

College students ride to success

TWO Piopio College students have ended the equestrian season with many successes.

Grace Purdie and Smudge have competed in national level dressage events including Elementary Super 5 Series National Champs, Young Rider Dressage Champs, Champion Elementary Pony, Best Performed Pony L1-3 at Bates NZ National Dressage Champs, 3rd overall in Zone Youth section World Dressage Challenge, and AMS National League Champion Elementary Pony.

Meanwhile Tessa Bradcock and Gracie recently again represented the Waikato at the 2023 NZ Pony Club Eventing Champs. Tessa finished in 4th place in the individual competition and the team in 6th place. She also completed eventing to finish 1st in her class last weekend.



Above:
Tessa Bradcock and Gracie
Right:
Grace Purdie and Smudge

Final school bell rings for Mrs Sheeran



PIOPIO COLLEGE teacher Louise Sheeran (pictured) has resigned from her role as Deputy Principal after 14 years, to rest and reset, and is looking forward to pursuing future opportunities..

Principal Rakesh Govind says Mrs Sheeran has worked relentlessly through some trying times on behalf of the College, and we thank her for her outstanding commitment to the College over that time.

We wish her well in her future endeavours.

FROM PIOPIO COLLEGE'S FACEBOOK PAGE

Jean Dickinson... She was a foundation pupil and her family have been deeply involved [with the school] for nearly 50 years. Her father took his tractor to the college and prepared the ground and sowed the grass seed on the athletic/rugby fields and hockey field during working bees. Her mother, a foundation staff member, worked at the College for 35 years. So of course she was very attached to the College.

Brayden Burnell... Cheers Mrs Sheeran! Cheers for all you've done for me to get me where I am today, will cherish the card games of 500 we used to play during history class. Good luck for the rest of your journey and hope to see you around and catch up.

FEEDBACK & ARTICLES WELCOME!

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Piopio Anzac

WHAT a great turnout for our ANZAC commemoration this year. The support from the public is greatly appreciated as the day involves so many sectors of our small community. 200 programmes were given out.

Moa Street was closed to through-traffic, hence a much safer and enhanced service. A special thank you goes to Vinni and Vibhah Rao who undertook a lot of the planning and setting up on the day to ensure this could happen, and also to Waitomo District Council.

This year the Piopio Cos Club provided refreshments after the service (the cost largely covered by the RSA); very fitting as the RSA is in the process of affiliating with the club. All would agree it was a great family atmosphere and spread.

It was great to see all schools taking an increasing role; difficult considering the timing with school holidays. A polished speech by College head student Ava MacKenzie (top left) reflecting on the role of musicians during the World Wars will be a hard act to follow.

Special thanks to our current service men and women – an integral part of the parade, piper Bob Dawson, bugler Steve McQuilkin, RSA rep Bill Wana, Gavin Todd who has taken care of the crosses for the last few years, and Waitanguru branch of RWNZ. Most of all a big thank you to Pam Voyce, our MC.

Smooth running of the day is no accident and a huge amount of preparation happens beforehand to ensure the commemoration is appropriate, and reflects the diversity of our community.



WE ALL know the sad story of what happened to the ANZACS and we all know why we mark this day but no one knows a lot about the story behind the music and musicians who were a part of the ANZACS and what their role was as part of the ANZAC campaign at Gallipoli. *Following is an excerpt from Ava's speech...*

On the 25th of April 1915 the first troops were sent in along with some musicians. They were sent along to help lift the soldiers spirits and to help carry the wounded soldiers back to base, mostly under the fire of other troops. Musicians were among the first casualties between ship and shore.

A bullet hit a singer of comic songs, his name remembered just as Skinner. The stretcher bearers from Wellington and Taranaki made it ashore quickly, "The beach was utter chaos recalled bandsman/stretcher bearer Laurie Smith, no one seemed to know where anybody else was"

A few months after the 25th of April an Australian officer recalled New Zealand troops holding a concert at Gallipoli "one man with a cornet proved a good performer; several others sang while some gave reactions. We all sat down in various places in the gully and joined in with the choruses, it was all very enjoyable while it lasted but as darkness came on rifle fire began on the tops of the hills. Occasionally shell fire completely drowned out the

sound of the voices bringing the concert to a close."

