

PIPIO BirdTalk

Bi Monthly Community Newsletter covering Piopio, Aria and Mahoenui Districts

HOCKEY STUDENTS PLAYOFF FOR THE TOP RANKS

There has been many achievements in the sporting arena for our Kura that have made us proud. To be apart of the latest achievement is one that our students will remember and look back on in sheer amazement. There are 60 year 7 and 8 students at the college, of those, 10 students, committed there time and their dedicated parents to the Annual AIMS games held in Tauranga September 10th-14th 2018. Our chosen event was the mixed 6-aside hockey, a first for the college and a first time playing hockey for two of our team members.

With a spur of the moment Hangi to bump our funds, a supportive community, the power of social media and contacts we were able to sell, prep and deliver within the two weeks notice. The support and donations from local businesses and families provided more funds that helped our team to attend the annual event.

Our team;
1 of 56
with many
school
roles of
over 300 in



intermediate level, defied the odds beating last years winners Te Puke 8 -1, and Tauriko 9-5. This led to a nail biting 'shoot-out' against Hillview Christian School from Christchurch. With an unfortunate loss to Taradale in the semis 4-3, before finally playing off for 3rd and 4th to hometown locals Mount Maunganui to lose 4-3.

"Do the mahi get the treats", a quote from William Wairua, guest performer at the opening ceremony. Piopio did the mahi and they definitely got the treats, not only coming 4th, they were awarded with 1 of 5 \$500 vouchers from 'Night n Day' for the great sportsmanship shown throughout the games. An article featured in Stuff also highlighted the efforts, determination and pride our small rural school showed to compete against the bigger schools.

It is with great appreciation I thank all those that supported us in getting to the Aims games.

Our AWESOME local sponsors: Bailey Ingham, Washers Farm, Oily Rag - Piopio, AE Action Electrical, WhiteRidge Contracting, Denize Family, Marama Brown, Number 12-Te Kuiti, Te Kuiti New World, Piopio Cosmopolitan Club, and Stephanie and Steve Brough. Our sideliners; No.1 Parata Whanau, Cheryl Powell, Marti Huggard and Grandparents, Janet Harre, Lee Alcock, Cruize and Caleb Smith, Candice Reid, the Brown's, Jasmine Mattock, Gina Draper and Johan van Deventer . Special thanks to Aaron Smith for reffing for our team, Jason Smith, Trudy Denize for your coaching and guidance and Heather Pease. To all those wonderful messages of support before, during and after, we are very humbled, proud and grateful.

**NGA MIHI KIA KOUTOU
KATOA.
PIOPIO COLLEGE YR7/8
HOCKEY**

PIOPIO COMMUNITY AND DISTRICTS CHARITABLE TRUST

received many applications for the 2018 round of grants.

It is great to see all the projects that are happening in our community and the activities that our members are attending. The trust enjoys being part of enabling many of these activities.

This year we have approved grants to three individuals and eleven groups totalling \$24,800.

The grants will be used to help recipients pay university fees, attend sporting events, upgrade community halls and clubs and provide learning resources for our community.

Community groups and individuals can apply for grants from the Piopio Community and Districts Charitable Trust in August each year.

The Trust supports applications that relieve poverty, advance education and other activities that will benefit the community.

Application forms are available from Piopio Vets and by email during the month of August.

If you would like any further information please contact Wendy Verry by email on

piopiotrust@gmail.com

UPCOMING Events



Happy Halloween
Aria Toy Library's
KIDS **SPooky** DISCO
Preschool - Year 6

Wednesday October 31st 5.30-7 pm

Food & Drink For Sale
Scout Hall, Piopio
gold coin donation per child
(Parents you must stay with your child)

PIOPIO MARKETS

Every 3rd Sunday of each month

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Co-operating Parish of Piopio, Aria and Mokau.
Main Road, Piopio
Worship service 10am every Sunday

Reverend Jekheli Singh
8788026



Within our district several defibrillators are on hand in the event of an emergency.

Piopio Township: Owls Nest and Piopio College.

