

# PIOPIO BirdTalk

BI MONTHLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER COVERING PIOPIO, ARIA & MAHOENUI DISTRICTS

## PIOPIO HITS TOP FIVE TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

**Five of the best King Country adventures....** A profound quote by the NZ Herald.

We can confidently say Piopio is no longer a sleepy village that was renowned as a half way stopover point to use the toilets.....

Recent interest from the NZ Herald and Waikato Times publications have provided fantastic reviews following

visits to our district.

Reporter Danielle Wright refers to the quaintness of Hairy Feet Tours as; "Hoggets and Hobbits". An uncanny summary of a film location sited in the Mangaotaki Valley.

Whilst her journey to Greemount Llama treks, hosted by Sandy and Bob Dawson was rather fittingly

titled "Stick your neck out".

A powerful article in which will definitely encourage visitors to our area. Listed within our district as the number one must see and do , was to trek on Llamas followed by number four to hike through the Mangaotaki Scenic reserve and visit the stunning film location at Mangaotaki Rocks, where the troll and campfire

scenes in *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey* were filmed.

Following this a mention to hike the popular DOC track Leitch's Crossing was also included.

We are fortunate to have a selection of activities to visit on our doorstep and the future of more visitors travelling our roads will be noticeable.

## NEW PIOPIO WEBSITE LAUNCHED

As most organisations and businesses move into the future, so too does the Piopio community website. [www.piopio.net.nz](http://www.piopio.net.nz)

Redesigned to accommodate both local needs and to provide a directory of information for tourists and travellers. The new site aims to support local businesses and organisations, whilst promoting Piopio as a

destination.

Web co-ordinators, Jenny Brodie and Donna Pari have taken a keen interest in marketing Piopio as:

**A THRIVING VILLAGE NESTLED BETWEEN THE WORLD FAMOUS WAITOMO CAVES AND THE RUGGED TARANAKI COAST**

A key feature is the community events calendar. The online calendar will feature local events and

fundraisers and the pair hope for all groups to use the site to both promote and to help plan functions.

Other sections will feature the community's history, employment opportunities, community news and local clubs and organisation contacts. The activities section includes a vast selection of quiet native bush walks, to the more

adventurous mountain bike rides or Llama trekking.

An abundance of accommodation choices are available throughout the district to suit the needs of all visitors; camping, farm stays, motel or bed and breakfast. If you wish to list your service or business please submit your enquiry via the website contact page.

[WWW.PIOPIO.NET.NZ](http://WWW.PIOPIO.NET.NZ)

## PIOPIO RUGBY HOSTS ERIC RUSH

To top off a season of impressive strengths and a winning attitude Piopio Rugby Club met their match in the semi finals against neighbouring team Waitete. A hearty game but unsuccessful yet a good reason to celebrate the seasons successes. Prize giving was marked by guest speaker Eric Rush, former All

Black and New Zealand Sevens player presenting 2014 player awards. Prize giving results:

- Life Member—Mike James
- Most Dedicated Club Person—Dave Tapara
- Most Dedicated Player—Bradly Jeffries
- Club Champ—Joy Jefferies
- Club Spirit—Scott Bradley
- Rookie of the Year—

Cameron Hazeldine

- Veteran—Sandy Pari
- Most Points—Stormy McCarthy
- Representative Cup—Cameron Hazeldine
- Most improved player—Justin Sinton
- Best Forward—Ollie Kay

- Best Back—Sam McCormick
- Player of the Year—Ollie Kay



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**23 AUGUST**

- Bevege family Music Gig—Piopio Cosmopolitan Club

**4-6TH SEPTEMBER**

- Mahoenui Pig Hunt Competition
- 6TH SEPTEMBER**
  - Te Nehenehenui Tribal Festival

**30TH AUGUST**

- Quiz Night—Piopio Primary School

The Piopio Fire Brigade would like to thank the Community for all their donations. From this support we have been able to purchase a defibrillator that will go on the Fire Appliance.

We would also like to thank John and Joyce Mc Garvey for 55 years service to the Piopio Volunteer Fire Brigade.

**EDITOR TO BE REMEMBERED**

The recent passing of a great lady Ellie Voyce; she who had community spirit and an interest in developing Piopio for its own worth; as is evident in her role as one of the founding editors of the Piopio Birdtalk newsletter.

Her knowledge as an information technology teacher and typing teacher at Piopio College ensured each issue was meticulously collated with many hours sourcing news items to share.

