**AUGUST 2014 – BUSY BEE REPORT.**

Once again some 30 villagers stepped up to call for volunteers to carry out a number of identified tasks within the Village. At 10.00 a.m. sharp with tools in their hands they commenced the following tasks.

**GARDENING.**

The gardening team had identified a number of projects to be undertaken, following the felling and extraction of tree stumps and lifting of a number of shrubs. Both sides of the avenue looked very bare, but it required many willing hands to rejuvenate the soil by removal of weeds and tree roots including replanting of removed shrubs and plants. Replacement trees have been identified coupled with suitable plants. It will take several weeks for a replacement program to commence. The regular garden team are in urgent need of more volunteers.

**RETIC TECHNICIAL TEAM.**

Due to some damage to the retic and other water services following the tree and shrubs extractions, considerable restoration will be required to re-establish the services. However the down pipes carrying excess water from the roof areas was fully restored underground by this team who worked extremely hard and for which we extend our deep appreciation.

**HONIARA WAY**

This team worked with their tools for the trade and restored this avenue by a general clean up. The avenue and internal areas were swept by the Billygoat operator.

**VILLAGE LUMBERJACK TEAM.**

For many weeks and recognising the huge cost by an established tree surgeon private company to remove the trees and shrubs, a voluntary team of dedicated village “lumberjacks” was identified. Their planning of the herculean undertaking required technical/skilled supervision and the required tools were contracted in and operated by the team supervisor. They completed their designated tasks and cut the marked trees and removed the stubs. The savings on this method saved the village many thousands of dollars. I am sure that we collectively record our deep appreciation for their concerted efforts. The “Meals on Wheel Ladies” kept the team supplied with mugs of hot tea/coffee and cheered the team on to complete the regulated task. This was not part of the Busy Bee program.

**GOURMENT KITCHEN STAFF.**

This dedicated team consisting of many volunteers, provided a lunch for the Busy Bee operatives and was well received by the appreciation shown in the traditional manner.

In conclusion, many other tasks were completed by the volunteers, our thanks and appreciation are recorded in this report.

**MIKE KAVANAGH – BUSY BEE CO-ORDINATOR.**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13th. 2014**