

College U16s take out the comp

HISTORY WAS MADE in August as the Piopio College U16 rugby boys stormed to victory in the John Boe Cup, crowned champions of the Waikato Secondary Schools U16 competition for 2025.

In a pulsating final, the team showed grit, skill, and relentless determination, running away 39-25g winners against a determined Hamilton Boys' High School side.

The match was a true spectacle - a battle of wills, of heart, and of unshakable belief in each other.

Captain Courageous - Hunter Rogers - led from the front for the full 70 minutes, inspiring his teammates with a fearless work rate and unbreakable commitment. Keanu Edkins was ice-cool under pressure, slotting 4 from 5 with the boot and keeping the scoreboard ticking over.

From the very first whistle, the Piopio forward pack laid down a marker, dominating the set piece and muscling up in contact. Their physicality created the perfect platform for our backs to play with freedom and flair.

Credit to Hamilton Boys' High - they fought hard, used the corners smartly, and mauled their way to 5 well-earned tries. But this Piopio side would not be denied.

This win is more than a scoreline; it's the reward for months of hard work, wet-weather trainings, and the bond built between players, coaches, and supporters. It's a testament to the power of unity, determination, and pride in wearing the red, white and black of Piopio College.

Source: Piopio College Facebook



VICTORIOUS: Piopio College U16 rugby team

School ball held

ON Friday, August 29 Piopio College held its School Ball at the Fat Owl, which was an enjoyable evening.

The following (pictured) were awarded:

- King: Korvell Young
- Queen: Caitlyn Cody
- Prince: Tyrone Pirika-Sargison
- Princess: Mia Barron
- Duke: Levi Pari
- Duchess: Malia Bourke
- Best Dressed: Paris-Lee Blake.



Source: Piopio College Facebook



Thanks!

I would like to thank all who took time out to help with Daffodil Day. Thank you to the Watkins family for the beautiful daffodils, and those who donated baking. Thank you also to the business people of Piopio for having daffodil boxes in their shops. What a great community we have! Once again, thank you all.

Arohanui,
Paddy Coffin

Volunteers Kath Tucker and Val Perry pictured below



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Piopio Retirement Trust Board - update & projects

PAEARUHE VILLAGE has full occupancy and a waiting list for units to become available.

We have wonderful occupants who support each other and, those who are able, contribute greatly to the upkeep and overall appearance of the grounds.

Thomas Young does an awesome job of keeping the lawns tidy in spite of weather challenges.

The Board is keen to proceed with stage two of the double-glazing project as soon as funding permits. This stage involves retrofit glazing to nearly all the windows in the rental units.

We have been fortunate in receiving grants for \$10,000; \$5000 each from

Piopio Lions Club, and Piopio and District Charitable Trust.

We are now looking for further funding of about \$3000, and the rest will be funded from reserves. The total cost of stage two will be circa \$30,000.

We aim to have the double glazing completed before the 2026 winter, with the units being warmer and more energy efficient.

Stage one was completed in 2024 and involved replacing all the back doors and the old wooden French doors with double glazed aluminium doors and ranch-sliders. This was all completed using financial reserves.

Property maintenance is ongoing and in the past year the bathroom area of Unit 16 has been upgraded and Unit 1 has a new deck. Most of the small verandahs have had roofs and gutters replaced.

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Piopio Fruit & Veg Stand

OCTOBER is when things start to ramp up in the veggie garden ahead of the summer growing season. I know you know by now not to plant things too early. It's tempting to do so when we think spring has sprung. But Mother Nature almost always delivers a final frost around Labour Weekend as a reminder of who's in charge.

It is time to get your soil supplemented with compost, sheep manure and other good things like blood and bone and lime. Chit seed potatoes and start kumara tipu as well. I start a few pots of zucchini and pumpkins in the glasshouse to have seedling plants ready for Labour Weekend; this helps us get a start on sequential crops over summer so we're eating fresh veggies from the garden as much as possible.

Rest assured the seed trays of heirloom tomatoes are happening in our glasshouse. This year I've started Purple Cherokee, Pink Berkeley Tie Dye, Vintage Brandywine, Dalmatian Oxheart, Black Cherry, and Big Heirloom (seeds saved from last season). Keep an eye out for

news on our annual distribution of seedling tomatoes on the Community Stand's Facebook page around Labour Weekend.

I've got more than enough recycled pots stockpiled in the Pot Palace, but always need those pots back for reuse. Don't forget that the Heritage Food Crops Research Trust in Wanganui will send you free heirloom tomato and heritage bean seeds if you send them a prepaid, self-addressed envelope.