Ellie's contribution has created a popular network for community members to share information and we today are fortunate we can build on this and will continue to see this forum carried on.

Our thoughts and wishes will rest with you Ellie.

**PIOPIO BIRDTALK TEAM**

**HALL RENOVATIONS COMPLETE**

It has been a busy few months for the team at the Hall. We started the long awaited renovations of the toilets and put a deadline of Stars In Your Eyes to get it finished. Well we got near enough to good enough on that one I must say. I do recall one day saying "are we going to get this done on time, now's the time to make the call".... However Tama was confident it would be done and so it was.

We are just awaiting the final tally on the costs of the project before adding those finishing touches like Art in the foyer, rubbish bins and mirrors.

A huge thanks must go out to Matthew Wren Building, Coxy's Plumbing, Tama Williams Building, Ryan Todd Electrical and Albert from Mahoenui, you guys have made those toilets look great!

They were well and truly christened the night of Stars and were such a pleasure to clean the next day and that's saying something, as no cleaning is fun on the Sunday after Stars!

We made just over \$5000.00 this year which is a great effort and the performances on the night were great, some had the crowd in stitches. Well done to the Piopio Fire Brigade who took it out on the night with their little people act, Hate to admit it but damn it was good!

Well done to the Curious Keas team coming in 2nd with Mylie Cyrus mix and Mac Donald's & Co with It's Raining Men. A special thank you to all the other acts that performed and the helpers behind the stage. Irene (St Johns) has already told me she's taking those Fire Brigade boys down next year; she's already hired a



Welcome to Harvey World Travel Te Kuiti's travel column. Lorrene Te Kanawa owner of Harvey World Travel Te Kuiti and Shonnie Poole Piopio resident and ex head girl of Piopio College.

This column is the place for fun informative travel tips for a range of amazing destinations that we have recently travelled to. In this issue Shonnie writes about her fabulous P & O Cruise she went on recently.

In May this year I was lucky enough to cruise around a few of the Pacific Islands on the lovely Pacific Pearl. The cruise took us to some amazing untouched ports which had

some of the best snorkelling that I have seen! From the moment I stepped on the ship In Auckland I instantly felt relaxed and got straight into holiday mode. The service and food on board was absolutely amazing, and there was a great range of activities inboard to keep you well entertained.

**MY TIP** If you have an upcoming cruise holiday, ensure you take your own snorkelling gear, as it is very expensive to hire on board.

If you want more information on cruising please contact your Cruise Specialists.

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Have you noticed? There's a splash of colour on the corner of Moa and Kea streets! Yes, the roof and frontage of the Aria Toy Library building is complete. Wayne and June Hall completed the painting in March after the Aria Toy Library raised \$5,000 to complete stage one of their exterior paint project.

We are now well into the swing of raising the additional \$2,800 to complete the final stage of the project with the PIOPIO COSMOPOLITAN CLUB donating \$500, the NORAH HOWELL TRUST donating \$600 and our successful fundraiser at the Night Owl at the end of May. Thank-you to our sponsors, musicians Kylie and Keith, auctioneer Morty and also Mel, Lyn and their team for their huge contribution to the success of our night.

Our aim is to make the library more inviting to many more in our community. We want to add to the growing facilities Piopio provides and to tidy up our beautiful village making it a prosperous and desirable place to

live. We want to give all children the opportunity to learn through play as we believe children's development is supported through the extension of play opportunities. The Aria Toy Library seeks to encourage family involvement in play.

If you would like to contribute to our project please contact Lisa Lyford on 07 877 8186 or [lyford1@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lyford1@xtra.co.nz).

The Aria Toy Library would like to sincerely thank the following people, organisations and businesses for supporting the Aria Toy Library and our exterior paint project so far:

Piopio Lions Club, Waitomo District Council Community Partnership Fund, Piopio Cosmopolitan Club, Norah Howell Charitable Trust, The Fat Pigeon, Chateau Tongariro Hotel, Rainbow's End, The Oily Rag, Mokau River Cruises, Mokau Motel, Hairy Feet (Scenic Film Location Tour, Waitomo), The Whitebait In - Mokau, The Night Owl, Atkinson & Associates Veterinary Services, King Country Honda, Pari Haulage - Kristen & Sandy Pari,

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**LISA LYFORD**

**INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF FAMILY FARMING**



Rural Women New Zealand is inviting

- entry categories:
- Women and men at work on the farm;
  - Farm machinery and farm innovation;
  - Animals;
  - Children;
  - Rural communities.

people to get creative by writing short stories and taking photos and videos to showcase New Zealand farming life today.

