

April 2020 Newsletter



Calendar

Hello everyone and welcome to the April Newsletter.

I have taken over the task of presenting the monthly newsletter to all our members. I would like to thank Julie Monaghan, our previous editor, for her hard work and dedication to this role.

Due to the current state of the Country/World we cannot present a 'Calendar of events' until further notice.

As Steve has mentioned in his report, a meeting of the April 2020 Morrinsville Country Music Club Inc was held on Saturday evening via ZOOM, an App which is available on our computers. This was an interesting experience as we sat in the comfort of our homes while viewing the entire committee and interacting together as we shared our thoughts for the future.

We will keep in touch as the future unfolds.

In the meantime, look after yourselves, we hope to see you all soon!

Marilyn Holmes
Newsletter editor



'Lest We forget'
25th April 2020

Morrinsville Country Music Club Inc



Presidents Report...

Hi to all of our Club members!

Well isn't life very different? We're all stuck in our Bubbles for the Level 4 lockdown and Level 3 doesn't seem to be a big change. Maybe a few more stores are able to trade, although on a somewhat limited basis.

Having been part of an essential supply business, I have currently been lucky enough to work for the past few weeks. Spending heaps of time sanitizing door handles, computer keys, Eftpos machines, phones etc daily. As for washing hands man alive 30 or 40 times over 8 hours.

Dairy farming certainly is an essential service to keep the country supplied with some essential food items.

As a Club we are trying to figure out just how things are going to happen and when. We have started having meetings online, via the ZOOM app, bit of a test for some, blah technology, and realize that going forward things will be quite different.

Club night as we know it will be out of the question for some time to come, possibly to the zero lockdown level time. Which brings us to the Annual Spectacular that we have had for many years. We have pulled the pin on having any such event this year as the up-front costs and booking of performers, only to cancel due to lockdown laws would be a costly exercise.

To our older members that are not able to leave their bubble, we are trying to sort a way of bringing music to you on our [Facebook page](#). You have possibly also discovered the [NZCMA](#) (New Zealand Country Music Assoc) Facebook page which has been having some extremely good artists on there. Often there are links to other Country artists as well. The '[Harmonic Resonators](#)' have loaded lots of stuff on to YouTube. Also great to watch familiar faces, [Hannah May](#) (née Cosgrove) who is also posting on FB, her brother [Daniel](#) is posting some banger clips as well. Thanks for that word (Banger) Jeremy Hantler, who had a birthday last Sunday.

It is with deep regret that on 19th of April 2019, I accepted the resignation of Liz Bowater as Treasurer and Committee member of the Morrinsville Country Music Club. This has been a difficult decision for her but holds true to whom she is. I know we will miss her input and eloquent ways of wording things. She is still going to be part of the club, but to a lesser degree. As President of the Club I would like, on behalf of the Club, to thank Liz for her tireless efforts over many years on the committee and as Treasurer.

Well that's my lot, Take Care all. We're missing you, because you make our club what it is. The social interaction at Club night is great and atmosphere always positive.

Steve Walton - Morrinsville Country Music Club President.

**RE: Committee Meeting.
Held on ZOOM on Monday 22nd
April 2020.**

All committee members were in attendance as we discussed the way Covid 19 will be affecting our club for the next several months.

- There will be no monthly concerts until further notice.
- There will be no 'Spectacular' Concert this year.
- Annual subs are on hold.
- Newsletters will not be sent each month, but when news comes to hand pertaining to the club, we will keep you informed.
- Visit our [Facebook page](#) or our [Website](#)
- Have you been doing some recording while at home? If so, feel free to share them on our [Facebook page](#), or [email](#) it to us and we'll put it up there.



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Keeping in touch...

From Karina

Kia ora MCMC. Well it has been nearly a month for me and my whaanau in Lock Down! I think often of all of you and wonder how this time has been for you! We have Payten home for this time, and it has certainly been nice all hanging together, puzzles games and lots of walks. As I have taken on a new job position, I have stepped down as President and off the committee, I look forward to continuing to come along each month and sing once we are back to normality. I also look forward to hearing how you have all been in your bubbles and seeing you all again soon. Arohanui **Karina**

From Paul

Hi, **Paul Trenwith** here. Life in my solo bubble isn't too much different from usual, but because I teach banjo, mandolin, ukulele from home, I miss having the students come around, as I always enjoy playing music with them. However, I'm spending my time learning some new tunes, and writing out new tunes for my students. I also enjoy 'messaging around' out in my workshop, where I make small musical instruments (the 'Scrapwood Banjo Factory'), and I'm having far too many cups of tea. I miss going shopping, (my family are doing the grocery shopping for me); I miss flat whites from the local coffee cart, and I miss Friday nights at Morrinsville, with the occasional dinner at the 'Golden Kiwi'. Stay safe everyone and learn some new songs.

