

# PIOPIO BirdTalk

BI MONTHLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER COVERING PIOPIO, ARIA & MAHOENUI DISTRICTS

## TE NEHENEHENUI TRIBAL KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL

attracts hundreds of people of all ages to Piopio to witness the annual Kapa Haka Festival on Saturday 5th September 2015. We were anticipating a good crowd but were overwhelmed by the sheer numbers, which exceeded 500 throughout the day.

The local businesses that were open on the day benefitted from the extra patronage as kapa haka enthusiasts filled the streets. It was quite a boost for our town to see so many people come together for a positive event which was enjoyed by all.

Eight groups competed in three sections, Karanga Tamariki, Karanga Rangatahi and Karanga Pakeke. The groups performed a full 30 minute bracket including Whakaeke (entrance) Waiata-a-ringā (action song), Haka, Whakawātea (exit) with particular emphasis on Karanga, Whaikōrero, Haka Pōwhiri and Moteatea which were the aggregate items that determined the overall placings.

First time performers, Ngā Tamariki o Te Kura o Aria (Aria Primary School) did themselves and their families proud and took out the overall taonga in the Karanga Tamariki section. Te Kura Rau Tau (Centennial Park) were placed 2nd and Te Wharekura o Maniapoto 3rd.

In the Karanga Rangatahi section Te Wharekura o Maniapoto placed 1st and 2nd were Te Kuititanga o ngā Manga from Te Kuiti High School.

The Karanga Pakeke section saw another new team enter from Tamaki Makaurau (Auckland) who were placed 3rd. Te Haona Kaha, came 2nd overall and in first placing was Tamarau, led by Doug Ruki and Charmaine Turner.

Tamarau announced this festival as their last stand and the club has since retired making way for a new roopu to be formed.

Planning for the annual event began in late 2014 following the Te Nehenehenui Inc AGM where we welcomed new Executive officer to their respective positions, Glenn Taitoko as Chairman, Secretary, Charmaine Turner and Ramona Waho continuing in the role of Treasurer.

The Organising committee together with many volunteers from our Iwi led in areas of security, health and safety, adjudication, catering, stage management, marketing promotions and sponsorship and overall event management. The success of the event can be attributed to the dedicated team who worked well together.

All the objectives of the event were exceeded and we now look forward planning for next year. There is already talk of new teams wanting to enter so it can only get better.

We have a lot to be thankful for this day. Being blessed with beautiful weather, the performers and kaiako who dedicate their time to prepare each group, whānau and friends who awhi and tautoko the groups, ngā Kaiwhakawā who give their time and expertise, our M.C.'s who keep us on track and entertained during the breaks, to our kaumatua, family and friends who come to support the day and to our tireless team of kaimahi.

Everyone's contribution is truly valued and appreciated. Through events like these we are able to build the capacity of our people, giving opportunity for everyone to work collectively, to grow and take on roles of responsibilities.

Thank you one and all for coming to support a wonderful day for our people our Iwi, our Community.

Ngā mihi maioha ki a koutou katoa.

**RAMONA WAHO**

**Te Kura o Aria**

**1st Place – Karanga Tamariki**



**Te Wharekura o Maniapoto**

**1st Place – Karanga Rangatahi**



**Tamarau**

**1st Place – Karanga Pakeke**



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# TRAVEL TALK



## Welcome to Harvey World Travel Talk with Lorrene Te Kanawa.

Late August I was reminded how lucky we are to have the Pacific Islands on our doorstep. Less than three hours and we are in the tropical paradise of Fiji. It is so rejuvenating to leave our Winter behind for a few days and soak up the sun, snorkel in crystal clear waters and be surrounded by the beautiful Fijian people. Don't forget this lovely tropical paradise, so close to home and guaranteed warm weather. Thinking of Europe for 2016, have you considered river cruising? Unpack once, cruise at night and in the morning you are ready to explore a new European city. I highly recommend an Australian company who cater for their 'downunder' guests, APT River cruises. APT has released their 2016 super deals on their luxury Europe river itineraries. All

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King.St. Finally I would like to say thank you to the Piopio College students who visited as part of a careers day. Your interest, questions and good manners was energising!

