



in the town. Travel committee secretary, Rea Hapi brings considerable expertise from the Feltex social club where over forty thousand dollars was raised last year. Rongo and Gaye Peta, Winnie Whakatihi and Ken Huff are also travel committee stalwarts. It's this sort of enthusiasm which infects Edna Whakatihi who has five boys in the Rebels. She also looks after the supporters' committee which could be seen as the komiti whakatinana. She knows for true that this Rebel army marches on its stomach and so the provision of manaakitanga for visitors and supporters at all games and functions is paramount.

Five dollars per member is levied for the supporters club.

And just what has all this frenetic activity over the past two years done for the Foxton community.

Well before this time, widespread unemployment and boredom combined with under-age drinking had taken its toll on Foxton. Most Rebels had had occasion to come to the attention of the Law. But the formation of the Rebels has certainly changed some opinions in the town.

Publican, Pat Bussitun, who was a schoolboy league coach in Taranaki, now re-admits Rebel players who were formerly banned from his pub. This is because the players now respect each other and the hotel premises. That probably sums up what's happened in the town of Foxton, former trouble-makers have found something to live for. Tom Woon says they've swapped leather jackets for jerseys, and perhaps Foxton people now see the Maori people with new eyes.

Although the faces and names of Rebel players and supporters are overwhelmingly Maori, the more identifiable displays of Maori identity have been lacking. Both knowledge of the

