



Crowds flock to 107th A & P Show



ABOVE: Cattle and handlers await the judges.

BELOW: Lou Ellen Davies, vice president of the mid northern district Royal Agricultural Society (RAS) presented Bruce McRobbie with a medal to mark the 100-year anniversary of the RAS. From left, Kym Samuels (Morrinsville New World,) Yvonne Austin, Lou Ellen Davies and Bruce McRobbie.



The 107th Morrinsville A&P Show was another successful show with close to 8000 people attending.

Competition entries were up with over 100 dairy cattle head of stock, and 40 head of Clydesdales.

"It was one of the biggest Clydesdale shows held this year. This is due to Morrinsville's reputation, the atmosphere here, and the quality of the grounds," said Bruce McRobbie, President of the Morrinsville A&P Society.

There were also a good number of alpacas, and over 40 dogs working in the sheep trials.

Portable milking machines were set up and there were a lot of people interested to watch cows being milked.

The performing sheep were a real crowd pleaser, as was the strongman

competition. Organisers also received lots of positive comments about the stage performers.

There were a good number of highland dancers entertaining the crowds as well.

Bruce McRobbie received a Royal Agricultural Society (RAS) medal, marking 100 years of the RAS, for his services to the show. This was presented by Lou Ellen Davies, vice president of the Mid Northern District RAS.

Yvonne Austin, a volunteer, received a ribbon in recognition of her services to the show. She has completed over 40 years of service, working alongside the secretary.

The best trade display, judged by Mayor Adrienne Wilcock, was Orion

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Haulage.

Bruce would like to thank the 120 sponsors of the Morrinsville A&P Show. "Without them the show would not happen," he said.

He also made a special mention of gratitude to the Morrinsville Lions Club and the Morrinsville College rugby team for their help with set up and clean up.

The show will run again next year. "However, we need more volunteers and people willing to be on the committee, to support one of the most successful events on Morrinsville's calendar," said Bruce.



ABOVE: Yvonne Austin was awarded a ribbon in recognition of over 40 years of volunteer service to the Morrinsville A&P show.

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ABOVE: Laura and her daughter Maeve enjoy the A&P show.



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Your Opinion

In the Morrinsville News of Thursday 24 February there was an article saying our water use is too high and the council is asking "everyone to help slow the flow and use less water". I'm sure everyone would love to do this but how about council repairs water leaks when they are reported by members of the public. I reported a water leak in Page St a month ago

I reported a leak in Page Street, and it was one month before it was attended to. And then the repair only lasted less than a week, and the same area is still leaking now.

I hate to think of the thousands of litres of water that have gone down the drain. The birds are loving the bird bath though. Come on council, get your act together. Isn't it a case of the pot calling the kettle black.

Cherie Taylor



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It's bad enough to be injured or unwell, but to add inability to access the treatment we need, at the time it's needed, compounds the issue unnecessarily and piles on pressures which could be avoided.

To enable better delivery of services for all patients equitably, legislating changes to ensure improvements to the health system is a priority for our National-led Coalition Government.

Access to services must not be inequitably provided, such as the unfair allocation of access to publicly funded PET-CT scans. From mid-March, by utilising a nationally applied criteria, funding of this cancer diagnostic imaging is unlocked for another 1000 scans per year, regardless of whether the patient lives in an urban or rural area.

For example, under the previous system, men in the South Island had to pay for prostate PET-CT scans that men in most of the North Island didn't pay for.

Tools such as this are vital to help

clinicians provide the best treatment options, so all Kiwis can have access to the same diagnostic technology, regardless of their background, ethnicity, and residential location.

The Government has identified big challenges in the health system including the need to maintain and develop the health sector workforce, the need to have measurable and accountable targets as a key factor of our health policy, and the need to streamline and decentralise, enabling local communities to be supported to provide the solutions needed.

Last week, legislation was passed to disestablish the Māori Health Authority; our country doesn't need to overburden itself with cumbersome bureaucratic structures which serve divisive purposes and deliver poor results.

The health system we envisage will see decisions being made closer to our communities, more authentically reflecting our voices, and delivering the primary and community services we actually need locally.

More medical staff delivering more treatment-oriented services is an obvious foundation to build on. Working to targets and measuring our progress is an essential part of ensuring the system is on track and accountable to the people it should be serving.

