

PIOPIO

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BI MONTHLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER COVERING PIOPIO, ARIA & MAHOENUI DISTRICTS

SHEARING RECORD—THE 21 YEAR DROUGHT

A local shearing gang has broken the eight hour five-stand wool lamb shearing record in early January.

The Barrowcliffe gang included Golden Shears Junior and Intermediate champion Ringa Paewai of Dannevirke, who shored 618 lambs, Willie Hewitson, a former Royal Welsh Show senior champion from Woodlands (603), Aidan Copp of West Melton, Christchurch (586), Jock Macdonald, the only local and son of former World record holder and World champion Alan MacDonald (564), and George Parker from Kinston, South Australia (539).

Exceeding the previous record by a massive 528 lambs, the team were exhausted considering this feat and the high temperatures in the shed that day.

Hosted by Puketiti Station, the staff and supporters created a great atmosphere for such an event. A lot of work goes into preparing for a world record, the selection of sheep and shed was crucial.

The shearers started at 7am and did two-hour runs with scheduled breaks. Timing is key and early on in the day the boys were on track with a steady hand to help them through the heat.

Local shearer Jock MacDonald, follows in his fathers footsteps, Alan MacDonald (Mickey) whom has previously held the nine-hour solo lamb -shearing record in 1993 and also won a world championship title in 1994.

The turnout of 150 spectators visiting throughout the day, exceeded station

staff expectations and many commented the valley would have never seen so many people at once.

Mark Barrowcliffe shares his take on the event after what he considers the 21 year drought.

Who would have thought that after a flurry of world shearing records set in Piopio area pre 1993 that it would be 21 years before they would again grace the shearing boards of this once sheep dominated area, and what were odds of the same family being involved? Pretty damn high I would say and with Jock Macdonald having the same second as his father in his pen, Bruce Marshall, and Debbie Macdonald in same roll but as a mum this time rather than a wife (not sure what roll would be harder) both easy jobs in my opinion? The scene was set.

Only a stones throw away from the famous Donnelly Woolshed that held all the records pre 1993 sits Puketiti Station, the venue for our attempt on the eight hour five stand strong woolled lamb record of 2638. As Nicky's poem eludes to, the day went pretty damn well considering this was the first record attempt by all these five "shed shearers". Nerves dominated the night before as they did during the first run, but once the team settled into their work it was just a matter of eliminating errors, holding their job and making it as hard as possible for the next team planning an attempt!

Funnily enough the actual day record breezed by quickly, (although there may be five shearers that beg to differ).

The fact that the day went so well speaks volumes for the efforts of Rusty and his crew at Puketiti Station, Mickey's mentoring, the Barrowcliffe crutching crew, the cooks Rangi Roycroft and Haylee Warren that feed over 70 people every 2 hours, all the shed staff on the day, overseer Craig Fagan, and Kevin Hall and Grahame Speedie's knowledge and guidance in having over 700 lambs ready every run, and finally our sponsors PGG, Rabobank and Otorohanga ITM.

Under all these people were many more, so cheers to the whole team for making our day a breeze.

For the team of Jock Macdonald, George Parker, Willie Hewitson, Ringa Paewai and Aidan Copp with runs of 731, 728, 723, 728 and a new world record of 2910 the day went well, so is there more to come? Well maybe!

MARK BARROWCLIFFE



**LOCAL SHEARER
JOCK MACDONALD**

PIOPIO

PIOPIO MEMORIAL HALL



Welcome to Harvey World Travel Te Kuiti Travel Talk 2015, exciting times indeed!

February, I'm off on a work trip to San Francisco. It's been 30 years since I was there last, so I am super excited!

Whilst we are hosted, I will review various accommodation services, attractions, other tourism and travel amenities and I will have some free time.

Is it free? No, but it is at a discounted cost and it is an investment in my business. The advantage of these familiarisation tours is you get the ambiance of a hotel and who would suit a specific hotel, and you discover if an attraction is of good value or not. Sometimes those lovely photos and comments online do not match the reality and we have no hesitation in recommending where not to stay and what not to do!

Doesn't sound like work to me! It is enjoyable work. You have expectations of a standard of dress, good manners, timeliness and a level of fitness for all of the walking. I love it, I have made many friends and you are in this amazing country. Like our Facebook page as I will be posting my adventures there.

