

# Case brings home national title



Case Wilson



**YOUNG** motocross rider Case Wilson from Piopio is quickly making a name for himself on the national stage, with a string of performances putting him among New Zealand’s rising stars of the sport.

Case recently competed at the Junior Motocross Nationals in Leeston from April 10-12, taking on some of the country’s best young riders in both the 85cc class for ages 8-10 years and the 65cc class for ages 8-11 years.

Leading into nationals, Case stayed locked in on one clear goal: to bring home a national title. Case’s hard work, mindset and determination meant he claimed first place in the 85cc class and secured third place in the 65cc class, results that earned him official New Zealand titles and marked a major milestone in his motocross journey.

Following the Junior Motocross Nationals, Case went on to win the New Zealand Motocross TT Nationals in the 85cc class at Taupiri, further cementing his reputation as one of the sport’s exciting young talents.

For the past 10 months, Case has also been training with Josiah Natzke, helping sharpen his skills and continue building confidence on the track.

Case is completely motocross mad and lives and breathes the sport.

“I just love racing. It makes me happy,” Case said.

“I like working out the faster lines and learning new things every time I ride.”

If he is not out riding his bike or training on the track, Case is watching motocross races on YouTube, studying some of the world’s top riders and building his knowledge of the sport. He is also a huge fan of Yamaha bikes and supports the Yamaha brand.

Looking ahead, Case has big ambitions for the future. His goals include making the Yamaha New Zealand Racing Team, racing competitively in Australia, and eventually competing around the world. He is also eager to try his hand at supercross, saying he loves the challenge and excitement of big jumps.

Over the coming months, Case will continue racing through the winter series, competing in events and club rounds across Tokoroa and Taupō as he keeps building toward the next stage of his career.

While motocross remains his biggest passion, Case also enjoys balancing his racing career with rugby. He says he enjoys the winter motocross season because there are fewer races than the busy summer calendar, giving him more time to play another sport he loves.

Case’s parents Kim and Paul say they are incredibly proud of his achievements so far and are thankful to the sponsors, supporters, and wider community who continue to back him on his journey.



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**NOW** done and dusted, there are many aspects of the 2026 Commemoration to be celebrated.

The weather was fantastic and the road quiet.

The change of format was popular, with having the National anthems and flag raising ceremony directly following the March.

There was a good turnout of over 200 people, and this seems to grow every year.

The primary schools were well represented, many of the children in uniform. They should be proud of the way they represented their schools, and the waiata, 'Tai Aroha', was beautiful. This was sung after Piopio College's head students, Ruby Barrera-Cassidy and Paris Blake delivered speeches.

We were privileged to have Sergeant Thomas Roy as our guest speaker. His speech while sometimes entertaining was also enlightening as he spoke of the realities of training soldiers for modern warfare; a very sobering message.

The service concluded with the wreath laying ceremony and a prayer. The wreaths and tributes were beautiful and it was obvious that a huge amount of effort had gone in to some of the tributes.

We are much indebted to many groups who contribute a lot to the day, particularly the fire brigade who take care of road safety; we really do rely on their support. Piopio RSA manage formal proceedings, Warren Wade donates and operates the sound system, our skilled musicians, Anita and team, the Cos Club for a lovely spread to follow. Bugler (Cornet) Nathan Cocks comes down from Kihikihi to play. Thanks also to Bob Dawson (bagpipes), Pastor Terry Bradley, Alex Bromham, Lions Club, all our schools, WDC and everyone else who attended and supported. Parade Commander was Gordon Simpson and Pam Voyce MC for the service.

It's a big day for our small community.





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# Piopio Fruit & Veg Stand

**WE'RE SHIFTING** into a winter mode at the Community Stand, with a final gasp of local feijoas and apples appearing as welcome contributions. I'm sure there are stashes of pumpkins, butternut, potatoes and kumara salted away out there that will magically arrive when we least expect them! I was advised some chestnuts may even appear to challenge us. And then there's the citrus.

