

A Day in the Domain

By Tina Brown

"A Day in the Domain" will survive in Te Aroha due to an enthusiastic new committee that is busy planning this year's event. The original Arts Council Committee who have run the event for 17 years have decided to retire and their past efforts are recognised and appreciated. They are supporting the new committee in various ways.

The new group is organising a Sunday family picnic day on 22nd of March commencing at 10am. There will be free entertainment; music all day, a teddybears picnic, puppet shows, bouncy castle, BMX bikes and more! Local craftspeople are encouraged to display their wares and there will be food stalls providing sizzled sausages, bacon sammies, pancakes and other picnic treats.

Bring the whole family, a blanket, picnic gear

and buy some local fare; relax and enjoy a great day out. The recently landscaped pond area in the Domain provides some choice picnic spots and a barbeque or two. Visit the Museum for free and update your local knowledge, there are some interesting collections to view.

The most original sunhat of the day will win the wearer a lovely picnic hamper and if you're lucky you may be given a free pass to the Te Aroha Leisure Pools.

See you there! Mark it in your diary now - Sunday 22nd March 2009.

If you are interested in applying for a stall please contact the Te Aroha i-Site on (07) 884 8052, Mary Hansen 8847539 or Tina Brown 8849557 or if you would like to help in some way please contact Mary or Tina.

Artisan Art School Matamata

If you would like to take up painting as a hobby or study more advanced art skills in small friendly classes, artist Anne De Silva is on hand to help.

Artisan Art School is based in Matamata, with classes beginning on Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 February. Anne will also be taking day classes in watercolour at the Te Aroha Art Centre, starting from Monday 16 February.

For more information or to get involved, phone Anne on 07 888 6510.



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The Harvest Food and Wine Festival



The Morrinsville Promotion Association, brought to you in association with The Breeze, present the first annual Harvest Food and Wine Festival.

The festival will take place on Saturday 28 February at Campbell Park in Morrinsville, and features an incredible line up of musicians including The Warratahs, Midge Marsden, Jackie Clark and the Darlings and the Tim Armstrong Band.

Join us from 10.30am to 6pm to relax and enjoy quality food, wine, beer and music. Tickets are limited so make sure you get in quick. Tickets are \$40 each and available from the Morrinsville Information Centre.

20th Annual Hinueral Stone Sculpture Symposium

By Anne De Silva

From 2 to 14 February the Matamata Sculpture Symposium Society is holding its 20th Annual Symposium at Railside on the Green in Matamata.

Beginning with a group of six sculptors in the first two years, it has grown in size to over 20 sculptors each year and welcomed hundreds of visitors to the site. This year we hope that we can welcome back past sculptors and purchasers of sculptures to share and reminisce with us about past symposiums.

During the year it is planned to publish a book showing a pictorial history of the symposium. This will give the opportunity to remember past sculptures and sculptors. The publishing date will be advertised later.



Photo: Sculptors at work

The Matamata Sculpture Symposium Committee invites you to come and enjoy and share this year's symposium.

Shirley Thomas art exhibition

Shirley A. Thomas will be holding her annual art exhibition of Landscapes in Oils at her gallery, 12 Hanna Street, Te Aroha.

The exhibition will be held on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 March 2009 from 10am to 8pm both days.

This is Shirley's 22nd showing at her gallery and the entry is free, so come and enjoy the art and her beautiful garden. Shirley's prices are wholesale, because she does not have to pay commission as she does when showing her work in other galleries. Come along a have a look at what she has to offer.

Does your creative venture need some extra funding?

Well we've got good news for you! Applications are now open for the Creative Communities Local Arts Funding Scheme, for grants over \$500.

The Creative Communities Scheme provides funding for local arts, aiming to increase participation in the arts at a local level, and increase the range and diversity of arts available to the community.

The Scheme is a partnership between Creative New Zealand, Matamata-Piako District Council, and the local Community Arts

Councils. To be eligible for funding under this scheme, your project must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Increase participation in the arts
- Increase range and diversity of the arts
- Enhance and strengthen the local arts sector

Applications close March 31, 2009. If you think your creative project may be eligible, visit your local Council office for an application form or phone Customer Services on 0800 746 467 for more information.