Later on, a small band of about thirty men found a ledge jutting into the valley about a hundred yards from the Turkish lines. Their aim, while they were on the ledge, was to fill the valley with the sound of their music to help lighten the mood and give the soldiers motivation. Some of the songs that the musicians played during this war were Long Live the King, Don't Hear them Shouting, the Veterans Song and Sweet and Low, wrote colonel William Malone.

Another New Zealand musician that helped in the war was a man named Arthur Vivian Carbines. Before he volunteered to join the troops he was a well known musician in Auckland and New Plymouth. He had written hymns, songs and instrumental pieces that he used to play at Baptist Churches and orphan clubs. He volunteered two weeks after the war had started and smuggled his violin onto the ship. Sadly, while he was helping recover a wounded man on the 8th of August 1915 an inexperienced soldier mistook him for one of the Turks and he was sadly shot.

Music has been used through years to help people in tough times and to help lift people's spirits; it has been used for motivation and hope. Music has also been a way to help bring people close together and that was why there were musicians helping contribute in war time.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to us, Happy Birthday to us!

Our Piopio Community Fruit & Veg Stand celebrates its fifth birthday on August 3. Time flies when you're busy growing and sharing fruit and veg. We will organise a celebration to commemorate the occasion. Fruit and veggie themed cupcakes, perhaps. Alert the media but not the campervans, please.

Contributions continue to come in and fly out of our stand. As we head into winter, I am sure our dedicated jam and lemon honey makers will once again stand and deliver. I've got heaps of clean recycled jars to share, anyone who needs them for contributions to the stand please message me and I'll get them to you.

I hope your winter veggies are kicking into gear. I've been staggering plantings of broccoli and beetroot to try and get through winter. The broad beans and peas are growing. Harvested pumpkins, butternut, potatoes and kumara are stored in the garage, with crops of spinach and

Cavalo Nero growing both outside and in the glasshouse. Just about ready to plant garlic and shallots but the rain needs to stop first.

I'm learning more about an initiative started on the South Island called the "SEDE Project," which delivers surplus fruit and veg donated by home gardeners to the elderly in local communities. I've connected with the founder and will find out more to see if this could work in Piopio in conjunction with our community stand.

For those who aren't aware, Piopio's Community Fruit & Veg Stand is one of the most successful stands in this nationwide initiative. Five years on, it's a testament to the generosity of our community and the fact that locals are very good at growing and sharing. So thank you for not letting your surplus fruit and veg go to waste and supporting our community. It takes effort to do. Believe me, I know!

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions/issues. Updates are posted pretty much daily on our FB page.



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Great ANZAC commemorations

ON BEHALF of Council I would like to acknowledge the assistance of organisations that helped to make the Piopio and Te Kuiti ANZAC day commemorations a success: Te Kuiti RSA, Te Kuiti Marae, Piopio Rural Women, Piopio Cos Club, Waitomo District Council and Specialised Traffic Management from Piopio who donated their time for the organisation of the street closure for the day, and all others who helped.

I recently attended a fire safety display put on by the Aria Cos Club and the Piopio Fire Brigade. The demonstration by the Fire Brigade was well presented and a timely reminder of how to use a fire extinguisher properly, and to check that your smoke alarms, and fire extinguishers are in a workable condition.

Several brigade members have recently attended intensive training courses. Our district is extremely lucky to have such a dedicated team of volunteers.

It is good to see a new business starting up in Piopio... Darren Cathie's automotive business. Darren is a long-time resident of Piopio and is about to receive a 25 year gold star for his service to the Piopio Volunteer Fire Brigade. We wish him well and hope the district supports his new venture.

The Piopio Garage has recently been sold. It is great to see people have confidence to start up businesses in our area. We wish the new owners well.

Council recently heard submissions to the Draft Annual Plan and I think these have all been dealt with as satisfactorily as possible.

