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# The 100 year old Tennis Club

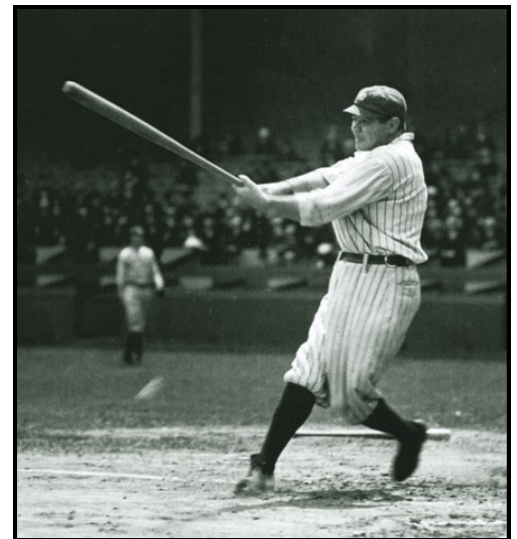
1921 was a big year around the globe. Mongolia declares independence from China, Germany announces that it will be unable to meet its Great War reparation payments and British coal miners go on strike leading to 'Black Friday'. Other events include Sweden abolishing capital punishment, Perfume Chanel No. 5 being released by fashion designer Coco Chanel and Prince Phillip is born (although the title of Prince comes later). On the sporting front, Charles Paddock runs a world record 100m in a time of 10.4 seconds, Babe Ruth achieves 139 home runs taking over from Roger Connor as the all time home run leader for Major League Baseball and Bill Tilden beats South African Brian Norton 4-6, 2-6, 6-1, 6-0, 7-5 to win the Wimbledon Men's Tennis singles title (this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of his 10 Grand Slam singles titles).

Closer to home, the Otago Central Railway between Dunedin and Cromwell was completed, the New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy was established and weekly flag saluting ceremonies were made compulsory in public schools. Recession hits as a post-war economic

boom came to a shuddering halt with the end of Britain's wartime commander of New Zealand farm exports. The mastermind of the 'Think Big' projects, Robert Muldoon, is born. He famously said "New Zealanders who leave for Australia raise the IQ's of both countries". It would be interesting to hear what he would have to say about Australia's current immigration policy!

Back in Piopio, and 3 years before the first motorised school buses arrived, our own big thinkers thought that there should be a tennis club established. So in typical rural fashion a dedicated bunch of community minded people got together and like that, the Piopio Lawn Tennis Club was born.

It's now 100 years later and we would like you to help us celebrate this magnificent achievement. Whether you have been a member of the club, a member of our community or have just driven past, we would be stoked if you came along to this festive day. So join us on the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021 to play your part in celebrating this milestone.



*1921 was a big year for the world, not only Piopio Tennis Club-*

*Babe Ruth achieves 139 home runs and Robert Muldoon was born*



## Piopio Lawn Tennis Club Centennial

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021

2p.m. at Clubrooms followed by dinner at the Night Owl.

All welcome. Cost is \$42 per person for dinner.

Register by 26 March to [paulette.johns2@gmail.com](mailto:paulette.johns2@gmail.com) or Wendy Verry 021 2121453, Bex Clapcott 0272957654 or Matt Buckley 027 2318088



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Interschool orienteering will be held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at the Aria St Helens Domain (same as previous years). More information will follow next term.



## ANZAC DAY SERVICE

25th April 2021

10.45 assembly for 11am March

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The bone carving symposium has gathered momentum over the last five years and is now a national event attracting over 40 carvers from throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.

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Come and meet the carvers in a relaxed setting and see them working their magic. Entry is free and they will have their unique treasures for sale.

Friday night kicks off at 6pm with a shared community dinner and a keynote address by professional artist Daniel Ormsby of The Red Shed, Waitomo. Carving will take place from 9am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday and till noon on Easter Monday. This year's special guest carver is Fumio Noguchi from Nelson, one of New Zealand's most admired bone carvers. Also

making guest appearances are Owen Mapp and Steve Myhre, two more of New Zealand's best. Adjoining the symposium is the Mokau pop-up craft market to add even more value to your trip

We wish to thank Waitomo District Council for its generous financial support through the Creative Communities scheme. Through this arts funding initiative, Waitomo District Council has nurtured Mokau Bone Carving to the point that it now runs independently with its own corporate commercial sponsor, First Gas.

