

# Koitiata Matters

**Newsletters 3**

**2003 - 2004**



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## Newsletters

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."*

<b>Newsletters 1</b>	1981 - 1999	20 Issues, 57 pages
<b>Newsletters 2</b>	2000 - 2002	22 issues, 31 pages
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<b>Newsletters 4</b>	2005 - 2008	20 issues, 45 pages
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### *Highlights:*

*July 2003* It is reported that the first Pot Luck Dinner would be held, but for some reason it never eventuated until 2005.

# Koitiata Matters

in

February 2002

**Koitiata Residents**

## **Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
10am**

**Community Centre**

***Be there!***

**W**elcome to all new residents and visitors.

~o0o~

### **The Ford Report from Peter Fraser.**

As you are aware the ford level is several inches below average summer level. We do not want any residents placing fill in the ford vicinity and any levelling required will be controlled by committee members once water levels rise again. Please observe the speed restrictions in the area at all times.

~o0o~

There has been a tidy up of the larger items in the Community Centre and an inventory taken of crockery. Please report breakages, damage etc. to the Custodian, Tom Dooney at 327 3770.

~o0o~

Congratulations to Sue and Ian McIntosh on the birth of their new baby, Clementine - a sister for Ian and Olive.

~o0o~

Are you interested in learning or improving your skills at pétanque or indoor bowls? Get in touch with Mavis Howatson (327 3884) who is looking for prospects for a Koitiata social team or two. Go coach!

~o0o~

Come to the AGM on Sunday March 23 and have your say about community affairs. Elect some officers for the year – better yet – take a turn yourself!

~o0o~

Please read the accompanying notice from the Chief Fire Officer. It is most important that we all know what we must do and what we should expect from each other when there is an emergency.

~o0o~

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by

April 2003

**W**elcome to all new residents and visitors. Your Residents Committee holds a meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm. This is an open meeting which you are welcome to attend. Minutes are posted in the porch of the Community Centre.

~o0o~

Your new Residents Committee for 2003 is Neville Cosgrove (Chair) Joyce Smith (Sec/Treasurer), Richard Corcoran, Tom Dooney and Pam Rhodes.

The ford subcommittee is Peter Fraser, Arnold Nation and Peter Smith.

And Mavis Howatson has kindly offered to carry on her great work with the cards and presents.

~o0o~

It 's time to get our submissions into the RDC so let us know if you have anything to say. Our list so far includes upgrading the toilets in the Community Centre, adding some more modules to the play area and asking permission to level off some of the 'domain' to use for sports etc.

~o0o~

Everyone is welcome to the church service in the Community Centre on the first Sunday of each month at 10 am.

The Country Music Club will be having another get together on June 30<sup>th</sup> – everyone welcome. More details next newsletter and more information from Trish (327 3770)

~o0o~

Have you got any old photos, paper clippings etc. of Koitiata's history? We are looking for items to add to our archives.

And we will shortly be having a meat raffle to raise the money for some smart albums to keep them all in.

~o0o~

Having a sort out this Easter? Please save any appropriate bits and pieces for the Community Garage Sale at Labour Weekend.

~o0o~

There will be a Christmas Parade and Children's Party again this year, so get your thinking caps on for a float for the parade.

~o0o~

Check the notice board at the Community Centre for upcoming events.

~o0o~

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~o0o~

Koitiata will certainly miss Mavis and Gordon Howatson who are moving on to the next stage of their life adventure. Thank you both for all you have done for us over the last 16 years.

There will be a farewell for Mavis and Gordon in the Community Centre on Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm Tea and coffee provided. Please bring a small plate of finger food and BYO.

~o0o~

The committee is completing the submission to the draft Annual Plan and a copy will shortly be posted at the Community Centre.

~o0o~

A meat raffle is coming round. Our thanks to Dublin Street Butchery (Dean and Kate Smith) for donating the meat prize.

The raffle is to raise funds for albums and cases to display village memorabilia. If you have any photos or objects please contact Tom Dooney (ph 327 3770).

The Country Music Club will be having another get together on June 29<sup>th</sup> at 1.30 pm at the Community Centre. \$2.00 door entry, raffles and a yummy afternoon tea—everyone welcome. More information from Trish Dooney (327 3770).

