



# Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

## March Newsletter 2023

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Hi Folks,  
Another month done and dusted! The weather's been lousy, but we've not been as affected by it as others. Definitely climate change!!

It's been great to see the turnout for the last two club days - reminds me of past years. Don't forget the club is what you make it. Maybe less chatter when singers are performing would be nice!

Last Sunday I had a lovely visit to the Far North Club - their first club day this year. The Far North Awards are in April, so they're gearing up for these now.

Much appreciation for the musicians and workers who keep the club going. Some members have been filling in to keep things flowing, especially in the kitchen. Thank you so much.

Don't forget the AGM on 30 April.

Kindest regards

Elva

Well, didn't we start off the year with a bang! For the last two club afternoons we've had audiences of about 60 people and lots of singers. Special thanks to people who went the extra mile to help out, especially in the kitchen.

I thought I'd give a little publicity to the band in this newsletter. I know it changes slightly from time to time, but we really do appreciate the time and effort they all give to the club. Last club day we had Rob on lead, Sue on banjo, Wilkie and Yvonne on rhythm, Ray on bass and Colin on drums. That afternoon Pat wasn't playing, but she was working hard on the sound.



Now for a few housekeeping matters. As Elva has already mentioned, our AGM will be on 30 April at 3.30 pm. This will be the fifth Sunday of the month. We will be looking for a new Treasurer and a few more keen people for the committee. If you wish to vote at the AGM, your subs must be paid before that date. We will no longer be going to the RSA if there's a fifth Sunday in the month - we will have our usual club afternoon at the Golden Church.

You will be pleased to hear that the workshops have started again. The first one was last Wednesday and they will be on the first Wednesday of each month at the Griffin Hall in Kamo. Put your name on the list on the back table if you would like to practise a new song or need help with chord charts. Elva is the person to speak to if you need more information. We have new club badges available if you'd like to buy one - \$7 each.

### Some Dates to Remember

- ✚ The Waikato Awards are on **11 March**.
- ✚ The Auckland Awards are on **22-23 April**.
- ✚ The Far North Country and Variety Awards are on **23 April**, starting at 10.30 am at the Kaitaia RSA. Entry forms are on the back table, with all the details. You need to be a member of the club to enter (\$10) and can enter only three categories (\$5 for each entry).
- ✚ Our AGM is on **30 April** at 3.30 pm.
- ✚ The Bay of Islands Country Rock Festival is on the week-end of **12-14 May**.
- ✚ The Matamata Awards are on **20 May** at the Civic Centre.

### Birthdays

Our best wishes this month go to: Norma Venables, Richard Goodall, Susan Marsh and Donna Brickell. Hope you all have a great day!

### Country Calendar

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| 05 March | 1.00-4.00 pm |
| 19 March | 1.00-4.00 pm |
| 02 April | 1.00-4.00 pm |
| 16 April | 1.00-4.00 pm |

Before I finish I'm sure you would all like to join me in wishing Elva a safe journey and a wonderful trip. She's off to the UK, visiting Dublin, Belfast and other main centres in Ireland, then Edinburgh and Inverness in Scotland and finishing up in London via Newcastle and York. She'll be back in time for our AGM.

That's the news for this month. I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday. Take care and

# Keep it Country!

