

## A “spooktacular” Halloween

Piopio Halloween was absolutely fantastic! It was a ‘spooktacular’ event filled with fun and excitement.

The whole community came together to make it a memorable afternoon for everyone. Kids, parents, and even local homes and businesses joined in the Halloween spirit, sharing treats and creating a festive atmosphere.

A special shoutout to the Fat Owl for providing a fantastic finish to the event.

Let’s not forget the amazing individuals like Josh Barnsdall, Dj Huia Robert, Patea Muraahi, Jacob Hiraki, and Turimanu Fraser for their help on the BBQ, and Emma Thompson & Simpson Tree Works for their kind contribution towards the BBQ for the kids.

I hope the kids had a blast and weren’t too tired from all the fun.

Piopio Halloween was truly a community celebration to remember!

*Carley Simpson*



Carley Simpson with some trick or treaters.



Rico Simpson ready for action.



# College leaders awarded

Piopio College held its Senior Prizegiving on Friday, November 3.

Ryan Smith was awarded Dux, while Ava MacKenzie, Proxime Accessit.

Head Students for 2024 are Tana Bidois and Marian Robata.

Congratulations to you all.

Full Senior Prizegiving awards are on Page 8.

The Junior Prizegiving is to be held on December 8.



Proxime Accessit, Ava MacKenzie and Dux, Ryan Smith



Head students 2024: Marian Robata and Tana Bidois

## Combined Kapa Haka Performance.

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On the 9th of November, many months of hard work was showcased when Piopio Primary and Āria School kapa haka groups came together in the Piopio College gym for the Mokau Ki Runga performance.

The tamariki were all dressed in their Mokau Ki Runga shirts with the logo that had been given to them a number of years ago. It is a mirror image representing both kura, including all our Maunga and Pae Maunga within Piopio and Āria. In 2014, a combined schools kapa haka group was formed and they were given the name 'Mōkau Ki Runga' meaning Mōkau to the South, which is a reference point within the Tainui compass and it is a tribal marker/ boundary.

**MOKAU KI RUNGA**  
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Whānau gathered ready to hear some stunning waiata, watch some great poi action and be moved by the strong haka.



No one was disappointed, the tamariki performed with pride and confidence. They were led by senior students, Kadius Young from Āria School and Aria Bourke from Piopio Primary.

The group performed a number of waiata, including the girls using poi. It was lovely to see all the poi moving at the same time and the confidence that the poi were used with. To conclude the performance the boys performed a strong haka, which the audience enjoyed immensely.



A change from tradition where kapa haka performances are accompanied by the guitar, the group performed with the piano. Beth Dalton was unable to be there on the day, so had recorded the piano prior. Both kura are very grateful to Beth for her support of the kapa haka

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# Piopio Fruit & Veg Stand



WELL, we got through Heirloom Tomatoes 2023!

I love growing and distributing tomato plants each year to encourage everyone to learn to grow their own. As with most things, people find there's no comparison between what you can grow vs buy.

This year I encountered two additional challenges. I'd decided to grow zucchini, pumpkins and butternut squash plants to share as well, and those took over the glasshouse as they grew and grew. It was a jungle. Reference was made to a novel and movie called "The Day of the Triffids," of which I was unaware, where plants take over the world. I had to move them on to make room for potting all the tomato seedlings. If I do them again, I'll pot them up after the tomatoes.

My second challenge was pots. I know I've been banging on about the need to return those pots to the stand for reuse, but if I don't get them back, we can't do what we do. By my count we distributed over 800 seedling tomatoes this year. I recently read that the Heritage Food Crops Trust gave away 1400 tomato plants one day this season; indeed, the bar has been raised. I will need pots. And by now, everyone knows that they're the square ones (not six packs) that are usually grey, black,

blue or red, and the taller square ones that are orange, red, or blue. Not picky, are we?

It's looking to be a good season for both the veggie garden and the orchard. After having no plums last year at all, our trees are dripping green fruit. We are already enjoying zucchini and have some green tomatoes, pumpkins and butternut are flowering. I've planted the seed potatoes and am about to tackle the kumara.

Due to the weather damage in Hawkes Bay and resulting shortage of tinned fruit you might want to take a stab at bottling some fruit this year, especially if people are sharing lots of surplus.

