



Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

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Hi Everyone

This month has passed so quickly, with spring and daylight saving arriving. Our last club day was a great success and our fill-in musician, Chucky, was very much appreciated. Great entertainment!! Thanks to everyone who helps with club days - kitchen, door, chairs etc and also plates for afternoon tea.

We appreciate the help with fundraising for the 50th celebrations. I have my eye on the bird bath - am trying very hard to win it!
Regards Elva

We certainly had a great afternoon on our last club day, with over 70 people in the audience again. Some of you won't have realised that we only had two members of our usual band at club that afternoon. However, Murray, Ross and Chucky (visiting us from the Hokianga again) all stepped in and stepped up to help Rob and Colin and what a great job they did!



We are so lucky to have such talented people to call on. Maude took over the sound from Murray and did an excellent job.



We had new faces in the audience again on that afternoon and two people singing for the first time.

Alistair sang Where I Go I Go With You and Ngaere sang Blue



Misty Mountains. They both did well and we hope to see them



again. Merle and Maureen gave us a lovely duet -

You've Got Me Right Where You Want Me and Maurice played Waltzing



Matilda on his harmonica. Richard sang Midnight Special in his own



enthusiastic style and it was great to see Larry at Club again, albeit with his walking stick, but he hopes to be rid of that soon. Murray had the 10 minute spot



that afternoon, assisted by Ruby. They sang some old country favourites and here they are singing Jackson.





There were lots of bouncy songs that afternoon, so plenty of opportunity for the line dancers to enjoy

themselves too. Chucky won the raffle, so it was worth the long trip from the Hokianga. That will have helped pay for his petrol! Everyone enjoyed the afternoon's entertainment and many thanks to you all for supporting us.

Here's another up-date on our fundraising concert on 29 October. We will be starting at 12.30 pm, entry will be \$5, there will be



the usual \$3 raffles and also a \$2 raffle for the lovely bird bath which has been donated. Thank you for your ongoing support of the fundraising for our 50th birthday celebra-

tions next year. To date the raffles have raised \$879. If you're going to sing that afternoon, it's important that you choose a good country song that you know well and one that's not too long. It's possible that there won't be enough time for everyone to sing, so we hope you will be understanding about this. Duets might be a good idea, to fit in as many songs as possible. We expect a big crowd, so a plate for afternoon tea will be very much appreciated and please move away from the table once you've picked up your food. That area will likely be more crowded than usual. We would ask that you please don't save seats for other people on that day.

The 10 minute spots have been going well, so we've decided that from next month we'll have one on each club day. This will give more people the opportunity to sing three songs.

I saw Pat earlier this week and she's quite bright and really looking forward to coming back to club. She realises though that it may be a while before she's able to do this.

On the afternoon I was there she had a friend visiting and they were having a lovely time playing music - Pat on her bass and her friend on her accordion. It's great that she's still able to do what she enjoys most.

Some Dates to Remember

- ✚ 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: Maureen Bennett and Jan Maunder. Hope you both have a great day!

Country Calendar

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)	
05 November	1.00-4.00 pm
19 November	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!

