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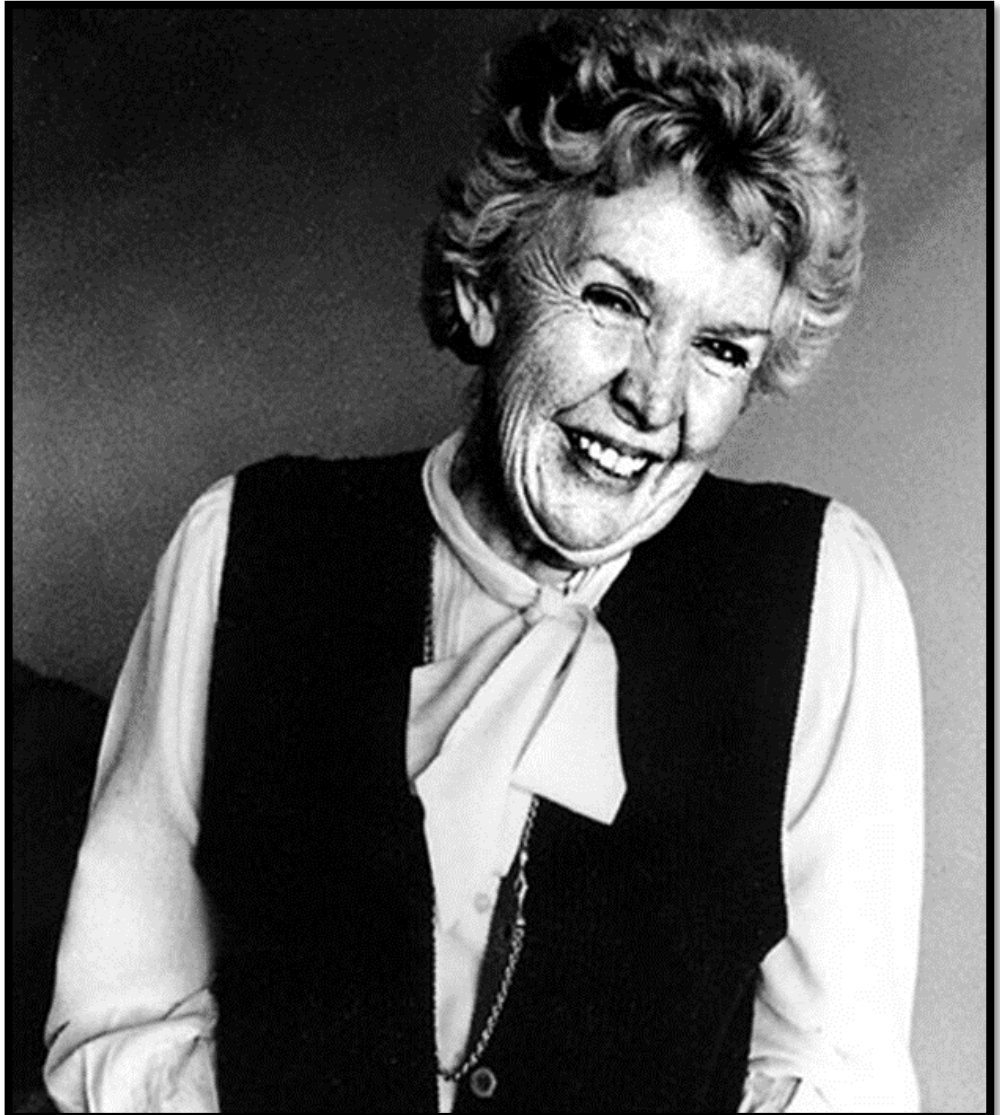
Ruth Park: The King Country's Forgotten Heroine

Ruth Park, the bestselling New Zealand born writer, grew up in the King Country and spent her childhood in a house on Nettie St, Te Kuiti. She doesn't have a bronze statue on Rora St, but you can find her in a small display at the Waitomo District library.