I'm planting dwarf cannellini beans as well as several varieties of heritage climbing beans again this year. "Cherokee Trail of Tears" black beans have been a real favourite for black bean and pumpkin enchiladas this winter.

Your continued contributions to our Community Stand are greatly appreciated. Everything gets taken, even all those lemons!

Check out our Facebook page for updates on what's on offer most weekday mornings, recipes and growing tips.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or issues.

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Lions have a busy few months



IN THE LAST few months the Club has had quite a busy time, Steve Cooper is now the President.

We have had some interesting guest speakers at our tea meeting, Gareth Williams, Kim Johnson and the Vice District Governor for our area, Warren Beard.

Some of our meetings have been attended by members and their partners and have been most enjoyable.

In recent months our tea meeting meals have been provided by the Village Bakery, quite different meals to what we normally have but a nice change.

Thanks to a successful Fieldays, the Lions Club was able to distribute funds to the various community organisations who

helped out.

We have also been able to provide funds for two local young men who are representing New Zealand in the World Kick Boxing Competition.

We have made donations to help families who have gone through, or are going through tough times due to health and passing of family members.

Donations have been made to Piopio Aria Toy Library, Piopio College Prize Giving and the Piopio Retirement Village to assist with cost of double glazing of the unit windows

Paddys Market was held on Saturday, September 27 and the club received many donations of goods to auction.



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The Cascade Cabin is a two-bedroom riverside haven designed for pure relaxation. Luxury is literally on your doorstep. Pair your stay with a platter from the Fat Pigeon Café, grab a few indulgent treats from Piopio's boutique shops, and you've got yourself the ultimate escape — all without blowing the travel budget or leaving town.

And yes, that means we now have two hand-built (Les-built) cabins. Perfect for brides, honeymoons, or romantic excuses to ditch the kids for a few nights. Boys, this is your chance to look like a legend!

Got the in-laws coming to stay and running out of room? Pop them down at Ripples — you'll all stay sane, and they'll think you're the world's best host.

We're also pretty stoked that Ripples Retreat is a finalist for Best Airbnb Family Stay in New Zealand — not bad for a little Piopio spot, and let's be honest, Piopio is getting good at punching above its weight.

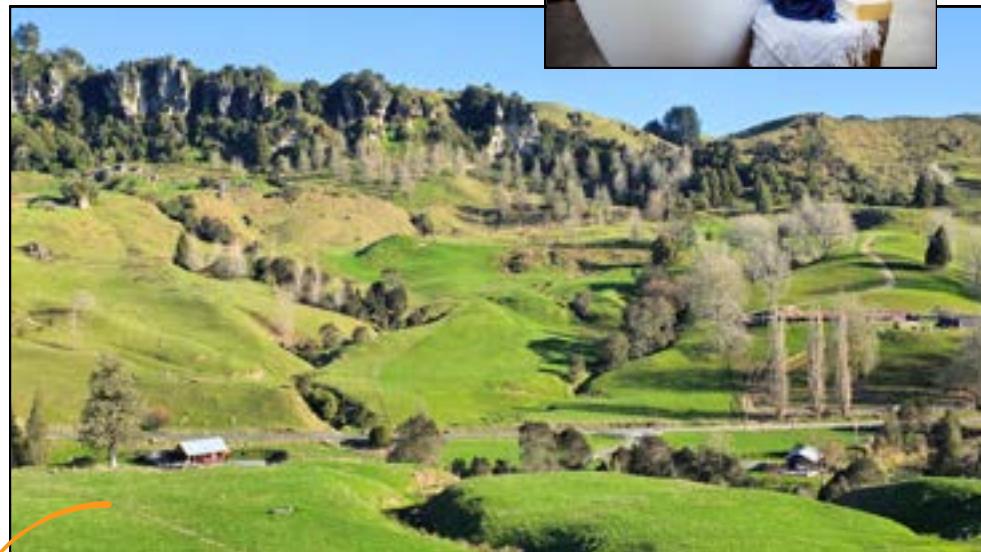
Here's the local tip: don't hand more of your hard-earned dosh to the big booking sites. Book direct at www.stayatripples.co.nz and keep it in the community.

A huge thank you to all the tradies and artisans involved in the creation of

our cabins — you're world-class according to our international guests! And a big thank you to our local shops and eateries too — our guests rave about you also. They're not just coming to stay at Ripples Retreat, but for the whole shebang that is Piopio.

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KC Hunt celebrates 50yrs

THE King Country Hunt celebrated 50 years of hunting in the King Country at our Opening Hunt in April this year. It was a very special weekend where we honoured one of our founding members and original huntsman, Trevor Benton. Unfortunately, Trevor passed away recently and the hunt has lost a life member, long time supporter of our Hunt and an absolute legend. We offer our deepest condolences to the Benton family.