~o0o~

Don't be alarmed when you hear the fire siren being tested at 9 am on alternate Saturday mornings. Remember that a continuous tone is a fire alarm. A civil defence emergency is indicated by the alarm tone rising and falling.

~o0o~

Richard Corcoran has volunteered to take over the neighbourhood watch coordination from Gordon Howatson.

~o0o~

Pam Rhodes has volunteered to refresh and maintain the planters outside the Community Centre.

~o0o~

Look out for next month's issue with news of a mid winter pot luck dinner and happy hours.

~o0o~

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In  
June 2003

## **IMPORTANT DATES!**

**July 1 – Neighbourhood Watch meeting**

**July 4 – Happy Hour**

**July 16 – next committee meeting**

**July 19 – Special Potluck Dinner**

Well it's curtains to our curtains plan – the council is paying for them! The committee's thoughts on alternative spending of our \$600 include cutting some of the trestle tables down to café style for more versatile usage, and buying some more towels, tea towels and crockery. Any better ideas?

~o0o~

To celebrate our refurbished Community Centre there will be a potluck dinner on Sat July 19<sup>th</sup> – arrive from 5.30 pm -(hot mains to start about 6.30). We will be inviting the mayor and those councillors and officials who made it happen – to thank them. So please come with a good dish. If you don't cook, please bring some nice bread, a bowl of cream etc. BYO.

~o0o~

First prize in the meat raffle went to Greg Cameron and second prize to Barbara Bowness – congratulations - and we raised \$155– thanks all.

~o0o~

As promised we will start having monthly 'happy hours' on Friday Jul 4<sup>th</sup>– from 6 pm – come as you are, BYO and no fuss nibbles. (The tasting of homemade and unusual beverages could be a feature).

The Committee was commended on its submission to Council this year and we should expect a good outcome. Watch this space.

~o0o~

There remains a discussion about the 'closing' of Teone Street. The council's suggestion will be posted as soon as we receive it and if you are concerned, come and have your say at the next committee meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

~o0o~

There have been some instances of stone throwing lately. This is obviously very dangerous and if it persists, action may have to be taken, so let's hope it stops.

~o0o~

Richard Corcoran is now in possession of all the Neighbourhood Watch details. He has been in contact with the police and a neighbour hood watch meeting will be held on Tuesday July 1<sup>st</sup> at 6.30 pm– come along and hear about it for the first time or update yourself.

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In  
July 2003

## **The Potluck Dinner has been postponed again!**

*sorry for the inconvenience  
watch this space  
for a new date*

**W**elcome to all new residents and visitors. Your Residents Committee holds a public meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm.

~o0o~

There was a spirited discussion at the last committee meeting about the proposed closure of 'Teone Street'. As a result of the meeting, a letter has been sent to Council saying that the residents of Koitiata are strongly opposed to any road closure and the erection of any barriers. A copy of the letter is on the porch noticeboard at the Community Centre. Thanks to the thirteen

residents who came along to have their say.

~o0o~

The first monthly happy hour went well and the next one will be on Friday August 1<sup>st</sup> from 6 pm - come as you are, BYO and no fuss nibbles.

~o0o~

Some funds may be available to spend on another feature for the children's play area. A wall to hit balls against and a BMX track have been suggested. Any other suggestions? Come to the next meeting and have your say.

~o0o~

It's only another month to the silly season so start mending your whitebait nets and see if your waders still fit.

~o0o~

The Ford sub-committee have graded the ford and raised the bed by about four inches. Take care driving across.



~o0o~

Well done Trish Dooney for matching the curtains to the paint colours in the Community Centre. Don't they finish it off well?

~o0o~

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Aug 2003

**Welcome to all new residents and visitors. Your Residents Committee holds a public meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm.**

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Once again it was good to see more people at the committee meeting with more lively discussion. This is democracy working!

We especially appreciated the presence of Albie Hunia, the RDC Community Facilities Manager, who came along to cross a few things off our wish list including a new see-saw, table and a 'no dogs' sign for the playground. Discussion is ongoing about age limits on the play equipment, and there is a suggestion that we should have a village tennis court.

~o0o~

We have received a letter from RDC stating that 'Teone Street' will not be closed.

~o0o~

Our thoughts are with Joan and Arnold Nation now that Joan's sister has passed away after a long illness.

