

MORRINSVILLE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

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Calendar

10th of February
10:30am - 4:30pm
Country Music on the
Green
Railside by the Green
Matamata

17th of February 7pm
Harmonic Resonators
The Encore Tour
Clarence St Theatre
Hamilton

22nd-24th of March
Branded Country Music
Festival
Lake Karapiro

President Report

Hi all,

Another year rolls around. What will 2024 bring?

We will be back doing our thing on Friday the 9th of February at the Morrinsville Rotary Hall.

I was pondering on the things Country Music that are out there in NZ for us to belong, assist, listen, and aspire to. We discussed the NZCMA's new strategic plan at our latest committee meeting. The NZCMA committee has set some very ambitious goals. I wish them well in their endeavours and hope we can all help out somehow so we can in turn benefit from their enthusiasm and hard work.

Among the NZCMA's ambitious goals for the next five years, they mentioned advocating for country artists on NZ radio. I wondered if we listen to any radio stations regularly playing NZ artists or programs run by NZer's. If you don't here are a few I listen to on the odd occasion and enjoy.

25th of March 7:30pm
Morrinsville Country
Music Club AGM
St John's Hall
Anderson St

19th-21st of April
Arapera Country Music
Awards
Pukekohe Cosmopolitan
Club

10th-12th of May
Bay of Island Country
Rock Festival
Paihia

31st May - 2nd June
NZ Golden Guitar
Awards
Gore

2nd - 4th of August
Branded Country Music
Festival
Lake Karapiro

12th of October
Entertainer of the Year
Sir Howard Morrison
Theatre
Rotorua

26th - 28th of October
Tauranga Whetū Star
Awards
Baycourt Theatre

Joy Adams has a weekly community radio show that runs on AM 1206 Monday- Wednesday and features NZ and Aussie artists only on Monday and indie/country artists on Tuesday and Wednesday. Paul Trenwith runs his radio show Back Porch Bluegrass weekly on Free 89FM, I always enjoy his wit and banter and the upbeat sound of bluegrass tunes. Mike Puru hosts Southern Cross Country's weekly breakfast show along with others like Dan Bernstone (a past Gold Guitar Winner) who hosts the weekly 10-2 show, and Hamish Denton hosts from 2-6 pm, and you can get the American top 100 countdown hosted by Kix Brooks of Brooks and Dunn on a Saturday morning (not Kiwi but great country none-the-less). Southern Cross Country Radio is available on an App.

There's country music being played out there folk, do we listen to our own? If you don't already, I challenge you to search out NZ country on the radio and support them with an ear.

On a similar but different note, Rebecca Caffyn is hosting a radio show in Dunedin and releasing her new EP this year being assisted by the NZonAir Development Fund. Isn't that fantastic?

Anyway, probably enough waffling from me. I hope to see all of you, and bring your friends, on Friday for our club night. Cliff Head, our very own Marty Robbins incarnate, will be our guest artist. He's so good he should be on the radio!!!

Thanks to our committee, musicians, volunteers, and singers for all your efforts.

See you all soon,
Julie

Feedback is welcome!

Please email us at morrinsvillecmc@gmail.com if you have any feedback for our committee about our club nights and practices, or even new ideas and initiatives.

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.

