etc.

Well, that's about IT from your RESIDENTS COMMITTEE. for this year of '97. Please take care when travelling, also be "waterwise" and we'll see you all again next year. SEASONS GREETINGS TO YOU ALL, FROM US ALL.

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NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 1998.

Committee postal address is-

c/- Secretary,

Mrs J Nation,

R.D. 11,

WANGANUI.

WELCOME TO THIS, OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER FOR 1998.

Present committee are as follows.

CHAIRMAN MR. GORDON HOWATSON, PH. 3273884.

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COMMITTEE

MR. ARNOLD NATION PH 3273841

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TRISH DOONEY PH 3273770

MAVIS HOWATSON PH. 3273884

and KATE SMITH. PH 3273690

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of

KOITIATA RESIDENTS COMMITTEE, is to be held,

SUNDAY 15th MARCH 1998

10-30am in KOITIATA COMMUNITY HALL

ALL RESIDENTS ARE URGED TO ATTEND.

SOCIAL CLUB INQUIRIES TO MRS. NOLA FRASER 3273754

(PRESIDENT)

or MRS NOLA EUSTACE 3273790.

(SECRETARY)

HALL BOOKINGS AND INQUIRIES

MR TOM DOONEY 3273770

KOITIATA RESIDENTS' COMMITTEE
(TURAKA BEACH)

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THE ""BEEN AND GONE"" DEPARTMENT.

Did you all enjoy the Christmas parade and party that followed? If you did, you will be preparing for the next one in 9 months time. Yep! nearly Christmas again. (Shudder)

Thankyou to the SOCIAL CLUB few, who organised that wonderful day, sure is a credit to you. For such a small community, the turnout of *FLOATS* was just fantastic, where do all those great ideas come from? I reckon we could teach the cities a thing or two about parades.

At this juncture, let me please explain, that since OSH (Safety) has been in vogue, the fire engine is not allowed to be used to carry children for rides. A dissappointment for sure, BUT, if there is a fear of danger, then we certainly wouldn't want any of our village children to be involved, so we will have to think up other ideas, and the party idea is a tried and true hit.

THE MARDI GRAS picnic day, another great day, maybe more of you could have attended, but the 70 or 80 who did, were entertained with some great country music and also sang-a-long to the oldtime, Rhythm and keys band. And I must say the sausage sizzle was v-e-r-y moreish. Yum. Thanks to all those who helped make this day such a success.

 A WARM WELCOME TO ALL NEW RESIDENTS. WE KNOW YOU WILL ENJOY LIVING IN THIS "LITTLE PIECE OF PARADISE" 

CHRISTMAS DAY CHURCH SERVICE had a good attendance, and set the scene for a truly wonderful Christmas day. Thankyou Bob Major, Jim and Marie Henderson, and Trevor Jurgens, for a thought provoking, friendly and enjoyable service. Maybe more residents will be inspired to attend, and really fill the hall, this year.

THE AFTERNOON OUT day, was also a wonderful day. The large attendance included people from near and far. The music, service and testimonies I'm sure, left a lot of people thinking.

THE CAROLS EVENING was thoroughly enjoyed by those who were there, but WHERE WERE YOU ALL????

It was a rather windy evening, so it was decided to remain in the hall, and oh! how lovely it was. The mix of well known and not so well known carols, was a joy. It felt to me as if I was back in time, when families really got together and sang carols, and talked about Christmas, as it began, and of course will always be.

That takes care of the been and gones, so for the present and future. CONGRATULATIONS TO MR BOB MAJOR, ON BECOMING A REGISTERED MARRIAGE CELEBRANT. As we all knew, Bob was a JP, but this has added a new

* dimension to his list of talents. Well done, Bob. THANK YOU, TO TIMBER WOODS, FOR THE TUMMY APPRECIATED PEARS, AND HUGE THANKS TO KEVIN (DAISY) FOR BRINGING THEM TO US.

SPEEDING THROUGH THE VILLAGE. THE SPEED LIMIT IS FOR 50KPH. MOST PEOPLE KNOW THAT IS OK IF THE CONDITIONS ALLOW FOR IT, MANY ARE STILL TRAVELLING TOO FAST. IE OVER 50KPH

This has to stop, before some child or even an adult is either hurt or killed. Apparently it has been reported that several "close Shaves" have occurred on the bend opposite the hall, please keep your speed down. Even 50KPH is too fast through here at times. Maybe judder bars need to be looked into.

The metal roads, and sand tracks in our area, are also not main highways, but much appreciated (by most of us) as ways and means of reaching the river and beach, which without them would be out of our reach. So to those of our community who have been *HOONING* around in the sand and gravel, or if you know of any townies who are coming out here and doing it, Tell them to QUIT IT, These tracks etc are for slow moving vehicles, not racing bikes. Even in the Domain area the growth has been skidded off and left sand exposed, who will moan when sand starts blowing everywhere? THINK! THINK! THINK! Thats all for now, don't forget the AGM 10-30am 15-3-98.

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KOITIATA RESIDENTS' COMMITTEE

(TURAKINA BEACH)

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"	CLIFF FRASER	21 WAINUI ST. PH. 3273768.
" and	ARNOLD NATION	50 WAINUI ST. PH 3273841.

Greetings all, and the first thing is an apology for the way this typing may turn out, as my typewriter is in need of repairs, right when I needed it , so please excuse any wiggles when they occur.(there was one)

Committee meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month, in the community hall, and are open to all residents. We begin at 7-30pm. If you had any SPECIAL ITEM OF BUSINESS to put forward, a phone call to one of the above executive would be appreciated, for it to be included in the agenda for that particular meeting. Thankyou.

