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Mission Statement

The Morrinsville Historical Society Incorporated preserves the social history of Morrinsville and District and provides a service to the community by the preservation of artefacts, an archival service and educational resources and an attraction for visitors who have a particular interest in social history.

We wish to give our residents and in particular the district's school children 'a sense of place'.

Vision Statement

A vibrant museum connecting the past with the future

Values

Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Cooperation,
Professionalism, Wisdom and Creativity



June 2021 Newsletter

What is coming up!



June 22nd

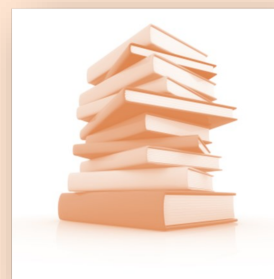
Luncheon

For our committee and volunteers at the
Morrinsville Museum

June 27th Sunday Talk

History of the McDonald Cottage

Book Fair 1—5 July



New Website

As we move towards the Annual General Meeting on the 20th July, we have a number of projects moving forward, some at a rate of knots.

We are looking forward to the time when our **new and exciting webpage** will be published. We have seen some of the proofs and pleased with ease at which visitors can navigate around it. It has many new features that we hope will engage people and encourage more visits from locals as well as visitors from further afield.

There has been a lot of input into building this website. A team of us are providing the stories and photographs, logos, updating the Morrinsville Timeline, supplying information about hiring our venue and lists of articles from the Morrinsville News for our blog page. It has been very labour intensive exercise as we want to replace our current website as soon as possible.

Exhibitions

Morrinsville Museum have a range of permanent exhibitions that you can explore and learn the important moments in Morrinsville's history.



McDonald Cottage



Exhibitions



Dairying



Mana Whenua o Piako



Soldiers Settlement

New Funding

We have funding to enable us to employ someone for a year to look after the **publicity and promotion** of the museum. While we know that attracting visitors is just one of the areas we focus on, this will give us a great head start and some strategies in place to continue following the completion of the term.



This school bell in our collection must have a great story to tell.

Do you recognise it?
Contact us if you can
tell us anything about
it.



Do you remember this ?



Our Volunteers

We are so fortunate to have a wonderful group of volunteers who assist us in so many of the tasks that we need to undertake to achieve our mission.



Some years ago we received fourteen large boxes of negatives and thumbnail proof prints from the Piako Post.

Bob works at the museum on a Thursday with committee member Cliff Thomas locating these photographs in the Piako Post.

Bob and Cliff are working their way through these boxes naming the people in the photographs.



From our history files

DESTRUCTION BY FIRE.

STORE AT **MOTUMAHO.**

DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT £2000.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

HAMILTON, Sunday.

Reported New Zealand
Herald, Volume
LXVIII, Issue 20857,
27 April 1931

Fire completely destroyed the grocery shop, living quarters, store room and garage owned by Mrs. M. Burke, of Wanganui, and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Meggitt and family at **Motumaoho** at 3.30 a.m. to-day. The premises are situated on the main Hamilton-Thames road, near the **Motumaoho** cheese factory, four miles west of Morrinsville.

The outbreak started in the kitchen in the living quarters attached to the shop and had a good hold when discovered. As there were no fire-fighting appliances available, the premises were quickly consumed. Only a few articles of furniture were saved.

The store contained a large quantity of general provisions. Mr. and Mrs. Meggitt and their two children escaped without difficulty. There were two petrol pumps outside the store, but these were hardly damaged and the benzine did not ignite.

The premises and stock were insured, but both the owner and occupier are understood to be heavy losers. The damage is estimated at about £2000.

Winner of the June raffle Faye Dodunski

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