In the **surrounding districts:** Mahoenui - Proffits woolshed, Aria Cosmopolitan Club, and Waitanguru Hall also have these on hand.

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Rural womens fundraiser
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PIOPIO HALL

All equipment is now to be booked and paid for through the Waitomo District Council.



- Bond \$500.00
- Full Day hire 8am-8am \$200.00
- Rental per hour (max 4 hours) \$35.00
- Audio Equipment - Hire Fee \$65.00 per day
- Crockery hire:

- Table \$10 per table
- Chairs \$2 per chair
- Wine flutes/glasses 50c per glass
- Tumblers 50c per glass
- Place settings \$2 per setting includes (dinner, side and dessert plate, mug, cutlery)

WAITOMO DISTRICT COUNCIL
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TE KUITI GOLF CROQUET

Wed 10am / Sat 10am
Heather and Brian Richardson 07 8778486

MAINLY MUSIC Thursdays @ 10am

All Saints Church
Moa Street, Piopio
Music and movement for children 0-5yrs and their caregivers.

Allison 877 8840

HOUSE

An enthusiastic group meet to play House.

1.00m 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.

SENIOR CITIZENS

We have a meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at 10 am.

Following this, a cuppa and DVD or a guest speaker is planned.

All senior citizens are most welcome to attend.

We have had some interesting ideas for visits once the weather improves so if you are interested, please make contact with us.

Wendy Weinberg
8778686

FOR HIRE

Meeting Rooms available at Piopio College
(07) 8778173

Welcome new families

PIOPIO PLAYCENTRE
LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

- 1 IT'S YOUR VILLAGE
Raising kids and growing up is better when you have a village behind you.
- 2 LET KIDS BE KIDS
Getting messy is good for kids. Let them do it at Playcentre so you don't have to at home.
- 3 IT'S THE GIFT OF TIME
Come and enjoy time out at Playcentre while spending quality time with your kids.
- 4 YOU CAN PLAY TOO
Play is not just for kids. It's good for your soul. Come and have fun alongside your kids.
- 5 IT'S YOUR COMMUNITY
Everyone contributes in their own unique way to grow stronger communities.

Monday (birth - 6yrs)
Wednesday (3.5 - 6yrs)
9.15-12.15 pm

OPEN
★ Hillary 8778876 ★

5 REASONS TO COME TO PLAYCENTRE

LIONS CALL FOR DONATIONS

As the Lions Club continue to proactively raise funds for our community, it is now time our district supports them to refurbish the well loved hot food van which is in need of replacement.

Paddy's Market is on Saturday 13th October. Traditionally the committee seek any items large or small in which they can auction to raise funds. In recent years they have had success with selling cars,

tractors and furniture on behalf for a commission. Antique and collectable items are also found amongst other treasures.

Come along and support and grab yourself a bargain.

Paddy's MARKET
13 OCTOBER 2018
PIOPIO COLLEGE GYMNASIUM

HELP US TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY WE ARE SEEKING ANY SALEABLE ITEMS OR PRODUCE, LARGE OR SMALL.

We also sell on commission and reserve, cars, tractors, furniture etc.
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PIG HUNT ATTRACTS RECORD NUMBERS

The biggest day in the Mahoenui calendar was held on Sat 8th Sept when the 11th Mahoenui Pig Hunt prizegiving was held at the Mahoenui Hall. It was great to see so many families there - and a record 96 children entering the kids critters competition with 201 rabbits, hares, possums and turkeys (heaviest) and best measured goat horns entered... with the winning span an impressive 82cm! All received a certificate and prize for their efforts. Record entries were also received in the main section with 143 hunters and others vying for prizes and spot prizes. Thirty pigs were weighed in on the day from hunters as far away as Bay of Islands,

Coromandel and Wanganui. The \$1000 Hynds Average

Weight prize went to Chris Keightly with 49.8kg and the Rotorwork \$500 Heaviest Boar went to James Ruki of Te Kuiti 76.4kg.

