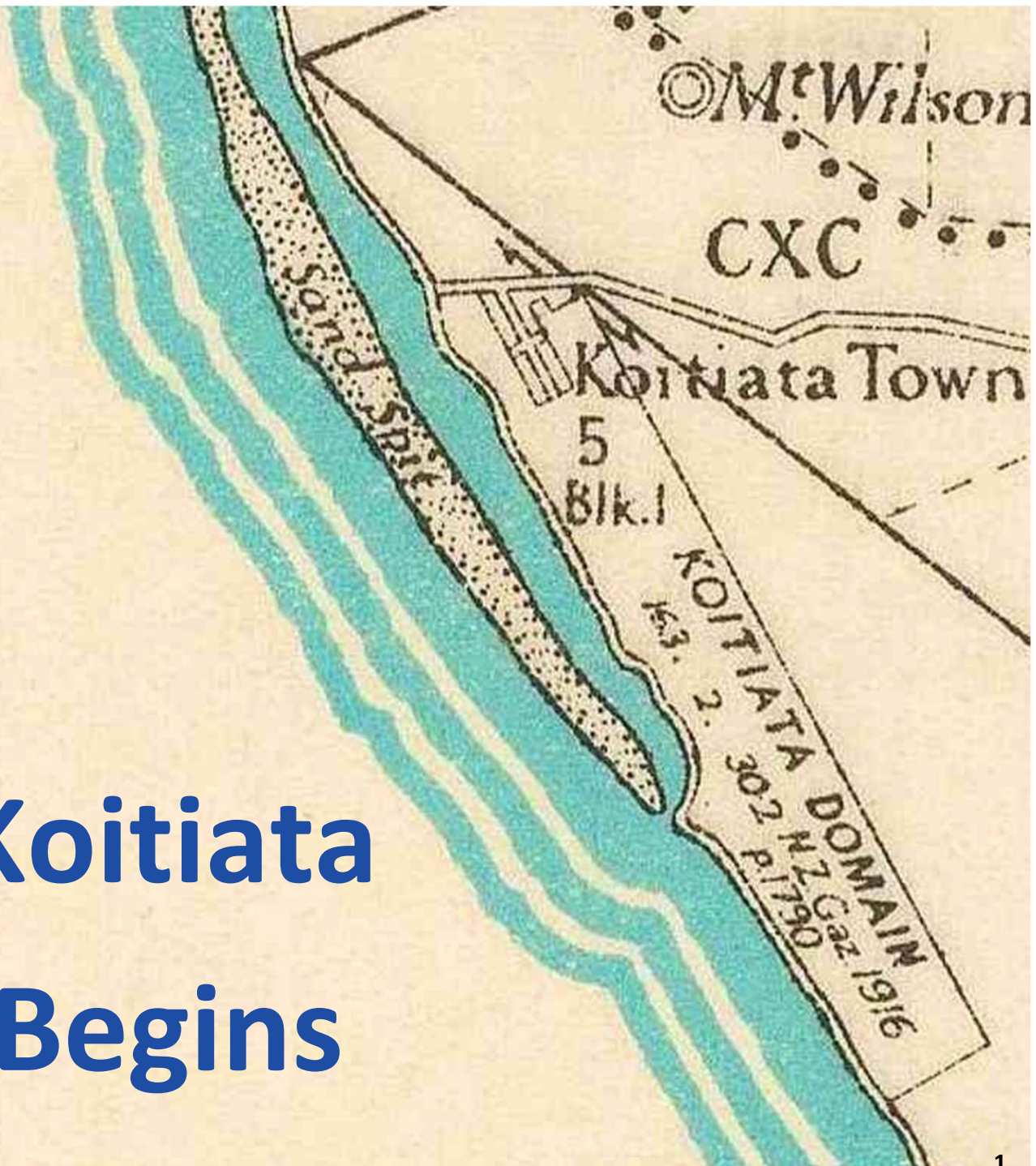


Koitiata Begins





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Koitiata Begins

At the beginning of 1917 there was a Koitiata Domain but no surveyed village. The authorisation was given by Government later in 1917 "for the erection of seaside cottages on Koitiata Domain". It appears from reports that camping was quite popular "... by the river during summer." but that there were "a few more substantial camping type structures in existence" prior to the setting up of Koitiata township.

