

RIFLE, ROD & GUN CLUB

MANAWATU (INCORPORATED.)



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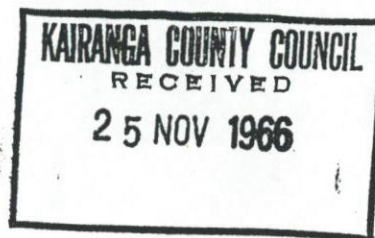
President K. J. COOK.

Secretary W. J. MAXEY.

P.O. Box 1199

Palmerston North,

24th November, 1956.



The County Clerk,
Kairanga County Council,
KAIRANGA;

Dear Sir,

On behalf of our Club, I wish to request permission from your Council to purchase Five (5) acres of land, for the purpose of constructing a rifle range and erecting ancillary Buildings.

The proposed parcel of land is at present owned by Mr. T. M. (Monty) Smith, who is prepared to sell us this small flat of Five (5) acres for the purpose of conducting Rifle Shooting as a responsible Club. The land is described reasonably well in the accompanying Drawing.

Briefly; our Club, as our name implies have widely diversified interests, however the Smallbore Rifle Section is one of our strongest branches and now with the growing demand for outdoor shooting, of the type performed by Mr. Lacey of Levin; while at the Commonwealth Games in Jamaica, we wish to provide our members with the opportunity and facilities to train up to Olympic Standards in outdoor Shooting. We do not want just a rifle range, but the very best outdoor Smallbore Range in New Zealand. This is no idle boast, as we have the knowledge, plans, skilled workers and ability to produce just this.

We have now been active as a Club for Twenty One (21) years and have never had any trouble in shooting, fishing or hunting Trips and we feel that we can approach you as a responsible and reliable organization with a sound and well earned reputation.

In our efforts to cater for the youth of our community we have sponsored one young man to the "Outward Bound School" and hope to sponsor more as time permits.

If we are successful in establishing this range, we propose to provide a Two (2) hour training session for any member of the Public on Saturday mornings. During this time, any person, especially young lads with their first Rifle under expert supervision can receive advice

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and training on the safe handling of guns and rifles. We point out that at present there is absolutely no where a young chap can take a rifle to sight in or learn the rudiments of safe shooting. We feel there is no need to point out the trouble caused by irresponsible Shooters at the weekends, around Palmerston North and while we know we will never stop all this sort of thing, anything we can do to alleviate this problem, will be to our credit and satisfaction.

We have spent over Twelve (12) months searching our surrounding farmland for a suitable area providing reasonable access, safe background and also an area where minimum number of people would be inconvenienced by noise (very little) and the parking of members Cars. We feel that this Five (5) acre block fulfills all these requirements

We propose to incorporate a clause in the bill of sale with Mr. Smith giving him grazing rights and first option on the purchase of said land in the event of insolvency of the Club. This would prevent any possibility of resale of the land for subdivision or housing which of course Mr. Smith does not want.

Trusting you will give this matter your favourable consideration at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

p.p. RIFLE ROD AND GUN CLUB:

H. Cook
President:

STEEP HILL
CONTINUING.

APPROX 120 FT HIGH HILL

NORTH

PROPOSED RANGE
for
RIFLE ROD &
GUN CLUB

WATERS
HOUSE
• 3 MILES.

TALK
MACROCARPAS

160 YDS
APPROX.

25 YD MOUND.

50 YD MOUND.

EXISTING FENCE.

MORRISON HOUSE
• 9 MILES

4.6 MILES TO TAR SEAL

4.6 MILES TO POST OFFICE

165 YDS
APPROX.

CARS.

100 YD MOUND.

PROPOSED
CLUB ROOM

TRACK FOR STOCK
TO LOWER Paddock.

