Community hall opened

Hall & Fire Shed

Social life for Koitiata residents will never be the same now they have their own community hall.

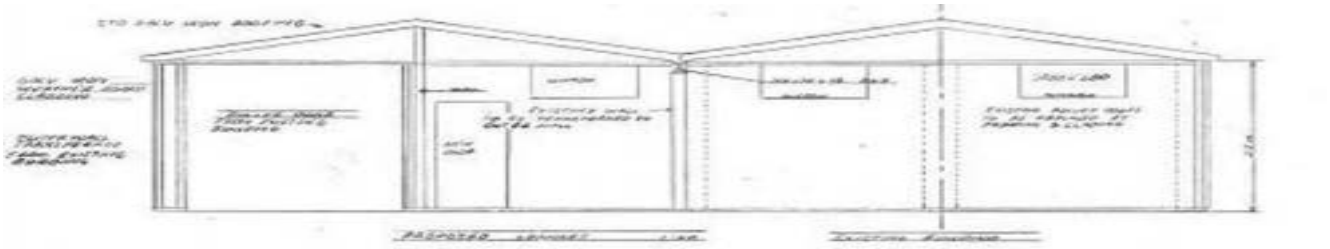
The hall was officially opened on Saturday by Nena Cameron

seated the oldest resident of the Koitiata Community Council and some of the people who have assisted with the building project.

Community council chairman [illegible] does [illegible] initially began as a shed to house the village fire appliance — a tractor-drawn trailer with motorised water pump, hose reels and other

been fully completed and equipped.

Mrs Cameron, who had been a regular visitor to Koitiata for 70 years and a permanent resident there for the past 16 years, said



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Hall and Fire Shed

The hall and fire shed complex has had six stages of expansion to arrive at the facilities we have today. It began in late 1981 when the concrete floor was poured for a 7.5m x 6m shed to house fire gear provided by the Forestry Department.

That stage was completed in 1982 and at that point it was 'the fire shed'. County Council personnel decided that to avoid any future issues with the building's use and/or ownership, it would be better to call it 'the hall'. It has continued to be 'The Hall' ever since. That 1981 version was available for use by the Koitiata community for meetings and functions, as well as being a store for the fire-fighting gear.

Soon after in 1983/84 the extension for the toilets and kitchen was added. The single roomed building continued to serve as both the community centre and the fire shed. Another shed was added to the south side of the existing building in 1985, which doubled the building's size. That area also stored the County's tractor and mower.

Life was easier with this extension, as quoted from the KCC chairman *"the two sliding doors on the original building have been incorporated on front and back end of portion housing tractor and trailer.... now possible to drive through this portion of building."*

In 1987, in response to being supplied with a real fire engine and needing somewhere to store it, a new fire-shed was built. This time it was a separate stand-alone building being 6 metres south of the hall, and large enough for the engine and all the existing fire gear. With appropriate pomp and ceremony, the new fire shed became a Fire Station and was officially opened on the 12th of December 1987.

The relocation of the fire gear enabled the hall area to extend and encompass all the internal floor area.

In 1993 funding was available and the open space between the two buildings was filled in with another 6m extension to the hall. This was built during 1993/94 and that extension became the hall's storeroom.

In 2001 the fire shed was replaced with the current shed. That extension completed the hall and fire-shed complex as it is today. Most of the labour for the hall and fire sheds had been provided by Koitiata residents, with materials financed from local authorities, grants and from within the community.

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KOITIATA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CHAIRMANS 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.

Freeholding of Sections. Application to freehold sections had to be lodged with the Commissioner of Crown Lands before June 15th 1982. Thase 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 - preferrably 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.

Koitiata 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 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.

The County Clerk advised that the County would be undertaking the cost of planning and development of the subdivision. No costing had been done and therefore no accurate estimate on the cost of each section could be given although present indications would put the figure at $5,000.00. The standard of subdivision would be appropriate to a beach settlement. The subdivision would have some effect on the value of the present properties at Koitata but it would not necessarily have any effect on the rates. In fact, because there will be more rateable properties the rates could be reduced in comparative terms.

