



Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

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Hello Everyone

So nice to see the sun, isn't it? Spring is springing!

We had another very successful afternoon last club day, with some visitors from up north joining us. A big thank you once again to door and kitchen helpers, members who bring the plates of food and, of course, the musicians and singers. Without these people we wouldn't have a club.

It's September, so nearly time to be thinking about Christmas! Any ideas for the last day of the year? We would appreciate any input from you.

Regards
Elva

It's been another good month for club, with over 70 people at our last club day and new faces in the audience each afternoon. Last club day we also had a few visitors from the



Hokianga. You will remember Chucky and Char, who were the guest



artists for the fifth Sunday in July, and also Dot. Here's Char singing It's An Illusion and Dot sang Now There's A Smile. That afternoon we also had a visit



from Judy and Meryl for the first time. They played Beautiful Blue Eyes on their ukuleles. We hope to

see them again.

Yvonne had the 10 minutes spot that day and



her songs went very well. Ray joined her for the last one, When You Said Nothing At All. This month Warren

Williams has the 10 minute spot.

It was good to see Freda and Bob at club again. Freda sang You're My Memory Number One and Bob sang So Lonesome I Could Cry. Maude sang Country Roads.



Everyone performed well that afternoon. Here are a few more photos.



If you've not been able to get to a workshop and are a bit nervous of singing a song for the first time at club, you can always contact Sue or Rob and they will listen to the song. Rob is also happy for club members to visit him at his home for a practice.

Here's an up-date on the preparations for our 50th birthday celebrations next year. On Sunday, 29 October (fifth Sunday) we will be holding a fundraising concert instead of our normal club afternoon. We will start a little earlier than usual, at 12.30 pm and have decided to charge \$5 entry and there will be the usual \$3 raffles. We've already raised \$573 towards the fundraising with these raffles, so thank you all for your support with this. Someone has kindly



donated a beautiful mosaic bird bath to help with the fundraising and we're going to have an ongoing raffle for this until the concert. There will only be

150 tickets at \$2. Mike Hoeta and the Red Eye Band will be our band on that afternoon. They will play for the first half hour and then the guest artist, Dave Ewart, will perform from 1.00-1.45 pm. We will have a half hour break for afternoon tea and after that it will be a normal club afternoon. We will probably have a big crowd that day, so a plate for afternoon tea will be much appreciated. If you're going to sing that afternoon, it's important that you choose a good country song that you know well.

You will have noticed that Pat hasn't been at club for the past month. Unfortunately she hasn't been at all well and had a spell in the intensive care unit at the hospital. She's at home now and making slow but steady progress and can't wait to get back to club. We send her our best wishes and look forward to seeing her again soon.



Did you see that Joy Adams has recently been named the National Female Country Artist of the Year, in recognition of her

achievements in country music?

Some Dates to Remember

- ✚ Aotearoa Awards are on **16-17 September** at the Globe Theatre, Palmerston North.
- ✚ Hokianga Country Rock Festival is on **29 September-1 October**.
- ✚ Country Music Festival - Summertime in Te Awamutu - **29 September-1 October** at the Sports and Recreation Club, Albert Park Drive, Te Awamutu.
- ✚ Entertainer of the Year Awards are on **7 October** at the Brian Gerard Theatre, Birkenhead College, Auckland.
- ✚ New Zealand Star Awards are on **21-22 October** at the Bethlehem College Performing Arts Centre.
- ✚ Fundraising concert at the Golden Church on **29 October from 12.30-4.00 pm**.
- ✚ Pounamu Awards are on **4-5 November** at the Levin Cosmopolitan Club.
- ✚ Narrows Veterans' Awards are on **18 November** in Hamilton.

Birthdays

Our best wishes this month go to: Pat Wallace, Ken Smith, Dot Armiger, Alan Morrison and me! Hope we all have a great day!

Country Calendar

03 September	1.00-4.00 pm
17 September	1.00-4.00 pm
01 October	1.00-4.00 pm
15 October	1.00-4.00 pm
29 October	12.30-4.00 pm

(Fundraising Concert at Golden Church)

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

Keep it Country!

