

December 2020



Christmas Club Night
11th December at 7.30pm
Morrinsville Rotary Community Hall
45 Canada Street Morrinsville

**Please bring a plate to
share for the Xmas Supper!**


Morrinsville
Country Music Club Inc
Po Box 240 Morrinsville 3300



Merry Christmas Everyone!!!

President's Report from Steve...

Hi all of you! What a year 2020 has been! A year to both remember and on the other hand forget! The year started with rumour of something called Covid hitting China. It was gonna be Big! Little did we know how much it would affect our lives down here in the South Pacific. Roll on to March and with the help of the ability to travel internationally being so simple, with in no time the world is pretty much at the mercy of Covid-19. Then the announcement of Lockdown level 4. Absolutely unheard of! But in hindsight an absolute lifesaver for many of our citizens. Just look around at other more populated countries and the rate of suffering and sickness we have avoided, all through being actively involved in protecting ourselves and others. Well done but let's remember to be vigilant in the fight to keep safe!

What next, White Island blows its top. Lots of injured and several people lose their lives as a result. Right now the event is going through the courts to find out what could have been done differently to avoid it happening again. In my personal opinion I think this should have been done years ago, not by the Tour Companies, but by the governing body of Health and Safety in tourism. We Kiwis love pushing the limits that's just the way we are. In other countries you can get sued if people have a wee scrape or break a leg - not quite here yet. Anyway enough of a rave about the nasty stuff - that's what we want to learn to live without in the future.

Here at the Country Music club it's been a hard year with being unable to hold concerts during all Covid levels, except level one. So we have really only had five proper Club nights, and now we're here at Christmas time. Most of our concerts were absolutely awesome with great guest artists. All supported by a great bunch of club members as supporting acts for them.

It is part of our culture that our Club nights be presented more along the lines of a concert. It is often criticized for the way we do this, but we strive to present a professional concert as much as possible. Members that go to compete around the country music scene find it a great help and certainly a confidence builder for them.

The December Club night as usual will involve a few Christmas Carols for you all to join in with. However we also normally have our club prize giving on this night as well. This year we are having a few novelty prizes and will forgo the normal prize-giving due to the lack of club nights, because of the Covid effect on the concerts.

There have been some great successes during the year also for some members: **Hannah May** (née Cosgrove) has moved to Australia and is carving a life out in the Country Music scene over there; **The Harmonic Resonators** are storming through the country at RSAs and other venues with sell-out crowds; and several of our members have been to competitions with some good success.

Well, with a limited amount of travel available, we'll mostly all be holidaying in good ol' New Zealand. A great opportunity to catch up with old friends, Cuzzies, Uncles 'n Aunties, Grandies, Kids and also make new acquaintances!

Anyway, enough for now! Christmas is coming. On behalf of the Morrinsville Country Music Club I would like to wish you all

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Cheers all, Steve.....and remember...

Keep Safe, Be Kind, Sanitise, Wash your hands, Sign in, Trace your movements! ROLL ON 2021!

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



2020 Committee:

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