Moved: Mr B. S. Bayley
"That the Reserve and Camping Ground remain in the same area that they presently occupy and that the staff of the Rangitikei County Council prepare a subdivision for the remaining half of the domain area recently purchased by the Rangitikei County Council."
Seconded: Mr G. P. Clark and carried.

Resiting of Camping Ground

As the proposed subdivision of the Domain area in which the Camping Ground is presently sited is not going ahead, the Camping Ground will not be resited.

Community Centre

It was advised that the fire shed was available for Community purposes at a charge of $5.00 per night.

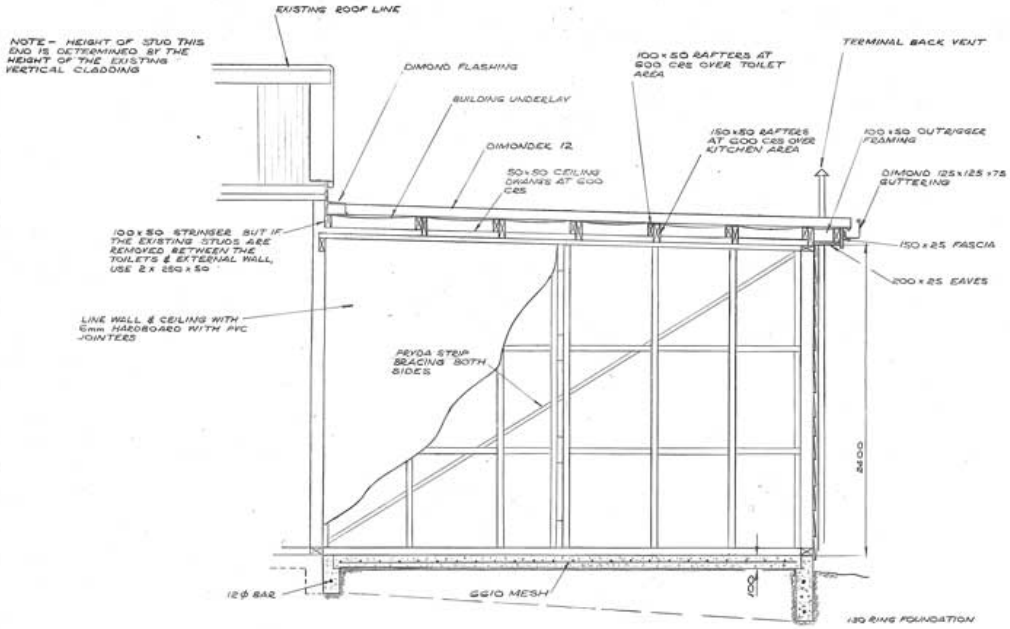
A social Committee was formed to organise further social functions. Those nominated to for the social committee are:

Mr Rex Price
Mr Terry Hunt
Mrs Rangi Hunt
Mr Geoffrey P. Clark
Mr Leslie Smith
Mrs Margaret Blythe

Fire Drill

Ratepayers and Residents expressed concern that no one was trained to operate the fire equipment. Councillor Abbott pointed out that the New Zealand Forest Service gave a practical demonstration on 25 September 1982, and very few residents turned up for the demonstration.

It was decided to hold another fire drill on Saturday, 9 April 1983 atr 9.00 a.m. at the Community Centre for the purpose of forming a volunteer fire brigade and to hold another demonstration, all section holders would be circularised of the time and place.