What's on...

Feb 02-14 – 20th Annual Hinueral Stone Sculpture Symposium

Railside on the Green, Matamata

Feb 07 – Morrinsville Country Market

Canada Street, Morrinsville. 8.30am – 12.30pm

Feb 13 – Tower Run

Join the Matamata Chronicle and Firth Tower teams for the annual Tower Run. Friday 13 February, 6pm, Firth Tower.

Feb 14 – Te Aroha Golf Club Centenary

Celebration of 100 years of golf in Te Aroha for members and all past members. Te Aroha Golf Club, SH26, Te Aroha, 9.30am. Contact Fred Hartley to register on 07 884 8144.

Feb 15 – Latin Guitar Tour

Te Aroha Little Theatre Presents Jonathon Harper, classical guitarist. 2.00pm, tickets from Piako Stationery and door sales.

Feb 21 – Te Aroha Street Market

Whitaker St North, 9am. Fundraiser for Te Aroha Hospital. \$10 per stall.

Feb 22 – An Afternoon of Country Music

Join the Te Aroha Country Music Club for an afternoon of country music. Regular guest artists and home made afternoon tea. Te Aroha Catholic Hall, 2pm, \$2 members, \$3 non members.

Feb 28 – The Harvest Food and Wine Festival

Campbell Park, Morrinsville. 10.30am – 6pm. Tickets \$40 each, available from Morrinsville Information Centre, phone 07 889 5575.

Mar 01 – Te Aroha Athletic Club 5km and 10km annual Fun Runs

Herries Park, Rewi Street, Te Aroha. Contact Julie Sweeney (secretary) (07) 884 9380.

Mar 06 – College Old Boys Rugby Association 50th Anniversary

COBRAS Clubrooms, Spur Street, Te Aroha. Contact Helen Steffert (07) 884 9957.

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Mar 22 – A Day in The Domain

Te Aroha Domain, Whitaker St, Te Aroha. Free entry, arts and crafts, stalls, entertainment, and food. Affordable fun for the whole family. Contact Mary Hansen (07) 884 7539.

April 04 – Morrinsville Country Market

Canada Street, Morrinsville. 8.30am – 12.30pm

April 19 – Waihou Antiques and Collectables Roadshow

Waihou Hall, Waihou, 10am. \$2 entry, \$5 per item to be assessed or 3 items for \$10.

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Angela Ferguson – School of Floristry

Career combined with creativity and fun is the main focus of Angela Ferguson's School of Floristry. Angela has been in the floral industry for many years, has owned two floral studios, has gained a Senior Certificate in Floristry and has a NZ certificate in Adult teaching.

The school offers a five week block course that takes students from beginner to intermediate level. This is perfect if you want to learn what it takes to be a florist. In the first part of the course, you will be taught the basic skills that will help you step into a florist position with confidence. The second part of the course gives you the opportunity to further progress your skills and move from the beginner to an intermediate level of floristry.

Each course is intensive and thorough with students learning all aspects of floristry. The classes are limited to eight students, which enables you to get individual attention. The classes involve demonstrations from the tutor followed by hands on tutorials where you get to create your own floral pieces.

If you are really serious, the three week advanced course will have you producing wedding bouquets, funeral tributes and large floral arrangements. These skills make you a valuable asset to any floral studio.

This course is run at Barkers Function Centre, Ngutumanga Road, Waihou and is available to students of all ages. Please ring Angela on 07 884 9997 or text 027 3760 130 for an information pack and enrollment form.

Photo top: Angela with a student

Photo bottom right: Flower and Materials

Photo bottom left: Old school building at Barkers Function Centre



A Centennial History 1908-2008

By Rhys Lewis

All Saints Anglican Church, Matamata was the recipient of a \$500 grant from the Creative Community Scheme, towards the publication of their Centennial History. The book was published and launched at the Centenary Weekend on 1 November (All Saints Day).

