

# PIPIO Bird Talk

Bi Monthly Community Newsletter covering Piopio, Aria and Mahoenui Districts

## Teaching a real Passion

A familiar face and welcoming presence within the Piopio schooling community, Mr David Day will retire as Principal of Piopio College at the end of the year.

Since joining the school 33 years ago, initially as Deputy Principal, teaching both science and biology and more recently, appointed as Principal in 2007 where he continued to teach alongside his management role.

David has always enjoyed working with students and not once in all the time here did he not want to come to school and work with kids. As part of his passion and enthusiasm for his job, he has always appreciated the openness from parents, both in difficult and happy occasions, and his wonderful colleagues, and all the teaching and support staff who have been part of Piopio College over the years.

Arriving to the district with his wife Gill and four

children Sarah, Tim, Peter and Mark some years ago, he particularly remembers the warm welcome and the experience of being part of the Mangaotaki community.

He and Gill have made lifelong friends here and will be keeping in touch from Cambridge where they will be living nearby their children and nine grandchildren.

David's appointment as Principal in 2007, has been enjoyable and he is grateful for the outstanding support from the Board of Trustees during the past 5 years, making the role a much easier proposition.

On uptake of this position his intention to enhance the students learning environment and to provide opportunities to all, has been a collaborate effort under his guidance and he extends his gratitude to all staff and colleagues.

On Friday 30 November a large gathering of friends, community members and colleagues met at the Piopio College Hall to farewell and acknowledge his many years of service to our school and community.

David, Gill, their children – Sarah, Tim and Peter (Mark

could not be there due to commitments in Christchurch), along with their spouses and children were welcomed with a powhiri performed by the College Kapahaka Group and whaikorero by Mr Doug Ruki and Mr Kawhia Muraahi.

Items were performed by the Kapahaka Group then it was "catch-up" time for David and Gill to circulate among friends from near and far keen to wish them well.

Formalities resumed for a while when I outlined a very brief history of David's career and highlights enhanced with photographs and recollections by Mr Brian Tegg, ex Piopio College Principal, of their many years working together. The Principals of Te

Kuiti High School, Mr Bruce Stephens, and Aria School, Mrs Pam Voyce, thanked David for the quality of the professional relationships he had maintained with all the schools in our district and good working relationship that they had personally enjoyed. Other community

members spoke recalling activities and events that were highlights or fun times involving David.

On behalf of all who work with David, Mr Laurie Butler presented David with a Tokotoko (ceremonial walking stick) that he had beautifully carved to represent the journey through life relating particularly to David, his character and his work. This obviously meant a lot to David and he expressed this as he responded, saying that it would always be a treasured taonga in his family.

Mrs Sarah Tucker (nee Day) spoke fondly of her time as both daughter and student in David's classes and thanked him on behalf of the family for his commitment to both his family and his vocation. Sarah had prepared a beautiful book of memories that she presented to him.

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The Chairman of our Board of Trustees, Mr Murray Paterson, congratulated David on his work for education and Piopio College and in wishing him well in his retirement presented him with a gift voucher from the College.

Mr Day responded, thanking all who had come to the evening and pinpointed his joy in working with students, facilitating their learning, the beautiful environment in which Piopio College exists, his colleagues and the supportive community as aspects which made coming to work every day something he looked forward to. He stressed that it was the right to this quality education for all students within our own community that we must value highly, support and defend if ever it comes under threat.

The hum of happy conversation as people met and shared memories and news continued until the small hours - hopefully adding another page of memories for David as we all say - "Farewell David, and Thank You".

Words contributed by Rob Hallam - Deputy Principal, Piopio College, and Lynne Rauputu.

*Ko te mea nui o te ao, he tangata, he tangata, he tangata.*

For the most important thing in the world is the people.

Joining the school next year, will be Tolaga Bay Area School deputy principal Julie Radice.

With a lengthy list of credentials' and senior leadership, Julie will bring her own passion for English and drama to students in 2013.

## North King Country Summer Programme

*Live, Learn, Explore*

By the time you read this, our Summer Programme, featuring fourteen different trips or activities will be out.

