

## **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Community Services Committee  
**FROM:** Manager Community Services  
**DATE:** 31 July 2007  
**SUBJECT:** Community Services Manager's Report

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### **RURAL FIRE FORCES**

I attended the Annual General Meeting of the Appleby Volunteer Rural Fire Force on Friday 27 July and the following are some of the points out of this meeting:

- Currently there are 16 members.
- 79 callouts (up 6 from the previous year).
- Of these 79, 14 were motor vehicle accidents, 21 vegetation fires, 5 car fires, 4 structure fires, 11 false alarms plus a number of miscellaneous incidents.
- Out of the 79 callouts, 57 were attended with Richmond, 16 with Upper Moutere, 3 with Mapua, 2 with Wakefield and 1 with Stoke.

The following are some of the main points from the recent Ngatimoti Rural Fire Force Annual General Meeting:

- 17 callouts – 3 structures, 6 vehicles, 8 vegetation.
- Opened their new fire station and community room.
- Other activities included training day at Rabbit Island, assisted in burnoffs and two members attended a 4 wheel drive course.

### **DISTRICT LIBRARIAN**

Unfortunately our District Librarian, Brian Paterson, has given notice of his resignation with effect from 31 December 2007.

Brian joined the library staff in 1999 when he immigrated from South Africa and took over as the District Librarian in early 2002.

During his time as District Librarian, Brian has taken a major role in the installation of the Spydus computer system, the extensions to the Motueka Library, the introduction to web access to the library catalogue and EPIC databases, redesigned web page, planning for the new Takaka Library and ongoing planning for extending the Richmond Library into the former Wrightson store.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Brian for all his work in running such a successful library service for the last five years and wish him all the best with his future.

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Manager Community Services

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