



Jaxon Bryant

Jaxon awarded Dux of College

JAXON BRYANT was named Dux 2024 at the Piopio College Senior Prizegiving held on October 23 last year, in the college gymnasium.

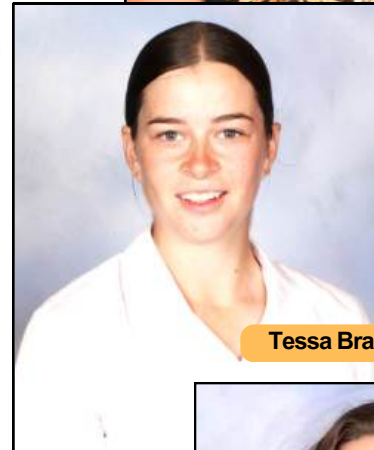
Proxime Accessit was awarded to Marion Robata, while Sportsperson of the Year was jointly awarded to Tessa Bradcock and Grace Purdie.

Head Students for 2025 are Korvell Young and Caitlyn Cody; Deputies are Abbie Blakeman and Jaimee Martin.

Congratulations to all recipients, and all the best for 2025.



Marion Robata



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THE CLUB met in December for a Xmas BBQ at the Aria Domain with a good number of members and partners coming along. A very relaxing enjoyable evening.

Once again the club was able to put on the annual Xmas Dinner and had a great turnout. The catering was done by a team of school students overseen by Lisa Lyford and a group of parents. This team was raising funds for their trip to Japan. The Club was so impressed with the efforts of the caterers that we donated an extra few hundred dollars on top of their account. Once again a big thank you to Trae Aitken for entertaining us with his music.

The Club is about to sponsor a student to the Hilary Outdoor Pursuits Centre and will look at sending another student later in the year.

Recently the food caravan has been at the Aria School Orienteering Day, Piopio School Pet Day and the Xmas Parade evening.

There is a chance that we might be back at the Fieldays this year. Organisations that might want to assist us please keep this in mind.

The club is still looking for someone who would like to cook their meeting dinner, once a month, approximately 20 people – meat and three veg – nothing too elaborate. If interested please contact Gavin Todd 021 0870 0545 or Ross Smith 027 285 1703.

Project Piopio Trust update

ROLL ON 2025! We wish all readers a happy and prosperous year.

Firstly, a huge thank you to all those who participated in the Community Survey.

There were 207 replies - that's excellent feedback and more than anticipated. We don't have the full analysis yet. When this happens we will be aiming to consult with all interested parties in the coming months.

One issue we saw come up was the lack of transport to Te Kuiti medical facilities: Te Kuiti Community House is prepared to make the 4H Mobility Van available for half a day per week, probably Monday. It can take up to five people including one wheelchair. There will be a small cost. If at all interested please phone or text Jenny Brodie (021 141 243 or leave a message) or email projectpiopiotrust@gmail.com. It should be doable, just needs some planning.

Another point raised is the lack of retail outlets in Piopio. That's not easy to solve because of our low population but you may not be aware that Country Couriers operate a regular service to Te Kuiti and can deliver to Piopio Village, and anyone on the Piopio based rural delivery services. Country Couriers phone is 0274 760 478.

Cost of local groceries: Please be aware that running small food outlets is challenging and the cost of goods needs to be higher. These businesses mostly have to source goods at supermarket process. They provide a wonderful service. Please support them.

Piopio Community Information facebook page. The number of people following the page is steadily increasing, hence more people are receiving messages. There are still a lot of activities happening in the community not being posted. We are working on it!

*Until next issue,
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Piopio Fruit & Veg Stand

SUMMER delivers all sorts of abundance to our Community Stand, with heaps of local homegrown fruit and veggies. Thus far into the season I can say that this year's plums are down over 2024 in terms of volume, and the birds have had more than their fair share. Apples, quince, pears and peaches are looking good, fingers crossed. It's too early to know about the feijoas, figs, walnuts and hazelnuts.

We've had a good season with veggies, but I don't know yet about the heirloom tomatoes. They're telling me the cool/hot weather has them a bit off their game. Time will tell.