It runs from 7<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> January and is a great opportunity for locals and visitors to see and learn about parts of our fantastic area not usually accessible

to the public. We aim to have something to suit people of all different interests and levels of fitness.

There are four new trips in our area, llama trekking at Bob and Sandy Dawsons, guided farm trips to the Tathams and Verrys including (hopefully) a special cave and a hike to a

hidden waterfall on Rauroa Farm. Also in our area is the popular 'Whoppa Weta Walk' i.e. search to find the Mahoenui Giant Weta. Other trips include a tough hike, helibiking/helihiking, a kids only 'wild caving' activity and bus and boat trips.

The full programmes are available at all the

North King Country i-SITES or you can download a pdf. version from the news page at [www.piopio.net.nz](http://www.piopio.net.nz)

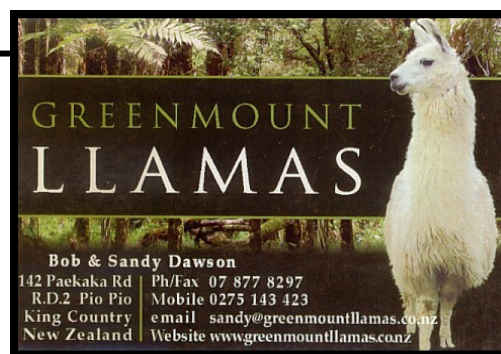
Most of the more popular trips fill up fast so booking early is advisable.

All bookings will be handled by Te Kuiti i-SITE.

### The planting programme in the **PIOPIO Reserve**

is now complete. This programme was mostly to restore parts of the reserve where the original trees had been smothered. Weed control will be the main focus over the next couple of years, when we will probably need to look at upgrading the track. I urge anyone to have a look around, just take care as the track is slippery if wet. There are lots of lovely

trees, the original planting being done 22 years ago in a joint project by Piopio Primary School and DOC. There are also lots of little privet trees to pull out if you are keen and all vines are evil, even the native ones! I just cut the vines at the bottom and hope they will break down as they die.



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The funds to enable this planting project, as well as the new signage in the Mangaotaki Scenic Reserve were granted by Community Conservation Fund, administered by DOC.

Jenny Brodie



Young Achiever

Oliver Barnsdall, the 2012 winner of the Piopio College O'Connell Golf

Trophy in a competition held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> at Piopio Aria Golf Club



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# Piopio Memorial Hall plans for Annual Relay

Seasons greetings from the Hall Committee!

October saw the combined fundraising efforts of ourselves and the PPT with the OOSH show, this was a great evening and the parts I saw were very entertaining. I believe the show raised \$3500.00 to be split between the two Committees.

We have just got our Hall to Hall Relay entry forms printed, after deciding they needed a re-vamp. Do take the time to sign up for the challenge! You will notice we have added a single entry as believe it or not there are people out there who want to do the

whole thing by themselves.

There will be more camaraderie this year as there will be two start times hopefully allowing for more of a tight knit group. We also decided there needed to be some entertainment around the course and who better to entertain than those in supporters vehicles, yes!

There will be activities to keep you amused! You will have to enter a team to find out what they are.

Dust off the walking shoes and start walking, we want lots of teams this year, you will note there is an entry form included, if you are not interested maybe you could

pass it onto someone from out of town that might be interested. Get friends from other areas to make teams up and come down to stay for the weekend, challenge other businesses, there's nothing like having a group of people you really want to beat, to add a bit more intrigue to the day!

If entering is just not your thing we desperately need helpers on the day to marshal, if you are going to be available on the 9th March, please contact us, we could really use your help.

A great big thank you goes out to the Piopio Charitable Trust

# PIOPIO Events & Entertainment

## Hall to Hall Relay

9th March  
Marshalls Needed  
please contact  
Tracey 8778009 or  
Vikki 8778289

who has again supported us with a grant to go towards the toilet refurbishment at the Hall, much appreciated.

Supplied by Vikki Watson

## King Country Cycle Time Challenge

We are getting all set for the 2013 fund raiser for the Combined Piopio College and Primary School to be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2013.

We have organised a whole new course to take advantage of the newly constructed Timber Trail out at Pureora Forest.

