

Our Tez; All Black #1214

AN IMMENSELY PROUD Piopio/ Aria community has followed the rise of local rugby hero and now All Black, Cortez Ratima, through school and regional rugby, and now we have been watching as he plays his first games for our national team.

And while the rest of us watch with excitement and pride, his mum Deiresa Marshall also has a bit of trepidation.

"I get so nervous. When you watch him on the field, compared to all of those big guys, he looks so little even though he's not. My heart beats so hard and I am thinking 'have a good game but don't get hurt' – mum's anxiety."

His recent game in San Diego had him in great form, diving for a try against Fiji before hitting the deck and a concussion. He is hoping to get back and up and running by next game.

Deiresa says Tez has blended in well with the team, lapping up the time he spends training with the experienced players, but loves coming home to be with his family – partner Phillipa and son Kyvie as well as the rest of the whanau back in Piopio/ Aria.

Cortez's dad Peter-Lee Ratima said his son always had the knack for rugby, even as a four year old.

"It was just a matter of time really. He chose rugby over motorcross which he was also pretty good at." Peter-Lee says he is still in a bit of

shock over his boy being named in the team, despite it being a part of the strategy they put in place years ago where being an All Black was a goal for Tez to aspire to.

"The key is to make it a realistic goal and implement short term plans and processes towards a long term plan. I am actually still trying to come to terms with it. It's been a pretty awesome journey to watch."

Peter-Lee said one of the perks of being an All Black's dad is all of the new friends that want to suddenly talk to him.

Cortez's parent's encouraged him to finish a diploma in Business Management, so he would have something for after rugby.

But Deiresa says Tez still has big plans.

"His end game is to be a G.A.B., a Great All Black. He doesn't want to just stop at being an A.B., and I know he will do it because he puts the work in. He always gives it a hundy. He made a lot of sacrifices, we all did to get him to where he is, but when you sit back and look at where he is now, it was all worthwhile."

AGE: 23
HEIGHT: 1.79m
WEIGHT: 87kg
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WHANAU:
Cortez with dad Peter-Lee, sister Lyhric, and mum Deiresa at his debut against England.



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Change of Officers for Piopio Lions

DUE TO the club losing its site at the Fieldays, club members and some local groups were able to provide helpers for the Ngaruawahia Lions and the club received some income from that arrangement. A big thank you to all who helped out.

The caravan was taken to Aria for the schools Orienteering day and, despite the weather not playing its part, we managed to have a good day.

Our Change of Officers was held at Cambridge and was attended by a good number of members and their partners. Some of us went to visit the Cambridge Car Museum just out of Cambridge and

others went shopping.

Lunch was held at Stables restaurant, with the swearing in of officers done by Vice District Governor. Stuart Darke was inducted as President of our Club.

Congratulations to those members who received long service awards: 10 years – David Cooper, Ross Smith and Jeff Andrews; 25 years – Stuart Clarke; 30 years – Neil Fairhurst; 40 years – Gavin Todd; and 45 years – Ken Perry.

Ross Smith is now our Zone Chairman; congratulations to Ross who has put an enormous amount of time into our Club and was awarded the “Quiet Achievers Award”. This was in recognition of him being President last year but also taking charge of the caravan.

The club is looking for someone who would like to cook their meeting dinner, once a month, approximately 20 people – meat and three veg – nothing too elaborate. If interested please contact Gavin Todd 021 0870 0545 or Ross Smith 027 285 1703.

Paddys Market is going to be held at the beginning of October, so keep that in mind if you have anything you can donate to our Auction.

We are always looking for new members to join our Club. If you think this



is you, or would like some further information, please contact us.

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Piopio Fruit & Veg Stand

AS AUGUST arrives we celebrate the sixth year of our Community Fruit & Veg Stand. I'll save the next round of vegetable-themed cupcakes for our tenth birthday, but this is still a major milestone to acknowledge.

We've been seeing a good level of regular contributions throughout the year and the seasons, which is fantastic. Right now it's citrus, with lemons, limes, mandarins and grapefruit in abundance. Our jam makers also crank up their efforts during the rainy days of winter using frozen fruit stashed during the summer and autumn seasons. Clean, small jars are always appreciated to keep the jam coming.

In mid- August I start heirloom tomato seed trays in the glasshouse for our annual October giveaway. Last year we distributed about 600 seedling plants, this year my goal is 1000. Fingers and toes are crossed, but I think I've got enough recycled pots to hit that, then some.

