

PIOPIO BirdTalk

BI MONTHLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER COVERING PIOPIO, ARIA & MAHOENUI DISTRICTS

**MEREHUIA
YOUNG
STOCK CLUB
(PIOPIO CALF
CLUB)
CELEBRATES
80 YEARS**

A cool and sometimes windy spring day

didn't deter children, parents, grandparents and visitors from enjoying the 80th year of calf club. The lambs and calves were in great condition, probably enjoying the cool temperatures, and the indoor displays were stunning. Soft ground conditions after heavy rain meant cancellation of the horse and pony events. To commemorate the event prize winners received specially printed ribbons, awards and there were events for adults. Special ribbons were awarded to long term active supporters Mrs Audrey Bevege and Mrs Zena Neal.

Guest speaker for the day was 89 year old Mrs Joy Smith who participated in one of the really early days,

then a pupil of Aratoro School. She spoke about the huge amount of work involved and also the rewards, and said how memories of calf club were still very dear to her. Now living in Te Awamutu, Mrs Smith was formally married to Noel Furniss and they were dairy farmers on Auahi North Road. The farm is now owned by Donna and Hamish Macdonald. The Furnisses were there from the early 1900's to the early 1970's, Noel being the second generation on the farm.

The very first meeting of the club was on 19th November 1933. Following two meetings when the secretary was "instructed to write to Mr C H Hume of Hamilton to solicit his

assistance to obtaining the services of his herd testing officers to earmark competition calves," the very first 'field day' was held Saturday 16th December 1933. There were fourteen calves. There were to be three prizes. One for condition, one for best dairy type and one for 'get up of calf left in obedience'. The name 'Merehuia Young Stock Club' was approved on 24/11/33 but there was no mention in the minutes of the origin of the name.

The scope of the field days increased rapidly in both size and variety of events and they also included about six other schools. Transport of animals from outer areas seemed to be organised by the committee and subsidised by the

Department of Agriculture and later the Department of Education. Mode of transport for others was innovative but often involved sharing the car seat with kids; no seat belts of course! Ron Bevege remembers leading his calf a few miles to the event. Horses and ponies were often ridden in early in the morning and tied up in the area behind the swimming pool where the rifle range used to be. Horses were the usual mode of transport for several of the children anyway.

In the late 1940's there was a noticeable trend towards rewarding child effort rather than type in the judging of the animals. In the minutes of one meeting it was suggested that stock agents should not be asked to judge because of a tendency to assess an animal on commercial potential rather disregarding child effort! It was in this era that horticulture sections were introduced and also the judging of home gardens.

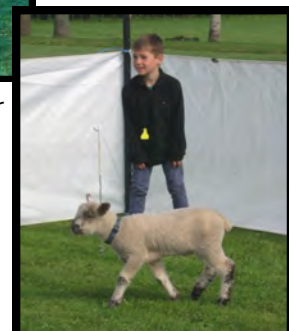
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Left: Early 1960's student proudly shows her calf.

Centre: Piopio Primary School hosts a memorable Calf Club day—early 1960's

Right: 4th generation student Regan Bevege shows Sam at this years Pets Day.



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In the post-war years of the 1950's and 60's 'calf club' was a big event on the calendar, and being the 'baby boomer' generation when families were also large, it was also a much larger event. In those days much of the activity revolved around lambs, dairy calves (mostly jersey) and traditional beef breeds.

Competition was fierce. In the lamb section the most coveted trophy was the Boddy Cup for the best Romney replacement ewe lamb for which the majority of lambs were eligible. Nowadays it is difficult to find an eligible lamb. There were classes for stock judging for pupils from Form 2 and secondary school. They had to judge three lambs or three calves. The 'Grand Parade' was lead by the Piopio Highland Pipe Band. The indoor section was still relatively small, and much of the produce was entered on the day. Sewing was also a category.

Participation in the indoor sections changed when Brian Diver was Principal and wanted all children to enter everything, and that was probably the start of the incredible display of art and craft, cooking and decorating, and flower

arrangements we have today. These days the craft articles are often linked to the inquiry learning focus during the term leading up to calf club day.

