

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

THE NEWSPAPER OF PIRONGIA  
WINTER 2015

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## NEW HUT OPEN FOR BUSINESS

At last trampers have a comfy 'somewhere' to stay when they undertake one of the overnight tracks on Mt Pirongia.

The new 20-bed hut is open, just below the summit of the extinct volcano on the same site as the former six-bed hut. 'Overcrowding at the old hut was a common problem, especially during weekends and holiday periods' said the Department of Conservation's Brigitte Meier. "The new hut will provide an opportunity for a range of visitors as the current hut with six bunks is too small for use by schools, youth and family groups. Its proximity to urban centres gives city-dwellers the perfect opportunity to get out and enjoy an experience of staying overnight in a mountain hut with spectacular sunset views."

A small group of local kaumatua, Department of Conservation staff, and members of the Pirongia Te Aroara o Kahu Restoration Society gathered at Pahautea Hut for an official blessing and opening earlier this month. The Conservation partnerships manager said the hut will provide a safe and comfortable overnight space, where visitors could enjoy the Pirongia Forest. Cold, windy and wet conditions can be expected at any time of the year, so DOC has advised visitors to be prepared for changes in weather, be suitably dressed and always carry a spare change of clothing. The hut is insulated but does not have a heater.

The old hut has been relocated and will be closed to the public. It was intended for the old hut to be used for staff and contractors, although DOC is waiting for an engineer's report to see whether this is feasible. The hut is not currently bookable, but hut tickets are available at outdoor and camping retailers, as well as from the DOC office in Rostrevor Street, Hamilton. DOC charges a small fee of up to \$5 to stay in the hut.



### PIRONGIA BUSINESSES STEPPING UP

Waipa Networks Business Awards has experienced strong response for the call for entries into the 2015 Waipa Networks Business Awards. Susan Trodden, CEO Chamber of Commerce said "We have had excellent attendance and participation at the Waipa Business Awards Workshops, held in Te Awamutu, Cambridge and Raglan. This year we have introduced a new category - Sole Trader/Partnership sponsored by Kaz Graphic Dezin. This will recognise the sole trader or partnership that best positions itself against competitors and other businesses to achieve outstanding results and maintain a culture of excellence.

Each year brings more knowledge and understanding of the incredible businesses in the Waipa and Raglan regions. The diverse range and collection of industry and business types who have indicated they will be entering is not only promising for the Business Awards, it is also an indication of the healthy position our regions are in." There are a number of "Customer Choice" participants here. Vote for your favourite business during June and be in the draw to win a \$100 phone credit.

### Village Real Estate on fire

It is common knowledge that the property market in general has been very busy since the start of the year. In the past two weeks at least half a dozen SOLD signs have gone up in Pirongia, in both Residential and Lifestyles.

'What we are finding at the moment it's a Sellers Market out there', says Annitta Dale, Pirongia resident and Salesperson at Century 21, 'however buyers are savvy and won't pay more than what they think a property is worth. They are shopping around and if something comes on that is priced well and presented to meet the market, it gets snapped up'. Potential purchasers are attracted to Pirongia for its village lifestyle and high quality facilities—and it's proximity to Hamilton and Te Awamutu—and buyers are coming from as far afield as Auckland and Wellington.

For more information contact Annitta on 027 3345 623



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## EDITORIAL

**IN PLACE OF AN EDITORIAL THIS ISSUE, I AM PLEASED TO SHARE THIS LETTER, SENT TO THE EDITOR REGARDING A POTENTIAL CYCLEWAY BETWEEN PIRONGIA AND TE AWAMUTU. THE VILLAGE VOICE TEAM, ALONG WITH EXPLORE PIRONGIA, (OUR TOURISM GROUP) AND WAMO, ARE VERY PLEASED TO SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL. AT TIME OF GOING TO PRINT WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT COUNCIL MAY HAVE SET ASIDE MONEY FOR THIS PROJECT. NO FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE AT THIS STAGE.**

Dear Editor

I, with a number of others, am trying to drive this campaign to have the Te Awamutu – Pirongia cycle/walkway. We would like the trail to be about 2.5 metres wide, and a metal trail. That would be similar to most trails around New Zealand. It is not as expensive as a concrete path. On the information we have so far, the cost of establishing a trail of, say, 13kms from Te Awamutu to Pirongia would be in the order of \$650,000, although perhaps allowing a 15% contingency figure of (approximately) \$100,000.

