

COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL COOLS TEMPERATURES

The opening of the Piopio Community Swimming Pool was in time for some sweltering temperatures. Record numbers of users have flocked to the pools as the days get hotter.

As schools return, the community pool will cater for 80+ students in a volunteer run, Learn to Swim programme afterschool. The introductory to swimming programme caters for 5 –10 year olds and provides entry level and basic swimming safety and skills, through to stroke

development. Demand for these lessons are already booked and further enforces the necessities of these skills for children, with record number of drownings nationally.

Following on swimmers can join the Piopio Swimming Club which caters for more advanced technique and stroke development training.

The pool will also be open for adult swimmers 6-7am and 6-7pm weeknights. The Swimming Pool trust group are keen to make this pool open to as many users as possible and have also offered to mind preschool

children whilst parents use the pool for recreation or fitness.

Since the establishment of the Piopio Community Swimming Pools Charitable Trust in 2015, the pool has enhanced the complex significantly with many upgrades to filter systems, security and maintenance of operational systems.

The ongoing need to keep this service open can be supported by contributing to the "Buy a brick" campaign. This sponsorship is invaluable and a plaque will be erected on the sponsors wall within the complex.

A FRESH START AT PIOPIO COLLEGE will

welcome all students and as the Principal of Piopio College, Johan Van Deventer would personally like to welcome all students back and is excited at the prospect of lifting the bar for all students this year. "We have a solid Board of Trustees and a full staff complement as well as a positive roll growth as we already have 182 students enrolled and are still taking inquiries. Compared to last year we grew from 168 to 173 by December 2017. I want to recommit myself and my staff to being the best we can and to always look at what we can do to support and promote success for our students!"

"We also welcome new teachers Mrs Maryann Symonds, Lyanne Walker and Teura Karati to our team and our parent elected members Doug Burnell and Marie Te Huia-Warren bring a diverse background to join the Board of Trustees."

"On a property note, many infrastructure improvements were completed last year and this year has already seen a significant carpark upgrade with the bus bay resealing project, phase 1 of painting school buildings has been undertaken and we will see phase 2 later in the year leading into 2019".

"I am sure it is going to be a great year and together we will achieve many milestones and continue growing wonderful lifelong learners". **MOKAU FISHING CLUB**

We had a very successful Xmas Competition, although, the weather at the start was only for the very keen. Special mention to all those who sponsor cash and prizes and the ASB for their major input. There were amazing prizes going around and a great meal as well. So big thanks to all those who assisted.

On a sad note, we have lost one of our Life Members, Russell Gaston. He has been a passionate fisherman and a great supporter of the Fishing Club. His legacy, I feel, was in getting young people out there, enjoying fishing safely and with a sense of humour. To the Gaston family, we offer our condolences and sympathy.

To those going over the bar, it appears the pole replacement (buoy) did not last long, so it is back to the drawing board on that one. **PETER HURLEY**

Results from ASB Xmas Fishing Competition:

Snapper boat

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We have a meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at 10 am.

Following this, a cuppa and DVD or a guest speaker is planned.

All senior citizens are most welcome to attend.

We have had some interesting ideas for visits once the weather improves so if you are interested, please make contact with us.

Wendy Weinberg 8778686

MOKAU SCHOOL OPEN DAY 2018

Everybody is invited to visit our school to meet and greet our new Principal, staff and children.

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COUNCILLORS UPDATE

Council is presently Waitomo going through the process of producing it's 2018-28 Long Term Plan. This is a legislative requirement, and all Councils in New Zealand must do it. It is complex, both as a process, and as a final document, and involves co-ordinating effort and input from across the Council organisation. Our process is split into five phases;

Phase 1, strategic framework and information gathering (Jun-Aug 2017)

Phase 2, building blocks (Aug- Oct 2017)

Phase 3, translating planning into financials (Oct-Dec 2017). This phase includes developing budgets for activities, financial forecasting, confirming revenue, testing financials against strategies/policies, and rating implications.

Phase 4, develop the story (Dec 2017-Mar 2018). This phase involves ensuring there is a coherent story, with numbers (dollars) pulled together, development of the Consultation Document, plus an independent audit.

Phase 5, telling the story, consult, deliberate, change, and adopt (Apr-Jun 2018). This involves formal community consultation on the draft LTP, followed by hearings and deliberations. Any changes as a result of consultation are incorporated into the Plan, which is then audited again. The final LTP must be adopted before the start of the 2018/19 year, and the budget in it for the first year of the Plan (2018/19) is the basis for the Rates struck for that year.

The Councillors have confirmed their 'Vision' for Waitomo District as 'Creating a better future with vibrant communities and thriving businesses'. Our major infrastructure upgrades that have been our prime focus over the last few years are nearing completion, so we can now shift our focus more to the social, economic, and cultural needs of our community, whilst continuing to be financially prudent. National businesses have shown huge confidence in the future of our District, with over \$30m of investment in the last three years (New World, Mitre 10, BP, Challenge, Gull, and GAS at Piopio) so we need to to make an informed decision. I liken capitalise on that confidence to promote the uniqueness of our District, enable commercial development, and create job growth. In short, we need more residents.