Koitiata Domain Board, (Rangitikei County Council), at their first meeting in December 1917, 'set the rules' for the Domain; "... shooting not permitted ... pitching of tents to be permitted ... no fires other than cooking".

They also resolved "that the chairman, the secretary and inspector report upon most suitable position ... for cottages" and decided "... to grant one- year leases to those who had already erected cottages upon payment of

£1; within 14 days from 1st January 1918."

It is therefore reasonable to claim that Koitiata was established by those who created that early camping village that existed at the beginning of 1917, (and earlier).

In January 1918 the site for the planned township was selected. The map dated July 1918, lays out the beginning of the surveyed Township of Koitiata. But as history shows, in the future it would be more of the early-bird cottages in the village that would enable Koitiata to become established.

Auckland Weekly News

February - March, 1917

TURAKINA SEASIDE RESORT

The completion of the formation and clay-
ing of the sand drift on the Turakina Sea
Beach Road has given access to one of the
best seaside resorts on this coast. The work
was undertaken by Mr. A. Natrass, who
has completed it in a very satisfactory man-
ner under the supervision of Mr. A. Thom,
Rangitikei County engineer. Mr. T. Bridge,
of Marton, was the first to undertake the
journey over the new work, which he safely
accomplished with a motor-lorry of excu-
sionists and was immediately followed by
a procession of motor-cars.

The Rangitikei Advocate

December 20, 1917

SEASIDE RESORT AT TURAKINA HEADS

KOITIATA DOMAIN BOARD.

A meeting the above Board, which is comprised of the members of the Rangitikei County Council, was held this morning at the Council Offices, Marton, Mr B. P. Lothbridge presiding.

The following resolutions were carried.—That Mr H. H. Richardson, County Clerk, be appointed secretary and treasurer, to the Board and that Mr A. Thoms be appointed inspector.

That the secretary prepare the report for the year ending 31st December, 1917, and forward a copy to the Minister.

That shooting on the Domain be not permitted.

That the pitching of tents on the Domain be permitted during the pleasure of the Board in such localities as the chairman, secretary or inspector of the Board approves, provided that no public nuisance is created, and that no camp gear or litter is left on the ground when the tents are removed.

That no fire be lit on the Domain except for the purpose of cooking and that all temporary fire-places be constructed to the satisfaction of the Board in such a manner that the fire will not spread to the surrounding vegetation.

That the chairman, secretary and inspector report upon the most suitable position for the setting aside of an area for the erection of cottages.

That a temporary license for one year from the 1st January 1918 be granted to those persons who have already erected cottages on the Domain to occupy the said cottages during the period named upon the payment of £1 each; such payment to be payable within 14 days from the 1st January, 1918.

That the annual meeting of the Board be held on Saturday, 2nd February 1918.