We would promote the trail to incorporate the Pioneer Walk along Mangahui Stream through Te Awamutu, the Pioneer Walk along the rail corridor to Ngaroto Road providing access to Yarnby's Bush, and the Hingakaka battle site incorporating Lake Ngaroto and then through to Pirongia joining, where practical, the Mangapiko stream.

We believe there are compelling reasons for this cycleway to proceed and to proceed now.

- Provide Te Awamutu with a great reason to attract people to the town, and already we have had indications from other cycling groups that they would visit Te Awamutu to go on such a trail.
- Provide significant economic benefits, especially to the end destination points of Te Awamutu and Pirongia, and almost without exception, all businesses so far we have approached in Te Awamutu and Pirongia have been not only supportive but excited by the project.
- Health benefit to our community.
- Provide a safe environment for families and younger children.
- It would provide an excellent means to promote Waipa for not only the environmental issues but also the heritage, landscaping, and our beautiful farmland.

Our group has had wide experience throughout New Zealand in the various cycleways. We believe we have the experience, and with the help of the Council, the ability to establish the cycleway which, in time, may be part of a link between the mountains of Pirongia and Maungataupiri that is also incorporating the Waipa river, and Hamilton and Cambridge, as well as other historical sites in our district, including the Oraukau battle site.

## A MESSAGE FROM ...

### ST SAVIOUR'S

Hi everyone,

Sadly Tim Lloyd left his part-time position at St. Saviour's at the end of December. He left to take up the position of Vicar of Holy Trinity Church at Forest Lake in Hamilton. We were all very grateful for the wonderful work that Tim, and his wife Julie, did at St. Saviour's.

But the good news is that the work of St. Saviour's is still continuing with members of the St. John's Ministry Team leading the Sunday services week by week. Along with this, we are in the process of developing a Ministry Team based at St. Saviour's. So the Sunday services are still at 9.30am each Sunday and we also have a great Sunday School. So come along and join us on a Sunday morning. We would love to meet you. I will also be at the church most Tuesdays, so feel free to pop in and meet me.

We have just celebrated Easter where we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus and the fact that Jesus is alive and active in the world today. The wonderful thing is Jesus wants to have a relationship with us, a relationship that gives us joy, peace and a reason for living. It is relationship that will last forever. For as Jesus said: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me".

The other thing that is great about Jesus being alive is that he is still doing all the wonderful things that he did while he was here on earth and recoded in the Bible. Jesus is still in the business of helping, healing and caring for others. All you have to do is ask him for this help and healing. So, in the words of Alfred Aukley's well-known song 'I serve a risen saviour':

*He lives, He lives,  
Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
Along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives,  
Salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart.  
Does Jesus live in your heart?*

Blessings to you all,

*Murray Olson*

Vicar.

St. John's Anglican Church  
Te Awamutu



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# A LONG LONG TIME AGO IN THE VILLAGE

## ANYONE FOR CRICKET?

On 21 January 1890, the Waikato Times reported on a cricket match “of an unusual description” that took place on the Town Reserve (the “Military Paddock” where Aubin Close is now located). The match was played between teams of Ladies and Gentlemen at a time when cricket was usually played only by men. The odds were evened by allowing the Ladies to field a team of 17 and to play the game with proper bats in the normal manner, while the men were restricted to eleven players, batting with sticks, bowling left-handed and fielding with one hand only. The Times said that “notwithstanding the odds given to the Ladies, the Gentlemen were victorious, winning by 5 wickets and 3 runs”. The ladies, however, were reportedly not disheartened at their defeat, and challenged the victors to another match to come off at the same place on Saturday week”. Unfortunately, no report of the follow-up game has been located. Perhaps the Ladies won! It would be interesting to see the outcome of such a game played under these conditions in 2015.

## WHERE WAS THE RIFLE RANGE?

Annual reports from the Armed Constabulary to the NZ Government during the 1870s indicate that there was a rifle range at Alexandra that was used by Armed Constables for musketry instruction and practice. It was also used by the Alexandra Rifle Ranger Volunteers. A newspaper report lists the top 10 scores by members of the Militia and Rifle Ranger Volunteers who shot there for District Prizes in May 1873.

