

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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PIRONGIA KIDS READY FOR ADVENTURE PLUS!

After the recent visit to Pirongia School by Scouts NZ's National Commissioner, Stuart Fleming, there has been a resurgence of interest in re-forming Scouts here.



Stuart is currently walking the Te Araroa walkway, which stretches from Cape Reinga to Bluff. It's a six month journey, covering some 3000km of track, road and mountain trails. The trail includes part of Mount Pirongia and this portion was opened by the Prime Minister late last year. On his visit to school he spoke about Scouting in New Zealand and the fantastic opportunities the organization gives young people.

There are about 16,000 Scouts in the country, and this number is growing steadily. The national organization is more than 100 years old, and equips young people aged 6 to 26 with life skills of problem-solving, teamwork, citizenship, and healthy living – as well as providing them with access to a large range of outdoor activities including specialised caving, photography, flying, canoe and snow schools.

Scouts is all about 'adventure plus' and as it's been 15 years since Scouts was running in Pirongia, its exciting see it return. There are enough children for us to be up and running with Keas (year 1 – 3) and Cubs (year 4 – 6) in Term 2. These programmes are for both boys and girls. We are delighted to welcome our first leader, Stephanie Dickenson, who comes with a 20 year pedigree of Scouting involvement. A suitable venue to establish a Den is being sought but in the meantime we will be meeting at Pirongia School.

To introduce the wider community to Cubs and Keas we are holding a family fun night on Wednesday 13 April at Pirongia School for all children interested. This is being run by Stephanie supported by leaders from the Zone. We will be holding a parents meeting while the children are busy with Stephanie and team.

All are welcome to come and along and see what Scouting has to offer. More information will be available on the night about enrolling your child, and how you could also get involved.

You can read more of Stuarts adventures at: <http://myadventureplus.wordpress.com/>, and learn more about Scouts at www.scouts.org.nz

For more information about the Pirongia group, please phone Susan on 872 8128.

A HEALTHY ADDICTION

Looking for a great new hobby? Want to get fit? Meet people? Love music?

Whether you're a novice keen to learn how to dance, a fitness buff looking for a new dance workout, or someone interested in learning a contemporary dance purely for the fun of it, Ceroc might be just what you have been looking for.

Ceroc Dance originated in the UK and was brought to New Zealand over 20 years ago. Also known as Modern Jive, Ceroc is a funky and eye-catching partner dance generally danced to top forties, nightclub, blues and swing music. You can dance it at parties, nightclubs, anywhere! Being able to dance Ceroc is a life skill you can use in your social life whenever you want.

It's extremely easy to learn which makes lessons fun. It's designed to be suitable for first-time dancers with "two left feet" as well as very advanced and accomplished dancers.

Few people know that Ceroc can be learned just 'up the road' in Te Awamutu. Will and Tina Carl started out as learner dancers, met each other in class, and together now run classes at Te Awamutu Bible Chapel every Monday evening. "For people of all ages, Ceroc Dance is a great way to get out and meet people while having fun and getting fit" says Will. "You will be dancing after the first class, it's that easy! Complete beginners are welcome on any night that we operate from one of our venues and as there are no set term times, you can start on any night."

Tina adds, 'It's fun and easy to learn and there are complete beginners every week so you are never alone. It's very social, a complete night out with others while you learn, and you don't need to bring your own partner, (but you can if you wish!).

A night of Ceroc provides not only a lesson, but also, on the same night, the opportunity to put your dancing into practice in Freestyle Time. The Waikato is home to some of the country's biggest and best dance parties too – details at www.addictiondance.co.nz.

It's a cost effective night out too - classes cost \$13 for full night access and there's a first timers pass at \$45 for five nights. Coming to class can change your life. You will never be satisfied to just "jig" ever again!

Also coming to the Waipa on 13/14 May – the Waikato Ceroc Champs at the Te Awamutu Events Centre. Spectators are welcome to come and watch some of the best dancers in the country. More information and ticket sales at the addiction-dance website or at Te Awamutu Information Centre.

FEELING PECKISH?

It's Girl Guide biscuit month again! Pippins, Brownies and Guides have been selling Girl Guide biscuits door to door in the village. This year Guides also launched a biscuit tin, recipe cards and a cookbook called 'Begins with a Biscuit'. Check out www.girlguidingnz.org.nz for more information.