I've found Golden Queen peaches and pears to be the easiest and can share some tips when we get to that point in the season.

While I'd made jams and fruit paste, I hadn't really bottled fruit until about a year ago. Now we use it all winter.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions/issues. Contributions of surplus to the stand would be welcome and appreciated. Updates are posted pretty much daily on our FB page. We'll decorate the stand for the Christmas parade and come up with some goodies

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# A year on as a councillor

IT IS just over a year since I was elected as your Council Representative. It has been a very enlightening experience to see how extensive an entity local body councils are.

The ratepayers elected four new councillors out of six, plus the sitting Mayor, each bringing their own skill set to the table. I think we have a good mix of experience and fresh new ideas. And so far, I think we have worked very well together as a team.

Council recently voted on Maori Wards. Councillors unanimously voted against Maori Wards and in favour of a committee comprising of Maori and Council representatives. The committee will not have voting rights. I personally think this is a good outcome as Maori Wards have several disadvantages for

Maori representation.

The Piopio Cosmopolitan carpark is to get a much needed upgrade. The new carpark will be an asset to the district.

Even though Piopio isn't prone to flooding, because of the unpredictable heavy downpours that we seem to be getting recently, please be on the look out for water leaks and keep storm water inlets clear of any debris. Please notify Council of any leaks etc, so that treated water is not wasted at considerable expense.

I hope this finds everyone well and looking forward enthusiastically to the Summer season (hopefully we get one this year).

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



**Gavin Todd**  
Rural Ward Councillor  
Waitomo District Council

## Piopio Retirement Village update and invite

Most of you are probably aware that Piopio has a Retirement Village complex at 5 Kaka Street. At present there are 10 units soon to be 11.

The Piopio Retirement Trust owns the land and seven units (5 one-bedroom and 2 two-bedroom), and there are three units which are owned by the occupiers. A fourth unit is soon to be built and owned by the occupier. All units are currently full.

The land was originally donated by the Boddie family and what you see today is a result of a huge amount of volunteer work and machinery provided by many local people over a long period of time and up to the present.

The tenants in the units owned by the Trust pay a weekly rental, and the owner occupied units pay a right to occupy fee, as they own the building but not the land.

The complex is administered by a group of trustees who do a magnificent job. I am president (have been for quite a few years), Jenny Brodie is treasurer, and had been secretary/treasurer for an extremely long period

of time, before Liz Morgan took over the secretary's position.

Other present trustees are Ross Smith who is vice president, Debbie McFarlane (property), Wendy Weinberg, Phil Brodie, Ken Perry, Stuart Darke, Andrew Downey, Chris Young (property), and Mona Bidois.

The complex is run on a volunteer basis mainly by the trustees and, broadly speaking, the only paid services are for lawn mowing, and services e.g. plumber, builder, electrician, accountant etc.

We are fortunate to have tenants who take great pride in the appearance of the village and willingly help with gardening and other maintenance jobs, ably led by Chris and Des Young.

I think this complex is a great asset for Piopio. If you would like to be involved in this community asset in any way, please contact me or any of the other trustees.

*Gavin Todd*  
President, Piopio Retirement Trust

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Speld is an organisation that, for 50 years, has advocated, tutored, and assessed children and adults with specific learning difficulties (Dyslexia, Dyscalculia and Dysgraphia). Speld receives no funding from the government.

I am focused on our little community and helping those families that need to boost their child's confidence with their schoolwork. Just because we are a rural community does not mean that our children should miss out on extra support,

so I decided to do something about it.

If you are concerned about your child's reading, spelling, writing or maths, then get in touch. They don't need to be Dyslexic to get some extra help and confidence with their reading and maths. My teaching is about working to their strengths with one-on-one support and teaching strategies to support their learning.

If assessment for a formal diagnosis is needed for an SLD I can also help with organising that. Subsidies are also available for assessment and tutoring if your family meets the requirements.



# KC River Care Update

2023 has certainly been a big year for us. From the whole committee, we thank you for your support. Your support makes our work much more meaningful and impactful in the community.

This year, like other catchment groups across New Zealand, our funding from MPI has reduced which means we rely more heavily on sponsorship and membership fees to fund projects and events. If you've been thinking about becoming a member, now is the time to join. Please contact our co-ordinator Anna Nelson for more info.