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Please don't hesitate to contact me with any concerns or queries you might have.



Gavin Todd
Rural Ward Councillor
Waitomo District Council



Aria School pretty in pink

A great splash of pink arrived at school on Friday, May 19 for Pink Shirt Day.

One hundred dollars was raised for the anti-bullying cause. Classes continue to talk about what bullying looks like and what we can do about it to both protect ourselves and help the "bully".



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Matariki holiday next month

MATARIKI is the Māori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. It rises in midwinter and for many Māori, it heralds the start of a new year. Iwi across New Zealand understand and celebrate Matariki in different ways and at different times.

Matariki is an abbreviation of 'Ngā Mata o te Ariki Tāwhirimātea' ('The eyes of the god Tāwhirimātea') and refers to a large cluster of stars, known in some European traditions as the Pleiades.

According to Māori tradition, the god of the wind, Tāwhirimātea, was so angry when his siblings separated their parents, Ranginui the sky father and Papatūānuku the earth that he tore out his eyes and threw them into the heavens.

Matariki is now a special public holiday in New Zealand. This year it will be held on Friday, July 14.



Labour selects Angela Roberts

THE Labour Party has selected Angela Roberts as its candidate for the Taranaki-King Country electorate in the 2023 general election.

Angela Roberts has lived and worked in the electorate for much of her adult life. She was a secondary school teacher of economics and drama at Stratford High School for many years and served as president of the secondary teachers' union, the PPTA. Angela Roberts has represented Labour in Parliament as a list MP based in Taranaki-King Country since the last election in 2020. In addition to supporting the provision of quality public education, she has focused her energy on workforce issues and delivering for the primary production sector and rural communities.

Angela Roberts says: "It has been an honour to serve my community in Parliament over the last three years. Supporting our rural communities and educators through the challenges they face, especially during Covid, has been such a privilege. I'm thrilled to have been selected and I am committed to getting Labour re-elected.

Labour has a strong record of achievement in Taranaki-King Country. Since coming to office in 2017, Labour's local achievements have included:

- More than \$21m in Jobs for Nature funding that is delivering more than 130

jobs, 150km of riparian planting, 1.2 million trees, fencing, restored waterways, improved biodiversity, and research that will deliver better outcomes for farmers.

- \$422m for the Mt Messenger Bypass – Te Ara o Te Ata to improve the resilience of the roading network, vital for our rural communities.

- More than \$2.2m in school improvements for new and updated classrooms, sports facilities and swimming pool upgrades.

This record of local achievement is in addition to Labour's nationwide record of protecting New Zealanders from the pandemic, supporting family budgets through challenging economic times, and making progress in long term issues such as climate change, housing,



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Piopio Playcentre fun activities

PIOPIO PLAYCENTRE kids have been having some great fun over the last few months. We have had a range of activities both in centre and out and about in the community.

Our tamariki have been excited to be invited to Piopio Primary School to get involved in their Kiwi Kids Charity day where the preschoolers got to see the old fire engines and other vehicles and get involved with the school kids in the singing, dancing and other activities.

We have also been able to go along to the school cross country to cheer on siblings; and our 4-year-olds were invited to spend a couple of hours in the new entrants class at Piopio Primary to start becoming familiar with the environment, which is always exciting. We have also again been invited by Steph and her



great team at Curious Keas to participate in their cross country event before this goes to print.

These exciting excursions are all in addition to the general week to week play opportunities that we have at centre. Some of these fun activities lately have included paint in many, many different forms, baking pikelets and soup, variations to how we make play-dough and art and collage. Some of our younger tamariki have also been working on mastering aspects of the playground, while others have been enjoying many pretend 'tea parties' and 'teaching the toys' as our tamariki get their imagination firing whilst working together and developing relationships in their role play.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the lovely team of volunteers at the Mustard Seed in Piopio who

have recently donated funds to Piopio playcentre. What a fantastic community that we live in – we greatly appreciate the support that we have within our community.