If you missed out on buying biscuits, don't despair - there will be a stall on the main road, and you can also contact our Guide or Brownie leaders to purchase direct.

EDITORIAL

Isn't it incredible how quickly our lives can be turned upside down and inside out?

And with this literally happening in Christchurch recently - just 30 seconds of actual seismic activity - never has the preciousness of life, or the value of connection been brought so close to home. There are few people in Pirongia who don't have a relative, or friend, or SOMEONE they know affected by the Canterbury earthquakes.

For me, I have watched the buildings I once worked and lived in literally disappear. I have waited anxiously for news of family who reside in the city - and breathed a sigh of relief when hearing a 'safe and sound' message. And I have been literally 'blown away' by the level of support from friends in Pirongia, enquiring after the welfare of my family, all of whom they have never met.

Thank goodness for technology. As well as right up to the minute online news, it has allowed people to stay in contact relatively easily and at low cost. How did we ever cope before the internet and mobile phones!!?.

There are a number of initiatives underway locally to help bring aid to the people of Christchurch. Please carefully consider where you might be able to help, and give generously. Right now, money is needed more than "things", mainly because there are simply not the resources to manage "stuff". There are also some very specific appeals such as the Scout Buyablanket appeal, the website www.GrabOne.co.nz, and Vodafone text donations. To repeat my plea: please give generously.

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The next issue of **THE VILLAGE VOICE** will go to print in June 2011. If you would like to contribute please contact me at the above email address.

A MESSAGE FROM ST SAVIOUR'S

If a picture is worth a thousand words, what is it worth to actually be there?

Late last year I read in the paper about the wind farm at Te Uku, and that each blade of the wind turbines was 49 meters long. I was amazed to think that a single blade was almost half the length of a rugby field. A few weeks later I actually saw one of these blades for real, temporarily parked at Whatawhata, presumably a scheduled stop by the transportation company. I couldn't believe what I saw - it was huge!! Glancing at the newspaper article was nothing compared with being alongside this incredible piece of engineering.

Being there made all the difference. Maybe that's why OE's (overseas experiences) are so popular, because reading books or downloading images of faraway places simply doesn't compare.

So what's that got to do with the price of fish? Well, it made me think again about our understandings of God. Many of us have images of a faraway God, who never gets off his chuff to see what's happening in the real world. Indeed I can think of a popular song which suggests that God is watching from a distance. The Christian belief, however, is that God became a human being - Jesus Christ - entering into this world, standing alongside his wonderfully engineered creation, and experiencing first-hand every extreme of joy and sorrow that we may experience.

That's why we can turn to Jesus with confidence, no matter what our situation, and know that he understands and cares, not because of what he has Googled or read in the paper, but because he has been there himself.

Your servant in Christ
Tim Lloyd

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DID YOU KNOW: THERE IS SUNDAY SCHOOL AT ST SAVIOURS CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY. FAMILY SERVICES ARE HELD ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AND INCLUDE CONTEMPORARY MUSIC AND KID-FRIENDLY TEACHING

134 YEARS AGO IN THE VILLAGE BEWARE THE GENDER BENDERS

In the last issue of *The Village Voice*, reference was made to the publican at the Shamrock Hotel in 1888, who was said to be Mrs Jesse Sage. This is not the first time that local writers have referred to Jesse Sage as a woman. The error probably stems from familiarity with Jessie as a female name. Indeed, in the past, at least one local writer actually "corrected" the spelling and referred to the publican as Mrs Jessie Sage.

To add to the confusion, there was an unrelated Jessie Sage living in Auckland at that time. She is listed in the 1893 Electoral Roll.

Jesse was a relatively common name for males in Victorian times (think of the American outlaw, Jesse James, or Uncle Jesse in The TV show *Dukes Of Hazard*) and it continues to be used – as in the name of the New Zealand cricketer Jesse Ryder.