Residents here in the Morrinsville community deserve a robust, transparent, and accessible public health system, which delivers the quality services we need for ourselves and our loved ones to be well, regardless of what our heritage is.

Our health system must treat us all equally, with compassion, skill, and with the best technologies and treatments available.

Should you wish to share your views on an issue, or reach out for my support, please feel welcome to contact my team in the centrally located Morrinsville office on 0800 GET TIM (0800 438 846) or email Tim.vandeMolenMP@parliament.govt.nz.

I'm regularly in all the communities around the electorate and look forward to connecting with you.

Seed Stars

Keen gardeners were treated to a special talk from local green finger Undina Zschiegner in the Morrinsville Library on Wednesday evening. Undina shared her knowledge and experience about how plants are pollinated and what to look for in a garden, to ensure seeds stay true to species.

The conversation was buzzing as everyone shared their experiences saving seeds, with beans being a particular favourite.

The group of gardeners likened the sheer variety of beans that can grow in a garden as "beautiful, like jewels."

Many participants had seen each other at the Morrinsville Crop Swap, (a fortnightly meetup where residents can 'give generously and take mindfully' excess crops from their garden, home baking, seedlings or similar) and were able to form connections and share knowledge around favourite varieties of produce

as part of the evening discussion.

Participants were also introduced to the Seed Library, a cabinet that houses saved seeds from residents' gardens, and is open for gardeners to donate their seeds, or take what they need.

Morrinsville Library Team Leader, Paul Hagemann said it was great to see so many enthusiastic gardeners sharing their knowledge and expertise in the library.

"We all learnt something from Undina's talk and I hope more people will use the Morrinsville Seed Library, donating their extra seeds and making use of other community members' generous donations."

If you would like to see the Libraries' range of gardening books or use the Seed Library, drop in and talk to Library staff who will be happy to help.



ABOVE: Melanie Carter and Undina Zschiegner showing how to harvest seeds from a lettuce.



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Bumblebees and Buttercups - connecting children to the world

Stephen and Catherine Darby are owners of the new early childhood facility, Bumblebees and Buttercups Childcare and Learning Centre, which is currently being built in the Lockerbie Estate, at 111 Fairway Drive.

The building is progressing well, and they hope to have that finished in July.

Once completed they will progress through the licencing stage, and open in August, all going well.

The Centre is designed for 100 children. "Although designed to have that capacity it is unlikely we would build numbers to that limit," said Stephen.

Stephen and Catherine have been surprised by the strong level of enquiry they have had ahead of opening. Enrolment is through their website.

"We are still to set our fee structure and get business systems in place. We are focused on the building first," said Stephen.

At full occupancy 21 staff would be needed.

"We will get job ads up in next one to two months. We've already had some teacher interest, with enquiries via email, Facebook, and the website," he added.

Stephen and Catherine own two other centres. One in Te Kowhai, with a licence for 98 children, which has been operating for six years.

They also have one at Onewhero, licenced for 40 children.

"It [Onewhero] got put into receivership. It is the only centre in that community, so we decided to rescue it and have reopened it and rebranded it. It's been going for two years," explained Stephen.

Prior to their move into the childcare sector six years ago, both Stephen and Catherine were at Fonterra for 10 years.

"We have four children ourselves, so we've sat on the other side as parents, with children needing childcare. The business was a good fit for us with our family values.

"We like being involved in something where we feel we can make a difference. If we can provide high quality care, we see the value in that."

Both Stephen and Catherine are actively involved in the business.

A Centre Manager will be appointed to run the business day to day, on site.

They are in the background with support, and functions such as HR, maintenance, finance, and IT.

"We are really focussed on quality.

It is important to us. We want it to be a centre we would be happy to send our own children to. That's our philosophy, so we are working hard to make sure it is a high-quality centre."

"I was born in Morrinsville. My parents were sharemilkers at Waitoa, so I've come full circle, back to the town I was born in," said Stephen.

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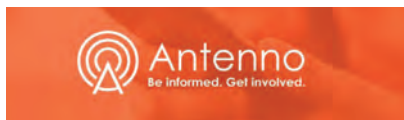
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The following meetings have been scheduled for the month of **March 2024**.

To be held: Council Chambers, Matamata-Piako District Council, 35 Kenrick Street, Te Aroha:

- Risk and Assurance Committee – 9am, **Tuesday 12 March.**
- Matamata-Piako District Council – 8.30am, **Wednesday 13 March.**
- Matamata-Piako District Council – 9am, **Wednesday 27 March.**

This notice is made in accordance with Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.