**"You can't buy happiness but you can buy a plane ticket and that's kind of the same thing."**

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## TE NEHENEHENUI INC



The organising Committee of the Te Nehenehenui Tribal Festival would like to acknowledge and thank the following organisations for their financial and kind support:

- Maniapoto Māori Trust Board, Maniapoto FM Radio, Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, Mokau ki Runga RMC, Piopio & Districts Charitable Trust, Piopio College, The Oily Rag, Cloverleaf Dairy, Curious Keas, Te Whānau Kohanga Reo o Piopio, The Owls Nest, Night Owl, Fat Pigeon, Crafty Pigeon, Around Twelve Shoes, Grainger Motors, Corey Barnsdall CBB Builders, Atkinson & Associates Vets, New World Te Kuiti, St Johns, Maniapoto Māori Wardens.

NGā MIHI NUI KI A KOUTOU KATOA.

# PIOPIO CEMETERY NEWS

Over the years a small but dedicated group under Stan Neal's guidance, have tidied and restored the cemetery and the headstones.

Stan and his daughter Gwenda then embarked on a project to research and record the stories of those whose names are recorded on the headstones. Their goal is to compile all these stories into a publication to coincide with the centenary of the Piopio Cemetery in 2018.

Gwenda sent out over 100 letters to those who have relatives or friends

within the cemetery – a huge thank you to those who replied and sent stories and photos.

It is vital to record these stories as they are all a part of Piopio's history.

Many families have ashes of their loved ones on farms – have you considered placing a memorial plaque on the memory wall of the cemetery? Alternatively you could supply their stories and where their resting place is and this would be included in the publication.

To actually get to publication we need your help – please send stories (a copy of their eulogy is ideal) and a

photo is all we need or alternatively I am happy to visit and record your story for you.

I look forward to hearing from you.

If you are able to help please contact me.

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## SENIOR CITIZENS

Did you know if you are over 60 you can join Piopio Senior Citizens? We would like to encourage more locals to join us. The subscription cost is just \$10 per year. For this you are able to enjoy the wonderful facilities that are well maintained, accessible and warm. Plus it gives you the opportunity to join us on our many outings. This year we have visited the Bennydale Café and we also host a mid-year and Christmas lunch.

### WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO?

Once again Piopio Senior Citizens group was invited to attend the Aria School production in August and yet again we were treated to a great production in which every child was involved. It is a wonderful time to connect with the younger children in our area. Thanks to Aria Primary School for the invitation and delightful morning tea.

Earlier this year we applied and received a grant from Heartland Community which allowed us to

purchase a TV and DVD Player. This has meant we can use DVD's from Sport Waikato and the Arthritis Foundation for our Thursday Exercise mornings and we are able to watch DVD's of choice as a group, usually with a shared morning tea or lunch. Rural Women's Waipa group generously granted monies toward the replacement of the kitchen ceiling, following an ongoing water leak.

We are hoping to have a Fundraiser Stall over the summer at the Market in Piopio. We would love your support and hope to see you there.

### ROOM FOR HIRE

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## ST JOHN STAINUI (MOKAU)

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Thanks to the wonderful support from the community we are now in our new building and are in a position to offer for tender the purchase and removal of our old weatherboard modulune roof (ex

Post Office) building.

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Tenders close 5pm 30th November 2015

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### THREE LITTLE BIRDS . .

#### BY THE TIME

this goes to print, I jolly well hope the sun has made more of an appearance. It's cold!

### THE NIGHT OWL:

Also by the time this goes to print, I dare say the All Blacks are well on their way to lifting the Webb Ellis Cup again, and I hope you and yours have (or will) enjoy 'Brekkie with the All Blacks' with us. Kids are welcome (we don't even mind if they show up in their 'jarmies' and slippers), and they might like to bring along their bean-bag or similar to watch the ABs in comfort and style!

THANK YOU to our quizzers – it was again a very successful run of Wednesdays. And a BIG thank you to our quiz sponsors: Atkinsons & Associates Vets, Barrowcliffe Shearing, Corey Barnsdall Builders, and 3 Little Birds.

Our Summer Menu will hit the Night Owl tables from Wednesday 30th September, with a return of some old favourites plus some new delights in the mix. Don't forget our Sunday Roasts EVERY Sunday (they are deelyish!), and Kids Dine for just \$3 on Sundays too – so what a great family outing. Then on Thursdays desserts are just \$5 and they are equally deelyish!