We will be starting at Pa Harakeke and will have a 10 and 15km kids and beginner rides that takes in the start of the timber trail and then hooks back through forestry tracks of Maraeroa C block and than back to base.

The 26km course is the Maraeroa C ride already in action.

The 2 longer rides of 48 and 60km carry on up the timber trail taking in great views, native forest and 2 100m

plus suspension bridges. Just after 31km mark on the trail it then turns and heads back to base via forestry and pine tracks, so hopefully there are rides to suit the whole family.

As always we will be providing great country food and atmosphere so hopefully you will come along and explore a great area that is on our doorstep.

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## Lions Club continues to support local Community

Goodness me it has been a year since our last report for the Birdtalk.

To a certain extent this year has followed a consistent path. We have taken our food caravan to Aria Sports, Waitomo Sports, Mystery Creek Fielddays, Piopio Calf Club, and a couple of other events, e.g the Hall to Hall fun run.

Although these events can mean a lot of hard work, they are more often than not a very enjoyable experience for our members, wives and partners.

We held our Change of Officers at the Art Café in Benneydale with members enjoying a tour of the new Pureora Forest Park walkway and facilities during the day. Our new President Lou Van Houtte was inducted at this evening.

The profits of our caravan went to a variety of recipients. The main one being the Lions Cancer Lodge in Hamilton, of which our club and community can be very proud of the contributions we have made. Several people from our community have benefitted from this facility and all have had very positive comments and experiences.

On a more sombre note, we

lost one of our members, Harry Wrack. Harry was one of these genuine people who really loved to help others.

We recently held our Paddy's market, which is a true reflection of our community spirit. The day was well supported by the public. Thank you to those who gave items to auction and all who supported this event. Special thanks to Rorisons Mineral developments who made a very generous donation of lime to be auctioned, Country Couriers and Donald MacRae for delivering our pamphlets free of charge, and our PGG Wrightson, auctioneers, especially John Grainger who has supported us for many years.

Our final event for this year was hosting the annual Senior Citizens Xmas Dinner which has always a great opportunity celebrate and to enjoy the festivities of this time with other senior members in our community.

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## Piopio's Rukuhia Domain Board is back from Extinction

community groups.

We have amazing facilities available and our emphasis will primarily be on their maintenance; with room for ideas when other opportunities develop.

The domain is currently best known for its Rugby and equestrian activities and we hope that through working together we can keep growing these sports for our

community, both young and old.

A community calendar for domain events has been established and anyone interested in Pony club rallies, other equestrian events, rugby dates and training times (to be available on commencement of rugby season) should visit [www.PIOPIONET.NZ](http://www.PIOPIONET.NZ) to view the link.

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# Aria's Amazingly Wet Raft Race

Guess what happened on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November in Aria? It rained. Didn't let up even for a brief moment . . . it just rained and rained and rained. Farmers happy? Tick. Ducks happy? Tick. Rafters happy? Hard to believe but, tick. Yep, our drenched rafters had a ball! At least they seemed to – mind you I was watching from the shelter of one of the many gazebos. Well, they were always gonna get wet anyway so it mattered not. I digress . . . rafts were fielded by 'The Stages' (Margs and them), 'RMD' (Rorisons), 'Titanic' (Hugo and them), 'Kiddlingz' (Rhys and them), and 'Piopio Fire Brigade' (not sure who this was). Teams started with a team challenge on the bank which included quoits and 'planking', then it was into the raft, row up to the marker and back, then the next challenge which was charades. One person from each raft had to charade a question to the crowd, draw the correct answer from the crowd, then off up the river rafting again. The third challenge involved

two team members, one blindfolded, the other 'leading' them through an obstacle course. And then, you guessed it, back to the rafting. Fourth challenge was a bit of Fear Factor. Choose a cover, and uncover what you have to eat and/or drink. Let's just say that a lot of the offal, egg-in-a-beer, pea soup, cocoa powder topped with icing sugar was to be found on the grass rather than consumed, isn't that right Lliwen?. Fifth challenge was golfing. Either hit the golf ball into one of the tyres, or hit a big 44-gallon drum lying on its side. I reiterate, it was a BIG 44-gallon drum. To Paula Buckman, I reiterate, it was a BIG 44-gallon drum. Let's just say that the sun was going down by the time Paula hit the BIG 44-gallon drum. I digress. . . Final challenge was the mystery challenge where a team member had to re-build a beer crate, later to be 'tested' by filling with 12 empties. Let's just say that the Aria Cos Club will be losing their 30c return on five beer crates because the crates the teams built looked like they had drunk their original contents, solved the problems of the world, got in a fight, walked into a bar, then walked into the bar. Congratulations to RMD who placed first, followed closely by Titanic, and then . . . well, who really cares after that