What's on at the library?



A big congratulations to Janine who recently won our competition over on Facebook by sharing her favourite summer read.

To make sure you don't miss out on all the cool things happening at the libraries, like our page over on Facebook - just search Matamata-Piako Libraries to find us!

Coming up in March the libraries are putting on another escape room! Can you and your friends break the code before time runs out? Bookings are available at Morrinsville Library from 4-9 March, just head to mpdc.nz/escaperoom to read more and choose a time.

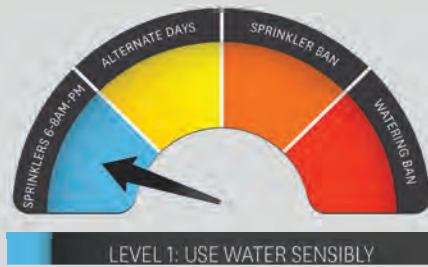
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For Creative Communities Scheme funding we're looking for projects that either encourage participation within the local community, support diversity or enable young people under 18 to get involved with the arts.

To read more about and apply for Creative Communities Scheme funding and Single-Year Community Grants - head to mpdc.nz/grants.

WATER RESTRICTIONS.



With no significant rain forecast in the coming week and water use across the district still high, we need everyone to help slow the flow and use less H₂O. Soil moisture levels are dry and rain is needed to replenish the ground. Only when the soil becomes saturated does the water then make its way into the rivers and dams. And it can take days following a rain event for the water to make its way to the places it's needed - the catchment areas.

Depending on where you live, your water will come from different catchments. The amount of drinking water available for our towns is influenced by how much water is in these areas. With no significant rain forecast, level 1 restrictions remain in place and we need people's

help to save water and ensure we continue to have enough for essential use.

At level 1:

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Love Grace Appeal exceeds expectations

Altrusa Morrinsville would like to say a huge thank you to the Morrinsville community for the phenomenal response to their appeal for handbags and toiletries for the Love Grace Handbag Appeal.

A total of forty-two handbags have been filled and delivered to the collection point for Women's Refuge.

"We are blown away by the way the community have embraced this appeal. The number of bags and toiletries has far exceeded our expectations. People have been very thoughtful in the items they put in the bags and the bags have been gorgeous" said Megan Harding, Altrusa President.

Isite Morrinsville offered to be a collection point making it easy for people to drop off donations. We are very grateful for their support and the appeal would not have been such a success without their help.

Any leftover toiletries and handbags have been added to donations from Waikato Hospital staff to make up extra filled bags. Remaining toiletries will be boxed up and delivered to Women's Refuge.

Altrusa is a service group with a focus on supporting children and literacy.

They will be celebrating St Patrick's



ABOVE: from left: Sandra Sturkenboom, Susi Chinery-Brown, Linda Annas, Janet Gray, and Lorraine Norton.

Day on March 17, 2024, with a high Tea fundraiser.

Tickets are available at Isite or Nite n Day Fashion. All funds raised will go back into the Morrinsville community. There will be great music from local band Flashbox and fashion from Nite n Day at the event.

Get your creative project off the ground in 2024

The next funding round for the Creative Communities Scheme is now open and MPDC is excited to see what creative and community-centred initiatives they can give a boost to in 2024. Council is looking for projects that encourage participation within the local community, support diversity, or enable young people under 18 to get involved with the arts. Single-Year Community Grants are

also open for applications. To find out more go to mpdc.govt.nz Grants and funding. There are two funding rounds annually - the current one opened on Wednesday 14 February and will be open for five weeks until Wednesday 20 March. Single Year Community Grants can also be applied for during this period. Head to mpdc.nz/grants and start putting your application together now.



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Just a Thought Alan Davey David's Story



David didn't believe in the supernatural.

His understanding was if you can't see it then it doesn't exist. All his life he believed evolution explained away God.

On occasions we would have discussions on the topic, but the outcome was always predictably the same as, for David, "there was nothing other than what 'science' proved."

On Tuesday morning Ginni was rung

by the care facility her dad David was staying in, informing her that David had taken a significant turn for the worse, strongly suggesting she came over straight away.

Soon after Ginni arrived, David was rushed via ambulance to Hospital, where the medical staff advised Ginni that her dad was unlikely to recover.

I arrived early that afternoon to find David had deteriorated even further.

