



# Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

## May Newsletter 2022

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Hello Everyone

Welcome to our new members. I hope everyone had a good Easter, but I have to say that the weather has been a bit trying since then! Last week-end some of you may have gone to the North Country Variety Awards at Kaitaia. Our club was well represented, as Sue was the MC, Merle was one of the judges and Ray played bass. I hear that Lyn Roberts and Larry Webb did us proud and everyone had a great day, with lots of talent on display.



You may have noticed that Mike Hoeta our Vice-President has not been at club for a little while and we've missed him as our lead guitarist. Mike has decided to take a break

from club, as he's very busy at the moment. As well as being Vice-President, he has organised the band for each club day and guest artists for special occasions. He has also got the workshops up and running again and even provided us with a venue for these, free of charge. We would like to thank Mike for all his

efforts and we shall certainly miss not having him around for a while.

It was good to see Rex and Margaret,



Bob and Freda and also Lorraine and Noelene at club again. Here's Rex singing Oh Lonesome Me



and Bob singing Slipping Away. Kathy and Des Sands are new members

and here are Malcolm and Sue giving Des a helping hand with his new song You're My Best Friend. Kathy sang Delta Dawn.



Ray and Sue will continue to run the workshops on the first Wednesday of the month, so put your name down if you would like to try out a new song or need some help with chord charts. Also, please remember that we would like you to provide four copies of your charts for the band on club days.



Now I have some very sad news for you. I have just heard that Harry Harris passed away suddenly earlier this week. This

has been a terrible shock for Yvonne and I know that we would all like to send her our love. We shall miss Harry singing his own special songs in his lovely relaxed style.

### Some Dates to Remember

- ✚ A reminder to those of you who receive the newsletter by e-mail, 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.
- ✚ Don't forget that this Sunday, **1 May**, we will be holding our AGM at 3.30 pm, so the afternoon will finish early. You must be a paid up member of the club if you wish to vote at the AGM.
- ✚ The Gisborne Country Music Awards are on Saturday, **7 May** and the finals concert will be on Sunday **8 May**.
- ✚ The Wellsford Country Music Club will be starting again on Sunday, **8 May** at the Community Centre.
- ✚ 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 and Ray will be playing bass and Bruce Stenhouse will be on drums with Carlene's band.

- ✚ The Waikato awards will be held on Saturday, **11 June** at Putaruru - first 100 entries only.
- ✚ The Te Puke awards will be held on Saturday **25 June** at the Baptist Church.
- ✚ The Sun City awards will be held at Club Waimea, Nelson on **21-23 October**.

### Birthdays

Our best wishes this month go to: Jane Smith, Sandra Gillett, Murray Elmes and Athlene-Adams. Hope you all have a great day!

### Country Calendar

01 May (AGM)	1.00-4.00 pm
15 May	1.00-4.00 pm
29 May	1.00-4.00 pm
05 June	1.00-4.00 pm
19 June	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!