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PIOPIO RETIREMENT VILLAGE UNIT AVAILABLE FOR RENT

A tidy one bedroom unit in Paearuhe Village will be available to rent in early February. Preference will be given to people over 60 years old either presently living, or who have lived in our district, or who have family here.

Enquiries are also welcome from people who don't immediately qualify. In the situation if the unit remains vacant people under 60 may be considered on a short term basis.

Please contact either Noel Verry (President) – Ph. 07 877 8582 or Jenny Brodie (Secretary) – Ph. 07 877 8033. We welcome all enquiries.

We have now finished all those bits and pieces that had not been completed

last year. Some great shelving and hooks have been added to our cleaning cupboard and the toilets. We have art on the way for our feature wall and some mirrors sourced and ready to hang when the art turns up.

If you are out to beat those Fire Brigade boys at STARS this year, now's the time to put those ideas together, find a song, and get sorted. I know Irene and the ambulance bunch have taken up the challenge and are determined to knock the boys off their pedestal, the fighting talk is exceptional! I'm sure everyone would like to see some new talent

on the stage as well, so get a group together and have a bit of fun. But start thinking about it now as the month of June will sneak up on you.

Our little hire-age fundraiser is again going really well with crockery, cutlery, tables and chairs going in and out constantly. A percentage of all moneys raised from this will go towards a dumb waiter from the kitchen down to the foyer. The rest will go into our general pool of funds.

Our main goal for this year will be to replace all of our chairs with two hundred new ones! This will be quite the challenge as chairs are reasonably expensive. And as our current chairs are fading significantly from the sun we will need to invent some sort of cover for the new chairs.

VIKKI WATSON

KING COUNTRY DOG TRIAL NEWS

Congratulations to Dawn Jones & Ruth Coleman of the Awakino Collie Club who were placed 5th & 7th respectively in the King Country Handy Dog Challenge.

Taumarunui hosted the King Country Dog Charity Trials and TUX North Island Handy Dog and Yarding Challenge over the Anniversary Weekend on the Taringamotu-Otamakahi Trust Station.

There were 300+ entries over four days which is a huge undertaking for those in lead roles, but with the support of

club members the event ran smoothly and has become a regular calendar event for competitors all over the North Island.

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The below is to be booked and paid for through the Hall Committee.

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STRUAN FARM, INSPIRING CRAFTY CREATIVITY YET AGAIN

Crochet has been having a huge renaissance overseas in the U.K. and USA in particular. Yes, even granny square blankets have been making a comeback, but this is not your Nana's crochet!

Designer Cathy Bebelman will be visiting Struan Farm in March to teach a special crochet workshop. Cathy designs patterns for Countrywide Yarns and Lovells Knits, as well as for her own company One Green Sheep. Come along and learn how to create layered flowers. Participants will make a flowered brooch and hand felt it in the morning, then learn how to create an Irish rose with four petal

layers in the afternoon.

The Workshop will be held on Saturday, March 14 at Struan Farm's Homestead from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Lunch will be provided. This session is not for beginners, but fine for those who learnt crochet years ago and need only a refresher on basics (or can learn the basics prior to the day). Advance booking is required since class size is limited to ten. Cost of \$75 includes lunch and all materials required. (If you want to bring a special button or embellishment for your brooch you are welcome to do so.

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Struan Farm is a rural farmstay in Piopio, King Country, just three hours drive from Auckland, 1½ hours from New Plymouth. From time to time we offer workshops meant to inspire creativity and teach skills previous generations learned from their mothers and grandmothers, but with a modern twist.

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We recently

PIPIO CHARITABLE TRUST

had a call from Jane Broderick regarding the Piopio Gymnastic Club with the news that sadly the club would be winding up. There were still funds in their account and so they decided to donate them to the Charitable Trust. \$6533.40 has been gladly received and we would like to take this opportunity to thank the Gym Club for thinking of us.

Donations are greatly appreciated and will help us reach our goals just that much faster. We intend to keep growing our fund so that there is more money to go around local projects for years to come.

Some information about the Gymnastic Club was handed on and I think it fitting that it should be shared with the community. Here are some highlights;

- The oldest recorded minutes go back to an AGM on 01/03/1983.
- Sessions were held 3-6pm Monday through to Thursday.
- In 1990 Mary Barbour was awarded "Life Membership"
- In 1990 a "Display Account" was set up for fundraising it was closed in 2001. Fundraising included wedding and dinners etc.
- In May 1990 the club helped

Pamela

Goodger and

Darren Cathie to travel to Germany to attend the "German Youth Camp".