I'm recounting my learning journey with heritage climbing beans via the Stand FB page as it continues, with thanks to the Heritage Food Crops Research Trust in Wanganui for providing the seeds. Their website is a great resource for anyone

interested in growing food, especially heirloom tomatoes, heritage beans, and Monty's Surprise apples. They are also very generous about sharing free seeds if you want or need them. We had a local gentleman arrive at our house during the holidays to share some Dutch heritage peas his family has grown in the district for many years. I've saved some, grown some, and sent some down to the Trust for preservation.

Your contributions of homegrown produce continue to be gratefully received and go off quickly to appreciative homes. Very little goes to waste. Recently I found a thank you note from someone named Greg about the jam; the kind of thing that makes me smile.

I must confess that we don't need recycled egg cartons left at the stand.

And I will put the word out when

more jars are needed by our jam makers, they do let me know. At the moment everyone's cupboards are full, and I am taking things to the dump since we don't have kerbside collection.

Check out our Facebook page for updates on what's on offer most weekday mornings, recipes and growing tips. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or issues.

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PIOPIO COMMUNITY & DISTRICTS CHARITABLE TRUST

APPLICATION FOR GRANTS

Application forms for Individuals and Organization's may be printed off the Piopio website or by emailing the Trust. Email: piopiotrust@gmail.com

Areas covered for grants include Piopio Township and the districts of Mairoa – Mangaotaki – Mahoenui – Aria – Mokauiti – Mapiu – Kopaki – Benneydale – Oparure and Rangitoto. Te Kuiti Borough is not included.

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Piopio looking prosperous



I HOPE you all had a good Christmas and an enjoyable holiday break.

It is great to see Piopio looking so prosperous. There is no doubt that the upgrade of the Café has made a huge difference to stopping the through-traffic. I'd like to wish Cerise Bevege all the best with her new business 'Forage' and encourage locals to support her.

I realise that overflowing rubbish bins can be a problem and hopefully we can find ways that this can be improved during these busy holiday times.

Piopio Pool and Project Piopio both received \$10,000 three-year grants. Council had applications for twice the amount of money

available.

This coming year the big items on the calendar are Local Water Done Well, and a decision on the future of the landfill.

Once again I would like to thank all who volunteer their time throughout the district, to make our community an attractive and inviting place to be.

Wishing everyone a healthy and prosperous 2025.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any concerns or queries you might have.

Take care,
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Gavin Todd

Rural Ward Councillor
Waitomo District Council



Year 10 Camp

WE HAD our annual camp with our Year 10 students in Awakino early December.

Our students were outstanding... they planned their gear, set up their own camp and cooked their own meals for the two days. They had endless fun fishing, swimming and snorkelling.

We had a successful planning session for 2025 around subjects/courses, NCEA preparation, reflections on their Work Experience Challenge, and building their individual profiles moving into the senior school.

Piopio College would like to say a big thank you to Mark and Wendy Smyth who again allowed us to camp on their farm in a very special spot.

Also thank you to the teachers who came on the trip, Mr Ben Draper, Miss Jessie-Jo Ball, Mrs Gina Draper. We appreciate your time and mahi.

Ngā mihi,
Mrs Lucy Thomas



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Piopio District Museum news

THE Piopio District Museum Trust sincerely thanks those friends and supporters of the Museum who responded to the donation request in the 2024 newsletter. The generous donations received will be used on the maintenance, annual costs of the Museum and some information boards.

We also thank Country Couriers for delivering the leaflets/newsletter on our behalf throughout Piopio and District. Thank you Tony and Paula.

Donations can still be made to Westpac Bank a/c no. 03-0449-0102787-00. Ref: Name, phone number and Museum. Donations will be received with the Charitable Trust Number CC23589.

Audrey Bevege

It is with great sadness that the Museum Committee acknowledges the recent death of one of our long serving Trustees, Mrs Audrey Bevege.

Audrey regularly oiled and cared for the old saddles and other leatherwork in the Blacksmith's shop. Audrey would happily share the stories of her visits in years past to the existing Blacksmith Shop - to shoe her horses and meet up with her friends.

Our sympathy is extended to the Bevege family at this time. May she Rest in Peace.