I trust you've got your winter veggies started, outside or in the glasshouse. Lots of options: broccoli, silverbeet, kale, cauliflower, spinach, beetroot, peas, broadbeans, spring onions, coriander, cabbage, and maybe even red winter lettuces and rocket. It's probably too late to be trying to grow anything from seed outside (except maybe broadbeans and peas?), so stick with seedlings to play it safe. I've just planted a second round of broccoli and kale seedlings outside, with beetroot, spring onion, and coriander happening.

In the glasshouse it's kale, spinach, silverbeet, Italian parsley and chives in planters. Seedlings of Pukekohe Long Keeper and red onions have been potted up for planting and sharing in June/July.

I'm hoping to encourage you to experiment with growing onions; it takes a bit of learning about when to harvest, how to dry them, etc.,

but in a good season they're much better than store bought.

The seed garlic and shallots are standing by in the garage and will be planted the week I write this, subject to weather. I know, conventional wisdom is to plant garlic on the shortest day and harvest on the longest, but things have changed. May is now the time. And the wool clippings with dags from crutching the ewes will surround the garlic this year.

Pumpkin seeds on paper towels are going into the hot water cupboard as we work through a bumper crop. Free seeds are always a good thing! It's not hard to save them so give it a try.

When the rainy weeks of winter land our jam makers will step up I'm sure, so keep an eye out. Clean, small jars are always appreciated (along with ice cream containers). Dirty jars and big jars aren't at this point—not enough time in the day. And please, no pots, except when you're returning something that was picked up at the stand, like soon-to-be Pukekohe Long-Keeper onion seedlings or heirloom tomatoes. Pots you don't need can otherwise be recycled kerbside if you have that service, at the transfer stations, or at Mitre 10. If we need anything at any point I will post to let you know or mention that here.

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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, and many thanks for your continued support—it makes a difference.

## Grateful Pools

**THE** Piopio pools would like to thank the community for supporting their recent fundraiser.

The Targa Rally brings a big hungry crowd that need feeding (breakfast and lunch). The breakfast crew were up at the college early to sell over 100 bacon and egg mcmuffins.

Lunch was delicious roast rolls, sausage sizzle and home baking.

Thank you to the ladies who answered the call and prepared food on Saturday afternoon. And a big thank you to all the donations of kai from the community... roasts, vegetables, eggs and homebaking. This was an immense help.

We are super lucky to have everyone supporting the pools fundraiser and we appreciate all the help. The committee would like to acknowledge one of its own, Sheryl, who once again ran a well run fundraising campaign.

## Big Ups to Piopio!

*My name is Marty - I drove from my home in Papamoa to Piopio to officiate as the Celebrant at the funeral service of Bruce Wallis.*

*I arrived in Piopio early and sat in the sun at the Piopio Rugby Club watching junior boys rugby; can I share some reflections with you...*

*Firstly, I was really impressed by the calibre of players. Their skills, team work and understanding of the game was impressive. I sat thinking, I wonder if there is a next generation Colin Meads out there?*

*The second thing that impressed me was the number of Mums and Dads and grandparents on the sidelines. It was great to see families together and parents supporting their kids.*

*And thirdly, I was impressed that at the end, after a few speeches, the kids hoed into morning tea like no tomorrow. Good old fashioned socialising between players and spectators.*

*I couldn't help but be impressed by this Piopio event - Saturday morning rugby. There is something special about provincial or rural New Zealand. As the nation has urbanised Piopio and places like it are threatened by out migration.*

*I was really heartened by what I saw on Saturday morning.*

*Later in the day a large number of locals turned up to farewell Bruce; a local stalwart. Again, the values of Piopio shining through.*

*It was my privilege to spend a day in the Centre of the Universe.*

**Martin**

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# Piopio Playcentre rundown

**TERM ONE** went really quickly. We've had some new and returning families join us, said goodbye to some kids, got a Kaimahi appointed, playcentre mistreated, and we went on a little excursion.

Firstly, we'd like to welcome Greer Reeves and Tad, Tyla Galloway and Adelyn, and returning family Shanti Edwards and Tawera. It's great to have new people coming along and joining our playcentre. On that note, we said farewell to two of our kids, as they turned 5... Abbie Brier and Levi Wenzlick. They are both attending Piopio primary and absolutely thriving.

