

Organising the People

Projects like the Hall and Causeway are great examples of the Koiitiata community's organisational abilities and the achievements of the residents committees and other bodies that have existed throughout our history.

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**SEASIDE RESORT AT TURAKINA
HEADS**
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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 first organisation was the Koiitiata Domain Board. It was designated by Government in 1917 to administer the newly formed Koiitiata Domain. The board was comprised of members of the Rangitikei County Council and it continued until 1978.

A letter dated November 1962, from RCC to the Turakina Beach Residents Association is the first record to hand of any community committee. There must have been good support for that committee; the chairman's report of the 1978 annual meeting, records "... at a meeting of 70 members of the Association, a new Committee was elected."

In May 1980, the RCC proposed to TBRA that they consider, "*In view of number of permanent residents ... the possibility of constituting a residential area ... under the Local Govt Act 1974.*"

Meeting of residents in August 1980 moved to go ahead with forming a Community Council. Ratepayers were informed that from April 1981 the new Council would operate, and that in early 1981, "*Ratepayers and (Residents ... to have lived in Koiitiata Community district for three months)*" could vote in elections for council members. Seven members then formed the new Koiitiata Community Council, which was a "sub-committee" of the Rangitikei County Council.

A Dec 1988 report states, "*KCC will cease to exist ... with the new Government Scheme of Regional Councils ...*" The final meeting of the KCC was held in Oct 1989. They advised of a public meeting to be held in November to

discuss the formation of a new committee. The inaugural meeting of the Koiitiata Residents Committee was held January 1990. That new Koiitiata Resident's Committee was the start-up of our current residents committee system.