



Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

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Hello Everyone

We seem to have had a busy month. We had two very successful club days, with audience numbers gradually increasing to about 50 on both occasions. We also seem to be getting more visitors to club, which is great. Last week-end we had our first visit to the RSA since Covid and this went off very well. Club members all did their best and it was good to see Bruce Stenhouse again, fully recovered from Covid! The guest artists were just great, of course! Jim



Wallace, was undoubtedly the star of the show, with sons Alex on lead guitar and Rob on drums. His other son, Jimmy, had Covid, so wasn't able to be there, unfortunately, but Ray saved the day by playing bass for them, so he had a busy afternoon. They gave us a variety of lovely music which was enjoyed by everyone.



Here are a few photos from last month's club afternoons.

Rob helped us out on both occasions by playing lead.



It was nice to see Malcolm at club

again and he and Adele sang a duet - How Long Has It Been. Welcome back also to Yvonne Harris, Tony Lockhorst, Freda and Bob and Trevor and Robyn.



A special welcome to Josephine, who has recently moved here from Auckland. She



gave us two songs, If You Love Me Let Me Go and Walking After Midnight. We hope to see more of Josephine in the future.

You will be pleased to hear that the trip to the Far North Country and Variety Club has been finalised for **Sunday, 11 September**. Please put your name on the sheet on the back table if you would like to go and also if you are prepared to take passengers. If we

have too many people, we may have to consider hiring vans. Their club starts at 1 pm and there will be a \$4 entry fee. Tea and biscuits are available throughout the afternoon, but they do stop for afternoon tea and club finishes at 4.30 pm.

We are considering bringing back our afternoon tea, where people bring a plate. If we do this, however, we will be asking for helpers, as it makes a lot of work for the ladies in the kitchen. You will be advised about this later.

Don't forget that the workshops have started again, from 1-4 pm on the first Wednesday of the month at the Griffin Hall, 7b Grant Street, Kamo. Speak to Elva if you would like to book a slot for this.

We would like to offer our condolences to Peter Lister, whose wife passed away a few weeks ago. We also lost Des Reid recently and our thoughts are with Jenny at this time. Des was a strong supporter of country music for many years.

Some Dates to Remember

- ✚ Winter Warm-Up Country Music Festival is on **26-28 August** at the Don Rowlands Centre, Lake Karapiro. Carlene Still is one of the artists performing at this. Campervans and caravans are welcome - \$22 per night or \$50 for a three-day pass.
- ✚ NZCMA is presenting Country 4 Boots on **Saturday 3 September** at 1 pm. This will be held at the Matamata Baptist Church, 26 Tower Road and all proceeds raised will be donated to Mike King's trust, I Am Hope, in support of mental health in New Zealand. Pure Dixie is the band and New Zealand's top country artists will be taking part.
- ✚ Also on **3 September**, the Gisborne Country Music Club is having a fundraising concert at the Cosmopolitan Club (dinner at 6 pm and show starts at 7.30 pm).

- ✚ Aotearoa Awards will be held at the Globe Theatre, Palmerston North. on **17-18 September**.
- ✚ Hokianga Country Rock Festival will be on the week-end of **30 September-2 October**.
- ✚ Brad Paisley, well-known American country singer/songwriter, will be appearing at the Spark Arena, Auckland, on **Saturday, 8 October**. This concert is part of his world tour and tickets are selling fast.
- ✚ Entertainer of the Year Awards are on **15 October** at Bethlehem College Performing Arts Centre, Tauranga.

Birthdays

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

Country Calendar

07 August	1.00-4.00 pm
21 August	1.00-4.00 pm
04 September	1.00-4.00 pm
18 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!