Park, who died aged 93 in 2010, was born Rosina Ruth Lucia Park in Auckland in 1917, an ancestor of the explorer Mungo Park. Her mother was of Swedish background. Park's father, known as Mera, came from Scotland. His job –building roads– took him to the King Country where he built, among others, the first graded road out to Kawhia. Mera had respect for, and a strong interest in, indigenous language and culture, an attitude his daughter Ruth shared. She wrote three-dimensional Maori and Aboriginal characters, not common in white writers of her era.

After training as a journalist, Park moved to Australia in the 1940s and married the writer D'Arcy Niland. She wrote her most famous book, *The Harp in the South* (1948) while back in New Zealand on holidays, visiting family in Te Awamutu. The novel depicted the fictional poor, Irish Catholic Darcy family and their lives in the slums of Sydney's Surry Hills. Hugely successful in Australia, *The Harp in the South* was translated into 37 languages before being adapted as a television series in the 1980s. The novel launched Park on a writing career that lasted well into the 1990s. Two of her early novels were set in a fictional King Country town.

Park wrote prolifically for radio and television; for children as well as adults. *The Muddle Headed Wombat*



RUTH PARK (from The Telegraph)

was her most famous children's character, *Callie's Castle* her most popular work of teen fiction. She received numerous honours, including the 1993 Lloyd O'Neil Magpie award for services to the Australian book industry. She was made a member of the Order of Australia in 1987. *Playing Beattie Bow* won the Australian Children's Book Council book of the year award, and made her famous in the UK as well as Australia and New Zealand.

Her novel *Swords and Crowns and Rings* won the 1977 Miles Franklin

Award. Park's last books published included a two-part autobiography *A Fence Around The Cuckoo* (1992) and *Fishing In The Styx* (1993).

A Fence Around the Cuckoo is set mainly in Te Kuiti in the 1920s, where Park attended St Joseph's primary. Seventy years later, Park recalled the sound of the underground streams below the school playground, and the rumble of Mera's International truck driving home down Awakino Hill.

She lived through the start of the great depression in our district, when farmers famously sent their stock to the works and got a bill instead of a cheque.

Sigrid Christiansen

PIOPIO BIRDTALK

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FREE GYMNASTICS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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SHEARING RECORD ATTEMPT

Preparations are well underway for the shearing world record attempt at Puketiti Station in the Mangaotaki Valley.

Kaleb and Daniel with a few helpers have re-configured the catching pens and chutes in the woolshed.

On the 23rd of December Kaleb Foote, Daniel Langlands and Coel L'Huillier will be attempting to break the three stand, eight hour lamb shearing record of 1825. The guys will need to shear a lamb to a high standard every 47 seconds to break current record by a couple of sheep

The days leading up to the 23rd are long, busy days. There is a large support crew helping these guys succeed. They will be weaning, drafting and preparing the lambs, according to the strict rules of the world record standards.



We would like to thank in advance the sponsors that have already stepped forward with their support; Ingleby, Barrowcliffe Shearing, Pala Mountain, Heiniger, PGG Wrightson's, Silver Fern Farms, Affco, D R Drainage, Precision Helicopters Piopio, The Night Owl,

Atkinsons Vets and H&T Agronomics.

The record attempt is free to the public and Aria Show Committee are fundraising by providing food and non-alcoholic drinks available for cash purchase on the day.

GREETINGS FROM THE PIOPIO BERRY ORCHARD

Our new season is fast approaching, with our opening day being October 25th, the beginning of Labour Weekend.

As always, we will start with asparagus, and strawberries will be introduced as they ripen.

You may have heard of the exciting new venture we have begun at Piopio Berry Orchard this winter.

We have erected six tunnel houses, with the valuable help and practical knowledge of Roger Buckman and Aaron and Braden Bevege.

These will house strawberries planted in coconut fibre on what is referred to as tabletops – three lots of three tables per tunnel – fifty metres long.