The menu included venison and pork burgers, pork sausages and goat curry which proved popular with the crowd.

The committee wishes to thank all sponsors, judges, hunters and supporters who help to make this fundraiser for the Mahoenui Hall such a success. The funds will go to ongoing improvements to the hall.

MAHOENUI HALL COMMITTEE



THIS INSURANCE CLAIM MEANS WE WILL KEEP OUR HOUSE!



It all started when Murray was opening the side curtain on his truck. The curtain was a little stuck, so Murray gave it a really good shove and in the process over-exerted himself. Murray felt dizzy, had a painful neck, so he drove home to get some rest in the hope that the pain would subside. After 3-4 days he went to the GP and they thought the pain might be related to Murray's history of lower back pain. Then Murray started to lose mobility in his left arm and leg and was ordered to get an MRI for the "lower back issue". Murray was not getting any better and after two weeks of losing mobility he was sent for a

second MRI to rule out a stroke. And then the right side started to get affected and breathing was starting to get laboured. Another MRI was done and the specialist found that Murray's C3 disc in his neck had blown out and was putting pressure on the spinal cord. Murray went into surgery on the 8th of November to stop further damage, but the surgeon could not promise that he would recover what he had already lost. Back in the office here we were doing our annual reviews for May and Murray and Ali's file came up and during the process we found out about Murray's unfortunate situation. My automatic response was to grab the file to see where a claim could be made and how much money I could get out of the insurance company for Murray and Ali. "You sent us the information, but we found this a bit overwhelming. When you came out to see us you put a face to the insurance. You made things easy and explained

everything in laymans terms, filled in the forms and then got the information together for the insurance company to make their job easy. We thought it might take 6 months but the money was in our bank within 2 and a half months!" "Initially ACC wouldn't cover Murray's "lower back" diagnosis, but when the neck injury was confirmed they did all they could to help out. ACC have been absolutely amazing and incredibly supportive. And now Neil's insurance money has come through we can knock debt off the mortgage and keep the house!" For a free review of your life insurance options (this includes Life, Health, Trauma, Income and Mortgage Protection) please contact me today:

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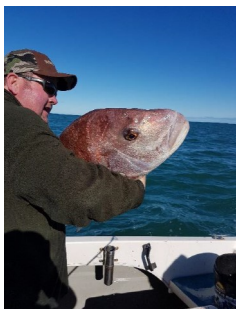
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MOKAU FISHING CLUB



Welcome everyone to another great fishing season. The

photo below is one that was caught and released, (let's call him Bill!!) Bill is still out there somewhere, just waiting for you to catch him.



We welcome two new committee members, Adam black and Paul Symonds, it's great to have you guys on board.

A big thank you to Pete Hurley for all the great work you have done for the Club over the years, it's been much appreciated and we look forward to seeing you soon. Thank you also to all who have already paid your membership fees and early bird ice-breaker subs

We are still waiting for the Waikato

HELLOWORLD TE KUITI'S 2018 AFRICA SAFARI

escorted by Te Kuiti resident Kobus du Toit created an African Experience to remember.

As a former private tour guide in Africa, Kobus lead a small group of travellers from Piopio and surrounding districts on a Safari with wildlife encounters leaving the group blown away by the show of Mother Nature. Having a tour guide from our own community and with the insight and familiarisation of the African continent the group were impressed.

"Within 24 hours we saw elephant, lion, cheetah, hyena, blackback jackal, thousands of wildebeest, Thompsons gazelle, Topi, impala, hippo and many bird species. Everybody thought that the vastness and large herds of wildebeest in Masai Mara couldn't be topped. But every safari had another day and another surprise and Lake Nakuru proved just that. The beauty

harbour master to come up with a marker that will stay on the rock on the bar. It's a very hard environment to keep one in, but it is essential for safe crossings. With the season upon us now we hope to have something to show there soon.