And then, we have some exciting events planned in the warmer months, including a Matua Wines wine-tasting (hosted by none other than ex Piopio resident Nikolai St George), 'Picnic in the Park', even a Summer Ball so keep an

eye on our facebook page for full details.

And then of course, it's almost Christmas which means workplace or family functions. Our Christmas Buffet Menus options are ready to go, so flick us an email if you'd like to see it, plus I'll post them on our website this week.

### FAT PIGEON CAFE:

The 'pidgee crew' are plodding along as usual and with the warmer months on the way the cafe will get busier. We will be introducing some new and exciting cool summer treats to come, including smoothies and Dr Feelgood ice-blocks.

Don't forget our 'Tuesday Treat' of an espresso coffee or tea, with either a muffin or a scone for just \$8 – pop in on a Tuesday and treat yourself.

### OWLS NEST MOTEL:

Lyn and Dave are always on hand for your accommodation needs, so give them a call on 07 877 8767 or flick an email to theowlsnest@xtra.co.nz. Of course you can book via our website [www.theowlsnest.co.nz](http://www.theowlsnest.co.nz)

### CRAFTY PIGEON:

There are some absolutely stunning pieces in-store, thanks to Melanie, Justine and Rachel's recent trip to the Spring Gift Fair in Auckland. Pop in and check them out, and complete all your Christmas shopping in one hit!

Here's hoping the ABs become the first ever team to win consecutive Rugby World Cups. Chirp chirp!

### JULES

## NEW PIVOPIO SWIMMING POOL INITIATIVE

With commitment and determination we are proud to announce that the "Piopio Community Swimming Pools Charitable Trust" is alive and kicking.

One of our tasks is to secure funds, and lots of them, to maintain and improve this tremendous facility.

This is where we need your help, by supporting our planned fundraisers, with the first being a "Buy A Brick" campaign.

We are offering a hand painted brick, tagged with the purchasers name, or an engraved plaque screwed onto the wall at the complex.

How exciting would it be for your child to see their name on our wall?

Bricks can be purchased for a small donation, \$100 (hand painted) \$200 (engraved plaque).

For further enquiries contact

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### OCEAN SEVENS CHALLENGE

Completing the Oceans Seven Challenge and becoming the third woman ever to finish this significant feat, past student of Piopio Primary, Kim Chambers has successfully achieved world recognition, swimming solo across the Cook Strait, Molokai Channel in Hawaii, Strait of Gibraltar, Catalina Channel off California, English Channel, Tsugaru

Strait in northern Japan, and North Channel between northern Ireland and Scotland.

Daughter of Gerald and Jo Chambers, Kim has accomplished the some of the riskiest swims in the world.

Quite timely is her success and just one of many from our community who began their swimming life skills, here at the Piopio Community Pools and extended this passion to other events.

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# PIOPIO PRIMARY CHILDREN MOUNTAIN JOURNEY

Tired bodies, cold faces, wet clothing, bow-legged walks, sleepy eyelids, relieved teachers with big smiles, lots of big smiles and excited stories of falls, accidental and deliberate - after Piopio Primary senior school children experienced a ski trip to Whakapapa recently.

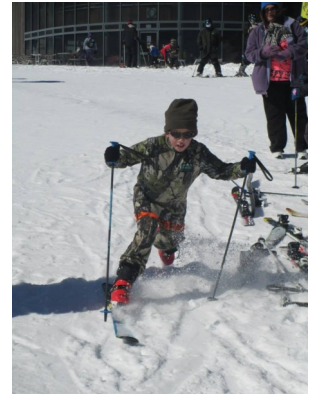
Taking a group of children on what is considered a high-risk experience in

Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) terms, requires careful planning and at least seven different forms that need to be completed prior to going, by staff and parents.

Parent permission, driver license and vehicle details, medical forms, contractor checks, helper checks, child gear and prior knowledge, boot size and the all-important risk assessment forms all need to be filled out and signed off before anyone leaves the school.

Teachers value the learning that an experience like a ski trip can bring; an experience that may be a once-in-a-lifetime for some children while for others the gateway to a whole new world that they want to explore.