aye? Anywho, after the race ended, the Piopio Fire Brigade, ably assisted by Piopio St John, demonstrated what happens at a motor vehicle accident scene. The demonstration included use of the 'Jaws of Life', the processes that need to be taken to secure the area, the importance of securing the vehicle and its occupants, as well as the safety of the volunteers and ensuring environmental factors don't encroach on what is needed to be done by the rescue teams. It was an excellent demonstration – well done to all involved. Soon after this we packed up, showered and warmed up, and headed to the cos club for prizegiving and further entertainment in the way of an ad-lib 'Aria's Got Talent' show where teams vied for the title of 'Entertainer Extraordinaires'. Not surprisingly, er, nobody won J. Hey, thanks to everyone who, despite the horrible weather fronted up and participated, either as a rafter or a spectator – we really appreciate it. And to our peeps behind the scenes from the gazebo putter-upperers to the bread-butterers to the lawn mowers . . . aw shucks thank



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For those of you who don't know me, I am Annie Jardine. I have lived locally now for over 10 years. During the day I work for Atkinson's Vet Clinic in Te Kuiti. In my spare hours I am pursuing my passion of photography with my own business

I was professionally trained in a top Wellington photography studio in the 80's. I was taught all aspects of photography from printing, print finishing, framing, sport & sports teams, function work, commercial, weddings, and families. I was taught these skills in a studio situation and on location.

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Hi everyone – hope this report finds you all well. **HO HOHO** | As the festive season and summer looms, the café hits its busiest time of year, both within the café itself and catering of Christmas/end-of-year functions. Through it all, we strive to never lose sight of the importance of excellent customer service, and to this end we have instigated an in-house staff competition which recognises a weekly 'Best Customer Service' person who will be awarded with vouchers. We would like your help! Your comments/thoughts on our serving staff are welcome – so please feel free to let Melanie, Deiresa, Lyn or me (Jules) know if someone has particularly 'made your day' with their exemplary service skills, thanks!

**FAREWELL JO** | Most of you will probably know that Jo Walker has sold her interest in the company, and resigned as a director of the Fat Pigeon Cafe. We wish her all the very best in her 'soon-to-be-not-quite-so-busy' life! We also thank her for her time and leadership over the past three years. A lovely farewell for Jo was held at the café on 21<sup>st</sup> November, with wine and nibbles and fond memories shared. Ross and Melanie Simpson are now sole owners of the business.

**HO HO HOTEL** | And the question on everyone's lips . . . "what's happening with the hotel?" Well, *The Skinny Weka* is still on its way although the birds are still in the nest – not quite hatched, so watch this space.

Supplied by Jules Taitoko

**A JOLLY WELCOME** | We'd like to welcome our new staff . . . Sheryl Greenhalgh (although Sheryl has actually moved on to another position now so I guess she's an 'old-new' staff but hey, thanks for the memories Sheryl!), Briar Templeton, Stephanie Harrison and Jessica Adams. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

**SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS** | During the week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> November the Fat Pigeon welcomed three Piopio College students as part of the school's Year 10 work experience week. Presley Waretini, Chrissi-Rae Turner Ewens and Louisa Macdonald learned all aspects of our serving area including food preparation, waitressing and customer service.

Please check out (and LIKE) our facebook page, which is updated regularly with events and photos. In the new year we will launch a bi-monthly newsletter which, as well as keeping you up to date with café happenings, will offer specials, invitations to join 'clubs' enabling you to receive benefits, a 'meet the team' section, recipes, and much more.

In closing, the Fat Pigeon crew wish you all a safe and happy festive season. See you at the parade – we'll be the ones wearing . well, you'll just have to wait and see won't ya! Ho-ho-ho!