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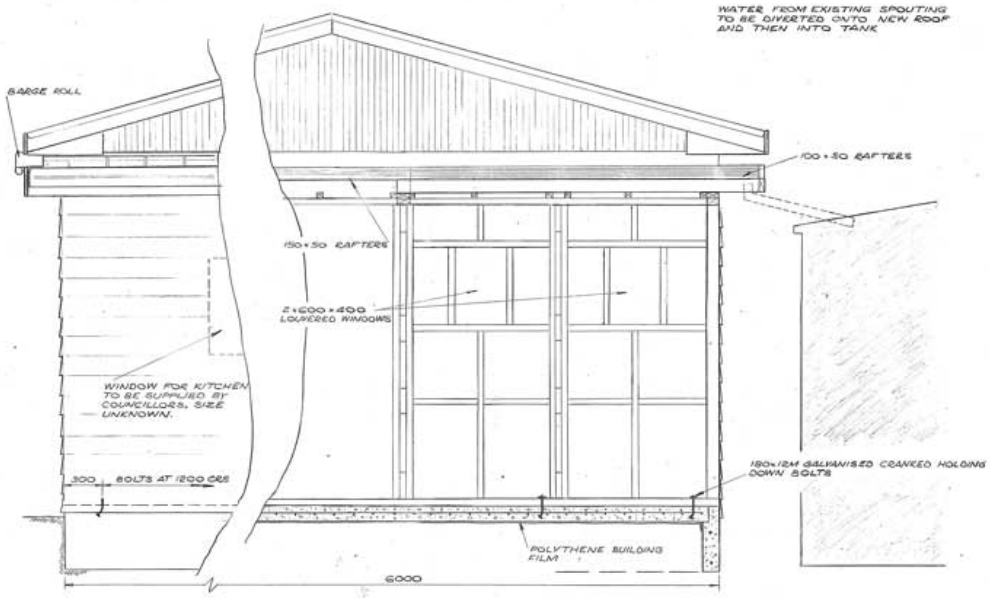

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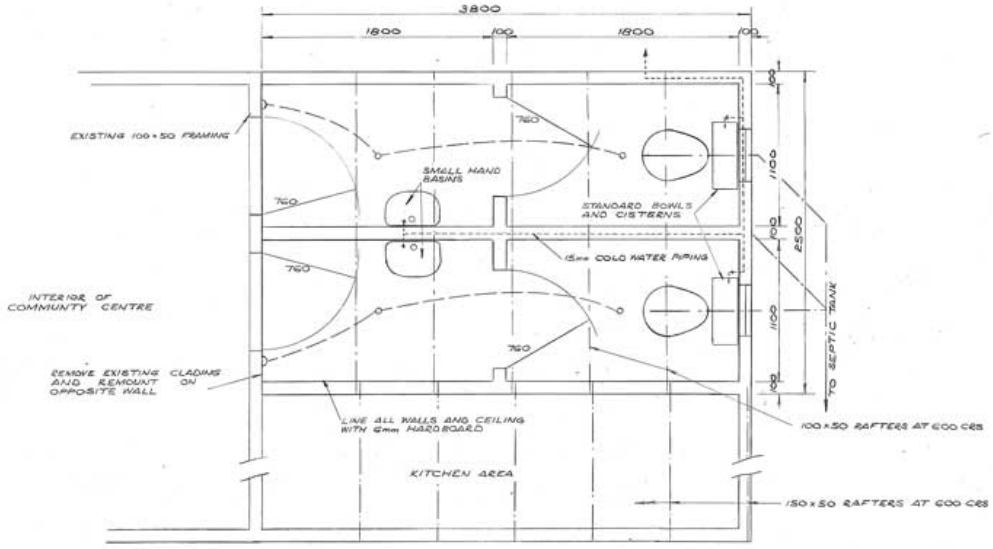

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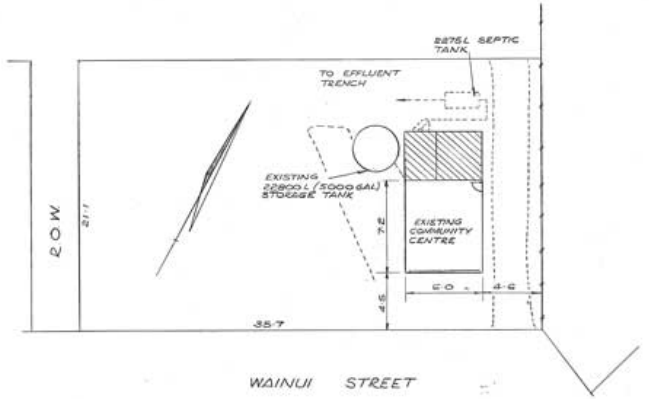

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COUNTY ENGINEER
Date 4-10-83

RANGITIKEI COUNTY COUNCIL

PROPOSED KOITIATA COMMUNITY CENTRE TOILET EXTENSION

SCALE	CON. No.	PLAN / OF /
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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.