Coming up:

- 14th October - Ice-breaker Comp Pre-registration closes @ 5pm
- 20th and 21st October - Ice-breaker Competition. BBQ and prizegiving Sunday 21st October. Non members welcome.
- 30th November - Membership Applications due
- 27th - 30th December Xmas Comp
- 31st December – 31st March - Summer Competition
- 12th January - Take a kid fishing

Committee Members 2018

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of the lodge overlooking the lake and the large flocks of flamingos as they strutted up and down in the soda lakes and magnificent white rhinos, were outstanding".

At Lake Niavasha the group were treated to a boat ride to experience the magnificent birdlife and the elegant African Fish Eagle. Whilst the driving conditions were not like home, with very few road rules and very very rough tracks, everyone understood this was just part of the experience.

In Amboseli National park at the foothills of Kilimanjaro large herds of elephants meandered past before heading to Lake Manyara surprising the group with its splendour and beautiful colours. With more birdlife, hippos, buffalo and a few gentle giants, coming within a few metres of the Safari vehicle; the photographs captured many memoirs.

Further north and into the heart of the Serengeti, this camp was not



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My customised small group tours are steaming ahead/going crazy with my Southern USA tour taking off next month and World Shearing Championships in France next June starting to fill. The Africa Safari are home with wonderful lifetime experiences and memories. A big thank you to Kobus du Toit whose personal knowledge and experience was invaluable.

Planning for 2020 and 2021 is well under way. Tours available:

- Africa with Kobus
- Sri Lanka – Discover The Pearl of the Indian Ocean
- Asian health and wellbeing retreats
- Cuba –The Country That Time Forgot
- South America – Guachos & Inca Trails
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fenced and wildlife had free access to all areas. Hyenas lurked in the background whooping at night and needless to say the group was a bit nervous, but what a stay! Gliding in silence over the Serengeti with a spectacular sunrise breaking over the horizon and culminating with a delicious breakfast, the highlights just continued to amaze everyone.

The game drive into the Ngorongoro crater was fantastic with four separate sightings of lion. To finish the tour, Zanzibar provided a relaxing pause experiencing the local markets, the rare red colobus monkeys and beautiful beaches. Although this safari experience has come to an end, planning has begun for another in 2020.

THE MUSTARD SEED OPORTUNITY SHOP PIOPIO

The Mustard Seed has been operating for more than forty years and has been of service to many people over those years. As a result of the support from local and passing through folk, which is very much appreciated, the Mustard Seed has been able to support the community by way of grants each year.

The group of ladies who work in the shop are very happy to contribute to the community in this way.

This year grants have been given to:

- The Bowling Club

- The Senior Citizens Inc
- The Play Centre
- Tainui Boys and Girls Brigade, Mokau
- The Lions Club Caravan
- The School Bus Restoration and Display Shed
- Alison Singleton who attends to the banking

Good clean clothing is always welcome at the shop during opening hours which are:

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10 am until 4pm PLEASE do not leave bags at the door before or after hours.

Unfortunately, the goods left at the

shop are not always good or clean. It can be a most unpleasant task for the ladies to sort through these.



There have been some trees and shrubs removed from around the shop lately, and it is hoped these will be replaced with suitable plantings in the near future.

If anyone is interested in working in the Opportunity Shop for up to three hours once a month, please phone **Colleen Strahan on 8787918**

KIA ORA FROM PIOPIO PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had a busy term 3, we held our annual dance evening and speeches last month and we have just completed student led conferencing and calf club craft. At the beginning of the term we had our vacant section cleared by some volunteers to make way for our school garden. Currently we are germinating some vegetable seeds and plan to have them planted early in Term 4 once our raised garden beds have been built. The garden will take a bit of time over the next couple of years to get properly established, the students are really looking forward to it.

Looking ahead to Term 4 we have Calf Club at the end of the first week, athletics mid November and we will be taking a group along to the Maniapoto School's Cultural Festival at the end of the term. **SCOTT LINCOLN**

OLYMPIAN ROB WADDELL SUPPORTS SWIMMING POOL TRUST

A night with Rob Waddell is happening on **Friday 12 October** from 6.30pm at the Piopio/Aria Golf Club.