Former teacher Raewyn Nicholas, recalls the indoor exhibits used to be very involved ranging from best blooms, best vegetables, duck & hen eggs and they were all entered on the day and house points were awarded for each entry! Entries were exhibited in most of the classrooms and the old bus shed (which was near where the Junior playground is). The day was also held later in the year (October/ November) as lambing was later - the day has been moved forward to coincide with lambing and calving.

"I can only remember once when calf club was moved from the school grounds because of severe flooding. The animals were judged in various covered yards around the district".

Today, the ever popular Lions Club Caravan selling hot dogs, chips and candyfloss remains popular. Traditionally the Club's Merry-go-Round also proved a hit, however is now retired from the event.

For principal Neil Brooks, "Some things can't be learnt at school and this annual event showed that, when we saw shiny coats, well-led animals; the results of some loving, caring attention over a length of time, all taught

at home and the ribbons and cups were the rewards for those judged the best". Following many weeks preparation, planning and some hands on creation, staff and students alike can be proud being a part of this 80th year celebration. The small committee led by Shona Blundell created an event which many people over the years have given continued regular support to and it is this support which will ensure a valued tradition will continue for future generations. It is really exciting to see some families now in to their fourth generation of participation.

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Top Left: Past students Tania Fagan(3rd), Donna Pari (2nd), Steve Hesp(1st) Adult winners of the pets section.

Top Right: Rob Buckley (one of four generations in attendance) at this years Calf Club.



Above: Children join Piopio Highland Districts Pipe Band.

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GIVE A LITTLE—EDUCATION THROUGH EXPLORATION

Hi everyone my name is James Harrison I hail from the "Mighty King Country"Aria/Piopio to be exact. I am seeking to take part in the adventure of a life time, a World Challenge Educational Expedition to Nepal during December 2014 with 16 fellow students. I am an Aria School and Piopio College old (young!) boy currently attending New Plymouth Boys High School year 10. Education through exploration, the world beyond the classroom.

Challenge ethos: Challenge/ Participation/Environment.

My mum says I am a typical kiwi teenager – love junk food my mobile phone, x-box and sports! Leaving these behind whilst on my expedition will be challenge number two! Challenge number one of course is raising the money needed for the trip. Apart from the unlimited skills and physical challenges I will face perhaps the ones I am most looking forward to whilst in Nepal are the Treks up into the mountains (where Sir Edmund Hilary has been), and the community project

we will undertake . The community projects are the most rewarding and we are already planning how we can help in the most beneficial way possible for the local Nepali people.

To help me fundraise I have started a Telecom sponsored WWW.GIVEALITTLE.CO.NZ page just search **carringtonHO2** (my school hostel name) to find my page or jump on Facebook and search

Help me get to Nepal or go to:

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COUNCIL NEWS

Firstly, I would like to thank very much, all of you who expressed your confidence in me, by voting for me in the Local Body Elections.

For those that haven't caught up with the changes at the Council Table, Terry Davey has joined as an Urban Ward Councillor, and Sue Smith, from Kinohaku, has joined as a Rural Ward Councillor, with Charles Digby missing the cut.

The release of the preliminary figures from the 2013 Census, provide sobering reading for the Waitomo District. The last three Census results of 9453 (2001), 9438 (2006), and 8910 (2013), show a recent drop of 528, or 6%, which suggests an increasing population decline over the last 12 years.

Te Kuiti's population has dropped in the last 7 years, from 4454 to 4218, a loss of 236 people, while Piopio's

population has dropped from 468 to 393, a loss of 75 people, a huge 16% drop.

These figures raise grave concerns for Piopio, in my mind, and a worrying scenario for the Waitomo District as a whole.

When we Councillors were preparing the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan, we realised there were two crucial figures that we had little information on, Waitomo's extent and direction of population change, and also the likely future changes in our population demographics (that is the 'age' structure of our population).

