

Matamata Christian School Home and Garden Expo

The Home and Garden Expo will be held at Matamata Christian School (91A Smith Street, Matamata) from Saturday, 17 October, 10am - 4pm, to Sunday 18 October, 10am - 3pm. This event will showcase everything and anything to do with gardens.

Visitors will be able to purchase all they require for their spring planting from wood chips to wisteria and all related gardening equipment. There will also be loads of

children's entertainment and an al fresco food court will ensure the Expo is an event for the whole family.

Activities at the expo will include garden stalls, children's competitions and prizes, bouncy castle, go karts, knowledgeable plant enthusiasts and a food court.

Sites for the expo can be hired for \$27 per square metre + GST. Sites require a \$50 deposit, which is payable upon

registration, with the balance due by 1 October 2009. Deposits are non-refundable if cancelled.

For more information or to register a site and get an information pack, phone Gina Wellington on 07 887 3638 or Kyla Cover on 07 888 8693.

What's on...

1 August – Morrinsville Country Market

8.30am – 1pm. The Country Market is run by Morrinsville Lions and Rotary Club of Morrinsville. Contact Bryan Barker on 07 889 5636.

5 August – Matamata Dance Club, Fortnightly Dances

Dances held at All Saints Church Hall, Hohaia Street, Matamata. Brian McCullough on keyboard, delicious supper, 7.00pm start. Door charge \$4. Contact Loma and Norman Barron on 07 888 7102.

8 August – Matamata Flea Market

Matamata Primary School at 8am. No hot food stands please. Contact Graeme Dodd on 07 888 2868.

10 August – Matamata Floral Art Group

Second Monday of each month enjoy a meeting, pool lunch at 12 noon, demo or workshop at 1pm, friendly people and five qualified teachers. Subs \$40.00 per year. Contact Pauline 07 888 5326 or Irene 07 888 6950. Union Parish Hall, Peria Road, Matamata.

11 August – Morrinsville Lyceum Club Choir Festival

Choirs from the Waikato and the Bay of Plenty will be performing from 12.30pm, at the Knox Presbyterian Church, Canada Street, Morrinsville. Contact Christine Wilton on 07 889 7856.

15 August – National Country Music Awards

Founders Theatre. Tickets can be purchased at Ticketdirect. For more information visit www.kiwiproamcountrymusic.co.nz.

15 August – Te Aroha Street Market

9am, Whitaker Street North, Te Aroha. Cost is \$10 per stall. Held every third Saturday of the month. Contact Heather Mace on 07 884 9668.

16 August – Bookbinders Group

Te Aroha Arts Centre bookbinders Group. 10am start. For more information ring 07 884 7796 (evenings).

16 August – Morrinsville Flea and Craft Market

9am-1pm. Contact Gail on 07 887 4856 for bookings and further details.

19 August – Matamata Dance Club, Fortnightly Dances

22 August – Garage Sale

Te Aroha Arts Centre garage sale from 8am-12pm. Rewi Street, Te Aroha. Phone 07 884 7735 for more information.

23 August – An Afternoon of Country Music

12.30pm at Te Aroha Catholic Hall, Whitaker St, Te Aroha. \$2 Te Aroha members; \$3 non members. Held on the 4th Sunday of every month. Regular guest artists. Home made afternoon tea. Contact Myrie Townsend on 07 884 9247 or Bob Bowater on 07 884 7924.

29 August – Come Dancing Matamata

7.30pm to 11.30pm. All Saints Hall, Hohaia Street, Matamata. Entry fee \$8 pp. Bring a plate. Live band, fantastic prizes. Contact Norman on 07 888 7102.

2 September – Matamata Dance Club, Fortnightly Dances

3-5, 10-12 September – "The Last of the Red Hot Lovers"

Te Aroha Little Theatre presents "The Last of the Red Hot Lovers". Tickets available from Piako Stationers, Te Aroha in late August. Contact Jocelyn Legg on 07 884 8884.

5 September – Morrinsville Country Market

12 September – Matamata Flea Market

14 September – Matamata Floral Art Group

16 September – Matamata Dance Club, Fortnightly Dances

18-19 September – Stretton at Waihou

Waihou Hall, State Highway 26, Waihou. Registration \$20, Primary and Intermediate \$10. Design and create a costume to be mentored and judged by one of NZ's Premier fashion designers and exhibit at a live Gala Fashion Show. Overall prize \$500. Fri 8pm, Sat 11am and

7.30pm. Contact Leslie Munro on 07 884 7210.