Tickets are available from PGG Wrightson in Piopio and Te Kuiti. Tickets are just \$50 per person (which includes dinner).

This is our one big fundraiser of the year and we encourage you to come along.

If you can't get to Wrightson, you can also purchase tickets by depositing money into our account. Please email us to let us know, and use your name as a reference when depositing any funds.

Our account details:

Piopio Community Swimming Pools Charitable Trust
Bank Account Number: 03 0449 0001759 00

\$50 per person

Did you know that during the 2017/2018 season:

- 70 students attended the after school learn to swim programme
- 35 swimmers from the swimming club used the pool
- The pool clocked up over 1,500 community swimming sessions.
- Our community pool relies fully on grants, sponsorship, donations and entry fees to continue operating.

We look forward to seeing you all on the 12th.

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FAT PIGEON CAFE:

The café has had a number of staff changes recently. Our FOH Manager Haami

Simmonds has acquired a new part-time position, however will continue to work at the cafe on weekends. Ulanda Taylor has taken over the role of Kitchen Manager.

Our made-to-order platters are absolutely delicious and beautifully presented, and are very popular. So please ask our friendly team if you would like to order one or more.

THE NIGHT OWL: 'Friday Night Cider & Tapas' is going well. With spring well and truly upon us, we will be updating our menu to suit the warmer climes shortly, to bring you some lovely lighter dining options, as well as bringing back

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Gosh time is flying! It will be Christmas before you know it, so why not plan ahead and contact Zoe for a menu for your end of year function? We are happy to send you our buffet dinner options. Please note we require a minimum of 30 for buffet dinners however, if you are a smaller business another option is to perhaps join other small business/es to share a buffet. We are more than happy to discuss this option.

OWLS NEST MOTEL: The motel rooms are sporting new trendy bedding and look fantastic.

CRAFTY PIGEON: Christmas is coming and we will be hosting another 'Christmas at the Crafty' evening, with tastings, refreshments, spot prizes and in-store specials. Dates will be advertised later.



NEW WORLD is pleased to announce that we are able to offer a delivery service for our Ishop to Piopio.

Ishop gives you the freedom to build your shopping list as you need to or to sit on the couch and do your grocery shop all at once!

All you need to do is place your order by 10pm using our click and collect option and Country Couriers will deliver it the next afternoon (courier charges will apply but will be less than \$10) If you want to use this service please write a note saying you wish to have it delivered to Piopio.

If you have any questions about this service please give the shop a call on 07 878 8072 and talk to Vikki.

Please note this is just as cheap as getting a delivery if you lived in Te Kuiti.



RUKUHIA DOMAIN

Piopio community Sports Inc would like to thank Balance and Mac's Spreading for their fertiliser and

application assistance at Piopio's Rukuhia Domain. We greatly appreciate the support of our local community businesses.

KATE CARTER

PIOPIO SENIOR CITIZENS

It was with great sadness that we said farewell to Rose Young in August.

Rose was a great friend and valued member of Senior Citizens.

She was our secretary/treasurer. Rose was one of life's contributors, and always seemed to pick up a job and always with enthusiasm.

We would like to thank all those who supported us in our recent raffle.

It was great to have one of our local supporters win the \$100.

Congratulations Emma Thomson.

Our exercise group is now on Mondays at 9.30 and sets us up for the week.

Any age is welcome. The exercises are suitable for those recovering from an injury and also for those with arthritis.

Housie continues to be popular on Thursdays at 1.00pm.

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PIOPIO DENTAL CELEBRATE 1ST BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to Us. Piopio Dental, The Smiling Kiwi has now been open 1 year as of August 2018.

Time has flown by and lots has been happening on our corner of Kaka and Kawana Streets. Congratulations to Rebecca with the birth of her gorgeous baby girl. This means we have also welcomed Kaylee, as our new Dental assistant, whilst Rebecca is on maternity leave. Kaylee's another local Piopio girl and has slotted in brilliantly to our team.

