

MORRINSVILLE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

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Calendar

22nd-23rd of April
Auckland Country Music
Awards
Hawkins Theatre
Papakura

6th of May 11AM to 5PM
South Waikato Country
Music Club 50th
Anniversary Celebration
Plaza Theatre
Putaruru

20th of May
Matamata-Piako Country
Music Awards
Matamata-Piako Civic and
Memorial Centre
Matamata

President's Report

by Julie Monaghan

Hi Everyone,

A new month and a new committee (and some old tried and true members with hearts of gold and country music at their core). This month sees us regroup with our newly elected committee, and I am very proud to say we managed to attract another young committee member. Ryan Monaghan has slung his hat in the ring joining Nicola Paul and Philip Winter on our committee, perhaps the youngest set-up for a while, it certainly is in my time at this club. We also welcome Carol Beale to a seat on our crew and fondly farewell, for now at least, Sharon McIntyre and Cherie Holden. It is noted that Liz Bowater is taking on the role of Secretary over and above the Treasurer role this term. She already shoulders a huge responsibility for the club, and I hope we all support her wherever we can. We look forward to continuing to do what we know and listening to new and fresh ideas as they are presented to us.

On a similarly youthful news front, we had the youngest group of artists at a club night for quite some time at the March concert. The Austin and McIntyre families provided us with new budding talent and bountiful enthusiasm.

Calendar

15th & 16th of July
Southern Country Music
Awards
Taieri Bowling Club
Taieri

7th of October
Entertainer of the Year
Awards
Brian Gerrard Theatre
Birkenhead College
Auckland

Note: If anyone would like to enter any of the upcoming awards, please contact our secretary Cherie for entry forms or check out the NZCMA's website for more info.

Please help me in welcoming the youngins' and be patient with their robustness, be kind and considerate regarding their attributes and requirements, and above all, be supportive of their caregivers as they discover the opportunities clubs like ours can offer them. They require more patience than grown-up members, and we owe it to them and to our illustrious club to give it freely. It is wonderful to have children at our club again, it seems to have been a long time since we have had the honour of such potential.

New experiences also saw the wonderful French Family Band on the stage at the Opry in Nashville, Tennessee this month. If any of you haven't seen their Facebook posts, listened to their music, and felt their passion I challenge you to do so. The song 1945 sung by Sonny, accompanied by Camille and Stuie is beautiful. I also see Dan Cosgrove is having a sneaky peak of Nashville on his OE with his lovely wife Tamsin. I hope they don't get a load of his guitar skills and steal him away from us, although, he gives so much to NZ music he deserves all anyone offers him. Sheesh, we have talent in this tiny country.

And, finally, gratuitous plug intended, The Harmonic Resonators are mid-tour in their Rongo ki te Oro North Island group of shows. It sounds like they are hitting the spot making people happy everywhere they go, the posted snippets of crowd harmonies are inspiring. And as a bonus, they are giving folk who may not have ever considered it "a little dictionary of Te Reo to refer to"* after listening to their renditions of well-known songs in Te Reo Maori. (*Quote from Jeremy Hantler during the Tauranga show). At the writing of this they have Taupo, Auckland, Gisborne, Whakatane, Kapiti, Whanganui, and Hamilton shows to go. We should be so proud of them. I must stop waffling now as I need a tissue. This club brings a tear to my eye.

See you all for our April show,

Julie

MCMC branded clothing!

Liz has been hard at work getting us a new vendor for our MCMC branded clothing, which is now PG Promo! PG Promo is located on Canada Street next to Morrinsville News. The cost to put our logo on a piece of clothing is \$15 GST inclusive. They have a huge selection of shirts, jackets and tops available.

Our April guest artist is... Nick Nicholson!



Nick joined up with 'The Fenders' band around 1963 in Hamilton. The band played at the 'Starlight' ballroom and other venues. In 1966 he decided to head to Melbourne where he lived for 8 years. Nick always played bass guitar and absolutely loves the rhythm of the instrument.

In more recent years Nick says he was lucky enough to get a start with the country music band in Huntly, followed by Glen Afton, and then Fountain City Country Music Clubs. He became a member of the Morrinsville Country Music Club in 2017 and considers it an honour to be able to contribute alongside the wonderful musicians here in Morrinsville.

Nick's lovely wife Suzanne is very supportive, and comes to all the country music gigs which he is involved in. And, needless to say, country music is a constant pleasure for both of them at their home in Hamilton.

Health and safety reminder!!

DO NOT attend any MCMC events if you are unwell as you will be encouraged to go home. This is for the safety of our vulnerable MCMC community, of whom many are older and/or immunocompromised. Mask wearing is encouraged, but can be taken off when on stage.

Upcoming events!



**SOUTH WAIKATO
COUNTRY MUSIC
CLUB**

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF
COUNTRY MUSIC**

**WHERE: PLAZA THEATRE, KENSINGTON ST.,
PUTARURU**

WHEN: 11AM UNTIL 5PM, 6 MAY 2023

ENTRY FEE \$3.00

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AWARDS WEEKEND**

22nd & 23rd April 2023
Hawkins Centre, Papakura

Saturday: Auditions 8.30am
Sunday: Finals Concert
(Start time TBC)

For more info / entry forms
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the Harmonic Resonators

Rongō ki te Oro Tour 2023

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2022/23 Committee:

Executive:

President: Julie Monaghan 027 697 2790
Vice President: Sharon McIntyre 027 451 4359
Secretary: Cherie Holden 027 291 3103
Treasurer: Liz Bowater 027 440 6311

Committee:

Steve Walton 027 535 4331
Renny Hantler 027 505 8260
Gaye Telford 022 192 7883
Tom Wilson 021 901 819
Nicola Paul 021 717 657
Philip Winter 027 406 2071
Vivienne Woodd 021 333 607

Singers workshop & Jam session:

Last Friday night of the month

Band workshop:

First Friday night of the month

Club Night:

7.30pm. 2nd Friday of the month, Rotary Community Hall, Canada Street, Morrinsville.

Disclaimer:

The Morrinsville Country Music Club Inc. will not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury incurred whilst attending club functions. Children are the responsibility of their parents or guardians while at club events. Any member of our club has the right to attend our meetings, which are normally held at 7.30pm on the Monday night following the Club night. The next meeting will be held on the 13th of March.

Mailbox:

If you have any problems, complaints, or suggestions on club matters, please put it in writing, signed and dated. Either pass to a committee member or send to P.O. Box 240, Morrinsville 3340 so these can be discussed at our committee meeting.

Life members:

Lyn Torstonson, John and Lyn Stewart, Jan Cooper, Renny and Jenny Hantler, Sharon McIntyre, David Baker, Kevin and Liz Bowater.