The competition is being run as part of Rural Women NZ's celebrations to mark the 2014 International Year of Family Farming.

"Stories are powerful, and we have some great farming stories to tell," says Wendy McGowan, Rural Womens Federation. There are five

Entries close 1 November 2014 and the competition is open to everyone.

See more at:  
[WWW.RURALWOMEN.ORG.NZ/news-and-inspiration/share-your-farming-or-rural-life-story#sthash.YEzXIZgG.dpuf](http://WWW.RURALWOMEN.ORG.NZ/news-and-inspiration/share-your-farming-or-rural-life-story#sthash.YEzXIZgG.dpuf)



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**St John**

**CHANGE OF ROLES**

PIOPIO ST JOHN - New Committee. Doug Oliver remains first to care President. Secretary, Jo Barnett, Treasurer, Joy Jeffries. Committee members - Mike Johnson (Station Manager), Rose Young, Liz Jones, Glenice MacDonald, Jan Crooks, Suzanne Downey and Jo Gallagher.

A ribbon of harakeke, toitoi, manuka, ti kouka, kohuhu, manatu, pukio, karamu, koromiko and kanuka adorn the banks of the Mangapū River, complementing plantings further downstream.

Despite persistent rain, the turnout of 40 plus people exceeded expectations of the Maniapoto Trust Board, by planting 1,500 native plants within an hour.

Project co-ordinator

Ngahua Herangi says the joint effort by the Waikato Regional Council, local groups and sponsors "has been appreciated and the commitment to support the kaupapa is great to see such enthusiasm for the project".

To promote the Scouts network all scout members were encouraged to wear their uniforms on Friday 1st August. Feedback since has

been positive and leaders Clive Knox, Bruce Jackson and Karen Petch look forward to developing all three sections Keas, Cubs and Scouts in the coming months. If you wish to know more contact

**CLIVE 877 7781**

The commitment of seven local Piopio Scout children and their leader Clive Knox, highlighted the community spirit and commitment, these youth have. Assisting with the Mangapū river bank project, has enabled them to complete a section of their Community Service badge.



## SCOUTS GROUP

BACK LEFT: Parent Help Mark Barrowcliffe, Stevie-Marie McKenzie, Clive Knox (Scout Leader) FRONT LEFT: Topia Barrowcliffe, Jorja Knox, Atiria Barrowcliffe, Rebekah Knox, David Robinson & Tana Barrowcliffe

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Any volume of water consumed over the annual allowance of 292m<sup>3</sup> is charged on a per cubic metre (m<sup>3</sup>) basis, as contained in Waitomo District Council's schedule of Fees and Charges.

From 1 July 2014 the following charge applies:

	Charge per cubic metre (m <sup>3</sup> ) (1m <sup>3</sup> = 1,000 litres)
Piopio	\$3.65

To request a copy of the Water Services Bylaw 2010 or Water Meter Guide, please contact WDC or visit our website to download a PDF copy: [www.waitomo.govt.nz/publications](http://www.waitomo.govt.nz/publications)

The Fees and Charges schedule is available on our website.

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Regional New Zealand has led our country out of the global financial crisis with almost every region showing strong growth, and most with a lower unemployment rate than Auckland.

Barbara Kuriger, National Party Candidate for Taranaki - King Country, has a particular interest in regional growth and is committed to working hard with businesses and industries in the electorate. Applying the six key drivers of the Business Growth Agenda along with a strong collaborative effort will build a stronger economy for the region and enhance the many communities within the electorate.

Bay of Plenty, Gisborne, and Hawke's Bay in the North Island; and Nelson-Tasman, Canterbury, Otago, and Southland in the South experienced growth above the national average in the five years from 2008. The unemployment rate in the South Island is just 3.9%.

For New Zealand to build a more productive and competitive economy, we need all our regions to achieve to their potential. That's precisely what

the Government's Business Growth Agenda is all about. It focuses on the six key drivers businesses need to thrive – capital markets, infrastructure, skills, export markets, innovation, and natural resources.

And that's why we're working across the country doing things like building the Roads of National Significance and accelerating regional roading projects, putting in ultra-fast and rural broadband, and encouraging water storage and new irrigation projects. National cycle trails around the country are helping boost our tourism industry.