- In 1991 5 adults and 12 children travelled to Amsterdam to compete in the Gymstrada
 - In 1993 another group attended the Pacific Gymfest where they were so impressive that the Japanese General Gymnastic Committee invited them to Tokyo in November of 1993.
 - In 1995 4 children from Piopio joined a group representing New Zealand.
 - In 1995 Piopio Gym club nominated Raewyn Fredericks 'Service to Sport' then Pam Voyce in 2000 at the Waitomo Awards.
 - In 1996 the group attended the Australian Gymfest Competition.
 - In 1997 Gymfest was held at Mystery Creek where 5 Piopio children took part in the opening ceremony.
- The Piopio Gymnastics Club equipment has been shared out between Piopio College, Piopio Primary School, Aria School and Curious Keas.
- Over the years money has been donated and on some occasions bequests have also been made

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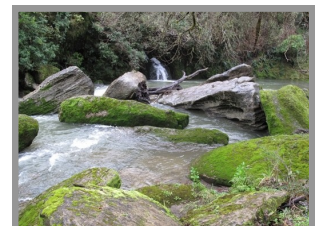
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to the Trust, we thought this would be a good opportunity to offer the opportunity to contact us regarding either one.

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CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Won by #151 Carlos.
Thankyou to all the generous businesses and families who donated to this. The stocking was over flowing.

Another year is underway, and it's starting off a bit too hot and dry for those making their living off the land.

It also means that the Fire Ban is now in force, until, at this stage, the end of March. That date is of course subject to review, depending on weather conditions at that stage.

For those of you that have travelled SH3 to Awakino over many years, you will remember how the road at the Awakino end of 'Ladies Mile' used to follow on the southern side of the Awakino River under the cliffs, whereas the road now cuts across the bend in the river via two substantial bridges.

A local resident, Graeme, has recently put a lot of time and effort into reopening the old roadway and now has a beautifully mown walkway along the river bank, past a number of whitebait stands, with good parking areas at both ends.

It is not currently signposted, but is well worth a short break from driving, to have a walk along it.

Thank you very much Graeme for your initiative and hard work.

On the administrative side of Council, Staff and Councillors are churning through the development of the 2015-25 Long Term Plan. Recent legislative changes have imposed big changes to the previous process, so instead of us preparing and presenting a 'draft plan' for public consultation, we are now required to prepare a 'Consultation Document', and this will provide the basis of community engagement, and must reflect the proposed content of the LTP.

It should provide for the key aspects of the proposed content, be clear, concise, and easy to understand, and reflect Councils judgement as to key matters for the community to consider.

All the supporting information that the Consultation Document is based on will be available on request. This is the 'heavy' stuff; financial statements, planning assumptions, service levels, infrastructure strategy, and financial strategy.

These documents will be adopted for audit at the 24 February Council Meeting, and adopted for consultation at the 24 March Council Meeting, with the consultation period being the month of April.

The development and preparation of these documents is a statutory requirement, and places a huge demand on our Staffs' time and resources. This plus the audit costs a lot of money for which ratepayers could claim they see little or no benefit, however this is the way that Central Government ensures there is 'accountability' in the process.

When the documents are released for consultation make sure you grab a copy and spend the time to read it. If something is not clear to you, don't hesitate to get in touch and I should be able to help you. Also, get in touch if you think there is something important to you that you think we have overlooked.

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COUNCIL CONSULTS WITH COMMUNITY

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Recycle, reduce, re-use and save

Council provides rural waste transfer stations in the communities of Marokopa, Kinohaku, Piopio, Benneydale and Mokau so that residents can conveniently dispose of household waste and recyclables, in an environmentally friendly manner.

The transfer stations are supervised by staff to ensure the facility is used properly and so that maximum recycling is achieved.

Residents can recycle plastics, glass, paper/cardboard, tin and aluminium cans - **at no cost**. Other items like unofficial rubbish bags, white ware, televisions, will incur a cost at the transfer station and Waitomo District Landfill.

The average cost to purchase a black rubbish bag is \$1.00 but to dispose of this type of bag at a **transfer station is \$8.00**. WDC blue rubbish bags cost \$2.60 and are **free to dispose of** at the Landfill and transfer stations. We encourage residents to use blue rubbish bags to dispose of household waste that cannot be composted or recycled.

