

Award-winning fire fighters

PIOPIO Memorial Hall was chocka as guests attended the Piopio Volunteer Fire Brigade Honours Night recently.

Fire and Emergency Service group manager David Brown officiated, while Waikato district manager Daryl Trim handed out awards.

Piopio's fire chief Darren Cathie was awarded a Gold Star Medal marking 25 years' service, while 14 years' long

service and good conduct were awarded to operational support officer Eric Mason, and station officer Ryan Todd.

Fire Fighter of the Year was awarded to station officer Rowan Moorhouse.

Speeches on behalf of Piopio Volunteer Fire Brigade were made by Mark Bentham, Ryan Todd, Rowan Moorhouse, Sandy Pari, and Anson Clappcott.



RIGHT: Joanne Taitoko, Eric Mason, Tegan Wehi, Darren Cathie.
BELOW: Ryan Todd receives his award. **BELOW RIGHT:** Guard of honour as Darren Cathie enters, with partner Tegan.



AWARDS:

Piopio Volunteer Fire Fighter of the Year Award: Rowan Moorhouse
14 years Long Service and Good Conduct Medals: Ryan Todd and Eric Mason
25 year Gold Star Medal: Darren Cathie
Life Honorary Membership Awards: Darren Cathie and Eric Mason

MC - David Brown FENZ Group Manager

Gold Star Dignitaries:
Phil New - UFBA;
Daryl Trim - FENZ Board and Region Rep;
Lesina Waldon - Auckland Provincial Fire Brigades Association Rep;
Nathan Bennetto - Auckland Provincial Gold Star Association.



FEEDBACK & ARTICLES WELCOME!

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Black belt achievements

EX-LOCAL Kim Hancy (nee Rauputu) has recently received her black belt in jiu jitsu.

The daughter of Tuke and Lynne Rauputu lives in Hamilton with husband Charlie.

The couple travelled to Argentina where their type of jiu jitsu originated, and stayed with the master.

Charlie received his black belt last year in Auckland, and Kim at the same club a few weeks ago.

She had been learning for about 10 years.

Kim and Charlie now tutor the children's groups at a gym in Hamilton.



FROM LEFT: Pedro (a 4-stripe black belt), Kim and Charlie Hancy.

Lions update



Our club has recently lost a very valued member with the passing of Dan Weinberg. He was to have been inducted as president in July and, with Wendy's support, he would have made a great president. We will miss him and our thoughts are with the family at this time.

Ross Smith has agreed to step up and take on the role of president. We thank Paul Jones and Marie for the two years that he did as President during Covid.

Our Change of Officers was held Sunday, July 2 and the club spent a day visiting the Cambridge Velodrome. This was another great outing organised by John and Mary Spellman. The Velodrome is well worth a visit.

The club welcomes Gray Haine as a new member and is pleased to acknowledge the long service of Stuart Darke – with the support of Joanne – 40 years, a great

achievement.

The Fielddays was a great success and we thank all Lions members and their partners for their contribution, and also our groups of helpers. Rural Women, Aria Netball, Piopio Bowling Club, Piopio Youth Sports. We had wonderful groups, lots of fun and hard workers. We would be lost without their help. We had some very busy days.

Our club is always looking for new members so if you think Lions is something you could be part of, please contact one of our members.

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Piopio Fruit & Veg Stand birthday

WE ARE organising a special 5th Birthday celebration for Piopio's Community Fruit & Veg Stand on August 3, with goodies to be shared, of course. Keep an eye on the stand's Facebook page for date/time etc. Many thanks to Donna Pari for our cute scarecrow logo.

Winter is always a challenging season to have enough surplus to share for the community stand. Fortunately thanks to our community contributors there have been wedges of pumpkin, butternut, kiwifruit, eggs (with thanks to the chooks at Cluckingham Palace), winter greens, limes and mandarins as well as non-perishable foodstuffs.

Citrus is starting to roll, so please remember to pick a bag to share if you've got lemon or tangelo trees dropping fruit on the ground surplus to your household's requirements. It drives me a bit nuts when I see trees dripping with fruit going to waste in our wider area. I will work with last year's generous grapefruit contributor

to meet but not exceed demand this year. He would want you to know that even if the fruit doesn't look perfect, it tastes delicious and is fantastic for juice.

If you have fruit frozen in the freezer from last summer, pots of jam, lemon honey/curd, and marmalade are always appreciated and sought after.

I've recently come across a recipe for carrot jam in one of the "Cornersmith" cookbooks that I might try out if we get another week of rainy days.

Mid-August is time to start those tomato (and pumpkin, zucchini, butternut) seedlings in your glasshouse if you have one. Start to

feed your veggie beds with compost, manure, lime, blood and bone. Also put the mother kumaras in planters with damp river sand to sprout your tipu. Just so you know what I'll be doing!

