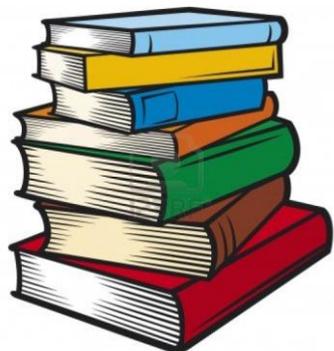


BOOKS WANTED

We are having a book fair



June 30 and July 1 so bring all your unwanted books to the Museum

Tuesday to Friday 12.30.-4.00 or
Sundays 10.00 – 2.00

If you would like them collected

Ring Joan 889-6789

Volunteer Report - Bette

Meeting of volunteers to assess the satisfaction of the volunteers is planned for Tuesday 28 February at 2.00 pm. At this meeting we will evaluate how the system is meeting the needs of the volunteers and how it is meeting the needs of the museum.

The first of two sessions in 2017 for getting new volunteers to sign up will be held on March 22nd at 2.00 pm and 7.00 pm.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

WW1 February 1917 Deaths



Henry Irwin

BAILEY

**Died 28th
February**

Age 23



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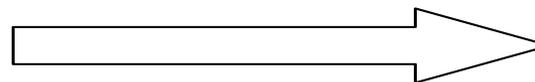
Welcome to 2017 and another exciting year ahead in the Museum.

Our three MPDC museums meet every three months with a representative from the MPDC to discuss the various aspects involved with museums. This month we met at the Te Aroha. After the meeting we had a look at their current exhibition which is 'Power in Te Aroha' and were taken on a tour of the rest of the museum .

The Te Aroha museum is well worth a visit

We are looking for a volunteer to do a bit of gardening. At the moment the roses need dead heading and there are just a few weeds. We would need the clippings and weeds taken away.

It would be wonderful to have someone who could take responsibility for our garden throughout the year. Anyone who can help out please call
Barbara 899 4190



Have you seen our film??

Only showing in the Morrinsville Museum

Come in and ask Barbara to put it on for you



Morrinsville and the Railway

Transport to Morrinsville took on another mode on 4th October 1884. Not only could you choose horse and coach or river steamer to Morrinsville, but you could also travel by rail. Travelling time between Morrinsville and Hamilton was reduced to half an hour compared with half a day by horse and coach.

Thomas Morrin was a director of the railway company constructing the line until it was taken over by the government. He built a warehouse for his fertiliser, seed and other requirements for his Lockerbie Estate on a siding at the station. This building remained on this site until it was demolished in 2013. For two years the station was also the terminus for the horse and coach service to Te Aroha. For many years the railway station also housed the post office and was the centre of activities in the area.

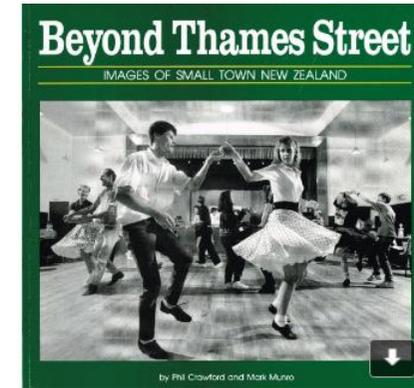
The arrival of rail transport through Morrinsville meant sheep could be moved into and out of the district. Previously only cattle had been grazed as they could be moved 'on the hoof' but the unbridged rivers were an obstacle to sheep.

The Morrinsville station became an important junction when the lines were extended to Thames via Te Aroha to Taneatua and to Rotorua. There were two passenger trains a day known as the Taneatua Express and the Rotorua Express! The station was one of the few in the country to have privately owned tearooms on the platform.

In 1984, one hundred years after the opening of the Morrinsville railway station, the old kauri station building was demolished. The building of the Kaimai tunnel through to Tauranga made the Paeroa line redundant and the railcar service through Morrinsville to Tauranga and Rotorua was discontinued in 2004.

Come in to the museum and see our railways exhibition and the fabulous costumes Michelle organised. There is also another down by the cottage.

Exhibitions:



Where were you in the last week in April 1993?

Morrinsville born Phil Crawford and Mark Munro came to town and took a large number of photographs of people doing everyday things in many different situations in Morrinsville.

Our new exhibition has sixty three of these photos, some that do not appear in the book. All the photos in the book will be available to view as a slide show

Opening to the public on **2nd May.**

Maori Kingmakers

Bette and Mike have been to a particularly timely workshop at the Waikato Museum on Maori in Museums. Bette is the curator of our exhibition on the Maori Kingmakers. This exhibition is progressing very well and we now have two people who are more knowledgeable, on that exhibition committee.

More in later newsletters

A little inside info - every exhibition we decide to have in the museum takes a great deal of hard work and time. Each one requires a curator and committee responsible for organising it - the research, the costs, advertising, every other aspect that might manifest itself and the setting up.