An undated map of Pirongia, on which is recorded information from the early 1900s, shows a Rifle Range Reserve on Frontier Road. The range was located across the town belt between the present olive grove and the base of the Mangapiko Ridge. The butts, where targets were located, were sited at the foot of the hill.

Evidence confirming this was provided by a long-time resident, the late Bill Ellis who, in the 1990s, told his neighbour, Tony Roxburgh, that when he was young, he dug lead from spent rounds in the hillside (behind the butts) to melt down for fishing sinkers. He described them as “Snider rounds”. Snider-Enfield rifles were used by the AC.

The range was still in use in April 1911 when local volunteers took part in an annual shooting competition for a cup presented by Miss Emily Miller. Each of the 24 competitors fired 7 rounds at 200 yards and 500 yards and the standard was said to have been very creditable. Private B Symes won the cup, closely followed by Privates R. Dumbell, G. McDonald and Sergeant R. Kewish. The cup was presented by Miss Miller at a social in the Public Hall that evening.

It is not known when the range ceased to be used – possibly after World War 1. It is not marked on the map from a survey completed in 1927 and two sections affected by it were sold by the Government in 1931.

# PIRONGIA INFORMATION & HERITAGE CENTRE

Have you seen the mural entitled 150 Years of Local History on the fence outside the Heritage Centre? It was assembled late last year by Marilyn Yeates using sketches by Jane Finch, based on photographs and other material from the Centre’s archives to mark the establishment of Alexandra (now Pirongia) 150 years ago. The project was funded by a 150 Years Grant from Waipa District Council.

The Executive Committee of the Heritage Centre is keen to recruit some more individuals willing to act as hosts when the Centre is open from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and most public holidays. Some of the present volunteers act as hosts on a regular basis and others nominate days each month when they will be available. Even half-day stints are possible. If you are interested in finding out more about what is involved, come and see us at the Centre or leave a voicemail message on Phone 07 871 9018.

Training will be provided.

## OLD PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED

The Heritage & Information Centre is building up a useful collection of photographs recording aspects of life in Pirongia Village in the past.

Some time ago, information from Denis Rasmussen was used to create a timeline about the development of garage services which began in 1948 when Eric Papesch established a garage where the present Service Station is operated by the Rasmussen family on the corner of Beechey and McClure Streets. About 1950, a second garage was established in Franklin Street by Rob Signal. It was operated by a succession of owners who included Jim Hardy, Roy Cobbald, Andy Hoefhamer, Neville Taylor, Harry Holmes, Tom Dennis and Steven Gane, before it was taken over by Grant Hodgson.

It would help the Heritage Centre if some photographs of both garages could be added to our collection, but particularly photos of the Franklin Street garage in its heyday (1950 - 1974), even if the garage appears only in the background.

The Heritage Centre is also developing a history of the Boxing Day Races. Again photographs are sought of that venue and annual event, particularly any taken earlier than 1980. Photos clipped from newspapers will be equally useful, particularly if they show the track when it was marked by manuka stakes.

If you have an old photo showing either of the garages or one taken at the Boxing Day Races, the Heritage Centre would be pleased to have it donated, or it can arrange for the picture to be scanned before returning the original to its owner. Contact the Heritage and Information Centre, Phone 871 9018 or call in and see us: 10:30 - 3:30 on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and most public holidays.

# Pirongia Craft Day

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## PIRONGIA TE AROARO O KAHU RESTORATION SOCIETY

Clearing of our bait stations was completed in January, thanks to brilliant support from about 40 volunteers. Rat numbers this year were higher than any we have experienced since we started our pest control operation in 2006. We normally find a few dead rats in the stations but this year there were dozens, indicating the larger number killed. This seems to have been due to a very prolific fruiting year. Under these conditions, rat populations can really explode. Our post-operational Rat Tracking Index (RTI) was 3.33%, down from 68.3 before we started our bait station filling. We see this as satisfactory rather than excellent because there was a persistent problem with possums invading our northern boundary. Just one monitoring line in that vicinity accounted for half of the 3.33% RTI (out of 12 lines in total).

Our envirocentre building on Rangimarie Reserve will benefit from two grants approved recently. Pub Charity provided \$5,000 for internal upgrading work in preparation for installing toilets and a DoC grant of \$4,830 will be used for water tanks, and we really appreciate their support. Vic Hopkirk has been doing sterling work organising this.