If you are interested in coming along to have a look at our centre and see what Playcentre is about feel free to drop by in one of our sessions either Monday or Wednesday mornings 9:30am-12noon during school term, or contact Nicola on 027 696 0598.



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In 2019... 132 ladies were screened in Piopio... 19 of you were first-timers

In 2021... 72 ladies were screened in Piopio... 7 of you were first-timers

Covid played a huge part in our 2023 numbers; being in lockdown and having to extend our appointment times so everyone could keep safe etc.

Now, in 2023, we are back to normal SO, we need a huge effort from ALL you ladies to make an appointment and have your screening done.

For some of you, you will be due. For others, you will be overdue. And for some, it will be your first time to screen.

SO LADIES, to keep the mobile bus coming to Piopio:

- start talking about all things boobs
- get a group together
- SUPPORT each other
- make your appointments before or after each other
- offer to drive someone if you know they have difficulties with transport
- have your screenings, then head out for a coffee or shopping!

Olympian visit

Last week we were very fortunate to have Sarah Cowley-Ross speak to us about her journey and determination to become an olympian.

She talked about her struggles and the barriers that she had to overcome. She also spoke about all the highlights she experienced through her sport/event - Heptathlon.

It was a very powerful presentation and it was a good reminder for our students that you can achieve anything you set your mind to, no matter what area of life it is in. If you connect with the right people and have a positive mindset everything and anything is possible.



Aria School proudly hosts the Inter-schools' "ORIENTEERING DAY" Friday 16th June 2023 at the St Helen's Domain – Aria

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- **2 x Teams per AGE GROUP per SCHOOL (you are welcome to enter more – please contact us)**
- Schools can combine to make up numbers
- Suitable footwear (recommended) and change of clothing (necessary)... metalled tracks, lots of mud and 'other stuff' are in the paddocks, and it usually rains!
- Please register your school and number of teams entering to Aria School by... **Friday 9th June 2023.**
- To help the recorders, could ALL participants please wear a name tag with the following details on it...

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- All other equipment will be provided.
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Piopio Swimming Club news

ANOTHER successful season from Piopio Swimming Club. With 23 club swimmers and 54 learn-to-swim kids swimming four afternoons each week at Piopio in February and early March, our pool space was at capacity.

Many of our swimmers stood out at school swimming sports, and those who got the opportunity to represent our club and their school at Waitomo Interschools Swimming and King Country Secondary Schools, did so with fantastic results.

Twelve swimmers qualified for the Waikato Full Primary Schools Swimming held at St Peters at the end of March, and two club swimmers have

also qualified for Waikato Secondary Schools held on May 18.

It is always a great opportunity for our swimmers to experience and see how they compare to those who swim all year round.

We are very fortunate to have the continued support of many volunteers to keep our community pool open, as well as those who coach and assist with our programme to continue to offer affordable and local swimming lessons. Thank you to all those who are involved.

Prizegiving was held in early May to celebrate the official success of our swimmers. (Results bottom right)



Interschool cross country

On Friday, May 12 Mrs Carter took a group of Year 7/8 students through to Rangitoto to compete in the annual Interschool Cross Country event.

The weather was sunny with a little brisk wind (no rain, which was nice and a drastic change from our own event [see P9]).

The students ran their hearts out with some sprint finishes, demonstrating a lot of passion. Mrs Carter was super proud of the students for their efforts and commitment all the way to the end.

Piopio College came away with some podium finishes.



SWIMMING RESULTS:

- 9 years - Louisa Laver
- 10 years - Mac Carter
- 11 years - Eleanor Laver
- 12 years - Kayleigh Webster
- 13 years - Levi Pari
- 14 years - Mackenzie Webster
- 15 years - Olly Bevege
- Junior Boy - Mac Carter
- Senior Boy - Leo Carter
- Junior Girl - Eleanor Laver
- Senior Girl - Mackenzie Webster
- 25m Freestyle - Olly Bevege
- 25m Butterfly - Caitlyn Cody
- 200m Freestyle - Caitlyn Cody
- 400m Freestyle - Caitlyn Cody
- 100m Freestyle Handicap - Logan Lyford
- 100m IM Handicap - Isaac Carter
- Most Improved - Points: Eleanor Laver, Kayleigh Webster, & Mac Carter
- Most Improved 9 & under - Fred Carter
- Most Improved Intermediate - Logan Lyford
- Most Improved Senior - Kayleigh Webster
- Most Improved Breaststroke - Eleanor Laver
- Sports Award - Caitlyn Cody
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Cross country held in the wind and rain

ON Tuesday, May 9 we held our school cross country. As predicted the weather set in and created perfect cross country conditions. The students braved the rain and the wind and ran with great determination.

