

## Amazing Xmas parade

by Carley Simpson  
Piopio Christmas Parade  
Committee

WHAT an awesome turnout for the Piopio Christmas Parade 2022!

We want to say a big thank you to everyone who helped with the parade especially our local shops, Tony Schrafft and of course Vinny from Specialized TM – you have all been amazing.

An even bigger thank you must go to everyone who put the time and effort into the floats – we even had the Womens Rugby Cup join our parade! You all keep the community spirit alive.

The overall Piopio Christmas Float shield winner was Piopio Pantry.

Themed house results:

1st: Emma Thompson and the Runtzy

2nd: Rebecca Bates

3rd: Kim Michelle Wilson.

The stocking raffle was won by a very appreciative local, Mark Anderson.

Mark and his wife Lauren would love to share this message to all that have donated and contributed to the Stocking:

“Please say a HUGE thank you to all the donors! Things are so tight in households at the moment (including ours), so to have this and be able to put a smile on other people’s faces is priceless!”



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# Piopio & District Museum Trust update

THE PIOPIO and District Museum Trust Committee started 2023 off with a working bee.

All areas inside and out received a tidy up in preparation for the Laurensen family to visit following the memorial service for Mr Jim Laurensen on Saturday, January 21.

There continues to be a steady stream of visitors to the Museum who can self guide themselves through Bill Glasgow's Whare and Blacksmith Shop, the pleth-

ora of items in the old Methodist Church, and the historic photos in the old Bank building. Visitors leave a donation and a comment in our visitors book.

One comment was simply "I love this place!"

Our Museum features in the 2023 'Top Spot' magazine. It is authentic, local and has great stories to tell.

The committee aims to bring more of our stories to life. If you have an ar-

tifact/photo or story to tell please contact Saskia Lagocki (Chairperson) to have a member collect or help record a local story.

Helpers and new members are always welcome to join our enthusiastic team!

The next general meeting for 2023 is Wednesday, March 8 at 7.30pm and the AGM is set for Thursday, June 1 at 7.30pm.

All meetings are held at the Piopio Senior Citizens Rooms.



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# Piopio Fruit & Veg Stand

WE'RE coming into the summer and autumn peak for the Community Stand, with our local veggie gardens and orchards cranking up.

Could everyone possibly pledge to take the time to share what you've grown but can't use? I know it takes some planning and thought, but food costs aren't going down any time soon. Every little bit helps someone in our community.

It's been an odd growing season so far. My tomatoes are slowly stepping up, but they won't deliver a bumper crop from the looks of things right now.

We were fortunate to harvest a decent crop of garlic and shallots; I've heard from others who've had none. It's a good year for beans, butternut and pumpkins at our place, zucchini less so.

I haven't even looked at the potatoes or kumara just yet.

Many people lost this year's crops of plums, figs, even peaches due to that late frost. If you're one of the lucky ones who has fruit in your orchard, please do drop a container or two at the stand.

I will make my standing offer at this time of the year to pick fruit for anyone with heaps to contribute who may be unable to pick it. Special thanks to Mrs. White recently for picking up the phone and inviting me to come pick some of your delicious plums for our community.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions/issues. Updates are posted pretty much daily on our FB page, where "likes," "loves," comments and questions are always welcome.



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# Santa makes a flying visit to Aria

IN DECEMBER the Aria Cos Club held its annual Club Shout where Santa and his entourage arrive in a helicopter – much to the delight of kids and adults

alike. A kids entertainment show in the way of 'The Elf' kept the kids entertained for a while before Santa arrived, followed

by a shared BBQ meal. The event is about welcoming the wider community to the club, and around 150 attended.

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# View Terrace repairs

I HOPE you all had a happy Christmas and great New Year and enjoyed the wonderful weather we had over this period.

On Saturday, January 7 Mayor John Robertson, CEO Ben Smit and I attended the ratepayers meeting in Mokau, which was attended by approximately 50 locals who voiced a range of concerns which we are endeavouring to deal with as quickly as possible. Afternoon tea was provided and someone certainly knows how to make delicious pikelets!

Mayor John Robertson outlined substantial progress Council has made in water and toilet facilities in recent times.

By the time this is published work will be underway on repairs to the damage on View Terrace in Piopio.

After the Christmas recess February will be the start of a busy schedule.

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



**Gavin Todd**  
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# Kapa haka talent put on show

PIOPIO and Aria primary students showed off their kapa haka skills at the Piopio College gymnasium towards the end of last year, to a very impressed audience of parents and teachers.



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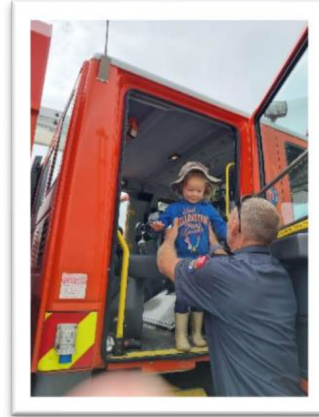


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During term 4 of last year we had a visit to the Piopio fire brigade with our tamariki. The kids were super excited to see the fire engine and talk to the firemen. Massive thanks to Adrian and Steve from the fire brigade for hosting us and answering all the kids and adults questions. Both kids and parents alike enjoyed using the fire hose to push the

little fire truck along the hose. Other highlights included getting to climb into the fire truck, hearing and seeing the trucks siren and lights flashing, and seeing the suits the firemen/fire women put on.