Sergeant Jesse Sage came to New Zealand with the British 58th Rutlandshire Regiment in 1845 and participated in the Northern war in 1845-46 at Ruapekapeka, about which he was later one of the informants of the New Zealand Wars historian James Cowan. Sage obtained an honourable discharge in 1848 at the end of the northern war, married and settled in the Auckland area until the commencement of the Waikato War in 1863 when he volunteered and was made a Sergeant in the 2nd Waikato Regiment. As a result, in 1865 he was allocated a town lot and farmland in the Mangapiko area. He became a prominent citizen, serving for a short time as the local constable in 1867 before an Armed Constabulary unit was located here. He had mail carrying contracts and was in the late 1880s the publican at the Shamrock Hotel. His son, Jesse Albert was the local pound-keeper in the 1880s.

Jesse Sage was not the only early resident whose gender was confused by historians. John Aubin was an early storekeeper who was later licensed as a chemist. As a native of the Isle of Jersey, his given name was Jean (the French equivalent of John) and that name appears on official records. Thus, it is hardly surprising that a few years ago, an online history of early New Zealand chemists identified Jean Aubin as probably the country's first female chemist!

RURAL FIRE CADET PROGRAMME READY FOR ACTION

Team Work, Fun, Respect, Comradeship, Determination – these are all the things The Pirongia Rural Fire Cadets offers to those from year 8 upwards. The programme offers a wide range of skills, but are mainly based on firefighting. There's a strong focus on teamwork along with teaching individual knowledge of the equipment and skills needed to be a Fire Cadet.

"We incorporate fun, practical and physical exercises along with Fire Safety theory and class work" says Jean McKenzie. "Included in our programme are visits to other organisations to gain more information and skills"

Most of the training is based on practical skills. These include;

- Knots and Lines – rope work.
- Firefighting skills – fire science, fire safety, and extinguishers.
- Firefighting equipment – use of, care and maintenance of equipment.
- Teamwork and Team building – leadership skills; co-operation focussed fundamentals.
- Basic first aid – emergency treatment and making 111 calls.
- Overcoming physical difficulties - eg obstacle courses.

It's not being a spectator that helps you learn though - activities carried out can - and most likely will - get the Cadet dirty and wet. Cadets are issued uniforms and are expected to wear full uniforms each time they meet. The group is mixed with girls and boys and Pirongia group have recently had three cadets go on to be Firefighters as young adults.

The Fire Cadets meet every second Tuesday of each school term (no Cadets during the holidays).

Come along, step forward and try a different type of activity! For further information contact Bruce Budd on 871 9336 or 027 383 7829 or see Jean McKenzie at Pirongia School.

GET OUT OF THE HOUSE!!!

Calling all new Mum's and Dad's in the Pirongia Area!

Pirongia Plunket would love to set up some new coffee groups and need more parents to join!

If you are interested in joining please contact Coralie Barton on 870 2448 or email coralie.barton@yahoo.com.

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KEEPING COOL AT THE POOL

Just a few weeks left of the season for the school pool, and hasn't it been well used this year!? Despite being closed for a few days during the holidays there have been record numbers of families making the most of the cool waters.

It was great to see most people respecting the pool rules, and the new pool fencing has gone a long way to discourage surreptitious "jumpers". The pool is maintained over the holidays by a group of volunteer parents and they have done a great job keeping it clean and safe.

Thanks to the commitment and care of our families, the pool is likely to be available as a community asset for many years to come.



MAKING PIRONGIA A SAFER COMMUNITY

Pirongia now has it's own Police presence. On the third Monday of each month from 10am to 1pm, Senior Constable Richard Hurrell sets up office at the Pirongia Fire Station. "We want to enhance community links with Pirongia and the surrounding area" says Mr Hurrell, "and this is also an opportunity to promote neighbourhood support and community safety. If you have any concerns that you would like to discuss, just call in and see me."

You can also contact Constable Hurrell on 027 591 6028 or at Te Awamutu Police Station 872 0100

PUTTING PIRONGIA ON THE MAP

The Pirongia Clydesdales are the famous ex DB Draught Clydesdale team which travelled the country extensively for fourteen years. The team became a national icon.

As many of you know, the Clydesdales are now under private ownership and based in Pirongia Village. The horses have become very popular for weddings and public events throughout New Zealand, and widely regarded as the country's most well known Clydesdale team.