The Rangitikei Advocate

January 14, 1918

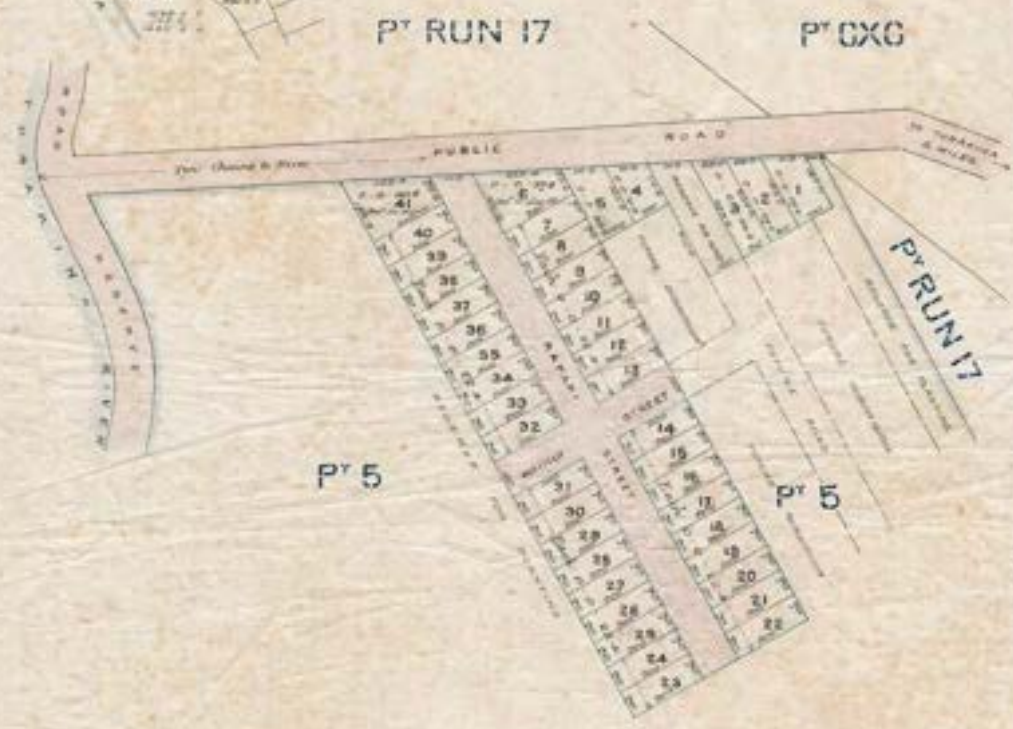
SITES FOR BEACH TOWNSHIP

On Thursday morning Messrs B. P. Lethbridge, chairman, H. H. Richardson and A. Thoms, county clerk and overseer of the Rangitikei County Council, visited the Koitiatia Reserve, on the banks of the Turakina River, and selected sites for the proposed township. The land will be surveyed and then opened up for selections on lease as seaside allotments. At the present time there are fifty people camped on the river bank.

The southerly winds prevailing on Friday banked up the mouth of the Turakina River and closed the course of the river to the sea. The river rose about five feet and spread over an extensive area of the sand flat, at one place the river being about a quarter of a mile in breadth. Yesterday afternoon, however, the river found an outlet to the sea, and quickly emptied itself into the ocean.



Rangitikei County



— Plan of —
 — TOWNSHIP OF KOITIATA BEING PART OF SECTION 5 —
 — BLOCK 1 KOITIATA S.D. —
 — SCALE 2 CHAINS = 1 INCH —

H. J. Brown
 Licensed Surveyor
 Wellington

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Domain Board appointed to have Control of the Koitiata Domain.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this twenty-sixth day of March, 1917.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by section forty-seven of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908 (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), it is enacted that the Governor may from time to time, by Order in Council gazetted, appoint any local authority to be the Domain Board having, subject to the said Act, control of any public domain :

And whereas by an Order in Council made on the twenty-sixth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, Koitiata Domain, described in the Schedule hereto, was brought under the operation of and declared to be subject to the provisions of Part II of the said Act :

And whereas it appears expedient to appoint a Domain Board to control the said domain :

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers conferred by the said Act, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby appoint

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to be the Koitiata Domain Board, having the control of the land described in the Schedule hereto for the purposes of and subject to the provisions of Part II of the said Act ; and doth hereby appoint Saturday, the fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, at eleven o'clock a.m., as the time when, and the Rangitikei County Council Chambers, Marton, as the place where, the first meeting of the said Board shall be held.

SCHEDULE.

KOITIATA DOMAIN.

ALL that area in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 165 acres 2 roods, more or less, being Section No. 5, Block I, Koitiata Survey District. Bounded towards the north by a public road, 1858.4 links; towards the north-east by Run No. 17, Block I aforesaid, 10103.4 links; towards the south-east by Run No. 17 aforesaid, 1405.1 links; and towards the south-west generally by a road reserve one chain wide from mean high-water mark along the sea-beach to the mouth of the Turakina River; thence by a road reserve one chain wide along the eastern bank of the Turakina River: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less. As the same is delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 1/193A, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon edged red.

F. W. FURBY,

Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act 1917 026
Commenced: 31 Oct 1917

59 Authorizing the erection of seaside cottage on Koitiata Domain

59. Authorizing the erection of seaside cottage on Koitiata Domain---(1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section thirty - four of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, the Governor-General may grant leases under that section over portions of Section 5, Block I, Koitiata Survey District, in the Land District of Wellington (being the Koitiata Domain), authorizing the lessees to erect buildings on the lands comprised in such leases.

(2.) No such lease shall comprise an area exceeding one rood, and no such area shall at any point be less than one chain from high-water mark, and the aggregate area so leased for building purposes shall not exceed one-tenth part of the total area of the said domain.

(3.) Every lease granted under this section shall provide for the erection of a house within a specified time on the land comprised in the lease in accordance with plans and specifications to be approved by the Koitiata Domain Board, and for the maintenance of the premises in good order to the satisfaction of the said Domain Board.