We have also welcomed our new Kaimahi to our playcentre, Jess Lindsay. We are so stoked to have her join us and take over the admin side of playcentre, giving us more time to play with our kids.

Unfortunately, over term one we've turned up to playcentre on numerous occasions, to find damage, rubbish and missing items, which is a real shame. Recently we have had our corn picked and our pumpkins smashed. These were grown and meant to be enjoyed by the children attending playcentre.

We love sharing our playground space with the wider community. We don't want to have to limit the use of the playground and would appreciate the community respect this space, take their

rubbish home and not vandalise or mistreat the equipment and buildings. We would also like our missing D-shackles for the swings returned.

At a recent working bee, we decided to reopen our playground after 6 months of it being off limits, due to the contamination from the flooding. After all the talk about different options on how to stop it happening again, they have decided to just replace the bark for now.

That being said, we have a new person appointed to look after the property so hopefully they may address this.

We ended term one with a little local excursion to the Piopio playground, followed by an Easter egg hunt and then a shared lunch, which was enjoyed by all.

So, it's been reasonably busy with people coming and going, and numerous shared morning teas to celebrate all sorts.

If you're new or not so new, to the community and would like to know more about our playcentre please don't hesitate to get in touch with Jo 021 1487556 or email [piopio@playcentre.org.nz](mailto:piopio@playcentre.org.nz)  
*Christin Kjestrup*



# Davis Automotive closes

**WE** unfortunately have closed up as I have an opportunity overseas that I just can't turn down.

I would like to thank our customers and the community for their support over the last 8 years. It has been a great experience and the people here have been truly amazing.

I have always supported local events from pig hunt comps, speed shears, trail rides, bowls and fishing clubs, to school trips etc. As I believe the saying: support local and they will support you, is very true.

I was overwhelmed by the kind words and gifts from customers when I closed the doors.

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# Waikato Rural Support Trust; what we do

**WORKING ACROSS** the primary sector can be incredibly rewarding, but it also comes with its own unique challenges and pressures. Farmers, growers, landowners and rural workers often face long hours, financial uncertainty, isolation, workforce pressures and the impacts of adverse weather events, all of which can affect overall wellbeing.

The Waikato Rural Support Trust (RST) is here to support primary producers through all of life's challenges. While mental health and wellbeing remains an important focus, support is not limited to this, whatever the pressure, you are welcome to reach out for free, confidential, wraparound support.

Waikato RST works alongside rural communities to deliver a range of practical and supportive initiatives. These include on-farm health checks, community BBQs and events with guest speakers, creating opportunities for people to step away from daily pressures, connect with others and strengthen community wellbeing.

To receive updates on upcoming Waikato RST events, please email [events.waikato@ruralsupport.org.nz](mailto:events.waikato@ruralsupport.org.nz).

## About the Rural Support Trust

Sometimes it helps to talk to someone who truly understands rural life - someone who's been there before.

Rural Support Trust facilitators are local people with strong rural backgrounds. They understand the realities of the primary sector and how pressures can build over time. Their experience, training and networks allow them to support people through a wide range of situations, helping you navigate challenges and find a way forward.

By calling 0800 787 254 or visiting [www.rural-support.org.nz](http://www.rural-support.org.nz), you can access free and confidential support.

## Health and Wellbeing

Challenges with mental health are more common than many people realise, yet many still hesitate to reach out due to stigma or fear of judgement.

Rural Support Trust facilitators are trained to recognise signs of stress and distress, and provide a caring, confidential, and non-judgemental environment. They can also help connect you with the right services if additional support is needed.

## Financial Pressure

Financial pressures are a reality for many in the primary sector. Managing debt, navigating tax obligations and responding to changing conditions can feel overwhelming at times.

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## Employment and Workplace Support

Healthy working relationships are essential to strong rural businesses. While many workplaces are built on open and respectful communication,

there are times when pressures can impact these relationships.

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## Adverse Events

Waikato Rural Support Trust works closely with Civil Defence and other local agencies to support rural communities during and after adverse events such as floods, droughts, or storms. Support may depend on the event but it could include accessing financial support, or connecting you and your family with the services you need during recovery.

## Staying Connected

At its heart, Rural Support Trust is about rural people helping rural people.