View the *mokau bone carving* facebook page to get an idea of the carving you will see. Come to Mokau and make a day to remember.

For further information, contact event organiser, Mike Brown 027 2236 138 [22pilotroad@gmail.com](mailto:22pilotroad@gmail.com)

## Changes for this year's ANZAC commemoration in Piopio

Our ANZAC service this year is planned - weather permitting - to follow a different arrangement from that of recent times.

Closing Moa Street, a state highway, has not been practicable for the Waitanguru & Districts Rural Women organisers. Instead the lower end of Weka Street will be barricaded and the street parking on Moa Street outside the hall cordoned off for public safety.

The March will assemble in the Atkinson & Associates car park in Ruru Street at 10:45 in readiness for an 11am start. The March will then proceed along the wide Moa Street footpath to the cenotaph.

The Service will follow immediately

after and will be focused around the Weka Street side of the cenotaph.

His worship the Mayor John Robertson is guest speaker, and Aria school principal Pam Voyce master of ceremonies. Piopio College head students will again speak at the Service.

All organisations, individuals and family groups are welcome to participate in the wreath laying ceremony and it would be great to see this involvement taken up in the community.

While a wreath is the traditional acknowledgment, flowers, rosemary or red poppies are also acceptable remembrance gestures.

Following the Service everybody is



welcome to the Memorial Hall for light refreshments. Finger food contributions are appreciated.

The ANZAC March and Service are being organised by Waitanguru & Districts Rural Women supported by the Piopio Lions club. Community input is most welcome and the finer details are still being worked through.

Please give Jenny Brodie (877 8033) or Liz Morgan (027 2846653) a call if you would like to be involved or would like any further information.

# PIOPIO COLLEGE HAPPENINGS



as Kristen Pari steps down. We would like to welcome Shaun to the role, as well as acknowledge the work that Kristen has done for the past two terms as Chairperson.

Fundraising efforts are underway for the Piopio College South Island Sports Tour 2021 ... including a Mini Gala to be held Friday, April 9 on the front field. There will be lots to see and do and eat, so please

come along and support this fun day out!

April 16 is a Teacher Only Day and we will be attending a workshop on Structured Literacy, which will be attended by 50 teachers from ECE, primary schools and our College.

The presenters are Kate Kilbride (who some of you will know) and her team from Ace Education in Christchurch.



**MAKING A SPLASH!** Back: Mrs Draper, Malachi, David, Mr Draper, Reid Blakeman  
Front: Kabree, Georgia, Jessie, Mrs Muraahi, Mrs White

**THE COLLEGE** re-opened for the entire school on February 3. A Haka powhiri was held at the start of the day to welcome new students and staff into our whanau.

At the end-of-year prize-giving Logan Singleton was awarded Dux for 2020, while Asha Goddard and Jessie James were named as Head Students for 2021. Congratulations to all our students awarded for academic and sporting achievements throughout 2020.

Our swimming sports were held on February 25 with a fantastic day enjoyed by students, staff and the community. Well done to our swimming participants, and thank you to staff and volunteers for helping out on the day.

As you may be aware, work has begun on our gymnasium which should be completed by the end of this term. It will receive a new floor, roof, and will be waterproofed, along with all asbestos removed from the roof. Our outdoor courts are also getting new fencing and surface which will help update our entire sports and recreation facilities.

On March 3 we held a casual 'Meet the

Teacher' afternoon which was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to all parents and caregivers who attended.

The Healthy School Lunches initiative began on March 8 and is running well. The variety of food is excellent and well received by the students.

Shaun Carter was voted in as the new Chairperson of our Board of Trustees,



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### Piopio Community Fruit & Veg Stand

It's been a bit of a funny summer for most veggie gardens and orchards especially. Many fruit trees, plums in particular, just didn't fruit this year. Obviously something happened weather-wise when they were flowering. It wasn't a great summer for tomatoes either.