### Our work

We're continuing to work on options to support farmers to complete their own Fresh Water-Farm Plans. We're

hoping to provide workshops, a digital tool, and a template to assist with the process from April/May 2024.

We're also currently exploring a carbon neutral farm pilot which is progressing well. Initial modelling on the three farms has been completed. Our plan is to hold field days next year to showcase our findings.

### Funding Available - 1 Billion Tress Kick Start fund

We've made some adjustments to the funding criteria considering upcoming changes to Farm Plans. Now, having a Farm plan is no longer a requirement to access funding. Applications close in February, please visit our website for the applications form and more information.

### New co-ordinator

We're pleased to announce we have a new co-ordinator starting. As Anna starts to take a step back, Lana McCormick will join the team in February.

### Miri Kirihimete

We know the Christmas period doesn't mean holiday time for everyone... but no matter what you're doing – whether it's relaxing at the beach or lake, with family, or working hard in the yards or in the shed, we wish you and your whānau a safe and happy festive season (and may the rain fall regularly) – Miri Kirihimete everyone.

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Aria Playcentre is a fantastic part of the community, we would love to have you join us! Please contact Cojana Spear on 027 808 6677, or via email [cojana.spear@playcentre.org.nz](mailto:cojana.spear@playcentre.org.nz) if you are interested or apply with your CV to [vacancies@playcentre.org.nz](mailto:vacancies@playcentre.org.nz) using “CNI SF – Aria”



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# Fun at school athletics day

ON WEDNESDAY, November 1 Piopio College held its annual athletics day.

The weather held for us and we were able to run an extremely successful day.

A big thank you to our rangatahi for your efforts and to the parents/whānau who came along to support. It was lovely to see such a large number of you!

Also a massive thank you to the parents/whānau who supported and helped run the PTA BBQ – it was greatly appreciated.



**Our champions for 2023:**

**Sub junior girl: Makenzie Grainger**

**Sub junior boy: Caelym James**

**Junior girl: Miriama Newton**

**Junior boy: Hunter Rogers**

**Intermediate girl: Caitlyn Cody**

**Intermediate boy: Noah Brownlie**

**Senior girl: Marian Robata**

**Senior boy: Ryan Smith**

**Senior field champions: Tana Bidois & Marian Robata**

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## PIOPIO COLLEGE SENIOR PRIZEGIVING 2023

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### ACADEMIC AWARDS

Certificates are awarded to the Top Student in each Subject for their Year level and for those who have attained the MANA award in each subject. The MANA award is awarded to students who are consistently displaying our school values and reflecting effort and integrity in the subject.

#### Year 11 – NCEA Level 1

**Abbie Blakeman:** MANA award in Hospitality; **Regan Bryant:** MANA award in Visual Art; **Merena McTainsh:** MANA award in Science; **Caitlyn Cody:** MANA award in Mathematics and Physical Education; **Lilly Manson:** First in Te Ao Māori; **Cole Morris:** First in Outdoor Recreation & MANA award in Technology Hard Materials; **Tessa Bradcock:** First in Hospitality & MANA award in Outdoor Recreation; **Jaimee Martin:** First in Physical Education and Visual Art; **Grace Purdie:** First in Agriculture, English, Mathematics and Science.

#### Year 12 – NCEA Level 2

**Max Bevege:** MANA award in Agriculture and Hospitality; **Noah Brownlie:** MANA award in Technology Hard Materials; **Marian Robata:** MANA award in Biology, English, Outdoor Recreation and Physical Education; **Alexa Hancock:** First in Hospitality; **Justin Laimbeer:** First in Outdoor Recreation and MANA award in Photography; **Jaxon Bryant:** First in Biology, Digital Technology, English and Mathematics; **Tana Bidois:** First in Agriculture, Photography, Physical Education and Technology Hard Materials

#### Year 13 – NCEA Level 3

**Jorja Knox:** MANA award in Photography, Physical Education and Visual Art – Painting; **Ava MacKenzie:** First in Photography and MANA award in English; **Shaniqueae McElroy:** First in Technology Hard Materials and Visual Art – Painting; **Ryan Smith:** First in Biology, English, Mathematics and Physical Education