In late 2016 we adopted an 'Economic Development Implementation Plan', but that has been overtaken by the regional adoption of the 'Waikato Plan' under the Waikato Mayoral Forum. Another significant regional development has been 'Waikato Means Business' (WMB), which has initiated the 'Southern Waikato

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Economic Development Action Plan'. This will be a collaboration of Waitomo,



Otorohanga, and South Waikato Districts, co-funded by WMB and MBIE (Govt.), plus local contribution. This proposal is in the early stages, but the prospects are exciting.

Of more immediate focus are three concepts/ideas we want to test with Ratepayers; funding or the NKC Sports Centre, development of a Motorcamp in Te Kuiti, and Council involvement/ Ratepayer funding of social housing provision in the District. These are long term projects that will have effects on our children and grandchildren, and we will be providing you with as much information as possible to enable you these concepts to the decision to build the Civic Centre (now Les Munro Centre), which is now arguably, one of the better facilities south of Hamilton. Lots of information will be coming to you in the near future so please take the time to read and understand it, then please let us know what you think. What do you want your community to be like in 20 or so years?

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2018 SKY TOWER CHALLENGE

Thanks very much to the Piopio community who kindly donated just over \$900 at the Christmas Parade towards our 2018 Sky Tower Challenge - remember all of this goes to the Leukaemia and Blood Cancer NZ fund. We do the climb on the 19th May, so have the challenge of getting fit between now and then and attempting: to raise as much money as we can. If you'd like to help us out please google 'Sky Tower Challenge 2018' and follow the prompts.

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The committee aims to meet once a term. It's a great way to meet people. Meetings are informal and child friendly. As a committee member you will get the inside scoop on new toys coming, and have input into where our money is spent.

The toy library is an amazing facility that is an asset to our community. Fees are \$15 per term or \$40 a year. Please help us keep it running! Enquiries to our librarian Lucille - Thursday mornings at Aria Toy Library (next to Wrightsons, main street Piopio) or message our Facebook page. **EMMA DARKE**

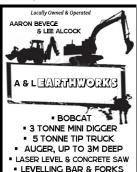
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Jo works primarily as a contemporary realist but more recently she has begun to add another layer of interest into her compositions – that of humour! Using native birds and animals as both object and subject enables Jo to voice her interest in the idiosyncratic and distinctive world we live in. The characters she feel best able to represent, the fun there is to be had with language, symbolism and entrenched beliefs are all present in her current body of work.

Jo exhibits in galleries throughout New Zealand and her work is held in private collections both

Mokau Museum Is here and internationally.

Jo will have a selection of original work, framed and unframed prints available for purchase in the exhibition.

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All stall information including the registration forms can be found on our website www.waitomo.govt.nz or find out more from the friendly Customer Services Team on 0800 932 4327.

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MOKAU SCHOOL WELCOMES NEW **PRINCIPAL**

As school returns Mokau Primary school welcomes new principal Kate Cookson to the helm. For the last six years she has been a teacher at Owhango School near Taumarunui and is looking forward to her change in role and working with the children, staff, Board of Trusteees and community as she settles into this exciting journey. Over the last two weeks she has met many people who have made her feel very welcome and she thanks them all for their support and interest in the school.

Mokau School is proud to be an Enviroschool and offers a student led approach to education based on the action learning cycle and strong community involvement. The school values sustainable practices and respects diversity which forms the basis of their education programme this year.

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FAT PIGEON CAFE: The break has seen the cafe experiencing VERY busy days where we've been full to capacity, queues out the door, and all hands on deck pumping out espresso coffee, food prep and delivery, clearing tables, replenishing, dishes ... phew! As always our pidgee crew step up and whizz around the cafe carrying

out their various tasks, always friendly, smiling and obliging.

Thank you pidgee crew for consistently striving to provide the best service, food and coffee.

THE NIGHT OWL: We will be 'enhancing' our current menu very shortly, with the return of a few favourites, so keep an eye out for that.

We have a few weddings coming up which will keep us busy in the coming months. One of these is the wedding of our very own Zoe Simpson to Troy Patterson. Warm congratulations to you both. We're sure it will be a beautiful day, and can pretty much guarantee the venue will be 'dressed to the nines', and excellent food will be enjoyed by all.

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CRAFTY PIGEON: We have 60% off all Christmas decorations so come in and get a real bargain for the coming festive season ... it will come around sooner than you think! We also have some excellent new items in-store, pop in and check them out.

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* B Grade Tournament (Members only) -Friday 18th and Saturday 19th May 2018.

BUSINESS HOUSE

Keep an eye out for a letter of invitation for your business/club.

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April. Limited to first 8 teams, 4 players compete each night can register up to 6 players in each team. No experience needed. Team entries in by 12th March. 15 minute games, team slots run 5.30pm and 7.30pm.

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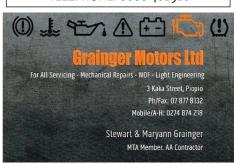
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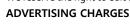
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