We're working alongside business to invest in primary growth partnership projects to get a better return from what we sell to the world, and we're encouraging oil and gas exploration.

A skilled workforce is a key to future prosperity so we're supporting the development of skills with the likes of the youth guarantee, apprenticeships, and encouraging the study of science and technology subjects.

Callaghan Innovation, our high-tech HQ, is helping businesses turn ideas into internationally-marketable products and services more quickly and successfully. New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE) has just established a new regional investment attraction programme to encourage more international firms to invest in New Zealand's regional economies and create more jobs.

Fourteen regional investment profiles, launched on July 8th, will be used by the Government, NZTE, and regional Economic Development Agencies to identify investment opportunities where there is a regional advantage, to help guide investors more quickly and effectively to those regions where opportunities are strongest.

This follows the announcement of another \$212 million investment to accelerate 14 important regional state highway projects across the country, the latest part of National's strong programme to create jobs and growth for regional New Zealand.

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**THE NIGHT OWL:** Yay! Hip hip hoorah! Wunderbar! We are OPEN people, and very proud of it. The Night Owl Bar & Eatery is open Wednesday to Sunday from 3pm.

On offer for your dining and drinking pleasure, is a fantastic menu offering bar snacks, tapas, mains, pizzas, kids menu, and of course desserts. Our bar is well stocked with popular brands of beer and spirits, plus a good range of wine. You can view the menu on our facebook page, or flick an email to [theowlsnest@xtra.co.nz](mailto:theowlsnest@xtra.co.nz) and we'll email you a menu.

We have already 'fed and watered' a large number of guests – both private diners and catered groups – and received excellent feedback, thank you everyone for your support.

The Night Owl is available for private functions – please phone Lyn on 07 877 8767.

**DID YOU KNOW:** The motel is called the Owls Nest Motel, the bar/eatery is called The Night Owl, but they are both under the same umbrella (Owls Nest Limited).

The Night Owl – phone 07 877 8769.  
Owls Nest Motel – phone 07 877 8767.  
Email for both is [theowlsnest@xtra.co.nz](mailto:theowlsnest@xtra.co.nz)

See you soon!

**OWLS NEST MOTEL:** You may have seen a bit of landscaping on the 'town' side of the motel. Ross and his mates have been creating a limestone

lined wall, plus a bit beside the fire brigade shed, along with planting of a few trees. It's all coming together nicely and will make a lovely garden area in the near future.

Otherwise, the motel has been enjoying good numbers of bookings and with The Night Owl opening it is great to be able to offer our motel guests a lovely dining option.

**CRAFTY PIGEON:** Jill Haine has recently sold her share of the partnership to Carley Buckman and Roy Simpson. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Jill for all her hard work and effort she put into the Crafty Pigeon, and wish her well for the future.

As you will know, Carley has already been well involved in the Crafty Pigeon and will take over as store manager, as well as continuing with Carley Jane Beauty.

We have moved things around a bit in the store, ultimately to accommodate Jo Gallagher who will set up a studio at the front of the store. She will be there two days a week creating her artwork, and you are welcome to call in and view her 'in action'!

The moves include the counter and office area now being situated along the back wall, the office will become the waiting room for Vanillia Blonde & Carley Jane Beauty customers. Shelves will be installed along the long wall (where the counter was), the overall effect giving the store a more open feeling.

We have new stock arriving regularly, our facebook page will also be updated regularly, so please shop locally and come and see what we

have to offer. Phone 07 877 8992.

**FAT PIGEON:** Another school holidays has been and gone – the cafe enjoyed a very busy two weeks. In saying that, we are in our 'slower' time of year but things still tick along as usual.

We are very proud of our 'pidgee crew' – we thoroughly enjoy employing young locals and watching them grow and learn until they 'fly the coop' and fly off to uni or other jobs or some just go down the road to The Night Owl!

The NZ Cafe of the Year competition is almost upon us again, so we'd appreciate your votes for this ... we'll let you know sooner to the time. We as yet haven't decided on our signature dish for this but we're sure you'll love it!

Spring is nigh . . . some lambs are out and about and a few daffodils are springing up ('scuse the pun). Don't worry so much . . . be happy.

**JULES TAITOKO**

**LIBRARY NEWS**

The library in Piopio (housed at the College) is now receiving books on a quarterly basis from the Waitomo District Library (Te Kuiti). No need to travel to Te Kuiti, the books are right here on your doorstep.

