

Future Te Aroha Update

By Lynne Renwick

Cinderella finds her slipper in Te Aroha

The Future Te Aroha Centre has been helping Cinderella get ready for the ball. Turning pumpkins and mice into a magnificent horse drawn carriage.

The cast comprised of dance and acting classes have been working very hard to bring this favourite fairy tale with a twist to the Te Aroha community. Rehearsals started in August and the show is looking good for their performances on Friday 20 November at 6.30pm, Saturday 21 November at 2pm and 6.30pm, and on Sunday 22 November at 2pm.

Magic Fairground

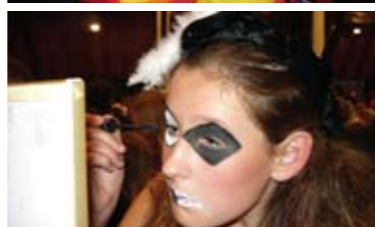
This magical show was performed during the October school holidays, teasing the imagination of both parents and children alike. The audience got involved in finding clues to help the characters solve their problem. This brought the theatre to life and was an excellent introduction to the wonders and power of the theatre for young children.

A Mid Summer Nightmare

A group of senior drama students put together a fantastic murder mystery night in October, based on an Agatha Christie type theme. The theatre audience (with no cell phones permitted for outside communication) were vital in solving the case. However there was a twist....

Fashion show

The Senior students got to show off their performance and modelling skills at the local Waihou Community Hall Fundraiser 'Stretton@Waihou'.



Artspost

November '09



Daffodil Day art by Morrinsville Primary School students.



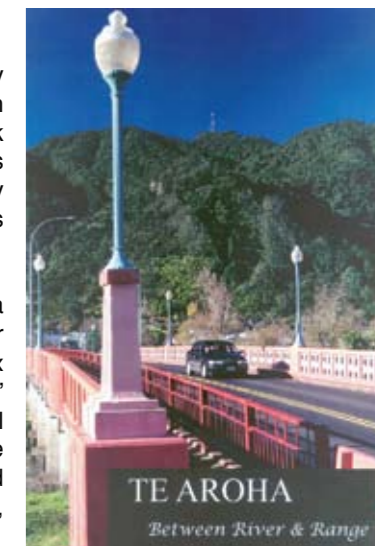
Te Aroha Between River and Range

By Kevin Wells

Peter Barker and Kevin Wells have spent the last ten or so years quietly researching aspects of Te Aroha's history, mainly from newspapers such as the Te Aroha News and the Waikato Times. During that time Kevin took a lot of photographs and it became apparent how quickly some things can change, for example the closing of the Bendon factory on Boundary Street. Te Aroha is a remarkably photogenic town; with appealing angles to shoot from many of its interesting structures and features.

A complete history of the town would involve writing and assembling a very large and expensive publication so with this book they opted for a more accessible glimpse of some aspects of Te Aroha. Twenty six topics were selected, where the authors tried to create a 'slice of interest' format, which included some 'then and now' text and pictures, as well as one or two lively stories or events. It would not be a stretch to write another series as Te Aroha has many themes to tap into such as gold mining, hot springs, buildings, sport and recreation, schools, churches, etc.

The book 'Te Aroha Between River and Range' by Peter Barker and Kevin Wells is available for purchase from the Te Aroha & District Museum located in the Te Aroha Domain for \$30.



All That Jazz Time Again

By Mark Willis

Yes, its jazz time again - if you love jazz and want the opportunity to help raise funds for your local community then you've got to be at Oaklane Lodge on 6 February 2010 for their 5th annual Jazz Day. A great line-up of musicians will keep you entertained as you soak up the sun and beautiful surroundings of Oaklane Lodge.

This year's Jazz Day was a huge success and raised \$24,000 which was split between the Morrinsville Volunteer Fire Brigade and the Morrinsville St Johns, with the Native Bird Preservation Trust also receiving 10 percent of the profits.