Kokako were last seen on Mt Pirongia in the early 1990s and it is our hope to return them to the maunga. This is a long term goal. One of the first steps is to help with the Kokako population in Pureora Forest where it is likely that birds would be obtained. A key task is to equip ourselves to be able to monitor Kokako. We were thrilled to be offered free training with the WWF for Kokako census work, and we have 20 people who have already generously volunteered for this.

Strengthening Kokako populations at Pureora is also critical. There is a pivotal Kokako population at Okahukura, about 60kms east of Te Kuiti which needs pest control. Our society is considering taking this on to enable the Kokako population in the area to grow and boost genetic resilience because outlying populations would then be able to intermingle freely. It would also improve prospects of harvest for all community groups wanting Kokako. The Howick Tramping Club looks after an area near Okahukura and carries out bait operations annually. We plan to follow their model with weekend trips between September and December organised similarly to our robins translocation project. Anybody interested in helping should please contact Clare St Pierre on telephone (07) 8719133 or [clare.stpierre@gmail.com](mailto:clare.stpierre@gmail.com) or use our facebook page. There is a mountain bike track in the area and free lodge accommodation will be offered, so we are hoping this will appeal to mountain bikers as well as nature lovers.

## Coach House Cafe

A la-carte sat nights from 5.30pm, (bookings essential)

New "Volare breads" with new daytime menu.  
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Don't forget family gatherings we can devise a menu to suit you! Please phone Lee on 8719444 or 027 4633536 for bookings

## WAIPA MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB

The Waipa Mountain Bike Club has enjoyed a bumper summer with plenty of riders taking to the newly developed trails on Sainsbury Rd.

Interest in Sainsbury Rd has been growing thanks to the high quality trails developed by the professionals at SouthStar Trails of Rotorua with the fundraising provided by the club.

Plenty of Pirongia locals as well as others from around the Waipa and Hamilton have been regular visitors to Sainsbury Rd. There are now more than 6 kilometres of purpose built mountain bike tracks, including an approximately 1 kilometre trail that was finished in late March.

The club capitalised on this by running a successful summer race series over 4 weeks in February with the support of Mountain to Road Cycles in Te Awamutu.

For more information about the club got to <http://www.waipamb.org.nz/index.html> or follow us on Facebook.



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## Plunket Clinic and Services

Kelly remains the Plunket Nurse for Pirongia and Barb is the Community Karitane. Clinics are held at the Sports Club every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, and provide great support to a lot of

local families. Ph Te Awamutu Plunket 8715291 for an appointment.

There is a **Library of Parenting Books** at the clinic which are free for parents to borrow and return.

We continue to put together a **New Baby Bag** of local information and Gifts which Kelly gives out to parents with a new baby and we set up **Coffee Group's** for Mum's/Parent's with similar aged babies/children

Keep up to date with Pirongia Plunket by accessing our **facebook** page, and receiving our **newsletter** online (email Claire at [mattsandy1973@hotmail.com](mailto:mattsandy1973@hotmail.com) to be included in the email newsletter)

Annual Appeal week had fundraising across the month of March. Many thanks to local businesses who have allowed us to have **donation buckets** on their counters – Persimmon Tree Cafe, Coach House Cafe, Village Cafe, 4 Square, Alexandra Pub, Bakery, Birdsong Gallery, Mobil and Impressions. A huge thank you to those who donated. All the funds raised go towards the rent and running costs of our local clinic to ensure it continues in Pirongia.

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March on National Children's Day we held our second Plunket Expo at the Te Awamutu Event's Centre which kicked off our Annual Appeal. A big thank you to our Expo co-ordinator, Ruth Webb for all her time and effort put in. It was a fabulous event with fun entertainment, over 40 stalls, and providing advocacy and information for families with children under 5 years.

### **New and Old Members**

We have farewelled Jenny Brears from our group. We would like to thank her for all her involvement and input over the past couple of years which has been much appreciated.

We now have 5 members as we have welcomed Toni Skellon and Sarah Summerfield into our Plunket Group. It is great to have them on board and it ensures the continuation of Pirongia Plunket. 4 is still the minimum number we can have to function as a group. If you are interested in joining us or finding out more information please do give one of us a call (see below for ph numbers)

**Pirongia Plunket Group:** Ruth 0211316736, Claire 0272872575, Penny 0212678212, Toni 0273019315, Sarah 02102338133)



# councillors notebook

The focus of the last few months at Council has been getting the 10-Year [Plan](#) out for consultation. This sets out the spending proposed for the next decade and it's vital that we have your input as this is the framework that will guide the development of our district into the future. A summary magazine has been delivered to all households highlighting the major issues and now your feedback is being sought on whether we have the priorities right. It has been made easier than ever to make a submission, especially with online options through the website: [www.futurewaipa.co.nz](http://www.futurewaipa.co.nz) or via the council's facebook page.