~o0o~

The Ford sub-committee is keeping up with the clearing of culverts and levelling off of the ford. They are making enquiries about a load of river metal to help stabilise the ford.

~o0o~

Peter Fraser has been working with Tim Gilbertson from DOC on the new wildlife signage. Peter has drawings and photos in preparation for the final structure which is going to look really fine!

~o0o~

The next monthly happy hour will be on Friday Sept 5<sup>th</sup> Come and join us at the Community Centre from 6pm for a game, a song and a chat. BYO

~o0o~

Only two months to the Labour Weekend Market Day. Time to start making your crafts and preserves, and hunting those white elephants!

~o0o~

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In

September 2003

**W**elcome to all new residents and visitors. There will be plenty happening at Koitiata this summer – read your monthly newsletters for more details as they come to hand.

~o0o~

## **Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup> - Labour Weekend Market Day**

Sell things on your own behalf or donate items to be sold for the Community funds. Please bring along your craft items, plants, cakes, preserves and, of course, your pre-loved garage sale items – anything from tot glasses to water tanks. To organise a stall or start donating items, please contact Tom Dooney on 327 3770

~o0o~

## **Saturday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am – Annual Christmas Parade**

from Forest Road to the Community Centre. Dress up your Fergie, 4WD, boat etc. and escort Santa to the:

**Annual Christmas Party** (approx 11am) Children of all ages welcome – as are volunteers to help. Organise your own children's presents from Santa. We recommend a present costing no more than \$15

**New Year's Eve Party** - Joan Nation and Rhythm n' Keys will again be organising this for - all - the - family event.

~o0o~

**Wellington Anniversary Weekend** – We are planning a good old fashioned sports day – three legged races, egg and spoon races, tug of war etc.

Before we do we will need a working bee to 'flatten' some of the Domain area. Contact Tom Dooney if you are interested in helping with this. Ph 327 3770

~o0o~

The Ford sub-committee has laid metal on the ford which should stabilise it through the spring tides and winds.

~o0o~

The next monthly happy hour will be on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>. Come and join us at the Community Centre from 6pm for a game, a song and a chat. BYO

~o0o~

Remember – if there is a fire in the village phone 111, then phone 327 3644 or contact your nearest fire fighter.

~o0o~

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October 2003

**W**elcome to all new residents and visitors. Your Residents Committee holds a public meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm.

~o0o~

**Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup> - Labour Weekend Market Day**

See the separate handbill about this. This is our major fund-raiser for the year, so please support it in some small way. Sell on your own behalf - \$10 per table - or donate items. Bring garage sale items on Friday evening between 6-8 pm and produce etc on Sat morning. Come early for the best bargains and fresh baked scones! Contact Tom Dooney on 327 3770 or Joyce on 327 3883.

We are also coming round with a raffle for meat and petrol vouchers.

~o0o~

The next monthly happy hour will be on Nov 7<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us at the Community Centre from 6pm for a game, a song and a chat. BYO

~o0o~

Our thanks to Tom Dooney for the great job of dividing up the long tables into short ones, and to

Beverley Sanft who is going to varnish them.

~o0o~

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Dress up your tractor, 4WD, boat etc. and escort Santa to the:

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**\*\*correction to last newsletter\*\***

we recommend a present costing

~o0o~

**Wellington Anniversary Weekend** – We are planning a good old fashioned sports day – watch this space for details.

~o0o~

We have had no volunteers to help level the 'domain' area, and it has been reclassified as a mechanical rather than a manual job. If you have or know of any one who has some mechanical device that would help us do this for free or at low cost, we would love to hear from you.

~o0o~

Our thanks to Peter Fraser and all the schoolchildren for their recent beach cleanup.

~o0o~

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November 2003

**W**elcome to all new residents and visitors. Your Residents Committee holds a public meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm.

~o0o~

Another successful Market Day. We made \$595.90. Thanks especially to Kate and Dean (Dublin Street Butchery) and to Noelene and Adrian (Turakina Service Station) for donating the raffle prizes, to Joan for making scones, Arnold and Peter for barbecuing the sausages, all who helped with general duties and especially all who bought and sold.

~o0o~

We will be using some of the proceeds to hire a rubbish skip early in the New Year. It will be outside the Community Centre for a few days for all your stuff that's too big for rubbish bags. Plan to use your share of the space – be fair! More details next month.

