



Morrinsville Country Music Club Inc.

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March 2026 - Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi everyone. Happy March.

The year is certainly Marching on, isn't it?

AGM is coming up on the 23rd of March, and we would dearly love to have some of you on our committee. We are losing three of our current committee members because they have moved to Tauranga (not a good excuse, really!), got better offers (musical theatre really isn't as cool as country music!), or are off to assist other country music clubs (OK, we won't hold that against you!). All joking aside, life is precariously busy, and it beckons us in all sorts of ways. I want to say a big thank you to those leaving and indeed the entire current committee for your ideas and efforts, and for volunteering to help us out.

The club is reliant on your generosity and commitment.

Very importantly, for the committee and the club to function to such a standard as it does, we need a committed secretary and a competent treasurer. Liz Bowater covers both roles. We would dearly like to relieve her of one of the roles so she can have a life outside of work, family and Country Music.

The saying "many hands make light work" is so true here. It seems that people are finding less and less time to volunteer in their lives. Which I think is a shame. The feeling of belonging and satisfaction that the gift of helping gives you is fantastic. It lifts us up to help others. It makes things run smoother, quicker, and a damn sight easier all around. Please consider giving us a hand on the committee if you can. We need a secretary, a vice president and three willing committee members this year.

And, if you do, you will have the inside scoop on what is happening on the Morrinsville Spectacular front.

Pam Findlay has been beavering away furiously, getting things organised. I am so looking forward to getting this famous show up and running again.

Thanks, Pam, for taking this task and running with it for us in the club's fiftieth year. We love you (well, I do!).

*So, see you all soon at the Morrinsville A&P show, the March Club night or at the AGM, **or at all three!***

Don't forget to volunteer;

Julie



MARCH GUEST ARTIST

Leeanne Dunn

Leeanne has grown up with country music all of her life. Her parents started the South Waikato Country Music Club and when the family moved to Auckland, they became members of the West Auckland Country Music Club. Her dad, Jim Wood, entered many country music awards which involved having the whole family tagging along to support him and later on, the group Legend (with Clyde Ryland and RosemarieHack). When her dad and the group got to Entertainer of the Year that was held in Invercargill in the late 80's, a bell went off in Leeanne's head at the age of 16 she said to herself - this is what I want to do - I want to sing and entertain people and get to the "Entertainer of the Year".

Later on Leeanne joined the Eastern District Country Music Club. As a young mum and the club supported her a lot and finally got her to enter an award ... eventually at the young age of 35 – thanks to Gina Sterling giving her a push. Leeanne entered the Northland Awards as a New Face and won that section and from there has gained confidence and now enters more than one section!

Her own family moved to Whangarei and joined the Whangarei Country Music Club where she meet Jan Magee (nee McPherson) and started a duo called Spellbound and then a group with Pete Cornes and Jan called Risky Business. The group won the Northland Awards in 2009 and Spellbound won the Auckland Awards in 2014, so her dream to get to Entertainer was accomplished, but certainly not diminished. Leeanne moved back to her home town of Putaruru 9 years ago and now is the proud President of the South Waikato Country Music Club and the Convenor of the South Waikato Awards. Leeanne loves entering awards for the camaraderie, supporting the awards and improving her craft. If she gets in the finals that's a bonus, but you can hear her at finals supporting her friends if she hasn't placed. Leeanne loves singing country music from the 80 – 90's era and is delighted to have been asked to be our guest artist.



Morrinsville CMC Concert Night
Rotary Hall, Canada St

Friday 13th March
7.30pm start

Spectacular

29th August 2026
Morrinsville College Hall

Tickets go on sale Friday 10th July at our club night.

Here is a peek into a few of the artist appearing on the show!!

Georgia Martin
Renny Hantler
The Dollys

More advertising later on will reveal more of our artists.....
Start making your plans to come to our show!
The excitement has begun.

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..... AGM

March 23rd 7.30pm
St Johns Hall, Anderson St

Executive nominations:
signed forms need to be with the secretary by Tues 17th March

We need a new Secretary or Treasurer for the coming year.
More committee members are also needed, we are losing 3 members this year.
Please nominate someone for these positions or let us know if this is you!

2025/26 Membership Subscriptions

Family \$30 and Single \$20 Get your Membership forms from Liz

Give us your thoughts/feedback

Email: Morrinsvillecmc@gmail.com

With your input, ideas or comments

Our branded shirts, get yours at

PG Promo on 27 Canada St, Morrinsville

\$15 per logo, great range of shirt etc

If you have any events or news you want to share in our newsletter, please send it to Pam.

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Event Calender:

Arapera CM Awards 17th - 19th April

Matamata CM Awards 16th - May

South Waikato CM Awards 11th - 12th July

Southern Awards 10th - 11th July TBC

Aotearoha CM Awards 11th - 13th September

Tauranga Whetu Star Award 23rd - 26th October

NZCMA Entertainer of the Year - 10th October, Howard Morrison Events Centre, Rotorua

COMMITTEE 2025/26

President: Julie Monaghan 027 697 2790

Vice President: Phil Winter 022 368 8011

Secretary & Treasurer: Liz Bowater 027 440 6311

Gay Telford 022 192 7883

Pam Findlay 027 905 0191

Jackie Chamberlain 029 827 3200

Richard White 020 4154 4812 (complaints officer)

Renny Hantler 027 505 8260

Peter Roskam 027 555 0571

Hayley Monaghan 027 398 2992

Morrinsville A&P Show is on this weekend, 7th March at the Recreational Grounds in Morrinsville.

We will be entertaining there from 10am & 12pm.

We would love to see you there