Consequently, we have contracted Prof. Natalie Jackson of Waikato University, to produce a report that will quantify the past and present situations for us, and then provide predictions of likely future trends. Piopio has really lifted itself over the last few years, with the efforts of

those people on the likes of the Project Piopio Trust, the group behind the Fat Pigeon, and all those other individuals working hard together to enhance Piopio.

We know Piopio is a great place to live, so we need to spread the word, and find more ways to attract new people to our little town. More people means more support to our businesses and schools, and spreads the costs further.

Everybody's input will be welcomed, so please don't hesitate to contact me with your ideas.

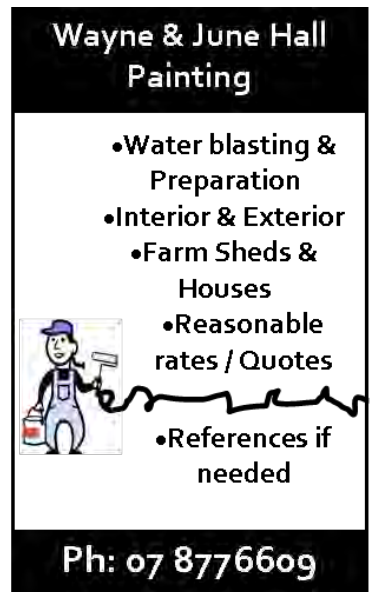
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The brigade has attended 32 call outs to a variety of incidents this year to date.

The majority of call outs have been to motor vehicle accidents and there have also been several calls to assist St. John's.

Call outs since August are:

- 10.08.13 Kahuwera Road – medical assist
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- 22.08.13 Awakino Gorge – Vehicle accident (MVA), Liquid Nitrogen tanker.
- 07.09.13 SH3 – Hanna's Corner - Truck vs Car. Jaws of Life and Helicopter required
- 28.09.13 SH3 – Robertson's Hill – Vehicle accident, assist St. John's, traffic control.

03.10.13 Kea

Street – Vehicle accident (Car vs pole)

10.10.13 SH3 South – Vehicle accident

11.10.13 SH3 south of Mahoenui – Vehicle accident / traffic control

26.10.13 Kea Street – Medical assist

In June the brigade performed two acts at the 'Stars in Your Eyes' night at the Memorial Hall. This was possibly the best 'Stars in Your Eyes' to date with all the acts being of a high standard and the crowd were buzzing. Somehow the brigade managed first place (Kevin 'Bloody' Wilson) and second place (Soggy Bottom Boys) with their acts and the egos of some brigade members might be getting a bit too big.

The brigade's major fundraiser for the year has been the 'Mucking in Day' raffle. This raised over \$10,000.00 for the brigade's station extensions and second emergency vehicle. Hamish and Donna

Macdonald were the lucky winners, and on Saturday 19th October the brigade spent a full on day at the Macdonald's laying concrete, removing and planting plants, laying bark, and other odd jobs.

On August 3rd the brigade station extensions were officially opened by Waitomo Mayor Brian Hanna. Past members, representatives from various businesses and organisations as well as individuals who had supported the brigade with the project and members of the Te Kuiti and Bennydale brigades were invited to the opening. In conjunction with the opening the brigade also presented service awards to members.

Brigade members to receive service awards were;

Poppy Bidois – 3 year service certificate

Matt Wrenn – 3 year service certificate / 5 year medal

Andrew Downey – 1st silver bar for 7 years of service

Darren Cathie

– 5th silver bar for 15 years of service

Bruce Purdie – 8th silver bar for 21 years of service

John McGarvey – 14th gold bar for 53 years of service

Ten further brigade members were presented with International Year of the Volunteer medals.

If you intend lighting any outdoor fires this summer make yourself aware of any fire bans and if you are in any doubt contact the Waitomo District Council. With the festive season approaching we remind you all to use a sober driver, wear seatbelts and allow extra time when travelling in holiday traffic. As this is the last report for 2013 the brigade wishes everyone a very merry and safe Christmas and New Year.