So we haven't seen the bumper crops of contributions of surplus fruit at our community stand this summer/early autumn. Although things come in and get taken so quickly I might be mistaken! Fruit always gets used, so if you have time to pick surplus and drop even a small bag or box off it is much appreciated. Feijoas, figs and walnuts should start to happen soon. As always, if you have surplus that you are unable to pick and are willing to contribute to the stand contact me and I'll try to

sort something out. It's terrible for good fruit and veg to be wasted.

We are back to needing ice cream containers and clean recycled jars (especially smaller ones for the stand's generous jam, lemon honey and marmalade makers). Please don't leave used plant pots at this point. Lynne at Piopio transfer station keeps a wheelie bin at the back for anyone needing or wanting to dispose of them.

See our FB page and Instagram feed for updates on what's on offer daily. Trust you've got your winter veggies started and protected from those awful white butterflies!

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# PIOPIO PRIMARY SWIMMING SPORTS

Students shouting  
Winning houses  
In we get safely  
Mums cheering  
Moving in the water  
Impressed nannas  
Noisy students  
Green house won  
chant

Swimming's over  
Pool is empty  
Out and changed  
Relays finished  
Tummy grumbling  
Slippery concrete

By Poppy Edwards

Shouting students  
Water was cold  
Into the water  
Mrs. Whitehead help-  
ing  
Making starfish  
Icy cold  
No mistakes  
Go Yellow house!

Showing my freestyle  
Parents swimming too  
Our display over  
Really hungry  
Tasty sausages  
Stay in our colour.

By Locky Prime



Friday 26th February, it was a team!

hot humid day at Piopio Primary school, and we were having our annual swimming sports. Before the school went down to the pool we dressed up in our house colours and walked around the school, cheering that we were going to win. The school marched down to the pool and sat in their house colours.

Soon after that parents started to arrive to watch their children swimming. First up the year 0-3's in the little pool, they were showing their parents what they could do, no racing. Next came the width and length swimmers in the big pool, everyone was cheering and chanting for their

When all the races were done Piopio Primary had their relays, this was when the cheering was the loudest. "1st place green house! Next place, blue, red 3rd, lucky last yellow house". The final race was the glamour relay for the students and the parents. For those placings green and blue swapped around, and blue were the winners.

A huge thank you to all the teachers and parents that helped set up this amazing event.

By Jamie Burnell (aged 10) & Liam Alcock (aged 9)



*Piopio Primary School students giving it their all at the school's swimming sports held recently.*

# PIOPIO COSMOPOLITAN 75TH YEAR JUBILEE

The Piopio Cosmopolitan Club would like to thank everybody involved in the success of 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee.

What a fantastic time everyone had catching up. We had the Piopio College Kapa Haka group and the Mairoa Line Dancers entertain us. A special mention to Snow, June and Peter Nicol for providing the buses.



Above— Bill Wana, Gary Buckman, Joyce Harrison, Ross Smith, Jeff Andrews, David Bevege, Barbara Barnard, Sue Crawford (Andrews), Audrey Bevege, Doug Oliver, Robbie Watson, Moana Mita, Mr Royal, Shirley Andrews, Jeanette Irwin, Rae Andrews, Eddie Andrews, Robert Gauntlett, Shawn Mason

Far Left— Gary Buckman and Barry Stott

Left— Chris Young, Yvonne Warren and Glenys MacDonald with cake



Left—Piopio College Kapa Haka Students

Right— Andrew & Suzanne Downey, Yvonne Warren, and Mike Johnson aboard the Arapaia School Bus Replica.



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# KCRC MARCH UPDATE



King Country River Care

Farmers taking charge of improving the environment together with the community

I hope your grass is growing and the next rain is not as far away as the forecast suggests. As the days get shorter and the weather cools KCRC is looking to give you the opportunity to get together to discuss what events we want for the next 12 months, to make some progress with your Farm Environment plan and to access some funding from 1BT via us for fencing & planting projects on farm. KCRC are looking to catch up with sub-catchment group farmers next month. We will have results of our river/stream testing, we'll be looking to discuss further the workshops we have planned (see below) and accessing our 1BT funding. We also need feedback on what other experts/workshops/events you would like us to organise and what 'community wellbeing' projects your group would like to invest in.

