

## Piano still playing its song

By Francesca Lowe.

A piano found in sand dunes at Turakina Beach is still attracting visitor attention- seven months after it was abandoned.

Koitiata resident, Gay Hammond, was out on the beach two weeks ago gathering driftwood. On Tuesday she said, "You can see by the footprints in

the sand, there's still interest in the piano. And there are wine bottles sitting on it. It is quite famous and visitors to the beach ask, "Where is the piano? In the Summer, I am sure there will be a lot of people coming down to the beach to have a look."

Over the Christmas/ New Year holiday period the upright piano, made in London in the 1800's, was discovered in the dunes hidden from visitors to the beach. How it got there, and who abandoned it is still a mystery. Mrs Hammond said she knows the owner's identity, however, she was not prepared to reveal names. She said, "I think they have a great sense of humour, and it came off. The piano is something unusual for a change, and a good reason for our community to be put on the map for something nice."



It was famous and there have been imitators, but without the aura or fame of The Piano.

And of course, all have been swallowed up by The Beach.