Pirongia Clydesdales have recently made a short documentary clip which is to be promoted through New Zealand Tourism. You can view the video clip by visiting <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpPqQ3HOUtE>, or searching 'Pirongia Clydesdales' on YouTube.

You can also be added to the Pirongia Clydesdales newsletter database to be kept up to date with all their news and events by visiting www.clydesdales.co.nz

Visit the Clydesdales today at:

Pirongia Clydesdales & Little Clydesdale Café
1375 McClure St (SH39)
Pirongia

PIRONGIA SCHOOL STUDENT REPORT

It's a new year at Pirongia school and we all have new teachers, well most of us so dive on in and I'll tell you the news.

We had a Whakatu on the first week of the new year so when we walked into the hall we got settled then we welcomed the new people. We got up and sang some songs then shot off to enjoy the shared food. On Friday, the third week of school, we had a crazy hat day to sponsor for the Relay for Life. We had to bring a gold coin as a donation. The pool is open and everyone is jumping for joy because PHEW!, it's so hot. Also during the week we've been having inter-house competitions', swimming of course. We have been enjoying our new classes and teachers too for our new school year.

School report by Jessica Cullen.

CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND

Pirongia School dressed up for Canterbury in the recent National Red and Black Day.

Seven Waipa schools took part and raised over \$4,500! Kia Kaha!!!

CENTRE OF THE COMMUNITY

A busy summer at the Community Centre and a few changes afoot.

Firstly we are pleased to welcome Chris Oden as our new Centre Custodian.

Any enquiries for bookings or tenancies - or if you notice damage at the Centre, can be directed to Chris by emailing: better4ever@xtra.co.nz

There are now three Zumba classes a week in the hall (Tuesday and Thursday mornings with Becky, and an intermediate class on Thursday evenings with Natasha). We are farewelling the Creative Fibre group who are no longer using the hapel for their meetings, but welcoming the second ICONZ group on Wednesday evenings. There continues to be a church service once a month in the chapel, and the Choir meets each week, also in the chapel. Aikido is in recess for 2011.

There is still some space available for both casual and long term tenants and also a limited number of permanent storage rooms. Please contact Chris for more information.



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BAFFIN STREET GALLERY

Pirongia

Art Classes at Baffin Street Studio

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Studio Group Visit to Sculpture Park; date to be confirmed.

Exhibition of paintings and prints:

Hilary Ramage

Gallery opens when the flag is out or by appointment.

Please phone Hilary to confirm and enrol:

871 9890 or text 021 161 5872



DECISION ON 2011 CENSUS

Statistics Minister Maurice Williamson and Government Statistician Geoff Bascand have announced the 8 March 2011 Census will not be held.

Mr Williamson said Mr Bascand had advised him the census could not be successfully completed because of the recent Canterbury earthquake.

The decision has been made after extensive consultation.

"This is not the time to go door to door asking New Zealanders for information when they're dealing with the aftermath of the earthquake," Mr Williamson said.

"It's unthinkable that we would ask this of people. It would be an unfair burden and distraction at a time when they are grieving."

There had been extensive damage to Statistics New Zealand buildings with significant impacts on census staff.

Mr Bascand said he acknowledged the decision will have consequences for people who use the census data for their work.

"We will now investigate the feasibility of alternative options." Mr Bascand said.

What to do with forms for the 2011 Census?

If you have already filled in your census forms please destroy them. If they are blank, recycle or dispose of them.

If you have already completed your 2011 Census forms and returned them or if you completed them online your forms will be held securely by Statistics New Zealand.

MAINLY MUSIC NOT JUST MAINLY FOR MUMS

Mainly Music has got off to a flying start this term, with 30 children at our first session - along with a mix of mums, dads, nana's and nannies joining in. Even the sleeping babies got to take part as the prams were tucked in to the small space left over.



We operate every Thursday during term time and offer a 40 minute music and dance session followed by morning tea and playtime. Kickoff is at 10am at St Saviours church on Franklin St - there's a big "open" sign on the road so you can't miss us!

Entry fee is \$2 per family of 2 children, and \$1 per child thereafter, so it's a really cost effective and fun way to spend your Thursday morning. Our team of helpers are on hand to help with children as well as organise morning tea, so that all you need do is turn up! The music session caters for children up to five years old with carers actively involved in doing the Hokey Tokey alongside their small charges!