Bookings for the hall, are through the caretaker, and camp warden, Mr Tom Dooney,15 Rapaki Street, phone 3273770.

CIVIL DEFENCE warden is Mr Bruce Attwell, 55 Rapaki Street, Phone 3273874. For all civilian emergencies, don't hesitate. The CIVIL DEFENCE WARNING, is short blasts of the siren at the hall, and that is also our sector post, in an emergency, get there FAST.

FIRE TEAM OF KOITIATA, meets every second Tuesday (fortnightly) at 7pm, at the community FIRE SHED.(Attached to the community hall) The siren is tested on these nights, and for fires, it is long continuous blasts, and is only turned off once the fire team is away to fight the fire. REMEMBER to always ring 111 first, and give your details, then run to the fire shed, break glass on the alarm on frontage, and press alarm, at least until a fire fighter arrives.

Further to the fire news, it has been bought to our notice that Mr Bill Wills has retired as Fire Chief, after many years in that position and even many more years prior, as a fireman. We wish you every good wish for a less strenuous future Bill, and we hope you enjoy many future years of service, with your Koitiata fire team mates. At this stage we would like to welcome Mr Peter Bamford as the newly elected Fire Chief, and Mr Bryan Bailey as Deputy Fire Chief. Let's all hope that practises are all that is necessary for you guys, and not the REAL thing. Fires are just so destructive, Thank goodness we have such a devoted fire team.

REMINDER, we are in a NO OUTDOOR FIRE AREA. There are rules and exemptions, and the persons to see for permits, are, Bill Wills phone 3273794 or Peter Fraser phone 3273754. Even drum incinerators are a no no, but you can get an exemption if you can meet the fire safety standards required near a forest, and rural area.

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SPEED THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY, SPEED THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY, SPEED THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY. Yes, you would have thought this would have 'gotten through' by now, but no, there are still vehicles travelling far too fast. There are no footpaths for pedestrians, or side lines for cyclists, and drivers who heed the speed limit or conditions, are also put in danger. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE, slow down. Even 50kph can be too fast here.

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REMOVAL OF FIREWOOD FROM SANTOFT FOREST.

EARNSLAW ONE LTD, makes part of Santoft forest available between May and October each winter so that people can collect firewood from designated areas.

Designated areas are those areas that have been logged during the summer and are as yet unplanted.

As soon as an area is planted it is then deemed to be no longer available for firewood collecting. A permit is not required to remove firewood from the designated area, provided you do not use a chainsaw. Anyone who intends to use a chainsaw, MUST obtain a permit from the Santoft office. Anyone who removes firewood from a non designated area, is committing a criminal offence and if caught, may be prosecuted.

The designated firewood area for this winter is at SCOTTS FERRY end of the forest, with entry available from FOREST ROAD..

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CHRIS HAWTHORN (06) 3221558 DURING WORKING HOURS AND LEAVE A MESSAGE IF NECESSARY.

The above information was contributed by management of Santoft forest, for newsletter.

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SOCIAL CLUB EVENTS ARE AS LISTED ON HALL WINDOW NOTICE, THESE EVENTS ARE ARRANGED FOR YOU.

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SUNDAY 23rd. Social evening in the hall. Happy hour, 5pm-6pm, pot luck dinner, all welcome to enjoy a great night out. Bring the whole family, B.Y.O. refreshments, and a dinner dish towards the "pot luck". That's THIS SUNDAY, the 23rd. August.

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CHILDRENS' PLAYGROUND. We are extremely grateful to the Hillary Commission, for their generous grant, and also Rangitikei District Council Reserves Management Strategy budget, along with Works Civil Contractors, and the absolutely wonderful help from our own community with labourers in the working "bees". The whole contract would not have happened without local input, and it was just wonderful how you guys (no names, but you know who you are) just bucked in and did what was necessary, when it was necessary. A grand total of 310 man hours from this little community shows just how strong the community spirit is,

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The wind shelters were built with timber bought from funds held in a banking account by this committee and the generosity of T.&J. McMillwaines in Marton, who gave us a good deal with discount, to enable their construction, plus local donations of nails, labour etc. All in all, great, well done, AND on behalf of all residents, we say THANKYOU to all who played a part(Including the morning and afternoon tea makers, who kept the volunteers fed and "watered.")

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION/QUESTIONNAIRE IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO ALL RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS OF THIS COMMUNITY. Please read it and submit your thoughts and/or ideas on paper to any committee member's letterbox as at top of letter. (Address) "FROM KOITIATA RESIDENTS COMMITTEE. REGARDING KOITIATA COMMUNITY HALL."

The Rangitikei District Council proposed in the 1998-'99 draft annual plan, to return the responsibility of our hall to the community. This proposal was made in an attempt to reduce the cost of our rates. This apparently has been waived for this next year, but will be reconsidered by council in the following years' plan. Do you want self administration of your hall?

Councillor Strugnell has pointed out that it is NOT a "do it or lose it" proposal, but we feel it too important an issue to do NOTHING about it.

Council lists costs as \$2351-00 for this year, and increasing annually.
Cost of all district halls presently included in our rates.
Possibility of grants to meet costs.
Possibility of full user pays.
Possibility of rates being charged.
Cost of day to day maintainance, plus ongoing major maintainance, but NOT ownership.
Future modification requirements which may become law. ie. Wheelchair access.
WE WILL CALL A PUBLIC MEETING to discuss this matter further. In the meantime we would welcome your opinions and suggestions. Councillor Strugnell would speak at the meeting. PLease write your comments, and place in your nearest committee members letter box. Also keep in mind that you are always welcome to attend the monthly meetings third(3rd) Wednesday 7-30 pm in the hall..
That's all for this time, folk, Good whitebaiting, cheers. The Editor.