Tickets are \$40 and are limited to 350 so get in early. Tickets are on sale from Oaklane Lodge managers Rod and Mel Edwards. Contact them on 07 8891045 or go to www.oaklanelodge.co.nz. It is recommended you get in early to buy your tickets; the last Jazz Day was a complete sell out.

Bring along a picnic, drinks, fold up chairs and your togs for a dip in the pool. No food or alcohol will be provided but there will be plenty of water given away.



Oaklane Lodge is located at 78A Horrell Road, Morrinsville.

If you have an article you would like published in the next edition of Artspost, please contact Council's Communications Team on 07 884 0060.

Deadline for next edition is:
1 January, 2010



Town to Tower 25 years

By Jacqueline Mulqueen

On November 22 the town of Matamata, and the Firth Tower Museum are celebrating 25 years of the 2km long Tower Road walkway. This popular walkway is in constant use with around 100 walkers and cyclists using it every day. It is a credit to the council of the day which, with sponsorship from local people and businesses, had the foresight to establish it 25 years ago. The walkway is beautifully planned, with stands of trees along the meandering path, including a fine stand of chestnut trees that provide fruits for keen gatherers in autumn. The camellia hedge across the road gives a 'visual symphony' in spring. The speed limit for cars is now 80kph along most of the walkway making it much safer for everyone as well. With seats for the weary situated every 500 metres, the track caters to everyone.

To celebrate on November 22, there are going to be spot prizes given out along the walkway, which have been kindly donated by Matamata businesses. There will also be a decorated bike/trike ride at 11.30am. On arrival at the Tower at 12 noon there'll be a Grand Parade and at the opening ceremony people will be welcomed in to enjoy the fair with fundraiser games and stalls run by local clubs and schools. There'll be food including the famous Sel's Coffee, Sylvia's Ice-cream, Debbie's Fudge, Candy Floss, Captain Rob's Billy Tea, hot pancakes, and Devonshire Teas.

The Matamata Brass Band will be playing their fantastic music at 1pm. The Matamata Historical Society will host the occasion and the resident clubs of Matamata Society of the Arts, Matamata Railway Modellers, and Matamata Spinners, will be at their clubrooms for you to have a look and maybe a play. Vintage tractors and stationary engines will take pride of place in the 'farm' and on the new paddock, Ron Arnott will have kiddies rides on his chuck wagon pulled by a vintage tractor.

For more information Contact Jacqueline Mulqueen at Firth Tower on 07 888 8369.

Successful Creative Community Scheme Applicants

The Creative Communities Scheme provides funding for local arts. Applications for the September funding round have closed. See the list of successful applicants for the 2008/09 financial year below:

2008/2009

Name of Applicant	Amount Allocated	Name of Applicant	Amount Allocated
Morrinsville College	\$1,000	Morrinsville Promotion Association	\$500
Matamata Citizens Brass Band Inc.	\$650	(Murray Oaks)	
Te Aroha Arts Centre Inc	\$1,200	Country Kids All Day Kindergarten	\$500
Te Aroha College Board of Trustees	\$1,000	Tamsin Porter	\$400
Morrinsville College	\$2,000	Te Aroha Arts Centre Inc	\$480
Piako Brass Band Inc	\$725	Te Aroha Dramatic Society	\$300
Future Te Aroha	\$1,500	St Marks Concert Committee	\$300
Matamata Sculpture Symposium	\$1,000	Morrinsville Floral Art Club	\$290
Matamata Primary School	\$1,200	Matamata Dramatic Society	\$500
Future Te Aroha	\$849.78	Matamata Christmas Choir	\$500
Morrinsville Little Theatre	\$1,000	Matamata Patchworkers	\$500
Te Aroha Springs Community Trust	\$500	Matamata Society of Arts	\$280
Morrinsville Lyceum Painting Circle	\$120	Matamata Country Music	\$500
Te Aroha Dramatic Society	\$500	Matamata Presbyterian Church	\$400
St Marks Concert Committee	\$500	Sally Jenkins	\$240
Piako Brass Band	\$500	Matamata Dramatic Society	\$500
Future Te Aroha	\$500	Red Star Awards	\$450
Te Aroha Arts Centre Inc	\$150	Matamata Senior Citizens Singers	\$280
Morrinsville Promotion Association	\$500		

The Creative Communities Scheme is a partnership between Creative New Zealand, Matamata-Piako District Council, and the local Community Arts Councils. To find out more about the Creative Communities Scheme ring council on 0800 746 467 or visit www.mppdc.govt.nz.

