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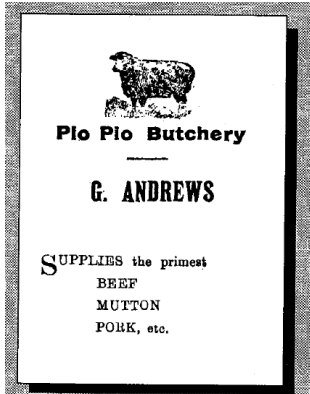
## END OF AN ERA, FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

For many, two local businesses have become iconic to the district and the closure of Jeff Andrews Home kill and the sale of Progress Transport Ltd will see these businessmen change direction after years of dedication not only to their business but to the community.

### JEFF ANDREWS BUTCHERY AND HOMEKILL

In the earlier days Andrews butchery was a thriving business, established by Jeff Andrews grandfather in 1904 where it operated

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Aria and District Advocate



from Moa Street before it was run by his father and uncle until 1970. Jeff then brought the family business and it was only in recent years in 2006 where he relocated the business to Mangoataki Road. Since Jeff has serviced both locals and the wider community with onsite killing and home kill meat processing .

In a small community its hard to distinguish business from friendship, so the decision to close didn't come easy for Jeff.

But "after 44 years, I was the last in the family who had an interest in butchering, so the decision to finish was made but not without the fond memories of friendships made along the way".

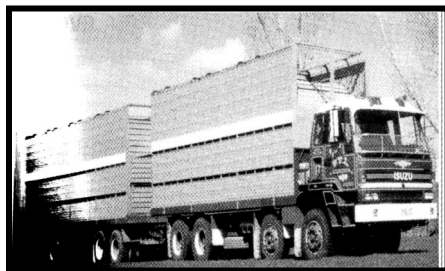
Whilst Jeff and wife Shirley will remain in the district, they both look forward to opportunities the future may bring.

EXERT FROM THE PIOPIO POST DATED DECEMBER 1920

### BUSINESS AS USUAL

A change of direction for former business owners of Progress Transport Ltd, Mark and Donna Bentham will see local livestock and general freight company continue to run business as normal under direction of successful Taranaki company Sandfords Transport. A long standing family business established in 1963, Progress Transport Ltd, locally referred to as PTL was formed. The business recently reached its fifty year milestone. Whilst uncelebrated Mark feels "he has done his time and its

A COMMON SIGHT IN THE EARLIER DAYS.... PTL ISUZU TRUCKS.



an achievement in itself".

From small beginnings when Mark's father Terry originally purchased shares in Bruce Thompson's transport company, formerly known as Taylor Brothers, to the fleet of seventeen trucks the business is typical of rural based company supported by its community.

Since following his fathers guidance, Mark joined the team in 1978 before taking part ownership some ten years later.

Now 35 years on, father in son Patrick made the decision to step aside allowing Sandfords' to carry on with similar company

values, having been operating for 85 years in the transport industry.

Director Phil Sandford is used to being part of a small community, he himself is based in Auroa in south Taranaki.

"It was fitting with our existing business and family based values that Progress Transport join our fleet". Although as it stands, "Its business as usual, the same team and the same service". Mark will remain part of the team for the interim to see the transition, whilst Vikki Hall will administer all office and account duties.

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It concerns me that more use is not made of our museum by our schools.

We had a visit by Aria School and Pam Voyce commented how interesting it was for children of various ages. As time

on life today is moving so far away from times of the past. I think it is important that life of yesteryear is not forgotten.

Casual visitors—especially from overseas, write glowing comments in our visitor's book and all seem to enjoy the experience.

On a more serious

note we are running into problems of recruiting some new blood in our trustees. We are all getting older and becoming museum pieces ourselves. If anyone is interested in joining the team either as a trustee or helper then please contact me.

New blood will give new ideas. The workload is not very

time consuming and meetings are only had if there is a reason. The same with working bees, generally half a day, two or three times a year.

