



Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

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Hello Everyone

Another busy month has gone by and I hope you've all survived the cold weather. We had a very good club afternoon on the 18th with about 60 people in the audience and a good variety of songs. Ruby was away and I know Yvonne really appreciated all the help she was given in the



kitchen. Wilkie wasn't playing in the band that day and here she is singing Happy Years. It's so unusual to see Wilkie without her guitar!



Mike brought his saxophone along and played Danny Boy. Here are new members Dave and Yvonne Smith and Linda McMillan and Ian Merritt entertaining us. And finally



Murray, the sound man, concentrating hard on getting the sound just right, as always!



Everyone enjoyed the trip to Auckland last



Sunday to visit the Franklin Country Music Club. You'll see that they're all having a great



time from the photos, kindly provided by Sue:



We have heard that the Wellsford Country Music Club is struggling a little at the moment. They meet on the second Sunday of the month from 1-4 pm and if any of you felt like visiting them one Sunday, I know they would be delighted to see you. You will remember that they visited us in March and we had a great afternoon. They have some very good singers and musicians.



Sue and her bluegrass band, Hot Diggity, have had some exciting news recently. They have been

invited to be part of the International Bluegrass Music Association's bluegrass virtual showcase to be held in North Carolina, USA from 28 September to 2 October. It's a platform for introducing talent and new material to the bluegrass community. This is a huge honour for Hot Diggity, who will be showcased alongside some great American bluegrass bands. Sue isn't at club to-day, because they're busy preparing a video to demonstrate their special sound. I'm sure they'll be a big hit!

Don't forget our workshops on the first Wednesday of the month, starting at 1 pm. This is a good opportunity to practise a new song and the cost is only \$2.



I have some sad news now. Clive Cairn passed away recently and we send our condolences and best wishes to Margaret. Margaret and Clive have been strong supporters of country music for many, many years. Bill Hughes, who also has not been well for quite a while, is now in Jane Mander Hospital and we send him our best wishes.

Some Dates to Remember

- ✚ Annette and Kim will be running another Special Olympics fundraising concert at the Kamo Club on Sunday 22 August from 1.30-4.30 pm - tickets cost \$15.
- ✚ Our next visit to the RSA will be on **29 August** and the guest artist will be Anna Tukuitoga, who is a very talented, up and coming Pacific Islands singer/songwriter. Although Anna is only 17, in 2020 she was named the Country Youth Ambassador by the NZCMA. She sings, plays guitar and banjo and her aim is to inspire more Pacific people to become involved in country music.
- ✚ There will be two Country Blitz concerts at the Cosmopolitan Club in Papakura on **18 September** and **16 October** from 7-11 pm. These come under the auspices of the Franklin Country Music Club and there will be a good line up of artists, including Carlene Still.
- ✚ Aotearoa Country Music Awards are on **18-19 September** at the Globe Theatre, Palmerston North.
- ✚ The Hokianga Country Music Festival will be held on **24-26 September**.
- ✚ The NZCMA Entertainer of the Year Awards are on **9 October** at the Great Lake Centre, Taupo - matinee 1 pm, evening 7 pm. The guest artists are Suzanne Prentice and Kylie Price.
- ✚ NZCMA Star Awards are being held at Labour Week-end at Bethlehem College, Tauranga - **Saturday, 24 October, 8.30 am-4.00 pm** and **Sunday, 25 October, 1.00-4.30 pm**.

- ✚ Pounamu Awards are on **6-7 November** at the Cosmopolitan Club, Levin.
- ✚ Ngaruawahia Veterans Awards are on **20 November** at Narrows Park, Hamilton.

Birthdays

Our best wishes this month go to: Mike Hoeta, Bruce Major, Bill Hughes, Lyn Gray, Dave Smith and Linda McMillan. Hope you all have a great day!

Country Calendar

01 August	1.00-4.00 pm
15 August	1.00-4.00 pm
29 August (RSA)	1.00-4.00 pm
05 September	1.00-4.00 pm
19 September	1.00-4.00 pm

That's the news for this month. I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday. Take care and

Keep it Country!

