



Morrinsville Historical Society

Inc

# Newsletter

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## *Sunday Discussion/Talk*

### *Dates and Topics*

**Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>** - Our Cambodians this year's ethnic group

**Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup>** - Anne Gifford will talk on old-time medical remedies, mixtures and fallacies

**Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>** - The Morrinsville Museum is 50 years old – all the highs and lows and ins and outs of 50 years

*Do come along and join us for these afternoons we meet in the museum at 1.30pm and could members bring a small plate please*

(Taken from Papers Past March 1919)

### **PIAKO COUNTY COUNCIL**

#### **MONTHLY MEETING.**

Cr. J. B. Thomas presided at Monday's meeting of the above Council. There were also present: Crs. Alex. Orr, Jas. Fitzgerald, Jas. Bell, Jas. Orr, F. W. Walters, and W. McLea.

#### **Morrinsville Riding.**

Mr W. F. Stark, secretary of the Motumaoho branch of the Farmers' Union, asked for information with a view to dividing the Morrinsville riding into two. The information was required for next meeting of the Union branch.

Cr. Orr, the riding member, said the move for subdivision was from Motumaoho. Personally he did not object.

It was decided that the time is inopportune to make any change.

### *From the committee:-*

Every three months members from the committees of the Te Aroha Museum, Firth Tower and Morrinsville Museum meet to discuss what is happening in their museums, if they have any problems, anything interesting uncovered.

Rebecca from MPDC also joins us to keep the council informed as to what we are doing and the museums vice versa.

This month it was Te Aroha's turn to host the meeting and Joan represented Morrinsville Museum.

And, of course, we finish with afternoon tea!! That is when a lot of talk occurs

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The committee is looking into having a hatch put in the roof from the mezzanine to enable easier access to the air conditioning units. Easier said than done seemingly!

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Kate Elliott, from Waikato Museum, was at our museum last Tuesday running an Emergency Response Training course on writing a Disaster Recovery Plan for the museum. People from the Cambridge, Matamata, Mercury Bay and Thames Treasury museums also attended.

Kate runs quite a variety of courses on the various and diverse aspects of museum life.



***Did You Know?***  
The Morrinsville Museum is the only place in the **WORLD** where you can enjoy - 'The Green Circle' film and view our Mana Whenua o Piako exhibition?





## 50 years in June Friday June 28<sup>th</sup>



We will be celebrating 50 years of our museum  
*Refreshments will be available so come and celebrate with us*

### Volunteers' Report from Bette

Through *Volunteering Waikato* we receive applications from people who wish to become a volunteer at the Museum.

This month we have Jo Devantier joining us as Book Fair Coordinator. Michelle Geerts is joining her to help sort the books. Sheryl Holland is also going to join us as well.

Echo Li is a young person who has been helping us with entering information from the 2006 Piako Post. Bob Todd is working with committee member Cliff Thomas identifying people in photos from the Piako Post

We have doubled our number of volunteers over the last year.

Quite an achievement.

We have a volunteers and committee gathering once a month. A morning coffee on the second Saturday (which was this month) and next month it will be afternoon tea on the second Friday

### Friday April 12 at 2.00pm.

These gatherings are an important and informal way to give volunteers an opportunity to meet each other as we all work on different days. Bette always discovers some strange objects from upstairs that we discuss. So do come along.



Jo Devantier is the book fair co-ordinator this year. To be held in July.

As we were left with a lot of unwanted books last year are limiting the types of books we are accepting.

#### **Especially looking for these topics:**

Romance, Antiques, Thrillers, Adventure, Piako History, Crime, Mystery, Melodramas, Women's Fiction, Westerns, Large Print.

#### **We are not accepting:**

Magazines, Puzzles, Condensed Readers Digest, Audio (records, dvds..), Encyclopaedias.

**Books Only** can be dropped off to  
**Morrinsville Museum on 30<sup>th</sup> April; 1-3pm.**

For more information contact Barbara at the Museum 07-889-4190

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### **MORRINSVILLE STOCK SALE.**

At the Farmers' Auctioneering Co.'s stock sale at Morrinsville last Friday there was a fair yarding of stock. Beef was firm, but there was a slow sale for stores and calves, of which the entry was not large. Store sheep were easier. Prices—Fat ewes 28s 6d to 29s 9d, prime fat hoggets 24s 6d, good woolly lambs 18s, small 2-tooth ewes 19s 6d, big-framed aged ewes 17s 10d, heavy fat steers £16 13s to £16 18s, lighter sorts £14 5s to £14 12s 6d, smaller sorts £13 10s, heavy fat cows £11 4s to £12 18s, lighter sorts £10 to £10 12s 6d, fresh-conditioned cows £8 7s 6d to £9 5s, store cows £6 5s to £7, heavy bulls £13 5s to £14 5s, lighter sorts £9 10s to £11 10s, 2yr. heifers in calf to £6 12s, calves to £2 3s.