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All welcome! (See flyer next issue)

Please contact the school office for further details or to book a front row seat.

Many thanks to the Waitomo District Council Creative Communities Scheme for their generous assistance with funding.

## ORIENTEERING CHALLENGE 2026

On Friday, June 19 at 11am sharp, our annual interschool Orienteering event will be held at the Āria Domain.

We anticipate in excess of 350 primary age children from years 4-8 to be competing.

Adult teams are always very welcome. Lions caravan canteen available.

See you there!

## SCIENCE CELEBRATION 2026

On Wednesday, July 1, Āria School will again be hosting the Science and Technology Celebration at the Āria Hall, which is an initiative to encourage schools to promote science investigations and technology problem solving.

It is a way for students to investigate and problem solve in practical situations, and is open to students from

year 1 to 8.

Everyone is welcome to come and learn from our children.

The displays will be set up prior to judging which takes place on Tuesday morning.

The hall will be open to the public from 12.30-5pm on Tuesday, June 30 and also Wednesday, July 1 from 8-10.30am when prizegiving will be held.

Although the projects are judged, the emphasis is on participation.

For more information please phone Pam Voyce on 021 255 7548 or 07 877 8254.

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# Piopio Swim Club wraps up season

**ANOTHER SEASON** complete, with a huge thanks to many of our families who continue to dedicate their time and support to the Club.

As with most clubs, volunteers are in short supply, with many on multiple clubs and being stretched for time in today's busy society. We are also very grateful to Coaches Lee Alcock, Rebecca Clapcott, Kate Carter and Club recorder, Tania Fagan who continue to provide experience and support long after their own children have left the Club.

The Piopio Pools Trust Committee do a huge amount of work behind the scenes to ensure we have such an amazing facility in our community. Please support the Trust however you can.

With such a short season, our club swimmers do very well, with impressive results from their own school swimming sports as well as Interschool competitions.

## Results from 2026 Club Prizegiving

Age group awards:

8 years - Koby Houghton

9 years - Liam MacLachlan

10 years - Angus Cowin

11 years - Mela Bates

12 years - Isabelle Houghton

13 years - James Webster

15 years - Heath Cody

Junior Boy Cup - Liam MacLachlan

Junior Girl Cup - Mela Bates

Senior Boy Cup - James Webster

Senior Girl Cup - Isabelle Houghton

Open Event Winners:

25m Freestyle - Heath Cody

25m Butterfly - Waitaria Bodger-Kearns

200m Freestyle - Heath Cody

400m Freestyle - Waitaria Bodger-Kearns

100m IM - Handicap - Heath Cody

100m Freestyle - Handicap - Laci Kendrick

Most Improved - Mela Bates

Junior Most Improved - Lily Draper

Intermediate Most Improved - Charlie Ronaldson

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# Happenings at Piopio Primary School

**PIOPIO PRIMARY** School has had a busy and exciting start to 2026 with students embracing a wide range of learning and sporting opportunities.

## Sporting Highlights

Two of our major annual sporting events have already taken place. Term 1 saw our school swimming sports, where every student took part with enthusiasm and pride. A dedicated group went on to represent our kura at the Waitomo Interschools Swimming Carnival, achieving excellent results and several placings.

In May, we held our Cross-Country event. As in recent years, we were joined by Aria School, adding to the strong sense of community that makes this day so special.

For the first time, our students also took part in the Piopio College Colour Run—a fun, energetic addition to our sporting calendar. We look forward to the many other events our tamariki will participate in throughout the year.

## Year 5 & 6 Camp Adventures

At the end of Term 1, our Year 5 and 6 students headed to Karakariki Christian Camp. Their days were filled with exciting activities and new experiences.

Highlights included visiting the Space Centre in Kihikihi, swimming at the Te Awamutu Aquatic Centre, kayaking in Raglan, and of course the much-anticipated talent show, where both parents and children showcased their skills.

## Growing Young Leaders

Our Year 6 students have been stepping confidently into leadership roles. Thirteen

students attended the PALS training day, learning how to lead lunchtime games. It has been wonderful seeing them out in the playground supporting younger tamariki.

Each day begins and ends with our student leaders sharing karakia over the school PA system, bringing the whole kura together in a moment of unity.