\* Fencing & Planting funding - Together with 1Billion Trees, KCRC is providing a "Kick Start" for on farm fencing and planting to farmers who have a recent, relevant Farm Plan (FEP) and are involved with their local KCRC sub-catchment group. This agreement is for \$1.9 million over the next 3 years. The Application form is available now – this is an opportunity for KCRC farmers to invest in getting work done on your farm – you choose what, where and how you spend this planting and fencing funding. Get involved in your local catchment group to find out more.

If you are planning to access this funding for planting this year it is essential to get your plants/trees ordered from your preferred nursery asap, if you can't find plants let me know and we'll see if we can help.

\* Farm Planning Workshops - will continue to be delivered together with B+LNZ who are co-funding them. Initially we have 4 'Refresher' workshops for those who have got their FEP underway. More opportunities will follow. In April the new Beef+LambNZ

which will be useful for those yet to get their FEP underway. Regrettably there is still no digital option, but we believe getting started and gathering the necessary info into one place will make Farm Planning in the future significantly easier (and probably cheaper). We will need people to book to ensure we have enough lunch/resources. Refresher workshops again 14th and 15th April at venues to be confirmed.

Intro to Farm Planning B+LNZ workshops: 22nd and 29th April  
\* Drop-in sessions - Anna & Jo are hosting sessions for farmers looking for help with developing their Farm Plans after attending a workshop; and getting their plans/applications sorted to access our Fencing & Planting Kick Start funding.

These will be Tuesdays 3-5pm, initially at the Night Owl in Piopio however extra venues can be added if there is demand.

\* Nutrient Budgeting workshops OverseerFM is a tool that enables farmers to optimise their farm systems within certain environmental constraints. KCRC have engaged PerrinAg to deliver a series of workshops to firstly familiarise interested farmers with Overseer and Nutrient budgeting

those who would like to subscribe and develop their own Overseer Nutrient budget (Develop your NB). This course will provide the opportunity for independent discussion about the use of Overseer, instruct and assist farmers in how to set up their farm operations in Overseer, and better equip them to create and interpret this section of their Farm Environment Plan for their own farming business. Registration is essential. Venue likely to be Piopio for all depending on where attendees from.

Intro to NB: 12 or 13 April (choose one)

Develop your NB: 29 April & 13 May (ideally attend Intro to NB then both these sessions).

\* Climate Change Commission's draft advice to Government, If you want to make a submission on this consultation document take a look at the B+LNZ or DairyNZ websites or get in touch & I'll send you a link.

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# Councillor's Update

At an Extraordinary Council Meeting on Friday 12 March, we adopted for Audit, the Supporting Information, and Draft Consultation Document, for the 2021-2031 Ten Year Plan..

The Auditors Opinion (their report on the review) will then be used to do a 'hot review' for any necessary changes, and at another Extraordinary Council Meeting on Friday 16 April we will adopt the Supporting Information and Consultation Document for public consultation. The consultation period will run from 21 April to 21 May, during which time any written submissions must be lodged with Council.

Then 27 & 28 May have been set aside for you to talk to your submission, if you wish, to Elected Members.

On 9 June we will hold 'Deliberations' when we will consider and discuss your submissions and make any changes to the draft plan that we think necessary as a consequence.

The Ten Year Plan will then be adopted by Council at the Council Meeting on 29 June 2021.

The process, which started in July 2020, to formulate the Plan, has been complicated by COVID and the consequent Government job protection/generation policies, Government policy proposals for Freshwater, The Three Waters (Drinking Water, Waste Water, and Storm water), Carbon Zero, and Resource Management Act reform.

The Three Waters policy will have a huge impact on all Councils, and possibly within two years, but as there are no details finalised as yet, Councils have been instructed to complete their Ten Year Plans as if there will be no change to the current system. If Government achieves its time schedules we may need to repeat this whole Plan process again within two years.

I, and other Councillors and staff will be attending a day-long seminar in Rotorua on 26 March, run by the Three Waters Steering Group, chaired by Brian Hanna, where hopefully we will learn more about the transition of Council owned and



operated (and funded) Three Waters assets, to an unknown number of large scale entities that will then own, operate, and fund those assets. Hopefully I'll have more details for you in the next Birdtalk.