After talking with David for a few minutes, I leaned over his bed and gently told him that, unlike previous occasions, it wasn't looking like he would recover from this setback.

David looked at me and quietly said "oh."

I told him how much I appreciated having him as a father-in-law, and went on to talk about how I remembered the farm work challenges he had set me when dating Ginni.

You could tell by the smile on his face he was pleased with these memories.

Ginni, who had been at her dad's bedside all day, had a deep sense that God was wanting to reach out to David, so she motioned to me (as only a wife can,) to talk to him.

Not wanting to take advantage of David's vulnerability, but also realising the significance of the moment, I respectfully asked David a question I had put to him more than once over the years. "David are you afraid of dying?"

In the past David had always said he wasn't concerned about that prospect because as he put it "when you die, the lights go out and, that's it."

However, this time I was genuinely surprised to hear him reply, "yes."

Both Ginni and I stood there looking at each other. I paused for a moment and then quietly said, "David the Bible tells us that all those who call on the name of the Lord will be saved. Would you like to do that?" I have to admit I was truly stunned when David again replied "yes."

The only way I can describe the next few minutes is to say that something 'very special' unfolded.

David said, "Lord Jesus save me" there was a few seconds' pause, then this time, with an intentionality in his voice that left both Ginni and I in tears he repeated the words.

We stood there frozen in time with tears running down our faces.

I eventually broke the silence by saying, "Your mother is going to get a heck of a surprise when your dad turns up."

That was the last day David was able to have a meaningful conversation. He passed away a few days later. David was 96 years old.



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Country Music

Our March Spotlight artist is Corban West!

Corban won his first award at the grand old age of two. Singing with his sister and cousin, they won the group section at the Waikato Awards in Morrinsville.

As grandson to John and Lyn Stewart, it was inevitable that country music would be in his blood. Now in his twenties, Corban is still singing. He's enthusiastic in learning everything he can about music and plays drums and guitar in the Matamata Club.

A talented musician, Corban is a huge encourager of anyone wanting to give something a try.

Now living in Cambridge, working security, Corban is looking forward to coming back to the Morrinsville

Country Music Club, where it all began for him.

Come along and see Corban and our other talented performers do their thing next Friday the 8th of March at 7:30pm at the Rotary Community Centre.

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Community sports results

Croquet

Croquet Report Week ending 1 March. Numbers attending Club days remain steady and players are enjoying the cooler days. A good number turned up for the Twilight Social games on Thursday, including several beginners. Wednesday results: Pat Anderton /B Sharp 6 v P Jones/H Judge 4; C Jones/M Hart 6 v C Apted/G Lowe 5; G Young/P Stewart 7 v R Braithwaite/H Angus 5; J Blyth/J Willis 7 v S Bosch/B Gatenby 5; Paul Anderton/J Brownlie 6 v C Wilton/M Todd 4; G Everest/T Priscott 7 v B Jenkin/G Tonks 2; V Johns/C Towers 5 v D Gear/V Crispe 3; G Swney/L Richdale 7 v H Sherson/C Swney 3; L Doughty 7 v L Rches 5. Friday Results: V John/D Gear 6 v S Bosch/C Wilton 4; C Apted/T Priscott 7 v M Jackson/C Paton 4; M Todd/B Sharp 6 v J Willis/C Towers 6; P Anderton/B Jenkin 6 v P Young/J Blyth 3; H Sherson/L Doughty 7 v L Richdale/M Hart 4; V Crispe/G Tonks 7 v G Lowe/H Judge 3.

Veterans Golf

MORRINSVILLE VETERANS GOLF: Jeannette Wright finished one short better than all others in last week's stableford competition. She carded 39 points, followed by Duncan Laird, Bruce Johns and Trevor Thomson 38, Bruce Sexton, Geoff Gunn and George Rogan 36, Rob Watts, John King and Tony Warner 35, Neville McMillan and Rowan Hucker 34, Ray Knaggs, Karen Semmens, Gary Cave, Dennis Rogers and Richard Millar 33. Nearest the pin, John Dawson. Twos, John Dawson, Richard Millar, Karen Semmens, Duncan Laird and John King. Hidden holes, Bruce Johns. Moro Bar, Annelies Hansen.

