



Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

December/January Newsletter 2021/2022

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Hello Everyone

First of all, here's a message from Murray, our President:

I would like to thank everyone very much for their support through these difficult times with Covid. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you at our Christmas break-up on Sunday.

Kind regards

Murray

If you weren't at our last club day and you don't get this newsletter by e-mail, you may not be aware that we're having a Santa Sack this Sunday. The idea was that anyone who wished to participate could bring a small, wrapped Christmas gift to the value of less than \$10 and put it in the sack. Those participating will be given a number when they arrive at club and, when the numbers are drawn, the person with the corresponding number will take a gift out of the sack. There will



also be raffles for three baskets of goodies (\$2 each or 3 for \$5) and 50 cents to guess the number of lollies in a jar. This will all take place when we break for a cup of tea. We're hoping everyone will be wearing their Christmas bling (there will be a prize for the best dressed male and female) and hopefully we will have lots of Christmas songs. If you receive this newsletter by e-mail, please pass these details on to anyone you think might not know about them. You will, of course, need to show your Covid Pass at the door.



We had two good club days last month, with about 40 people each afternoon, - well-spaced



out and wearing our masks!! It was good to see Lyn back at club and singing and also Pat playing bass

again. Many thanks to Stephen Mete, who helped us out by playing lead on the first Sunday and also nice to see Noelene Hughes and Bruce Finlayson again.





On the second Sunday, Merle dedicated her song to Gloria - it was almost a year since



we lost Gloria. It was nice to have Bruce Stenhouse along, playing his guitar instead of the drums and also good to see Richard again, singing Evening Shadows Make Me Blue.



We were very sorry to hear that Lorraine Young's sister is really ill at the moment and our thoughts are with her at this time.

Some Dates to Remember

- ✚ Wai Worri Country Muster, which would have been held on **1-2 January 2022, has been cancelled.**
- ✚ Hootnanny Country Rock Festival will be held on **25-27 February 2022** at the Thames Racecourse. All of New Zealand's best country music artists are lined up to entertain at this festival, so it should be a great week-end.
- ✚ The Gisborne Country Music Awards (Seniors and Veterans) will be on **5-6 March** at Ilminster Intermediate School Hall, Inner Kaiti.

Birthdays

Our best wishes for December and January go to: Larry Webb, Warren Williams, Ian Venables, D'Arcy Bailey, Lorraine Young, Annette Efford and Keith Dulieu. Hope you all have a great day!



Country Calendar

16 January	1.00-4.00 pm
30 January	1.00-4.00 pm

(an extra club day)

Finally, a word of appreciation to everyone involved in the club. I would like to thank the committee for their hard work over the past year and also our musicians. Every club day the hall has to be set up and then packed away later. Thanks to Murray, who is being so conscientious in his duties as President and also often does the sound, to Mike for organizing the band and guest artists when necessary, to Sue and Ellen who are on duty at the back table every club day, to Yvonne who meets and greets everyone and also helps Ruby in the kitchen, to Elva and Maude for being MCs, to JK for being stage manager on club days. Special thanks to Mike, Sue, Wilkie and Pat who are also band members. Lastly, thank you to all our members for supporting us - it is very much appreciated. Our first club day in 2021 will be **16 January**.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and I look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas break-up.

Merry Christmas Everyone!