Pop in and check out the new stock. Or make a request.

Also, look out for the library webpage in the new year. Planning and design is under way. You will be able to browse the library catalogue from your armchair and much more.

**HANNAH WHITE**



## NATIONAL SWIM CHAMPION RECOGNISED



Success starts with hard work and commitment and its obvious Ben Stilborn has the drive to achieve.

Having the opportunity to swim at the Piopio learn to swim classes and then progressing through to the Piopio Swim club, his enjoyment from competing at swimming carnivals has been the basis for his strength in this sport.

He was recently presented

with his certificates from the State 2014 NZ Junior Champs which was held in Wellington from the 14-16 Feb 2014.

Ben placed 6th in the 12yrs 200m Breaststroke, 10th in the 12yrs 100m Breaststroke and 12th in the 12yrs 50m Breaststroke.

It was very exciting when Ben qualified for the Junior Champs, it was a great experience and he swam very

well to achieve his placings.

Ben works hard to try and improve his best time every time he competes.

Swimming once a month over the winter months with the Sports Force Development squad in Taumarunui and training with the Te Kuiti swim club four nights a week from Oct - March. As well as this Ben is training over the winter months with the Te Awamutu swim club twice a

week which has been well worth it as he has now qualified for the State NZ Div II's in the 100 and 200 Breaststroke, which will be held next year in March. His goal is to qualify for the National Age group Champs which is held in May 2015.

### BEN STILLBORN



Have you considered joining the Piopio Swimming Club?

Our new program caters for Learn to Swim, competitive, masters and recreational swimmers.

Although we are a competitive swim club, winning isn't our number one priority. Our overriding aim is

## SWIMMING SKILLS DELIVERED LOCALLY

to ensure we assist all swimmers to achieve their goals while having fun, gaining life-long friendships and learning positive skills through an athletic program based on quality, team work, dedication and effort.

We also have a very supportive adult education program for those who are interested in becoming Swim Teachers and Coaches. We are seeking a further 2 Swim Teachers for the coming season.

2014/2015 Season is scheduled to start early October with Pre Season Training at Te Kuiti Pool for our top end Learn to Swim/ Transitional squad level and

Junior Squad one-two nights per week.

We hope to start at Piopio pool mid November, squad training and Club nights until the end of the school year, breaking for the Christmas holidays and starting up again when school does, through to April.

2015 we kick off the first week back at school with our Learn to Swim program three nights a week for approx. 12 lessons.

This may be something you or your child would like to be involved in.

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## TE NEHENEHENUI TRIBAL FESTIVAL

The inaugural Te Nehenehenui Tribal Festival Kapa Haka is coming to Piopio in September. This festival will feature groups from primary school through to seniors and will

showcase māori performing arts with a distinct Maniapoto flavour.

It is intended that the festival will be an annual event which will support the retention of te reo māori, waiata tāwhito, karanga and whaikōrero.

It's happening on **SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER** at the Piopio Memorial Hall and everyone is welcome.

Enquiries to:  
021 1357979



Karanga rā! Karanga rā!

**TE NEHENEHENUI TRIBAL FESTIVAL**

Saturday 6 September 2014

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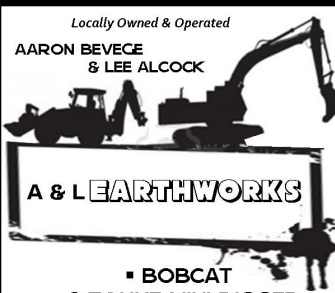
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Recently Mark Bentham was nominated for a Community Service Award on behalf of the Piopio Volunteer Fire Brigade. Chief Fire Officer Darren Cathie, submitted the following outlining a bit of history on Marks outstanding service to this community.

Mark was born on the 29th August 1960. His family moved to Piopio in 1963, and Progress Transport Ltd. (PTL) was established. Mark was schooled locally, and in 1978 joined PTL as a driver. After only a year driving, he joined the office staff as a dispatcher and to learn the ins and outs of the business. In 1988 Mark bought out his father Terry's interest in PTL, and became a partner. Some years later, Mark and wife Donna, bought out remaining partners to become outright owners of Progress Transport. PTL has been a major employer of the town, employing up to 35 staff at any one time, including drivers, yard workers, office staff, and casual wash boys. Mark has always been a fair and dedicated employer, and has always encouraged up skilling of drivers.