The Consultation Document (20 plus pages) includes a submission form and lists crucial timelines that will need to be met. A Consultation meeting has been arranged by Federated Farmers for the Piopio-Aria Golf Clubrooms at 7.00pm on Wednesday 5 May, so hope to see you there.

If you are uncertain about anything in the Consultation Document, or have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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### To My Valued Clients,

The past 12 months has been without doubt the most challenging time I have ever had to face in my 14 years in travel and 11 years being the owner of Helloworld Travel Te Kuiti. It has been a lesson in finding strength and learning to adapt to the new world and looking for the best possible outcomes whilst facing so much uncertainty.

I have absolutely loved my little office in Te Kuiti and seeing your friendly faces, however while the world recovers, to protect the longevity of my business and to future proof what further challenges the current global pandemic may bring, I have made the decision to embrace the "work from home" life and move my business out of the shop to home for the time being and join The Travel Brokers Group. The Travel Brokers Group operates under the helloworld umbrella.

I know for many of you this will have little or no impact as you have always entrusted me with your travel plans via email or over the phone and that won't change, but for those of you that are used to visiting in store I will now have more flexibility and would

love to meet you at your favourite café or your home to help plan your future travel adventures.

For those with current bookings, credits waiting to be re-booked or if you are still waiting on refunds, please be assured I will continue to monitor the situation and keep in touch with you.

The move out of the office will take effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> of May but in the mean time I am still in the office Mondays and Wednesdays 9am-2pm. If you have any questions or concerns or just want to say "hi" I would love to see you. Unfortunately for now I have had to say goodbye to my fabulous employee Donna Pari, but I am optimistic for the future.

This decision is very personal for me, as a small business owner and passionate lover of the travel industry, I genuinely care about your travel experience and want to ensure I can continue to make your travel dreams come true when the world allows us to. Your continued support will be received with heart felt gratitude as I make this transition.

With thanks  
Lorrene



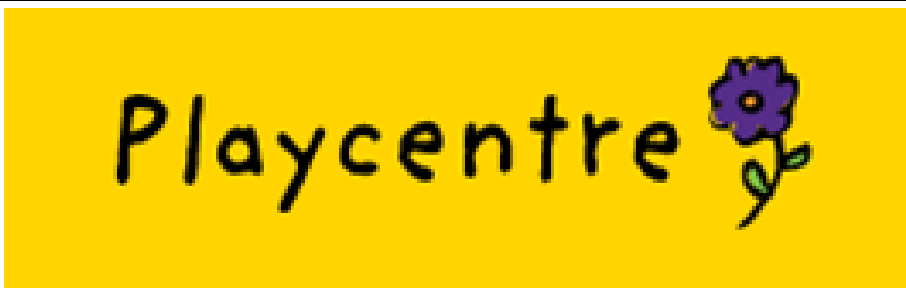
Last year I realised I needed a better balance between my travel business vs family and our expanding scaffolding business.

I'm excited to let you know from the 1<sup>st</sup> of May I am part of The Travel Brokers group (TTB). The Travel Brokers operate under the helloworld umbrella and I will have the same suppliers and support for my customers but I will operate from home. I will have more flexible hours and when needed, I can meet at your home, my home or a lovely café.

I am looking forward to my new journey with The Travel Brokers and from the 1<sup>st</sup> of May I will be contactable on 027 333 8531 or [lorrenetk@thetravelbrokers.co.nz](mailto:lorrenetk@thetravelbrokers.co.nz)

Finally, I want to recognise the passing of the longest serving King Country travel agent, Ivka Pivac. Ivka was in the travel industry for over 40 years. Firstly with Dalgety Travel, then United Travel, to Tony Rogers Travel, Budget Travel, Holiday Shoppe, and finally Harvey World Travel, which eventually rebranded to helloworld Travel.

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love getting out and about doing something different and would love your support. If you would like to purchase some at \$10/bag please email [piopio@playcentre.org.nz](mailto:piopio@playcentre.org.nz) with 'Pinecones' in the subject line and the number of bags you would like.