KOITIATA RESIDENTS' COMMITTEE

(TURAKINA BEACH)

Greetings to you all, as we approach the end of the financial year for the present committee, and look forward to the fresh ideas from fellow residents, keen on putting themselves forward for selection at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY 21st MARCH 1999, AT 10-30am IN THE KOITIATA COMMUNITY HALL.

It is timely to reflect over the past years' calendar of events, sum up our achievements, ponder over the disappointments, and generally think of all the good things we are lucky to have in this little beach township of ours. It's real easy to always look at the negative side of things, but if things were so bad here, the place wouldn't have the population it has at present.

One real plus, has been the "SMOOTHERS" in Turakina township, which after much pressure was bought to bear, on those of officialdom, re the sighting of them too close to the corner of Beach Road, and the lack of a turning lane (from Wanganui direction) and several 'on site' meetings with Transit officials, and concerned residents of the beach, and later, a sub-committee to act as liaison, saw the 'powers that be' see reason, and the final outcome, is the successfulness of turning into the Beach Road, in relative safety, from the direction of Wanganui. The southern end smoother, I believe, is also a success in slowing down the traffic movement through Turakina, which was badly needed. Now all we need, are the 'in the pipeline' measures, which will slow the speedsters down in our beach area. Every newsletter so far written has asked for cars etc., to slow down as we don't have foot-paths, or walking lanes etc. but some are still not heeding the warnings, and just fly through. Even 50kph, is too fast in places, PLEASE, SLOW DOWN.

Tu and Hazel are having great success with their KOITIATA KIDS CLUB, and it's good on them for seeing the need, and inspired enough to do something about it. Apparently each Tuesday of the holidays has been real fun, and a packed house. (w-e-l-l lotsa kids turning up) Well done Hazel and Tu.

It was wonderful to see the playground being so widely used too, and it still is. You will have noticed that the slide is missing, well, a new one is on order, and this committee's thanks to the concerned residents who did the temporary repairs on the old one, which eventually became beyond repair.

The outdoor service and concert in the camping ground was a success for the organiser/s [Jim Henderson and friends] and was attended by a good number of locals, despite the fire siren sounding just as the programme began. Talking

of fire, I have approached our local Rural Fire Chief FOR SOME INFO.
TO TRY AND DISPEL THE NEGATIVE, FUN MAKING COMMENTS, WHICH
ARE TOO OFTEN MADE, CONCERNING OUR DEDICATED, AND WELL
TRAINED, EXPERIENCED VOLUNTEER RURAL FIREMEN. IT FOLLOWS → PTO.

"There has been some concern from locals about the Fire Party leaving the village to attend fires. The fire party is under the control of the District Fire Officer, and we are financed by the District Council, so we are obliged to attend all fires as directed by them, and this is also written into our constitution. Residents are reminded in the case of fire to DIAL 111, and then contact a local fire party number, or turn the alarm on at the hall. [Break glass, press knob] The District Council are looking at connecting us to the 111 system, in the near future. Please note that Ratana or Marton Fire Service has to attend to all house fires and accidents in this area. We now have two vehicles, this is to comply with OSH laws and to transport much needed equipment for Rural Fire Fighting. Both vehicles are fitted with radios which are connected to Fire Control Wellington and all other Fire Appliances in the region, so by dialling 111 while we are out of the village we can be contacted immediately. There will also be a radio installed in the fireshed, and we hope to train some volunteers to operate this. If anyone has any other queries or criticisms, contact Peter Bamford, Bryan Bayley or Peter Fraser. Signed Peter Bamford, Rural Fire Chief." Thankyou Peter, for the above, most residents here really appreciate the hard hot work that our VOLUNTEERS do throughout the area. Please remember also, that you must obey the local fire ban laws, check with one of the aforementioned if in doubt.

* SOCIAL CLUB AGM IS TO BE HELD IN THE HALL ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16th 1999-10am

Your Residents committee hope you haven't forgotten the question we put to you last year re the Community hall coming back into local administration, and the concerns involved, re where will the money come from for upkeep, rates, insurances, as we are sure it will be much more costly than the little which is at present recouped from everyone's rates. But then again, maybe with the support of residents, it could be the better option, but please keep this topic in mind when you attend the * RESIDENTS COMMITTEE, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on SUNDAY 21st MARCH 1999 at 10-30 AM. In the Community hall. *

A LOVELY SUNNY BEACH WELCOME TO ALL NEW RESIDENTS, AND A LOVELY SUNNY BEACH FAREWELL TO THOSE LEAVING FOR PASTURES GREENER?? Take care, god bless, and we will see you out here for lots of visits, as and when time permits. We wish you well, in your new surroundings.

RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT THE NOTICEBOARD NEAR THE FRONT DOOR OF THE HALL is for your use, BUT NOT for trade ads [business notices] For sales, wanted to buys, wanted to rent, lost and found etc are all OK.

GET WELL wishes go out to those in need of them, and special thoughts to our young friends injured in the horrific accident in December. It is good to hear that each day is seeing an improvement, on behalf of all residents, may we SEND you the very best of wishes for you, and your families.

Much concern has been shown and voiced in the village re the speedsters on the Domain area at the end of Omanu Street, these are motor bikes and beach buggies and it is feared that someone is going to be hurt, or worse if the people concerned do not stop their hooning. Another fear is that a fire could start as it only needs a spark. The domain area is a "green area" for sport and recreation, BUT NOT OF THE MOTOR VARIETY. Sure, it's OK to use the area as a vehicular access, but with care and consideration. So please those of you known for your antics, driving fast and carelessly, STOP NOW, because there are residents just itching to call in the police, but we hope that doesn't need to happen, and that you will realise that the area is not for that purpose. Some of you have been spoken to already, and have listened and taken notice, but there are still some who need to desist. Thankyou for your attention.