## Christmas Tradition Continues

The inaugural tradition of the Piopio Christmas parade will continue this year, however it has been planned for Friday 21st December.

In recent years the logistics and consent process with Transit New Zealand to close the main highway on Christmas Eve has become increasingly difficult. Whilst tradition has always been to host the Christmas parade on Christmas Eve, we have had to work within these restrictions and will endeavour to revert to the tradition next year. Whilst this has been a trial we are one of the few communities whom have had this privilege and fortunate to host such an event this close to such a festive period.

The history behind the Christmas parade has seen the original group of 4 to 5 PPT members organise this event for the past 15 years. After David

Walmsley's visit and the start of all the new town projects, the PPT group felt their efforts were best concentrated towards new projects around town.

The appeal last year for new blood and enthusiasm was received by only two community members, so any welcomed support to assist with such decisions is always open for discussion.

Like any public event there is quite a bit of work each year to prepare for the parade: Road closures and insurance(- we are battling to continue to close the road), the raffle, floats and prizes, Santa, lollies for kids, booking and setting up free rides on the chair-plane and other amusement for the kids, organisation on the day, etc and then there is the clean up on Christmas morning are all things to consider.

The general consensus from the community was to trial having the Christmas Parade on the Friday night

this year and see what feedback is received. We will not be in this situation again-with Xmas Eve falling on a Monday for another few years, so we will know-via community feedback, and through consultation with Transit New Zealand for following years.

On a positive note, support has also been given, enabling members of the community to spend time at home preparing festivities, with some businesses also closing the Monday allowing a long weekend break.

We hope this is the best solution for the majority of the community and certainly welcome any feedback or assistance to plan this years parade.

Your Santa's Little Helpers

Emma & Donna

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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 RDI store and Wrightsons.

**Contributions can be left at RDI or PGG Wrightsons before 16th December.**

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As the new Piopio base manager and pilot, Grant grew up on a sheep and beef farm in South Otago, and went to a boarding school in Gore where it learnt to roll his R's. Leaving school at 15 he went to work on the family farm for a few years before joining the NZ Army.

After getting out of the Army he began loader driving for an aerial

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topdressing company, and eventually started flying fixed wing aircraft.

During the rural downturn in the 80's he worked as an Air Traffic Controller, and then he and his wife Emma embarked on their OE.

While working as a diver in Hawaii their two children were born, and thinking that America was not for them, they all moved back to New Zealand.

Hoping to set an example for their children to show them the importance of an education, Brian enrolled at University and completed a Bachelor of Science in Geology and Computer Science, teaching

SCUBA diving to pay for his way through university.

Upon graduating, Brian taught GIS and Remote Sensing at university, and did some geological exploration in the Solomon Islands. He continued with his diving, and was the dive supervisor on five scientific diving expeditions to Antarctica. While at working at the university he got back in to flying and obtained his commercial helicopter licence in 2004.

He then left the university and flew helicopters throughout the Pacific, before beginning agricultural flying out of

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# Garden Landscape Supplies Available

In addition to Cody Haulages' existing bulk haulage transport service, the recent purchase of a bark screening plant will be run in conjunction with the wood shavings division of the business.

Stocking a range of garden supplies onsite will provide convenience for bulk bark supplies, alongside with baled pine wood shavings, garden nugget bark and fine bark mulch.

The availability of compost will also be available soon.

Centrally located behind the Oily Rag Gas Service Station.

## MACHINERY FOR HIRE

Available to Dry hire or with driver.

- Komatsu wheel loader. Approximately 2 metre bucket.
- Tip truck and trailer available.

## Children Curious to Learn

Ahh 2012 has been quite a year!

We opened on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and

have been busy ever since providing education and care to Piopio and surrounding areas. I can't begin to describe the support that we have received from the community, centre families and other businesses.

The children experience a group environment with motivated staff and teachers setting up experiences to promote learning in all areas. Routines within centre provide a

structure throughout the day that balances children choosing where they play with group times which incorporates listening, forming friendships, print, mathematical skills, fair play, art, physical play and the list goes on.