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

Updates are posted pretty much daily on our Facebook page.



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Well done and thanks

THANKS to all those who returned the Council Questionnaire Survey.

It was good to see people expressing their views. You are more than welcome to contact me if you have any concerns or queries.

Mayor John Robertson and I attended the local volunteer fire brigade awards night. It was a great night. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful bunch of local young people in our community who voluntarily undertake this work.

Once again well done to Fire Chief Darren Cathie on his 25 year Gold Star long service award.

By now you would have received information circulated concerning Maori Wards. Please don't hesitate to make your opinions known.



Gavin Todd
Rural Ward Councillor
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A NUMBER of year 5 and 6 Aria School students enjoyed themselves at the National Young Leaders' Day recently, to learn things like integrity, responsibility and leading the self. Each student wore their Aria tracksuit and black bottoms, and were very excited.

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Special Perendale life memberships awarded



Lyn Proffit

IN MAY of this year during the NZ Perendale AGM & Ward tour through the King Country and Taranaki, two very special honours were handed out.

Life membership for the Perendale Sheep Society was awarded to Lyn Proffit and to Jeff Proffit posthumously.

Surrounded by family, friends and NZ Perendale members Lyn was surprised by the request to come up on stage for the presentation, and the emotions all round were obvious to see.

Jeff and Lyn Proffit are the founders of Raupuha Stud. They have been involved in the Perendale Sheep Society and the Shorthorn Society from the beginning.

Over their 45 year involvement with the Perendale Sheep Society they have,

between the two of them, covered many roles within the Society and that community.

From wool competitions, setting up the North Island Ram Fair, meat competitions, running a Perendale stand at the National Fieldays, to president and secretary for many events.

Keep it in the family? 30 years ago Jeff was president of the Perendale Sheep Society, and this year his son Russell has taken on that role, and it looks like the involvement with the breed is to continue for a lot longer yet.

That's our bit of news from our slice of paradise in the Mahoenui Valley.

Keep Living The Dream! From the team at Raupuha Stud

KC Rivercare: come join the team

THE COMMITTEE have been busy with arranging the presentation of our latest water results, as well as working on a pilot to develop digital farm plans to meet the needs of the upcoming Fresh Water Farm Plan regulations.

There is also three pieces of consultation currently open that affect farmers – Mfe Low Slope Map (Stock Exclusion rules), Review of the NZ Emissions Trading scheme, and Biodiversity Credit system. Our newsletter is a great way to keep in touch with all of these updates and regulatory goings on. You can sign up by visiting our website.

We're on the lookout for a new coordinator. Sadly, Jo Gaston our hard-working Coordinator is moving on. We are so grateful to Jo for her dedicated work as both a committee member initially, and then as a coordinator over the last three years.

With Jo leaving it leaves an opportunity for someone new to get involved. You can make this role your own, and there is the option to step up to take the leading role at KCRC. If you want to learn more, please get in touch with Anna – 027 490 0501.

Save the date – our upcoming events

What's the opportunity? Farming with carbon & trees

Thursday 31 August, Aria Cos Club, 1pm light lunch, 1.30pm start.

Presented by Phil Orme, (Orme & Associates) you'll be taken on a virtual tour of Natasha and Alan Cave's

Mokauiti farm looking at various sites, discussing trees and carbon options, costs, benefits and much more at each site. RSVP's essential: Call Anna 027 490 0501.

AGM

Tuesday 29 August at the Fat Owl.

Russell Proffit will speak after the AGM, giving us a recap of his recent trip to USA and Canada with BLNZ Genetic.

Meet the Candidates – Election Event

Tuesday 5 September, The Fat Owl

Hear from Barbara Kuriger (National)

and Angela Roberts (Labour) who discuss their parties campaign strategies with a focus on rural communities and issues.

What's for Smoko – Philippa Cameron

Tuesday 28 November at the Fat Owl

Meet Philippa Cameron, a rural social media influencer who has many roles - wife, mother, teacher, station cook and, most recently, author to two successful cookbooks.

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Fun, fun, fun at the Science Fair

A YOUNG science learner has found a way to have their skittles and eat them too.

The colourful chocolatey treats underpinned a project about the time taken to dissolve the sugar coatings with various substances, organiser and Āria principal Pam Voyce said.

"It involved an awful lot of skittles, as (the student) kept eating them," Pam reported.

The 2023 interschool Science and Technology Celebration took place at the Āria Hall during the last week of term, with a prizegiving on Wednesday, June 28.

Over 100 displays were created by students at local schools including Rangitoto, Benneydale, Te Kūiti Primary and St Josephs.