Residents committee put in some submissions towards the RDC Annual plan, which we hope some will be accepted. One main one is for judder bars (except they're not called by that name these days) which it is hoped will stop the speedsters in the village before a disaster occurs.

It is an offence to dump rubbish, including garden rubbish, in the wetlands surrounding our village, and also on, in, or near the Domain area, and the council owned empty sections. Residents committee are forever having this subject brought to them, we guess it's better to try and get it stopped, before the "powers that be" get on to it. So if you are a "dumper" please remember it is illegal, and you do so with the risk of being prosecuted.

The drain on the North side of Wainui Street, was partially cleared last year, and it is hoped that the unsanitary conditions will not be present this year. This drain is the main line for drainage of the Wainui, and Omanu Street area, Long time residents have told us that the Road was sometimes impassable due to stormwater backing up after a heavy rain, so there has certainly been some improvements made over the years.

The massive sandblow which evolved when the river changed course, seems to have eliminated itself. There was much concern at one stage, with sand moving towards the village at a fast rate, but Council have had experts out here and the outcome is that it is a "natural" occurrence for this coastline, but that a watt will be kept out during the winter winds (Gee, with this heat, it's hard to remember that it does get cold and windy.)

The trees and flax planted at the back of the playground and Barbecue area, are mostly growing well with only a few losses, making this a really lovely area for families to picnic, and children to play. This committee has worked ON THE COUNCIL CONTRACTORS TO GET THE GRASS MOWED REGULARLY. THAT'S ALL, FOR THIS TIME, SEE YOU ALL AT THE A.G.M. SUNDAY 21ST MARCH - 10-30AM. - CHEERS - ED.

KOITIATA RESIDENTS' COMMITTEE

(TURAKINA BEACH)

NEWSLETTER, JUNE 1999.

CHAIR MR GORDON HOWATSON. DEPUTY CHAIR MR WARREN GASKIN,
SEC/TREAS MRS JOAN NATION,
COMMITTEE, MESDAMES, KATE SMITH, MARY AUSTIN, TRISH DOONEY, HAZEL BATES,
MAVIS HOWATSON, AND MR ARNOLD NATION.

THE ABOVE ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 28TH MARCH. 1999.

GREETINGS, FELLOW RESIDENTS, AND WELCOME TO THE LATEST INFO. CONCERNING "OUR
LITTLE PIECE OF PARADISE"

IF YOU TRAVEL OUT OF THE VILLAGE, YOU WILL HAVE NOTICED "SOME" SIDE OF THE ROAD
WORKS NEAR THE 50KPH SIGNS, WELL THIS IS THE GROUND WORKS FOR THE VERY LATEST
IN SPEED REDUCERS. THEY ARE CALLED "THRESHOLDS" AND KOITIATA ALONG WITH RATANA
AND SCOTTS FERRY, ARE INDEED, FORTUNATE TO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN FOR THESE. THEY
ARE FUNDED BY 'RESERVES' AND NOT FROM RATES MONEY, AND SINCE SPEED HAS BEEN A
LONG ONGOING WORRY FOR THIS, AND PREVIOUS COMMITTEES, WITH MUCH CORRESPONDENCE
BACK AND FORTH FROM RESIDENTS, COUNCIL, AND AUTHORITIES, WE ARE HOPING THAT
WE AT LAST HAVE THE SOLUTION, AND THAT POLICING WILL NOT HAVE TO BECOME THE
ONLY ALTERNATIVE LEFT. PLEASE OBEY THE SIGNS, AND SLOW DOWN.

FROM THE FORESTRY BOSS. THE NEWS IS THAT IF YOU WANT TO GO INTO THE FOREST
TO CUT WOOD, (ONLY IN THE DESIGNATED AREAS) YOU NEED TO OBTAIN A PERMIT TO
DO SO. PLANTING IS DUE TO BE DONE LATE JULY-EARLY AUGUST, AND IT WILL THEN
BECOME A NO GO AREA. THAT IS FOR EVERYONE, PERMITTED AS WELL. THE EARNSLAW
FOREST OFFICE NUMBER IS 063221558 (SANTOFT FOREST) CHAINSAWS POSE PROBLEMS
ESPECIALLY, SO PLEASE PLEASE, GIVE THEM A CALL, AND GET A PERMIT. A FEW CAN
SPOIL IT FOR EVERYONE, OTHERWISE.

FROM THE FIRE BOSS. A VISIT TO NEIL WARBY, RANGITIKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL,
PRINCIPAL RURAL FIRE OFFICER, GAVE US THE LATEST RULES FOR OUR AREA, AND THAT
IS THAT NO FIRES CAN BE LIT AT ALL WITHOUT AT FIRST OBTAINING A PERMIT FROM HIM.
PHONE (06) 3278174. WE ARE A "PERMIT ONLY" AREA, AND THERE ARE RULES TO FOLLOW
EVEN AT THIS "WET SEASON" AS WE ARE A DESIGNATED REGISTERED FOREST AREA. THIS
MEANS THAT NO FIRES CAN BE LIT WITHIN A ONE KILOMETER BOUNDARY OF FOREST OR
DOC LAND, AND THIS MEANS US. OF COURSE IN THE SUMMER SEASON THE RULE CHANGES,
USUALLY TO NO FIRES AT ALL, BUT OF COURSE IT WILL BE WIDELY PUBLICISED, AND
COMMON SENSE PREVAILS ANYWAY. PLEASE READ THE ACCOMPANYING BROCHURE, WE ARE
ZONE 5. FROM THE MAP YOU WILL SEE WHAT A LARGE AREA OUR KOITIATA VOLUNTEER
FIREMEN WORK IN, THESE BLOKES ARE SERIOUS FIREMEN, AND THEY FIGHT SERIOUS FIRES.
(PERMITS ALSO NOW AVAILABLE BY PHONING)

NEW RECRUITS ALWAYS WELCOME, KOITIATA FIRE CHIEF, PETER BAMFORD 3273644,
WOULD WELCOME CALLS FROM INTERESTED RESIDENTS, MALE OR FEMALE.