I spent time at the Pirongia Country Market where council staff had set up a stall with all the information on the 10-Year Plan and we were able to talk to a good number of people. We got excellent feedback on the issues as well as some suggestions on other things we should be considering, like making sure public playgrounds are shaded and getting more native planting underway. Quite a few people thought a cycleway to Pirongia was a great idea, and I was rapt to see a local cycling group have got their own initiative going on this. So if you support this, send an email that group at [ta-pirongiatriail@gmail.com](mailto:ta-pirongiatriail@gmail.com)

The 10-Year Plan is finalised in May and adopted soon after that. Any submissions we get make it easier to weigh up the different spending options and help us with the inevitable tradeoffs as we try to make the amount of funding available stretch as far as possible. But with your input we can be confident that our decisions will be setting in place a direction for our district that produces the kind of place we want to live in. .

## Clare St Pierre

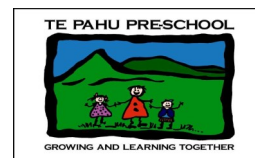
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## PIRONGIA VOLUNTARY RURAL FIRE FORCE

The Brigade had their AGM to complete the financial year in 2014. Our article is based on excerpts taken from the report written by Bruce Budd, our Chief of the Brigade.

Our last financial was another significant year for Pirongia Rural Fire. Four items of interest were

- 1) The start of the finishing of the Training room, Kitchen and toilets.
- 2) Continuing dry summer fire season
- 3) Another good jumble sale
- 4) Completion of the fitting out of a van (Pir 5829)

The finishing of the Training room, Kitchen and toilets has begun. We have decided that the Training room is to be finished before any work on the kitchen and Toilets is to be started. Insulation has been placed in the walls and ceiling, both have been covered and painting is almost at the finishing stages.

The Summer fire season was as hot and dry as last year but with fewer callouts showing more care is being taken that conditions are suitable for large fires. We have had the same amount of Peat fires as last year, all alongside the railway. My thanks to all our members for all the long hours that have been put into dealing with all these fires.

Both last year's and 2014's jumble sales have been very good fundraisers. Although the previous year's Jumble sale did not reach the same amount of funds due to the wet and cold weather keeping the a lot of the public away we still did well. 2014 had much better weather conditions thank goodness. It is still one of our better fundraisers.

This year we have fitted out a purchased second hand Van - now on the Fire Service beat list as Pir 5829, and had fitted a new digital LMR (Radio unit). Special thank you to the McKenzie and Reymer families who contributed to the funding of this LMR Radio unit. Pir 5829 is proving to be a very useful acquisition for transporting for courses, training and emergencies.

Cadets continues to meet fortnightly with a group of committed teenagers and Instructors. We place importance with ongoing education for our community including supporting and coordinating visits both to the station by local groups and personal visits to local schools and Impressions Day care.

There were 46 callouts involving the Appliance, Tanker and Van during 2013/2014.

This is 10 down on last year hopefully due to education. A significant number of these were for Vegetation fires for both the Appliance and the Tanker.

We continue to spend our precious funds on replacing worn gear (paggers, gumboots, leather boots, hose etc). Plus both the Appliance and Tanker are still requiring ongoing maintenance work mainly due to their age.

Bruce was also pleased to report that we have a committed group of members who rarely miss training nights. He congratulated the Brigade for this commitment as not many brigades have this level of attendance.

Finally the last words go to Bruce:

Pirongia Rural Fire has come a long way since I joined and is still coming along strongly. Without the commitment of all our members - both old and new, we would not be the brigade we are today. Firefighters of 15 years ago would not recognise the brigade as we are today.

I would also like to recognise and gratefully thank the families of all our members, as without their support and understanding- both for the time taken away from them by callouts, training, work on the station, fundraising and many other tasks that keep Pirongia Rural Fire running - we would have great difficulty in maintaining our emergency coverage of our community without this commitment. Happy families make for a happy brigade.