~o0o~

A number of other issues were discussed at the last meeting. Details in the minutes in the Community Centre porch.

~o0o~

Happy hour on Dec 5<sup>th</sup> will be the last one of the year, so Christmas accessories and crackers would be fun. Come and join us at the Community Centre from 6pm for a game, a song and a chat. BYO

~o0o~

## **Annual Christmas Parade Saturday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am**

(from village entrance to  
Community Centre)

Dress up your tractor, 4WD,  
boat, stroller or just yourself  
and escort Santa to the -

## **Annual Christmas Party (from about 10.30)**

- Prize for best fancy dress
- Please provide a wrapped and named present (about \$5) from Santa for each child
- RSVP with present from Santa by Dec 15<sup>th</sup>
- Volunteers to help please
- Contact Joyce on 327 3883 or Trish on 327 3770

~o0o~

Rhythm'n'Keys invite us to see the New Year in at the Community Centre. BYO, a supper plate, your singing voice and your dancing feet! Dec 31<sup>st</sup> from 7.30pm – contact Joan Nation ph 327 3841

o0o~

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# Koitiata Matters

IN

December 2003

**W**elcome to all new residents and visitors. There won't be a Residents Committee meeting in January but one is usually held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm.

## NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

**Wednesday Jan 31  
from 8 pm**

Rhythm n Keys invite you to join them in the Community Centre to welcome in 2004

**BYO and a plate of food**

A big thankyou to all who assisted in making the Christmas Parade and Party such a success. Judging by the response we expect an even bigger turn out next year.

~o0o~

Time for the annual update of the village phone and address directory. If you have moved in or out, changed your name etc., please contact Joyce, (contact details below).

~o0o~

The next happy hour will be Friday Feb 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm.

~o0o~

A rubbish skip will be outside the Community Centre from Jan 5 to Jan 12 for all those things that are too big for rubbish bags such as electrical appliances and mattresses. No perishable household or garden waste. Use your share of the space – be fair! If everyone uses the skip appropriately we could make this an annual event.

~o0o~

Please make sure your visiting friends and rellies know the rules around here

- Drive carefully in the village
- Don't light fires
- Take only photographs
- Leave only footprints.

~o0o~

Do you receive this newsletter OK? Do you know anyone else who wants one regularly? Some village mail boxes are insecure and some of you don't have one. If you have any problems or requests please contact Joyce (contact details below).

~o0o~

Hugh Knowles has gone to live with his daughter in Tauranga but he will return for a farewell on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in March.

~o0o~

The village AGM will be in March – time to think about those agenda items.

In the meantime your committee wishes you the Compliments of the Season.

~o0o~

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by

February 2004

**Well – this was a month which dramatically re-organised our priorities! It's hard to remember what the issues were before the great flood. While it's all fresh in our minds, it's really important that everyone comes to the Civil Defence debriefing on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. See details overleaf.**

~o0o~

A big thankyou to Bruce Attwell, Civil Defence Coordinator, and the Koitiata Fire Crew for their management of the emergency. Additional thanks to the Nations, the Dooneys and Darrell Boyd for the sharing of their generators.

Letters of thanks have been sent to the NZ Army, Rangitikei Forest, Andrew Major, Richard Redmayne and Alex Glasgow.

Thanks have also been received from the residents of Scotts Ferry and the Red Cross for the emergency clothing and household items.

Bob Major has requested a two month leave of absence from RDC duties. Please do not bother him with council business during this period. Our contact for this period will be Jill Strugnell.

A big thankyou to Rhythm 'n' Keys for another great New Year's Eve Dance.

The next happy hour will be Friday March 5<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm. Come along with some drinks and nibbles – we all need a cheer up!

There will be a Leap Year Country Music get together on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Feb. Details on board outside the Community Centre

~o0o~

Hiring a rubbish skip for the whole village is obviously not a viable option for the future. At \$300 it nearly trebled the cost of taking rubbish to the tip by trailer, and unfortunately some households used more than their fair share of the space. No doubt the debate about rubbish disposal will continue.

The Annual General Meeting of the Koitiata Residents Committee will be held on Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 2pm. Everyone is urged to attend – see notice overleaf for agenda.

~o0o~

Well leap year day approaches– so get proposing ladies!