The Hunt had another successful season and we continue with a small but enthusiastic membership. If you are a horse rider I encourage you to come and give hunting a go. Everyone welcome.

We have our fundraising 3-day trek coming up in November which is fully subscribed with a waitlist for spaces.

This is to be held at the stunning Waitoru Station. We also plan to hold a family trekking weekend at Piripiri Station on the March 6-7.

The need to fundraise is a big part of our Hunt. We run a cattle scheme and would love support from farmers to graze an animal for us. Please make contact if you are able to help us out with this. Joy Hurley 027 577 7881 or Cathryn Peacocke 021 326 707.

We are planning another celebration next Easter as it is our 50th year of being part of the NZ Hunts Association.

We have our AGM on the Monday, November 17, at the Senior Citizens hall Piopio. All welcome.

We also are in need of hound food, if you have unwanted horses give Shane a call on 021 033 5541.

Learning about the trades

WITH THE support of Aotahi, we hosted a fantastic Trades morning for our students. They had the opportunity to learn the ins and outs of the trades, practise practical skills, and gain valuable advice about pathways into these industries.

Students rotated through four hand-on workshops in 30-minute sessions, covering building, plumbing, mechanical, and engineering.

The feedback from students was outstanding!

A huge thank you to: Kurt Houghton (building), Nigel Neustroski (plumbing), Stacey James (mechanical), and BCD Group (engineering).

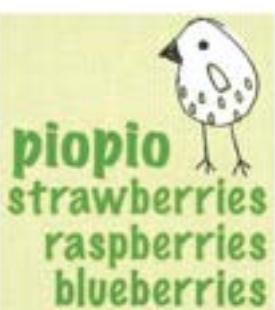
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Source: Piopio College Facebook



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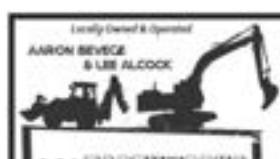
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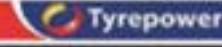
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PP Junior rugby's inaugural season

A Year of Firsts

2025 has marked an exciting and historic chapter in the Piopio community with the launch of Piopio Junior Rugby. What started as an idea floated in mid 2024 to bring junior rugby back to its spiritual home at Piopio RFC, quickly gained traction.

With a shared passion and purpose, a small group of determined parents, backed by a strong senior committee, rolled up their sleeves and got to work.

Creating a brand new Junior rugby club from scratch is no small feat. From securing sponsorships to sourcing gear, planning logistics and establishing structure. It has been a mammoth undertaking but true to Piopio spirit, our tight-knit community stepped up in every way imaginable.

The response from local families, businesses, and supporters has been nothing short of inspiring.

In February, we kicked off our journey with our very first Junior Muster, a day buzzing with energy, laughter, games and a healthy dose of competition.

As the season progressed, we celebrated another milestone by hosting our first Club Day, where all but one of our teams played at home. The atmosphere was electric, with families and supporters turning out in full force to cheer on our juniors before the senior

team took the field later in the day, giving our players a taste of the action and camaraderie that makes rugby so special.

It was incredible to see our future stars proudly donning the green and gold for the first time, a moment that will remain etched in the hearts of players, coaches, and supporters alike.

Our Teams – Building the Future

In our inaugural season, we successfully fielded five teams, thanks to the dedication of our coaches, the generosity of our sponsors, and the passion of our 70+ young players.

- U8s – Coached by Josh White and Nic Gordon, sponsored by King Country Vets
- U9s – Coached by Kurt Houghton, sponsored by AM Roofing
- U11s Gold – Coached by Dwayne Cowin, sponsored by K J Houghton Builders
- U11s Green – Coached by Cameron Kendrick, sponsored by NZ Farmers Livestock
- U13s – Coached by Jake Hiriaki, sponsored by Rorisons Lime

These teams demonstrated heart, skill, and team spirit all season long, and every player can be proud of what they achieved in our first year.

A Championship to Remember

While results across the grades were mixed, our U9s team brought home the silverware by capturing our first ever Junior championship title. In a nail-biting final played on home turf, the U9s held on to win by just 5 points, securing the



NKCJR U9s Championship in dramatic fashion.

Prizegiving Highlights

Our recent Junior Rugby Prizegiving was a fantastic celebration of a season full of growth, effort, and achievement. Each coach took the opportunity to reflect on their team's journey throughout the year, sharing highlights and memorable moments before presenting awards to their players. We proudly recognised the Most Improved and Most Valuable Players across all grades, celebrating individual excellence and commitment. Standout performances were honoured, but just as importantly, we applauded the dedication and spirit of every player in our rugby community. It was a wonderful evening, warmly supported by players, families, and supporters.

