

# PIOPIO BirdTalk

Bi Monthly Community Newsletter covering Piopio, Aria and Mahoenui Districts

## Native birds fly at Piopio Playcentre



Playcentre kids Billie Jones, Vivian Carter and Lennox MacKenzie standing in front of the new mural

This term Piopio Playcentre received our own hand painted wall mural. Designed and painted by Caitlin Wilkinson (one of our Playcentre mums) the inside mural shows native, local birds thriving in their environment.

We wanted the mural to capture the sense of belonging to the Piopio community, so we decided together on a bird theme to represent our town.

Belonging is an important part of the Te Whariki strands, which the children's learning is centred around, so it is important to us that, just like the birds, the playcentre families feel they are part of our community.

The mural allows the children to observe how our beautiful New Zealand birds live in their environment. Seeing the mural is like watching them in the bush, from the way the tui is hanging upside down drinking nectar from a kowhai flower, to the kiwi in its burrow.

We are so lucky to have such a talented artist as part of our team. Caitlin donated so much of her time and talent to create this wonderful mural for us all to enjoy. Piopio Playcentre

## Award-winning Carter family feature in Mindfood

Carter Family features in **Mindfood**

For those magazine readers out there: Mindfood recently came to Piopio, and has just published a story on John, Judy, Shaun and Kate Carter.

The feel-good family and community story was initiated by Silver Fern Farms, who nominated the family after they became regional Silver Fern Farms Plate to Pasture award winners in 2018.

The Carters found their Silver Fern Farm awards experience invaluable. As well as receiving farm business analysis they gained important additional insight into understanding their consumer demands.

A big thank you to Silver Fern Farms who generously donated \$500 each to the Piopio Swimming Club and the Piopio Community Pools Trust as part of the Carters' Mindfood experience.

Check out April's birthday edition of Mindfood, page 101 for the Carter story.



## LOVE NZ

After the terror attack that occurred in Christchurch this March, we wanted to reflect on our values as a community, and think about the things which hold us together.

We asked local budding artist Chloe Darke (6) from Aria, to draw what she loves best about living in Aotearoa. This is what she created. Thank you Chloe!

# UPCOMING Events



Mairoa Linedancers will hold their annual social at the Piopio Memorial Hall on Saturday 4th May. Attendees are expected from all over the North Island for a day of music and dance. Public most welcome to pop in.



## Waitanguru Branch

### Rural Women NZ

We are again co-ordinating the Piopio ANZAC commemoration this year on behalf of the community and planning is already underway.

If you would like to be involved in any way please get in touch. Waitanguru Branch meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday and we welcome all new or prospective members. If interested in joining us, or wish to contact us re ANZAC Phone Susie Verry (President) 027 555 0400, Sheryl Whitehead (Secretary) 027 517 6655 or Jenny Brodie 877 8033



Within our district several defibrillators are on hand in the event of an emergency.

**Piopio Township:** Owls Nest and Piopio College.

### In the surrounding districts:

Mahoenui - Coleman's woolshed, Aria Cosmopolitan Club, and Waitanguru Hall also have these on hand.

A free App is available on google Playstore to locate machines throughout New Zealand.

## Piopio ANZAC Commemoration

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
Parade 11am.

Please assemble at 10.45am on Moa Street outside the St Johns' rooms. Current service men/women (all services) in uniform would be much appreciated. Service medals may be worn by relatives. All those who wish to participate are urged to do so.

The service will follow outside the Memorial Hall, weather permitting. All organisations, individuals and family groups are welcome to participate in the wreath laying ceremony.

After the ceremony, everybody is welcome to the Memorial Hall for light refreshments. Finger food contributions are most welcome. Community input is most welcome. Please give Jenny Brodie (877 8033) or Susie Verry (021 0588339) a call if you would like any further information

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Co-operating Parish of Piopio, Aria and Mokau.  
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## Piopio Garden Circle

Visits are now the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

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## PIOPIO HALL

All equipment is now to be booked and paid for through the Waitomo District Council.



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## SENIOR CITIZENS

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.