TURAKINA 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. Burbery	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 amd 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 encroaching 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:-

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(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 is is desireable 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
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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. Huddlestone	Windows
Mrs. L. McIndoe	Piano and Formica extention table and chairs-Tea Trolly and cups and saucers.

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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 those using the tip can take vehiles close to the edge and tip rubbish over the edge . Almost without fail whihin a day ot 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 chainsaved 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. Greens cows. Members of the Council, County Council representatives have met Mr. Green and discussed the matter.

Because Mr. Greens 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 propertys 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.

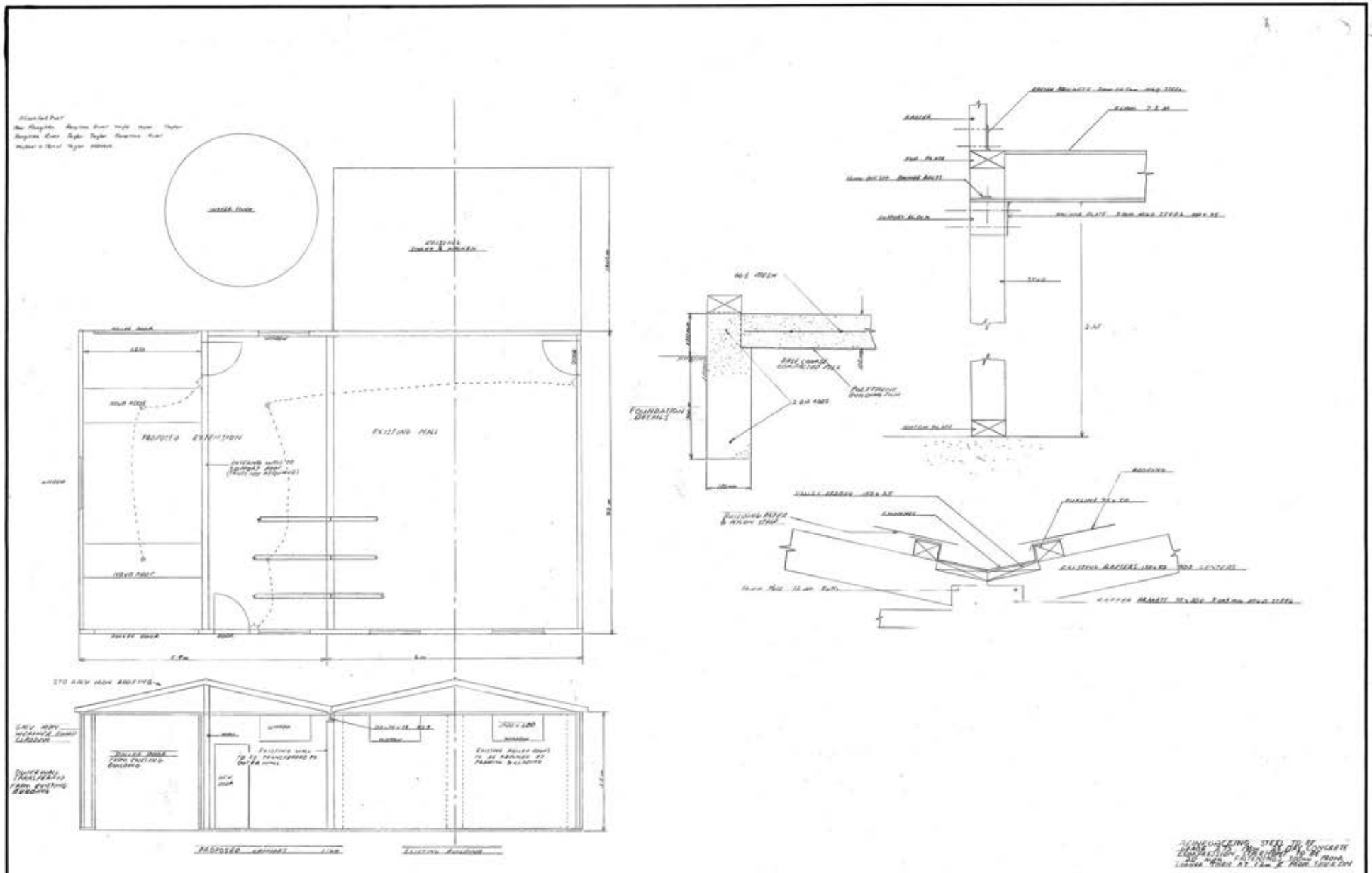
Garage Sale. Some members of the Council are going to arrange for a Garage Sale to be hel held in the Hall probably late in June or in July.