19 September – Oil Painting Class

Te Aroha Arts Centre oil painting class at 10.30am with Tony Roche. Rewi Street, Te Aroha. Call 07 884 7735 for more information.

19 September – Te Aroha Street Market

20 September – Morrinsville Flea and Craft Market

26 September – Morrinsville Country Music Spectacular

Held annually at Morrinsville College Hall. Two shows – a matinee and an evening performance. A list of entertainers will be available soon.

27 September – An Afternoon of Country Music

30 September – Matamata Dance Club, Fortnightly Dances

3 October – Aroha Cruise In. 2009

Classic car and motorcycle show. Whitaker Street South – access through Lower Boundary St, off Rewi St. Contact Greg Marshall on 021 250 2679, Francie McCabe on 07 884 9090 or Bob Addison on 07 884 4434.

3 October – Morrinsville Country Market

3 October – Rock and Roll Dance

A Rock & Roll Dance with live music (band to be confirmed), at the Te Aroha Memorial RSA. 7pm start. \$5 entry fee. Contact Russell Smith at rbsmith@xtra.co.nz.

4 October – Chris Skinner at St Mark's

Chris Skinner in concert at St Mark's Anglican Church, Kenrick Street, Te Aroha, starting at 2pm. Tickets on sale at the beginning of September from Te Aroha i-Site or contact Liz Harrop on 07 884 9292.

5-9 October – Children's programme

Te Aroha Arts Centre's children's programme. 9-12pm. Rewi Street, Te Aroha. For more information phone 07 884 7796.

9-11 October – Matamata Society of Arts Inc, Art Exhibition

All are invited to the opening, cost is \$5. Contact Alex Randrup on 07 888 5821

10 October – Matamata Flea Market

11 October – Matamata A&P Show

Details are yet to be confirmed. Keep an eye out for details at www.matamatanz.co.nz/Events/Calendar.

12 October – Matamata Floral Art Group

15-18 October – Primary Schools Kids Art Exhibition

Te Aroha Arts Centre, Rewi Street, Te Aroha. 10am-5.30pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 10am-2pm on Sunday.

16-17 October – Te Aroha Club 70th Birthday Celebration

Celebrations include mix 'n' mingle, supper, games, dinner and dance and also a tour around Te Aroha sites for those interested. 42 Centennial Ave, Te Aroha. Contact the club on 07 884 8949.

17 October – Te Aroha Street Market

17-18 October – Matamata Christian School Home and Garden Expo
The Home and Garden Expo will be held at Matamata Christian School, 91A Smith Street, Matamata on Saturday, 17 October, 10am - 4pm, to Sunday 18 October, 10am - 3pm.

18 October – Morrinsville College Fun Run/Walk

The College Fun Run/Walk caters for everyone. A leisurely 5km, 10km or half marathon is on offer. A major fundraiser for the college. Contact Joan Coffey on 07 889 6336 or email joan@farmside.co.nz

18 October – Morrinsville Flea and Craft Market

25 October – An Afternoon of Country Music

31 October – Come Dancing Matamata

31 October – Monster Garage Sale Fundraiser

Te Aroha Volunteer Fire Brigade, Monster Garage Sale. Donations to the sale can be collected by arrangement. Phone Sandy Barnes on 027 484 8783 or McConochies on 07 884 8188.



artspost

Chris Skinner at St Mark's

By Liz Harrop

Popular New Zealand recording artist Chris Skinner will be in concert at St Mark's Anglican Church on Sunday, 4 October at 2pm.

Chris performed to a sell-out audience on his last visit to Te Aroha and is back by popular demand. With 14 albums (his latest being "A Place at the Table"), this singing, guitar playing, Catholic Priest and song writer will be singing some of his old favourites as well as some of his newer ones.

On ANZAC Day Chris was seen on TV One singing his moving composition "Sons of Gallipoli" at the National War Memorial and at the Ataturk Memorial. On the following Sunday he featured once more on Praise Be with a further rendition of the song. His easy-on-the-ear style has made him a great favourite with all music lovers whether they are church-goers or not.

Tickets for the concert are expected to be on sale at the beginning of September and will be available from the Te Aroha i-Site or by phoning Liz on 07 884 9292.



Chris Skinner

Te Aroha Arts Centre Update

By Jenny Davis

Work has started on restoration to the exterior of the Arts Centre. There have been a few unpleasant surprises with rot to some of the framing, particularly on the north facing side, which cops the worst of the north easterlies. This is mainly on the corner of the building and around the windows. We are going to have to bite the bullet and get the work done or we are wasting our time getting the rest of it in order as it is the frame that holds it all together.