Tahuna Golf

Tahuna Ladies Golf: Over the last two Tuesdays, our 18 hole ladies have been battling to gain top honours in the 2024 Nancy McCormick Foursomes 36 Hole Competition. The top team results are sent to Golf NZ to compete with clubs from around the country. The top team results were very close. 1st Debbie Carney & Diane Gadsby with a combined net of 135. 2nd Joanne Pritchard & Jill Hows with a combined net of 137. 3rd Equal, both on a combined net of 149 were the pairing of Pam Haakma & Kathy Mills and Liz Jackson & Janice Kowalski as the other pair.

Morrinsville Golf

Ladies Results: Continued near perfect weather conditions were in place for our lady golfers on Saturday 24 and Wednesday 28 February. It's pleasing to see a good number of players participating in our weekly scrambles. 9 Hole Nett Scramble: Jeannette Wright 38, Pam Malcolm 39 c/b. Congratulations to our Patron Pam for scoring a brilliant "2" on hole No. 1. 18 Hole Nett Scramble: Kim Goodman 68, Viv Gunn 69 c/b, Jill Wilson 69 c/b, Gaye Johns 71, Jane Passi 73, Tracy Ansley 74, Annelies Hansen 75. Hidden Holes were won by Tracy Ansley with 15 Stableford points.

Our programme for the next two weeks is the annual Home Links Nancy McCormick foursomes competition. This is open to all 18 Hole players. Enjoy this pairs format of play everyone. The Piako Handicap Matchplay competition begins this month. Matches are to be played on days other than players selected competition day i.e. not a Wednesday or Saturday. If you would like to enter, please place your name on the flyer in the ladies room, a draw will be carried out next week.

Men's Scramble Results - 2nd March: Saturday had 66 starters entering the scramble, with a dozen visitors from Clarks Beach golf club. The Best Nett was Shane McCloy (61) [Clarks Beach]. Best Gross score went to Brent Armstrong (72). Best Stableford went to Dave Fabling (44 points). Runner up Stablefords were Vance Symon (42), followed by Pete Davenport, Kevin Morton (Clarks Beach) and David Sheterline (on 41). Then Brent Armstrong, Neil Hindman

Golf cont'd

and Allan Cantley (all 40). Next were Grant Haynes, George Rogan, Rikki Sheterline, Mal Whitelaw and John Stirling (all 39). Followed by Bruce Johns, Tony Marlow (Clarks Beach), Murray Fielding and Kevin Sanson (Clarks Beach) (all 38). Harding Howe got (37). The whackers award went to Rob Barlow. Plenty of twos were scored by Alan Harris and Rodney Chandler (1st), Phil Hunter (4th), Rob Barlow, Kevin Morton, John Stirling (8th), Shane McCloy, Grant Haynes, George Rogan, Brent Fabish and Dave Fabling (all on 12th). John Masterson (13th) and Barry Rhodes (16th). Closest to the pin on #12 was Grant Haynes. Well done everyone.

The winners of the Mueller and Piako Cups were decided after three rounds. Murray Fielding was the winner of the Mueller (130) edging 2 points past the field. Neil Hindman comfortably won the Piako (127). Then, Ray Harrison and Malcolm Whitelaw were tied in the Chas Williams Cup (both 133), therefore a playoff event will be arranged. Watch this space! Congratulations all gentlemen who competed in this competition.

Inter-club Championship Pennants Results: The Frank Risk Management / Woodham Building Ltd sponsored Championship Pennants team travelled to Whangamata yesterday. The team beat Matamata 4.5 - 1.5 in the morning. Players to win were Daniel Smith, Jason Boobyer, Blair Flynn, Alex Lunn and Logan Madden with the half. The rain cleared and they dominated the Whangamata team 5.5 - .5 in the afternoon round. Outstanding results gents. Well done.

The Stroke Play Pennants team started well up at Waiterimu, until the floodgates opened and the event was abandoned after only 6 holes. Unfortunately the greens were unplayable.

Men's Stroke Play Champs - are played over the next two Saturdays 9th & 16th March. Both Gross scores count. Seniors Division 1 - (handicaps are + to 9). Intermediates Div 2 (h/caps 10 - 19). Juniors Div 3 (h/caps 20 - 36).