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To the farmers of the district that supported the local St John's and even bigger thank you. We benefitted by \$1,865.00.

St Johns will be conducting their Triennial Elections in February 2014. Our Piopio

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EDUCATION SUCCESS

Providing Education Outside the Classroom is top of the list this term, with the Year 5 and 6 Piopio Primary students away to Camp to at Kawhatau, near Mangaweka recently.

Learning how to travel on a raft the children built, cook then eat their meal on a stove they've made, find their way using a compass, abseil down a 20 metre cliff, use a bow safely, raft in white water, are all valuable skills and experiences that would exceed expectations.

The personal satisfaction of each child knowing that they have mastered a skill, overcome a fear, or have a changed attitude to the outdoors is priceless and an experience students will retain for years to come.

NAPINAPI MARAE VISIT planned for mid November, will also provide learning outside of the classroom, encompassing local knowledge and

experience with local iwi in our community.

For both senior and junior schools, this term rounds off a successful school year.

As we prepare for our major annual fundraiser for the year the **COUNTRY FAIR** will host some great new events. Lots of spot prizes up for grabs.

Saturday 9th November 10am—3pm

• POSSUM HUNT

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PIPIO
PRIMARY SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES

Prize giving and Last day of school – Tuesday 10th December – Piopio College Gymnasium.

NOTEWORTHY NEWS - TERM 4



Porridge Production It seems such a long time ago now! Our annual school production was well received by packed audiences and judging by the laughter filling the hall they "got" most of our jokes (even if sometimes the actors didn't!). It was a great storyline and involved all students and we felt very proud of them all.

Thank- you to Creative Communities for our funding, to all my very special helpers (staff,

parents, students, community members ...) and especially Piopio College who loaned us so much equipment.

PINK RIBBON DAY

Great fun for a very worthy cause.

The library was filled with pink creations (staff and students) on Friday 18th October, all in aid of the Pink Ribbon Breast Cancer Appeal and a donation of \$88 was donated. Thank-you for your generosity, creativity and positive attitude.

PET DAY

We won't mention the weather that always has the final say!

Pet Day is one of those days that cause stress levels to rise, and lots of conversations are overheard discussing the "love-hate" relationship we all have

with our annual Pet Day. We would never ever see it ended and we will forever be trying to improve upon it! Congratulations to all students for their amazing effort with their indoor creations as well as for their months of hard work put into rearing their animals. Thank-you most sincerely to everyone who had input into the success of this year's Pet Day.

ARIA COOKBOOK "Out of an Aria Kitchen" - now only \$10

This cookbook was produced as part of the school centenary in 2008. Copies are available from the school office and would make an excellent Christmas present!

ANNUAL SCHOOL CHARTER REVIEW

Board of Trustees members are currently working on our

"Charter". This is involving community consultation (students, parents, others...) and if you feel you have something to contribute towards our school direction we would love to hear from you. Please contact either myself, our Board Chairperson Mrs Anna Nelson or any other Board or Staff member. Your input is important to us.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

- Prize giving – 12th December – Aria Hall @ 7 pm.
- Last day of school – Tuesday 17th December.
- First day of school 2014 – 3rd February.

And dare I say it so early - "Seasons Greetings to You All" and "Thank-you" for all that you have done for Aria School in 2013!

PAM VOYCE

3 LITTLE BIRDS . . .

News from the Fat Pigeon, Crafty Pigeon and Owls Nest

FAT: We are coming into our busy season, both in the café and for catering. Of course, Christmas functions are being pondered and planned – we would love to help you out with that!

We tailor menus to suit your budget and requirements and, depending on availability, you can do it all at the café or we'll happily come to you. If you'd prefer a smaller function, we can have food delivered to your business or home. So, save yourself the hassle, and let us do all the hard work while you sit back and enjoy!

The 'pidgee crew' already have their Christmas float idea in hand, so businesses: "bring it on!"