We have just had a very successful members exhibition with a good turnout of around 250 people attending. We had eight sales, two by our guest exhibitor Tony Roche and others by members. The door prize of a Tony Roche print was won by Ian Verrall of Waihi and the raffle of another Tony Roche print "Mt Cook and Sheep Station", which was drawn under police supervision, was won by Ann Hawks. The raffle was well supported and added much needed income to our building fund together with the donations made by those attending.

We have planned ongoing events with another oil painting class with Shirley Thomas on 15 August, a garage sale on 22 August at the Arts Centre and an oil painting class scheduled with Tony Roche on 19 September. A raffle will also be run in September for a beautiful Tony Roche print called "Tranquil Inlet".

Unframed Tony Roche prints of "Mt Cook and Sheep Station" are available for \$50.00 per print. Tony has generously donated a number of these prints with funds raised going towards the restoration of the Te Aroha Arts Centre.

If interested in any of the above, please contact Jenny Davis on 07 884 7735.

what's inside

2 Country Music Tells a Story

2 Local Musical Talent – Shane Taylor

2 "The Last of the Red Hot Lovers"

3 Current Activities at Future Te Aroha

3 Te Aroha Museum's Latest Exhibition

3 Historic Pylon Brought Home

3 Morrinsville Lyceum Club Choir Festival

4 Matamata Christian School Home and Garden Expo

4 What's on

contact us

If you have an item you would like published in the next **Artspost** edition please contact:

Council's Communications Officer on (07) 884 0060
Deadline for next edition
1 October 2009

Issue 24
August 2009

Country Music Tells a Story

Bernie and Rita Eva are well known in local country music circles. The Morrinsville couple regularly entertain at Waikato clubs, RSA's and special events, bringing their unique blend of voices to appreciative audiences.

Bernie is a Life Member of NZCMA (New Zealand Country Music Association), Waikato Country Music Association, and the Morrinsville Country Music Club. He is a recipient of the Ginjo Award for services to Country Music, and an instigator in setting up the regional country music system in New Zealand. He has also convened the New Zealand entertainer of the year show for five years.

Since 2006 Bernie and Rita have been involved with the Kiwi Pro-Am Country Music Organisation, which hosts the National Country Music Awards in Hamilton each August. Their aim is 'mainstreaming country music in New Zealand', by supporting young upcoming artists and acknowledging our professional entertainers for their services to country music.

Why country music? Bernie says "I like it. It's family orientated and brings people together". Rita adds, "It's enjoyable and a good way to make friends. Country music tells a story."

The National Country Music Awards will be held at Founders Theatre on 15 August 2009. Tickets can be purchased at Ticket Direct.

For more information visit www.kiwiproamcountrymusic.co.nz.



Bernie and Rita Eva

Local Musical Talent – Shane Taylor



Singer, composer, and guitarist Shane Taylor has been performing and writing since age 13. Playing professionally at 15 in Whangarei, he recorded his first nine originals in 1980, followed by albums in 1986 and 1990. His last album "Take me Back" in 1992 featured his topical track "Nuclear Free", which was played on NZ radio stations.

After travelling and performing extensively in New Zealand Shane headed to Europe in the 90's to play his music, he then returned home to Auckland in 1997 and later settled in Te Aroha in 2003, where he has since built a home recording studio and has been steadily writing and recording.

Shane has recently released his new album "The World We Created", which contains 12 original songs and was recorded in Te Aroha. This album is a lovely collection of original songs, with all instruments

played by Shane. He has a love for acoustic guitars and you will hear the rich harmonics and overtones he achieves by over laying chords to accompany his lyrical meaningful tunes. He writes about Mount Te Aroha, the Waihi mine and local people close to him. Influenced by a wide variety of styles, his passion lies with the great singer-songwriters of the 70's, which you can hear in his songs.

Shane has a laid back country/folk feel to his Music, a style enjoyed by all ages, allowing listeners to really connect with his lyrics. You will sometimes catch him performing locally or hear him on Pittsy's Mountain Radio. His new CD is available from Te Aroha i-Site, Banco Cafe and United Video in Te Aroha. If you would like more information about Shane or want to listen to his music visit his website www.shanetaylor.co.nz.