We strongly promote a focus on positive behaviour so that children see education as fun, and they want to be a part of it.

Curious Keas offers 20 hours free (up to 6 hours) for 3 and 4 year olds and also Winz subsidy for those eligible.

Please feel free to pop in and visit or give me a call

with any questions about the centre.

We have still have some spaces available on most days. We provide care and education for 0-5 years with a separate space for children under 2.

**Stephanie Dyer**



**Holiday Open Hours**  
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Friday 21st December  
and  
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# PIPIO

## Notices & Events

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 or PGG Wrightsons before 16th December.

Each business/ family name that contributes is listed on the Christmas stocking.

*The money from this raffle is the major source of funding for the Business Association & Promotions Group.*



Toy Librarian needed for 1-2 hours per week during school terms only 2013. Would suit retired person wishing to help community group.



FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT: SHELLEY PUDNEY 877 7779

### CHRISTMAS Community Carols

Wednesday 19th December  
All Saints Church  
7.30pm

All welcome  
Suzanne Downey & Gaynor McCartney

Aria School - 2 Day

## Trail Ride



16 & 17 Feb 2013

½ hour south of Te Kuiti

Signposted from Piopio, Mahoenui Hill & Mapiu



2 x 40km loops  
1 x 50km loop  
1.2km moto x track  
Kid's track

- Riders \$30 per day \$50 weekend
- Children (15 yrs & under) \$15 per day \$25 weekend
- Tracks open 9.30am on Saturday, no briefing, rolling registration
- Camping \$5 per person (Available from Friday night)
- Dinner \$15 (Saturday night)
- Cooked breakfast \$10 (Sat & Sun morn, Sat breakfast MUST be pre-booked)
- All Day BBQ
- EH-pos
- Squash & Tennis Courts available for use, no charge (bring your racket)
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### JOIN NOW – 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.

We could do with some new faces to swell our ranks and also need more suggestions for our trips and activities.

Contact: Jennifer Kearns  
(07) 877 8836

### HOUSE

An enthusiastic group meet to play House.

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.



**MARKET DAY**  
Every Third Sunday @ month

### CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT

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

Friday 21st December

Who are you going to **CHALLENGE** for the title of best Float?

It could be others in your Road/ Street/District, another organisation, business or your friends.

Give it some thought and make this the

**BEST CHRISTMAS PARADE EVER!**

### MOKAU FISHING CLUB

Boat Checks are due by 6th December.

Contact Wayne 067529823 / John 06 7529115

To arrange a suitable time

Annual Fishing Competition  
20th December—17th March 2013  
Prize Giving held 31st March

Take a Kid Fishing Day  
Sunday 13th January 2013—8.30am  
Departing Mokau Boat Ramp

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Peter Hurley 8777577 / Andrew 8778411

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# ORGANISATIONS & CONTACTS



## ACTIVITIES & ATTRACTIONS

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### **Piopio POP (Tui Park)**

Snow Nicol (07) 877 8177  
Key for toilet available from the  
Cloverleaf Tearooms or Snow Nicol

## BAR & RESTAURANT

### **Aria Cosmopolitan Club**

(07) 877 7812

### **Piopio Cosmopolitan Club**

(07) 877 8204

## CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### **Preschool Children**

#### **Aria Playcentre**

Natasha Richardson (07) 8777859

#### **Aria Toy Library**

Pres: Shelley Pudney (07) 877779

#### **Mainly Music/ Mighty Music/ Youth Group**

Beryl & Gary (07)8778097

#### **Piopio Playcentre**

Nicole Johansen (07) 8778189

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### **Craft Group**

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### **Housie Afternoon (Thursdays)**

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### **Marriage Celebrants**

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Ellie Voyce (07) 877 8148

### **Piopio College Community Library**

18 Aria Road, Piopio

Liz Jones (07) 877 8173 Ext 220

### **Piopio Garden Circle**

Cheryl Austin (07) 877 8771

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### **Piopio Lions Club**

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Gavin Todd (07) 877 7700 or

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Tracey Neal (07) 877 8009  
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### **Piopio/Paearuhe Retirement Village**

Brien Turner (07) 877 6369 or  
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### **Opportunity Shop/Mustard Seed**

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