Thank you Pip Were, Shona Blundell, Sue Keeling, Keri Alcock for the work you put into arranging this experience to make it a fun one for our children.



## NEIL BROOKS PRINCIPAL

# EQUIDAYS EVENT INVITES LOCAL TO COMPETE

At Equidays this year the first New Zealand Thoroughbred Makeover Showcase will be run. Equidays (equestrian version of the Field days) will be held at Mystery Creek on the 16-18 of October. Jenny and Sarah Bevege have been invited to compete. Run by Beyond the Barriers NZ The Dunstan ExFactor competition promotes thoroughbreds in careers other than racing.

The Dunstan ExFactor Competition is an invitational event with 14 competitors including us. Between January and March each trainer brought a thoroughbred with no previous off the track schooling. Over the last 10 months each trainer has schooled their horse for their chosen discipline. Show jumping, eventing, dressage and western being the main disciplines. The aim of the competition is to show that thoroughbreds are more than just racehorses, they can show jump grand prix, event 4 star level or just be a happy pleasure horse. So as well as horses going through flatwork you may see bareback and bridless riding, trick riding, bowing and more.

On Friday is the Dunstan Ex-Factor Best

Presented & Conditioned (an in hand class). Then on Saturday we present a performance that is voted on by the public, PalaMountains Animal Nutrition People's Choice Show Off. On Sunday is the Dunstan Ex-Factor Cup judged by a panel of judges.

Jenny and Sarah need your help for on Saturday for the People's Choice Show off. You can vote for them by liking our video of our performance when it is uploaded onto the Beyond the Barriers NZ Facebook page. This will need to be done by 11am on Sunday 17 of October.

### A BIT ABOUT US

Jenny and Sarah Bevege have been riding ever since they were little sampling a little bit of everything along the way. They are members of Te Kuiti and Districts Pony club and have ridden with King Country Hunt. This season both Jenny and Sarah are concentrating on eventing.



Twix their showcase thoroughbred is an unraced untried 15.3hh black six year old mare by Perfectly Ready. This season she will be competing eventing under the name The Little Major. She was brought from Eventstars in Cambridge in March. She is already proving to have the ability of a well performing eventer. Her favourite pastimes are bucking around the paddock and jumping paddock fences.

So head on over to our Facebook page 'Dunstan ExFactor Twix - Ngatamahine Equestrian' for all her progress and updates. Especially anything we come up with for our performances.  
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Don't forget to like Beyond the Barriers NZ also to keep up with other competitors and to support such an awesome organisation.  
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# WAITOMO DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

## Piopio Community Services

The replacement of the Piopio Hall roof will soon be underway.

We are making improvements to the Hall ramp and steps to make it safer for public access and to add to the overall appeal of the facility.

The new public toilets are now complete and look great.



### GET READY TO SHAKE-OUT

The national Shake Out day is Thursday 15th October at 9:15am.

Participating in this civil defence exercise is a great way for you and your family (or flatmates) to learn the right actions to take before, during and after an earthquake.

- 1. Sign up now! It only takes two minutes. Visit

[www.shakeout.govt.nz/register](http://www.shakeout.govt.nz/register)

- 2. Spread the word (share with friends, family and workmates via word of mouth, Facebook, Twitter and email).

- 3. Do the Drop, Cover and Hold drill at 9:15am

Natural disasters like an earthquake, storm or flood will affect essential services and could disrupt your ability to travel or communicate with each other. You may be confined to your home, or forced to evacuate your neighbourhood.

It's important to make plans that will allow you to look after yourself and your household for at least three days or more.

Everyone should have a packed getaway kit in an

easily accessible place at home and at work which includes:

- Torch and radio with spare batteries
- Any special needs such as hearing aids and spare batteries, glasses or mobility aids
- Emergency water and easy-to-carry food rations such as energy bars and dried foods in case there are delays in reaching a welfare centre or a place where you might find support. If you have any special dietary requirements, ensure you have extra supplies
- First aid kit and essential medicines
- Essential items for infants or young children such as formula and food, nappies and a favourite toy
- Change of clothes (wind/waterproof clothing and strong outdoor shoes)
- Toiletries – towel, soap, toothbrush, sanitary items, toilet paper
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Face and dust masks
- Pet supplies

If you are planning to travel, you can keep up to date with weather and roading information online: [www.facebook.com/NzGetThru](http://www.facebook.com/NzGetThru) and [www.facebook.com/WaikatoCivilDefence](http://www.facebook.com/WaikatoCivilDefence)

### WATER CONSERVATION

We are now focussing on year-round water conservation as we strive to preserve our natural resources.