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***Now please turn over.....***

***Come to these important meetings!***

**We recently had a Civil Defence Emergency**

***Do you know what this means?***

***Did you know what to do?***

***Did you do it?***

***There will be a next time!!***

**so it is really important that we all attend the**

**CIVIL DEFENCE  
‘After the flood debrief’  
MEETING**

**Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**7 pm**

**Koitiata Community Centre**

**The Koitiata Residents Committee**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
2004**

**Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup>**

**2 pm**

**Community Centre**

**Agenda**

- the clarification of the status of the back sections/domain***
- the purchase of a community generator***
- the establishment of a building fund for alterations to the Community Centre***
- the establishment of a social sub-committee***
- election of officers – 2004***
- any other business***



# Koitiata Matters

by

March 2004

**W**elcome to all new residents and visitors. Open committee meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm.

~o0o~

The Koitiata Residents Annual General Meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> was attended by 28 residents and there were good discussions on a number of issues. Minutes are posted in the porch of the *Community Centre*.

~o0o~

One outcome was the setting up of a social subcommittee and another was the increased number of residents willing to serve as committee and subcommittee members. Those elected will meet again on Sat 27<sup>th</sup> March and details of appointees and designated tasks will be in the next newsletter.

~o0o~

The 'After the Flood' debriefing on March 10<sup>th</sup> was attended by 24 residents who showed an interest in continuing involvement with Civil Defence.

~o0o~

You should shortly be receiving the 2004 update of the village phone directory. If there are any

amendments, please contact Joyce Smith (details below)

~o0o~

If you would like your newsletter delivered to another address or if you would like additional copies please contact Joyce Smith (contact details below). If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically email [Joyce@wordsmith.co.nz](mailto:Joyce@wordsmith.co.nz)

~o0o~

The next happy hour will be on Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm in the Community Centre. BYO supper plate and drinks. Come along for a chat, a sing-song, bowls, darts, snooker etc.

~o0o~

With the permission of Richard and Suze Redmayne, Jim Mant has kindly offered to take a guided walk to the tunnel at Tunnel Hill on April 11<sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday) Those interested should meet at Redmayne's cattle yards ( through the gate at the woolshed) at 2 pm. A reasonable level of fitness is required. If you have any questions about the trip please contact Jim Mant on 327 6776.

~o0o~

The family of Hugh Knowles invite friends of Hugh to share in the celebration of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sat April 24<sup>th</sup> with an afternoon tea at 2 o'clock in the Community

Centre. Hugh does not want gifts but he will be planting a commemorative tree.

~o0o~

This newsletter is sent out at the end of each month. You should check the Community Notice Board for matters which may arise between newsletter publications.

~o0o~

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April 2004

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~o0o~

Election of officers for 2004.  
Chair - Richard Corcoran.  
Sec/Treasurer - Joyce Smith.  
Committee - Pam Rhodes, Neville Cosgrove, Tom Dooney, Beverley Sanft, John Davidson

Ford Subcommittee: Peter Fraser, Arnold Nation

Social Subcommittee: Joan Nation, Diane

Hewitson, Veronica Hodges, Arnold Nation, Ian Aldridge

~o0o~

There will be a meeting to determine the Koitiata submissions to the Long Term Council Community Plan on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm. Submissions close on May 21<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to make an individual submission, and did not attend the meeting with Council representatives on April 21<sup>st</sup>, you should read the draft plan as the whole process has changed.

~o0o~

Power to the people! The recycling unit is operating at Turakina School – we've been lobbying for it for three years, so don't forget to use it, and reduce the contents of your rubbish bags.

~o0o~

More than 50 people of all ages took the opportunity to inspect the tunnel at Tunnel Hill on Easter Sunday. Thanks again to Jim Mant and Richard & Suze Redmayne for facilitating the educational and fascinating walk, and to Robin for the surprise afternoon tea.

~o0o~

The next happy hour will be on Friday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Community Centre. BYO supper plate and drinks. Come along for a chat, a sing-song and a variety of indoor games.