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# Replica bus project near complete



After a journey of some four years the Piopio College Trust's project to rebuild and display a replica of New Zealand's first school bus is almost complete. The recent provision of a building consent to build a display garage on the vacant Moa Street site between the Mustard Seed Opportunity Shop and the Memorial Hall will see construction under way next month. Completion is scheduled for late May and an official opening will occur on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June. "Reaching this final stage has been immensely satisfying," said Board

Chairman John Carter. Without the outstanding support of over 250 local and ex residents, businesses and Trusts, the vision to recognise Piopio's special place in the history of rural education provision and school transport would never have occurred. We are particularly grateful for the financial support of the Ministry of Education, The Waitomo District Council, Trust Waikato, the Sargood Bequest, Threeway Motors, The Piopio and Districts Trust and Ford NZ.

The provision of a lease by the Piopio Aria Mokau Cooperating Parish to site the garage on their Moa Street property, Max Laver's faithful reconstruction of Arapae and the sponsorship of TotalSpan, Allied Concrete, NZ Steel, Graymont Lime, Progress Transport and Aaron Bevege towards the cost of construction, have been other significant contributions to this project.

**John Carter, Piopio College Trust Fund Chairman. 078778290**

## New look for St. Mary's Church



Photo: Sacha Capeling

See [www.stmaryschurch.co.nz](http://www.stmaryschurch.co.nz) for more information.

Local Jo Collins has opened St. Mary's Church on Kea St as boutique B&B accommodation. St. Mary's is a quaint church built in 1930. Newly renovated with respect and love, it is the perfect place to relax and enjoy the atmosphere created by its character

semi-rural setting. The space is cosy and comfortable with plenty of room, a fully equipped kitchen, good quality beds and linen and child friendly. Jo and Nick are available to guests if needed, but will otherwise leave them to enjoy their stay.



## The Latest Surplus

The Piopio Community Fruit & Veg Stand has been the grateful recipient of surplus grown in our local gardens and orchards over the summer. Lately it's been tomatoes, zucchini/courgettes, kamo kamo, beetroot, peaches, apples, nashi and pears. Turnover in the stand continues to be amazing: contributions come in and they fly off to good homes on the same day. It's been great to see kids walking from school in the afternoon grabbing an apple, nashi or peach from the stand to munch on the way home.

Bags of freshly dug new potatoes were in demand in January. Can I suggest that more people try to grow potatoes? Put them in the ground or a growing bag next Labour Weekend: they're easy as. And if you grow too many you can always share them at the Stand. We discovered damsons thanks to a generous contributor from Mapiu (okay, maybe I did). After which Bernadette Murphy, the first person to answer three damson questions correctly on the stand's Facebook page, won a copy of Lynda Hallinan's new book, "Damson: From Hedgerow to Harvest." If you are a fan of damsons and haven't seen this book it can be ordered from Lynda at <https://foggydalefarm.co.nz/>. While the Hawke's Bay is considered the epicenter of all things damson in NZ, there's no doubt Piopio can change that over time! With autumn upon us we'll continue to see heaps of different varieties of apples and pears in the stand followed by figs, feijoas and walnuts. Maybe also persimmons, quinces, crabapples and chestnuts? We would appreciate your continued support with contributions of non-perishable tinned foods, bottling, jams, baked goods and citrus fruit through the dark days of winter. Anything homemade needs to be dated and labeled for food safety, as do fresh eggs. I try to let people know what's on offer daily, and when contributions are needed, via the public Piopio Community Fruit & Veg Stand Facebook page. If you have any questions don't hesitate to get in touch.

**Karen Barrett 8778012**

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# Three little birds...

Mel is off on her 15-night foodie tour to France on 22<sup>nd</sup> June which looks absolutely amazing. She and her entourage will be visiting Paris, Amiens, Mont St Michel, Cognac, Le Dorat, Limoges and will include museum visits, wine tasting (hello!), visit to the Cognac distillery, a French cooking class, dining at amazing restaurants/cafes ... the list goes on! Of course we are all jealous, but still wish her and her travelling companions a fabulous trip!

**CRAFTY CLOSED:** By the time this hits your mailbox, the Crafty Pigeon will have closed its doors. We would like to again extend our gratitude to our loyal customers for your support over the years. The Fat Pigeon will be retailing any items leftover from the Crafty – so please pop in to the café and take a look.

