



Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

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Hello Everyone



As you know, Elva isn't here at present to greet you - she's tripping around somewhere in the

UK. Here's a lovely photo of her in Galway, Ireland and the other one is at the Botanical Gardens in Belfast. As you can see, it's bitterly cold at the moment and Elva is well wrapped up, but



I'm sure she's having a great time, regardless of the weather! This latest photo is from Inverness and it looks as though it's slightly warmer!

We had two very good club days last month, with audiences of between 50 and 60 people. We were very short of committee members on the last club

day, but the afternoon went smoothly, thanks to everyone who helped out. Yvonne and Richard manned the back table and Jenny and Lorraine helped out in the kitchen. Each afternoon



there were a few new faces in the audience, a few new members and also a few new singers, which is very pleasing.



Here's Dianne singing Walking After Midnight and Bruce singing Spanish Eyes. Good to see Richard on stage again - he and Elva sang Island of Dreams.



Workshops are going well. Thanks to Ray, Sue and Rob for giving up their time to help with these and to Elva for organising them. Here they are in action!



We were sorry to hear that Bob has been in hospital. However, he's home now and making good progress. Some of you will remember Laurel and Don Tucker, who were loyal supporters of the club for many years. Sadly, Don passed away earlier this week, so our thoughts are with Laurel and the family at this time.

Breaking News

I've just heard from Wilkie. A few days ago they were in Auckland when Bruce collapsed and was rushed to the Waitakere Hospital with suspected heart problems. He's out of danger now, but still in hospital. Wilkie says he's received wonderful care. She sends her love to everyone and we send Bruce our very best wishes.

Some Dates to Remember

- ✚ There's going to be an Easter Music Bash at the Waitara War Memorial Hall, Taranaki on the week-end of **7-9 April**.
- ✚ 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 you can enter three categories only (\$5 for each entry).

- ✚ Our AGM is on **30 April** at 3.30 pm. Don't forget your fees must be paid before then if you wish to vote at the AGM. We will be looking for a new Treasurer and a few more keen people for the committee.
- ✚ The Bay of Islands Country Rock Festival is on the week-end of **12-14 May**. If you're thinking of going, it will pay to book accommodation soon, as motels are filling up fast.
- ✚ The Matamata Awards are on **20 May** at the Civic Centre.

Birthdays

Our best wishes this month go to: Sue Drake, Ellen Bakker, Wilkie Major, Ruby Reihana, Don Cleary, Yvonne Smith and Bev Hansen. Hope you all have a great day!

Country Calendar

02 April	1.00-4.00 pm
16 April	1.00-4.00 pm
30 April	1.00-3.00 pm (followed by the AGM)
07 May	1.00-4.00 pm
21 May	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!