To end this report I would like to say how proud I am to be amongst one of the best FireFighting families there is.

*Keep safe out there,*

*Jean McKenzie*

Senior Fire Fighter / Secretary PVRFF

## Pirongia School Student Voice Term 1, 2015



So, camp Kaniwhaniwha. Three days in the bush, all alone, all except you, the whole of Kawaka team and eight adults. With no access to the outside world, you're dependent on the food that you've walked in. Which is a long way off. Waking up early in the morning, and going for a run half- asleep. Swimming in a freezing cold creek, and walking in the bush for hours. Squeezing through tight gaps in caves, and the troth runs. This is no holiday. This is boot camp.

Walking to the campsite was one of the hardest thing in the whole camp. With a huge backpack on your back, a 3 liter camel pack on your front, and a log in your hands, you're walking with nearly half your weight extra on you. Walking with a brisk pace, once you get to the campsite and take all the packs off, you feel like you're flying. Then, you need to set up your tent, arrange all your things inside, and go to the tribal campfire after a tiny snack.

Then, there is the morning runs. 6:30 am, the bell rings, waking up everyone in the camp. You have to be up as fast as possible, otherwise you lose points for your tribe. First, a morning run, which should wake you up, and then stretches. Only after that, you're allowed to start cooking breakfast. No adults helping you, just you, the cooker, food, and if you're lucky, a friend.

And then, the river. Once your toes touch the water, you know that it'll be your enemy for the whole camp. Unfortunately, you have to go in. Your feet are sore and tender after all the walks, and they need a short bath. Swimming in the creek needs a lot of courage, and diving even more. But in the end, even one of the teachers went for a dip! :-)

Everyone enjoyed this, so it was a great camp!

*Elina*

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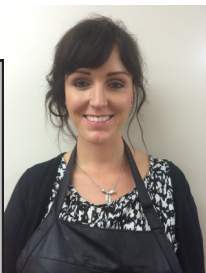
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Untreated wood offcuts - firewood or play wood for kids. \$6 small sack, \$12 large sack ph 027 5728128

**ORGANIC RAW MILK FOR SALE.** \$2.00 per litre. Bring your own container or reusable bottles available to purchase. Ring Matt Tel: 0221026678

**PLANTS FOR SALE**—Cnr McClure and Kane streets

Vege and flower seedlings shrubs, flowers etc

Phone/text Ian 021 0241 6814

**PROPERTY WANTED**

1. in any condition for private buyer. Waipa and Otoro-hanga districts up to around \$200K. Ph 027 211 3004
2. 3-4 bedroom home in Village. Up to 400k. Please contact [pirongiavillagevoice@gmail.com](mailto:pirongiavillagevoice@gmail.com)

**FREE ORGANIC HORSE MANURE/MULCH**

Bring trailer, Help yourself easy access. 078719711 Pirongia Clydesdales

**STAY FIT OVER WINTER!**

Monday	10.30am	Mum's & Bubs - 45mins
	6.30pm	Jazz Aerobics - 45mins
	7.30pm	Hard Core Circuit - 30mins
Tuesday	9.15am	Gravity Plus - 30-40mins
	5.45pm	Circuit - 60mins
Wednesday	9.00am	Mum's & Bubs - 45mins
Thursday	9.15am	Gravity Plus - 30-40mins
	12.00pm	Gravity Plus - 30-40mins
	4.30pm	Circuit Express - 40mins
	5.15pm	Circuit Express - 40mins
	6.30pm	Circuit - 60mins
	7.45pm	Hard Core Circuit - 30mins
Friday	9.15am	Gravity Plus - 30-40mins
Saturday	9.00am	Gravity Plus - 30-40mins

Classes subject to change

Personal Training also available

**Positively Fit Fitness Studio**

[positivelyfit.weebly.com](http://positivelyfit.weebly.com)

[posfit.nz@gmail.com](mailto:posfit.nz@gmail.com)

[facebook.com/positivelyfitwellness](https://www.facebook.com/positivelyfitwellness)

027 321 6720

Located upstairs at The Pirongia Sports Complex (Rugby Club)



John & Jenny Mortland

**Somersal B&B | Wedding Venue**

1724 McClure Street, RD 6, Pirongia  
Te Awamutu 3876, New Zealand

Ph: 871 9199 or 021 232 3981

and see [www.somersal.co.nz](http://www.somersal.co.nz)  
for information and photographs.