Congratulations to everyone who participated.



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RESULTS:

Sub Junior Girls:

- 1st - Makenzie Grainger
- 2nd - Mariah Hall
- 3rd - Eleanor Laver

Sub Junior Boys:

- 1st - Blair Ballantyne
- 2nd - Deekin Ratima
- 3rd - Mac Carter

Junior Girls:

- 1st - Rhythm Croft
- 2nd - Jasmine Stone
- 3rd = Putiputi Barnsdall & Kasey Hiriaki

Junior Boys:

- 1st - Hunter Rogers
- 2nd - Quinn Rogers
- 3rd - Trey Mason

Intermediate Girls:

- 1st - Tessa Bradcock

2nd - Caitlyn Cody

- 3rd - Leah Brownlie

Intermediate Boys:

- 1st - Olly Bevege
- 2nd - Max Bevege
- 3rd - Noah Brownlie

Senior Girls:

- 1st - Ava Mackenzie
- 2nd - Shaniquae McElroy
- 3rd - Alexa Hancock

Senior Boys:

- 1st - Justin Laimbeer
- 2nd - Ryan Smith
- 3rd - Tana Bidois

Where Results:

- 4th place - Kowhai (21 points)
- 3rd place - Kauri (30 points)
- 2nd place - Kahikatea (47 points)
- 1st place - Rata (68 points)

Top ranked squash player visits Aria

SQUASH at Aria had a slow start early on, with members not being able to field any teams for the Autumn Interclub Competition, however once it got going, we had a lot happening!

Our annual B Grade tournament was held at the end of April. With previous year's numbers being on the low side (and trying to talk our members into filling spots), we decided to try something new to entice 'out of towners' to Aria.

Advertising a doubles draw, alongside a singles draw had entries flooding in so fast that we were over a manageable number and had to cut registrations off 8 days early!

There were some amazing, comical and intense games of squash to watch with many matches going down to the wire. Thank you to the committee and members for making it all run smoothly.

Aria Squash Club are extremely grateful to our sponsors: Westpac, King Country Vets, Greenlea, King Country Honda, Silver Fern Farms, Farmlands, Kaianga Farm, Ipurua – South Devons*Wiltshires, CM & MS Carter. Thank you for your contributions.

An opportunity to expose school

aged children to the sport of squash was co-ordinated in May, with Squash Waikato Junior Development Officer and NZ ranked #4 female player – Emma Millar, coming to Aria Squash Club. Piopio College, Piopio Primary School and Aria School were able to participate in 2x 1-hour sessions each, throughout the school day. The new transportable Squash walls had just arrived in the country and we were lucky enough to be the first to use them!

After school, Emma supported our Junior Coach and some of our regular Term 2 Junior Squash members, introducing some new ideas and activities to include to our club programme. It was such a fantastic experience, with the children providing positive feedback. It was so good, it sounds like we will get another opportunity to do it all again in Term 3.

Winter Interclub is well into the first round with two Aria Men's teams

and three ladies spread among teams at surrounding Clubs – Te Kuiti and Taumarunui.

Wednesday nights from May 16 – August 9, we welcome ladies to come along for a hit from 6.30pm onwards. Some equipment will be available. Beginners are welcome, with experienced members available to help, play and drill with.

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WHO AM I?

WE HAD a bit of a gap to fill, so I went on the hunt for a volunteer to be our first ever 'who am I?' person.

If you think you know who it is just email piopibirdtalk@gmail.com

No prizes this time 'round, but good luck!

