



# Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

## October Newsletter 2022

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Hello Everyone

Another month has gone by and at last it looks as though spring is almost here - at least on some days! This month we've had a few band members who've had other commitments on club days, but we're so fortunate to have people who are always ready to step up when required. Many thanks to Rob and Steve for playing lead and Glan for filling in for Colin on drums. It's meant that we've always been able to put a band together to back the singers on club afternoons.



Some of you will be aware that Colin is not well at present. He had an unfortunate incident a couple of weeks ago when he was playing at the

Variety Club, but he assures me that, while serious, this was not life threatening. He would like to thank everyone who came to his assistance

at that time and he's keen to get behind his drum set and play again. Colin is a resident of Jane Mander and anyone is welcome to visit him there. There are no restrictions now. We would like to extend our condolences to Wilkie, whose mother passed away recently.

Everyone who went on the trip to the Far North Country and Variety Club had a really good day, enjoyed by all. They were very welcoming and friendly. At the end of October (Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>) we will be visiting the Whangarei RSA again and I do hope you'll all try to support this. Kim Copedo will be the guest artist and I know everyone will look forward to hearing him play and sing again.

I'm sure you've all enjoyed having a real afternoon tea again and many thanks to those of you who've brought a plate. Thank you also to the ladies who help out in the kitchen

whenever Ruby or Yvonne are away. This is very much appreciated. Just a reminder - please move away from the table once you've picked up your food, so that everyone has the chance to get some of the goodies!

Don't forget the workshops on the first Wednesday of the month at the Griffin Hall, Kamo. Add your name to the list on the back table if you would like to book a slot to practise a new song or get some help with chord charts. Many thanks to Sue, Ray and Rob who are running the workshops.

Quite a few people will be missing from club next Sunday, as we will be at the Hokianga Country Music Festival. Sue will be playing with her band Hot Diggity and Ray will be playing with Mike's Red Eye Band. I'm sure there will be some good music!

### Some Dates to Remember

- ✚ Brad Paisley, well-known American country singer/songwriter, will be appearing at the Spark Arena, Auckland, on **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.
- ✚ The Star Awards are also at the Bethlehem Performing Arts Centre at Labour Week-end, **22-23 October**.

- ✚ Our next club visit to the RSA will be on **Saturday, 29 October**.
- ✚ The Pounamu Awards are on **5-6 November** at the Senior Citizens' Hall, Levin.
- ✚ The Veterans' Awards are on **19 November** at Narrows Park, Hamilton.

### Country Calendar

02 October	1.00-4.00 pm
16 October	1.00-4.00 pm
29 October (RSA)	1.00-4.00 pm
06 November	1.00-4.00 pm
20 November	1.00-4.00 pm

Can you believe there are only six club days left until Christmas! Our break-up will be on 18 December and our first club day for 2023 will be 15 January.

That's the news for this month. I hope you all have a great afternoon at club on Sunday and hopefully I'll have some photos of the festival to share with you in the next newsletter. Take care and

## Keep it Country!

