



Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

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Hello Everyone

First of all, welcome to new members and don't forget that subs are now due. We've had a couple of good club afternoons this month, with audience numbers consistently between 30 and 35. Hopefully these will increase as restrictions start to ease, but for the moment we're going to keep afternoon tea "as is" - just a cup of tea, but no food. Please feel free to bring something for yourself if you need to.

Last club day we had Steve Detlaff playing his steel guitar again and Steve Mette helping us out by playing lead. No matter who's playing in the band, they all do their best to give us an afternoon of good music and we really appreciate that. From now on we would like you to provide four copies of you chord charts please and, before you start your song, give the band an idea of how it goes so that they can give you the right tempo. Could I also ask you to please keep the noise level down when people are singing. It can be quite distracting if people are talking.

It was good to see Peter Lister fit and well and back at club again and also



Maureen Smith. Tony Lockhorst also joined us one afternoon and sang I Love You Because You Understand.



Dale played and sang one of her own compositions and Larry sang a gospel number, Jesus Needs To Talk To You.



Elva helped Athlene, as she sang for the first time at club and Ruby sang a Dolly Parton song, If Teardrops Were Pennies.

Don't forget the workshops on the first Wednesday of the month from 1-4 pm. Speak to Elva if you would like to book a slot for one of these - there's a small charge. Also, the Dargaville club will be starting again soon.

Some Dates to Remember

- ✚ Our AGM will be on **1 May**, so **membership fees are due now** - \$15 or \$20 for a family. You must be a paid up member of the club if you wish to vote at the AGM.
- ✚ The Taranaki Country Music Festival is on **15-17 April** at the Waitara Memorial Hall. This could be reduced in size if Covid restrictions change.
- ✚ The North Country Variety Club awards are being held on **23 April** at 1 pm at the Kaitaia RSA. You have to be a financial member of the club (\$10) and it also costs \$5 to enter the awards. Entry forms are on the back table.
- ✚ The Whakapara Country Music Club is having a music day at the Towai Tavern on Saturday, 30 April, starting at 12 noon. There will be a small door charge.
- ✚ The Gisborne Country Music Awards are on Saturday, **7 May** and the finals concert will be on Sunday **8 May**.
- ✚ The Bay of Islands Country Rock Festival will be on **13-15 May**. This will be something for us to look forward to. Sue will be there, playing with her band Hot Diggity.

Birthdays

Our best wishes this month go to: Sue Drake, Ellen Bakker, Wilkie Major, Ruby Reihana and Don Cleary. Hope you all have a great day!

Country Calendar

03 April	1.00-4.00 pm
17 April	1.00-4.00 pm
01 May	1.00-4.00 pm
15 May	1.00-4.00 pm
29 May	1.00-4.00 pm

Thanks to everyone for complying with all the restrictions in place because of Covid. We really appreciate it.

That's the news for this month. See you all on Sunday. Take care and

Keep it Country!