Being aware of the cost of a rubbish bag is an incentive to use the bags more efficiently and to make the most of the recycling facilities available within our communities.

Dispose of the following household wastes in a blue rubbish bag: Plastic food wrap, wax coated paper, used tin foil, potato chip bags, polystyrene, sanitary items, plastic types 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 - **these plastic types are not accepted for recycling**.



Reduce, Re-use and Recycle... and protect our District and the environment.

Recycle your household plastic (types 1 & 2) - milk bottles and plastic food / drink containers. Aluminium drink cans, clean aluminium plates/ trays, rinsed food tins, empty aerosol cans. Brown, clear and green glass and any rinsed glass bottle or jar that contained food or drink. Clean egg trays/cartons, cardboard boxes, newspaper, plain paper, envelopes.

The 2014 waste audit showed us that **36%** of the contents of rubbish bags was organic waste. Reduce the amount of waste going to landfill by composting vegetable and fruit scraps, coffee grounds and filters, tea leaves and bags, lawn clippings, shredded paper/ cardboard, egg shells, breads, grains and pasta, plant clippings, flowers.

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ROAD SAFETY TIPS

For students riding in the car, cycling, scootering or walking to school.

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Drivers are responsible for ensuring that all passengers under the age of 16 are correctly restrained. **Keep primary school children** seated in a booster seat (in the back seat of the car) until they are **148cm tall**. School students and pre-schooler's are 59% less likely to be injured in a crash when they are securely seated in an approved child restraint.

Turn off your devices and **remove your earphones** when crossing the road, and stop walking if you need to make a phone call or send a text message.

When using a pedestrian crossing, **check** that any approaching vehicles have seen you and can stop before you step out.

Always wear a safety helmet when cycling, scootering or skateboarding to school to protect your brain. For cyclists, wearing helmets reduces the likelihood of a severe brain injury by 74%.

Stop, look and listen at driveways. Just like when crossing the road to make sure there are no cars exiting the driveway.



TOP TIPS: Wear a helmet when cycling or scootering, stop using devices when crossing the street, and use a booster seat until 148cm tall.

DRIVERS WATCH OUT FOR CHILDREN ON THE ROAD...

Double check those crossings and intersections. Children can be hard to see in between parked cars. Take care in high pedestrian traffic areas and make sure the road is clear of children.

Slow down at school zones at all times and even on weekends.

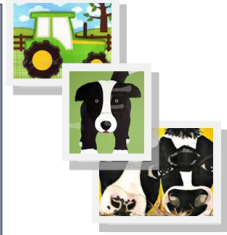
If a school bus has stopped the law requires you to **slow down** and drive at **20 km per hour** or less until you are well past - no matter which direction you are driving from.

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RURAL THEMED ART COMPETITION



Over the past 12 months the Aria Toy Library has been working hard to upgrade the facilities and service they provide to our community. Their main project has been improving the appearance of the outside of their building on the corner of Kea and Moa Streets. The exterior paint project will be complete at the beginning of 2015.

As part of making this corner of town more appealing, it has been the vision of the Aria Toy Library (ATL) and Project Piopio Trust (PPT) to bring our children and community together to create some artwork to display on the south end wall of the Toy Library building. Project Piopio Trust would like to see the 'rural rustic theme' already echoed in Jo Gallagher's paintings and the heavy timber work in current signage, continued through the town.

We are hoping this new project will bring out some of the local children's creativity and talent, enabling us to display artwork that illustrates life here in a rural community, something we can all be proud of.

The ATL and PPT are currently applying for funding to make this vision a reality, but we need some help from the younger people in our community.

Project Piopio Trust and the Aria Toy Library would like to invite all interested Pre-schoolers to Year 6 students to enter a 'RURAL THEMED ART COMPETITION'.

A selection of the final paintings will be displayed in wooden frames, (similar to the current paintings by Jo Gallagher), on the side of the Toy Library (pictured above).

We are hoping for entries from all Preschools as well as Mapiu, Piopio and Aria Primary students.

Prizes or Certificates will be awarded to all entrants.

Note: Jo Gallagher, Lisa Lyford and Nicky Atkinson will be available to speak at a school Assembly regarding this project and are also happy to lead a couple of school lunchtime

out of their two painting sessions at school. Children will also need a 'painting shirt' to wear during the sessions.