Give it some thought.

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3 LITTLE BIRDS

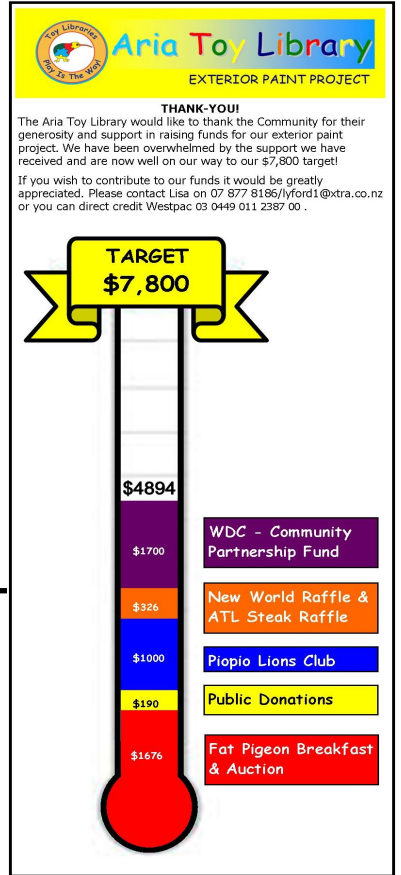
News from the Fat Pigeon, Crafty

Pigeon and Owls Nest **FAT:** Well here we are, into another year. Gosh time is just flying isn't it? As predicted, the café was super busy over the festive break (and still is!), and we must thank our loyal customers for their patience . . . some days the line has been out the door, tables have been full to capacity and yet still customers simply waited their turn. At times like these

it puts immense pressure on front of house and kitchen staff, and we'd like to take this opportunity to thank the pidgee crew for their perseverance and commitment to providing quality service at all times. A fantastic new initiative we are putting in place this year is cooking classes run by our very own Melanie. I think this has been a long time coming, and I know that Melanie's friends and family along with the wider community will thoroughly enjoy them. Keep an eye on our facebook page and the local rag for the first one coming up shortly.

enjoyed a busy Christmas season – thank you to our wonderful customers. New arrivals are regularly photographed and updated on our facebook page. **OWL:** Coming to a motel near you. 'The Night Owl' is the name which will belong to the restaurant/bar/function centre at The Owls Nest. You will have noticed serious hammering/sawing/sparking/plumbing etc is currently underway – the boys are working vigorously to get it up and running by February. YES, next month!! Hip-Hip-Hooray! Fret not, for we shall let you know when the official opening will be held. Have you seen

**CRAFTY:** We have some fantastic new stock arriving soon, so please come and take a look. The Crafty Pigeon has likewise



our very cool new headboards in the rooms? They are made from the original doors from the Piopio Hotel – a nice touch to the decor. Pop in and ask Lyn for a quick look – they are 'the bomb'! Or if you can't get there, I'll put them up on the Owls' facebook page shortly. **JULES TAITOKO**

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## VIBRANT AND FUN LEARNING FOR CHILDREN

A quick holiday makeover, following a year of fundraising and Piopio Primary School now hosts a newly constructed sandpit and a bright and vibrant paintjob.

The children suggested the sandpit environment was well used but needed a spruce up. As a result the children were engaged in the design process beginning with a sandpit design competition and after some collective ideas, the PTA committee granted the children's wish.

Constructed from locally resourced

rocks, tea tree and gum logs, the project was completed with the guidance of landscaper Wayne Hewitt.

"Its not your average sandpit which is exactly what we wanted for our children".

Chairperson Rachael Barton is pleased to see that the PTA can provide a stimulating

and fun play area for the children.