Once we get through making sure everyone is growing enough tomatoes my focus will be on seedling pumpkins/butternuts and heritage beans. Heritage Food Crops Trust, the charitable research organization based in Whanganui behind Monty's Surprise apples, has sent me over 25 varieties

of heritage bean seeds to grow and share with you. This year I'm trying to learn how to grow and dry beans for longer term storage and later use in salads, soups, stews and casseroles. I've researched different support structures that might work to grow them up out in the backyard, and have nephew Mike on the job in the workshop perfecting a design. The Trust has provided me with information on which varieties can be eaten green, green and dried, or dried. Hopefully you'll join me on the journey as I put some of these seeds out in the stand so we can all learn!

The Trust will send out free bean and heirloom tomato seeds to anyone who sends them a stamped, self-addressed envelope; it's a great way to get interesting seeds for your veggie garden and there's good background information on the website too.

Updates on what is on offer can be found on the Piopio Community Fruit & Veg Stand Facebook page, along with occasional recipes and growing information.

Any questions / issues / suggestions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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Cleaning up at Aria's Big Day Out

ON THURSDAY, July 18 the Aria community organised a 'Big Day Out' to hold working bees at Aria School, St Helens Domain, Aria Hall, and the Aria Cosmopolitan Club.

at the cossie club, with food sponsored by King Country River Care.

A lot of work was carried out, including waterblasting, painting touch-ups, cleaning of signs, fencing, planting, and general interior cleaning.

Everyone participating were invited to enjoy a delicious hangi meal prepared by Glenn 'Jonesy' Jones and his crew, as well as the Aria Netball Club.

A big thank you to all who helped out around the district.



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Local salon - new faces and treatments

HAIRLOOM Hair Design is now in its third year of business. Located on the corner of Kea Street, Hairloom is owned and operated by Piopio local Paige Brooks.

Paige opened Hairloom in February 2022, and has more than a decade of hairdressing experience. Opening a salon has always been a dream of Paige's and having it in Piopio was her preference.

"I've always wanted to run my own business in my hometown - it's convenient for locals, plus I wanted to do my bit to support our town

and create employment opportunities locally."

Paige has predominately been flying solo for the last two years, except for having Kim Simpson work one day a week (in between her nursing shifts). Late last year Paige set some new business goals which meant taking on more staff.

"I was always fully booked, and I hate turning people away. I also knew I wanted to create an opportunity for someone starting out, so taking on an apprentice was the obvious choice."

Hairloom welcomes new staff

Heidi Austin joined the team last year and is now in her second year of her apprenticeship. Heidi loves transforming hair through treatments and is the master when it comes to relaxing scalp massages!

In July, Jessie Loudon joined the Hairloom family. Moving here from Southland she is in her final year of training, which means she needs to complete enough hours and her last assessments to become fully qualified. Jessie

is available for all services and treatments and loves creating personalised colours and styles that make her clients look and feel great.

Paige is excited to see her salon grow with two up and coming hair stylists and accommodate the growing demand for appointments, it also means they can often now take walk-ins.

New straightening treatment now available

Hairloom has just introduced a new cutting-edge straightening treatment - Nanoplasty which lasts up to eight months! Paige was so impressed after seeing this product in action that she knew she had to offer it to her clients. The

whole team are now fully trained and can offer this treatment which will leave hair feeling soft, silky and looking frizz free. After washing and drying your hair, it is left smooth and straight, no straighteners needed, which is a real time saver. Plus, it has the added benefit of hydrating and nourishing your hair so it's win/win.

Hairloom have the whole family covered offering women's, men's and kids cuts as well as colour, foils, conditioning and straightening treatments. Services with both Jessie and Heidi are at a discounted apprentice rate.

Hairloom also has a great range of hair products to keep your hair looking and feeling good. They also sell self-tanning, skin, and beauty products - perfect for treating yourself or as gifts.

Paige extends her

thanks to all Hairloom's wonderful clients who have supported them over the last two years.

"I am so grateful for every single person who has supported our local hair salon, we truly appreciate it."



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IT'S BEEN a busy couple of months for King Country River Care as we have rolled out our Exploring 'Carbon Neutral' Field Days, held across the sub-catchments from Kawhia to Piopio. We would like to thank all who supported our pilot project summary field days.