Water conservation can be obtained through changing the way we use water in and around the home and at the workplace. Shorter showers, not

leaving the taps running and fixing leaking taps and faucets straight

away, will help to contribute to an overall reduction in water use for Piopio.

If you suspect a water leak, please contact us immediately on 0800 932 4357.

### ON-SITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

A reminder that the on-site wastewater systems are not designed to hold or treat any fats, oils or greases. Introducing harmful substances into the system may reduce its efficiency or stop the treatment process.

Issues such as slow draining toilets can be caused by blockages as a result of fats, greases or large items, like clothing, nappies or even newspaper being disposed of into the system.

Please do not tip, flush or drain any of the following substances into your onsite wastewater system as it will block the tank and cause overflows:

- Pharmaceuticals
- Egg shells, gum, or any food waste/scraps
- Sanitary items, anti-bacterial wipes
- Large volumes of bath or body oils
- Flammable or toxic products
- Household cleaners/ floor wax and carpet cleaner
- Chlorine, bleach, pool or spa products
- Pesticides, herbicides, agricultural chemicals or fertilizers.

The only substances that should be disposed of into your wastewater system are human waste, bath and dish water and mild detergent/ wash water.



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# PROJECT PPIOIO TRUST REPORT

There have been a few changes within the Project Piopio Trust

over the last year or so with a few members leaving the Trust and a few new members joining us.

We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Jenny and Peter Yates and Ian Murray, three of our original members, who also served on the Piopio and Districts Business Association for several years before the Trust was even set up in 2006. Jenny, Peter and Ian have all put in many hours of work helping with Christmas Parade organization and clean ups, along with planning and development meetings for many community projects over the years. They have helped with everything from café planning and development, installing new chairs and paintings, baked food and set up for meetings and public speakers, helped organize market days, planted plants, helped with painting toilet blocks, etc.



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Remaining PPT members are Kirsty Reeves and Nicky Atkinson. New members include Barrie Tatham as President, Lynne Merchant, Secretary and Karen Barrett and Melanie Simpson as committee members.

We have recently had our six monthly meeting with Waitomo District Council and key topics discussed were:

PPT were unanimous in their praise for the construction of the new toilets in Kara Park. Although the toilet usage study undertaken by WDC surprised them-PPT were not a bit surprised. A passer-by survey we undertook back in 2007 and stories from local plumbers trying to fix different parts of the toilet block in subsequent years had indicated to us that these toilets were well past their use by date even then, due to the increase of traffic on the road to New Plymouth. The total cost was \$220,000 which not only includes the demolition of the old block and reinstating the surrounding grounds, but the design has also made provision for extensions to the block if necessary in the future. Trudy Denize must be commended for her original design of this building, in particular the eye-catching figures, practical spacious design and use of timber and black blocks-popular with locals. Appreciative thanks to WDC for funding this project and ensuring it has been finished to such a high standard. It will certainly create a positive impact for people passing through and using our park over the summer. All these projects help spread the word about this "great little town in the King Country", hopefully helping attract people to visit and support local businesses and ultimately to fill and create more jobs in our area!

PPT will be submitting a plan to WDC in the next month to develop the area around the new toilet block, including new Information boards and gardens to disguise the sewage tank lids.

PPT and Les Kjestrup have begun work on a shelter in the Tui Park camping area. The success of this park has historically been due to the passion of Snow Nicol. Snow has a helped develop and take care of this park and its visitors, sharing his knowledge of the area, for many years. This new project has been led by Barrie Tatham with help from Snow and a significant amount of work by Rob Hallam, who designed the plans for the building. Peter Demchy and Les Kjestrup have been working together regarding the timber cladding and have nearly completed a stunning building that has already had many positive comments from campers over the last couple of weeks.

Several improvements are due to be made by WDC on the Tui / Ruru Street intersection by the Night Owl, due to accidents that have occurred there.