~o0o~

Friends of Claire Atkins are invited to join Claire for a luncheon to celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at 12.30 pm on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please bring a small plate of something savoury to eat with fingers or forks. Something sweet will be provided by Claire's family. Any queries please contact Kath Boswell ph 04 389 9856

~o0o~

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**amendments to the village directory**

- Atkins family – change to Boswell family – 36 Wainui - ph 04 389 985 or 027 222 2886
- Basil & Audrey's surname is Greig ( not Grieg)
- Don & Pharaïne Hickman obviously no longer live at 10 Wainui

***please amend your directories***

# Koitiata Matters

in

May 2004

**Welcome to all new residents and visitors. Open committee meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm.**

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As a result of the meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup>, our submissions to the Draft Rangitikei Council Community Plan has been drawn up and submitted. A copy is in the porch of the Community Centre. We will be speaking to our submissions on June 3 rd.

~o0o~

Feel free to use the Community Notice Board at the Community Centre, but please keep your notices to postcard size, so that others have a share of the space.

~o0o~

Save money and save the planet !

## **Bob Major's Retirement from Council**

a thank you  
from the residents  
of Koitiata

**Friday June 4<sup>th</sup> 2004**

**7 pm**

**Community Centre**

please bring a small supper plate  
(finger food)  
BYO

Don't forget to use the recycling unit at Turakina School.

- it is free of charge.
- you can park right next to it
- it is open all hours
- it should substantially reduce the amount of stuff you have to put in your rubbish bags.

~o0o~

The next happy hour will take the form of an informal farewell and thanks to Bob Major who is retiring as our representative on Council. Bob has worked hard for this community as a Councillor and as a neighbour. Note the later start time. Come as you are. Small supper plates appreciated and BYO.

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Regarding stock and mess on Turakina Beach Road. Please bear with our farming neighbours as they continue with their rehabilitation work. They are as keen as we are to see the end of the mess.

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Joyce Smith will be overseas for the next two months. Richard Corcoran will take over the secretarial and treasurer responsibilities in her absence.

# Koitiata Matters

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June 2004

**W**elcome to all new residents and visitors. Open committee meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm.

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Please be aware of the changes to the Dog Control Act. All dogs must be confined so that they cannot leave their owners' property of their free will. When away from their owners' property, they must be accompanied by a human with a lead. No dogs are permitted in the children's play area. Unidentified dogs found wandering in this area will be reported to the council.

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As there were insufficient members to form a quorum this month's meeting was cancelled. However, the following topics were discussed and it was agreed they will form the agenda of next month's meeting:

- **A working bee to improve the current access to the beach**

- **A fundraising bring and buy with people either donating items for sale or 'buying' a stall for \$10. This will be accompanied by tea and scones and a sausage sizzle.**
- **A kite day (with an expert in kite making and flying).**
- **A provisional plan for modifying the community centre to include toilet for men with wheelchair access.**
- **A wall and hop-scotch area.**

So, if you want a say on any of these topics be sure and turn up. Although you will not have voting rights your views will be listened to and taken into consideration.

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Don't forget to come along to the usual monthly happy hour and enjoy the company, a sing song and a game of bowls.

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Further the village's submission to Rangitikei District Council, RDC, Horizons, and D.O.C. have had several meetings and are continuing to explore the possibility of a long term solution to the problem of beach access. It is good to see the council acting so promptly.

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Wainui Street, ph 327 3909**

# Koitiata Matters

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July 2004

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*In the sad absence of your usual secretary the last newsletter was not adequately proofread and left the impression that the committee were thinking of building a new loo only for men in wheelchairs. In fact they are thinking of building a new toilet for that will have wheelchair access for anyone who needs it.*

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There will be a ~~bring n buy~~ sale on Saturday October the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Labour Weekend. Bring along your unused items before the day and come on the day to see if you can find a bargain. Personal tables will cost \$10, there will be the usual sausage sizzle and tea and scones for \$1 each. This is the main fundraiser for the year and relies on your support.

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Sometime during the next school holidays Joan Nation will be organising a kite day that will include the making as well as the flying of kites. Watch out for further updates about when and where.

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Thanks to the efforts of Tom Dooney and the generosity of Arnold Nation, there will soon be a hopscotch in the play area for the young and the young of heart.

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Considerable work has been done on the ford and causeway, but it is still not back to how it was before the flood. It is therefore proposed that we hold a village meeting and invite the CEO of Rangitikei District Council to discuss further action. The date of this will be announced later.

