

Volunteers' Report from Bette

5th December is International Volunteers Day. Our volunteers are doing a wonderful job helping keep the museum operating. They are such an asset to us.

We had a good attendance at the Armistice Day Walk on November 11th. Volunteers and Morrinsville Historical Society members joined with the committee and some members of the public to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War One.

Special thanks for long-term committee members Mike Gribble and Joan Jenkin for their readings and for everyone joining in the National Anthem God Save the King. Great fun.

Regular volunteers Selene, Jimmy and Bee are making good progress in data entry. They are learning new skills as well as learning about the history of Morrinsville.

At the last Volunteers Afternoon Tea we shared evidence of increased numbers of visitors comparing April - December 2017 – April to December 2018.

Six hundred more visitors came to the museum in those months in 2018 compared to the same time in 2017. Volunteers play a big part in ensuring that those visitors see a museum that is worthwhile visiting.



WW1 December 1918

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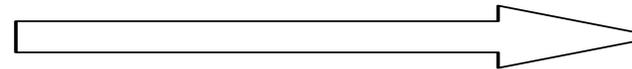
Great Christmas Raffle - At least two draws

Tickets \$2 or 3 for \$5

Available from the museum and on Market Day

So come along and see us on Market Day

Our mini book fair we trialled last week-end as a holiday reading and children's Christmas books book sale wasn't as good as we had hoped but we shall probably try it again next year.



Only showing in the Morrinsville Museum

Come in and ask Barbara to put it on for you.



The 1918 Influenza Pandemic - The Spanish Flu display

Our WW1 exhibition has been taken down and will be replaced by the Influenza Pandemic which ran from October till December 1918.

Mike has created a wonderful exhibition depicting the effects of this pandemic in the Morrinsville area.

Michelle has done up the cottage as it could have been during that time when the disease was so contagious.

This pandemic was commonly known as the 'Spanish flu' but it did not originate in Spain. It was given the popular name by journalists when the Spanish King Alfonso XIII, fell seriously ill with a form of influenza in May that year.

Spain was the only country world-wide that didn't impose a media ban on reports of the influenza pandemic.

So come in to the museum and view this record of a sad event in the history of Morrinsville



People had to adapt themselves and their homes to cope with the pandemic. Michelle as decorated the McDonald cottage as it could have been at that time

Pics inside the McDonald cottage



Personal.

Mr G. Howie received a cable yesterday stating that his son, Corporal Harold Howie, who was recently reported to be in a serious condition, is now much better, and has been taken off the list of the "seriously ill."

Mr W. Morton, of the Morrinsville staff of the Bank of New Zealand, has been transferred to the Thames branch, and is being succeeded by Mr Berry.

The Government Health Inspector Mr W. Franklyn, visited Morrinsville a few days ago, and took away samples of the Piako river for analysis in connection with the proposed water supply here.

Word has been received by the Morrinsville School Committee that the Education Board recommend the appointment of Miss E. F. A. Sceates as assistant at the Morrinsville School in the place of Miss Young, who is resigning. Miss Sceates is at present relieving assistant teacher at Mt. Eden School.

In a recent letter to a friend in Morrinsville Lieut. Colin Hally states that with the exception of a broken nose received while playing football he is enjoying excellent health.

Extract from the Personal column of the Waikato Times 15th March 1917.

Taken from Papers Past

Museum Holiday Closing Dates

Closed from

December 21st and re-opens January 8th