**FAT PIGEON:** We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our pidgee crew for their efforts over the busy wedding season and other out-catering. It basically means with the Night Owl catering for weddings, our staff is stretched to capacity.

You are all absolutely amazing! Also we had our annual visit from WOMAD artists recently, in the form of three bus coaches! However the pidgee crew stepped up again and we're sure our international guests enjoyed their short time here in Piopio.

**OWLS NEST/NIGHT OWL:** Phew! The Night Owl has catered and is still set to cater for a number of weddings which is fantastic. Hopefully this beautiful weather continues for these special occasions.

Keep an eye out for our dinner specials which are posted on our facebook page.

The Owls Nest Motel has seen a steady number of guests, ranging from tourists, truckies, and guests visiting family and friends.

*Gosh this weather is just amazing isn't it? On the odd day we get a glimpse of cooler temperatures, but for the most part it has been very nice. For me though, I would welcome some coolness and rain to clear the bugs and flies, as well as green up the paddocks a little!*

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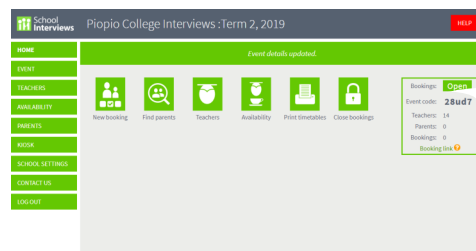
Hey everyone!! It's with a little bit of sadness to let you all know that the Crafty Pigeon, Pretty Little Beauty and Vanillia Blonde will be closing on the evening of the 4th April. But it is with a whole lot of excitement that Kim is opening her salon at

home in Piopio on the 10th of April. Kim can't wait to start at home in her new salon. To contact Kim for appointment from the 10th April feel free to use Face book messenger or call or txt Mobile 021 2999501 Home phone 8778732

## Piopio College interviews



In weeks 2 and 3 of Term 2, we are hosting parent student teacher (3 way) interviews. We ask that you make appointments in the afternoons on the School interviews app online: <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au> Follow the three-step instructions to book your time with teachers – see below graphic of the home page and use the code provided (28ud7)



**Maniapoto grant:** Are you or your children registered with the Maniapoto Māori Trust Board Tribal (MMTB) Register? If so, parents can make application on their children's behalf for the Primary School Grant. If you have affiliations to Maniapoto iwi, but have not yet registered, you can download registration forms from the website [www.maniapoto.iwi.nz](http://www.maniapoto.iwi.nz). You and your children must be registered to be eligible for this grant. Forms can also be collected from the school office. Payment of this grant will be made directly to your child's/children's nominated school account. Payment will not be made to a personal bank account.

It is highly recommended that parents/caregivers make contact with schools to discuss where you would like this grant to be used to benefit your child/ren. Contact Marissa Campbell at MMTB directly on 0800 668 285.

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# Wise words from Piopio St John

Since Christmas our crews have responded to several major crashes. Many have involved motorbikes not being seen by other road users. A reminder that drivers should check carefully before turning or pulling out. While ACC covers transport to medical facilities the same does not apply to medical incidents.

As members of your community we would urge people, particularly those with young children, elderly or chronic conditions, to consider joining the St John Supporters scheme.

This entitles those family members living at your address to free transport to a medical facility.

The subscription effective for a year is less than one ambulance transport charge. Contact 0800 STJOHN for details.

Two years ago our officers ran an AED familiarisation evening in the Night Owl. Later this year we intend to repeat this valuable exercise in our refurbished Station. In the interim remember there are AED's at The Owls Nest, Piopio College, Kohanga Reo, Aria, Waitangaru and Mahoenui.

We are also investigating the siting of another in the Village Hall.