Successful Creative Community Scheme Applicants . . . (continued)

Below is a current list of committee members:

Over \$500

Creative NZ

Mary Cullen	Peter Kampenhout	Richard Prevett	Val Ryan	Hilton Woodrooffe
Tom Luxton	Carol Greenville	Leonie Tisch	Peter Jager	Wilma Randrup

Under \$500

Matamata Community Arts Council

Mary Cullen	Hilton Woodrooffe	John Searle	Alison Leslie	Suzanne Mather	Shirley Frew
J Josephs	K McDonald	Val Ryan	J Thomas	Sue Whiting	

Piako Community Arts Council

Len Bootten	Valeria Crompton	Joan Hibbott	Maurice Hight	Tom Luxton
-------------	------------------	--------------	---------------	------------

Whats on?

4 November - Te Aroha Springs Community Trust

Senior citizens bus trip to Hamilton. 9am. Entry costs \$15.00. Leave St David's Church at 9am. Morning tea and movie - The Young Victoria, followed by a visit to Chartwell shopping centre. Back in Te Aroha by around 3pm. Bookings and information contact Jean Bearda on 884 9932 or 021 0606625 or email springstrust@gmail.com.

6-7 November - Te Aroha Mountain Lions

Annual Book Fair. St Josephs Hall, Whitaker Street, Te Aroha. Contact: Alison Norris by email forstainless@xtra.co.nz

7 November - Morrinsville Country Market

8.30am-1pm. The Country Market has been operating in Morrinsville for the last few years and is run by Morrinsville Lions and Rotary Club. For further details and bookings contact Bryan Barker on 07 889 5636.

7 November - Pricewaterhouse Coopers Fireworks Extravaganza

For kids of all ages. Gates open 5.30pm. On stage entertainment: Funky Monkeys, Emmeline & Coral, Tim Armstrong Band, fire dancers. Off stage entertainment: Event Fun Company, smile inflatables, miniature horses, hot air balloons (weather dependant). Hot food & drinks. Fireworks start at approximately 9pm. Cost \$5 children, \$10 adult, children under 5 free, family of four \$25.

9 November - Matamata Floral Art Group

Union Parish Hall, Peria Road, Matamata. Are you interested in floral art? Garden flowers are all you need! On the second Monday of each month enjoy meeting first, pool lunch at 12noon, demo or workshop at 1pm. Friendly people - five qualified teachers. Subs just \$40 per year. For enquiries, contact Pauline on 07 888 5326 or Irene on 07 888 6950.

9-14 November - "Big Trouble in little China Town" dinner show

At the Matamata Musical Theatre, Kea Street, Matamata. Ring 07 888 9391 for more information.

14 November - Matamata Flea Market

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

15 November - Morrinsville Flea and Craft Market

9am-1pm. Contact Gail on 078874856 for bookings and further details.

15 November - Altrusa Home & Garden Ramble

10am-4pm. \$25 per person (price includes morning tea). View 11 homes and gardens.

21 November - Te Aroha Street Market

Te Aroha Street Market, Whitaker St North, Te Aroha, 9am. Entry fee \$10 per stall. Fundraiser for Te Aroha Hospital. Held every third Saturday of the month. Contact Heather Mace on 07 884 9668.

21 November - A P and H Society

Te Aroha A P and H Show. Boyd Park, Stanley Ave, Te Aroha. Contact Merle Christey on 07 884 9391.