## MOKAU FISHING CLUB

### TAKE A KID FISHING—SUMMER FUN

On Sunday 19th January 2014, 32 kids attended the

annual "Mokau Fishing Club Take A Kid Fishing Day". Excited children boarded club members' boats and due to the calm conditions, headed out over the bar to try and catch the winning fish. In addition, several children (and parents) elected to fish off the Mokau wharf. The

children fished for about 3 and half hours with cut off at

1.30pm. Boats, skippers, parents and children all headed back in, armed with all manner of species in tow.

A BBQ and prize-giving was held at the Mokau / Tainui Rugby Club. Fish weighed in ranging from sprats and hearings caught in the river to gurnard, kahawai and kingfish caught off the boats and even the odd shark!

A great day was had by all involved and it was great to see kids as the focus of the day. Mokau Fishing Club would like to thank their sponsors of the day: Piopio Lions, Taranaki Hunting and

Fishing, The Whitebait Inn, Kristen and Sandy Pari, Mokau Butchery and Junction Service Station. Also, a big thank you to all skippers, organisers, parents and, of course, the kids for making 2014 another great event-see you all next year.

#### WINNERS

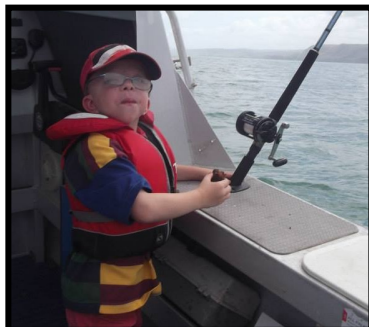
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- 1ST KARNIA ROBERTSON
- 2ND GEORGIA DEATH
- 3RD SOPHIE CHURCHILL

#### BOATS:

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LEFT: RJ Adams

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It is with great pleasure and pride that I share with you Curious Keas first ever ERO (Education Review Office) report. ERO came to Curious Keas in November, the experiences of staff meant that we were well prepared, and as it turns out ERO described the centre just how we (the staff) feel about it.

As an overview: We are in a great position for the length of time that we have been open. Our strengths of relationships with the children, whanau and community were acknowledged as well as the environment we have created along with a strong team atmosphere. We have been categorised to "well placed" which sees us on the three year cycle of review.

Some excerpts from the report:

'Children experience affirming and supportive relationships with each other and centre staff. Their social, emotional and physical needs are well met by responsive and caring staff. Familiar routines are centred around shared mealtimes and promote children's social competence

and confidence. Children are happy, settled and show trust in approaching adults for help or advice'.

'The extensive outside play environments include many natural features and allow children to engage in physical challenge. From time to time the centre has young animals on site which children can interact with and care for. The inside play areas are well resourced. The flexible programme allows children to play independently with or alongside peers for extended periods of time, and to make meaningful choices about activities to participate in. Children have opportunities to develop early literacy and mathematical skills, and to engage in creative and imaginative play. The local and parent community is used effectively as an additional programme resource for visits and excursions'.

'Infants and toddlers are well supported by primary care givers.....Many centre activities are naturally integrated and this promotes easy and relaxed transitions from the under two to the over two year old sections of the centre. Children and their parents are well informed through supportive relationships as

they transition to the local primary schools'.

'Maori children and their whanau are affirmed through the inclusive culture and supportive relationships throughout the centre. Karakia and waiata are included in daily routines as appropriate'....

'Teachers work as a highly collaborative team. They meet formally to share information about children's interests and strengths, and to plan activities to respond. Teachers have made a positive start in presenting well-illustrated individual portfolios for allocated children....'

'The owner/centre manager provides considerable enthusiasm, energy, and extensive local networks for the service. She articulates a positive sense of direction and purpose for the centre and her staff. Parents who spoke to ERO expressed confidence in centre leadership and staff, and felt that communication with them was open and effective'.

Along with all of these affirming and warming comments comes (as always) areas to strengthen and improve. What was nice about this area is that there were no surprises for us, all of the

things that they suggested were things that we have discussed as future goals. These include a revisit and clarifying of our philosophy to develop in-depth understanding and shared ownership by staff and parents, and informed strategic decision making about staff and centre development, and resourcing, these things have helped me begin to form a strategic plan for the next 3-5 years.