The plants are then fed the vital nutrients via a solution, based on the time of season, the time of day, and

the temperature and humidity. The information is sourced from sensors placed around the tunnels.

Growing the strawberries by this system provides many advantages.

The fruiting season is extended and can potentially span from October to April.

With the tunnels providing protection from the wind and rain and cold, the damage from weather and pests and diseases to the delicate fruit, is almost eliminated.

And working in the tunnels is dry and good for the back. No bending here.

However, we still have our traditional ground strawberry patch, and our wonderful team will be out picking daily on their harvest bikes that we refer to as the Flintstone Fleet.

As well as our strawberries, we of course have the blueberries, with new plantings of recent years growing well and looking extremely productive this year. And then, the raspberries, both summer and autumn, we expect to have fruiting through from December to April.

Lastly, two new berries are being picked for the first time this season - Boysenberries and Blackberries.

These will be a welcome addition to our mid summer berry selection.

As always, we will have available delicious ice creams, smoothies, muffins and more, enhanced by the two new flavours – Boysenberries and Blackberries.

Hope to see you Labour Weekend!

Mike and Angela and Team at Piopio Berry Orchard

PIOPIO COLLEGE CAREERS FAIR

On Tuesday 22 October 2019, 10am to 2pm, Piopio College will be holding a Career Fair for their year 9 to 13 students, parents and caregivers.

The aim of the Career Fair is to expose and inform students and their families about various possible future opportunities and educational pathways that are open to them once they leave secondary school. It will help make them aware of other career choices they might not have yet considered.

A wide range of industries, some involving past students, have been invited to attend the Career Fair as well as Secondary Tertiary Partners, and already keen interest has been shown.

Students will be able to talk to potential employers about work experience, internships, career prospects and the roles within the company, and qualification requirements for employment.

Parents/ caregivers will have the

opportunity to ask questions and become better informed about their child's options on leaving secondary school.

Employers will be able to meet students and interact with them, building relationships with those they could potentially see working for them.

Career Fairs are an opportunity to network in a safe environment with potential educational providers as well as employers.

If you would like any further information about the Career Fair or are interesting in attending or presenting, please email admin@piopio.school.nz or phone 07 877 8103 or contact Marina Rauputu, Gateway Coordinator by email: mmauputu@piopio.school.nz



Piopio College

Tui Park Campground

Work to improve the Tui Park Campground begins mid-October 2019. Our aim is to manage the growing demands that tourist activity has on our core infrastructure and environment, and to ensure that visitors to Piopio have an enjoyable experience and have access to safe, clean and attractive facilities.

This project will include the installation of a small water heater in the communal kitchen area to provide hot water for washing dishes, and power connections on either side of the communal building. Work to clear the drains, maintain the front road-side fence and plant additional trees is also planned, in partnership with the Piopio Trust Committee. An upgrade of the ablution block will involve installing a toilet, hand basin and shower facilities and these will be wheelchair accessible. The ablution block will be fully repainted, and the current cash box will be replaced with KiwiCash technology which provides a secure, easy payment system for the bathroom and kitchen facilities.

Kelly Marriott | Leader - Communications and Engagement
Waitomo District Council



TOY LIBRARY

Over the weekend of the 7/8th of September we held our popular Toy Library Fundraiser.

A massive thank you to everybody who booked in and supported this fundraiser, the talented Charlotte from Charlotte Purdie Photography took on the massive task and snapped pictures of 105 kids in total over the two days. A special thank you to Stephanie Brough from Curious Keas for your support and hosting us for the weekend. The funds raised will go towards storage solutions for our bikes/scooters and replacing some of our older, well loved toys. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for any updates.

If you're needing inspiration for entertaining the kids during these lovely spring days, we have a great range of toys to keep all ages happy, come rain or shine!
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Don't forget fees are super cheap!! Any questions, message us on facebook.
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coastal village of Doc Martin fame. In Croatia, visit the island of Vis where Mama Mia's sequel was filmed, and try wine tasting in Dubrovnik, cooking in Split and the stunning Plitvice Lakes.