THE KOITIATA HALL CAN BE BOOKED BY PHONING THE CUSTODIAN , TOM DOONEY ON PHONE 3273770.

THE RUBBISH BAG DELIVERY ISSUE AS RAISED AT THE AGM, HAS BEEN LOOKED INTO WITH THE CORRECT AUTHORITIES, AND THE OUTCOME BEING THAT, THIS YEAR WE STAY WITH THE "STATUS QUO" WITH NEIGHBOURS LOOKING OUT FOR THE BAGS FOR THOSE YOU KNOW ARE AT WORK, OR WEEKENDERS AND HOLIDAYHOMERS. WE ARE JUST A SMALL PART OF A LARGE CONTRACTED AREA, AND THE PERCENTAGE IT APPEARS MISSED DELIVERY, WAS A VERY SMALL PROPORTION, WITH MANY AND VARIED REASONS FOR MISSING THEIR BAGS. PLEASE BE FRIENDLY, AND HELP YOUR NEIGHBOURS, BY COLLECTING THEIR BAGS FOR THEM, ON THE DELIVERY DAY, ESPECIALLY IF YOU KNOW THEY'RE NOT AT HOME. THANKYOU.

IT HAS BEEN BOUGHT TO THIS COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION, THAT DISHONESTY HAS RAISED IT'S UGLY HEAD IN OUR VILLAGE YET AGAIN. CHILDRENS' BIKES, WASHING OFF LINES, TIMBER AMONGST OTHER ITEMS HAVE BEEN STOLEN. WE HAVE A VERY ACTIVE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH, BUT OF COURSE NOT EVERYONE CAN BE EVERYWHERE AT ONCE. YOUR FIRST CALL MUST BE TO THE POLICE, BUT PLEASE LET THE CO-ORDINATOR KNOW SO AS HE CAN LET HIS FELLOW CO-ORDINATORS KNOW. THE FORM WHICH EVERY HOUSEHOLDER RECEIVED LISTED NAMES AND NUMBERS FOR YOU TO CONTACT IF YOU WISHED THE RELEVANT WATCH CO-ORDINATOR TO CHECK YOUR HOME DURING ABSENCES, OR WHENEVER, BUT IT IS A SAD STATE THAT VERY FEW CARE ENOUGH TO MAKE THAT CONTACT. THE RULE IS, THAT IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHEME, PLEASE CONTACT THE RELEVANT PERSON, AS LISTED BELOW. IGNORANCE IS BLISS, UNTIL SOMETHING HORRIBLE HAPPENS TO YOU, AND THEN WISH YOU HAD FOLLOWED GOOD ADVICE. LET'S LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER, AND REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS. KOITIATA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CHIEF IS GORDON HOWATSON AT PHONE 3273884, WAINUI STREET NUMBERS 1 to 12 IS KEITH DUNCAN 3273803, 13 to 19 IS BASIL GREIG 3273628, 21 to 30 IS KEVIN DAVIS, 31 to 49 IS GORDON AT 3273884, 50 to 64 IS ARNOLD NATION 3273841, AND 64 to 76 IS NOEL BOSTOCK. OMANU STREET IS TOTALLY LOOKED AFTER BY REG JERMY, (NO NUMBER LISTED AS YET) BUT CONTACT ANY OTHER. RAPAKI STREET NUMBERS 1 to 11 ROBIN HOPE 3273999, 12 to 24 TOM DOONEY 3273770, 25 to 34 PETER FRASER 3273754, 35 to 55 J. SMITH 3273883, AND 36 to 56 IS BRUCE ATWELL. REMEMBER, DON'T HESITATE TO CALL, THEY ARE THERE FOR YOU.

WERE YOU CONTACTED AS PART OF THE RECENT RANDOM POLL, TO SEE IF RESIDENTS CONSIDERED THAT THEY LIVED AT KOITIATA OR TURAKINA BEACH? OF THOSE CONTACTED, THE OUTCOME WAS 50/50. MOST ARE ADAMANT THAT THEIR CHOICE IS THE CORRECT ONE,

A QUICK LOOK AT YOUR RATES DEMAND WILL SHOW YOU THAT WE ARE (LIKE IT OR NOT) RESIDENTS OF KOITIATA. BUT USING THE NAME TURAKINA BEACH IS OK. AND IN A LOT OF CIRCUMSTANCES, THE ONLY WAY SOME PEOPLE KNOW WHERE WE ARE. BUT THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THE AREA IS KOITIATA, WITH TURAKINA BEACH BEING THE SEASIDE AREA ACROSS THE RIVER. (WHERE IT USED TO BE)

ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE, I REPRINT FOR YOU, SOME HISTORY AS INVESTIGATED BY THE THEN, COUNCILLOR/CHAIRMAN MR A.J. MCINDOE. J.P. FOR SPACE REASONS IT IS ABBREVIATED, BUT NOT SO AS TO AFFECT THE STORY.