Melanie and Rachel Anselmi have already started Christmas-deco-for-the-café shopping so watch this space – you probably know we go all out on this, and this year is no exception – can't wait to see it.

CRAFTY: We held the official opening of the Crafty Pigeon and Vanillia Blonde Hair & Beauty on Friday 1st November. Drinks and nibbles were offered, and Melanie, Jill, Kim and

Carley appreciate the support shown.

The homeware/giftware/craft store is proving popular, both with locals and passers-by. If you haven't been in yet, please come and see what we have to offer. We cater for all budgets, and there is generally something for everyone.

Please check us out on our facebook page.

OWL: You may have noticed a lick of paint is going onto the bar/eatery part of the Owls Nest Motel, which will be named 'The Night Owl' – progress! We'll keep you posted as we get closer to an opening.

With the summer season approaching, you may have family/friends coming to the area, so please let them know of this option for accommodation. The rooms are absolutely delightful, fresh, clean, newly renovated and with wonderful décor. Lyn and Dave welcome your enquiries.

Again, check us out on our facebook page.

As this is the last Birdtalk issue for the year, the nests of all 3 little birds wish you a happy and safe festive season.

NEW BUSINESS SET FOR OPENING



After months of work, our Scenic Film Location Tour will be open for business on Friday 1st November.

There is still be lots more to do, like get the shop fully stocked and fencing but we'll do these jobs as we go.

We've put in two walking tracks to allow visitors to walk through the areas used in the film. One track meanders through the site where the film company built a broken down farm house, Staddle Farm. I have cut a goomm track and lifted all the turf away to areas where it was needed. I've also discovered that I do have biceps!

Warrick has been working on the track through the bush where several other scenes

were filmed. He needed to edge this track with timber to keep the metal from washing off the hillside. Every time he put his spade in the ground he hit either a tree root or a rock. Tough going.

Warrick & his trusty wheel barrow then have brought in many MANY loads of crusher dust metal in to spread on the tracks. At last count the bush track alone had 80 tonnes! He too has discovered that he has biceps!

I must say that we have had our sons Peter & Matthew on the end of the wheelbarrow too and also Graeme, my father in law. A real family bonding time is what I tell them. Kath, my mother in law, has also done a sterling job of feeding us and keeping us going.

We're not sure where this venture will take us, but we've got to give it a go

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VILLAGE
(PAEARUHE)**

After having been a resident in our village for the past nine years we are sorry that Muss Coffin has had to move for health reasons. His unit is being partially refurbished and is in the process of being re-let.

For many different reasons several of the people who were on the waiting list have had their names removed resulting in a fairly short list. If you or anyone you know may wish to move to the village in the future please get in touch. To qualify you need to be over 60, live in the wider Piopio area or have family who live locally. Naturally we expect our residents to be of good character. Having your name on the waiting list does not imply any obligation to take a unit should one become available.

Paearuhe Village has three privately owned homes, two 2-bedroom units and five 1-bedroom units.

**JENNY BRODIE
(SECRETARY)
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**MEREHUIA
YOUNG STOCK
CLUB**

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make our 80 years celebration such a memorable and well-organised event. There were many highlights but I personally thought having Mrs Joy Smith here with the trophies she won in 1936 and 1937 was right up there with the best.

Thanks to all the indoor and outdoor judges who have the difficult job of deciding on winners. We appreciate your time and expertise.

Special thanks to Mrs Raewyn Nicholas who gave up a huge amount of her own time to help with preparation beforehand and volunteering on the day. We have had lots of positive feedback about the adult sections and it sounds like the competition might heat up next year. Special credit to Flora Bartholomew and David Tulloch for your outstanding entries in these classes.

Thank you Ele and Emma Barton for the creative logo design and to Piopio Charitable Trust for your generous donation to help cover the costs of the celebratory ribbons.

Here's to another 80 years of **MYSC CALF CLUB DAYS!**

SHONA BLUNDELL

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Thanks to the Lines Company for removing trees close to the lines on the domain as a donation to the community.