The 'Welcome to Piopio' signs are in need of replacement, especially at the northern end of town. PPT would like to thank the Piopio Charitable Trust for their generous grant to help us achieve this during the next month.

We would like to acknowledge Waitomo District Council for funding nearly half the amount of our overall cost for this project through the WDC Community Partnership Grant. Another great community project!

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# MUSEUM ADDS NEW ARTWORK OF HISTORY

Following the article in the June/ July issue of the Bird Talk, the trustees of the Piopio Museum are pleased to announce that the proposed picture, recording the visit of the Austrian Naturalist Andreas Reischek to Piopio district in 1882 is now hanging in the settlers hut.

The information accompanying the oil painting is in three languages, English, German and Maori. The German version was translated by

Monica Louis, of the Art-Doc Gallery in Benneydale. The Maori content was translated by Tuti Hinekahukura Barrett-Aranui of Mokau.

There is also a map of a probable route taken, on horseback, by Reischek guided by the son of the chief Hemara te Rerehau, from Mokau, via Herangi, Mairoa, Piopio (Te Miro-a-Huiao leaving the district by Manga whaingā, Kahuwera, Oparure and onto Otorohanga.

Smaller pictures and information have been supplied to the Hobbit tourist venture of Warrick and

Susie Denize and also to Monica Louis at Benneydale to direct anyone interested to the Piopio Museum.



I am hoping this presentation of local history will be viewed by local people and tourists to our area.

**PETER HOLBROOK**

## ALTRUSA LITERACY AWARD

Congratulations to Tarin Marshall and Tristan Coup, Aria Primary School, Charles Tulloch and Heather Limmer, Piopio Primary School who won



the Altrusa Literacy awards for their attitude, ability and progress made in both Reading and Writing.

## PROJECT PIOPIO TRUST REPORT CONT...

The Children's Art competition Lisa Lyford and PPT held earlier in the year was very successful, with 85 entries, making it difficult to make a choice. Some of the winning paintings will be placed throughout the town during the next few weeks and banners will be given to each school with their artwork printed onto them. This project has been made possible by our application to the Creative NZ Grant, support from local schools and pre-schools and help and advice from local artists Jo Gallagher, Peter Holbrook and Dawn Mann. A big thanks to Creative NZ, local educators and these artists.

A huge thank you also to WDC for the Triennial Grant allocation to PPT for

the 2015 -18 period. This helps us fund the editing and printing of the Birdtalk newsletter, fund improvements to the piopio.net.nz website, and running of the Piopio Christmas parade.

We look forward to seeing the next stage of the industrious Hall Committee's work finished. The new ramp and upgrade of steps etc around the entrance to the Hall will be appreciated by many in the community. The Hall group have been continually fundraising and completing steps of their long-term plan to improve this facility for our community since 2007 and their efforts have certainly made the building a much more user friendly venue for everyone. How boring life will be if they ever run out of long-term plans—without their fund-

raisers-Hall to hall events, interesting speakers and of course 'Stars'!

Don't think your eyesight /memory is failing you if you glance into the Village Green in the next 2 weeks-we definitely will have changed the paintings in the Village Green! Jo Gallagher has given us permission to replace the rather weather beaten original sheep and cow pictures we put up on easels there in 2008, with more modern versions of her work.

**NICKY ATKINSON**

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# COMMUNITY NOTICES

COMING SOON

## WIZARD OF OZ PRODUCTION

Piopio College and Te Wharekura o Maniapoto will be presenting this iconic musical during the week of 19 October.

Performances Tues 20 Oct, Wed 21 Oct, Thurs 22 Oct and Fri 23 Oct at 7.30pm.

Plus two matinees at 1.00pm. Wed and Friday.

Bookings with College office.

## PIOPIO PLAYCENTRE AGM

Monday 2 November 2015  
At 7pm

All new members welcome

Em: ppplaycentre@gmail.com

## HOUSIE

An enthusiastic group meet to play Housie.

1.00pm each Thursday at the Senior Citizens' Rooms

You are welcome to join us for fun, laughter and serious involvement in trying to be the winner!!

Come and have some fun, along with an exchange of news and views.