These were set up prior to judging on Tuesday, June 27 – when all the participating students, parents and teachers arrived to view the projects.

An estimated 200 students from year 1-8 took part.

"Our nine judges had an extremely difficult task even though the judging criteria was specific. It is very pleasing

to see that every year the standard of entries improves. Although the projects are judged, the emphasis is on participation," Pam said.

Eden Culpan from Kio Kio school was the first prize winner, with a project on rust.

The science fair has been a school fixture for a long time.

"This is an initiative started many years ago to encourage schools to promote science investigations and technology problem solving. It is a way for students to investigate and problem solve in practical situations, and is open to students from Year 1 upwards."

The community had been welcome to come and enjoy the exhibits, she said.

"It's a good chance to come and learn from our children."

Āria's Bobbie Kearns, a grandmother of three students at Āria primary school, had enjoyed checking out all of the childrens' work.

"It was cool, I loved it. I loved that the kids made the effort ... they really enjoyed it. It doesn't matter how they do, whether or not they win prizes, the main thing is the journey.



ABOVE: Aria students Mia Terry and Allegra Darke with their project

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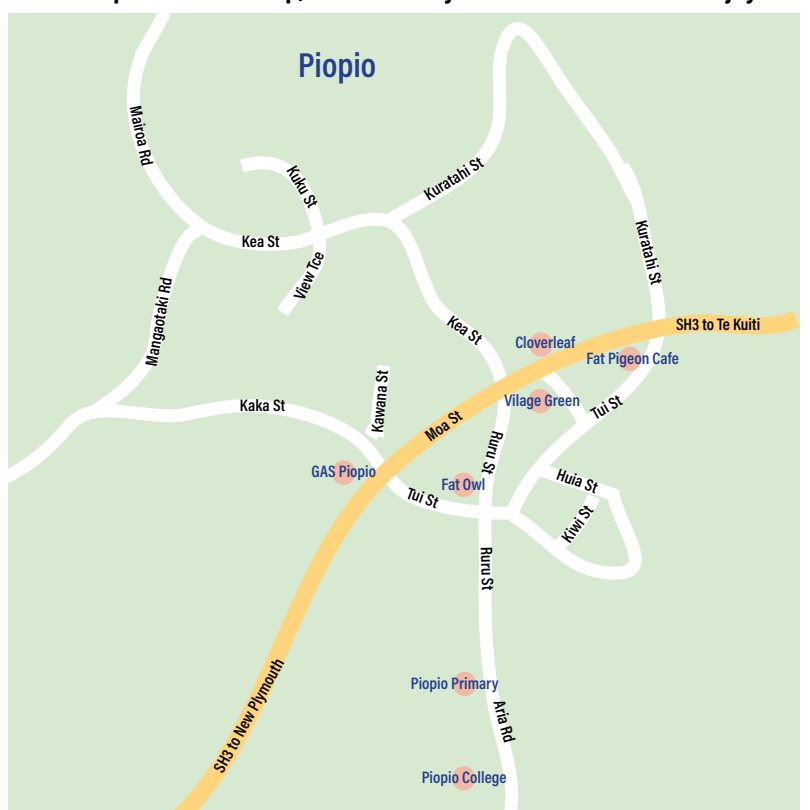
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Piopio street map

It was suggested some of our new families to the area could do with a street map of our township, and we always do as we're told so ... enjoy!



Badminton success for college

PIOPIO COLLEGE dominated the recent King Country Badminton competition with not only numbers but also skill!

It is evident badminton is a favourite of our students as we took 48 students through to Te Awamutu to compete.

The junior competition was tightly contested with all Piopio College students with a strong Year 8 & 9 team coming first. The team consisted of Isaac Carter, Trey Mason, Rhythm Croft & Kasey Hiriaki. Well done on your success – there were some excellent displays of determination, courage and sportsmanship.

In the senior competition we had one team entered and they came away as the overall winners. This

team consisted of Ryan Smith, Lachie Burnell, Alex Kennard-Warren and Kelani Tapara. Impressive skills were also displayed by these students, who were so humble in their success.

Thank you to the staff who assisted

on the day and to the students who participated.

The day was filled with lots of learning, supporting/encouraging and most of all fun!

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Aria Wildcats take the Junior A title

AFTER A TOUGH start against the two Te Kuiti teams the Aria Wildcats improved significantly and, following a six game winning streak, powered into the final.

Avenging their first round loss they prevailed 5-3 over the Te Kuiti Thundersticks to take the Junior A title.

The pleasing aspect was that the whole team contributed throughout the season. Aria with power

from the back, Chloe and Aavia skillful in the centres, Kadius's attack, Tonowai's defence and the tenacity of Mila and Saskia.