And here he or she is, (pretty sure it's a male though because of the NPBH clue):

I was born in 1958.

I attended Piopio Primary and then New Plymouth Boys High schools.

My first job was as a shearer, working for Mark McGlashan. I went on to 'do my 600'.

I also did some farming and fencing in the off-season.

I am married with two grown children.

I have worked in my current job for a number of years.

Piopio Primary School Market Day



At Piopio Primary School we all heard about Cyclone Gabrielle and we felt so sorry about the devastation that it caused. Room 6 our senior class understood how scary it would be waking up one day and finding that your belongings are gone. Room 6 wanted to help in some way, so they decided to have a Market Day, which they decided to have on Tuesday the 28th of March.

Over 6 weeks they planned their own stalls. They had to find the resources for their stalls and purchase prizes for the games. They ended up with 19 stalls. Some of the stalls were, bowl a teacher, balloon pop, target shot, baking, bean bag toss, bottle flip and egg and spoon race. They decided on having tokens to buy an item or have a turn at an activity. Student leaders from Piopio College came to help out at the stalls.

We invited our local schools, our school families and community members to come along to our Market Day. They ALL came!! There was a central 'bank' that collected money in exchange for the tokens. It was so busy that we were running out of tokens.

The afternoon was full of excitement, laughter, chatter and smiling faces. Room 6 ended up raising \$1800!! They decided to split their profits between 3 kura who were affected by the cyclone. The kura were; Tinui School, Manutuke School and Hukarere Girls College.

The schools were so appreciative of receiving \$600 to replace damaged resources and the kind thoughts that were expressed to them when room 6 wrote letters to each school. We are incredibly proud of our senior tamariki who demonstrated whanaungatanga (caring) towards others. The class wouldn't have achieved this amazing result without the support of Whaea Linda and Mrs Whitehead.



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Aria began in 1904, when some 30 blocks of around 200 acres (81ha) were given under the Home-stead Acts.

Four small mines pro-duced 53,000 tons from Aria coalfield between 1917 and 1961.

To the east of Aria a lime quarry opened in the 1960s. A new post office opened in 1922, and there was a butter factory from around 1911.

Aria statistical area, which also includes Pi-opio, covers 531.79km² and had an estimated opulation of 1300 as of June 2022.

Aria community had a population of 129 in the 2018 census.



Piopio Primary School Trip

On Monday the 15th of May all the students, staff accompanied by some whānau went to visit some important places in our area. This is part of the concept Piopio Primary is learning in 2023, 'the past leads us forward'. Three buses transported the school to the first site, the Frederick Miller Memorial, which is the site of the first missionary in the area. Once we had climbed the hill, Matt Buckley shared the history of the site with us. He talked about how Frederick Miller and his wife travelled from Kawhia by waka and chose the site because the missionaries could see who was coming. It was particularly foggy and so the view of the Mokau River was not visible.



The second site we were welcomed onto was the Wetera/Rauputu homestead. There was a whakatu performed and Ngatai, Marina and Hemi Rauputu talked about the members of the family who had lived in the homestead and the importance of the site to the Maniapoto iwi. It was interesting to visualise the thousands of people who were camping for a hui to agree on the 1904 Kawenata (Covenant), especially considering how remote it would have been and difficult to travel there. On the way back to school the buses stopped to briefly view the Paemako School. Now students have returned to kura they are investigating further the stories they have learnt about and learning more about their own stories.

We are feeling very humble by the generosity shown by everyone who gave their time to make this day a real success.

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Mokau Fishing Club news



Hi everyone,
I hope you're all coping with the weather we've had lately.

Don't forget to check out our new website, www.mokaufishingclub.co.nz

We have just had our summer comp prizegiving with yet again some awesome prizes thanks to our sponsors, and you our club members for weighing in some great fish.

The team at Taranaki Hunting and Fishing were awesome to deal with shopping for prizes... big thanks to Shay and team.

It's good to see some up-and-coming fisho's getting in on the action.

We have our AGM coming up so it would be great to see a good turnout and hopefully, some members putting their hands up for committee positions.