Looking Ahead

As we reflect on a successful first season, we're filled with pride for what our young club has already achieved. But more importantly, we're filled with excitement for what's still to come. With strong community support, committed coaches, generous sponsors, and passionate young players, the future of Piopio RFC Juniors looks brighter than ever.

Here's to many more firsts — and many more wins — in the years ahead!

Piopio Junior Rugby Committee

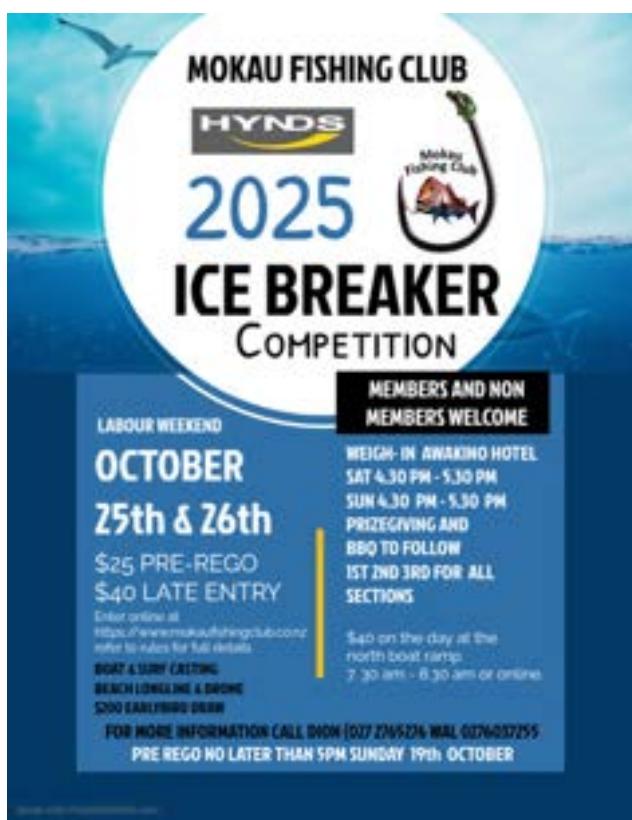


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The aim is to use feedback and reflections to apply for funding to set up something more ongoing.

So far, the sessions have been well attended. Rawina Te Huia as facilitator has kept us engaged and reflective with her combination of sharing local knowledge and experiences and fun pronunciation practice.

Each week is a little different;

weaving in personal stories and sharing from participants.

Cultivating a safe learning environment, the programme has encouraged us to keep coming back to share a laugh, ask questions and learn important history of our local area.

As a direct action project from Te Pumaomao Nationhood Building Seminar in July, we look forward to continuing to develop this initiative and share our progress reflections of this action project with Takawai and Chris Murphy in November.

Ngā mihi nui
Catherine Taiapa

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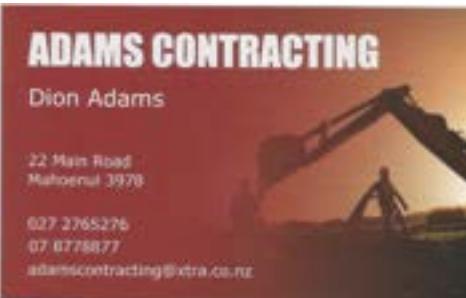
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KC Rivercare update

THANK YOU to everyone who has supported King Country River Care over the past 12 months.

Our AGM was held at the end of August, with guest speaker Jarred Mair. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the evening. Jarred's presentation drew an outstanding response, sparking discussion around:

- The rapid advance of AI, biotech, and agri-tech reshaping food production and farm systems
- New on-farm innovations, from methane reduction and bio-fertilisers to robotics and water creation technologies
- Rising global debt and its influence on markets and policy
- Opportunities for New Zealand to build resilience, diversify revenue, and lead in sustainable food and fibre systems

AGM Summary

- Tim Stokes was re-elected as Chair
- Mat Sherriff was re-elected as Treasurer
- Peter Keeling retired from the KCRC committee
- Cheryl Richardson joined the committee, representing the Mapara sub-catchment
- Subscriptions for the upcoming year remain unchanged. These will be filtering through inboxes at the end of October, please get in touch via email if you're keen to join.

Celebrating 1BT and Its Achievements – Thank You!