PS: from Marilyn.... Most of you will know that Paul has hosted a radio show, '[Back Porch Bluegrass](#)', on Free FM 89.0, for the last eight years. This weekly show is still aired 'live' at 10pm on Tuesday nights from Free FM 89.0, but recent episodes are also available as podcasts, which can be listened to at any time, from the link [here](#). It's an hour of great music, from contemporary back to the 1930's, featuring both well-known and little-known musicians. Have a listen, you might enjoy it!

From Julie

Hi everybody, **Julie Monaghan** here. I have the honour of being the Secretary of the MCMC for the 2020 year. I have been a committee member for the past three years. I love country music. Like many of you, I was brought up listening to my parents' choice of music, rock 'n' roll and country. My favourites include John Denver and Blake Shelton. I am so grateful for the support of the MCMC for helping Gary and I to develop the talent of our kids, Ryan and Hayley. What they have been able to achieve – and indeed the places we have travelled as a family in the last seven years - have been largely due to this cool club. On a personal note: I love sheep, gardening and writing. My favourite author is Stephen King who may well have written the beginning to this year! I am a Medical Scientist at Waikato Hospital - which is truly unusual at the moment. I am working through this time and some of the changes occurring at the hospital are confronting, to say the least. If anyone has any burning questions about Covid-19 I may be able to offer some Information (my own opinions of course). Keep safe out there wherever you are and look forward to us all coming together to share our love of music as soon as is possible. Much Aroha to you all.
Julie

From Gaye

Hello everyone. I have been keeping busy with my country music and searching and listening to various female artists to find some new songs, and I am looking forward to getting back to our monthly club practices to try out some new ones. It has been great to have music in my life. Kind Regards **Gaye Telford**.

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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 normally held at 7.30pm on the Monday night following the Club night. The next meeting will be held on 11th May.

Life members:

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

2020 Committee:

Executive:

President: Steve Walton 027 535 4331
Vice President:
Sharon McIntyre 07 889 3498
Secretary: Julie Monaghan. 07 847 6874
Treasurer: To be advised.

Committee:

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From Sharon

Kia ora katoa - my Country Music journey in a nutshell . . . I initially joined our club back in 1986/87 to learn to play the ukulele better. Lyn & John Stewart, Life Members of our club, lived just down the road and she suggested I come along . . . which I did just to watch the practices, enthralled and totally in awe of all the participants. It took 2 -3 months to finally attempt a song at practice - it was "Almost Persuaded" - dont even think it's Country but hey you gotta start somewhere. Then probably another month or two before I sang at club night - that song was "Nobody's Child" and Graeme said I sang to the ceiling the whole time!!

To say I've had a fantastic ride is an understatement. With my sister Denise, I sang duos using our maiden name "The Reidy Sisters" and later on Alison Watkins (now Ali Blue) joined us to sing as a trio as "Short n Sweet". We spent many years enjoying the Awards circuit competing against and meeting many wonderful people. Two of my three children Casey and Ryan joined us at Awards during those years as well. Logan learned drums but preferred to watch rugby on Friday nights with his Dad them emulate what he learned the next day.

There were several parents with young families in the club at that time and all the kids had fun making up different duos and trios learning their craft and making awesome friends. As a family we have stayed very close to Ali's girls, Rebecca & Hayley, Pam Findlay's Samantha and Philip and the entire Hantler family as our three were around the same age as theirs. Ryan and Jeremy Hantler especially, are the best of friends and have been each other's Best Man at each other's weddings. Jeremy also sang backing vocals supporting Ryan to sing at Casey's funeral. I'd like to take this opportunity once again to thank every single one of you who have supported me and my family over that time and since. Ka mau te wehi katoa - youre all awesome!!

So, I guess it's no surprise that our entire family have been able to be part of and enjoy the awesome ride that The Harmonic Resonators is providing us! Look out for the latest release this week hopefully...

With harmonies being my real passion it didn't take long before I was providing Backing vocals initially at club then on to our Annual Spectacular with sister Denise then we went on to The Entertainer Of The Year - Junior & Intermediate separate to the Senior EOTY as it was in those days. It was so awesome to be invited to travel to provide BVs for the Norfolk Island Country Music Festival and awards 25 plus years ago too. This has been the first year I haven't been there to work and enjoy my second home and whanau. Kia Kaha Yorle. When Denise retired I asked an ex awards competitor, Rosemarie Hack from Auckland to join me and we're still going strong enjoying every chance we get to enhance other artists as they sing their heart out.

A committee member on and off for a number of years, this is my second time as Vice President. Committee members are all here to keep things running of course, but also to try to keep your enjoyment of Country Music ongoing. This year has been very different, thanks to COVID-19, our AGM and subsequently new committee have an even harder task to figure out how to provide music and support to you all. So look forward to a phone call initially and the lovely Karina has taken on the task of collating our attempts at "musical" support to you as well.

Hope this finds you all in good health and continuing to keep safe. See you out the other end.

Tino arohanui Sharon Mc xox

Take Care Everyone!