

Morrinsville Country Music Club Inc

February 2020

PO Box 240, Morrinsville 3340



Events Calendar

29th February – Muddy river Country Music Awards, Whanganui

2nd March – Live at the Museum – Tami Neilson will be in the Grand Foyer of the Auckland Museum; you need to book a spot it is a FREE concert!

6-8th March – Branded CM Festival, Taumaranui.

7th March – Morrinsville A&P Show.

20th March – Toyota Thames Country Music Weekend, Thames Workingmen's club.

21st March – Judah Kelly tour featuring Jayden Shingleton, at the Clubhouse Sports Bar in Cambridge.

4-5th April – Auckland Country Music Awards, Papakura.

12th July – Waikato Country Music Awards, Morrinsville.

14th August – Leaving Jackson, Johnny Cash and June Carter show, Clarence St Theatre Hamilton

September – Aotearoa Country Music Awards, Palmerston North.

October – Star Awards, Tauranga.

November – Pounamu country Music Awards, Levin.

President's report:

Welcome to another month of Country Music!

I hope you have all been enjoying all of the wonderful musical moments that have been on offer over the last month. I unfortunately missed January Club Night as my family and I flew in from our amazing Holiday in Australia. I always love the January club night and how it comes together with a nice relaxed atmosphere after such a busy festive season.

It was lovely to hear that so many of you enjoyed the tamariki at our December Club Night, as a club we really enjoy supporting this, giving the opportunity for those whom may not want to sing on their own.

This month we have the Hamilton Country Blue Grass Band joining us for the second half of our concert, they along with us are really looking forward to it. Make sure you let your friends know and come along for another evening of fabulous Country Music at such a reasonable cost!

See you soon,

Karina Hart. MCMC President

In case you didn't catch the MCMC award winners for 2019:

Most Improved:

Golden - Gaye Telford

Senior - Nicola Paul

Junior - Piper Hauraki

Band Member - Sam Martinson

Most Consistent:

Golden - Des Maney

Senior Female - Tracey Bowater

Senior Male - Arthur Pumipi

Crowd Pleaser: Paul Trenwith

Entertainer of the Year Representatives:

Ivan Broughton, Arthur Pumipi, Rebecca Caffyn

Clyde Simmons Trophy: Marie Broughton

Outstanding Achievement Award: Hayley Monaghan

MCMC February Club Night

Spotlight Artist- The Hamilton County Bluegrass Band!!



Since the late 1960's, the Hamilton County Bluegrass Band have been a unique part of the NZ entertainment scene. Playing their vibrant, fast-paced and precise music based around a driving banjo sound, with great vocal harmonies, the band have continued to delight audiences throughout NZ and Australia.

Some 50 years later, and with occasional changes of band members, the band maintains a high standard of musicianship, with each line-up change introducing exciting new additions to their repertoire.

In recent years, the band have been an integral part of the Topp Twins Summer Hoedown Tour, performing concerts in vineyards throughout NZ; were featured guests at the Redlands Bluegrass Festival in Brisbane, Australia in July 2012; and were one of the Australasian bands featured on the First Australasian Bluegrass Cruise in 2013. In 2014, the HCBB featured on the Dame Malvina Major Diamond Jubilee Tour and were guests at the Morrinsville CM Club's 'Spectacular'. In 2015 they visited the 'real' outback of Australia, taking part in the White Cliffs Music Festival, a unique experience, and have had a trip to the Mountaingrass Bluegrass Festival in Harrietville, Victoria, Australia. In 2015 they released a 2-CD 'Anthology' with Universal/EMI containing a broad selection of their recording history, and they have recently produced a new album of mostly original songs entitled 'These Old Hands'. They have been featured at the NZ 'Kiwigrass' bluegrass festivals in 2019 and 2020 and continue to play on special occasions for audiences young and old.