**Piopio Playcentre** are selling dry pinecones as a fundraiser for the centre. Winter is on its way and pinecones are great to help get the fire started or really up the heat the fire is producing.

These big bags of pinecones have been collected by Piopio playcentre children to help provide funding for our centre to continue to provide fantastic play opportunities. The kids

Piopio playcentre is all about kids learning through play alongside their whanau. Playcentre is unique in that it is a place where parents/grandparents or caregivers come and play with their preschoolers. This provides a great opportunity to watch your children learn and experience new things whilst interacting with other preschoolers

and adults. It is also a great place to meet other families in the area. One of the things I really love about playcentre is the ability to provide a range of play opportunities such as paint, clay, slime, playdough, fingerpainting, carpentry that we haven't got available (or don't want the mess) at home. My kids love coming to playcentre, and I love that I get to be involved in their learning and watch their delight in learning new things and interacting with other kids. If you are interested in finding out more please come along to one of our Monday sessions – 9:30-12pm. Just pop in for a cuppa, chat and some morning tea.  
*Nicola Kloeten*

## Lions Club

Despite Covid 19 and its restrictions, the Lions club has still had plenty on to keep busy.

The food caravan has been to several venues in the past months, including Paddys Market in October, Keas Xmas function, Xmas Parade, Piopio Primary pets day, Aria School Bike Ride and Aria Waitangi Day sports. We had another successful Paddy's Market, and would like to thank the various locals who helped

us on the day, carrying items out for auction. Paddys Market is always a fun day as are the other events we are part of. Our senior citizens Xmas luncheon was well attended. Once again Sheryl Griffin and her helpers did a marvellous job catering, and our Elvis impersonator soon had a few of the locals up and dancing (Go Snow Nicol). Hopefully we will get to the Fieldays this year, after it being cancelled for Covid last year. Our club is always looking for new members so if you think Lions is something you could be part of, please contact one of our members.

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## ARIA TOY LIBRARY

Well term one has been great with our new librarian Jeorja settling in and lots of members joining. (You can join for one term or the entire year. It's easy! )

The Aria Toy Library would like make a special mention and thank Pam Voyce and Jenny Brodie for their support.

We are excited to put into stock new toys. Thanks heaps to the Piopio charitable Districts Trust! Their grant has purchased a wooden ride on plane and several new duplo sets. Duplo is great for any age, hand eye coordination,

imaginary play, creativity and just good old fun.

At the time of writing this, we were organizing the photo fundraiser. Thanks to Charlotte Purdie Photography once again being a fantastic support. We can't wait to see all our photos.

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**Coming up:**

Sponsors & Members BBQ at Awakino Hotel – 13<sup>th</sup> March  
Summer Competition Ends – 5<sup>th</sup> April  
Prize giving – date to be confirmed.

Kia ora everyone,

Well done ladies, we have had another awesome Women's competition, there was some good-sized fish weighed in and a couple more entries than last year, plus some great costumes too. Congratulations to the pirates on winning the Awakino Bar tab. Big thank you to our generous sponsors who supported the day, Salt Restaurant, Millennium Hotels, Fat Pidgeon, Night Owl, Crusader Meats, also Maryann Gallagher, Ray Tissot and Heidi Preston for donating to the raffle. It was heart-warming to hear the stories from our local ladies who got out there and gave it go, well done you! Big high five to those generous lads that took them out, it sounds like they had fantastic time.

The end of the season is fast approaching, however there is still time and get your fish weighed in, the correct last day of fishing is the 5<sup>th</sup> April, this will give you a chance to get out there over the Easter weekend.

We've got our Sponsors day on the 13<sup>th</sup> March followed by members BBQ, so mark this date down and come have a beer, sausage and shout these good buggers a beer. Please support our fantastic sponsors and don't be shy to tell them that you are from the Mokau fishing club when you use their business, they love to hear from us. A new shipment of shirts has arrived, be sure to grab yourself one at our next BBQ. Shirts \$45 and singlets \$30.

Big thanks to the Awakino Hotel and Mokau Butcher that weigh our fish, you're legends. If there is anyone out there that can help us set up a website, or is familiar with websites please get in touch we are looking at moving the club online.