For more information please phone Susan on 872 8128 or just come along on Thursday morning.

PIRONGIA REALLY DOES HAVE TALENT!

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to and helped make "Pirongia's Got Talent" a success. Everyone enjoyed a great evening of entertainment and fun. The trophy was taken out by young Te Tuae Rautangata from Te Pahu who danced his way into first place. Second place went to Brooklyn Kennedy and her sister Paige, and third place to Deanna Dimitrov and Jesanova Tuatara-Diethery. Congratulations to everyone who performed, either as competitors or as guest performers. Thanks also to all those who donated goods for the auctions and helped with setting up, cleaning up, and other behind the scenes roles. An extra special thanks to Pirongia school and staff for providing the venue, seating, equipment, and other administrative support. Jack and I are pleased to be able to donate \$50 to the school (5% of the proceeds raised). Thanks again for all your support. We're keen to run this event again, either just as a community event or as another fundraiser for anyone else in need ... So watch this space around the third term, and start practicing early!!

Kathie and Jack Rifle and whanau.

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PIRONGIA TE AROARO O KAHU RESTORATION SOCIETY

A further extension is planned for the Society's bait station grid on Mt Pirongia this winter. Following the recommendation of DoC, we are looking at a northern extension towards Corcoran Road access (Ruapane track) and have started consultation with adjoining landowners and Purekireki Marae. Approximately 130 ha will be added to our control area, giving us a total protected area of 880ha, tantalisingly close to our long term aim of the 1,000 ha needed to reintroduce Kokako. We are keen to keep widening our pest control operation because of the excellent results achieved. For four consecutive years, our monitoring data shows rat populations dropping to below 1% within our bait station grid and we have over 50 volunteers helping us - which is fantastic.

Over the summer we have been producing a short DVD related to our winning the Supreme Award for Waipa District in the TrustPower Community Awards in 2010. The DVD will be presented at the National Awards in Tauranga in March and features a message from former Prime Minister, Helen Clark, who grew up at Te Pahu. Following the awards we will make it available on the internet, and would be happy to provide copies on request.

Summertime is native bat monitoring time, and this year we want to build on the training that was kicked off last year for people wanting to learn how to use monitoring equipments to detect bats. These nocturnal mammals are definitely still present on the maunga, and more information is needed on them so we can protect them effectively. A free training day is being offered on Sunday 13 March at Pirongia Forest Park Lodge and if you are interested in being involved please contact Clare St Pierre on 871 9133 or clare.stpierre@gmail.com.

Other plans for the year include progressing our environmental education centre project and producing a podcast or commentary on the Mangakara Nature Walk. This is intended to be available free off the internet by September in time for Rugby World Cup visitors.

We appreciate all offers of help towards our vision of restoring Mt Pirongia, whether as a bait station volunteer, sponsor of a hectare (rates start at \$30 per year) or hands-on help with raising northern rata cuttings, bird monitoring, or our plans to reintroduce native robins (Toutouwai). Check out our webpage: www.mtpirongia.org.nz and our Facebook page where our society t-shirts are featured.

TE PAHU PLAYGROUP

Te Pahu Playgroup offers a relaxed and safe environment for all children to enjoy our large selection of toys and art supplies, and have fun with each other. The sessions are informal, and are supervised by parents and caregivers.

This is a great opportunity to familiarise the whole family with our Pre-School facility. It is also a nice way for parents/caregivers to meet other families and for children to meet new friends. Come and join us - no minimum age for children - lots of parents with young babies are coming along to meet local people with lots in common!!

Be great to see you here!!

When: Every Friday during the school term, 9:30am - noon.

Where: Te Pahu Pre-School, Te Pahu Road.

Who: All children under 6 yrs and their caregiver(s).

Cost: \$1.50 per session (under 1yr free, Pre-School enrolled children free).

Contact: Moira Ross, co-ordinator 07 825 9735

LOOKING GOOD AT TIMEOUT

Kyleigh is delighted to introduce her newest team member, Chantal, to TimeOut clients.

Chantal brings ten years of hairdressing experience, and is also a qualified barber. She enjoys all aspects of hairdressing but particularly enjoys giving her clients a new look with the use of colour. She is available to do hair for special occasions too - this is by appointment only.