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)



APPROVED COUNTY ENGINEER Date 16-4-85	RANGITIKEI COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSED KOITIATA COMMUNITY CENTRE EXTENSION	SCALE PLAN 1:100 DETAILS 1:5	CON. No.	PLAN OF BL 50

1985: Building stage 3 of hall & fire shed.

NEWSLETTER.

SEPTEMBER 1985

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 appearence 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 Nowl Abbott and Arnold Nation are chipping away concrete to lewel 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 tobuy at a bargin 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 appearence 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 r 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 appliciation 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. Twp 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 lupin 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.

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Mr & Mrs.K.Huddlestone	Windows
Mrs.M.Burberry	Large panel heater
Mrs.L.McIndoe (dec)	Piano, Formica extension table & chairs, tea-trolley, large alum.teapot, electric kettle cups saucers and plates.
P. Young	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 representaives of the County, Police and the Koitiati 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

Community hall opened

Social life for Koitiata residents will never be the same now they have their own community hall.

The hall was officially opened on Saturday by Nena Cameron (seated), the oldest resident of the Turakina Beach settlement. The others are members of the Koitiata Community Council and some of the people who have assisted with the building project.

Although Koitiata has been settled for more than 70 years and now has a permanent population of about 150, it has never had a community centre.

Five years ago Koitiata became a community of the Rangitikei County with its own council. The building of the hall is the council's first major project, although it has been accomplished mainly with voluntary manpower and a variety of local fund-raising activities.

Community council chairman Logan McIndoe said the hall initially began as a shed to house the village fire appliance — a tractor-drawn trailer with motorised water pump, hose reels and other basic equipment.

However, it was decided to enlarge the building for use as a community hall and the fire appliance has now been relegated to a small room at the side leaving about 40 square metres of floor space for people use.

The project has cost the residents $12,000 so far but more money is needed to line the building. At this stage only the toilets and kitchen facilities have been fully completed and equipped.

Mrs Cameron, who had been a regular visitor to Koitiata for 70 years and a permanent resident there for the past 16 years, said the hall will be a useful facility and help people in the community to get to know each other better and develop a stronger community spirit.

Already the hall is being used for indoor bowls but it is anticipated its use will grow.

The official opening was attended by county council representatives, Marton Mayor John Wilson, members of the Marton Friendship Club and Koitiata residents — permanents and weekenders.

Subdivision. The subdivision at the end of [illegible]e One and Wainui Streets is near completion.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Superannuintants and others who assisted with work on the interior of the hall and kitchen, Bill Cornish, Arnold Watson, Eddie Waudale Alan McKenzie, Sydney Arthur, Jack Bedley, Milton Farr, Ian Sargeant Bob Church. Len Smith

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

Mesdames Abbott and Watson provided morning and afternoon teas to all the workers in the Hall.

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

A summary of expenditure on the hall is:-

First Garage	3777	
Installing power	535	
5000 Gallon Tank	1020	
Septic Tank	345	
Extension Toilets & Kitchen	2075	
Sundry	55	
Lining Kitchen & Toilets	660	
Additional Garage	4500	Est.
Materials for lining walls	1700	Est
	15917	
Voluntary labour	???	