22 November - Te Aroha Country Music Club Inc

An Afternoon of country music. Te Aroha Catholic Hall, Whitaker St, Te Aroha. 12.30pm. Entry fee \$2 members; \$3 non members. Held on the 4th Sunday of every month. Regular guest artists. Home made afternoon tea. Contact Myrie Townsend 07 884 9247 or Ian Colhoun 07 887 1950.

28 November - Murray Oaks Craft and Fun Day

9am-2pm. Murray Oaks Reserve, State Highway 26, Morrinsville-Te Aroha Road. Arts, crafts, gift ideas for Christmas on display. Music and entertainment adds to the atmosphere of this glorious day. For further details or to book a stall please contact the staff at the Morrinsville Information Centre on 07 889 5575 or email morrinsville.info@xtra.co.nz.

5 December - Morrinsville Country Market

8.30am-1pm. The Country Market has been operating in Morrinsville for the last few years and is run by Morrinsville Lions and Rotary Club. For further details and bookings contact Bryan Barker at 07 889 5636.

12 December - Morrinsville Christmas Parade

Fun for all the family. The theme this year is 'Kiwiana' 1.30pm sharp. Parade leaves from the Lorne Street/Thames Street intersection, travels along Thames Street to Canada Street, it then turns left into Canada Street turns around and returns the same way. It's one of the few Christmas Parades that goes twice through the main street. Entry forms will be available for the 2009 Christmas Parade from the Information Centre soon. This is a wonderful opportunity for schools, kindys, playcentres, service groups, churches, businesses etc to join in with the celebrations.

5 December - Matamata Christmas Parade

Broadway (State Highway 24), Arawa and Hetana Streets, 10.30am-12.30pm. For more information ring 07 888 7260.

12 December - Matamata Flea Market

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

13 December - Christmas at the Park Matamata

Matamata Rugby grounds, 7pm, free entry. Contact Daryl Anderson at daryl@tvmg.co.nz.

14 December - Matamata Floral Art Group

Union Parish Hall, Peria Road, Matamata. On the second Monday of each month, 12noon. Subs just \$40 per year. For enquiries, contact Pauline on 07 888 5326 or Irene on 07 888 6950.

14, 19, 21, 24 December - St David's Church Waharoa

St David's Church will be decorated for Christmas with the theme 'Follow that Star'. Come and view the decorations from 10am-4pm, during the days listed above.

19 December - Te Aroha Street Market

Te Aroha Street Market, Whitaker St North, Te Aroha. 9am. Entry fee \$10 per stall. Fundraiser for Te Aroha Hospital. Held every third Saturday of the month. Contact Heather Mace on 07 884 9668.

19 December - Te Aroha Business Association

Annual christmas promotion and draw, town clock, Whitaker St, Te Aroha 1pm. Do your Christmas shopping in Te Aroha and be in to win a fantastic prize or Te Aroha \$\$\$ to spend. Contact Teena Cornes on 884 6625 or email sandit@farmside.co.nz.

20 December - Carol Service

Come along and join in the carol singing at St David's Church, Waharoa at 2pm.

20 December - Morrinsville Flea and Craft Market

9am-1pm. Contact Gail on 078874856 for bookings and further details.

27 December - Te Aroha Country Music Club Inc

An Afternoon of Country Music. Te Aroha Catholic Hall, Whitaker St, Te Aroha. 12.30pm. Entry fee \$2 members; \$3 non members. Contact Myrie Townsend on 07 884 9247 or Ian Colhoun on 07 887 1950.

2 January - Morrinsville Country Market

8.30am-1pm. The Country Market has been operating in Morrinsville for the last few years and is run by Morrinsville Lions and Rotary Club. For further details and bookings contact Bryan Barker at 07 889 5636.

17 January - Morrinsville Flea and Craft Market

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

World Premiere Opens in Matamata

By Yvonne Marshall

Matamata is abuzz with the news that a world premiere is about to take place in its town. This exciting event – the opening of a brand new play written by well known local personality Dolly Varden-Chambers, takes place at the Little Theatre at the beginning of November.

