



Morrinsville Historical Society Inc.

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## Hello to all our Museum Friends

### We have a few dates finalised to put in your diaries

Community House Christmas Parcel Donations – by the 30<sup>th</sup> Nov

Country Market Day - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Nostalgia Display - 5<sup>th</sup> Dec to the 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

Morrinsville Christmas Parade - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Closing Day for 2020 - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Opening Day for 2021 - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January

Waitangi Day BBQ – Venue to be advised

### Raffle Results from October

Roast Meat and Vegetables - Bev & Ray Seales

Knitted Doll - Anne Gifford



**November – December Raffle** will be drawn on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December

4 Draws of Christmas Goodies - \$2 each or 3 for \$5

# Looking to the Future



On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November, a small group of committee members and volunteers had a very enjoyable Driving Tour of the battle sites in the Waipa District. The **National Commemoration of the New Zealand Wars** on October 28<sup>th</sup> each year is in our **Five-year Plan** for member events. It has been suggested that in the future, we could repeat both the Northern and Southern driving tours as well as planning other events to commemorate these events. They are both very enlightening.

Over the last few weeks, we have been reaching out to other museums. We hosted Waikato Museum Director, Cherie Meecham and the Exhibitions and Collections Manager, Steve Chappell this week to discuss our shared interests and to get some advice about how to access others in the world of museums in Aotearoa New Zealand, for the specific expertise we require. Refurbishment of existing exhibitions and museum layout are some areas we are exploring.

Over the last few years, we have met with the other three rural museum members in the Matamata-Piako District to share with each other and with the MPDC representative our current focus. Morrinsville Museum, Firth Tower at Matamata and Te Aroha Museum have three meetings a year, one in each museum. This gives us the opportunity to see what new displays and exhibitions we have been working on. We also share expertise and problem solve any museum issues that may arise.

We have an opportunity for you to give us some feedback about what you value most about our museum. In the foyer is a board you can add to, or if you want to send an email with as many things you want to say about what you value, we will value your contribution.



Our many volunteers are busy do a variety of tasks to keep improving our procedures in the museum. This month we have three new people who are working with our collection in cataloguing, organising and researching.

A gardener volunteer will be weeding and trimming plants in the gardens at the back of the museum.

As Volunteer Leader I get to meet all the volunteers and be part of their training. We are incredibly grateful for any time these people can give to us.

Bette Blance President of the Morrinsville Historical Society

**Request** – if anyone has a wheelchair (preferably one that folds up) that they are willing to donate to the Museum for visitors to use that would be most appreciated. Please contact Barbara 0211183605

This will most probably be spur of the moment when we get organised with all the materials we need. If interested, please let us know.



## Christmas Nostalgia Display

We will have the cottage decorated, a small display of toys from Christmas's past, and some Christmas lights with a slide-show remembering Christmas past. Hope everyone has a chance to come and visit and share some Christmas Cake with us.

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