It has been an amazing two years for Curious Keas, I am so proud to be the face of. We feel very lucky and privileged to be caring for your children and be a part of their Early Learning. Cheers to another great year...

**STEPHANIE BROUGH**  
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# THE GREAT CHRISTMAS DEBATE

The well supported Christmas Parade has been a long established event with many families, businesses and visitors attending. Traditionally held on Christmas Eve, organisers have been approached to review the date.

Up for much discussion and general debate, whether to hold the annual parade the last Friday before Christmas week or to remain on Christmas Eve. Co-ordinators feel there is pros and cons but think keeping in tradition must be chosen by the district.

A little early to ponder but Christmas Eve 2014 will fall

Wednesday  
24th  
December.  
Thus  
Christmas

**CHRISTMAS  
HAMPER  
RAFFLE  
WINNER**

Dianne Alcock

Another year is now underway and prospects for our farming community are looking a little bit brighter, though the constant predictions of impending interest rate rises will be taking the shine off for some.

The Local Government scene is heading for a shake up with announcements of amalgamation investigations for Northland and Hawkes Bay already. In the Waikato, it is felt the Auckland 'Super City' scenario for amalgamation will not be appropriate, especially for smaller rural local authorities, so consequently the Waikato Mayoral Forum was established. The aim of this is to investigate how the local authorities in the Waikato can work together, in specific areas of service, to provide those services much

day Thursday, Boxing Day Friday then the weekend. The choice is for the community to make the call. Its not just the children whom enjoy the parade, residents and visitors often comment, "the festivity and effort shown is a tradition this small community must continue". Well aware it will not always suit everyone all of the time, but organisers hope those whom have an interest will email to let them know their thoughts.

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Above Right:  
Progress Transport  
Right: Pari-dise  
Left: Aria School All Sorts

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3. King Country Honda

## FRIENDS & ASSOCIATES

1. Pari-Dise
2. Old MacDonald Farm
3. Te Kuiti BMX Club

## ROAD / DISTRICT

1. Aria School & district
2. PTL Family
3. Te Whanau Kohanga Reo O Piopio



## COUNCIL NEWS

please get in touch with me.

Tutsan has now been found on the banks of the Mokau River upstream of Piopio, so I guess it will be present downstream as well, so please make the time to check your river banks and take the appropriate action when you find the beast. Council will this year be looking at our Bylaws and their enforcement, and one area will be stock crossings on our roads. If you farm either side of a road and have stock crossing it, please get onto the Council website and look up the Stock Crossings section of the Land Transport Bylaw and clarify what your responsibilities may be.

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over time, to reduce sediment, bacteria, and nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus) entering water bodies (including groundwater) in the Waikato and Waipa River Catchments.

I can see these likely plan changes being extended to other Catchments in the Waikato region in time, including the Mokau and the Awakino.

The Mokauiti Catchment Control Scheme of the 1980's failed for a number of reasons, but a substantial data base was established, and by tweaking with today's science and technology, it should still be applicable to day. For those of you in the valley who might like to give some thought toward being proactive about meeting the water quality challenges that will eventuate from the Healthy Rivers project,

more efficiently and cost effectively. Mayor Brian Hanna and CEO Chris Ryan have both had large inputs into the project so far, and Brian has recently been elected Deputy Chair for the Forum, as well as being on the Roding Working Party, one of the four work streams (others being; Economic Development, Planning and Governance, and Waters) established within the Mayoral Forum.

Mayor Brian has also been appointed to one of eight Community Seats on the Collaborative Stakeholder Group for the Healthy Rivers; Plan for Change project. This project will work with stakeholders to develop changes to the Waikato Regional Councils regional plan, to help restore and protect the health of the Waikato and Waipa Rivers. The plan change will help,

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Wonderful Waitanguru Community are offering you the opportunity to enjoy our district at a sedate pace or in an exhilarating trial ride this year.