SMITHS HOUSE
• 4 MILES

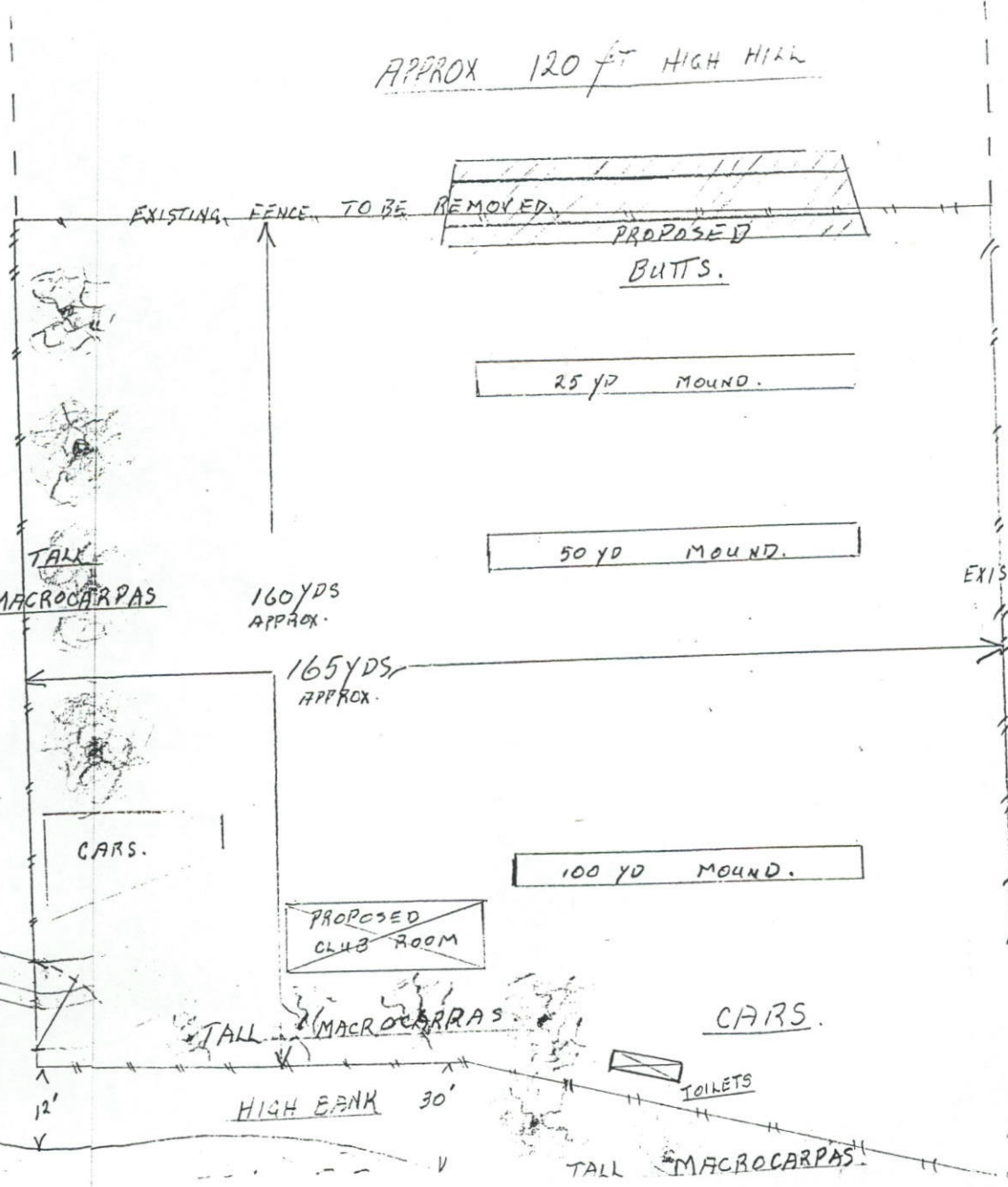
12'

HIGH BANK 30'

CARS.

TOILETS

TALL MACROCARPAS



1 March 1967

Mr K. J. Cook,
President,
Rifle, Rod & Gun Club Manawatu (Inc.),
P.O. Box 1199,
PALMERSTON NORTH.

Dear Sir,

Further to my letter of 2 December 1966, I have to advise that no objections were received following public notification of your Club's proposal to establish a rifle range on Tiritea Road.

The Council has therefore accordingly approved your Club's application to establish the rifle range on Mr H. M. Smith's property, described as part Section 269, Town of Fitzherbert, Block XVI, Kairanga S.D.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. GREGG
COUNTY CLERK



Rifle, Rod & Gun Club ¹⁸

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President F. Parker.

Palmerston North,

Secretary A. Prewett.

24th June, 1969

P.O. Box 1199

Mr. Collis,
Kairanga County Council,
PALMERSTON NORTH.

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Dear Sir,

re Shooting on range at Tiritea.

As a result of our recent discussion with yourself and other farmers in your area, this club has decided to place the following restriction on largebore shooting on our range at Tiritea.

Monday to Friday inclusive -
No shooting before midday.

During August - September -
Shooting only between 12 - 2pm including weekends.

We are further prepared to restrict shooting at any time, if you can give us 24 hours notice by phone to the Range Officer, Phone 87385.

Trusting this arrangement will meet with your approval,

Yours faithfully,

A. Prewett,
SECRETARY.