Once again, the team has been busy upskilling ourselves over the last 6 months. Michelle is nearing completion of her 1 year Dental Assisting Training Programme. The Team also attended a 2 day conference in Taupo a few weeks

back. Fantastic weather, great people and great presentations.

The annual Piopio Dental Charitable Study Day was held at the Night Owl again this May. 28 dentists from all over the North Island attended and we raised \$2000 for local causes. Numbers were up on last year and the overwhelming request from delegates is to keep repeating the much-enjoyed event.

Piopio Dental also recently participated in a free dental day organised by the New Zealand Dental Association and Sothorn Cross Health Insurance. Free dental care was provided for anybody with a current community services card. It was great to be able to offer services to new and existing patients.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. The medical profession produces a lot of waste

and we are always trying to reduce our footprint here at Piopio Dental.

Teracycle runs a fantastic programme for recycling used Oral Hygiene products. So drop off you're used toothbrushes, Tooth paste tubes etc at Piopio Dental or Piopio Primary and hopefully we can help the primary win some prizes.

We hope to see you soon. Give us a call on 8778864, or email smilingkiwi@piopiodental.co.nz



RAUPUHA STUD

As usual we have plenty going on down in Mahoenui. Mavis has just started a Nursery growing Native plants from seedlings most of which we are using to plant up our main water ways. Mavis plans to start selling some early next winter so keep an eye out.

We have just dosed 60 Perendale and Romdale 2th rams with .55mls/kg of Sporidesmin to see their tolerance to Facial Eczema. This is the highest level of testing for Perendale and Romdale's any where in New Zealand which is something we are pretty proud of. This was our 18th year of testing so it takes a while.

We have 3 open days to come and look at the Rams.

9th October 9am to 12pm here at the home farm. Then we are taking them on the road and having one down at Bevan & Marys place SH 4 Whanganui on the **1st November 11am to 1pm** BBQ and a chat. Then back in Mahoenui **6th November 11am to 1pm** BBQ and a Chat.

Our 3rd Annual Ram Sale on **20th November start 12pm** where 160 Rams will be sold.

Private sales commence from the **21st November**.

As usual we are doing something different and we are raffling one of the 160 rams off for Farmstrong, which mainly deals with mental health in farming communities. We have had



great support from local business who have put their hand up to support this, so keep an eye out for tickets or come and buy one on sale day. You don't need to buy a ram, come take a day off the farm and have a feed and a beer on the Proffit family in Mahoenui.

Remember keep smiling, there is always someone else worse off than you.

Thank you.

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effort has been going really well. The variety on offer has been good even

at the seasonal low point, with heaps of citrus, herbs, jams/marmalades, and greens. I'm looking forward to seeing what comes from everyone's gardens during spring/summer/autumn. We were lucky enough to receive a generous donation of over 100 Franchi seed packets from Taranaki based Italian Seeds Pronto, and I'm working on something similar at the moment with three other seed companies, so watch out for those coming soon. The tamariki at Curious

Keas baked some chocolate chip cookies, and Alan Busch gave us 12 pots of his "Pasture Blend Honey" after I made him aware of the new stand.

Seedling veggie and herb plants are welcome on the bottom shelf. As we head into the summer season it would be appreciated if people bringing things that might wilt in the heat put them in tins, recycled pots with water, or wrap them in damp newspaper. An awning will go up shortly to help shade the stand.

I'm giving some thought to organising a team from one of the schools or perhaps scouts to help pick surplus fruit for the community stand in summer/autumn, since I've had at

least one elderly person tell me fruit is going to waste on her trees because there's no one to pick it. If this is the case for you (elderly or not), please let me know so we can start a registry then figure things out from there. It would be good to know the type of fruit and around what time it needs to be picked. I hate the thought of good fruit going to waste, don't you? Many people make jams, chutneys, sauces that can be shared too.

Thanks to everyone for the continued support, and hope the surplus is being enjoyed by all.