June marked the completion of our 1BT Kick Start Programme, launched in 2019. The initiative was designed to support landowners across our catchment in implementing targeted riparian planting, restoration, and erosion control projects identified through their Farm Environment Plans (FEPs) — and the results were outstanding.

Surpassing our targets reflects the dedication of our farming community and reinforces our shared commitment to sustainable land management and environmental stewardship in the King Country.



Key Project Achievements

- 99 participating farm businesses
- 300,000+ trees and plants established
- 231 hectares planted, including 163.2 hectares of riparian
- 100 hectares of native bush retired or reverted
- 184km of fencing completed.

Save the Date Reminder

We are excited to be hosting Magician Brendan Dooley on Thursday, November 27 in Pio. Mark it in your diaries for a fun-filled evening. Family tickets \$25, individual tickets \$10. Available from October.

Looking Ahead

We are busy working on a project plan for 2026. If there are key topics, ideas, or pilot projects you would like explored, please let us know.

Our next committee meeting is October 13 — get in touch if you would like to attend.

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Come along to the WESCT Annual Meeting

THE Waitomo Energy Services Customer Trust (WESCT) invites you to its Annual Meeting of Beneficiaries on Wednesday, October 15 at 6pm, held at the Ōtorohanga Croquet Club.

This is your chance to hear directly from the Trust and The Lines Company (TLC) about what's happening in our local electricity network, ask questions, and connect with your trustees. Everyone is welcome—we'd love to see you there.

There's been some recent change at TLC, with Sophie Spedding joining the board as a new director from 1 October,

replacing Craig Richardson, who is retiring after years of dedicated service. We thank Craig for his contribution and welcome Sophie to the role.

In September, trustee Yvette Ronaldson represented WESCT on the panel for TLC's Inspiring Local Minds scholarship. The initiative supports local rangatahi heading into tertiary education, studying a profession linked to jobs at TLC. The applicants were nothing short of inspiring proof that our region's future is in good hands.

WESCT exists to represent beneficiaries and are 100% shareholders of TLC. If you've ever considered becoming a trustee, now's a great time to learn more ahead of the next election in 2026.

Let's keep the kōrero going—this Trust belongs to you. Visit wesct.org.nz to learn more or get in touch.

*Ngā mihi nui,
Waitomo Energy Services Customer Trust*

Piopio College Staff Scholarship

Launching 2026

We are excited to announce the introduction of the Piopio College Staff Scholarship.

This initiative is designed to create an exceptional professional development experience that aligns with your individual interests, Piopio College's strategic vision, and your goals to leave a lasting impression at our school.

This scholarship is being provided by Margaret and Brian Tegg, The Piopio College Trust and The Piopio College Board of Trustees. The Scholarship accepts applications for funding up to \$9,000.

Purpose:
To empower staff to pursue meaningful growth opportunities that will enrich their practice and bring tangible, positive change to our College.

How to Apply:
To apply, please write to the Presiding Member, Board of Trustees with:

- A clear outline of your proposed project/professional development
- Associated costs
- Intended outcomes for yourself and Piopio College

 Applications will be submitted to the grant funders - Brian Tegg, Piopio College Trust, Piopio College Board of Trustees - who will evaluate them.

Conditions:
 • Have been teaching at Piopio College for at least 2 years
 The scholarship must be undertaken in 2026 - it cannot be deferred
 On return, successful applicants must:

- Lead professional development for school staff
- Report back to the Board of Trustees
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KC Badminton Junior Champs 2025



RECENTLY Piopio College proudly sent one determined team to compete in the King Country Secondary Schools Badminton Championships - and what a day it was!

Our talented team of Putiputi Barnsdall, Heath Cody, Miriama Newton, and Ryshard Tapara battled through the round robin and finals, dropping only two games the entire day. Their incredible consistency, skill and teamwork earned them the title of King Country Badminton Junior Champions for 2025!

Not only did they bring home the championship, but they also showcased excellence, respect, and top sportsmanship to each of their opponents - a true reflection of Piopio College values both on and off the court.

A huge thank you to the parents who came along to support, cheer, and encourage our players. Your presence makes a world of difference.

And, of course, *ngā mihi nui* to Piopio College for enabling our students to participate in opportunities like these, where they can represent our kura and community with pride.

Source: Piopio College Facebook

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Duo represent in kickboxing

PAORA DAYMOND-BODGER and Brock Gower, both from Aria, are competing at two World Championship events in Europe in October - the WKA World Championships in Sheffield, England, and then to the Unified World Championships in Italy.

The pair want to thank their friends, family, and community for all of the support in helping them achieve their goals.

LEFT: Brock Gower and Paora Daymond-Bodger



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