Mark has always been very community minded, and with his business has supported a huge variety of schools and organisations through free cartage of stock and materials, cash or prize donations, and use of trucks for gala's, sports days, and xmas parades. eg. Piopio Primary PTA, Piopio College PTA, Aria School, Mokau School, Wharerino School, Pukenui School, Piopio Playcentre, Kohanga Reo, Piopio Rec Centre, All Saints Church, Local Hall Committees (Mairoa, Waitangaru, Mahoenui etc.). Sporting Clubs - Aria

Squash Club, Piopio/Aria Golf Club, Piopio Rugby Club, Piopio Tennis Club, KC Hunt Club, Piopio Collie Club, KC Rugby, Aria Sports Day, NZ Shears, and IHC.

Mark was also a founding member of the Piopio Community & District Charitable Trust. The trust was formed on the 6th May 1996 utilizing the funds from the sale of the Piopio Veterinary Associations business. Mark is still a trustee, and served as Chairman for a number of years. Each year, the Trustees receive applications for funding for education and community support of up to \$90,000. While the Trust are unable to meet all the needs of the community in making grants, the Trustees have paid out an average of around \$25,000 per year to numerous clubs, community groups, and individuals, with a total of over \$300,000 to date. Mark joined the Piopio Volunteer Fire Brigade on the 15th September 1982. He was 22 years old. He quickly rose up through the ranks, and served as Third Officer from 1984 - 1985. In 1985, Mark was appointed Chief Fire Officer of the Piopio Brigade, and at only 25 years old, was one of the youngest Chief Fire Officers in the country. Mark served as CFO for 10 years from 1985 - 1995 before stepping down to let someone else have a go. In 1995, Mark played a major role in the Brigade raising \$50,000 to purchase our first set of "Jaws Of Life" rescue equipment. This was a huge effort for our small brigade as the NZ Fire Service does not fund all of our equipment, but with the help of the Piopio Lions Club, we were able to carry rescue equipment that has saved numerous lives. In the late '90s, Mark also played a key part in the purchasing of land, and the building of the existing Fire Station on Ruru Street which was opened on the 22nd July 2000.

After loosing our Executive Officers, Mark was the obvious choice to lead the Brigade, and stepped up to the role of Chief Fire Officer again in 2003. Mark served as CFO from 2003 - 2009. In 2009, Mark stepped down from the role of CFO to Deputy Chief Fire Officer, resigning in March this year. He now hold the rank of Station Officer. Mark has given me great support over the last 5 years in my role as Chief Fire Officer, and his dedication and commitment to the Piopio Volunteer Fire Brigade is second to none. A muster attendance rate of 97.12% over his service of 31 years and 8 months, and attendance at thousands of emergency call outs all hours of the day and night, helping numerous members of our community, and people passing through in their time of need, is a credit to him. When the siren sounds, Mark has dropped what he was doing to help others. This would not be possible without the full support of his family - wife Donna, and their son Patrick. Mark received a Gold Star Award for 25 years service, and was made a Life Honorary Member of the Piopio Volunteer Fire Brigade in 2007. Over the last couple of years, Mark has also been a key player in the fundraising of \$140,000 for the Brigade to purchase a second Emergency Response Vehicle, and for the extension/up-grade of our Fire Station which was opened on the 3rd August last year. Again, the NZ Fire Service not funding for those types of things. The main purpose of the second ERV is for the safe transportation of personnel, and to respond to the ever increasing number of medical calls we are receiving, while keeping our Fire Truck available to respond to other emergencies. Again, as a major employer of the town, Mark has always

encouraged his employees to join the PPVFB, and has had up to 6 PTL staff members on the Brigade at one time. Always paying staff when away on Fire Calls, and with so many at times, a huge drain on the business. It can be said that over the years, if it was not for Mark Bentham and Progress Transport, the Piopio Volunteer Fire Brigade would have really struggled.

I can not think of a more deserving recipient of this Community Service Award, and we are pleased Marks nomination was successful.

**DARREN  
CATHIE CFO  
PIOPIO  
VOLUNTEER  
FIRE BRIGADE**



**PIOPIO DISTRICT  
MUSEUM**

We have many early items in our collection but one important piece is missing. A domestic cream separator - handle to wind, two spouts for cream and "skim dick", a bowl for the milk and an iron stand.

We all had our own on the farm but which tomo ours finished up in, god only knows.

If you have one the museum could have - need not be working as long as it looks the part, please get in touch.

