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# More mathematical entertainment after dance

The organiser of the 'dance of mathematics' barn dance in Akaroa on May 13, Bill Baritompā, says that he feels a bit of nostalgia about the occasion.

"About 20 years ago I was in a bush band and we played regular weekly gigs at the Akaroa Village Restaurant.

"It will be like old times."

He's also organising more 'mathematical entertainment' the following morning at the Akaroa Sports Complex at the Recreation Ground.

This will feature a juggling show, a talk about mathematics and evolution and one on secret codes and how they work.

Bill Baritompā now teaches mathematics at the University of Canterbury and is also an experienced barn dance caller. He will teach and step people through the dances at the Gaiety Hall.

"Everyone can do these dances" he says.

"A professional three piece band will play jigs and reels, and the odd French song too."

There have been two previous free 'dance of mathematics' barn dances, in aiapoi and Culverden, and these have been a great success.

"Bring along a supper plate to share. Tea and coffee will be provided."