August 2020 — Namibia & Botswana with Kobus du Toit. Namibia is a hidden gem, with dramatic landscapes to be explored and photographed. The fly into the lush Okavango Delta, home to herds of elephants, lions, leopards, cheetahs and wild hogs. Spend your days on game drives, nature walks or boating before returning to your private tent.



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3 LITTLE BIRDS . . .

As of today, there are only 103 more sleeps until the jolly big fella comes down the chimney ... OMG! By the time you get to read this, there will be a lot fewer sleeps to go. Ah yes, Christmas ... this brings me to my first item ...

NIGHT OWL: It's time to book your Christmas function, and we have put together a wonderful menu especially for you and your business. We already have a number of bookings in the coming months, so please contact Zoe asap to secure your table/s.

Keep an eye out for our dinner specials on our facebook page.

We recently hosted a 'Hawaiian Luau' cocktail evening in support of Blue September which proved a great success. Thank you to everyone who came along, and also to our wonderful suppliers who donated food/drinks, and especially to DJ Pete who donated his time and expertise to the evening, and had everyone on the dance floor!

The Night Owl has also been super busy with catering, and this will continue into the festive season and new year, with weddings galore coming up.

FAT KIWI CAFE: No it's not a typo ... let me tell you all about it, 'tis very exciting!! Melanie and Jaimee Poole will be opening the Fat Kiwi Café in Otorohanga (ex Otorohanga Hotel). It is due to open its doors on 1st December this year, and we cannot wait to meet the Fat Pigeon's cousin!

FAT PIGEON CAFE: The café still rocks along as usual. We are coming into our busy time of year (spring/summer), so thank you in anticipation, for your patience and continued support. Come in and check out our

new retail shelving, with even more foodie treats for sale!

OWLS NEST: The Owls Nest Motel has seen a steady number of guests, ranging from tourists, truckies, and guests visiting family and friends.

3 Little Birds (soon to be 4) wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and safe and happy New Year. Thank you all for your support of our little birdies.

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We would like to thank the Community for their continued support over the last 6 months. It's been a challenging experience but very rewarding at the same time. We are committed to delivering quality workmanship and excellent customer service.

We'd also like to welcome our new apprentice Tarryn Tata from the TeKuiti/Otorohanga area. Tarryn has been with us for the past 4 months and has completed his Level 1 and 2 Automotive Wintec pre-trade courses. He is a great asset to our team, and we look forward to seeing him complete his apprenticeship with us.

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Update on Piopio

Community Fruit & Veg Stand

First of all, a big thanks to everyone for the ongoing contributions to the Community Stand over winter.

I'm confident that no one in Piopio will get scurvy-- there's been too much citrus on offer! Luscious lemons, lovely limes, groovy grapefruit, tempting tangelos, and mouth-watering mandarins. As well as homemade jams and marmalade, lemon honey, and biscuits. The deliveries of "best before" breads from our friends at New World appear every week or so. Those move out almost as quickly as the avos.

For the first week of "Bee Aware Month" in September we've had pots of paddock honey, with thanks to Alan Busch, and packets of "Seeds for Bees."

I've had one elderly lady take up my offer to help pick her surplus fruit for the stand so far. Thanks to "Mrs. H." for heaps of mandarins and tangelos. Please let me know about anyone else in the same position and we'll figure out what to do, we can't have good fruit going to waste.

Trust everyone is starting to plan his or her spring/summer veggie gardens. We've got radishes, broad beans, coriander and peas away, with tomato seedlings germinated in the glasshouse and potatoes chitting in the garage.

Any questions/issues on the Community Stand don't hesitate to contact me.

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MUSEUM CURATOR STEPS DOWN

Piopio stalwart, John Petre, has recently called time on a 25-year stint as Chairman of the Piopio and District Museum Trust.

During this time, he has made a huge contribution to the development and maintenance of this special community facility.