Scenic Saturday is scheduled for Saturday 5th April and the traditional and extremely popular Sunday Scramble follows on the 6th. Both rides start and finish at the Hall, located 20 minutes from Piopio via Mangoataki Road or 40 minutes from Te Kuiti via Oparure. Food and refreshments will be on sale continuously and our

in-house DJ will keep the sounds pumping. Both rides open at 10 a.m. and close at 3.00 p.m.

Scenic Saturday is designed for those of you who like to explore the countryside at a sedate pace. The route will be suitable for quad bikes. Feel free to bring along a picnic and your cameras to make the most of the stunning scenery. You might even spot a hobbit or two! The cost is \$20 per adult or \$10 for 15 years and under.

The Sunday Scramble will offer two separate trails which you are welcome to complete as often as you like in the five hours they are open. \$30 per adult or \$15 for 15 years and under.

We expect all riders to wear helmets and appropriate apparel and to adhere to the rules of the road.

These rides are our major fundraiser and we are grateful to the local farmers who make their properties available so generously.

Bookmark your calendars now! We are looking forward to seeing you.

Further Sunday Scramble details are available at [www.silver-bullet.co.nz](http://www.silver-bullet.co.nz)

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## MOUNTAIN BIKING AT ITS BEST

beginners, 25km, 48km and 65km for the more experienced riders.

A new event of a 10km fun run/walk which will follow the 10km ride, so no big hills, through lovely bush and forestry tracks, so as to make a great day out for all the family will be introduced this year.

To compliment the event, there will great food, the traditional lamb and steak sandwiches to keep the energy levels replenished.

Cabins and camping facilities are also available if you want to stay the night.

This event is a major fundraiser for the Piopio College and Primary schools with all money raised going straight to the schools so come along and support us.

If you want any further information or if you are keen to help you can

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to check out a webcam of the ride.

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Taking advantage of the newly constructed Timber Trail based at Pa Harakeke in the Pureora Forest. The Combined Piopio College and Primary School annual fundraiser will be held on the 15th March 2014.

The King Country Cycle Challenge will host five loop courses of 10km, 15km for kids and



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# COMMUNITY NOTICES

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## COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Last year we experienced our first major loss of members, due to people moving, getting new jobs etc, so we are now looking for some keen readers, male/female, out there, that may be interested in joining our small, but very friendly committee, this year.

We meet four times a year (one meeting each term), in the library at 5.00pm, for half an hour. Children welcome.

We have our first meeting of the year on Tuesday 18th February, at 5.00pm in the Library, 18 Aria Road, Piopio, 07 8778173 Ex 220. If anyone is wanting to join us, or know more, please don't hesitate to call me.

We do need the extra members as, at present, we don't have a quorum to be able to hold our meetings.

There are some exciting things being planned for the library, which is going to benefit the Community, greatly. We are looking to move, to the front of the school, which will give easy access for you to come in and get books, return books etc. So watch this space for further updates, and reveals as to what is happening. Look forward to hearing from you or seeing you in the library.

**LIZZIE JONES**

## WOMEN IN FARMING

This is to let you know that there is a national working group set up to re-vitalise the 'Women in Farming' network. For many years the King Country Women in Farming group was very strong and provided a huge amount of knowledge, skills and friendship to our members. Over time numbers dwindled and it finally ran its course.

The national committee has contacted some of our former members to see if we would like to start up a group again. While most of us have now moved on and are doing other things, we would be supportive of helping another group set up if there are enough people interested.

If interested please contact Jenny Brodie  
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The school holidays are often a time for families to holiday and enjoy the summer season. However it can also be a time whereby some youth are left aimlessly to do as they wish. Whilst it is often just a few that cause concern, its worrying mindless vandalism and destruction of public property occurs.