EARLY HISTORY OF KOITIATA RECREATION RESERVE WAS ORIGINALLY PART OF A PASTORAL LICENCE HELD BY MARY ANN MOOREHOUSE OF ENGLAND. HER LICENCE WAS FOR A TERM OF 21 YEARS FROM 1 MARCH 1888. IN 1906 SHE APPLIED AND GAINED APPROVAL TO SUBDIVIDE AND TRANSFER PORTIONS TO TWO OTHERS FOR THE BALANCE OF THE TERM. WHEN THE LICENCE EXPIRED ON 28 FEB. 1909, IT WAS OFFERED FOR SELECTION AS NO RIGHT OF RENEWAL EXISTED AND THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT BECAME DUNCAN SIMPSON. IN AUGUST 1913, YOUR THEN COUNTY COUNCIL MADE REPRESENTATION ABOUT ACQUIRING AN AREA OF LAND AT THE MOUTH OF THE TURAKINA RIVER FOR A SEASIDE RESORT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE RANGITIKEI. MR SIMPSON SUPPORTED THE IDEA, AND RELINQUISHED 165 ACRES 2 RODS FOR SURVEY OUT OF THE PASTORAL LICENCE. SECTION 321 OF THE LAND ACT 1908 SAW THIS AREA SET ASIDE FOR A PUBLIC RECREATION GROUND. N.Z. GAZETTE 1916 PAGE 642 REFERS. SUBSEQUENT TO THE GAZETAL AS A RESERVE N.Z. GAZETTE 1917 PAGE 789 BROUGHT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PART 11 OF THE PUBLIC RESERVES AND DOMAINS ACT 1908 AND NAMED KOITIATA DOMAIN. PAGE 1120 TELLS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL BEING APOINTED TO CONTROL AND MANAGE THE DOMAIN. THE INTENTION HAD ALWAYS BEEN THAT PART OF THE DOMAIN BE AVAILABLE FOR BEACH HOUSE SECTIONS. LEASES WERE AUTHORISED FOR THIS PURPOSE OVER AREAS NOT EXCEEDING 1/4 ACRE INDIVIDUALLY AND THE TOTAL AREA NOT TO EXCEED ONE TENTH OF THE TOTAL DOMAIN AREA. 41 WERE SURVEYED IN RAPAKI ST., BUT VERY FEW WERE LEASED IN THOSE EARLY DAYS BECAUSE OF A SAND BLOW PROBLEM. THAT PROBLEM MUST HAVE BEEN RESOLVED HENCE THE HOUSES THERE, IN THE EARLY 60s, A FURTHER SUBDIVISION (SO 26255) WAS APPROVED. AS AT 1982 THERE WERE 103 RESIDENT SECTIONS IN THE RESERVE. REEHLING OF SECTIONS HAD TO BE LODGED WITH COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS BEFORE JUNE 15TH (1982) MANY RESIDENTS DID THIS. IN THAT YEAR THE NOW RESIDENTS COMMITTEE, WAS CALLED THE KOITIATA COMMUNITY COUNCIL, AND CAME INTO BEING AS A RESULT OF THE THEN COUNTY COUNCIL CLERK, MAY 1980, WRITING TO THE COMMITTEE WITH A SET OF GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW. THESE ARE STILL MOSTLY RELEVANT TODAY. IE. (A) TO CO-ORDINATE AND EXPRESS TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL (NOW RDC.) THE VIEWS OF THE COMMUNITY ON ANY MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE COMMUNITY AND (B) AFTER CONSULTATION AND OBTAINING THE CONSENT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL, TO TAKE SUCH ACTION IN THE INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITY WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE COMMUNITY AS IS APPROPRIATE, EXPEDIENT AND PRACTICABLE. ETC ETC. THE WHOLE 3 PAGES OF PRINT THAT THESE FEW NOTES CAME FROM, ARE PRIVATELY OWNED BY ARNOLD AND IS A NEWSLETTER PUT OUT IN 1982 BY THE LATE MR LOGAN MCINDOE, JP. WHO WAS THE THEN CHAIRMAN OF THE KOITIATA COMMUNITY COUNCIL. AS ELECTED AT A MEETING OF THE THEN RCC (NOW RDC) 9/10/1980. AND CAME INTO BEING ON 1/4/81.. VERY INTERESTING, AND HISTORY IN THE MAKING.

AS IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW, THE SILLY SEASON (WHITEBAITING) ARRIVES MID AUGUST, SO HOPE YOU HAVE YOUR GEAR READY, IF NOT, WHY NOT? HE WHO HESITATES, IS LOST.

KOITIATA RESIDENTS COMMITTEE, MEET 3RD WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH 7-30PM ALL WELCOME. THAT'S ALL FOR NOW, CHEERS, -----ED.

IN COMMUNITY HALL

NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 1999.

KOITIATA RESIDENTS' COMMITTEE

(TURAKINA BEACH)

CHAIRMAN GORDON HOWATSON, SECRETARY/TREASURER JOAN NATION, PH. 3273841, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, TRISH DOONEY, KATE SMITH, HAZEL BATES, MARY AUSTIN, MAVIS HOWATSON, ARNOLD NATION, AND DEPUTY CHAIR, WARREN GASKIN. ALL THE ABOVE ARE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER YOUR QUERIES TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITIES, AND YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH, EXCEPT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. 7-30PM IN THE COMMUNITY HALL.

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NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH SERVICES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY, ARE HELD IN THE HALL ON THE FIRST SUNDAY EACH MONTH AT 10-AM ALSO A CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE THIS YEAR, 10AM. YOU ARE INVITED TO STAY FOR A CUPPA AFTERWARDS, FOR WHICH A PLATE IS APPRECIATED, BUT NOT MANDATORY. ALL WELCOME, ENQUIRIES- BOB MAJOR 3273708.