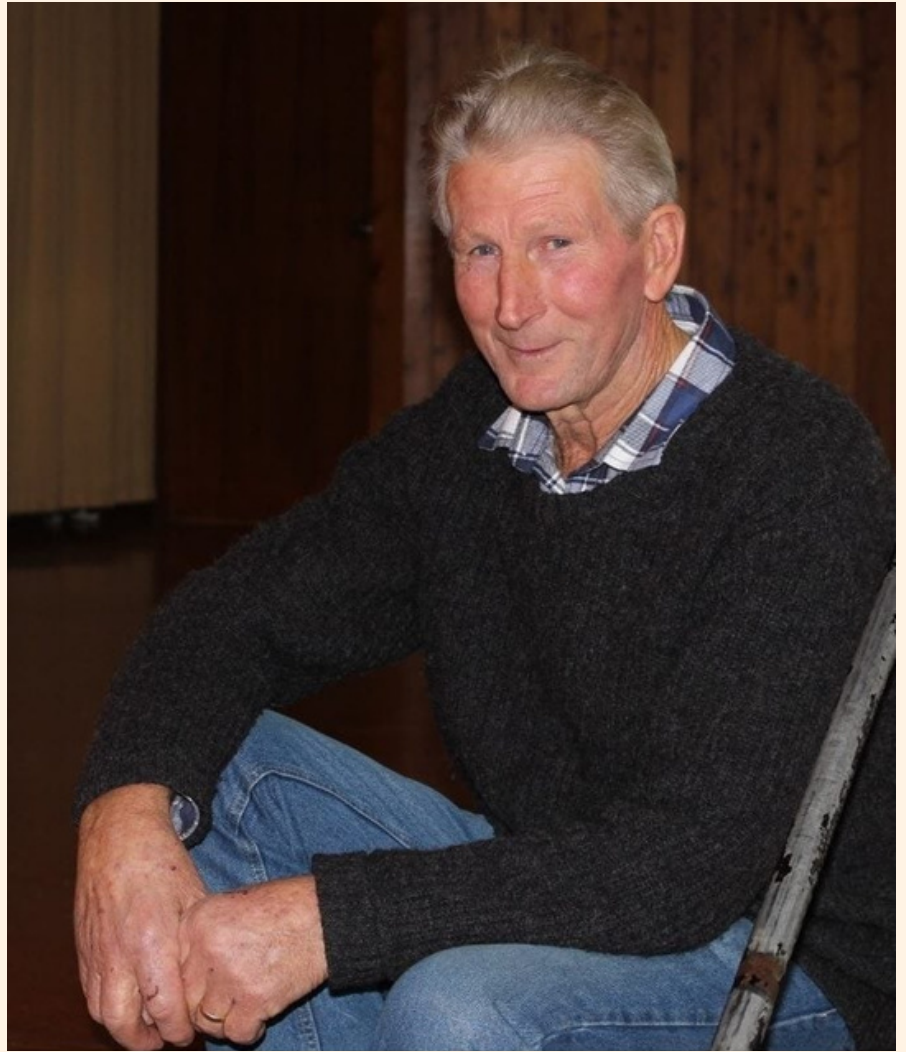
MCMC branded clothing

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.

MCMC AGM!

On the 25th of March we are having our club AGM at the St John's Hall on Anderson St. Please start thinking about whether you would like to put your name forward for a position on our committee. All club members are welcome to attend.

Our February Spotlight artist is... Cliff Head!



From an early age Cliff has enjoyed singing. In 1997 he plucked up the courage and joined the Morrinsville Country Music Club. He is an ex dairy farmer and now farms drystock, still at Waiterimu. His favourite artist is Marty Robbins and his performances of songs from Marty's repertoire are always well received by the audience.

Cliff also writes songs, displaying a rather dry sense of humour always appreciated by his listeners, and gaining credible results in song-writing competitions. Over the years he has been invited to appear on several 'Valray Charity Concerts' and was a guest in the Morrinsville Country Music Club's Annual Spectacular in 2015. He has also been a guest artist at various Country Music Clubs across the country.

Upcoming events!

Matamata Country Music Club presents

Country Music at the Green

- Five Clubs coming together for a day of entertainment.
- Rainside by the Green, Hetana St, Matamata
- Saturday 10th February, 10.30am – 4.30pm
- Free Entry for all
- Food Trucks
- BYO Chair and Shade



For more info call
027 256 2214



THE ENCORE TOUR



February 3rd Forum North, Whangārei
February 17th Clarence St Theatre, Hamilton
March 2nd Baycourt Theatre, Tauranga

BRANDED COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVALS



KARAPIRO FESTIVALS 2024
March 22nd, 23rd, 24th
August 2nd, 3rd, 4th

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Upcoming events continued!



2023/24 Committee:

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If you have any problems, complaints, or suggestions on club matters, please put it in writing, signed and dated to pass to a committee member

Life members:

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

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 February.