In fact, he has been involved almost from the outset of the first public meeting in April 1985 which set in motion the formation of the Museum Trust.

This unique museum is centred on the blacksmith premises which was run for many years by well-known local character, Bill Glasgow, until his retirement in the 1970s. Also on site is Bill's small house with its basic standard of amenities which were common for its time.

Under the initial chairmanship of Wally MacDonald and soon after Maurice Robertson, with the help of John and many

others, the Trust acquired and shifted two redundant local buildings on site to house exhibits. The first was the former Presbyterian church and the second the former BNZ building. Later a slab whare was acquired and is displayed as a pioneer's whare.

John has also been heavily involved in some off site initiatives such as organising access to the Whakatamutumu Mission Station at the 8 Mile, constructing the Mangaotaki Bush Walk, signposting the many country school sites throughout the district and he was involved in the recent effort to secure and display the replica Model T school bus in Piopio.

John's experience and expertise will not be wasted. He is still a member of the Trust and will not be allowed to put his feet up for too long!

Mark Verry - Current Chairman

PIOPIO COMMUNITY POOL

The Piopio Community Pools Trust is seeking a person or persons interested in working as pool maintenance/cleaning staff and pool supervisors for the 2019/20 summer season.

All enquires:

Sheryl Johnson 0273191336 or

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RAUPUHA STUD AND NATIVE NURSERY

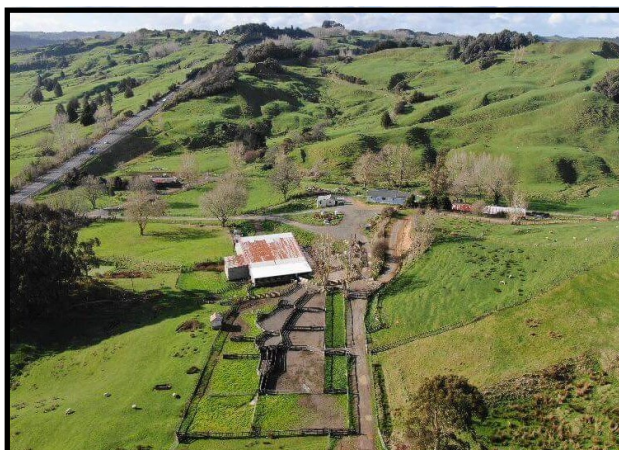
We seem to keep ourselves busy down in Mahoenui; here's an update from the last year. Our on-farm Ram sale in November was another great day with a total clearance of rams and we were able to donate just over \$7000 to Farm Strong (supporters of mental health in the rural community). Thank you to everyone who supported this.

Our Bull & Heifer sale in May went really well with only one bull not selling and a total clearance of heifers. We fenced off another 12kms of waterway with 8 wire fence. We are in the process of planting it all up with Mavis' Native plants she has grown from seeds, these she has sourced locally. Mavis has now set up to sell them with some successful sales this year.

At present we are right into calving with cows calving to a couple of new AI bulls, this semen we brought in from Australia. Unfortunately, it will be a couple of years before you really see if we got it right, but that's how it goes with stud breeding. Ewes are flat out lambing after a very average autumn down in the valley, hopefully the rain stays away. We have just started a trial with 84 2th rams and put them into an Agresearch Trailer, which records the amount of methane they produce after



25mins & 50mins. They have all been in once and have to go in again 3 weeks later. It is very interesting stuff. We are unsure if it will work but if we don't try we don't know. I personally think we are wasting our time but watch this space, I have been proven wrong before! We have carried out our Ram Guard work for Eczema and have just dosed 56 Perendale & Romdale 2th



Rams at .57 which is higher than anyone else in New Zealand for both these breeds.

We have been acknowledged by the FE Gold group and can use the FE Silver logo in our advertising which is great.

Our Ram sale is all set down for Tuesday 19th November 12pm start.