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- All Saints Piopio & Aria
- Aria tennis Club
- Aria Toy Library
- Bush United Junior Rugby
- Matthew Gaston
- Merehuia Young Stock Club
- Piopio Amateur Swimming Club
- Piopio Kohanga Reo
- Piopio Playcentre
- Piopio Primary PTA
- Piopio Retirement Village Trust Board
- Piopio Senior Citizens
- Sarah Broderick
- Tainui Company Girls Brigade
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We are about to wind down for the year now, but there are still a couple of things going on in the background.

We are still waiting to get official toilet plans back so we can cost out the project, however The Council have jumped in and said they will get the wheelchair access ramp completed before the annual senior Christmas lunch. We have been back and forwards with plans; finally we are both in agreement that the best solutions have been found. I reckon that's pretty good of Council and they will also complete the revamped outside stairs in the next year so big thumbs up to them for that.

Our recent "Night with the Stars" was even with small numbers a great night.

MOKAU FISHING CLUB

The new season kicked into gear with an "Icebreaker Fishing Competition" held at Labour weekend. Many thanks to those who attended and especially to our major sponsors West Coast Marine.

Sea conditions dictated no fishing on

We now have

the day but we still hosted 60 people for a BBQ lunch, prize giving and a very enjoyable catch up in anticipation of the coming season.

Our club is all about encouraging family fun and participation in all forms of fishing. We have a big focus on safety, looking after the coast and the fishery and having a collective

copies of every year of Stars from 2008 – 2013 plus the compilation DVD that was shown the other weekend. If anyone would like a copy of any of these you can contact Tracey on 8778009, they will cost \$12 per copy.

We are in the process of tying down David Latta to come down this way for an evening, looks like we are all go with this, we just now have to wait for a time slot, we will let you know when one is finalised.

Remember if you are in need of extra chairs or tables over the summer period we can help out Trestle tables \$10 and chairs 10 for \$20. We also have glasses, crockery and cutlery available.

We have set up a Face book page so we will have prices on there as well

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I thought I would also put the names of the committee down as they have changed a bit. Tracey Neal, Kristen Pari, Stephanie Brough, Jan Crooks, Rachel Bell, Emma Thompson, Layla Benton and Vikki Watson.

Have a Merry Christmas

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BUSINESS ASSOCIATION & PROMOTIONS

With Christmas almost upon us and the festive season near, our Business and Promotions Committee are ready to organise yet another exciting Christmas Parade for the year.

CHRISTMAS STOCKING RAFFLE

We hope you can kindly contribute to our annual Christmas Stocking appeal.

Each year our local businesses and community contribute an item (worth approximately \$25) for a monster Christmas raffle. This will be on display outside the RD1 store and Wrightsons.

Contributions can be left at RD1 and would be appreciated as soon as possible or before Friday 30th November.

Each business/ family name that contributes is listed on the Christmas stocking and we ask local businesses to have a raffle book on display to help sell tickets. The money from this raffle is our major source of funding for the year.

CRAFT STALL, FOOD, PRODUCE

If you are interested in holding a stall, please contact us for details.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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8770100
emma.thompson@rd1.com

Donna
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ANNUAL BUSINESS SUBS are NOW DUE

Subs have been kept at \$25 per business.

Payable at Atkinson & Associates Vet Clinic before Friday 29th NOVEMBER .

The subs are used to help pay for the following expenses at the Xmas parade:

- road closure.
- sweets for children who have participated on floats.
- prizes for floats that come 1st, 2nd, 3rd in each category.
- a donation towards organising entertainment for adults and children on Xmas Eve.
- maintenance of Xmas lights.

Your promptness in paying these subs will be greatly appreciated by those organising this event.

NOTE: Any remaining money is used to help with the ongoing costs of maintaining and developing the main street area.

CHRISTMAS PARADE Tuesday 24th December.

It's going to be a evening packed with Christmas Spirit and festivities.

Who are you going to

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Mainly Music

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Piopio Playcentre

Nicole Johansen (07) 8778189

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