*A question: Can we see easily see your property number from the road?*

**Mike Johnson**

## Piopio Domain news



A big thankyou from the Piopio Community Sports Incorporated Society to Ravensdown and Clive Fredericks, for their generous donation of fertiliser and spreading at the Rukuhia domain earlier in the year. We are very appreciative of all our supportive businesses. And thank you to KSB Construction for their work on the new horse day yards at the domain. Congratulations to Storm Harris on her recent event at the Domain and best of luck to the Piopio Rugby team this season. We are so lucky to have such awesome local facilities!  
**Kate Carter**

# Preventing sports related dental injuries

The simple answer is WEAR a sports mouthguard. These prevent dental injuries, orofacial (around the mouth, soft tissues and bone) and concussion. Children and teenagers are at high risk of dental injuries and concussion. The crown of your tooth develops first. So, when our kids' front adult teeth (incisors) erupt into the mouth the roots of these teeth have not fully formed. Think of it like a post in the ground. If you rammed it in 1cm it would fall over very easily. Our kids' new teeth are a lot like this; they haven't got too much holding them in. So even the lightest knock to these

teeth can completely knock them out (called avulsion). When kids are having orthodontic treatment, their teeth are looser while they are being moved into their new position. Stock and 'boil-and-bite' mouth guards are ill-fitting and offer inadequate protection. Custom made mouthguards offer the best protection. Advantages include fit, ease of speech, comfort and retention, extra protection to the teeth, orofacial structures and concussion prevention. Piopio Dental Mouth Guard Options Child - \$60, Single layer 3.5-4mm - Single layer offers greater protection than a much thinner boil and

bite. The thinner layer is more comfortable for smaller mouths. Intermediate - \$70, Double layer, 3.5-4mm - Two thin double layers add more protection while still being thin enough for small mouths. Adult - \$80, Double layer 5-6mm - Once all adult teeth are present, this is the recommended best option. A double layer mouthguard offers more impact distribution. This means the energy from the impact is distributed through the mouthguard layers and less to the teeth and orofacial structures. Double layer is recommended for those in higher impact and higher-grade competitive sports.



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# Memories of horses in a lifetime

By Peter Holbrook

I am 82 years old, born in the heart of England, I worked and grew up mainly working on mixed farms before emigrating to New Zealand in 1961 at the age of twenty-five. During the war years – despite ever increasing mechanisation – the working horse was a common sight. Most people had some connection with them in everyday life; in the midland town I came from, during the 1950s there were fifty light draught horses on milk and bread delivery, around ten heavy horses on street cleaning and moving the weekend market stalls in and out of the street, also numerous small traders with welsh cob type animals delivering fruit and collecting waste for recycling.

These horses did not need a driver's licence and boys straight from school could take a horse and cart out in traffic and knew how to harness and unharness them. Many of these horses were probably bred and broken in on Irish small farms before being exported to England. In the 1960s the majority of the delivery horses were phased out by the electric powered vans which needed a licensed driver. The travelling people were still largely horse drawn (It is not politically correct these days to call them Gypsies). They favoured the piebald and skewbald animals as being easy to find in the dark when illicitly grazing in farmers' fields before being tethered on roadsides during daylight hours.

Many farms during the 1950 had a mixture of tractors and horses, the tractors doing the ploughing and heavy cultivations, while the horses did the lighter row scoop work, hay racking and feeding out stock. I left school at 16 in 1952, the year of King George sixth's death when Elizabeth the second became Queen, and



Ploughing with horses, King Country. Ref: WA-10147-G. Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, New Zealand.

went onto a 400 acre mixed farm for a years work experience before going to an Agricultural institute for a 10 month course in farming. At this time students were given practical experience with working horses as well as tractors. The horses were Suffolk Punch mares, now an endangered rare breed.

Back on the farm where I started we had three tractors and two horses, a black mare called 'Kit' and a half draught gelding with no name just called the 'oss'. Both were good workers in anything put to them, feeding out, row crop work, haymaking and also good to ride, bringing the cows in for milking. As well as the Fordson major tractors and a new Ferguson tractor from the factory a few miles away, from Coventry. Most young men were naturally drawn to the mechanical aspect of farming, this being the future dedicated to ever increasing speed and efficiency. I became drawn to the horses instead and enjoyed immensely a ride in the

two-wheeler vehicle behind the fast trotting cob, the boss drove at a good pace coming back from feeding the sheep in the winter months, constantly reminding the horse 'We don't keep you to look at' with a click of the tongue. After my Ag Course I returned to the farm to avoid being called up for two years national service which was compulsory until 1960 for all young men over 18, some of my friends stayed on farms also, while others served in Cypress, Kenya and Malaya.