Walton Golf

WALTON WOMEN'S NINE HOLE GOLF. The first competition round of the Nine Holes 25th birthday year was an early start as coring and course earthworks were scheduled later in the morning. A light drizzle started as the 30 players teed off for Stableford Round 1, which made the dry grass heavy and the greens run a little slower. Best Gross Carolyn Osborne, 2nd Kelly Pollard, 3rd Irene Gubb. Best Nett Carolyn Osborne (on countback), 2nd= Irene Gubb, Alison Mitchell and Michelle Carter. Best Stableford Alison Mitchell 1st, 2nd= Irene Gubb, Michelle Carter, Carolyn Osborne, 3rd= Kelly Pollard and Hannah Sutherland. The Sweet Painted Lady voucher for the Longest Putt was won by Kelly Pollard with a lengthy putt on the 9th. Pars were scored by Cathie Stevenson, Karen Martin, Fiona Pickett, Irene Gubb and Michelle Carter. Plans are underway to acknowledge the special Nine Hole anniversary year, with a team set up to organise a special get together of past and present members on Monday 17 June. If you were a previous Walton 9 Hole member or know of someone who was, please contact Irene Gubb to go on our 25th Birthday mailing list via waltongolf@outlook.com with name and contact details.

WALTON WOMEN'S NINE HOLE GOLF: There were 24 players who made the Monday pilgrimage to the golf course, despite the autumn winds and impending rain, for the first round of Gross and LGU Nett competition. All but two groups completed their round before the downpour commenced. Best Gross: Bev King (47), 2nd Kelly Pollard (49), 3rd Mandy Piper, Thelma Baxter, Sue Rea (51). Best Nett and LGU: Bev King (33/-2.5), 2nd= Joanne Williams, Michelle Carter, Pauline Yule. Best Stableford Pauline Yule (22), 2nd= Joanne Williams, Bev King, Michelle Carter (21) 3rd= Karen Martin and Thelma Baxter (20). The Sweet Painted Lady Lucky Draw voucher won by Kelly Pollard. The Robert Harris voucher for the Longest Putt on the 18th (under cored conditions) was won by Thelma Baxter.

M'ville College

Sports Results Term 1 week 2.

Futsal: MC Blue Jnr Boys had a loss against SJC Red 3-1. MC Gold Jnr Girls had a win against SHGC Junior Dev 3-1. MC Blue Jnr Girls had a win against Hillcrest White 6-4. MC Gold Snr Boys had a loss against Marquee Matchups 12-3. MC Monkeys had a win against Red Chill Peppers 6-4.

Touch: Morrinsville College Senior Mixed had a win against Fraser High School Premier Mixed 7-5. Morrinsville College Snr Boys had a win against STP Senior Mixed 7-5. Morrinsville College Jnr Boys had a win against RHS Comets 4-2. Morrinsville College Jnr Girls had a win against Waikato Dio School for Girls Blue 10-1. Morrinsville College Jnr Mixed had a win against STP Junior Girls Red 6-0. Morrinsville College Snr Girls had a loss against Ngā Taiātea Wharekura Tuākana Wāhine 7-3.

Cricket Results: 14 February 2024, Morrinsville College 1st XI v Rototuna High School 1st XI. Morrinsville College won by 75 runs. Batting first, the Morrinsville team amassed 198 runs for the loss of six wickets in their 20 over innings. Captain Alex Dewhurst lead the charge scoring 66 not out. Other contributors were Hanno Oosthuizen with 35, Jacob Hagoort 34, and Matty Gordon 27 not out. Rototuna were always going to find it difficult to chase such a large score and this proved to be the case only scoring 123 for the loss of nine wickets in their 20 overs. Hamish Dewhurst was the pick of the bowlers with 3 wickets for 16 runs off four overs. Alex Dewhurst with two, and James Carrington, Matty Gordon and Hanno Oosthuizen with one each were the other wicket takers. 21 February 2024. Morrinsville College 1st XI v Cambridge High School Senior T20 Team. Cambridge High School won by 8 wickets. Morrinsville College batted first in this game played at Morrinsville College. Despite a very good opening partnership between brothers Alex and Hamish Dewhurst who scored 31 and 21 respectively, the Morrinsville batsmen never really got going and the team was dismissed in the 16th over for 16.

The Cambridge team was never troubled in their chase for 117 and secured victory in the 12th over with only two wickets down. Jacob Hagoort and Hanno Oosthuizen were the wicket takers.