There are exciting changes ahead for Time Out - watch this space for updates in the next issue of the Voice. In the meantime, remember that all clients are eligible for a \$5 re-book discount at their appointment.



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NETBALL SEASON GETTING UNDERWAY



Pirongia Netball Club Senior Trials PIRONGIA NETBALL CLUB (year 9 and above) were held on 15/16 February, in preparation for the 2011 season. There was also a Meet and Greet Evening where past and new members got a chance not only to welcome back some faces from the not too distant past, but also gave new members and their parents a chance to get pre-registration forms filled before trial dates. If you'd like to know more about the club contact Janeen Kaihe on 871 9606 or Tracey Parker on 871 3894.



ICONZ 100% KIWI FUN

ICONZ has been operating in Pirongia for several years now, running a programme for 8 -10 year old boys at the Community Centre on Wednesday evenings.

This term, ICONZ is launching ICONZ Extreme - a Christian led outdoor adventure programme for boys aged 11-15 years.

Kicking off at 6:15pm sharp (finishing 8 pm), this runs every second wednesday during term time, with a term cost of \$20.

If you'd like to know more call Graham McMillan on 870 2400, or check out the website: www.iconz.or.nz.

JUNIOR GOLF

The Pirongia Golf Club would like to set up a Junior Golf Coaching and Playing Programme. We have a fantastic Golf Course and it would be great to see some younger members here! Contact Dave Seagar on 871 9076.

WANTED: For an ANZAC display in Pirongia School Library: items relating to the armed forces. Please contact Sandra-Lee at the School if you can help.

Did you know....even though the land and buildings at the Persimmon Tree is for sale, the cafe isn't!

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Ian Malthus

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AFTER SCHOOL CARE AVAILABLE:

Mum of two young boys to take care of children after school in own home, which is across from Pirongia school. Previous nanny experience.

Phone Megan on 872 8177 or 021 141 6211.

NOTICE OF HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Brackendell Boarding Kennels & Cattery will be closed from Monday 15 August and re-opening Wednesday 24 August.

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DIARY OF REGULAR EVENTS IN PIRONGIA.

EVENT	DATE	CONTACT	LOCATION
Anglican Church Service	Every Sunday	Tim 027 209 740	St Saviour's Church
Craft Group	Monday	Barbara 871 9494	St Saviour's Church
Plunket Clinic	1st & 3rd Thursdays	Penny 871 9113	Sports Centre
Mt Pirongia Lions	1st & 3rd Tuesday	Ray Jackson 872 8164	Pirongia School Hall
Creative Fibre Group	3rd Tuesday	Nynke 871 9595	Memorial Hall
Pirongia Senior Citizens	1st Wednesday	Jessie 871 8802	Bowling Club
Ratepayers Meeting	3rd Wednesday	John 871 9548	Community Chapel
Women's Institute	2nd Wednesday	Beryl 871 9618	Memorial Hall
Interdenominational Service	3rd Sunday Evening	Trevor 872 8102	Community Chapel
500 Card Club	Friday Evenings	Jessie 871 8802	Mangapiko Hall
Te Pahu Playgroup	Friday Mornings	Moira 825 9735	Te Pahu Preschool
Pirongia Country Market	Last Sunday	Shirley 871 9536	Memorial Hall
Table Tennis (restarts April)	Monday Evenings	Brett 07 847 7569	Te Rore Hall
Outdoor Bowls	Tuesdays/Thursdays	Office 871 9784	Bowling Club
Mainly Music	Thursday Morning	Susan 871 8128	St Saviour's Church
Pippins, Brownies, Guides	Tuesday Weekly	Sharlene 07 825 9704	Sports Centre
ICONZ	Wednesday Fortnightly	Graham 870 2400	Community Centre
Pilates	Monday, Wednesday, Friday	Topsey 8719290	Memorial Hall
Zumba - Beginners	Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am	Becky 871 9855	Community Centre
- Intermediate	Thursday 7pm	Natasha	
Pirongia Fishing Club	1st Wednesday	Grant 871 9608	Various members homes
Village Choir	Friday Evenings	marisa.parring ton@yahoo.co.uk	Community Chapel
Aikido		Jack 8728121	

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