

MORRINSVILLE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

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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

20th-22nd of October
Sun City Country Music Awards
Club Waimea
Nelson

President's Report

by Julie Monaghan

Hi Everyone,

I hope you have had a wonderful month. I had the good fortune to go to the Bay of Islands Country Rock Festival in May, and once again was blown away by musical talent. It was Eddie Low's 80th birthday during the weekend = PARTY. There were also some fantastic Australian acts back again post Covid silliness. It is a great Country music party weekend. If you haven't already been, it is worth the trip.

We followed the DCP band which proudly has two members from Morrinsville and two from Matamata. They are so entertaining and so clever that they swapped instruments and vocals in the middle of a song every gig. The lead singer/lead guitarist swapped with the drummer and the bassist and rhythm guitarist switched on stage without missing a beat. The most comical part was seeing the six-foot-four bassist nearly strangle himself in a guitar strap and have to sing into the microphone like a giraffe at a watering hole, and the rhythm guitarist who is five-foot-six play a bass around his knees and have to jump up and down to reach the microphone.

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

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.

Something you may not know about me is that I coach a Waikato A grade Women's football team. Gary and I have played for much of our lives, he still does, and we met at the Melville United Football Club.

With a team, any kind of team, sports, work, family, or music, there are certain positions some folks are good at and some not so much. Sometimes people think they are good at something when in fact they may not be. Some need particular people around them to perform at their best. In my footy team, we have one striker, one right midfield player, one goalkeeper, and fourteen who want to play centre back. As a coach, I must coerce some of them into positions they don't like, show some of them how to play where the team needs them most, and teach them how to play there (mainly that involves getting them to use their left foot!).

Our country music club team has a recipe that has worked for over forty years. We have people filling positions they are good at and teaching others how they do it. The committee gives up valuable time each month deciding on band positions, sound personnel, Spotlight Artist, MC, Raffles, Kitchen, Trailer, and program organiser. Then we go about coercing those chosen folk into their jobs, supporting those who might be new at tasks, mentoring, liaising with the Hall providers, changing things, if need be, and trying to put together a great show for our paying loyal and audience, all whilst allowing the singers and musicians to improve if they want to and where they can. Some improvement is immense, some a little less. Some people seem superbly confident at what they do, and some are so nervous it is a great struggle. I'm writing this to show you that a lot of decision-making goes into our club nights, a lot of practice, and effort. I urge you, if you are singing or playing at Morrinsville Country Music Club to do your best, if you want help ask, if you are given advice take it in the most positive way and come to both practices because those practices are what stand us out from the rest. The two practice nights are our commitment, and they are a requirement to keep us learning, improving, and respecting those who are here tirelessly giving up precious time for the club we love.

And, if any of you can kick a ball with your left foot, come and play footy for me!!

Julie

Our June guest artist is... Phillip Winter!



Phil has been a member of MCMC since as long as he can remember. He has been a committee member for 3 years now and has also taken on the new role of band organizer. Phil is known to be very versatile with his performances, from upbeat toe tapping songs to the slower ballads.

By day, Phil works as a parts Interpreter at Power Farming Morrinsville. By night he enjoys jam sessions with his close friends and is always looking for new skills or songs to collect.

As guest artist, Phil is poised to leave an indelible mark on the hearts of the audience with his selection of songs.

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.

Upcoming events!



NZCMA
NEW ZEALAND COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION INC.

Entertainer of the Year Awards

OCTOBER 7 2023 BRIAN GERRARD THEATRE
BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE AUCKLAND

SPECIAL GUEST
Jenny Mitchell

Arthur Pumipi Rodeo Briar Sharp

SHOWBAND: The Bandits **Backing Vocalists:** Echo n Harmony

Tickets on Sale 1st August

2023/24 Committee:

Executive:

President: Julie Monaghan 027 697 2790
Vice President: Tom Wilson 021 901 819
Secretary/ Treasurer: Liz 027 440 6311
Bowater

Committee:

Renny Hantler 027 505 8260
Gaye Telford 022 192 7883
Nicola Paul 021 717 657
Philip Winter 027 406 2071
Vivienne Woodd 021 333 607
Ryan Monaghan 027 968 5354
Carol Beale 027 577 2440

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 12th of June.

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.