Dolly is renowned throughout the Waikato and Bay of Plenty area for her many and varied creative talents. She has been involved in theatre since the age of 17. As a student she worked for a professional theatre company in England learning the 'bones' of theatre. Since those early days she has enjoyed other aspects of theatre as a performer and director. She has worked in radio drama, been a reader for talking books and has even been on Shortland Street. She belonged to the Edwardian Establishment Touring Music Hall group and sang with a jazz and blues band, 'The Flat Hedgehogs', for 10 years. As if this isn't enough to fill her days, she is a very talented artist, mainly working in the medium of paint and pottery – although she makes dolls too!



For some years Dolly has been writing short stories and poetry. Last year she decided to turn her hand to playwriting entering a 10 minute play competition. Her short play 'There's a Knock at the Door' was selected as one of six finalists to have their play produced. The success of this and the very positive response she got from the audiences led her to turn it into a full-length play.

"There's a Knock at the Door is about relationships and the many different layers that make up those relationships" says Dolly. "Everybody is always looking for that something extra no matter how happy we are. There is a yearning inside all of us." This funny yet poignant play explores the relationships within a family. The World Premiere gala opening of the show is on October 31 and the play runs until Nov 7. Tickets can be purchased from Take Note Frasers Bookshop Arawa St, Matamata. Bookings are essential.

Te Aroha Dramatic Society Update

By Jocelyn Legg

After a successful season of the Last of the Red Hot Lovers, the Te Aroha Dramatic society is under way with its end of year production called Phantom of the Panto.

This is a Panto with a twist, as a theatre tries to stage a production of Cinderella only to be upset by the Phantom of the Panto. But who or what is the mysterious Phantom? A lot of fun, action, song and dance makes this Panto one for all the family, so bring the kids along and enjoy an entertaining night out. The show opens in the first week of December with tickets available at Piako Stationery Suppliers - 07 884 9110.

If you are interested in acting, becoming a committee member, financial supporter or have any other questions about the theatre, please ring Jocelyn Legg on 07 884 8884.

Matamata

A poem by Rev. Rhys Lewis

In the local council offices
You know when there's a train
It not just the wagons roar
The building shakes to the frame

Big trucks pound up Broadway
And the house drums with the sound
Of sympathetic vibrations
Transmitted through the ground

The swamps once stretched for 50 miles
Trees rotting into peat
And swathes of light volcanic ash
Lie underneath our feet

Firth thought he could grow wheat here
On land he had 'acquired'
He stripped the rooted flax out
Went bankrupt as he tried

Now rich light grassland flourishes
None finer in the world
Fertile well drained dairy flat
With magpie Friesian herds

The farmers and their wives come in
To pleasant urban paths
Neat gardens and the doctors
And the old folks home at last

The trucks come through from Auckland
Saving gas across the plain
A chemical load swings dangerously
On the roundabout in the rain

Small earthquakes rumbled through last year,
Three point two and three point six
If the Kaimais shift their point of view
We'll all be in a fix

Up at the council office
The mayor sips a cup of tea
A log train sets the frame away
Like a ship on the waves of the sea

Fifty years of Community Service

By Dave Close

Morrinsville Lions Club celebrated its golden anniversary in September with a luncheon attended by 130 past and present members. Founded in 1959, the club has been a strong force in the community and backed many causes locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

The club has provided three District Governors and five members have been honoured to receive the Melvin Jones Fellowship, the highest individual award for service and dedication.

In conjunction with the celebrations the club has produced a book 'Fifty Years of Community Involvement'. The editor is Dave Close and 14 members contributed articles. The book runs to 52 pages, and features a cover (in colour) showing nine major projects carried out by the Morrinsville Lions. There are in addition 45 photos, 11 of which are also in colour.

Any reader wishing to purchase a copy, please forward \$20 to Secretary, Morrinsville Lions Club, PO Box 118 Morrinsville.