We will be closed for a holiday break from Wednesday 17 June – re-opening Monday 29th June 2015

**Brackendell Boarding Kennels and Carttery**

Steve & Raewyn Gollop  
750 Beechey Street, Pirongia  
Ph: 871 9735  
[www.brackendell.co.nz](http://www.brackendell.co.nz)

# DIARY OF REGULAR EVENTS IN PIRONGIA.

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
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	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays	Kelly 871 5291	Sports Centre
Mt Pirongia Lions	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	Ray Jackson 872 8164	Pirongia School Hall
Creative Fibre Group	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	Nynke 871 9595	Memorial Hall
Bookworms	Last Tuesday—10am	Joyce.Brown 871-9788	Persimmon Tree Cafe
Pirongia Senior Citizens	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	Jessie 871 8802	Pirongia Bowling Club
Ratepayers Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	John 871 9548	Community Chapel
Women's Institute	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	Beryl 871 9618	Memorial Hall
Interdenominational Service	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Evening	Trevor 872 8102	Community Chapel
500 Card Club	Friday Evenings	Jessie 871 8802	Mangapiko Hall
Te Pahu Playgroup	Friday Morning 10am-12pm	Tracey 825 9908	Te Pahu Hall
Pirongia Country Market	Last Sunday	Shirley 871 9536	Memorial Hall
Table Tennis	Monday Evenings	Brett 07 847 7569	Te Rore Hall
Lawn Bowls	Monday's 9.00 am	Office 871 9784	Pirongia Bowling Club
Twilight Lawn Bowls	Thursday's 5.45 pm	Peter Kewish 871 9662	Pirongia Bowling Club
Mt Pirongia Country Music Club	2nd Sunday 12pm	Wilma	Pirongia Primary School Hall
Pippins	Tues 3:15 – 4:30pm	Sharlene 871 9079	Pirongia Sports Centre
Brownies	Mon 3:15 – 4:45pm	Sharlene 871 9079	Pirongia Sports Centre
Guides	Tues 6 – 8pm	Sonja 871 9518	Pirongia Sports Centre
Pilates	Monday	Topsey 8719290	Pirongia School Hall
Pirongia Fishing Club	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	Grant 871 9608	Various members homes
Indoor Bowls	Tuesday Evening - Apr - Aug	Harold Dickson 871 4936 Merle Wyllie 871 7618	Mangapiko Hall
Pirongia Tennis Club	Thursday 6:30pm	Megan 872 8114	Pirongia Sports Centre
Pirongia Te Aroaro o Kahu Restoration Society	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 7:30pm	Clare 871 9133 <i>clare.stpierre@gmail.com</i>	Pirongia School Activity Centre
Pirongia Annual Craft Day Committee	monthly	Chrissy 871 9006	Pirongia School Activity Centre
Nam Wah Pai Kung Fu	Mon & Wed nights	021 996 801 871 9293	Mangapiko Hall
Pirongia Keas	Tues 4.30pm – 5.30pm	Tracey Edger 825 9987	Community Centre
Pirongia Cubs	Tues 5.45pm – 7pm	As above	Community Centre
Pirongia Community Association Inc	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 7pm	John Wood 871 9548	Community Centre
<b>OTHER LOCAL CONTACTS</b>			
Pirongia Golf Club		Charlie 871 9880	<a href="http://www.pirongiagolfclub.co.nz">www.pirongiagolfclub.co.nz</a>
Heritage and Information Centre		Sabina 871 9992	<a href="mailto:sabowen@xtra.co.nz">sabowen@xtra.co.nz</a>
Pirongia Playcentre		Office 871 9669	
Pirongia Volunteer Fire Brigade		Office 871 9986	
Pirongia Rugby Club		Te Oti Kaihe 027 590 2435	
Pirongia Junior Rugby		Chris Gibson 027 438 7883	
Pirongia Sports Clubs (Chair)		Layne 021 179 7824	<a href="mailto:chipkerr@xtra.co.nz">chipkerr@xtra.co.nz</a>
Pirongia Netball		Audrey Kaihe 872 0268	

*Is your event missing? Email us in time for our next issue: [pirongiavillagevoice@gmail.com](mailto:pirongiavillagevoice@gmail.com)*

**THE VILLAGE VOICE** - a community project of St Saviour's Church, Pirongia.  
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