Conclusions from the project and field days were:

- That it is possible to make changes resulting in a net-carbon zero emissions position.
- That some farmers could be in this position now, depending on the age and type of vegetation they had on hand, and what was deemed an allowable rate of sequestration for each block.
- The right tree in the right place is still the best approach.
- Unless farmers dramatically changed feed use levels, achieving the agricultural sector reduction targets on an individual farm would most likely have to make use of "lower methane genetics", plus the new vaccine/inhibitor technology.
- It is possible to begin some methane emissions reduction measure immediately.
- The possibility of a cost being applied to methane emissions had not gone away.

Our summary report and presentations can be found on our website and will be included in our upcoming monthly newsletter.

King Country River Care would like to acknowledge and thank our valued sponsor for this pilot project – Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI), Beef + Lamb New Zealand, Greenlea, Silver Fern Farms and Perrin Ag. Special mention to Watkins, Scott and Turner families who hosted these field days on the farm.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Central Sub Catchment Water Quality Summary Dinner Monday, August 5 from 5:30pm onwards.

Freshwater Ecologist, Merrin Whately presenting our annual 2023 catchment summary update:

- Trends for the 7 central sub catchment - groups and how we can help on farm.
- Freshwater Biodiversity
- Identifying Risks and Actions

5:30pm Summary Updates for:

Upper Mangaokewa, Upper Mokau - Mangapehi, Mapiu - Mapara, Mokauti - Aria.

7:30pm - After Dinner

Mangaotaki - Mairoa, Mid Mokau - Piopio, Lower Mokau Awakino.

Dinner provided - RSVP essential for catering.

King Country River Care AGM followed by comedian Te Radar. Tuesday, August 27

AGM: 5:30pm.

Dinner: 6:30pm - RSVP essential for catering.

Te-Radar: 7:30pm

All Committee officer positions are filled, however interested and new committee members are very welcome.

Te Radar says he is very much looking forward to coming down to talk. He says that "What we need at this time of year is the chance to get together, share some food, catch up with friends, meet new people, and have a laugh. The presentation is suitable for everyone, it'll be fun, nostalgic, and thought provoking. It will also contain references to crumbed brains and celebrate the best of what it means to be a New Zealander who loves food."

First Aid & Chem Handler

Sessions are booking up fast if your keen to join please reach out to confirm availability

- First Aid (Fat Owl, 8am - 4pm), July 30 - full,
- August 21 - limited spaces available
- Chemical Handlers (Fat Owl, 8:30am - 5pm)
- August 6 - limited spaces available.

We will also be hosting the Bitches' Box: Episode 4 on Wednesday, December 11, Mahoenui.

Mark it in your diaries for a fun filled evening.

We are working to bring further upskilling courses to the area - if you have any recommendations please get in touch via email.

Our next committee meeting is September 17 so get in touch if you would like to attend.

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Aria Squash Club update

OUR JUNIOR Coaching programme has been running on Monday nights for all of Term 2, with up to 15 children attending and improving their skills.

Many were then able to use these skills to play at competition level game.

Some of these Juniors will be a part of our 2024 Junior Interclub Team and will continue training to participate in 12 upcoming Interclub dates, playing other Juniors of similar ability from around the Waikato.

Aria Squash members participated in the annual Club Champs over a two-week period mid-July. Some fantastic games of squash were played.

RESULTS:

- Junior Girl Champion - Amber Alcock
 - Junior Girl Runner-up- Charley Carter
 - Junior Boy Champion- Regan Bevege
 - Junior Boy Runner-up- Jackson Alcock
 - Ladies Open Champion - Lee Alcock
 - Ladies Open Runner-up - Jenelle Coxall
 - Men's Open Champion - Sam Anderson
 - Men's Open Runner-up- Mike Kjestrup
 - Most Improved Junior - Jackson Alcock
 - Most Improved Sub-Junior - Logan Lyford and Mac Carter
 - Most Improved Ladies Club Player - Storm Harris
 - Most Improved Men's Club Player - Carl Alcock
 - Ladies Most Interclub Points - Megan Hassall
 - Men's Most Interclub Points - Sam Anderson
- Winter Interclub has now finished, with our men's team finishing 5th in their division. Spring is beginning shortly, so Friday social nights will continue. All welcome from 6.30pm.