Once again, this year we will do something different. We have a celebrity auctioneer coming to sell our first ever Beltex cross sold at Raupuha. At this stage we are going to raise money for a charity. Watch this space: it may be grow a mow for Raupuha sale day and we will donate some money to Movember. Keep an eye out for this.

If you would like to talk to us about our Eczema Tolarant Perendale or Romdale Breeding rams or our Terminal Suffolk, Suftex and the new Suffolk/Beltex cross 2th Rams. If you require a Shorthorn Bull let us know. If you are looking at fencing of water ways & planting some Native Trees give us a bell.

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Barbara Kuriger

MP for Taranaki-King Country

Water is both a critical strategic asset and a source of recreation in New Zealand and we all know it must be abundant, healthy, clean and cost effective. While we encourage the constant improvement of our waterways, the recent proposals from the Government on Freshwater are short-sighted and destined to have perverse effects on our primary sector and wider economy. These wide-ranging proposals will limit the flexibility of New Zealand farmers to adjust to market conditions and change their land use. The effects of this would be far reaching and could restrict farmers from innovating, which is one of New Zealand's key advantages. This means that farmers looking to be on the cutting edge of the market and transition to new crops will be hamstrung and unable to make these transitions.

Marlborough once used to be covered in arable crops, sheep and cattle, but due to New Zealand's flexible land use farmers were able to convert to grapes as they saw market opportunities present themselves. Now Marlborough is famous for its Sauvignon Blanc. The Government's proposals will severely limit farmers' abilities to make these changes and ultimately our primary sector and economy will suffer as a result.

The only conversions being supported by this document is the planting of more trees. Modelling in the document suggested 68 per cent of drystock farms in the

Waikato/Waipā area would be converted into forestry as a direct result of the proposed regulations.

This is heaping pressures onto a sector that is already at historically low levels of confidence. Despite the mounting pressures in the rural world, the Government has failed to even analyse how much these regulations will cost farmers and the wider economy. Once again, this Government appears content to treat our farmers like New Zealand's cash cows and have little regards for their own wellbeing. This document piles more uncertainty onto the sector, and many will be struggling to see a way forward.

National established a comprehensive National Policy Statement while in Government and worked alongside our primary sector to clean our waterways, which have been steadily improving, as shown by the Government's own data from Land, Air, Water Aotearoa (LAWA). This analysis of national river quality trends from 2008 to 2017 showed that for eight out of the nine water quality indicators reported on, more monitored sites were improving than degrading. A large part of this consistent increase in quality is the huge amount of work farmers have already

done to improve water quality. We signed an accord with the dairy industry that has seen farmers fence off 98 percent of their waterways, a distance of Auckland to Chicago and back, alongside spending over \$1 billion in environmental investment over the last five years. This is a major achievement from our farmers but not a story David Parker wants to tell. It's outrageous that the Government seems hell-bent on putting more and more shackles on the sector that produces 60 per cent of our exports and is the backbone of our economy. If we want first world healthcare, transport and education, we must sell something to the world to afford to buy our first world affluence. This means we should be encouraging sustainable growth for our industry, not stifling it with regulations in the name of political ideology.

Authorised by Barbara Kuriger, Parliament Buildings, Wellington

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U38kg Rugby Champions

For the first time in many years, Piopio/Coast has been victorious in the annual U38kg (under 11yrs) rugby tournament.

Piopio hosted the event at the Rukuhia Domain on Sunday the 18th of August. Teams from Taupo, Taumaranui, Otorohanga, Tekuiti and Piopio/Coast each played 4 games. The weather gods were kind, and it made for a fabulous spectator day out for family and friends.

The atmosphere at the domain was amazing with supporters, great sportsmanship and competitive spirit. Piopio/Coast had 4 convincing wins over the day and concluded with Corey, Jake, Rawiri and Harlym being nominated as part of the prestigious Tournament team.

North King Country has a massive talent of rugby rising through the ranks, as seen by a very successful overall 2nd and 3rd (out of 11 teams) in the under 9s, and runner's up in the U11 year school rugby season.



