



# Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

## June Newsletter 2023

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Hello Members

Another month done and gone! The club days were well attended last month and we also have a few new members, so a big welcome to them. Please don't forget to make newcomers welcome. A big thank you to all who contribute on club days to make them a success - musicians, kitchen workers and all the helpers. Don't forget, if there are any ideas floating around to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> next year, we'd love to hear them.

Kindest regards  
Elva

I thought I'd start off this newsletter with some news of Murray. I'm sure you'll all join me in congratulating Murray on attaining the great age of 80 and he certainly did it in



style. Here he is cutting his cake, which in itself was an amazing creation, as well as tasting great. We all enjoyed an evening of good

food, good wine and good music, thanks to Murray's generosity. Congratulations also to Ruby, who attained the same magic number of years a few weeks earlier.

Last month some of you may have been to the Bay of Islands Country Rock Festival, which was very good indeed this



year. Here's Reg McTaggart, with Ray on base and Richard Pinney on drums. Older members will remember Richard - he used to drum for us whenever he managed to get to club. It's generally very difficult to get a photo of the drummer. He's usually hidden behind the rest of the band! Then there's



Annette and Kim - back into the swing of things now that Annette is in better health. Many of you will remember Craig Robertson and his band and finally Karen Davies wowed everyone with her Dolly Parton tribute show.



As Elva has already mentioned, club afternoons continue to be well attended and each time we see some new faces. Merle had the first 10 minute spot for the year and we all

enjoyed her three songs, I Love You Every Second, Please Help Me I'm Falling and Leaves In



The Wind. Alanah and Fulco visited us from Ruakaka one afternoon. Alanah sang Let Your Love



Flow and Fulco played and sang a Merle Haggard song, Kern River. We hope to see them at club again in the future. Rob enjoyed being centre-stage one afternoon

when he wasn't playing in the band and sang Some Days Are Diamonds and Warren sang I've Got A Lot To Learn. Alan has just joined the committee, so welcome Alan. Here he is singing Streets of Baltimore.



One afternoon we had an unexpected visit from Patsy, who has connections with Irene. Older members will remember Irene and her long association with country music.



Patsy did herself proud with her quite dramatic presentation of A Roomful of People and I Feel Like Crying.

Just a few housekeeping matters to finish off. I understand that some people have occasionally found it hard to hear the singers. If you have any concerns on club afternoons, please speak to Elva. In this instance, it might help if you moved nearer to the front of the hall and perhaps singers could be more aware of the need to ensure that the microphone stays close to their mouth throughout the duration of their song.

Also, please remember to keep the noise down in the audience - no talking when people are singing. We're so lucky to have Pat and Murray in charge of the sound - they do a great job. Covers for the microphones will now become optional. Ray Taylor has the 10 minute spot this month, on 18 June.

### Some Dates to Remember

- ✚ The Te Puke Awards are on **24 June**.
- ✚ 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: Elva Morgan, Bruce Stenhouse and Roberta Whitehead. Hope you all have a great day!

### Country Calendar

04 June	1.00-4.00 pm
18 June	1.00-4.00 pm
02 July	1.00-4.00 pm
16 July	1.00-4.00 pm
30 July (fifth Sunday)	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!