Karen Barrett

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WAITOMO DISTRICT COUNCIL



Would like to thank the Piopio community for the great feedback received during the open day at the Senior Citizens Hall in late June. It was clear that residents have great pride in their town. The feedback has been compiled and will form an integral part of the Piopio Town Concept Plan which is currently in its draft form. This document is designed to guide future development in Piopio and will be reviewed by Council in late September before being released for a second round of community consultation in the coming months.

Council also held an open day in Mokau on Saturday 18 August to discuss ongoing work on coastal hazards management. There was a good community turnout to hear what the coastal scientists had to share. This information will be available on the District Plan review webpage shortly. Council is proposing to hold further

discussions with landowners in the Mokau Spit area in the near future.

Both the Piopio Town Concept Plan and the work being undertaken on coastal hazards management will be used in the development of a new District Plan. Staff are currently working with a number of specialists to collect information which will help us to make decisions about potential rules and policies for the new District Plan.

At the moment, ecologists are working on identifying areas of significant indigenous biodiversity throughout the District. There are also projects underway to identify outstanding landscapes and to identify possible heritage buildings and cultural sites.

Our website will be updated as new information becomes available.

You can follow these updates at <http://www.waitomo.govt.nz/district-plan-review/>

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TE WIKI O TE REO MAORI 2018

Observations by Peter Holbrook

The obvious success of this year's Maori language week prompts me to write about my own experiences over the last fifty plus years, almost always in Te Rohe Potae, the King Country.

I arrived in Aotearoa, New Zealand by ship in 1961 at the age of twenty five and after a short stay in Auckland, advertised for a sheep farming job and obtained one on a farm near the Taumaranui turn off, near the Eight mile junction. I always preferred horses over machinery and enjoyed riding around the stock on a horse that was eventually given to me when the farm was sold a few years later. I am afraid quad bikes leave me cold but I realise times have changed, farming was much more leisurely in those days, nowadays nobody has time to lean on a gate anymore!

My first contact with Maori was when the shearers from Napi Napi arrived for main shear. I had no preconceived ideas and heard the

language spoken for the first time at smoko, alternated with English from time to time.

I soon collected words and borrowed a dictionary to learn the meanings of the place names, which seemed fairly straight forward. I did five years French at an English grammar school which was poorly taught but passed the oral exam. My father who died before I left England was fluent in French and Hindi, having been born of English parents in Central India, he was brought back to England in 1912 when my grandfather retired from the Indian Army. When I was around him at the end of World War two, I had many holidays in Wales and learned to pronounce the place names properly, most of the English holiday makers never bothered and complained about Welsh being spoken in the shops!

It is very difficult for most adult learners to learn a second language. Worldwide for any language the dropout rate is around ninety percent. Most people give up when they realise they are never going to attain fluency. The cut off point for most children is nine to eleven years of age, after that they become confirmed in whatever language they

are brought up in. For the nineteen sixties most minority languages were at a low ebb but in the seventies there was a surge in the revitalisation of these when the last speakers realized they could be lost forever.

Because of my own interest, it is heartening to see the young people valuing the language and culture and there are now many good speakers replacing the inevitable passing of elders. The definition of fluency is to be able to hold an indefinite conversation with a speaker of equal knowledge. For myself I always say it is for others to judge my own competency, as the Maori proverb has it "The kumara does not speak of its own sweetness". For me Te Reo has enriched my life beyond measure, to be able to converse with another culture on its own terms is immensely rewarding. To conclude I pay tribute to those of mainly, Maniapoto iwi who have freely given their knowledge to me as a taonga tuku iho, many of whom who have since passed on, no reira, aku mihi ki te hunga mate, moe mai, moe mai, haere atu ra koutou, nga mihi hoki ki a tatou te hunga ora. Arohanui, kia ora mai tatou.

Naka noa, ko Peter Holbrook.



Waintanguru Rural Womens is working on hosting an event to screen a new film released at the New Zealand International Film festival: **She Shears** - A Heartland story with a lot of heart. In the gruelling world of competitive sheep shearing there is no women's section. Women and men compete

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Barbara Kuriger
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