A big thankyou to Carl Alcock for the organisation of the event, great tournament referees, coaches and parent helpers and all participants for their hard work. Players in the Piopio/Coast team were as follows:

Coast: Luke Thomas, Tarai Cummins

Piopio U9s: Aden Bradcock, Jake Peterson, Isaac Carter, Levi Pari, Jayden Collins-Love, Hami Maguire, Rawiri Maguire, Trey Mason, Zane Heald, Armi Whitiora

Piopio U11s: Corey Mason, Joss Nelson, Billy Smyth, Tana Maguire, Carter Briggs, Harlym Holmes, Lyndon Brough, Lachlan Lyford, Lachie Carter



Local Rowing Champ

Former Piopio College Student, Hannah Osborne, was in the stroke seat of the Womens' quad boat which placed 5th in the A Final at the 2019 World Rowing Championships in Linz Ottensheim, Austria. This result qualifies the boat for the 2020 Olympics in Japan, although the crew will still have to go through the selection process. In 2017 and 2018 Hannah competed in single skulls finishing 8th in both World Championships.

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King Country River Care

Farmers taking charge of improving the environment together with the community

King Country River Care News

Great news for KCRC this month with a very positive response to our first external funding application. Waikato Regional Council (WRC) have agreed to fund \$30k with a possible top up of an additional \$10k. This is funding towards coordinator wages and helping KCRC achieve our goals.

Not such great news is the governments "Essential Freshwater" reforms package. Whilst we, like all NZers want healthier waterways, how (& how fast) we get there is harder to agree on. This is going to be really important for us all to have our say & KCRC will do whatever we can to help you all do that. Submissions close on the 17th October so please get in touch if you need help. KCRC have made great progress with an MPI funding proposal for the next 3 years. Basically this is part of the government's \$229m package to support farmers &

rural communities adapt and respond to changing regulations and requirements. Officials from Wellington are visited on 18 September, they are very keen to provide us some funding and we are in the process of working through the finer details.

Big thanks to farmers for taking the time to attend our events, and our partners for delivering workshops over the last few months. WRC have supported us with seven Risk & Mitigation days, with just under 150 attendees. We have held four Beef + Lamb NZ FEP (Farm Environment Planning) workshops recently with around 10 farm businesses attending each of these. We are looking to keep improving the workshop format to help these days provide real value for farmers. We are planning to hold a "drop-in" follow up day for farmers who have started their FEP and would like some help with further work on it.

The proposed date is 22 October in Piopio - let me know if you're interested.

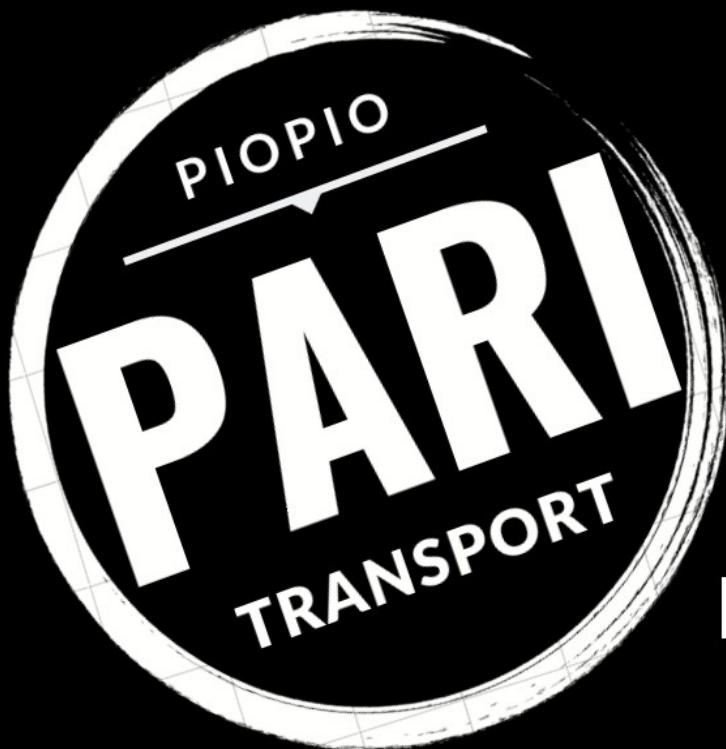
KCRC attended a Significant Natural Area (SNA) stakeholder workshop in Te Kuiti on 20 September. Many farmers in our area will receive a letter next month regarding the process Waitomo District Council is following to help landowners identify if they have SNAs or Landscapes on their property and what this means in the future. If you receive a letter it is in your best interests to make sure you follow up on the actions suggested. WRC have Hill Country Erosion funding available now in the Mokau & Awakino catchments for riparian fencing/planting (small budget, and only for 2019/20), poplar/willow pole planting, retirement of LUC class 6e, 7 & 8 land with high erosion risk (with or without indigenous bush), and some farm planning.