#### MAJOR MANA AWARD

**Merena McTainsh:** Showing our MANA values with the highest engagement report average for the year in the classroom

### SUBJECT CUP AWARDS

**ART:** Most Industrious Visual Artist (*Sweeney Trophy*) **Jaimee Martin**; Up and Coming Visual Artist (*Sweeney Trophy*) **Regan Bryant**; Senior Visual Art (*Richardson Cup*) **Shaniqueae McElroy**; Senior Photography Student (*PhotoLife Award*) **Joint Award – Ava MacKenzie & Jorja Knox**; **OUTDOOR RECREATION:** Most Skilled and Competent Outdoors person (*Sponsored by Heath Barnsdall Ag Contracting*) **Te Rumana Taiaroa-Smith**; **TECHNOLOGY HARD MATERIALS:** Level 1 Design Technology & Wood Award (*Les Frederick Memorial Trophy*) **Korvell Young**; Design & Construction Award (*Richardson Cup*) **Noah Brownlie**; Excellence in Carpentry (*Sponsored by Corey Barnsdall Builders Ltd*) **Tana Bidois**; **AGRICULTURE:** Level 1 Agriculture Award (*Womens Division of Federated Farmers Cup*) **Abbie Blakeman**; **TE REO MĀORI:** Commitment to Te Reo (*Maniapoto Māori Trust Board Taonga*) **Merena McTainsh**; Top Student in Te Reo Māori (*Mokau Ki Runga Trophy*) **Lilly Manson**; Contribution and Commitment to Māori Language and Culture (*Taituha Trophy*) **Lilly Manson**; 'Ko te reo te mauri o te mana Maori' (*Māori Womens Welfare League Trophy*) **Lilly Manson**

### SPECIAL AWARDS

**Major Sport Award** (*Draper Axe Trophy, \$500 Piopio College Coffee Club Sponsorship*) **Year 11 Scholar – Runner Up** (\$300 Piopio College Coffee Club Scholarship) **Grace Purdie**; **Year 11 Scholar – First** (*Petre Cup, \$500 Piopio College Coffee Club Scholarship*) **Jaimee Martin**; **Principal's Prize for Year 12 – Runner Up** (\$300 Piopio College Coffee Club Scholarship) **Tana Bidois**; **Principal's Prize for Year 12 – First** (*Voyce Family Cup, \$500 Piopio College Coffee Club Scholarship*) **Jaxon Bryant**; **Persistence, Passion & Pride** (*Jason Kernott Memorial Trophy*) **Cole Morris**; **Founders Scholarship** (*The Whakaaria Certificate - \$500 awarded for the promotion of further study*) **Ryan Smith & Jorja Knox**; **Proxime Accessit to the Dux** (\$1000.00 Piopio College Trust Scholarship) **Ava MacKenzie**; **Dux** (*Carter Cup, \$1500.00 Piopio College Trust Scholarship*) **Ryan Smith**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR PRIZE WINNERS – perseverance and diligence lead to success!**



# Learning in the great outdoors

WHAT a great day linking "Outdoors" class learning to our local outdoor classrooms. We started with a spot of community service at the Awakino tunnel reserve picking up rubbish and doing our little bit for the environment.

Our journey then continued to the Mokau boat ramp for morning tea.

Mr Draper and Aidan then did some 'drag netting' to catch some bait for our final activity. Catching a few here, we then tried the other side, unfortunately, this time catching a few undersized flounder that were returned.

Next stop, we set off to Tongaporutu for a hiko along the coastline, past the Three Sisters (two standing) and down the coast until we couldn't go any further. Exploring the many caves, rock pools and scenery, before heading back to the carpark.

Mr Draper and Miss Ball then accompanied the students with the 'survival water treading'. A few shallow bits along the way, some tackles and then a quick lunch before heading back to Mokau for our fishing lesson. Zane, Caleb and Kiriwai were lucky enough to each catch a fish. Aidan and Te Wano were also successful at catching our bait dragging the net after four 'drags'.

A huge thank you to Miss Ball, Mr Draper and the amazing YR9 students who chose this experience.



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# Tug-o-war fun

PIOPIO Cosmopolitan Club held a tug-o-war competition recently. A number of teams entered and enjoyed flexing their muscles. The winning team was 'Aria Hard', featuring the Harris family and friends.



