



Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

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Hi Everyone

Thank you to all who supported our fundraiser yesterday. Our workers did an awesome job and yes, this covers a lot of people - setting up, sound desk, compering and the many ladies in the kitchen.

Our guest artist Tip, who stood in at the last moment with the Red Eye Band, was well received. A big thank you to Mike and his band for their music and backing of singers.

Our last club day this year will be 3 December and we will start again on 21 January 2024.

Regards
Elva

Hello Everyone

Well, as Elva has already mentioned, what a great afternoon we had last Sunday with our Fundraising Concert. The Red Eye Band did a great job, everyone performed well, we had a good variety of songs and a capacity crowd for an audience. There was a lot of talent on display that afternoon. Not only could the band members play their guitars, but Mike Hoeta also played the saxophone, as did Mike Cates, who also played the keyboard! Ray gave us a tune on his trumpet and the drummer, Don Cates, sang a rocky country number.



As you know, the guest artist, Dave Ewart, was ill and unable to be at the concert. However, Tip Nikora from Kaikohe stepped in and entertained us for half an hour with a good variety of songs. He generously donated his fee back to the club, which was very much appreciated.

We had several duets that afternoon. Ruby and Murray sang Summer Wine, Merle and Maureen sang You've Got Me Right Where You Want Me and Maude and Lyn sang And My Shoes Keep Walking Back To You. Ray, Yvonne and I sang Lost River.



I would like to thank you all for your support of the concert and I'm delighted to say that we raised \$594 towards our fiftieth birthday celebrations next year. Special thanks to all the helpers who set up and put away, Maude, who organised the afternoon and did a great job as MC, Murray likewise on the sound and, of course, the ladies in the kitchen. They were



so happy with the food - there was such a lot of it and a lot of people to feed, so thank you all for your contribution. Sue was lucky enough to win the beautiful bird bath.



Earlier in the month Steve Detlaff helped us out by playing bass when Ray was sick and it was

also good to see Wilkie back in the band again. That afternoon Maude had the 10 minute spot and here she is singing Love Will Keep Us Alive.



Richard and his group of young ukulele players also performed that afternoon and played Island Queen.

This club day Alan Morrison has the 10 minute spot.

A few weeks ago some of our members were away at the Hokianga Country Music Festival and we all enjoyed the week-end, but were thankful that all the events were indoors as the weather was quite wild. Mike Hoeta was in charge of the sound at the Opononi Hall, where there's always lots of line dancing and the food is beautiful. Here's Cheryl enjoying the dancing, wearing one of her many lovely line dancing outfits.



You will be pleased to hear that Wilkie's husband Bruce is now home from hospital. His broken hip has been pinned and he is improving slowly, but is still in a lot of pain. Pat is still not well and we send her our best wishes for a full recovery.

Now for a few housekeeping matters. As Elva mentioned earlier, our Christmas break-up will be on 3 December. We would like to make this as festive as possible, so we look forward to some Christmas songs and food and maybe wear something sparkly as well! We have quite a lot of raffle prizes that afternoon, some of which have been very kindly donated.

Could we ask you to please use the seats that are already set up on club days. Move closer

to the front if necessary, as we need the extra space at the back of the hall. We really appreciate your help with stacking the chairs at the end of the afternoon, but please wait until the last person has finished singing.

Is there anyone who might be interested in learning to use the sound system? It's always good to have a few extra people to call on at times. Please speak to Elva if you would like to try this.

Some Dates to Remember

- ✚ This notice will be too late for you unless you get your newsletter via e-mail, but The Ramblers are starting up again at the RSA on 4 November. Start time will be 4 pm, so take your chord charts along and sing a few songs with the band. Most of our band members will be playing.
- ✚ The Narrows Veterans' Awards are on **18 November** in Hamilton.
- ✚ Wai Worri Country Muster is on **6 and 7 January 2024**. More information about this in the December newsletter.

Birthdays

Our best wishes this month go to: Maureen Smith, Jenny Pasley, Peter Lister, John Keating, Yvonne Harris, Jan Bailey, Noelene Hughes and Freda Knox. Hope you all have a great day!

Country Calendar

05 November	1.00-4.00 pm
19 November	1.00-4.00 pm
03 December	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!