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A NEW LIST IS TO BE MADE AND CIRCULATED, OF RESIDENTS WILLING TO FORM A CAR POOL, TO COME TO THE AID OF ANYONE REQUIRING TRANSPORT, AND CANNOT THEMSELVES DRIVE, OR ARE TEMPORARILY DISABLED. YOU SET THE TIMES WHEN YOU COULD BE AVAILABLE, IE NIGHT OR DAY, OR BOTH, PLEASE LET THE SECRETARY KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GO ON THE LIST. WE REALIZE THAT THIS HELP IS AVAILABLE ALREADY, BUT NOT AS A PUBLISHED AND PUBLIC LIST. WE ARE A CARING COMMUNITY, LET US SHOW JUST HOW WILLING WE ARE TO HELP THOSE IN NEED OF IT.

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PARENTS!! PARENTS!! PARENTS!! IT HAS BEEN BOUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THIS COMMITTEE, THAT NASTY THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE FOREST IN OUR AREA. SEVERAL "USED" GLUE BAGS HAVE BEEN FOUND, AND CHILDREN HAVE BEEN SIGHTED SMOKING, WHICH IS NOT ONLY A DANGER TO THEMSELVES, BUT A DANGER TO US ALL IF DISPOSAL OF BUTTS IS NEGLIGENT. ACCESS TO AND IN THE FOREST IS NOT OUR "RIGHT" BUT IT IS ALLOWED AS LONG AS WE FOLLOW THE RULES, MORE ABOUT THE FORESTRY RULES FURTHER ON IN THIS NEWSLETTER. IN THE MEANTIME, PARENTS, AS STATED, THIS HAS BEEN BOUGHT TO COMMITTEES' ATTENTION, AND WE ARE MERELY PASSING IT ON.

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SPEED IS STILL A PROBLEM IN THE VILLAGE, BUT IT APPEARS THAT SOME ARE HEEDING THE WARNINGS. AT PRESENT RUMBLE STRIPS ARE BEING TESTED ELSEWHERE, AND IF FOUND SUITABLE, THEY WILL BE TRIED HERE. OF COURSE ALL THESE THINGS TAKE TIME, SO IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE REMEMBER, THAT THIS IS A 50KPH AREA, OR SLOWER IF NECESSARY. SLOW DOWN, SLOW DOWN, SLOW DOWN, PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE.

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THAT ACTION HAS BEGUN IN TE ONE STREET, FOR THE "AGM MOOTED" PLAN FOR SOMETHING FOR THE OLDER CHILDREN OF THE VILLAGE TO USE UP SOME OF THEIR ENERGY ON. IT WAS DECIDED TO USE THE MONEY GRANTED FROM THE EX KOITIATA BOWLING CLUB, ON A BASKETBALL HOOP AND PAD. TWO WORKING BEES SO FAR HAVE FILLED, LEVELLED, DUG, PLANTED TREES, AND GENERALLY PREPARED THE AREA, READY TO LAY CONCRETE. FURTHER WORKING BEES WILL TAKE PLACE, AND IT WOULD BE GREAT IF SOME FATHERS OF THOSE CHILDREN WHO ARE LIKELY TO USE THE FACILITY, COULD OFFER THEIR SERVICES, EVEN OLDER YOUTHS. IF YOU ARE WILLING, PLEASE CALL ARNOLD ON PHONE 3273841. THIS IS A COMMUNITY PROJECT, AND IT WOULD BE GREAT IF SOME MORE OF THE RESIDENTS COULD BECOME INVOLVED. THE LAST TIME HAD A LADY ON THE END OF A RAKE, AND OTHER LADIES MAKING MORNING TEA, THIS IS DONE FOR YOU, FOR YOU TO ENJOY THE FACILITIES WITH YOUR FAMILIES, HOW GREAT TO BE ABLE TO TELL YOUR CHILDREN /GRANDCHILDREN, THAT YOU ACTUALLY HELPED IN PROVIDING SUCH A WORTHWHILE FACILITY. OUR GRATEFUL THANKS TO ALL HELPERS SO FAR, YOUR'E WONDERFUL, ALWAYS AT THE READY.

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DUMPING OF RUBBISH IS A PUNISHABLE OFFENCE, AND THE PEOPLE WHO DUMPED CAR AND HOUSEHOLD RUBBISH AT THE TURNAROUND AT THE END OF THE METAL ROAD, NEED TO KNOW THAT IF YOU ARE IDENTIFIED FROM YOUR RUBBISH, FURTHER ACTION WILL BE TAKEN. PLEASE STOP THIS DISGUSTING HABIT, EVEN THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN SEEN TAKING RUBBISH INTO THE FOREST, REMEMBER, WE HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING ABLE TO ENTER THE FOREST AS LONG AS IT IS NOT ABUSED, AND THIS IS NOT ON. THE FORESTRY

BOSSSES HAVE SAID THEY WILL HAVE NO HESITATION IN CLOSING OFF ALL ACCESSES INTO THE FOREST. REMEMBER, IT HAS BEEN DONE BEFORE, AND WILL BE DONE AGAIN, THEN EVERYONE SUFFERS. DON'T DUMP RUBBISH. ANY NUMBER OF BAGS (RDC) ONFS. CAN BE PUT OUT ON MONDAYS, AND IT IS NOT THAT FAR TO RATANA DUMP.