Open Day/Working Bee

The Piopio and Districts Museum Trustees are running an open day/working bee at 1 pm on Saturday, February 15. We are encouraging local people to come along and see the great exhibits we are displaying here and to lend a hand if it suits for a few small maintenance jobs.

Enquiries to:

- Mark Verry 022 536 9909
- Saskia Lagocki 07 877 8665
- Suzanne Downey 021 877 861
- Andrew Downey 027 656 0118.



Ātaahua Beauty opens its doors

WE WELCOME a new business to town!

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During the three years in business Hairloom has expanded their services and tripled their staff! Paige – owner and senior stylist, Heidi an apprentice who is in her last year before becoming fully qualified and nano extraordinaire, and Kim Simpson a veteran when it comes to hair who works part time between nursing shifts.

"I'm so proud of everything our team has achieved. The salon offers great service, and the latest products and services. Including the new nano treatment, which is a revolutionary for those wanting straight, fuzz free hair. Nano lasts up to eight months, and hair

is left straight after just blow drying.

No fancy shampoos needed afterward, and clients are free to colour their hair as they normally would. It has been a real game changer."

To celebrate turning three Hairloom are running a weekly giveaway. Every customer during the month of February can enter the weekly draw. Each Friday a prize will be given away. Prizes include a conditioning treatment with scalp massage and a \$100 voucher.

The winner has the choice to keep the prize or re-gift it. If they re-gift it a prize draw will be run through Facebook and Instagram to find the winner.

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Membership Subs

A huge thankyou to all those members who have paid their KCRC memberships this year. We look forward to working with you all throughout 2025.

2025 Events and Projects

2025 Water Testing Results - now live on our website. Head along and check out your catchment quarterly results.

Pest Management

Improve our Biosecurity and Biodiversity through pest control. From March we will be kicking off monitoring x50 NZ Auto Traps AT 220 across our catchment. Thank you to our landowners and project sponsor MPI for supporting this project. .

Our goal is to reduce the pest population in our catchment using humane, toxic free traps. The approach for developing this project is to support and maintain our collective community action towards the collaborative and responsive uptake of our riparian planting programme and provide understanding of pests within our catchment.

Our focus for 2025 is to ensure we

are taking the best possible actions to improve the biodiversity of our catchment area. Updates and links to trap locations will be available on our website from April so keep an eye out.

If you are keen to come on board NZ Auto Traps are offering discounted pricing via KCRC membership. Please reach out to info@nzautotraps.com with kcrivercare@gmail.com cc'd to discuss discount options.

Tackling Aotearoa's wallaby challenge. How you can help?

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Our next committee meeting is mid February so get in touch if you would like to attend or there's something we need to discuss.

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WESCT 2025 Election of Trustees

NOMINATIONS are now open for three Waitomo Energy Service Consumer Trust (WESCT) trustee positions and close at midday on Tuesday 11 February.

To be nominated you **MUST** complete the official nomination form, which you can get by emailing iro@electionz.com or calling 0800 666 041.

Nominations need to be processed before the close off, so it is recommended that anyone who is interested should get their nomination in well ahead of this time.

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- Our beneficiaries are electricity customers connected to The Lines Company network. To be nominated, you must be a NZ citizen, live in the trust area and have the support of two beneficiaries.
- If elected, your term is 3.5 years.
- In total, there are six trustees.
- We typically meet once a month in Te Kūiti, and meetings can run for up to four hours
- Becoming a Trustee provides great governance experience.
- Energy knowledge/experience isn't essential.
- Training and a full induction are provided, including the opportunity to attend Energy Trusts of New Zealand conferences twice a year.

Amazing Racing

IN EARLY December our Piopio College year 7 and 8 students participated in an Amazing Race around our town. A little rain never stopped the cheers, laughs and perseverance.

A huge thanks goes out to Darren Cathie, Steve Brough and Lachlan Lyford at the Piopio Fire Station, Mr J and Val Perry at Piopio St John and Steph Brough and her little 'Curious Keas' for hosting our 3 challenges.

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Mokau Museum update/insights

MOKAU MUSEUM have released the Summer edition of our 'Muse News' newsletter; jam-packed with exciting updates, insightful articles, and all the vibrant energy that this season brings.