22 February 2024. Morrinsville College 1st XI v Hauraki Plains College 1XI. Hauraki Plains College won by 73 runs. Morrinsville College played Hauraki Plains College in the national Gillette Cup competition, with the winner going through to the next round against the top Bay of Plenty qualifier. HPC batted first in this game played at the Morrinsville Recreation Ground. Despite being in early trouble at 16 for the loss of three wickets, HPC's middle order played well and took the score through to 145 for the loss of six wickets at the end of their 20 over innings. Hanno Oosthuizen was the most economical of the bowlers with 1 for 13 off his four overs. Matty Gordon with two wickets and Manjot Banga, Jacob Hagoort and Alex Dewhurst with one each were the other wicket takers. Morrinsville lost early wickets and were never really in the contest with Jacob Hagoort's 20 being the highest score. The only partnership of note was 21 between Manjot Banga and Carly McCabe. Morrinsville were all out for 72.

Bowls

MORRINSVILLE BOWLING CLUB Club day the 2nd: Winner: Baden Bracey Lorraine Stirling. Runner up: Roger Bartosh Trevor Ford

RSA BOWLS Subway club day competition 28th February Winners J Stirling, L Skeet. Runnersup J McCarthy, L Issac.

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ABOVE AND BELOW: Winners of the Morrinsville RSA Bowls tournament for Thursday 29 February proudly sponsored by McLarens Rural Services.

ABOVE: First place- Composite Team- Will Riedel, Lyn Welch, (Jeff Davey, McLaren's), Kevin Judson.

BELOW: Runners Up- Matamata RSA- Alan Jones, Harry Jackson, Dorothy Jones, (Jeff Davey, McLaren's.)



ABOVE: Third place- Steve Scrace, John Stirling, (Jeff Davey, McLaren's), Rod Beecroft.

Cycling

MORRINSVILLE WHEELERS: Results from the final night of Redoubt summer series. Riders raced two laps around the Kereone/ Settlement road a distance of 23 K. 1st in a 3up sprint went to 12 year old Leo Piper in 41.37. 2 Graham Hardacker 41.38. 3 Carol Findlay 41.38. Matt Robinson next across the line and recorded Fastest time in 31.53. 5. Aaron Price 31.56. 6th Andrew Hinton 35.56. 7th Robin Heaney 35.57. 8th Stuart Billington 31.58. 9th Roz Reekie May 36.09. 12. Eltji Malzbender 56.22. Support from John Blake 13th Tiffany Perry 57.21. Results of the twilight series will be announced at the Redoubt function after the club ride of a time trial on Horrell Road. The Kaimai Cycle trophy was first presented in 1999 and won by Dave May.

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WALTON GOLF CLUB MIDWEEK 18 HOLE TOURNAMENT

WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 2024

Four Person Ambrose Competition

Casual and Nine Hole Golfers Welcome

\$25 entry fee per person

Tee Times 9.00am - 10.30am

Lots of great prizes

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Matthew Hutchinson

CORRECTION

MORRINSVILLE MUSEUM

The bank account number supplied by the Morrinsville Museum for donations was incorrect in last week's issue of the Morrinsville News.
The correct bank account for donations is
Westpac 03-0371-0035157-000

FOUND

Three SD Camera cards, found at the Morrinsville A&P Show last Saturday. They are now at the Morrinsville i-site, and can be claimed if you can describe the photos on them.

SUDOKU (MEDIUM)

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SUDOKU (DIFFICULT)

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Junior Cricket

Kings: The Kings played Hauraki at Hauraki College. Following on from last week, the Kings won the toss and elected to bat first. Toby (27) and Finn (retiring) opened and put together a strong opening partnership. The middle order added valuable runs with Ryan (27), Jack and Brae (26), all retiring not out. Both Finn (55*) and Jack (65*) got the opportunity to come back in and finish off in tremendous fashion, both achieving their first 50. Setting up a good run chase of 286.

In the second innings, the Kings all contributed with the ball. Every player picked up a wicket. Brae, Sam, Tyler, Cameron, Cooper, and Ryan all picking up 1. Jack, Toby, and Finn picking up 2. A team effort allowing the opposition to be bowled out for 175 in the 25th over. POD: Jack Pattern & Finn Wilson