"The Last of the Red Hot Lovers"

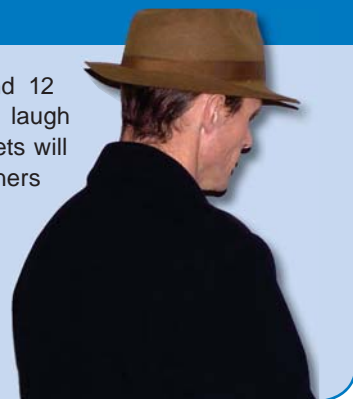
By Jocelyn Legg

This is a really funny comedy about a man who has been married for twenty three years and feels the urge to join the sexual revolution before it's too late. Taking advantage of the fact that his mother's flat is unoccupied for two days a week, he invites three different women into his lair in succession. With no experience in adultery the outcome is hilarious.

"The Last of the Red hot Lovers" will show at the Te Aroha Little Theatre in September, opening on 3 September and

running from 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12 September. Come along and laugh away the chills of winter!! Tickets will be available from Piako Stationers in late August.

If you would like to know more, contact Jocelyn Legg on 07 884 8884.



Current Activities at Future Te Aroha

By Lyn Renwick

The month of June was a busy time for the performers at Future Te Aroha. They not only performed at Stage Challenge in Tauranga, where they gained a total of eight certificates of excellence, but everyone was involved in the production of Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat.

The show proved to be a resounding success, with the young performers getting into their roles, and coping with changes of costumes and props like seasoned performers. They were backed by a small group of adults who came to rehearsals to support them and ended up being in the show. All of the classes were involved – the actors, the singers, the dancers, and they managed to enchant the audience with their skill and enthusiasm. The show was full of colour and action accompanied by excellent lighting design by Leonard James, the climax being the highlight of the show when Joseph's cloak appeared at the end. All of the young performers are commended for their performances especially Bridgitte Morley as Joseph and the two narrators, Claudi Hills and Rebekah Yells.

Throughout August and September classes will continue as normal. The younger members will be starting on a production of Cinderella, while the seniors will produce a short film with Marama Killen. Acting classes take place on Mondays.

The dance classes will have fun practising a variety of styles including jazz and hip hop. These classes take place on Tuesdays at 4pm. Ballet continues for smaller children on Wednesdays at 4pm followed by an older age group. Art and craft classes run at the same time.

Thursdays will see the singing group get back together to practice a variety of songs with the long term aim of creating a music video.

There is always something happening at the centre for talented youngsters to enjoy and participate in. Children are also welcome to attend after school to socialise, do homework or play games.

Coming soon is musical entertainment in October, Cinderella in November and Once Upon a Christmas in December. Things are truly happening at Future Te Aroha. So if you are interested, ring and find out more on 07 884 9489.

Te Aroha Museum's Latest Exhibition

Have you ever taken the time to reflect on the importance of the large number of springs (Fairy Pool, Magnesia Pool, Mirror of Te Mamoe or Lovers Spring) and the history of the Te Aroha Domain? There is so much history in the domain, just look at the Domain gates, the memorial plantings and the skating rink to name a few.

You will find all of the answers at the the Te Aroha Museum's latest exhibition. Or why not book a tour of the many springs? This can be done through the Museum in the Cadman building for a gold coin donation. Take a trip down memory lane and put your curiosity to rest at the latest Museum exhibition. For more information, phone the Museum on 07 884 4427.

Historic Pylon Brought Home

A power pylon that was originally sited almost opposite Firth Tower (at the foot of Tower Hill) and later moved to Stanley Landing is now being brought back to its original home. This pylon was part of the power line connecting the Horahora power station on the Waikato River with the Waikino and Waihi gold mines. It was originally erected in 1913. The Horahora power station was built by the Waihi Gold Mining Company to provide power for mining operations at Waihi.

The pylon has been taken down and will be restored, refurbished and re-established on site at Firth Tower Museum. Local resident, Terry Troughton, has donated parts so that the pylon can be completely restored using all original materials.

This project is being completed by members of the Matamata Historical Society machinery group in a joint project with the Waihi and Waikino Museum Societies to restore three pylons to their original state. Sponsors of the project are Transpower, which has produced a book called "Connecting the Country" with proceeds from book sales being donated to help complete the pylon project, and Mighty River Power who have given financial support. Work should be completed later this year, with the installation of restored pylons at Matamata, Waihi and Waikino.

Morrinsville Lyceum Club Choir Festival

By Christine Wilton

Morrinsville Lyceum Club would like to invite members of the public to attend the Choir Festival on Tuesday, 11 August 2009, at Knox Presbyterian Church, Canada Street, Morrinsville. The choir starts at 12.30pm.

Four choirs from the Waikato and Bay of Plenty will be performing, including a massed choir bracket to conclude the programme. Go along and enjoy a varied programme of music and fun.

For further information about the Choir Festival please contact Christine Wilton on 07 889 7856.



Present Lyceum Club Choir 2009