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

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

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

Elections. Local Government Elections will be held on Saturday 11th October 1986. Nominations for members of the Foitiata Community Council close on Friday 29th August at 12 noon. 7 members are to be elected to the council. Persons nominated for a position on the Council are not required to be a residents in the settlement, but they are required to be qualified as a Parliamentary elector. Persons nominated for a position on the Council must be nominated by two permanent residents of the Foitiata Community.

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

Yours sincerely Chairman

6.8.86.

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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 applicance 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.

The Rangitikei Mail
December 17, 1987

Standing outside the new fire station at Turakina Beach after its official opening last Saturday are Cr Tim Lethbridge [left], who represented the Rangitikei County Council at the ceremony, and Fireman Martin Pritchard. At the wheel of the fire engine inside the shed is Fireman Bob Willis, who was preparing to demonstrate the vehicle.- "Mail" photo.

Firefighters Have New Station at Turakina Beach

by Glynnis Harding

The Koitiata settlement at Turakina Beach may be small, but it is a closeknit community with great spirit and determination.

The population of 120 permanent residents have banded together to build a new fire station, which was officially opened last Saturday afternoon at Koitiata.

Present at the opening ceremony were Chief Fire Officer Joe Kawana from Ratana Pa, Deputy Chief Fire Officer Paul Hudson from the Marton Volunteer Fire Brigade, and Chief Fire Oficer Ian Connelly from the Bulls Brigade.

Turakina Beach Fire Chief, Mr Noel Abbott, welcomed guests.

"The building of the fire station has been a wonderful community effort", Mr Abbott said. "The finance from a garage sale in September and our working bees have helped us to finish our new fire station".

Mr Abbott invited the Turakina riding member of the Rangitikei County Council, Cr Tim Lethbridge, to speak on behalf of the Council, and to open the door of the new station.

Cr Lethbridge said: "The fire station is a credit to your community. The facility would not be here unless you had done all the work and raised the money yourselves. "The effort is only typical of what you, at Koitiata, have put into all your endeavours. You have this degree of resourcefulness".

Cr Lethbridge commented that the close proximity of the Santoft forestry was a good reason to station a fire engine at Turakina Beach.

Benefit to Forestry

"The fact that you have shown responsibility in this area is of benefit to the forestry", said Cr Lethbridge.

The fire party at the beach presently consists of 9 firemen, with prospects of another joining their ranks. Most of the firemen started their service at the same time.

The firemen are pleased to have the support of the Marton, Wanganui, Ratana and Palmerston North Brigades.

After the official opening of the station, firemen gave a demonstration with the Koitiata fire truck, a New Zealand Fire Services vehicle, previously owned by NZ Fire Services at Rangiwahia.

The water supply to fight fires will come from private water tanks, small ponds, or the river at Turakina Beach.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF KOITIATA RESIDENTS HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON SATURDAY, 13TH MARCH 1993 AT 2.00 PM.

Present: 22 ratepayers and residents

Apologies: J.van Loo, K.Breden, Mrs.N.Fraser, Mrs.Price, Mr.& Mrs.Waitai.

The Chairman explained that this meeting was being held solely for the purpose of considering the suggestions of projects brought forward by residents and could be paid for by fund held in reserve by the Rangitikei District Council.
On the last Annual Meeting held on the 21st Oct 1992 this Committee was instructed to come up with suggestions.
On 17th Dec.1993 a circular was sent to all residents calling for suggestions and closing date was 15th Febr.1993, by than 5(Five) suggestions were received, this meeting was held to choose one of the five.
The persons who brought forward the suggestions were given time to explain their plans.

Plans: Plan 1 and 2 (Mr.R.Sargeant)
Plan 2 was replacing plan 1 with a lean to of 2 meters to the hall which would give the Fire Brigade still acces to the watertank and would consist of two rooms with raised floors at a cost of approx. $80 per square meter.