When I turned 21 I rented five acres of land and began to accumulate livestock to supplement my farm wages when milking cows. I began to deal in horse and bought two vehicles for them, a four wheeler for carting a wide range of things and a two wheeler for taking pigs and poultry to the local market, later on a ford van helped me to range further but I always kept the horses and started to breed from the mares.

*(Peter's second instalment in the next Birdtalk)*

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# Changing of the guard at Graingers



We would like to introduce ourselves as the new owners of Davis Automotive Ltd formally known as Grainger Motors Ltd. My wife and I were both born in Te Kuiti, completed our schooling at Te Kuiti High School and now currently own our own home in the area. My wife Teishan is a qualified vet nurse currently working at a clinic in Otorohanga. I have been in the automotive industry for 12 years working at a number of different workshops in the local area. I have been working at Grainger Motors for the past two years and enjoy the different range of work that a small rural community garage offers. Being a family business owned by my parents Maryann and Stu, Grainger Motors has been a big part of my life for a number of years. I started off in this trade sweeping floors at the workshop in Piopio on

weekends when I was 12 years old for a bit of pocket money. After leaving school, I attended Wintec and completed my pre trade certificate in 2007. I then started my apprenticeship at Greenhalgh Automotive in Otorohanga in 2008 and I achieved my National Certificate in Automotive Engineering Level 4 and was awarded top Apprentice of all Trades in the Otorohanga District. I gained my Warrant of Fitness certificate in 2012 and since then I have gained experience at a number of other local workshops. This experience has given me the knowledge of different management structures and processes that will assist me in the operation of this workshop.

We are looking forward to the challenge of owning our own business and providing the local community with the same quality service that my parents have for the last 17 years. At this stage there will be no staff changes just the change of business name. Please be patient with us through the transition period. We are planning for minimal disruptions and hope to have a smooth change over for the open date of the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2019.

*Joshua & Teishan Davis*

## To All Our Valued Customers

We wish to advise that after 17 years with Grainger Motors and the Piopio Community, we are selling our business to our son Joshua Davis. Stewart and I would like to thank all the past and present staff for your service and commitment to our business and the Piopio Community. We would like to thank the Piopio and Te Kuiti Communities for their continued business and support over the last 17 years. To our Son and Daughter-in-law Joshua and Teishan, we wish them every success in business in the wonderful Community of Piopio.

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## TRAVEL BLOG



Bula, bula! I have just returned from a hosted trip with Tourism Fiji, inspecting resorts, enjoying sightseeing and cultural activities.

Personally I believe the mainland of Fiji is often underestimated. There are endless opportunities for the adventurous with zip lining, quad biking and underwater exploration, to experiencing the warmth and friendliness of the Fijian people or simply rest and relaxation.

The Coral Coast is well known for its family-friendly and adult only resorts and is also home to many local villages where you can get a glimpse of the real Fiji. Heading south from Nadi airport travelling a short distance, between 45 minutes to an hour can have you settled in an island style resort, with options of day trips to any of the outer lying islands. Many resorts are on the lagoon edge with amazing swimming and snorkelling. Enjoy the comforts of modern rooms or choose to indulge yourself in a traditional thatched style bure.

Getting off the beaten track and immersing in nature or the thrill of the Sigatoka River Safari with a truly authentic cultural and village experience was a highlight for me. Cruising the spectacular and remote Yasawa Islands is highly recommended. Whether you choose to travel to experience culture or to explore the island, Fiji time and the simple life will guarantee you return home refreshed and revived.



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Firstly, a massive thank you to all those who have joined KCRC and completed their member form online; we really appreciate your support! Of the forms completed so far, we have accounted for just over 20,000ha with over 50 forms returned and about the same number of member subs paid. It's a great start and the more members we have, covering the greatest possible area, the more effective KCRC can be! There are many organisations and businesses keen to support the sub-catchment groups we have worked with you to form, and KCRC, going forward. Waikato Regional Council is considering our request for local workshops and for funding assistance. Our request for additional water testing sites has been declined at this stage so we are considering our options here. We are having conversations with Ravensdown (LUCI) and Ballance (MitAgator) as to how they can support KCRC and sub-catchment groups. If you have ideas or suggestions you feel we need to discuss please contact me or your local sub-catchment group farmer representative.