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More good news for Rural NZ

THE CREATION by the National-led coalition of a Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF) is welcome news and a significant step forward for the rural sector, promising a brighter future.

It is exactly the shot in the arm we need after years of neglect, during which our basic infrastructure was allowed to deteriorate, and much-needed projects that could have produced sustainable growth and prosperity for the provinces were either put on hold or cancelled altogether.

It's time to farewell years of neglect and welcome a new era of development and progress.

The RIF creates a 30-year pipeline for infrastructure work. This will provide a national view of projects being planned, offer an assessment of infrastructure priorities, and will be able to showcase a stable and secure pipeline of work to attract consistent investment in New Zealand.

A transparent 30-year pipeline will deliver more long-term certainty, enable more effective planning, and reduce project costs.

Its provision for Fast Track legislation

will provide a foundational reset of how we consent and deliver infrastructure projects for New Zealand. And don't we need that? We all know it is hard to build things in this country. Consenting processes cost \$1.3 billion a year, and the time taken to obtain a consent has nearly doubled in the last five years. We will cut red tape and make building the big stuff we need easier to reduce our infrastructure deficit.

So, the RIF is a win-win situation for the provinces—on so many levels. And let's not forget that the announcement comes hard on the heels of last month's announcement by Minister Simeon Brown of a \$4 billion pothole repair and prevention fund.

There is a lot more to the RIF than I can cover here, and I recommend visiting www.growregions.govt.nz/new-funding/regional-infrastructure-fund/ to find out more.

But, suffice it to say, right now, I haven't felt so good about the future of provincial New Zealand in a long, long time.



Barbara Kuriger
MP for
Taranaki-King Country

BELOW: National Rural MP's out there supporting their communities, at this years Fieldays (from left: Tim Costley MP for Otaki, Barbara Kuriger, Melissa Lee List MP for Mt Albert, Scott Simpson MP for Coromandel & Ryan Hamilton MP for Hamilton East).



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Cocking Cup vied for

The Aria Cosmopolitan Club hosted the mixed drawn snooker pairs Cocking Cup recently.

Pictured below are winners Glenn 'Murph' Murphy (left) and Donald 'Duck' MacRae (right), with Bruce Cocking (centre) who presented the cup. This is the second year in a row that Duck has won the Cocking Cup.



Hockey happenings

CONGRATULATIONS Aria School hockey kids on an awesome season of hockey.

It has been so great to watch you all grow in confidence and skills.

The Aria Wildcats finished 3rd and Aria Tigers 5th in the Junior A competition. Aria Lions finished 4th in the Junior B competition. Well done to all of you.



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College celebration of Matariki

WEDNESDAY, June 19 marks our very first kaupapa where our kura and representatives from Aotahi (Chalet Bidois and Xavier Turner) alongside our Noho Committee and team leader (Whaea Amana), planned a new initiative of learning beyond the classroom.

Day 1: Go Bus transported the juniors followed by our seniors to our local Napinapi Marae.

The students are embracing the tikanga within the marae and our external providers have been welcomed on. The students are currently in their chosen activities.

A popular option is Hāngi prep. Led by Matua Amai and Whaea JoAnne with help from local parents (Hera Muraahi, Corey Barnsdall, Paiaka Muraahi, Patea Muraahi, and Rob Young).

Pūniu River Care, our 2nd option, giving a hands-on workshop about caring for our waterways and propagating seeds found around the marae.

Our third activity, we have Daniel Ormsby and his daughter Kiana who are experts in Mahi Toi. Our students

paired up to complete some Māori artwork on canvas.

Lastly we had the Harakeke, lead by Whaea Rauora Rauputu and Whaea Ripeka. From gathering and preparing the flax to making a range of Putiputi.

Our year 7, 8 and 9 students not staying over will return back to kura to catch the bus home. We have a few students from Yr 9 - 13 spending the night with staff. Tonight we hope to share stories and waiata under the stars, and hopefully a good sleep.

Day 2: And we are back on site at Napinapi Marae. An early start for our Hāngi pit 'crew', slight delay with breakfast then off to kura to pick the rest of the kura up before the hīkoi up Kahuwera maunga. A brisk walk with a chilly wind, a kōrero from Simon Muraahi, and then back to the marae for our shared hākari.

A huge thanks to Napinapi Pā and the Committee, Chalet Bidois, Xavier Turner, Rob Young for your āwhina towards our kaupapa.

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