Plan 3 and 4(Mr.E.Ramsdale)
Plan 3 a lean to of approx 16 feet with a provision of a walkway between firestation and hall.
Plan 4 to completely build in the space between the firestation and the existing hall.

Plan 5 (Mrs Eustace)
To level floor in existing hall and cover with lino, Mrs.Eustace explained that this could also be done at a later date when money is available, an other alternative to get the floor resurfaced with concrete.

Discussions were held re access for the Fire Brigade to the watertank and it was suggested that because of the large run off another watertank could be installed beyond the firestation.

The Chairman called than for the voting to take place by way of writing the plan number on the paper supplied.

Result of the vote was:
3 votes for plan no.2
16 votes for plan no.4
3 votes obstained.
Plan number 4 was then choosen by a majority of 13 votes.

It was decided that voluntary labour could be used to further cut costs, it was suggested that Mr.I Perry might be willing to supervise any work to be done by the Community.
The Secretary was instructed to contact the R.D.C. re plans etc. and to call a further residents meeting when plans etc are ready.

The meeting closed at 2.45 PM. B.T. Attwell

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING INTERNAL WALLS SHALL BE LINED WITH GIB-BOARD:- i/FRONT WALL OF NEW ADDITION
ii/ REAR WALL OF NEW ADDITION
iii/ THE EXISTING COMMUNITY HALL WALL.

MOVE EXISTING WINDOW TO REAR WALL OF NEW ADDITION AND LINE FIRE STATION WALL WITH A HIGH DENSITY FIBRE BOARD FOR SECURITY REASONS.

MOVE EXISTING EXTERIOR DOOR TO THE FRONT OF FIRE STATION AS SHOWN, AND REPLACE EXISTING DOORWAY WITH A NEW LOCKABLE INTERNAL DOOR.

REMOVE EXTERIOR CLADDING FROM WALLS SHOWN & USE TO CLAD NEW WALLS FRONT & REAR. THE COMMUNITY HALL CLADDINGS SHALL BE USED ON THE FRONT OF THE ADDITION & THE FIRE STATION CLADDINGS ON THE REAR.

NOTE: $12\frac{1}{2}°$ PITCH TRUSS AS PER PLAN M501. WITH PINEX CEILING & TWO LIGHTS EVENLY SPACED OUT WITHIN ROOM.

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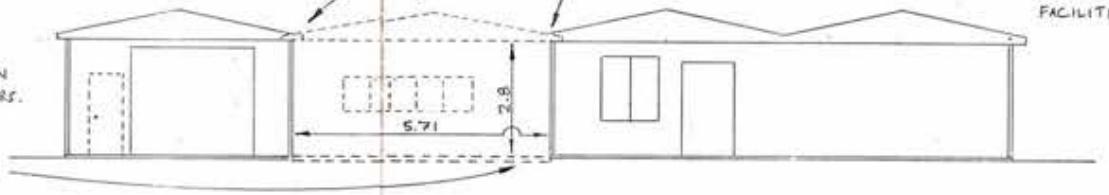
SCALE: 1:100

NOTE: LIGHT SWITCHES SHALL BE PLACED ON EITHER SIDE OF THE PROPOSED ADDITION BESIDE THE INTERNAL DOORS.

SPOUTING SHALL BE OF A U-CHANNEL PROFILE AND SHALL FALL TO THE REAR OF THE BUILDING WHERE THE WATER CAN BE EITHER PIPED TO THE TANK AVAILABLE OR FLOW INTO THE EXISTING STORMWATER FACILITIES.

NOTE: 60mm HEIGHT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO EXISTING CONCRETE FLOORS. NEW CONCRETE FLOOR SHALL BE LEVEL WITH A 60mm STEP ON THE COMMUNITY HALL SIDE.



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DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND SERVICES
Date 25.6.93

RANGITIKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL

KOITIATA COMMUNITY HALL / FIRE STATION EXTENSION.

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Roll on the long, hot summer — Koitiata's fire crew is ready

By Colin Rowatt

Koitiata's rural fire party members are seeing red these days... lots of it.