Have had some marlin been weighed in and some great fishing at the moment.

See ya out there,

Dion

Congratulations to our winners  
1<sup>st</sup> Heidi Preston  
2<sup>nd</sup> Heather Griffin  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lily Hutchinsion  
4<sup>th</sup> Tia Warbrooke  
Average weight - Maryanne Terry  
Best costume - Pirates



**Piopio Amateur Swim Club** Carnival held Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March was a great event for all that attended, even if numbers were a little down due to Covid uncertainties.

Many thanks to our committee, parent helpers, timekeepers and coaches whom helped officiate on the day. Continued thanks to the Piopio Pool Trust for the use of their facilities for the season.



Waiting swimmers and timekeepers:

Everlyn Smyth

Carolyn Webster

Melissa Edkins

## Aria Squash 2021

The 2021 Squash Season has begun, although still feeling a bit warm to be running around a court in the heat, we know the cold will be upon us soon!

2021 Membership information and keys can be sourced from Jenny Bradbury 021 983 111, or by emailing [ariasquash@gmail.com](mailto:ariasquash@gmail.com)

Monday night trainings have started – these take place from 6.30pm for members.

Friday Social Nights – for anyone wanting to come down, watch and/or try out squash. The kitchen and Bar are open from 6.30pm to keep everyone fed and hydrated as well.

Interclub has started earlier than usual – March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, with the introduction of a short Autumn Season. Aria Squash (with a few local club ring-in's) have managed to field two Men's teams and 1 Ladies team in a 6 week competition.

Winter Interclub will begin in May, running for 10 weeks – new teams to be arranged end of April, this means there is plenty of time to come to the squash club, try out the game and get in a team.

Juniors – Term 2.... Information will be sent out through the local schools Newsletters.

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### CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Te Kuiti:—To-day, Wednesday in Holy Week: 7.30, Mission Service, Bishop of Auckland. Thursday: in Holy Week: 7.30 a.m., Holy Communion, Bishop of Auckland. Good Friday: 11 a.m., Morning Prayer and Ante-Communion; 7.30, Evening Prayer. Easter Day: 8, Holy Communion; 11, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; 2.30, Children's Service; 7, Evening Prayer.—Rev. E. S. Wayne. Otorohanga.—Good Friday: 11, Morning Prayer and Ante-Communion; 7, Evening Prayer. Easter Day: 8, Holy Communion; 11, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; 2.30, Children's Service; 7, Evening Prayer.—Rev. W. J. Piggot. Waitanguru 11, Mangotaki 2.30, Easter Services.—Mr Wallace.

### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Te Kuiti: 11, "Easter: A Time of Joy"; 7, "The Witnesses Examined." Reigate Farm: 3.—Rev. S. Griffiths.

### METHODIST CHURCH.

Municipal Hall: Easter Services.—11, "The Risen Saviour"; 2.30, Sunday School and Bible Class; 7, "How He Came to Say It."—Rev. R. B. Gosnell.

### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Holy Thursday: 7.30 a.m., Mass; 7.30 p.m., Evening Devotions. Good Friday: 7.30 a.m., Mass; 7.30 p.m., Stations. Holy Saturday 7.30 a.m., Mass; Easter Sunday: 11, Mass; 7.30, Benediction.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Special Easter Services.—Te Kuiti: 11, "The Gentleness that makes us Great"; 2.30, Sunday School; 7, "The Unavoidable Christ."—Rev. A. Armstrong.

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## BUSINESS BETTER

### MORE EASTER SPENDING.

Definite signs of improvement in business generally are discernible by the Government Statistician in data at his disposal. For instance, he remarks in his Abstract of Statistics that although business in April was affected by the shortening of the working month by Easter holidays, yet "certain statistical series derive a heightened interest from the evidence they afford of the recreational activities of the community as a whole during the Easter vacation. Railway passenger traffic was on approximately the same level as at Easter of 1935, judging by the number of passenger journeys during April. Increased road usage during Easter may be inferred from the fact that the number of private cars licensed at the end of March was 10 per cent. higher than a year previously.