This edition is not just a reflection of our own accomplishments, but also a glimpse into the bright future ahead.

You can find the latest edition on our Facebook page Mokau Museum, or on our website www.mokaumuseum.nz

Grab your favourite summer drink, find a cosy spot, and enjoy all the amazing news we have to share!

Nga mihi

Leisha Bell, Newsletter Editor, Mokau Museum

An excerpt from the newsletter...

PAM WARREN (14 July 1943 - 6 August 2016) was a pioneering figure in the shearing industry, recognised as the first woman to compete in the Golden Shears (the premier shearing championship) at age 19 in 1963.

Born in Inglewood and raised on a sheep and beef farm in Awakino, she left school at 15 to work on the farm and joined a shearing gang at 17. Pam excelled in competitions, including multiple victories at A&P shows.

After marrying Bob Warren, she continued to shear while managing family duties, eventually setting a women's world record by shearing 344 lambs in nine hours in 1971 and achieving further records in collaboration with other shearing experts. Despite stepping away from competition due to family commitments, Pam made a comeback during the 40th anniversary of the Golden Shears in 2000, solidifying her legacy in the shearing community.

Are you curious to dive deeper into Pam's story and uncover a treasure trove of captivating exhibits? Swing by the Mokau Museum and let the adventure begin!



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Mokau Fishing Club



HI ALL!

Well, it looks like summer has arrived finally, albeit the winds since Christmas have led to only a few opportunities to get out on the water.

Our Christmas competition was a huge success with a fantastic turn-out once again and also some great fish weighed by anglers. A huge thank you to sponsors and everyone involved for putting this competition together - we couldn't do it without you.

Take-a-Kid Fishing is on February 1 and we will have details of that in the next issue.

Following this on February 15 we have our annual Ladies Day competition - details will be out shortly and available to register online. Ladies, start getting a crew together and join in on a fun day! It might be the only day us 'males' give you a chance to see what hard work it is going fishing! And not only will you get a day on the water, but we will treat you to a fine meal afterwards at Awakino Hotel, and maybe even a prize of two.

We also have our Sponsors Fishing Day and member's BBQ on March 1. This is a great way to thank our sponsors - it would be great to see some members at the BBQ. If boat owners are able to help with boats to take them out, please let one of the committee members know.

The Summer competition started December 31 and will finish March 10, 2025 (Monday of Taranaki Anniversary). Weigh in your fish anytime throughout this period at the Awakino Hotel or Mokau Butcher. We will then hold our end-of-year prizegiving on Saturday, March 29.

We have a new category this season: 'Snapper Spearfishing' along with the normal sections for Boat, Surfcasting, Drone, and Longline. I suggest that you weigh your fish for this competition as we have 50-60 prize categories to give away! Remember, you must be a member to weigh fish so jump onto our website and become a member if you haven't already.

A reminder to skippers of boats: please be considerate of land-based anglers when heading north up the coast. There are drones and kontiki lines out off the beach so they would appreciate if you stayed out 2km off-shore to avoid cutting lines. Not a big ask from them as there's a lot of space out there for everyone to enjoy.

Well, that's it from me - a busy few weeks ahead for the committee and hopefully a few days fishing slipped in too. Good luck, and remember to weigh fish for the Summer Comp now.

Cheers, Wal



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Xmas parade - yet another hit!

PIOPIO's Christmas Parade was such a hit this year! There were so many neat and creative ideas for the floats that really showcased the spirit of the season.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated and dedicated their time and effort to make it special. Also, thank you so much to the judges Ashley Muraahi, Daniel Southam, and Michelle Carter for their hard work.

Congratulations to the winners: the Three Little Birds for snagging the Piopio Christmas Parade shield, Sadie Mortensen for the best Christmas-decorated home theme, Zoe Simpson for the best mailbox Christmas theme, and Piopio Dental for winning the best Christmas business theme.

Also, a big shoutout to Jessie Loomans for winning the Piopio Christmas stocking raffle.



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Sigrid!

One of our Birdtalk crew has flown the coop, so just taking this opportunity to thank her for her contribution to our newsletter, and wish her all the best for her future endeavours.



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