The many friends of the HCBB have also been delighted with the announcement that Paul Trenwith was in 2016 awarded a QSM (Queens Service Medal) for his 'services to country music' and especially bluegrass music, with recognition of the role the HCBB has played in furthering bluegrass music in NZ.

Their appearance at the Morrinsville Country Music Club's February concert will feature two original members of the HCBB - Alan Rhodes (guitar) and Paul Trenwith (banjo), and they'll be joined by MCM Club member Pam Findlay on vocals and guitar, long-time friend Keith MacMillan on mandolin, bass player/tenor singer Tim Trenwith and Paul's daughter-in-law Victoria Trenwith on fiddle.

Come and join us for a great night's entertainment.

January Club Nights – Club night supported a very good crowd for the usual informal ‘walk-up’ January club night. This night more than any other puts our fabulous musicians completely on the spot. With no practice, no time to get a song right, no adjustments to help the singer out it is seat of our pants country music. While it is one of the most relaxing nights on our club calendar it is possibly the most stressful for the musicians. One thing it does highlight is the value of our singers and band workshop practice nights, and the effort the musos put in behind the scenes to bring you a quality evening.

Highlights mentioned in committee notes included; Stacey and Jody, a guest duo recently back from Australia were very entertaining. We hope to see more of them in future nights. Ryan McIntyre playing and singing The Rose on the hall piano was so beautiful. Susan Crowe did a great job of Working Man. Special thanks go to Liz and Kevin Bowater, Allan Findlay, Gavin Austin and Tom Wilson who did a masterful job of hall set up.

News: Sharon McIntyre has a new grandson – Connor. Congratulations to Logan and family.

Have you listened to Hannah de Villiers(Cosgrove) new single “Passenger Seat”? She was also a top 10 finalist in the Toyota Star Maker Awards at Tamworth. She sang and looked amazing and beautiful. Go Hannah, we love you!

Te Pahu Sound Lounge hosted **Richie** Sterns and **Rosie** Newton, a bluegrass duo from Ithaca, New York. What a pleasure it is to be in the presence of such talented and inspiring musicians. Wonderful harmonies, stunning claw-hammer style banjo playing and creative fiddle music. Isn’t it amazing how Appalachian music can incorporate the saddest song of human suffering with the most upbeat music; or a melody about the nature around us that allows us to almost taste the rising mist from a cold mountain stream?

Did anyone get to the Marton Festival? Did anyone attend the Matamata-Piako Awards? Let me know.

If you have any amazing things Morrinsville members are doing don’t forget to let me know at gary.julie.monaghan@gmail.com

Workshops:

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, Senior Citizens 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.

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.

Any member of our club has the right to attend our meetings, which are held on the Monday night following the Club night concert at 7.30pm. The next meeting will be held on 17th February at St Johns station in Morrinsville.

Life members: Lyn Torstonson, John and Lyn Stewart, Jan Cooper, Renny and Jenny Hantler, Sharon McIntyre, David Baker, Kevin and Liz Bowater, Allan Findlay.

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Club Days

Cambridge	1 st Fri of month	7.30pm
Forestland	1 st Sun of month	1.00pm
Mt Maunganui	1 st Sun of month	1.30pm
Fountain City	1 st Sun of month	12.30pm
Te Awamutu	1 st Sat of month	12.20pm
Morrinsville	2 nd Fri of month	7.30pm
Tauranga	2 nd Sun of month	1.30pm
Phoenix	2 nd Sun of month	1.00pm
Matamata	3- Sun of month	1.00pm
Te Puke	3 rd Sun of month	1.00pm
Hauraki	3 rd Sun of month	1.00pm
Sth Waikato	4 th Fri of month	7.30pm
Papamoa	4 th Sun of month	1.00pm
Te Aroha	4 th Sun of month	12.30pm
Huntly	4 th Sun of month	7.30pm
Whangamata	1 st Sun of month	1.30pm
Pirongia	2 nd Sun of month	12.30pm
Waihi	2 nd Sun of month	12.30pm
Tokoroa	3 rd Sat of month	7.30pm