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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Welcome to your September/October 2024 Newsletter, where we have had several reasons to celebrate at the museum over the last couple of months.

We started with a successful community collection of dragons, which was a very popular collection, culminating in a successful colouring competition.

The wedding dress display provided by the members of the Morrinsville Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists was an enjoyable evening. The exhibition hall looked wonderful, the speakers were interesting and we had an opportunity to interact to establish guidelines for how we connect and support each other.

Morrinsville Heritage Week, which Jan Gribble initiated three years ago, has become an annual event beginning on October 1st, to coincide with the arrival of the railways to Morrinsville in 1884. This new mode of transportation brought workers to the town with wages to spend, which resulted in the establishment of retail and other services for the growing population.

We are fortunate to have Sebin Alex join us as a volunteer through the Volunteering Waikato advertisement for a Social Media Whizz. Studying a Postgraduate degree in Digital Marketing at Waikato University, he needs to pass the paper by completing 200 hours of volunteer time with us from November to February. He will provide us with a plan of how he can enhance our social media presence and find other ways to bring more people into the museum. We are looking forward to learning from him.

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DRAGON RAFFLE

Congratulations to Moira le Heron who was the lucky winner of our Dragon Raffle. Thank you to Museum Volunteer GT Sarah for donating these.



LET'S CELEBRATE!

Thursday 19 December 12.30pm - Pot Luck lunch for Members and Volunteers. More details to follow closer to the time.

**Museum
Admission**

Adults \$5 

Children (U13) \$2

Under 5yrs FREE

Members FREE



NEW SIGNAGE

Thank you to MHS Committee Member Sheryl Glover for designing and gifting our new admissions charges board, situated in the foyer just in front of the red doors. Come and have a look for yourself on your next visit.



POP UP DISPLAY

The Morrinsville Branch of NZSG (New Zealand Society of Genealogists) recently held a pop up exhibition and discussion about weddings, dresses and memories. With thanks to the local businesses who provided the appropriate props.



Morrinsville Memories

Facebook users are enjoying sharing their comments and stories about the local Morrinsville Intermediate Rugby Team, discussing the coach and the players. If you are interested in becoming a member of Morrinsville Memories, then head on over to their Facebook page.



Mystery Object

Any information would be greatly appreciated to help us identify this artefact, what it is and what it was used for? Our current research indicates it is an old fence post with a no 8 wire coiled around it, used in farming. You are welcome to come and see it in person at the museum.



Upcoming Dates

Saturday 14 December - Christmas Parade.

Wednesday 18 December - last day the Museum is open for 2024.



Sunday Talk

Our Sunday Talk featured Fitness Furnishings, a business that was established in 1937. While the company has evolved over the years, branching from cabinet and furniture-making into retail, the Fitness family are stalwarts of the community, providing a slice of history



Heritage Week

We held an afternoon tea at the Museum to celebrate the end of Heritage Week. Volunteer Jan Gribble had her photo boards on display for people to reminisce and discuss prominent buildings, premises and streets in the main town.



School Visits

We had six classes visit us at the Museum to learn about Navigation, Innovations and Communication, between the ages of five and eight. Each child, parent and teacher had the opportunity to participate in hands on learning.

Dragon Colouring Competition Winners



1st Place 5 & under
Michael Furniss Aged 4

We ran a successful colouring competition in conjunction with our Community Collection display.

This year we celebrated the Year of the Dragon, which is known as a symbol of power, nobility and good luck.



1st Place 6 - 10 years
Eva Munn Aged 10



2nd Place 6 - 10 years
Freya Vranken Age 7

Congratulations to all the entries and winners for their time, effort and creativity, making it a hard decision for our judge, Morrinsville Historical Committee Patron Mike Gribble to make.



Highly Recommended 6- 10 years
Allan Cui Aged 10