Further news. We now have four new trustees that are most welcome as they are younger than us Museum pieces - apologies to our long serving trustee, John Broderick!

New signage at the museum entrance is a project in hand.

**JOHN PETRE 8778293**



# GROWING SPORT WITH TOP PERFORMANCES

The King Country Hunt completed another successful season recently with the closing hunt being followed up by the annual dinner recently at the Night Owl.

The scheduled card of 35 hunts starting on 5 April and going through to 19 July on twice a week basis was interrupted by only 3 cancellations due to wet weather so a good time was had by all. The 20 plus hounds that we use to lead the way in this adrenaline filled horse sport are putting their feet up now for the rest of the year before it all starts again next year.

As are the faithful horses except their rest times will likely be shorter as they take part in a variety of summer pursuits like farm riding, trekking, eventing or whatever else takes their owners fancy.

A growing membership base this year of 50 adults and about 10 juniors augers well for the future.

A prizegiving was held at the dinner to celebrate horse and rider achievements through the season.

## TROPHY FOR MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR

Dylan Hughes on Tui

## BEST PERFORMING JUNIOR

Zane Neill on D T

## BEST PERFORMING NEW HORSE

Raewyn Parkes on Gypsy And Bella

## BEST PERFORMING HORSE

Jack Valois on Shiloh.

President Joy Hurley presented the **SCOTT TROPHY FOR THE MOST VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION** to Robbie Matthews who is our very

hard working Master Of The Hunt.

Our Huntsman Shane Neill is always on the lookout for hound tucker so if anyone has injured cattle or old horses they would like to move on give him a ring at

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## COUNCIL NEWS

With the growth in tourism, and the general financial challenges of operating a business, roadside advertising hoardings have become a common sight.

The Councils District Plan allows this signage as a 'discretionary activity', and as such they can only be erected if resource consent is first obtained from Waitomo District Council.

An assessment has shown that a large number of the current roadside hoardings are not consented, and therefore contravene the District Plan, and, that most of these non-complying signs are located adjacent to the State Highway network in the rural zone.

Lack of enforcement of District Plan conditions is a major concern, so we

are moving to improve compliance by contacting businesses that have non-complying signs, outlining the relevant provisions of the District Plan, and, requiring removal, or resource consent application, seeking approval for the sign/s to remain. As owners of the State Highway system, the NZ Transport Agency will also be involved as an affected party.

Local Government bodies ( such as Waitomo District Council) reliance on ratepayer funding is coming under increasing challenge as a result of rapid changes in economics, and, population numbers and structure. Consequently, Local Government NZ has appointed a Funding Review working group to explore funding options and alternatives, review funding mechanisms that are appropriate in a NZ context, and

develop a strategy and model that is sustainable for NZ communities in the long term.

Our Chief Executive, Chris Ryan, has been appointed to this 13 person working group. This is great recognition of Chris' ability, and reflects the results he has achieved for Waitomo District Council and it's ratepayers.

Hopefully, most of your roads have now been attended to, and I know some are now in the best condition they've been in for some time. If not, please contact Council and lodge a Service Request, or contact me.

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18 Aria Road, Piopio  
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**CONTACT KAREN ON 07 877 8945**

Thank you to those who have already donated towards our Library.

### SENIOR CITIZENS

Don't wait for us to come to you! We welcome everyone to join.

We have monthly meetings at our Senior Citizens' Rooms and generally have an outing during each month.

**BERYL HUIA (07) 877 8353**

### HOUSEIE

An enthusiastic group meet to play Houseie.

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### PIOPIO DISTRICTS CHARITABLE TRUST

The objective of the Trust is to help organizations and individuals carry on charitable, cultural, philanthropic and recreational work which is of benefit to the people of Piopio and the districts of Mairoa, Mangaotaki, Mahoenui, Aria, Mokauti, Mapiu, Kopaki, Benneydale, Oparure, Rangitoto, Mokau and Awakino. (Te Kuiti Borough is not included)

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#### *Mainly Music*

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES

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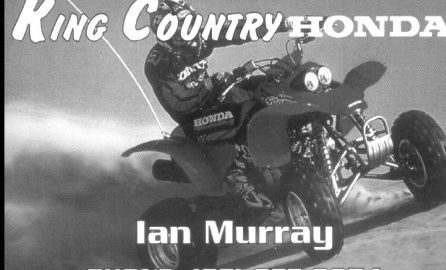
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