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A New Generation of Little People at Piopio Primary School



There have been lots of events happening at Piopio Primary recently. These include; calf club (an annual community highlight), year 5 and 6 camp at Finlay Park, athletics day and our combined kapa haka performance with Āria School.

Something that has been quietly happening behind the scenes is the creation of new mini mes. Many Piopio locals may have noticed as they have driven past the school that the little people that

have had pride of place for a number of years along the front fence have disappeared. They have been taken down because many are broken and rotted.

Earlier in the year, some of our little people (mini mes) were vandalised. This was upsetting to the students, staff and community. Max Laver from Laver Marine offered to cut some new mini mes. We said, yes please!



Mrs Price and the students from room 6 (year 5) took on the challenge to create new mini mes for our front fence. Mr Laver got plywood kindly donated from Te Kuiti Placemakers. It took 15 hours of labour for Mr Laver to cut out the mini mees shape. The students in room 5 visited Mr Laver at his workshop at Laver Marine to see what machinery was used to make the shapes.

Mrs Price contacted Resene for a huge range of test pots for the students to create their mini me. The PTA helped pay for the additional paint and brushes needed. Then the design phase started.



The students drew what they wanted to paint and chose 5-6 colours to use. They thought about skin and hair colour, what colours worked together and then got painting. The class has learnt about mixing colours and using masking tape for straight lines. There have been

summer twilight volleyball



**Aria Cos Club invites you to field a mixed team of 6 to play volleyball in the paddock. 4 Thursdays in a row starting on Thurs 18th Jan It's a lot of fun, anyone can play Kitchen open More deets to come on our page Yay! Summer!**

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# Mokau Fishing Club news



HI ALL,  
 Hope you all have had a chance to get the line wet over the last month as we finally have had some good seas and settled weather with longer sunshine hours. There have been some reports of big snapper being caught on boats and off the beach over the last couple of weeks with everybody enjoying a feed.

Our Ice Breaker competition was a great event, good numbers

again to support comp and a fantastic turn out at the pub for prizegiving. It was also great to catch up with everyone, although a shame about the sea for the boats as only a handful braved the conditions to cross the bar, but we had some good fish weighed. Congratulations to the anglers that took prizes away.

Thank you to our major sponsor Hynds and the Awakino Hotel for hosting us again for the Ice Breaker comp, and of course our awesome committee for putting the event together.

Some of the committee met with the Waikato Regional Council to discuss displaying signage to make people aware of the bar and channel changes. The plan is to have some better signage up before Christmas. We also discussed displaying new 5-knot signs between Bridge and Flowerpot – the speed restriction has always been there as you all know, but we are seeing some boats not slowing down in these areas. Please, if you see boats not slowing down, politely mention to the skipper as they most probably aren't aware.

Before you head out, it would be advisable to continue checking channel/bar at low tide as it is moving all the time.

The best thing about Christmas is the "Xmas Fishing Competition" – well some of us would agree. This year is our 10th anniversary of this comp. The committee have discussed, and we have added some new prizes up for grabs to celebrate the event. Tell your mates and family to get involved. The comp is spread over four days starting 27th Dec with over \$15,000 worth of prizes, and it also gives you the excuse to get away from those family relatives you may have had enough of, haha!

Details and entries are all on our website [www.mokaufishingclub.co.nz](http://www.mokaufishingclub.co.nz) so get amongst it.

Enter early to be in the draw for two early bird draw prizes plus a cheap entry fee to be part of our 4-day comp, along with a BBQ at prizegiving and a chance to take home one of 60 major prizes or a spot prize.

Reminder: Subs for club are due 1st December online via website [www.mokaufishingclub.co.nz](http://www.mokaufishingclub.co.nz) – invite your mates to join. This will allow anglers to weigh fish for honours board

and enter summer comp starting 31st Dec until Easter. It also allows you to be part of our fantastic club and meet up during summer months for a free BBQ and a fair bit of banter.

If you are looking for an awesome Christmas present for Mum, all our Merchandise is online. We have some new hats on there – perfect to fill the stockings – check it out! (Orders to be collected via Melissa once ordered – she might even gift wrap it for you).

If you require any help online with your entries for this comp or paying subs please contact one of the committee and they will be happy to help you.

Well, that's about it from me. I hope you all are getting your tackle sorted and the fridge stocked for Christmas. The committee look forward to seeing everybody at the Xmas comp, it's going to be a biggie.

