



Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

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Hello Everyone

I thought I'd start off to-day with some photos from the very successful afternoon we had at the Towai Tavern last Sunday. This year the Little Tennessee Club joined us, so the audience was more varied, as were the singers, and the musicians from both clubs swapped around to make up the band during the afternoon. Kim and Carlene also entertained us, and two young singers, Manaia and Breehana, entered the talent quest and we all enjoyed their lovely young voices. There were lots of raffles and Norma and Ian had a great afternoon - Norma won \$50 and Ian won the Christmas ham! Great to see Irene there also.



You will all know by now that we lost Gloria last week. There were lots of memories shared at the funeral, lots of laughs and lots of good country music played and songs sung. Gloria would have been happy. She was one of life's characters and we shall all miss her.



We had two good club afternoons last month and quite a few visitors. Graham and Judy were from the Franklin Club and Graham played his steel guitar with the



band that afternoon, which was very nice.

Here he is playing and singing Good Hearted Woman



and Judy sang Blanket on the Ground. It was good to see Wilkie playing in the band again and very nice to see Des and Jenny Read at club



that day. Although Des is not well, I know they enjoyed the afternoon. Marjory Smith is home from hospital and making

steady progress and is looking forward to being able to come to club again next year. She's just had her 101st birthday!

We're hoping to start our workshops again on 3 February next year and they will be held on the first Wednesday evening of the month. This could be very helpful for some of you if you would like to practise a song or decide on a key. You will need to put your name down on the list which will be on the back table. There will probably be a small charge.

Birthdays

Our best wishes this month go to: Larry Webb, Warren Williams and Geoff Hilliam and for January Ian Venables, Lorraine Young, Dale Watson and Gail Edwards. Hope you all have a great day!

Some Dates to Remember!

- Wai Worri Country Muster will be on the week-end of 2-3 January 2021.

Carlene and Ted will be performing in the woolshed on the Thursday evening, instead of the Kaihu pub, as this will be New Year's Eve. Campers and motor homes are welcome - \$30 per person for the whole week-end and for day visitors it's \$15 per day or \$25 for the two days. No charge for children under 15. This year the proceeds will go to Kids with Arthritis.

- Our first club day next year will be on **17 January**.
- The Marton Country Music Festival will be on the week-end of **17-19 January 2021**.
- The Piarko Awards are at Matamata on **30/31 January 2021**.
- NZCMA are having a 50th Birthday Bash on **5 June** next year. It will be at the Millenium Hotel, Rotorua from 1.00-10.30 pm and the cost will be \$80. This includes entry to shows, dinner and a glass of wine.
- The Muddy River Awards (Junior and Intermediate only) are at Wanganui on **27 February 2021**.

Country Calendar

17 January	1.00-4.00 pm
31 January (RSA)	12.30-4.00 pm
07 February	1.00-4.00 pm
21 February	1.00-4.00 pm

Merry Christmas Everyone!

I hope you all have a happy time with family and friends.