So, have a chat with your children and see what they enjoy about rural life. Ask them if they would like to join us with this project.

You never know-if we find so much talent, we may need to find more space to display this art work around the town!

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ANZAC DAY SUPPORT

painting sessions in early February 2015.

We would like all children who are interested in submitting a painting to prepare a sketch at home of what they want their painting to look like before these dates, so they are well planned and get the most

Red poppies are being knitted around the country for ANZAC Day 2015.

The Waitanguru & Districts Rural Women are going to create a remembrance wall and are inviting everyone to be involved by knitting poppies.

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THE PERFECT DAY

Nicky Dingles' account of the shearing record is creatively told as you will read below.

Yesterday I had the perfect day,
one that I will never forget.
No I did not spend my money
On an Auckland shopping trek.
I went up to Puketiti Station
That's is up the Mangaotaki Road
Then you turn up the Huku Valley
On a one way gravel road.
Five men were going for a world
record
Of shearing lambs in an eight hour
day
I got to the station after smoko
Lent on a bale of wool and said
giddy.
Something looks and feels a little
different
In this six stand covered shed
There is no noise from dogs barking
No coarse words are ever said.
No clamour from little cloven
hooves
On the hard and grated floors
No catching doors are swinging
No bangs, no clumsy fools.
There is no laughing or teasing
At the presser or rousies score
No back log of wool is collecting
By the wool press steel door.
There is an unspoken anticipation
From five men with backs so bent
And the only sound is that of
motors humming
As combs and cutters answers sent.
The order that they line up in, this is
the call
Aidan Copp on stand two and Ringa
Paewai at three
Willie Hewitson on four and George
Parker on five
With Jock MacDonald on six down
towards the wall.
Shed hands bring lambs up to the
doors
And the pens have all been
carpeted
Lambs walk on silent floors.
Everybody works who united out in

the back
There are those who keep the tallies
Pen and stop watch do keep track.
The Stereo sends out a familiar tune
As the rousies guide their plastic
brooms
And it is like they are quickly
dancing
Across the woolsheds large wool
room.
The shearers are the real dances
On the kauri old shed timber stage
And it is like every movement has
been taken
And written down by very age.
All the guns have gathered here
today
They have come from across the
ditch
Or flew up from Gore or Invercargill
To give these guys their knowledge
pitch.
You watch them follow every blow
That the shearers hand piece makes
And you can read their lips quietly
spoken
Boys watch out for those second
takes.
So many people have all gathered
here
They are leaning on the rafters
Or perched up against the walls
Some just sit there kind of spell
bound
On this station wool room floor.
At four thirty the world record is
broken
We all let out such a din
Every station lamb has been
woken
It is now new tallies, fresh
fleeces in the bin.
Yes with 2910 you really did it
boys
"You knocked the bastard off"
Made of stock from older
legends
No city slickers would they
Scott.
As I watch them all say thank
you

Two tears run
down my
cheeks

I am so proud
to be here

I will rewind this
show for weeks.

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perfect day

I guess there really is nothing else to
say.

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THREE LITTLE BIRDS. . .

FAT PIGEON CAFE:

Wow, what a jolly busy time it is! Our piggee crew

have been pushed to their hospitality limits just recently due to holidaying families, long hot summer days, the need for a 'break' in travels and, of course, great coffee and food. Add to that weddings and special occasions to cater for . . . phew! A HUGE thank you to our crew – you are all absolutely amazing.

OWLS NEST MOTEL: You have probably seen the transformation in the 'green' beside the motel . . . it has been landscaped and planted and fenced and painted . . . and looks beautiful. Another HUGE thank you here – this time to the Piopio Volunteer Fire Brigade for erecting and painting a fence in between their station and the garden area, which looks blimmen awesome.

Congratulations Hayley (Mel's sister) and Kevin on your marriage – the second ever wedding held in the outdoor area at the Owls Nest on 10th January. It was a huge success; the casual yet tasteful scene was beautiful with a rustic theme, right down to hay-bales as seating, tree trunks as pedestals, horse-shoes as name tags, even Clydesdale horses – everything was just perfect.

THE NIGHT OWL: And of course, the wedding reception was held at The Night Owl, and this too was a huge success. The food was its usual deliciousness, and the catering, bar and motel staff are to be commended on their customer service.

