

The Rangitikei Mail

August 31, 1978

Suggestions by Turakina Beach Residents

At the annual meeting of the Turakina Beach Residents' Association on Sunday, the retiring chairman, Mr Les Anderson, welcomed the county riding member, Mr G J Briant, the Rangitikei County Council clerk, Mr M C Griffiths, and the county overseer, Mr Les Vincent, and a large gathering of about 70 residents.

The meeting passed several proposals for improving conditions at the beach. They included a request for more road restriction signs, such as 50 kph speed limits, and "Drive Carefully - No Footpaths". It was also suggested that street names should be erected.

Following complaints about the discharge of guns in the beach area, the County Clerk, Mr Grif-

fiths, said it was unlawful to discharge or carry a loaded firearm in the confines of the Koitiata Domain, as the beach is known. Steps would be taken to ensure that no misuse of motor vehicles would be permitted in the Domain.

Discussions were held on the purchase of a portable water-pump and hoses for temporary firefighting purposes until a permanent fire service was established.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr Joe Davis; secretary-treasurer, Mr Noel Abbott; committee, Messrs Phil Cornish, Jack Tremaine, Brian Bayley.

The new chairman thanked the retiring chairman, Mr Anderson, the retiring secretary, Mrs Mavis Farr, and the committee for their past efforts. He also expressed the hope that closer liaison between the new committee and the County Council would be a benefit to all the residents in the Domain.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
TURAKINA BEACH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION 1979

16 NOVEMBER, 1979

On the 26 August, 1978 at a meeting of 70 members of the Association, a new Committee was elected.

In attendance were representatives of the Rangitikei County Council Messrs. M. Griffiths, L. Vincent and Mr. Bryant a County Councillor.

The new Committee comprises as elected:

Chairman:	Joe Davis
Secretary/Treasurer	Noel Abbott
Committee:	Phil Cornish
	Jack Tremaine
	Brian Bayley

A vote of thanks was recorded to the outgoing Committee.

Matters dealt with during the year.

- (1) Street Lights: 10 Street lights have been installed after a postal vote of residents and back owners was taken. (14 were for lighting and 23 against).
- (2) Poppers cut and left on the spot by the County Council were cleared by a Working Bee. Special thanks in this regard to Messrs. Walker, Fraser and Richards.
- (3) Street Names: Streets have been renamed in accordance with the County Council's plan and street name signposts have been erected.
- (4) House Numbering: The Committee hopes to complete house numbering and deliver them to residents. It is proposed that the committee will hold a Working Bee to provide wooden house numbers for each section.
- (5) Speed Limit Signs: have been erected and in view of no footpaths and many children playing, it is in the interest of all beach residents to observe these.
- (6) A Public Phone Box was suggested but a definite "NO" reply was received from the Post Office. However, many residents have telephones for use in emergencies.
- (7) Mr. Griffiths of the County Council made it clear that it is unlawful to discharge or carry a loaded firearm within the confines of the domain.
- (8) The County Council replied in response to a request for firefighting equipment (namely a pump) that the County was doing a Survey of the area and the matter would be taken to the Fire Service Commission at a Council level.

To date no decision has been reached.

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- (9) Section Freeholding: This possibility was put to the Council who will have to take the matter to Crown lands. This matter is still under investigation.
- (10) Raffles: 2 small raffles were run last Christmas, to raise money for postage.
- (11) Thanks to Mrs. Leighton for her care and maintenance of the showers and toilets.
- (12) Certain matters are still under discussion for the coming year, including:
 - (a) Water hole vent on main road
 - (b) Caravan points in the domain and possible drinking water supply for campers.
- (13) Request to all Section Owners:

It would be greatly appreciated if residents and section owners who have questions or suggestions, that they put them in writing and give to a Committee member to be discussed at the following Committee Meeting. If this is done in writing, it will ensure that all matters of concern will be given the attention of the Committee and that the person forwarding the written question will receive a reply.

I would like to thank the Committee for all their help and co-operation in the past year.

Yours faithfully,

J. Davis
 J. Davis
CHAIRMAN

The address of your Beach Property will be:-

.... 43... Rapana Street

KOITIATA COMMUNITY COUNCILCHAIRMAN'S NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 1981

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Brian Bayley
CHAIRMAN

RANGITIKEI COUNTY COUNCIL

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CIRCULAR TO ALL SECTION HOLDERS

FIRE EQUIPMENT

The New Zealand Forest Service will be holding a practical demonstration for the use of the Fire Equipment on Saturday, 25 September 1982 at 10.30 a.m. The demonstration is to be held at the Dam near the Rubbish Dump.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

M. C. Griffiths
COUNTY CLERK

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All residents of Koitiata who are interested in learning how to use the fire equipment and those interested in forming a Koitiata Volunteer Fire Brigade are advised of a Meeting and demonstration to be held at the Community Centre on Saturday, 9 April 1983 at 9.00 a.m.

The last demonstration held on 25 September had a disappointing response, if you are interested in forming a fire brigade please attend this meeting.

M. C. Griffiths
COUNTY CLERK