With the Tigers also having a great season and the Lions showing major improvement, the future of junior hockey at Aria is promising.

Well done team!
Phil Watkins
Wildcats Coach





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Aria Squash Club in fine form

TERM 2 has been action packed for our Juniors at Aria Squash Club. Coaching and game time has seen a huge improvement in all our 17 children attending Friday training sessions. A new format to Waikato Junior Interclub was re-introduced and Aria Squash Club were able to send 12 Juniors over the three different dates to collect points towards our clubs total. A further three dates are scheduled for this term.

Another fun-filled skills session is planned with New Zealand player and Junior Development Officer, Emma Millar in August, introducing students at Aria School, Piopio College and Piopio Primary to the sport of squash. For those who attended the last session, she will be building on skills learnt, and preparing some of our year 7 & 8 AIMS Games competitors.

Our Seniors have just wound up the Winter competition.

Our three ladies were in combined teams with surrounding clubs – Te Kuiti and Taumarunui – all making finals in their respective divisions.

The two Aria men's teams have been challenged this time around, but can still be proud of their efforts playing some tough opponents.

We have just finished our Aria Squash Club Champs. Congratulations on all our member's success this season.

CLUB CHAMPS RESULTS:

Most Improved Juniors:

Tonowai Bodger-Kearns and Jackson Alcock.

Most Improved Club Player - Female:

Bianca Alcock

Most Improved Club Player - Male:

Craig Carter

Most Improved Female - Interclub Points:

Lee Alcock

Most Improved Male - Interclub Points:

Shaun Francis

Junior Girl Champion: Bianca Alcock

Junior Boy Champion: Regan Bevege

Open Ladies Club Champion: Lee Alcock

Open Mens Club Champion:

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Contribution to Aria Squash Club:

Mark Anderson.



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: Tonowai Bodger-Kearns and Mark Anderson; Jackson Alcock with Mark; Bianca Alcock and Regan Bevege.



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Aria Primary School
(07) 877 7857

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All Saints Church, Moa Street
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Thursdays @ 10am
Alyson Singleton
(07) 877 8840

Piopio Playcentre
Nicola Kloeten
M: 027 696 0598

Piopio Primary School
(07) 877 8103

Piopio College
(07) 877 8173. Meeting rooms available for hire

Community

Piopio Police
07 877 0490

Crime Stoppers
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We live in a great community so let's stop these few who are taking from us. E: Tony.schrafft@police.govt.nz
www.crimestoppers-nz.org

All Saints Church Co-operating Parish of Piopio, Aria & Mokau
Main Road, Piopio.
Worship service 10am

Community Fruit & Vege Stand
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E: struanfarm@gmail.com

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Piopio Garden Circle
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M: 027 345 9603

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Jenny Brodie (07) 877 8033

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M: 022 437 0789

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Line Dancing Club
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Piopio-Aria Golf Club
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Piopio Bowling Club
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Piopio Rugby Club
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Pony Club
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Secretary
Amanda MacLachlan
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Waitomo Ski Club
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Waitomo Aero Club
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John Carter (07) 877 8290

Manawatia a Matariki with Kaumatua

IN LATE JUNE Piopio College celebrated our kaumatua by inviting them to spend the day learning alongside their mokopuna.

To show our appreciation, we treated our special guests with a Pōwhiri to welcome them to a day celebrating them.

Our Level 2 Hospitality group then showed their skills preparing a yummy morning tea. A day filled with Kotahitanga, love, appreciation and fun filled activities including: a science lesson

with Mr Ford and his Level 3 Biology class creating bath bombs; macrame key rings with Mrs Lyons; and a few ends of indoor bowls with Mr Draper.

Safe to say our Kaumatua showed our tamariki a thing or two when it came to the bowls!

It was beautiful to see our whole Kura come together when organising, preparing, decorating and being involved with our delicious shared hangi. The laughter and smiles were a humbling memory to reflect on. We ended the

day remembering those that have passed by sharing stories and writing messages on Chinese lanterns which we then sent off into the sky.

This day could not have happened without all the support and mahi that went on behind the scenes. A huge thank you to each and every person within our school or wider community that provided skills or a service to the College.

Your efforts did not go unnoticed and we are immensely grateful!



Rugby kids meet All Black

AN EXCITED bunch of Piopio/Aria Schools rugby players met All Black, Josh Lord, recently at the Colin Meads Statue in Te Kuiti.

Josh Lord, and others, were in town to present a bench seat.

The boys took along All Blacks paraphernalia to obtain signatures.



CHILLING WITH AN ALL BLACK: (from left) Harry Ronaldson, Jordi Machlachlan, Quinn Morgan, William Donovan, Josh Morgan and Charlie Ronaldson.