



Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

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Hello Everyone

What a busy month it's been! We've had two busy club afternoons with 60-70 people in the audience, quite a few visitors and a pleasing number of new members. Welcome to all of them. In addition we've had the Bay of Islands Country Rock Festival, with several of our members playing with various bands, Colin's 75th birthday last Saturday and a visit to the RSA on Sunday.

Let's start off with the Country Rock Festival at the beginning of May. Both Ray Taylor and Bruce Stenhusen, were backing Carlene



and Sue, of course, was playing with her blue grass band Hot Diggity.



A few other bands you will know were Annette and Kim, Cooper's Run with Marion Burns and Kylie Austin.



Quite a few of our club members were at the festival, enjoying all the music. Here are Margaret and Clive Cairns and Sandra Gillett and friends.





For his birthday bash, Colin provided us with an afternoon of all sorts of music, from country to jazz and everything in between.

Some of our members sang and Pat and Wilkie played in the band.

Here's Colin with his jazz band. He had a very busy afternoon!



Finally, Sunday afternoon at the RSA went well, with quite a big audience. The guest artist, Dave Ewart, gave us

a good variety of bouncy songs, some new and some old favourites, including White Sports Coat and On The Road Again. Some of our more uninhibited members



were on the floor dancing, making the most of the music! The band and singers all did well and Murray did a great job with the sound. It was so nice to have Annette and Kim finish off the afternoon for us.

Many thanks to those of you who have offered to help with the afternoon teas. It would be nice to have a few more people to call on, so just add your name to the list if you would like to help. A reminder also about the workshops, which are on the first Wednesday of the month. Speak to Elva if you would like to book a slot for one of these.

Bus trip to Franklin Country Music Club!

This has now been confirmed for 25 July and the bus will be leaving at 8.30 am from the

Kensington Stadium car park. The cost will be \$25 each and this must be paid by 18 July - be in quick to be sure of a seat. The Franklin Club meets at the Cosmopolitan Club, so food will be available for purchase.

I'm afraid I have to finish on a sad note, by letting you know that Irene Gregory passed away earlier in the week. This was unexpected, although she had not been in good health for quite a long time. Irene was well known to all our older club members, as for most of her life she had been very involved with country music. Over the last year Irene had been to club a few times and on those occasions she was the MC for the afternoon. Our thoughts are with her family at this sad time.



Birthdays

Our best wishes this month go to: Elva Morgan, Bruce Stenhouse and Marion Palmer. Hope you all have a great day!

Country Calendar

06 June	1.00-4.00 pm
20 June	1.00-4.00 pm
04 July	1.00-4.00 pm
18 July	1.00-4.00 pm

That's all for now. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday. Take care and

Keep it Country!