For those of you who submitted on Plan Change 1 and indicated your intention to speak to that submission you will have been receiving a few emails from Mr Steve Rice.

The block process is divided into 3 topics.

•Hearing Block 1 - Overall plan structure, values, objectives, Freshwater Management Units (FMU), and water quality outcomes; Underway now.

•Hearing Block 2 - Nutrient management and the nutrient reference point, stock exclusion, cultivation, and land use change; From 20 May

•Hearing Block 3 - Farm Environment Plans, and Sub catchment approach. Later.

It has been recommended those farmers wanting to present only once will be most suited to presenting in Block 2. Steve Rice has just opened this for booking times to present between 20 May and somewhere near 1 July. It is important that you make contact with Steve Rice, the Hearings co-ordinator, to inform him of your intentions as to when you wish to speak. Federated Farmers are holding a workshop to help members & non-members writing their presentations on 8 April in Te Awamutu. I will organise an informal meeting later this month to work on PC1 presentations if anyone locally needs support. Please get in touch if you have any questions. Also advance notice of a B+LNZ Farms, Trees and Carbon workshop on 1 May in Te Kuiti. Woodnet are presenting. Register on the BLNZ website if you are interested or get in touch with me. Looking forward to getting all our sub-catchment groups together again in the very near future.

Please start talking to your neighbours about some possible community projects.

KCRC Chairman – Reon Verry, 0272788678

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## Notice of AGM Mokau Kohunui Marae

The Trustees of Kaingapipi 9A1 (Mokau Kohunui Marae) invite all trustees and whanau to attend.

Sunday 14th April 2019, 10.30am followed by a general hui and lunch (pot luck)

Venue: Mokau Kohunui Marae, Piopio

The purposes of the AGM will be to:

1. Present annual financial statements of the Trust
2. Receive the Annual and Strategic Plans of the Trust;
3. Discuss and vote on any resolutions received in accordance with clause 15.3 of the Trust Deed.

1. Karakia
2. Apologies
3. Receive Minutes of 2018 AGM
4. Matters Arising
5. Presentation of Annual Reports and Plans
6. Presentation of Annual financial Accounts for 2018
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## Top Tips for Staying Cosy for Less this Winter

- Make friends with your electric blanket! Consumer NZ estimates they cost just \$10 to use for a whole winter, if you use one every night. Use a timer to make sure it turns off after a couple of hours for safety.
- Use a crock pot for hearty meals – you'll pay a third of what it costs to run your oven.
- Cut your firewood now if you haven't already. Seasoned wood will keep you warmer and create fewer emissions.
- Buy cheaper cuts of meat like osso bucco. They'll soften up nicely in the slow cooker and taste even better than the expensive cuts.
- Cuddle your furry friends! Make sure they have access to a warm place to sleep too.
- Use a draught stopper underneath doorways.
- You can buy cheap double glazing stickers at a hardware store – these go over your existing windows and it's easy to DIY.

## 100 years ago in Piopio

Robert Fergusson, Piopio, was fined £50 and costs for sly grog-selling. He recently escaped judgment on a summons for £1 8s on a plea of poverty, but found £13 15s for rum. The magistrate, Mr E. W. Burton, commented very severely on the case.

Star, Issue 12749, 19 September 1919

### HARNESSING FALLS NEAR PIOPIO.

By Telegraph.—Press Association.

Te Kuiti, Last Night.

Mr. L. Birks, chief electrical engineer of the Public Works Department, is favorably impressed with the Wairere falls near Piopio, and says that sufficient power is available if a dam is built for the needs of the district and to supplement the Horahora scheme, with which it will link. A committee was formed to push forward the scheme as quickly as possible.

TARANAKI DAILY NEWS, 4 SEPTEMBER 1919



[BY TELEGRAPH.—OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

TE KUITI, Monday.