We have some fantastic specials coming up at The Night Owl this year, for example . . . Wicked Wednesdays, Thirsty Thursdays, Merry6o (our version of Happy Hour) including selected Tapas specials, plus there'll be a few themed nights in the mix including Mexican Night, Curry Night, Sunday Roast, as well as our normal weekly Specials Board offerings.

Our long-awaited alfresco dining area is complete with a roof, so outdoor dining (which by golly is a good thing in this weather) is a go!

And it is the perfect venue for your next birthday or special occasion, so give Lyn a call on 07 877 8767 to book.

We will also be organising a weekly quiz – the logistics of which are yet to be finalised, so watch this space.

CRAFTY PIGEON: We have exciting new stock arriving in February so be sure to call in and take a gander.

All of our remaining Christmas stock is on special (and it's moving fast) at 60% OFF so plan ahead and grab yourself a bargain.

THE PIGEON EXPRESS: The 'Three Little Birds' will be producing its own newsletter soon, which will tell you all about what's happening at our businesses, plus a recipe or two, 'meet the team', and any specials we have on the go. The first issue should hit your mailbox or inbox in March.

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WAITANGURU—SCENIC TRAIL RIDES

SCENIC SATURDAY

When: Saturday 28 March

Where: Waitanguru Hall, 20 mins from Piopio, 35 mins from Te Kuiti

Directions: Sign-posted from south-end garage Piopio and Te Kuiti aerodrome SH3

Classes: Quads, side by sides and motorbikes

Terrain: A scenic loop that takes in native bush, gravel and grassed farm tracks and breathtaking limestone scenery. The loop will be shorter than last year and a much easier track.

Safety: Passengers should only be carried on ATV vehicles that have been specifically designed for this purpose. Helmets compulsory for all participants including children.

Sign in from: 9.00 a.m. Gates open: 10.00 a.m.

Closes: 3.00 p.m.

Other details: Food and drinks for sale all day, great music, wonderful people, a family friendly event. Feel free to bring your own picnic to enjoy along the way and don't forget to pack your camera!

SUNDAY TRAIL RIDE

When: Sunday 29 March

Where: Waitanguru Hall, 20 mins from Piopio, 35 mins from Te Kuiti

Directions: Sign-posted from south-end garage Piopio and Te Kuiti aerodrome SH3

Classes: ATVs and motorbikes

Terrain: Two well-marked trails with plenty of scope and fantastic scenery.

Sign in from: 9.00 a.m. Gates open: 10.00 a.m.

Closes: 3.00 p.m.

Other details: Waitanguru offers the best trails in the Waikato. Complete the loops as often as you like. Food and drinks for sale all day, great music, wonderful people. Free kids track opposite the hall.

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UP COMING EVENTS



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King Country Hunt is running a 'Two Day Trek' in conjunction with their 'Horsing Around Weekend' over the 28th Feb. - 1st March at Piripiri Station - Awakino.

Riders will have the opportunity to have instruction in jumping and practice for the upcoming hunt season as well as exploring our amazing country.

For more information contact SUSIE.VERRY@GMAIL.COM PH: 8778842

BELOW: Mark Verry strides through the ocean



KING COUNTRY CYCLE CHALLENGE



14TH MARCH 2015

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All of the available course options will have you enjoy the fabulous ride over the newly constructed Timber Trail that takes in beautiful podocarp forests of rimu, totara, miro, matai and kahikatea as well as pine forest, open vegetation and magnificent

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- 65 km starts at 10am
- 48km and 26km Start at 10.30am
- 10km and 15km Start at 10.45am
- 10km fun run/ walk at 11 am

Where: Pa Harakeke, Pureora forest approx 55km South east of Te Kuiti on State Highway 30.

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6 FEB

Aria Sports Day

14 & 15 FEB

Aria Trail Bike Ride

22 FEB

Mokau School Bike Ride

Awakino

Te Kuiti & Districts Pony club

One Day Event

28 FEB

Horsing Around 2 day Trek

Awakino

7 MARCH

Aria Squash club Farmers tournament

14 MARCH

King country cycle challenge Pureora, pa harakeke

22 MARCH

Waikawau Bike Ride

28+29 MARCH

Waitanguru Trail Ride

19 APRIL

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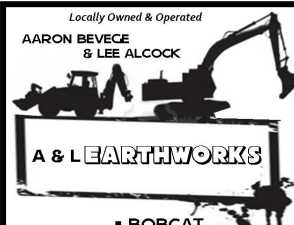
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