## WANTED



Injured or unwanted cattle beasts or horses. The King Country Hunt Club is always interested in these for Hound food.

PHONE SHANE NEIL 8788793

## MOTORCYCLES ARE NOT ALLOWED AT THE PIOPIO DOMAIN

Please be aware that the Piopio domain is not for personal motorcycle use. The Aria bike track is your nearest riding facility and we are exceptionally lucky to have it in our district.

Kate Carter. President Piopio Community Sports Incorporated.

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Main Road, Piopio

Worship service 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

Service at 10am

PHONE: REV. CAROL HANCOCK PH: 8788026

## PIOPIO GARDEN RAMBLE

This event has been cancelled.

## PIOPIO HALL HIREAGE

- Bond 150.00
- Audio Equipment Bond 50.00
- Hire (Daily Hire-age) 185.00
- Rental per hour (max 4 hours) 18.00
- Audio Equipment - Hire Fee 50.00

The above are all to be booked and paid for through the Waitomo District Council.

The below is to be booked and paid for through the Hall Committee.

## CROCKERY HIRE:

- Table \$10 per table
- Chairs \$2 per chair
- Wine flutes/glasses 50c per glass
- Tumblers 50c per glass
- Place settings \$2 per setting includes (dinner, side and dessert plate, mug, knife fork and spoon)

## 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.

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### *Piopio POP (Tui Park)*

Snow Nicol (07) 877 8177

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## BAR & RESTAURANT

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(07) 877 7812

### *Cloverleaf Cafe*

(07) 8778368

### *Fat Pigeon Cafe*

(07) 8778822

### *Night Owl Bar & Eatery*

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Rose Young (07) 877 8029

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Rose Young (07) 877 8029

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### *Piopio College Community Library*

18 Aria Road, Piopio

Liz Jones (07) 877 8173 Ext 220

### *Piopio Garden Circle*

Cheryl Austin (07) 877 8771

### *Piopio Lions Club*

Noel Verry (07) 8778582

Gavin Todd (07) 877 7700 or

Ken Perry (07) 877 8035

### *Piopio Memorial Hall*

Vikki Watson (07) 877 8289

Tracey Neal (07) 877 8009

Crockery/Cutlery/Glass Hire)

### *Piopio/Paearuhe Retirement Village*

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Jenny Brodie (07) 8778033

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### *Seniors' Exercise Classes*

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### *Senior Citizens Organisation*

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(022) 437 0789

### *Vanilla Blonde & Carley Jane Beauty*

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## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### *Aria Playcentre*

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Librarian: Karen Jones (07) 877 8945

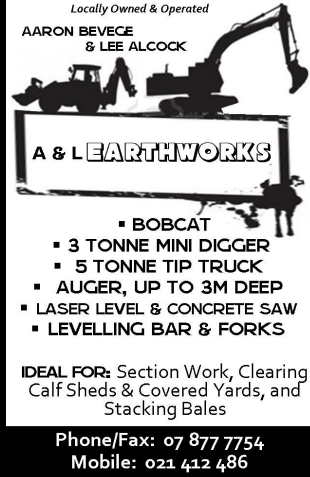
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### *Light Horse Club*

Amanda Maclachlan (07) 878 7182

Hayleigh Bird (07) 8786840

### *Line Dancing Club*

Linda Oliver (07) 877 8313

### *Piopio-Aria Golf Club*

Helen Verry (07) 877 8582

Tracey Mulligan (07) 877 8582

### *Piopio Bowling Club*

Jill Rattenbury (07) 877 8016

### *Piopio Domain Board*

Kate Carter (07) 877 8146

### *Piopio Rugby Football Club*

President: Peter Hurley (07) 8777577

Secretary: Joy Jefferies (07) 8778875

Treasurer: Susan Ngarotata  
(07) 8778143

### *Piopio Swimming Club*

Pres: Lee Alcock (07) 8777 754

E:shellalcock@hotmail.com

Sec: Ana Wiseman (07) 8777553

### *Pony Club*

Anna Nelson (07) 877 7744

Heather Pease (07) 877 8144

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Clive Knox (07) 8777781

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Jenny Brodie Ph (07) 877 8033.

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Reon Verry (07) 878 8678

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Ian Kerr (07) 878 7661

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