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It view of the flood damage to Bob Major's land it is suggested that anyone planning to take vehicles over his land to go white-baiting, first seek Bobs permission and clarifies where it is safe to go. Bob has gone to a lot of trouble to make things as safe as possible and we do not want to abuse his generosity. Also it should be made clear that you travel over his land at your own risk. Bob is not responsible for any mishaps you may have.

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Unfortunately there was a recent incident when large stones were thrown onto a Wainui Street property, some of which landed on the roof. This foolishness could have cause major damage or injury. If it happens again the incidents will be reported to the police. But perhaps the best way



to prevent this kind of thing happening  
is for us all to keep our eyes open.

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Such incidents make us think of the  
neighbourhood watch scheme that has  
not been updated for some time and is  
not as well supported as it might be.  
Richard Corcoran, our village liaison  
person with the police, would like to  
be in touch with all area co-ordinators.  
Please see the notice on the back of  
this newsletter.

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you have anything to put in it,  
contact Richard Corcoran, 10  
Wainui Street, ph 327 3909, or, after  
the 9<sup>th</sup> of August, Joyce Smith, 50  
Rapaki Street, ph:3273883**

# Koitiata Matters

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August 2004

**Welcome to all new residents and visitors. Open committee meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm.**

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Our sympathy is extended to Laura Wills and her family. Bill made an important contribution to Koitiata and is missed by this community. A donation from the community to the Alzheimer's Society will be made in his memory.

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**Regarding the Ford** – The water level is currently too high for vehicle crossing. Council is undertaking a survey and report of the situation. When this is complete, there will be a meeting to discuss options. In the meantime if you have any suggestions or questions please refer to and support the Ford sub-committee – Peter Fraser and Arnold Nation, who will be out there working on it as conditions permit.

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The kite day planned for Sept has had to be postponed to a future date. Residents are reminded that

there will be a kite day at Ohakea on Sept 5<sup>th</sup>

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**Only two months to Market Day – Saturday October the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Labour Weekend.**

Time for a sort out of your preloved items, time to start sewing, growing, preserving, reserving etc. Donate items for community funds or sell your own – tables cost \$10.

There will be the usual sausage sizzle and tea and scones for \$1 each. This is the main fundraiser for the year to pay for those tokens of kindness that make us a community.

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**Regarding the Christmas Parade and Party.**

Any suggestions for change or amendments? Now is the time to speak. The committee's feeling is to continue with a parade and party with an emphasis on children, but open to all.

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The Country Music Society will be holding their usual monthly get together on Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup>. Contact Trish Dooney or Joan Nation for details.

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# Koitiata Matters

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September 2004

**W**elcome to all new residents and visitors. Open committee meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm.

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**Regarding the Ford** – The subcommittee is fairly confident that the water level will be down to a manageable level within the next few weeks. Successful beach access will then require the depositing of sand to level the bed, followed by a layer of metal to consolidate it. The sand is to hand but the metal will probably cost about \$300.

RDC is looking at a longer term policy to maintain beach access. In the meantime, your Committee was going to ask for a few dollars per household to cover this cost, but the management of Santoft Forest has kindly offered to assist with the metal required this time.

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Does anyone have any clean offcuts of untreated wood to donate to the Turakina Kindergarten kids? If so please

call 327 3909 or drop off at 10 Wainui Street.

**Only six weeks to the Great Annual Labour Weekend Market Day – Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup>**

It'll be a good 'un this year with plenty of variety of crafts and produce. Still time to book a table to sell your own stuff (\$10) . All donations of produce and preloved items will be welcome. A separate handbill with details will be coming round. If you want any bills for distribution or posters for display elsewhere please contact Joyce. Last year some people walked away with truly amazing bargains – it's really worth coming early.

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**Regarding the speed limit** – Committee is now in possession of the guidelines for reducing a speed limit from 50 kph. Ratana is about to erect a request for a voluntary speed limit. Your committee has taken Council's advice to monitor the progress in Ratana before taking any further action in Koitiata.

In the meantime, parents are urged to teach and watch their children regarding road safety. You are also reminded that children under licensing age are not permitted to drive motor bikes and quads on the public roads.

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The erection of the Interpretation Board in collaboration with DOC has been put on hold until there is a more settled foreshore situation in which to place it. That being the case the \$1,000 donated by DOC for this purpose has been placed on term deposit.