Aces: The Aces travelled to Hamilton to face an unbeaten Berkley side. Due to Berkley having limited numbers the Aces allowed them to bat first and showed tremendous grit and determination in the field. Four tremendous run-outs by Tristram, Alyssa, Arran and Corey limited Berkley's scoring, but they still managed a formidable 210. Both Arran and Ashley took crucial wickets, 2 a piece with the ball. The run chase started with promise, Eshaan having his best bat and forming a solid partnership with Charlie. At 126-2 after 15 overs the game was setup for a grand finish. And so it proved to be, with Berkley fighting back to set-up a dramatic final few overs. Team batting and quick running in the middle part of the innings saw the Aces in the final over needing 10 to win and no wickets left. But Corey and Charlie showed great character under pressure. With 7 needed off the last ball to win, Charlie hit a 4 off a no ball in dramatic fashion. 1 extra ball to be bowled. Corey, at the non-strikers end was prepared to do anything and when the final delivery was made ran hard on the first, turning and diving to make it in for 2 runs and a 1 run victory. He got a solid graze and nasty bump to his knee for his victorious efforts. Well done Aces, first win of the season and a great team effort keeping the vocal crowd in suspense the whole game. POD: Arran Verner, Corey Hagoort.



ABOVE: From left: Finn Wilson and Jack Pattern. BELOW: Corey Hagoort and Arran Verner.



Sir Edmund Hillary visits Morrinsville

Written by Penny Pickett

On September 5th, 1955, Sir Edmund Hillary visited Morrinsville as part of the Ross Sea Committee's mission to raise £100,000 for an Antarctic expedition planned for 1956.

Members of the committee set out on a tour of New Zealand to drum up support for the expedition and to dispel any public concerns that this was a government venture for which the public was expected to subscribe funds to.

It was to be stressed this was a Commonwealth venture in which the United Kingdom and New Zealand were under the patronage of Her Majesty the Queen.

While there was some government backing, they needed to fundraise a huge amount of money to make it happen and in doing so, were asking the country to share in the great adventure.

Over the space of two weeks, the Ross Sea Committee spread out across New Zealand seeking financial support for what was viewed as the last frontier to be conquered by man.

Sir Edmund Hillary was to lead the New Zealand expedition which would set out towards the South Pole from Scott Base in the Ross Sea and lay a line of supply depots to support the British team led by Dr Vivian Fuchs, who would set out from the Weddell Sea.

They would meet at the Polar Plateau on the Scott Base side of the South Pole and then both teams would travel the last leg back to Scott Base, completing a transcontinental crossing.

The New Zealand public were enthusiastic in supporting the venture, following Sir Edmund Hillary's successful summit of Mt Everest in 1953.

Famously, they drove three modified Ferguson tractors towing supplies and a Morrinsville man played a very important role in that.

On the expedition was Jim Bates. He was a founding partner in Morrinsville mechanical engineering business BLM Engineering Ltd, with a comprehensive knowledge of petrol and diesel engines.

He had extensive alpine experience including 30 ascents of Mt Ruapehu and of building huts in alpine conditions.

Jim was responsible for the modification of the Ferguson tractors and the addition of caterpillar tracks and is credited with ensuring the success of the mission.

He was awarded the Polar Medal for his part in the successful expedition. He was also a prolific inventor who patented many inventions that were used in the dairy and marine industries.



ABOVE: From left: Sir Edmund Hillary, Murray Ellis, Jim Bates, Peter Mulgrew and Derek Wright at Depot 700 - photo credit Derek Wright Collection MOTAT. BELOW: The New Zealanders arrival at Scott Base, on Ferguson tractors, modified for the expedition by Jim Bates of Morrinsville. (Photographer unknown.)

The UK party were scheduled to reach the pole first and continue to the Polar Plateau to meet up with the NZ party as it was not originally intended that Hillary would travel as far as the South Pole. But Sir Ed had other ideas.

Against orders, he pressed on from the Polar Plateau to the South Pole and was the first to arrive on 4th January 1958 with Peter Mulgrew, Murray Ellis, Jim Bates, and Derek Wright.

In doing so, Hillary's party were just the third expedition to reach the Pole overland.

Preceded by Roald Amundsen in 1911 and Robert Falcon Scott in 1912.

When Dr Fuch's party arrived on 19th January relations were understandably somewhat frosty and on the return trip to Scott Base Sir Edmund Hillary was banished to the uninsulated, unheated, and windowless Sno-Cat, apparently, only to be called out on one occasion when Dr Fuchs had lost his way.

It took 99 days and 3473kms to cross the continent and Sir Edmund Hillary cemented his status as an explorer and a maverick New Zealand hero supported by our own remarkable man, Jim Bates.



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