Our House Leaders also represented Piopio Primary at the Piopio ANZAC ceremony, showing maturity and pride as they honoured this important occasion.

## Celebrating NZ Sign Language

As NZ Sign Language is one of Aotearoa’s official languages, it holds an important place in our school. During NZSL Week, all classes took part in sign language activities, building on the learning already happening in classrooms.

Our students regularly use sign language when singing the New Zealand National Anthem, strengthening both understanding and inclusion.

## Learning Through Our 2026 School Concept

This year’s school concept is “Ehara nō tātou te whenua, engari nō ngā uri whakatipu – The land does not belong to us; it belongs to future generations.”

Classes have been exploring this idea deeply during CRT sessions with Mrs Bailey in Room 9. Students have been investigating soil quality, the role of insects in growing healthy crops, how to protect plants, and what happens after harvesting. Their questions and discoveries are a strong reflection of our school goal: Empower Curious Learners.



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For Piopio, Mōkau and Awakino residents, there is an important change to your collection day: Collections will move from Monday to Tuesday

Alongside this change, each household will receive a **new yellow recycling bin**, while continuing to use the existing blue bin for glass. Recycling will now be separated to improve quality and efficiency.

The new service will also introduce modern collection trucks, improved recycling sorting, and increased capacity to help households recycle more and reduce waste to landfill.

**Important:** Bins will be delivered between **9-23 June**. Please continue using your current service (including current collection days) until **30 June**, and place bins at the kerbside by **8:00am** as usual.

The new service starts from **1 July**. **Reminder for Piopio, Mōkau and Awakino residents:** your collection day is changing from Mondays to **Tuesdays** from 1 July 2026.

These improvements are designed to make recycling easier, increase capacity, and support better environmental outcomes for the district.

For more information, visit our website. [www.waitomo.govt.nz/kerbside-changes](http://www.waitomo.govt.nz/kerbside-changes)

**IMPORTANT CHANGES TO KERBSIDE COLLECTION**

## KERBSIDE COLLECTION CHANGES ARE COMING

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

**COLLECTION DAY CHANGES**

- Mōkau, Awakino & Piopio only
- Monday collections move to Tuesdays
- All other routes unchanged

**RECYCLING WILL NOW BE SEPARATED**

**NEW YELLOW BIN - Mixed Recycling**

- Paper & cardboard
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**EXISTING BLUE BIN - Glass Only**

- Clean glass bottles & jars
- No lids

**NEW COLLECTION VEHICLES & PROCESS**

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- New branded collection trucks.
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- Bins & bags at kerbside by 8am (as normal).

**COLLECTION DAYS AS OF WEDNESDAY 1 JULY '26**

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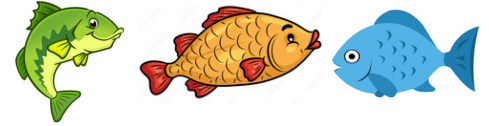
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# Mokau Fishing Club News



**ANOTHER** busy season has officially come to an end! We celebrated the finish with our Summer Competition prizegiving and BBQ. Although the weather wasn't in our favour—much like many of our competitions this season—we still had a fantastic turnout.

It was wonderful to see so many people attending, and some incredible prizes were handed out. A particular highlight was seeing so many of our junior anglers being rewarded for their efforts on the water.

Fortunately, the Easter weekend delivered fantastic sea conditions, allowing plenty of people to get out for a crack at catching and weighing in fish.

Congratulations to everyone who received prizes and trophies this year.

- A few quick reminders:
- Honours Board: You can still weigh in fish for the current seasons honours board until November 30.
  - AGM Meeting: The committee will now be taking a well-deserved break, but we look forward to seeing you all at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on September 17. We will send out a reminder closer to the date.
  - Join the Committee: We are always looking for new faces and fresh ideas. If you would like to be part of the committee, please let us know prior to the AGM.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the committee and everyone who helped out throughout the year. We truly appreciate the time and effort you contribute to the Mokau Fishing Club.

To our Sponsors: We simply couldn't run these events without your continued support. A massive thank you to all of you. Members, please ensure you support those who support us—you can view a full list of our sponsors on the Mokau Fishing Club website.