Authored by noted local historian Joan Stanley and Vicar Rhys Lewis, it tells the story of the Maori Mission of the 1830s, the provision of Anglican ministry in the pioneer period, the building of the first Church in 1908 and many aspects of its history up to present time. Liberally illustrated, and beautifully designed by Tainui Press, its 100 pages have a strong element of local social history as well as describing the Christian witness of All Saints.

Grants, especially the Creative Community grant, have allowed the research to be done and the book to be priced at \$15, making it accessible to all who wish to purchase.

All Saints Anglican Church Matamata, A Centennial History 1908-2008 can be purchased from the All Saints Office (07 888 7001).



Dog photo competition

Council is looking for a 2009 'Poster Dog', so if you think your dog has what it takes, get snapping. Photos can be of your dog by itself or can include people. The competition is open to people of all ages.

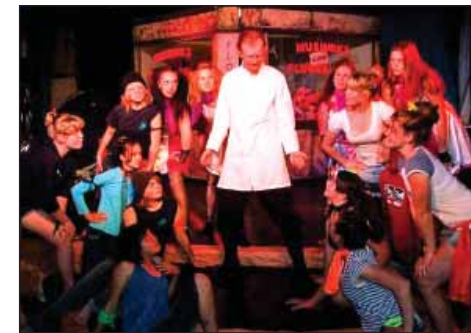
If your photo is the competition winner, your dog will feature on Council's dog registration posters, advertisements and in the Paw Print newsletter.

The competition opens on 1 February 2009 and closes on 20 March 2009. All you have to do is email a high resolution original photograph to sobrien@mpdc.govt.nz along with your name, the names of any other people in the photo, your dogs name, your address, mobile and home phone number, and a short description of what is happening in the photo.

Please note that the winning photo and details will be submitted to the local papers for publishing along with a press release. The winner may also be required to have their photo taken for the papers. When submitting your photo you are allowing Council to use this photo in posters and other promotional material.



Photo: Zander, the 2008 Poster Dog with his owner



Future Te Aroha

By Vivienne Genet-Ward

2008 was a busy year for The Future Te Aroha Centre with productions starting with "Say the Kids" (ACTA Seniors), "Kidnapped" (Juniors & Intermediate) through to "Little Shop of Horrors" (a musical featuring ACTA and Actors from Hamilton & Auckland) and "The Sword, The Wand & The Stone" (a stage adaption of the popular local film). The Centre ended the year with "Once Upon a Christmas" (an interactive performance and Christmas Tree Walk for younger children). Those attending came from all over the Waikato and Coromandel.

2009 promises to be just as busy with filming starting in January and classes starting up again when school goes back. This year the centre is offering the usual ACTA classes, Dance and J Rock, Ballet, Arts & Crafts and choir (leading into the major production for the year).

All class work is fun and leads to performance. These classes assist children with self-discipline, listening skills, concentration and most importantly are confidence building. For further information please contact the Future Te Aroha Centre on 07 884 9489.

Combined Schools Concert

The Morrinsville Library has received a cheque for \$1,460.44 from a group of Morrinsville Schools. As part of the Morrinsville Centennial Celebrations, Morrinsville schools including Morrinsville College, Morrinsville Intermediate, Morrinsville Primary, St Joesph's, Kiwitahi, Kereone, Tahuna, Tauhei, Tatuani and Motumaoho came together to perform a combined schools musical concert. The performances were very successful.

It was decided that the profits would be donated to the Morrinsville Library as this way all children in the area will get to benefit from the profits made. The library has been asked to purchase some wonderful books that all of the children will enjoy!

The library staff will follow up with the Concert Coordinator to see if they have any specific book suggestions that they want the library to purchase. Council is extremely grateful for this generous donation.

Latin Guitar tour

Jonathon Harper has been to Te Aroha a number of times before and has performed to very appreciative audiences at the Te Aroha Little Theatre. He will be performing again on Sunday 15 February at 2.00pm.

Jonathon is a very talented musician who plays a wide variety of music. During this tour he will focus on Latin music, which will include some classical guitar solos such as "Mon Armour" and some Flamenco "Malaguena" as well as some new compositions.

Come along for a wonderful afternoon of fantastic music. Tickets can be purchased from Piako Stationery or at the door. Contact Jocelyn Legg on 07 884 8884 for more information.