"An indication of greater spending during Easter of this year than for some years past is to be found in the statistics of bank-note circulation, the value of bank-notes in circulation during Easter week being £7,852,719, an increase of 11 per cent. over the corresponding average for 1935—itself a relatively large figure. It is worthy of mention that the note circulation in the Christmas week of 1935 was also considerably higher than at the previous Christmas.

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THE WAITOMO CAVES. KING COUNTRY CHRONICLE, VOLUME XXI, ISSUE 2255, 8 APRIL 1926, PAGE 5

## THE EASTER TRAFFIC. THE WAITOMO CAVES.

### A RECORD ESTABLISHED

### INADEQUATE ACCOMMODATION

To the Easter holiday seeker the Waitomo Caves have ever been a popular resort. This has been well and truly demonstrated during the past week.

The accommodation at the Hostel was more than over-taxed for the week-end of Easter. Bookings had been closed over six weeks prior to Easter tide, consequently the Te Kuiti and Otorohanga hotels and boarding-houses were soon refusing guests, while a private house at Waitomo had 25 tourists. Even the contractors engaged in the erection of the new staff quarters at the Hostel were making shake-downs in their camp for the sightseers. It has also to be remembered that there was a great crowd of campers on the Waitomo River flat.

The motor traffic has never been so heavy to the Caves as over the week-end. Fifty-five cars, besides the service cars and buses, were parked at the Ruakuri and Aranui Caves on Easter Saturday morning, while on Easter Sunday the number was 67.

During Easter, 1925, 100 visitors visited the three Caves on Good Friday, 220 on Easter Saturday, and on Easter Sunday 300. This constituted a record, which has now, however, been surpassed. The past week-end saw 180 visitors to the Caves on Good Friday, 400 on Easter Saturday, and 350 on the Sunday. A total of 170 tourists lunched at the Hostel on Easter Sunday, as against 190 on the Sunday of last year.

The electric lighting in the Caves proved a boon both to parties and to guides. On Easter Sunday there were 140 people in the Ruakuri Caves at one time; 160 were in Aranui at once, while a like number were handled in Waitomo. On Good Friday evening 130 people were put through the Waitomo Caves in an hour and a half. The electric light made this permissible, coupled, of course, with the excellent handling of the parties by the Caves authorities.

To those interested in the tourist traffic to Waitomo Caves there is a lesson to learn from the recent Easter season. The number of cars could never have been handled but for the parking areas which have been recently laid out. It goes without saying that the large number who visited the Caves could never have been handled so expeditiously but for the electric lighting. These improvements have already proved their previous necessity, and also that the advocates for better things at Waitomo have all along had a proper conception of the requirements necessary to cope with the traffic offering during the season, which for Waitomo is practically the whole year round. The proposed additions to the Hostel should have been completed long ago. It is estimated that between 270 and 300 intending visitors made personal requests for Easter reservations at the Hostel, to be told that all the accommodation had been fully booked two months prior to Easter. And what is more, it is absolutely unfair, it is unjust for the Government to expect the management to cope with the traffic under existing conditions. Fancy having 170 guests to lunch, when the Hostel dining room accommodation is 50!

Too much money has already been lost by way of revenue, because of the indifferent attitude taken by the Public Works Department concerning the commencement of the new building, and it is time that the powers that be realise that in the Waitomo Caves we have the country's greatest tourist asset and should appoint it accordingly.

# Te Kuiti & Districts Pony Club Ribbon Day

Another successful Ribbon Day event was held on Saturday the 13th of March. A big thankyou to Maree Bradcock, Olivia Buckley, Ross, Karen and Stormy Harris and other committee members for making the day so memorable. Thankyou also to our special event judges for the day (Linda Bain, Raewyn Parkes) and our numerous parent helpers. A smaller number of competitors this year, but great to see so many young ones and their ponies

starting up.

There were lots of ribbons, trophies, a shared BBQ lunch (thankyou Matt Buckley!) and a fancy dress competition... everyone's already looking forward to the start of the new season next September.

*Right: Saskia & Phil Watkins with her pony Loveheart*

*Below: Molly, Tessa, Grace, Alice, Connor and Petra at their presentation*



## MINI GALA

Friday 9th April / 3.30pm - 6.30pm

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