That's a wrap from me for now! I look forward to catching up with you all in September at our AGM or the BBQ following it.  
*Cheers, Wal*

## Summer Competition Results

- BOAT**  
**Snapper:** 1<sup>st</sup> Geoff Preston 10.56kg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Elle Lamont, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brent Hadley, 4<sup>th</sup> Ben Draper, 5<sup>th</sup> David Bevege  
**Kahawai:** 1<sup>st</sup> Simon Mitchell 2.91kg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Francis Proffit, 3<sup>rd</sup> Corey Barnsdall, 4<sup>th</sup> Vern Harker, 5<sup>th</sup> John Casford  
**Marlin:** 1<sup>st</sup> Janine Neal 128kg  
**Crayfish:** 1<sup>st</sup> Stanley Robinson  
**Trevally:** 1<sup>st</sup> Hinga 1.96kg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Heather Griffin, 3<sup>rd</sup> Holly Grainger, 4<sup>th</sup> Emma Sampson  
**Gurnard:** 1<sup>st</sup> Brian Griffin .75kg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew McInnis, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wal Death, 4<sup>th</sup> Phil Guddop  
**Kingfish:** 1<sup>st</sup> Jamie Bridger 11.97kg, 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Corey Proffit, 3<sup>rd</sup> Allan Jones**  
**Tuna:** 1<sup>st</sup> Neville Neal 12.01kg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lynn Ward  
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**Snapper:** 1<sup>st</sup> Steve McEwen 7.16kg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ryan McNiece, 3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Freakley, 4<sup>th</sup> Tui Roach  
**Kahawai:** 1<sup>st</sup> Suzi Waghorn 3.05kg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rangi Roach, 3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Waghorn, 4<sup>th</sup> Maria Ramsay, 5<sup>th</sup> Michael Ramsay  
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**Gurnard:** 1<sup>st</sup> Laurel Reed .91kg, 2<sup>nd</sup> James Ogle, 3<sup>rd</sup> Heidi Ogle  
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**Snapper:** 1<sup>st</sup> Jackie Fraser 8kg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Geoff Fraser  
**Kahawai:** 1<sup>st</sup> Micah CLausen 2.58kg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stuart Rose  
**Gurnard:** 1<sup>st</sup> Carey-Lee Cook 1kg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Maryann Rose  
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# Tessa rides well again

**PIOPIO** eventing rider Tessa Bradcock has delivered an impressive performance on the international stage, finishing sixth overall at the Adelaide Equestrian Festival in the Racing SA CCI3\*-L event.

Representing New Zealand in the Young Rider Oceania Championships, Tessa and her horse Ceremony were the top-performing Kiwi combination, finishing the competition on their dressage score of 35.8 penalty points after a strong and consistent weekend across all phases.

Tessa said the showjumping round was one of the highlights of the event and suited Ceremony perfectly.

“The course was great. I think it was the best course I have jumped this season that worked the best for Grace (Ceremony),” she said.

“She thrives on long format - she loves jumping after cross country.”

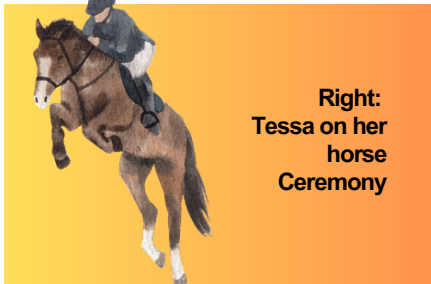
Competing against some of the best young riders from across New Zealand and Australia, Tessa handled the pressure well and produced a clear and confident performance in the final phase.

New Zealand chef d’equipe Lizzie Brown praised Tessa’s ride, saying she had done the country proud.

“It was a fantastic clear round from Tessa. She rode her socks off on the mare who jumped incredibly well,” Lizzie said.

The Adelaide Equestrian Festival is regarded as one of Australasia’s premier eventing competitions, making Tessa’s result an exciting achievement as she continues to build experience at an elite level.

While the New Zealand team narrowly missed out on the Oceania Championship title, Tessa’s performance stood out as a major success for the Kiwis and a proud moment for her supporters back home.



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