But it's the cheery red of their two fire appliances now housed, for the first time in a long time, in their own purpose-built "shed".

The new Koitiata Fire Depot, which will be officially opened this afternoon by Rangitikei Mayor John Vickers, is the fifth fire appliance shed at Koitiata since 1985.

The first shed, which was home for the village's original, battered, old Land-Rover fire appliance, ultimately turned into the Koitiata community hall.

And, as that facility was expanded, the fire depot was shifted further along until it ended up at the opposite end from where it started.

And that's where the new shed has been built.

Fire party chief Peter Bamford said the new depot represented a kind of joint venture between the community and its fire party of 12 and the Rangitikei District Council.

The council put up the $17,000 for the Skyline kitset garage, but it was the fire party members who put it together with advice and assistance from Skyline rep Clayton Grant and some local carpentry expertise.

Mr Bamford said almost 600 voluntary man-hours had gone into the project, which also involved the building of a sand-retaining wall along the back and down one side of the new shed.

Timber materials for that — about $500 worth — were donated by local company Santoft Roundwood.

Earnslaw One forestry company and Jensen Electrical of Marton had also sponsored the project in various ways.

Mr Bamford said that, with the building project now completed, the fire party would be able to get back to its regular training programme to prepare for what he suspects could be a busy summer.

Koitiata rural fire party is the biggest, most organised and best equipped in the Rangitikei and does duty throughout the district as the second-line fire-fighting unit behind the local New Zealand Fire Service brigades.

Mr Bamford said two summers back the party was called out 16 times to help deal with some major, potentially serious fires.

Last summer there were a mere two call-outs.

But with one call already this season, Mr Bamford reckons his men could spend this summer again eating a lot of smoke.

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Koitiata rural fire party chief Peter Bamford (right) oversees the final preparations for the opening the new fire depot.

.Picture: HAMISH WHITE

ABOUT 80 Koitiata residents and invited guests turned out for the official opening of the beach settlement's new firefighting headquarters last Saturday. The $17,000 two-berth kitset garage was erected by the local fire crew and officially opened by Rangitikei Mayor John Vickers. Bulls ward councillors Bob Major and Jill Strugnell congratulated the community as did Nga Ariki elder Alexander (Bill) Murray and RDC regulatory services manager Dorstan Hayman, who administers Rangitikei's rural firefighting teams.

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High praise for RDC and suppliers

Koitiata may be a tiny settlement that is hardly recognised on a map. However their Rural Fire personnel are an integral part of the local fire safety scene ..

Last Saturday Rangitikei District Council Mayor Mr. John Vickers complimented the local organisation on their achievements when officially opening the new Koitiata Fire Depot.

The Depot has been a long time coming but local Fire Chief Mr. Peter Bamford said it has been well worth the wait. " We originally had an old Landrover in a shed that later became the local hall so we moved along a bit. When that facility was expanded we moved further along and it is on this site the new shed has been constructed" he said

Mr. Bamford was full of praise for the RDC in coming forward with the finance and all the suppliers went the extra mile.

"Santoft Roundwood Products donated all the timber for a retaining wall around the side and rear of the building. The building was constructed by volunteers. Skyline Garages provided the garage financed by Council and their representative Mr Clayton Grant was always on hand to give advice and assistance when the garage was assembled. Forestry giant Earnslaw One could not have been more helpful along with Jensen Electrical who also gave of their time.

The Koitiata Rural Fire Engines in thier new housing

With their new headquarters the Koitiata Volunteers are ready and trained to go anywhere in the district. As well as the first response Unit at the Beach settlement they are the second line of "defence" and assist throughout the district backing up behind the local NZ Fire Service Units. They travel some long distances and put in some massive hours fighting rural fires. The unit has travelled to the back country of Taihape and with its 2.8 Toyota, equipped with state of the art fire fighting equipment the team at Koitiata are back training and hoping for a 'quiet' summer. Prior to this weeks rain things were getting very dry and it was looking towards being a summer of high alert.

Tree finally lowered

The historical Blue Gum, out on SH1 has finally been removed.

The tree which has stood for over 100 years