Contact Adrian Jepson directly on Adrian.Jepson@waikatoregion.govt.nz or KCRC if you need more information.

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Piopio Community Recreation Centre Fitness Zone Fundraising Appeal

PIOPIO COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTRE

ADVENTURE FITNESS ZONE

A designated adventure fitness zone for the community of Piopio.

FUNDRAISER SUPPORT

WE ARE SEEKING SUPPORT THROUGH SPONSORSHIP AND WELCOME ANY CONTRIBUTION TO THIS PROJECT.

To date we have been actively fundraising and applying for grants to assist with this idea.

We are now committed to bringing this project to fruition and need some additional support from you.

If you would like to donate or pledge some funds towards individual fitness stations or to the overall project we would welcome your contribution. Our vision is to include a range of fitness stations including pull up balls, balance beams, chin up stations and climbing nets plus more. This circuit of outdoor equipment will complement the existing Piopio Recreation and Gym centre programmes and will enhance the outdoor circuit for users. To ensure all ages are catered for we would like to create a central active zone and playground structure for youth to engage with also

Thank you in advance for your support

DONATIONS

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PIOPIO

We would like to share an exciting development in our community, as we look forward to creating a new multipurpose outdoor fitness zone at the Piopio Community Recreation Gym Centre adjoining the Piopio College. We are seeking your support to raise funds to begin the development of individual fitness stations in an outdoor circuit.

If you would like further information how to support this project, please let me know, or if you wish to make any contributions we would be extremely grateful and welcome sponsorship, donations or voluntary services.

If you choose to make a donation please process to the following account:

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We thank you in advance for consideration to support this community initiative.
Cheers
Donna Pari

FARMING WOMEN TO THE FORE

On August 8th the Agri Women's Development Trust proudly graduated 14 King Country farming women from Understanding Your Farming Business (UYFB), a course run over 4 months and designed to engage women as critical farming partners in their farming business.

During the 3 one day learning modules the women grew to understand the strengths they bring to their businesses, how to measure farm performance and potential, how to add value a more engaged critical farming partner, business planning to improve farm performance, the drivers and language of their farming businesses and how to find and assess financial information. Over the 4 months the women also made new friends and stronger connections within our community so they can continue to support each other in their individual journeys as Critical Farming Partners.

UYFB is fully funded by the Red Meat Profit Partnership (RMPP) and continues to get feedback like :

"The change in our farming business has been huge because now it's the two of us, before it was just my partner in his head and me following along. It has been life changing."

"I haven't had farming business training previously. This course was enlightening, challenging, empowering, exciting and has had a significant impact."

"It has been the most worthwhile thing I

have done in many years. I am thrilled that my husband is as excited as I am about the new knowledge I have gained."

"I realise that I was isolated before and now I know there's a whole group of women in this country who are keen and interested to strive for better."

For more information or to register your interest in UYFB in 2020 go to

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