Kind regards,  
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# Mokau Fishing Club news



## ICE BREAKER RESULTS

### Contiki Snapper

1. Hayden Ballentyne
2. Jeff Davis

### Drone Snapper

1. Terry Lyon
2. Geoff Fraser

### Gurnard

1. Carey-Lee Cook
2. Andrew Main

### Surfcasting Snapper

1. Anton Foley
2. Mike Foley
3. Paul Freakley

### Boat Snapper

1. Vern Harker
2. Seth Warren
3. Kelly Russell

### Francis Proffit Snapper

1. Francis Proffit
2. Jade Proffit
3. Max Hale

### Kids Kahawai

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- 09 DEC** **KARAOKE WITH NAKIOKE.**  
AMAKINO HOTEL | 8:00 PM
- 16 DEC** **PUB QUIZ**  
AMAKINO HOTEL | 7:00 PM
- 27 DEC** **CORSON TYRES 4-DAY COMP**  
MOKAU FISHING CLUB | 9:00 PM  
Earlybird draw \$500 Register at <https://www.mokaufishingclub.co.nz>
- 28 DEC** **MOHAKATINO FALLS WALK**  
TAKI MOHAKATINO ROAD | 10:00 AM  
(Jurassic Falls) guided walk - 4 hour return walk. BYO lunch and water - meet at Ben's woolshed at end of Mohakatino road.
- 31 DEC** **BAND**  
AMAKINO HOTEL | 7:00 PM  
Band - Doggy Jack. Courtesy van available. Ph 067529815
- 02 JAN** **PADDLE DAY**  
29 TE HANUKE ROAD | 2:00 PM  
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- 03 JAN** **MOKAU MARKET**  
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- 06 JAN** **RATE PAYERS MEETING**  
MOKAU HALL | 12:00 PM  
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- 10 JAN** **LIME KILN WALK**  
NP TRAMPING CLUB | 9:00 AM  
Walk to the Lime Kiln. Contact John 0274465448
- 12 JAN** **PAINT WITH DIMPY**  
TAINUI WAIERE DOMAIN | 7:00 PM  
Paint, wine and cheese night. Contact 0278964252 to book. \$5
- 13 JAN** **TAKE A KID FISHING**  
MOKAU FISHING CLUB | 8:30 AM  
Register at <https://www.mokaufishingclub.co.nz>
- 13 JAN** **DOMAIN DAY**  
TAINUI WAIERE DOMAIN | 2:30 PM  
BBQ, music, free health checks. Contact Jo 0279239577
- 17 FEB** **LADIES COMPETITION**  
MOKAU FISHING CLUB | 7:30 AM  
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- 18 FEB** **MIGHTY MOKAU BIKE RIDE**  
2327 TALIMATAMAI ROAD | 7:00 AM  
Register at <https://mightymokau.com>. Ph Maree 067529765

# Squash news

SPRING INTERCLUB had a lower number of players this year, with farm jobs taking priority.

However, we were still able to enter a mens team, and two ladies continued to play in teams from surrounding clubs.

Squash Waikato Awards Evening was held recently, with two of our junior players, Regan Bevege and Isaac Carter, attending to accept the new trophy for the Waikato Junior Interclub Winners.

Twelve of our juniors took part in a competition that was held over six dates at different venues over the Waikato during Term 2 and 3.

Individual game points were combined to give Aria the win over-all.

With a few members still playing socially, competing in doubles tournaments and a fun interclub 'bashers' night taking place on Thursdays between Aria, Tekuiti and Taurarunui, we decided to run a round of social squash.

Four teams of five players representing local areas (Aria, Mokauiti, Piopio, and Paekaka/Wairere) are battling it out in a short four-week stint before Christmas.

It's great to have some new players coming out to give squash a go for the first time, as well as some that have dusted off the racquet after many years.

We look forward to taking a short break over the summer, with planning underway for our AGM in January, membership renewal and key change early February, and Autumn Interclub starting early March.

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# Guy Fawke's fun in Aria

THE Aria Cosmopolitan Club recently held 'Guy Fawke's in the Paddock', including a guy competition.

Kids enjoyed a lolly scramble and boxed meals from the kitchen, before a bonfire was lit in the adjacent paddock and a controlled fireworks display was enjoyed by members and guests.



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