ALREADY TWO OF OUR CARING RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN AND CLEANED UP ONE LOT, AND TAKEN(AND PAID FOR) IT TO BE DUMPED AT THE RATANA DUMP(TRANSFER STATION) BE FAIR, WE ALL LOVE LIVING HERE, AND A LOT OF COMMUNITY EFFORT IS PUT IN TO KEEP IT A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE. OTHER RESIDENTS ALSO, CLEAN UP WHAT IS DUMPED IN THE DOMAIN AREA. RUBBISH ALSO MEANS GARDEN CUTTINGS ETC. DO WE WANT THE POLICE OUT HERE ALL THE TIME? NO, WELL MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE NOT THE CAUSE OF THEIR VISITS. BE FAIR. WE HAVE IDENTIFIED ONE DUMPER, A NEW RESIDENT IT SEEMS, SO IF THIS IS YOU, YOU NOW KNOW THE RULES, STOP DUMPING!

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DOMAIN AREA. HERE WE GO AGAIN. THIS AREA AT THE END OF OMANU STREET, IS FOR RECREATION, BUT NOT OF THE BIKE AND BUGGY VARIETY. AT LEAST, SENSIBLE DRIVING IS OK, BUT NOT SPEED, AND WHEELIES, DONUTS, DUNE SMASHING. IT IS NOT A TRACK FOR RACING, BUT AN ACCESS ROUTE FOR VEHICLES AS AND WHEN NECESSARY, TAKING CARE TO WATCH FOR CHILDREN WHO MAY BE PLAYING SPORT IN THE AREA. COUNCIL HAVE LOOKED AT THE AREA, AND SUGGEST ENTRANCES BE BLOCKED FOR PEDESTRIANS ONLY. IS THIS WHAT YOU WANT? IT IS IN YOUR HANDS, PLAY SAFE AND WE KEEP WHAT WEV'E GOT, ABUSE IT AND LOSE IT.!!!! THAT'S THE CHOICES.

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HAVE YOU NOTICED THE GRASS IS DRYING OFF IN THE PADDOCKS? IF YOU ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE FIRE RESTRICTION RULES OUT HERE, I SUGGEST YOU FIND THEM OUT POST HASTE. WE HAVE A TOTAL BAN IN THE SUMMER, BUT YOU CAN FIND OUT THE FULL DETAILS BY PHONING THE FIRE CHIEF, PETER BAMFORD, ON 3273644.

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CIVIL DEFENCE HEADQUARTERS ARE THE COMMUNITY HALL, FOR INFO CALL BRUCE ATWELL ON 3273874.

CRAFT AFTERNOONS IN THE HALL EVERY TUESDAY AFTERNOON FROM 2PM, A PLATE IS WELCOME, FOR AFTERNOON TEA. TAKE YOUR OWN CRAFT, KNITTING, CROCHET, ETC.

GAMES, POOL, CARDS, ETC, IN THE HALL THURSDAYS, AFTERNOONS DURING THE WINTER, AND EVENINGS FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS. INQUIRIES CALL NOLA ON 3273790.

SANTOFT FOREST PHONE NUMBER FOR PERMITS, AND ENTRANCE THROUGH THE FOREST, IS (06)3221558, THE AREAS NEWLY PLANTED ARE A NO GO AREA, FOR EVERYONE. IF YOU DO THE RIGHT THING AND FIND OUT, THEN YOU CAN'T GO WRONG, EH?

YOUR COMMITTEE ARE AT PRESENT WORKING ON IDEAS FOR EASIER ACCESS TO THE SEA, ESPECIALLY WITH SUMMER FAST APPROACHING, NOTHING CAN BE DONE WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTS.

A MEETING IS TO BE ARRANGED WITH A REP. FROM RDC., WHO WILL THEN ARRANGE WITH THE DIFFERENT AUTHORITIES. IE, DOC., HORIZONS, MW ETC WHO HAVE AN INTEREST.

MAKE SURE YOU READ THE NOTICE BOARDS AT THE HALL, THE OUTSIDE ONE, AND THE ONE IN THE FOYER. KEEP UP WITH THE LOCAL EVENTS AND NEWS ETC.

MARKET DAY, IN THE HALL ON THE SATURDAY OF LABOUR WEEKEND. BOOK A STALL AND SELL YOUR WARES, OR COME ALONG AND BUY SOMEONE ELSE'S WARES. HAVE A SUPER DUPER SIZZLED SAUSAGE FOR LUNCH, SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. BRING THE FAMILY. ANY INQUIRIES TO, HAZEL AND 'TU, 3273966, NOLA 3273790, OR GARVAN, 3273838. HEY! THAT'S THIS SATURDAY, HURRY HURRY HURRY. THE SOCIAL CLUB APPRECIATES YOUR SUPPORT. THE MARKET STARTS AT 9AM AND SAUSAGES WILL BE COOKED FROM 11AM. 'TIL SELLOUT. BE QUICK THEY GO LIKE HOT ~~SALES~~ SAUSAGES. AND ONLY \$1. EACH.

AT THE HIGHLAND GAMES IN TURAKINA NEXT YEAR(SAT. 29TH JANUARY) THEY ARE CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF TURAKINA SETTLEMENT WITH AN EARLY SETTLERS PARADE OF COMMEMORATION. ALL KOITIATA RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME, AND WE ASK THAT YOU SHOW YOUR INTEREST BY PHONING THE SECRETARY 3273841. THIS CHANCE WILL NEVER COME AGAIN, SHOW WHAT WE CAN DO, TURN UP IN GREAT NUMBERS. THE PARADE IS AT 12PM, ON THE TURAKINA DOMAIN, AT TURAKINA VILLAGE. PLEASE SUPPORT. THAT'S IT FOR NOW, MAKE SURE YOU ARE Y2K PREPARED. SEE YOU ALL SOON.

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