The well utilised Piopio Combined Schools Community Pool has been broken into at least four times, causing thousands of dollars with fence repairs, broken locks, pool cleaning issues and broken bottles.

When the privilege of using such an amenity is abused, the efforts of the Pool committee are left to wonder whether it is really worth it? These facilities are provided for our youth, families and community to use for recreational and sports.

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Have own bike and trailer,  
tools and fencing gear.  
Part time or Full time.

**PHONE 0274936824**

**POSSUM HUNTER**



Cage  
trap  
used

- Gardens
- Lemon trees

**SHANE  
MARSDEN**

**PH: 8778955**

Shane.marsden@me.com

**WANTED**



Injured or  
unwanted cattle  
beasts or horses.  
The King Country  
Hunt Club is  
always interested  
in these for Hound food.

**PHONE  
SHANE NEIL  
8788793**

**SENIOR  
CITIZENS**

Don't wait for us to come to  
you! We welcome everyone  
to join.

We have monthly meetings  
at our Senior Citizens'  
Rooms and generally have  
an outing during each  
month.

**JENNIFER  
KEARNS**

**(07) 877 8836**

**HOUSEIE**

An enthusiastic group  
meet to play Houseie.

**1.00 pm each  
Thursday  
at the Senior  
Citizens' Rooms**

You are welcome to join  
us for fun, laughter and  
serious involvement in  
trying to be the winner!!

Come and have some fun,  
along with an exchange of  
news and views.

**ALL SAINTS  
CHURCH**

**Worship Service  
Sunday @10am**

All Saints Church  
Main Road, Piopio

**PHONE:  
REV. CAROL HANCOCK  
8788026  
PIPIO ALL SAINTS  
8778097**

**SPORTS NOTICES**

**PIPIO TENNIS  
CLUB**

**UBP Doubles  
Tournament  
SATURDAY 15TH  
FEBRUARY**  
Graded men's, women's  
& Junior sections  
Juniors: \$15 each  
Adults \$35 each  
Includes all day lunch and  
a BBQ dinner.

**GREAT PRIZES  
Entries to:**

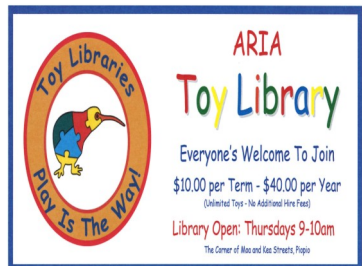
**PETER KEELING  
07 8787891**  
pandskeel-  
ing@ruralzone.net  
**MATT BUCKLEY  
07 8788834**

**A GREAT FAMILY SPORT FOR ALL AGES**



Club nights  
Tuesdays 5.45pm  
Check in til 6pm,  
racing starts at 6.15pm  
**First 3 nights FREE!**  
Come along and have fun,  
get fit, meet new friends

Any bike will do however we do have bikes for hire.  
Contact Richard Scott  
07 873 8060 or 021 0228 4844



**ARIA  
Toy Library**  
Everyone's Welcome To Join  
\$10.00 per Term - \$40.00 per Year  
(Unlimited Toys - No Additional Hire Fees)  
Library Open: Thursdays 9-10am  
The Corner of Moa and Kaa Streets, Piopio



**PIPIO  
MARKET DAY**  
Every Third Sunday @ month

**PIPIO  
BirdTalk**  
The finer details ...

**ADVERTISING CHARGES**

- ★Local Business: \$35/issue - approximately business card size
- ★Clubs & Organizations: Free up to 75 words
- ★Out of Area Casual: \$45/issue -

- approximately business card size
- ★Classified Advertisements: \$5 per 3-line advertisement
- ★Package: Annual \$200. Includes six advertisements and one special 1/3 page 'My Business' article annually

Community feedback and articles are welcomed and appreciated.

Articles **must** not be longer than 280 words and may have accompanying photos. We reserve the right to edit any material.

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