The winter fishing looks good when

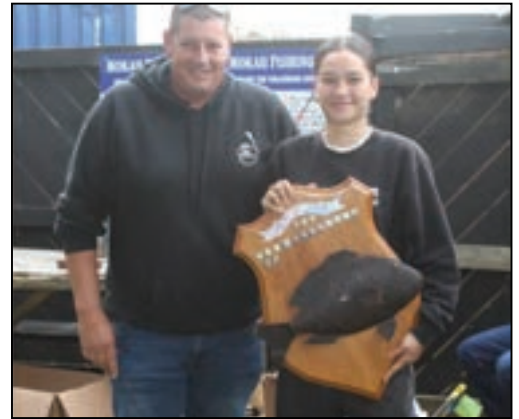
the sea allows us, so get out there and get a feed when you can.

This time of year is a good time to get your gear up to scratch for the upcoming season, which reminds me: the team at Taranaki Marine Tech could be keen to come up to Mokau and service some boats if we have some numbers, so let us know if you're keen. It would save you dragging ya boats too far on our awesome roads. TMT are one of our sponsors and it would be great to support them and give something back.

A big thanks to our committee, they do an amazing job and are an awesome team to work with, much appreciated.

That's it from me, take care, tight lines, see you at AGM/BBQ if not before.

Cheers, Dion.



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I am the current Chief Fire Officer of the Piopio Volunteer Fire Brigade, and have been a member since 1994.

Establishing my own business and

servicing my local community has been a long-time personal goal. Primarily DC Auto Repairs will focus on general light automotive mechanical repairs and servicing, small engine repair and servicing, auto electrical service and repair, and light engineering services.

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Aria club gifts \$1000

Committee member Lliwen MacRae presents the cheque to Chief Fire Officer Darren Cathie

ON Thursday, May 18 the Aria Cos Club hosted members of the Piopio Volunteer Fire Brigade for a fire demonstration.

The team demonstrated use of fire extinguishers and provided general information around smoke alarms and extinguishers, including the importance of maintaining fire equipment regularly.

This was followed by the kitchen fire demonstration, with the brigade putting it out.

The crowd then returned indoors to enjoy a free barbecue.

A special presentation was made to the Piopio Volunteer Fire Brigade, of a cheque for \$1000.

These funds were raised via the club's donation jar which sits on the bar.



Successful local hunting comps



Charlie and Blair Ballantyne with their pig.

PIOPIO's first hunting competition held May 11-13 was a raging success, with smiles all around.

Club staff and committee members worked from early morning to late in the evening to make it all run smoothly... and the club was packed out with happy hunters afterwards.

The kids loved bringing in their turkeys and possums. All afternoon, deer, goats and more were weighed before being hung on scaffolding outside in the carpark. A constant stream of utes brought in every kind of animal you could imagine. The pigs impressed many.

"All the hunters were excited by the size of the tusks," photographer Jacky Fitzgerald said.

"It was a great day."

Former president Barry Stott said it was a dream come true for him, having hoped to hold such a competition for around twenty years.

"The Ridgeline judge was so impressed," Barry said. The senior judge had said that the organisation of the event, and the quality of the animals brought in, had surpassed expectations.

Current president Waide Jones said he was very grateful to all of the sponsors for helping to make it happen.

He said more animals were brought in than expected.

ARIA Cos Club has held pig hunts in the past, however hadn't hosted one for a number of years.

Therefore, rather than a "pig hunt", organiser Olly Barnsdall decided this one would just be called the 'Aria Hunt'. There was also a popular kids hunt section where all kids took away a prize bag full of goodies.

The drawcard to boost adult entries was a major spot prize of a hunter's cabin worth \$14k, up for grabs to all entrants who were present at prizegiving.

The club was overwhelmed with entries and, with the help of many sponsors, entrants enjoyed a wide array of cash prizes, hunting gear, and spot prizes.

The club will host the Aria Hunt every two years.

Left: The coveted major spot prize - a hunter's cabin.



Below: Stags and boars aplenty.