Playcentre is all about coming along and playing with your tamariki. It provides opportunities for messy play, outdoor play, playground,

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HI EVERYONE,

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We've just had our Xmas comp with 171 entries – our biggest competition yet – let's see if we can do it again this year. And it will be the tenth anniversary, something extra to celebrate!!

We had some good fish weighed in and some awesome prizes thanks to our sponsors and great work from the committee.

We had "Take a Kid Fishing" on January 14 (report next issue), and we've got ladies comp next month and sponsors day following month, so get amongst it.

Our summer comp has started so if you haven't got your membership sorted yet, get hold of one of the committee and they'll sort you out.

The water is warm and once this nor-easterly buggers off it will be all go for young and old, so keep a few sick days up ya sleeve just in case.

We will have a bit of a working bee at the boat ramp next big tide to sort the drop off, so many hands make light work – we'll keep you posted.

Well....that's it from me, get amongst it and be safe, see you out there.

Cheers, Dion

## Xmas Comp 2022 Results

### BOAT - SURFCASTING

#### Snapper/Kahawai

- 1- Geoff Preston
  - 1- Kevin Feakins
  - 2- Kevin Proffitt
  - 2- Devin Longstaff
  - 3- Matt Cooper
  - 3- Anthony Kemp
  - 4- Mick Preston
  - 4- James Jeffares
  - 5- Kelly Russell
  - 5- Keegan Foley
  - 6- Kevin Hall
  - 6- Mike Ramsey
  - 7- Max Hale
  - 7- Allan Taylor
- #### Kahawai/Snapper
- 1- Seth Warren
  - 1- Paul Freakley
  - 2- Mel Rogers
  - 2- Steve McEwen
  - 3- Wal Death
  - 3- Mike Foley
  - 4- Jared Barron
  - 4- Jordan McCormick
  - 5- Phil Probyn
  - 5- Kevin Perkins

### 6- Heather Griffin

- 7- Francis Proffitt
  - Gurnard
  - 1- Anton Foley
  - Gurnard
  - 1- Maree Gudopp
- ### BEACH LONGLINE
- 2- Vern Harker
  - 3- Paul Branson
  - Snapper
  - 4- Hunter Cooper
  - 1- Dave O'Neill
  - 5- Riley Cooper
  - 2- Paaul Copeland
  - 6- Michelle Joyce
  - 3- Ian Baker
  - 7- Wayne Fairhurst
  - Gurnard
  - Trevally
  - 1- Murray Reed
  - 1- Mavis Proffitt
  - 2- Ssophie Kemp
  - 2- Heath Barnsdall
  - 3- Chris Johnstone
  - 3- Liam Church
  - 4- Jade Proffitt
  - 5- Doug Wakelin

## DRONE

### KingFish/Snapper

- 1- Elle Bryant
  - 1- Carey-Lee Cook
  - 2- Liam Willis
  - 2- Stuart Rose
  - 3- Andrew Main
- ### Average Weight Kahawai
- Andrew McInnes 1.5 kg
  - Gurnard
  - Kevin Stott 0.58kg
  - 1- Andrew Cook
  - 2- Geoff Fraser
- Early Bird Draw \$200 Cash: Liam Willis



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## Youth Activities

**Aria Playcentre**  
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**Aria Toy Library**  
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M: 021 038 5153  
E: ariatoylibrary@gmail.com

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**Piopio Playcentre**  
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**Piopio Primary School**  
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07 877 0490

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www.crimestoppers-nz.org

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Main Road, Piopio.  
Worship service 10am

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Secretary Lee Alcock  
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**Light Horse Club**  
President Helen Potter  
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**Line Dancing Club**  
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M: 027 578 5905

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# Aria Hunt is all go

IT'S been a while since the Aria Cosmopolitan Club hosted a pig hunt, so Olly Barnsdall thought he'd like to get the ball rolling again.

So he put it to the club committee, and the wheels have been put in motion to bring it together.

We've added more categories with deer and fishing. With the fishing we've gone with heaviest and average kahawai weight. We wanted to add this section to give an even playing field for all fishermen.



Archive pic from Aria Pig Hunt 2008

With the major spot prize of a hunting cabin worth \$14,000, we invite you to enter and be there on the day... and it could be all yours to enjoy!

We'd like to thank all of our amazing sponsors for their generosity, and we look forward to seeing you at weigh-in.

(See advert below).

## Fat news

### FAT OWL

We are rocking a new menu at the bar/eatery, so do pop in for an evening of delicious homemade fare and service with a smile!

With the holiday period, the motel continues to host a steady number of guests.

### FAT PIGEON

What a busy time of year it is for the cafe... on some days the line has been out the door, so we thank our customers for their patience and continued support.

We'd also like to thank our 'pid-gee crew' for always giving their best - even on the busiest of days.

### FAT KIWI

And likewise, the Fat Kiwi in Otrohanga is growing in popularity and has enjoyed excellent customer numbers during the holiday period. So if you're up that way, please do pop in and see what's on offer.

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