At the Magistrate's Court, before Mr. E. W. Burton, S.M., William Collins, storekeeper, of Piopio, was charged that on July 11 he sold 5lb of blasting powder without a license and with failing to keep a book recording sales of explosives. Defendant, who pleaded guilty on the first charge, was fined £5 and on the second £1. For keeping his shop open on Saturday, the statutory half-holiday, he was fined £1.

Piopio Rec Centre and Piopio College joint venture are wanting to create a community fitness zone. They are looking for sponsored fitness stations, labour and machinery donations. The aim is to encourage youth and community wide groups to engage in physical activity.

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## UP COMING EVENTS

### MOKAU EASTER BONE CARVING WORKSHOP FRI 19 – MON 22 APRIL

What's the buzz at Mokau this Easter weekend? Starting Friday night 19<sup>th</sup> April, the Mokau Community Hall will be filled with over 30 carvers of all skill levels from beginners to experts. Nowhere else in New Zealand will you see such a large collection of bone carvers working together in one place. For three consecutive years, 'Mokau Bone Carving' has hosted carvers from across Aotearoa New Zealand and this year's event is shaping up to be the best yet. Entry to view the carving is free thanks to the generous support of the Waitomo District Council and Creative Communities Waikato. Carvers will be engaged in all stages of their craft, from bone preparation and design to finishing pieces and learning how to attach the lashing. Carvers range from teenagers to seniors and the atmosphere will be friendly and informal, carving styles will range from contemporary to traditional. Feel free to come, browse and purchase. You also have the opportunity to commission that special piece. Friday night kicks off with a shared community dinner at 6pm followed by a keynote address by renowned master carver Owen Mapp at 7pm. Owen is our special guest and mentor, recognised in the 2019 Honours List for Maori Carving and Bone Art. Owen is New Zealand's most prominent carver with 50 years' experience. He travels each year to both exhibit internationally and to teach. His works are held in public and private collections around the world. The Easter bone carving workshop at Mokau is a rare opportunity for the public to meet Owen, view his pieces and watch him at work. Bone carving is not the only attraction this Easter. The Mokau pop-up craft market, also held in the Mokau community hall, will be in full swing. The work of 15 local craftspeople will be on display. These include Kawakawa Kottage soaps, shampoo and body products, woodwork, retro purses, mosaics, harakeke art, woollens, pottery, knitted doggy vests, paintings, photos, cards, crafted signs, clocks and a new clothing label 'Material Girl'. Come along and mingle with the carvers, browse through the pop-up market, buy a whitebait fritter and coffee and enjoy the upbeat vibe Mokau village has to offer. View *mokau bone carving* facebook page to get a preview of the bone carving you will see; 'like' the page and you will receive up to date posts. Come to Mokau and make a day to remember. For further information, contact event organiser, Mike Brown [22pilotroad@gmail.com](mailto:22pilotroad@gmail.com) mob 027 2236 138



### Attention Sheep and Beef farming women!

Understanding Your Farming Business is coming to Piopio (and Te Awamutu) in May.

This Agri Women's Development Trust (AWDT) course --- fully funded by the Red Meat Profit Partnership, equips women involved in sheep and beef farming to grow their knowledge, skills and confidence. They will learn to play a greater part in decision making in their farming business and communicate powerfully with their farming partners, financial advisors and rural professionals. UYFB starts in Piopio on May 16<sup>th</sup>. To get more information or to register go to [www.awdt.org.nz/](http://www.awdt.org.nz/)

### Piopio Rugby Draw 2019

30 March	Taupo Sports v Piopio	at Taupo
6 April	Piopio v Tongariro United	at Piopio
13 April	Taupo Marist v Piopio	at Taupo
Easter	Piopio v Waitete	at Piopio
27 April	Bush v Piopio	at Benneydale
4 May	Piopio v Taumarunui Districts	at Piopio
11 May	Taumarunui Eels v Piopio	at Taumarunui
16 May	Piopio BYE	
25 May	Kio Kio v Piopio	at Kio Kio
1 June	Piopio v Taupo Sports	at Piopio
8 June	Tongariro United v Piopio	at Taupo
15 June	Piopio v Taupo Marist	at Piopio
22 June	Waitete v Piopio	at Te Kuiti
29 June	Piopio v Bush	at Piopio
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