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October 2004

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**What a great Market Day! We made \$803.85.** Thanks to all for contributions of items to sell. Thanks especially to Joan for baking scones, Joan and Wendy for kitchen duties, Peter and Arnold for cooking sausages, Trish and Nicole behind the counters, Tom for goffering, and Robin and Pam for backup.

Very special thanks to:

- **Dublin Street Butchery** for the free sausages and bargain price meat . - **Turakina Garage** for the petrol voucher.

The winning ticket for the \$50 meat voucher was 175 (Di Billing), and the second prize \$20 petrol voucher went to ticket 49 (Mary Austin). Congratulations to both.

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The ford is still too deep for safe crossing, but let's hope the weather will now improve and

we will soon be using it again. Council is applying for resource consent for an all weather, all

**KOITIATA  
Santa Parade  
&  
Christmas Party  
Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup>  
11 am**

- dress up a vehicle
- dress up yourself
- free party food and drink
- BYO children's presents ( no more than \$5)

**Phone Joan 327 3841**

year crossing.

If you have any small craft, knitting or sewing projects on the go, a group meets in the Community Centre every Monday afternoon from 2 til 4 pm. Bring your project or just come along and join us for a chat and a cuppa.

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Happy hours happen the first Friday of every month from 6 pm. The next one will be on Friday November 5<sup>th</sup>.

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The Austin family would like to thank residents for the messages of sympathy after their recent bereavement.

# Koitiata Matters

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November 2004

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It is with regret that the Committee has had to cancel this year's Christmas Parade. The new regulations require us to either pay for the closing of streets and all that entails, or to limit the parade to registered vehicles, or both!

We obviously have to make some fundamental decisions about parades in the future.

However, the party in the Community Centre will go ahead on Dec 19<sup>th</sup>. This is for children and adults and it is FREE! Everyone is welcome but let us know if you are coming so that we know how many to cater for. Please phone Joan Nation (327 3841) by Dec 11<sup>th</sup>. Please provide a small gift (no more than \$5) wrapped and named for each of your children for Santa's sack. These should also be with Joan by Dec 11<sup>th</sup>.

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The next happy hour will be on Friday Dec 3. BYO drink and some nibbles to share. Enjoy indoor games, have a sing song or just a chat with friends.

**KOITIATA  
Christmas Party  
Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup>  
11 am**

- party food and drink are free, but please RSVP so that there is enough.
- BYO present from Santa (no more than \$5 each child)

**Ph Joan Nation 327 3841  
before Dec 11<sup>th</sup>**

The lagoon at the ford is about 400 mm deep and, weather permitting, metal is going on it any day now. We should have reasonable beach access very soon.

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A group meets on Monday afternoons in the Community Centre to spend a couple of hours on their handicrafts. If you would like to come along and join us from 2 – 4 pm please do.

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Now that summer seems to be here – well some of the time – don't forget to use the pétanque pit. If you would like to get together with others to play contact Joyce Smith.

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# Koitiata Matters

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December 2004

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## Social Subcommittee

Thanks to everyone who came to the Christmas Party on Sunday

### **RHYTHM 'N KEYS**

invite you to the famous

**New Year's**

**Party & Dance**

at the

**Koitiata Community Centre**

on

**Friday December 31st**

**From 8 pm**

- **BYO drinks and a supper plate to share.**
- **All the family welcome.**
- **Meat raffle.**

*Ph Joan Nation 327 3841*

19<sup>th</sup>. Thanks especially to Joan Nation and the Social Club for all the good work.

With such a level of support it should be worth putting on something a bit bigger next year!

~o0o~

## Ford Subcommittee

Thanks to Rangitikei Forests for the metal to level the bed, and to Jim Mant for the marker posts. We need some white paint and a painter to finish them off.

If we all take care and use the ford properly it should see us through the summer ( if we have one!)

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Congratulations and thanks to our Fire Party on 21 years of service. And a special mention of Tom Dooney for 14 years service to this community and a total of 20 years service as a volunteer fire fighter.

Thanks to the Fire Party for washing down the Community Centre.

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The next happy hour will be on Jan 14<sup>th</sup> – yes it's the second Friday – thought we'd better have a week to get over NYE! BYO drink and some nibbles to share. Enjoy indoor games, have a sing song or just a chat with friends.

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Have a safe and happy holiday.

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