



Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

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Welcome everyone to the month of July. Sorry the rain hasn't disappeared yet - we'll keep hoping! It's nice to see the good turnout at each club day - once again, thanks to everyone who helps to keep it ticking over. NZCMA has videos on their Facebook page which are very interesting. They feature singers, musicians and tips for chord charts and are very helpful for those wishing to improve their technique. Just a thought!

Kindest regards
Elva

Hello Everyone
We seem to have a lot of housekeeping matters to pass on this month, so perhaps we'll start off with them. As Elva has already mentioned, thanks to everyone who helps to keep the afternoons ticking along, especially the ladies and a couple of (obviously well trained!) gentlemen too who help out in the kitchen when needed. We really appreciate people bringing a plate for afternoon tea. It's such a help now that audience numbers have increased so much. Please remember to move away from the table once you've picked up your food, so that others can move in. There's not a lot of space in that area. Also, if you would like to bring a cushion to club to make yourself more comfortable, please do so. We realise that three hours is a long time to be sitting on

hard chairs, but unfortunately we can't provide cushions because we've nowhere to store them

Just a reminder to newer members - you really do need to have chord charts for your songs. Even if the band knows the song, they can't decide what the best key would be for you. We appreciate that this is not easy, but remember that you can get help with this at the workshops (booking sheet on back table) and Rob is also prepared to help. In fact, he's produced a set of chords for a very easy song and will have copies of this available on Sunday for anyone who would like one. Chord charts downloaded from the internet are not always helpful, because they are not always correct and the chords are often not in the right place. Please have four copies of your song for the band and Elva will have folders available, if needed, for you to clip them onto. Please be ready to go on stage quickly when it's your turn and give any instructions to the rhythm guitarist - there's no need to speak to each band member. This will all help to keep the afternoon flowing smoothly.

You will remember that last month I mentioned the club's fiftieth birthday next year. Thanks to those of you who put your name forward for the sub-committee and for your suggestions. We've already made some progress and have booked the Kamo Club for

Saturday, 1 June 2024. Murray has kindly offered to organize a fundraising raffle, which will be held and drawn every club day. The cost will be \$3 - prizes will be \$25, \$15, and \$10. This will be in addition to our usual raffle and should raise quite a bit of money to help with the expenses for organizing this special event, so we hope you will support it.

This month we will have an extra club day, as we have a fifth Sunday on 30 July. We've invited Char and Chucky from the Hokianga Club to be the guest artists that afternoon and no doubt they'll bring a few of their club members with them. I'm sure we'll be able to put on a very nice afternoon tea.

We had two good club afternoons last month, with some new members each time, so welcome to them. Richard's ukulele group,



A3R, entertained us on the first Sunday and everyone so enjoyed seeing the children performing - Abinaya 14, Akshya 10 and Alecia 6. They played

and sang You Are My Sunshine. Well done A3R! Ray did a very good job, as always, with his 10 minute



spot. One of his songs was a tribute to Harry Belafonte, Jamaica Farewell and he was joined by Yvonne for Let It Be Me. This month Bev Hanson has the 10 minute spot.

Last club day Barbara, who is a very talented fiddler, visited us and joined the band for a



few songs.

Here she is playing with Sue at the start of the afternoon.

Josephine gave Patsy a little support with her song, I Feel Like Crying.



Last Sunday Mike had a jam session with some of our band members. A few club members were there also and sang a song or two and there was a beautiful afternoon tea as well. Here's Maude singing More Questions Than Answers.



Some Dates to Remember

- ✚ The Aotearoa Awards are on **16-17 September**.
- ✚ The New Zealand Star Awards are on **21-22 October**.
- ✚ Pounamu Awards are on **4-5 November**.
- ✚ The Narrows Veterans' Awards are on **18 November**.

Birthdays

Our best wishes this month go to: Lyn Roberts, Maude Cook-Davies, Adele Cowie, Nancy Hodgson and Gayl Kydd. Hope you all have a great day!

Country Calendar

02 July	1.00-4.00 pm
16 July	1.00-4.00 pm
30 July (fifth Sunday)	1.00-4.00 pm
06 August	1.00-4.00
20 August	1.00-4.00

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

Keep it Country!

